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## Elliot Rowe named to all-star team

Elliot Rowe, a stand-out pitcher for the Caston Comet baseball team, has been named to the Indiana North All-Star baseball team and will play in the 34<sup>th</sup> annual IHSBC All-Star series at Notre Dame University, July 12 and 13. Rowe is the first-ever Caston baseball player to be selected to participate in the all-star game.

Rowe went 8-3 for the Comets this past season with a 2.30 ERA and two saves. In 76 innings pitched, he struck out 125 batters while walking 40. The son of Ken and Stephanie Rowe, the 2008 Caston grad has signed a letter of intent to attend Bethel College in Mishawaka this fall where he will play baseball for Seth Zartman, Bethel College baseball coach and also a Caston grad.

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## Caston announces spring sports awards

Caston Jr. Sr. High School has announced the names of its spring sports awards winners. They include:

Girls JH Track – Tierney Rentschler, most improved; Haley Hoover, mental attitude; Jordan Moss, best sprinter; Alishia Davis, best field event; and Maggie Daily, best distance

Boys JH Track – Jacob Mettler, most improved; Tyler White, mental attitude; Trevor Hoover, best sprinter; Graham Redweik, best distance; and Zek Kesler, best field events

JH Golf – Austin Goforth, mental attitude; Blain Hizer, most promising 8<sup>th</sup> grade; Tyler Baumgardner, most promising 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Varsity Girls Track – Elizabeth Mettler, mental attitude; Kelsey Moss, MVP sprinter; Kayley Woods, MVP distance; and Reegan Homburg, MVP field event

Varsity Boys Track – Bronson Monical, most improved; Tyler Henderson, mental attitude; Austin Yeargean, MVP sprinter; Payton Daily, MVP distance; Sam Jones, MVP field events

Varsity Boys Golf – Shane Biscella, mental attitude; Nick Roe, lowest putt average, lowest stroke average and MVP; Kyle Moudy, coach's award; Boston Blackman, most improved

Varsity Softball – Mariah Moss, most improved; Shelby Loeffler, mental attitude and golden glove; Caitlin Frey, pitching award and MVP; highest batting average, to be named later

Varsity Baseball – Josh Hauser, most improved; Ryley Williams, defensive award and highest batting average; Elliot Rowe, pitching award and co-MVP; Matt Turnpugh, co-MVP; Evan Pulliam, ace award; and Chans Baldwin, rookie of the year.

JV Baseball – Brantley Hartman, mental attitude; and Tim Huff, most improved.

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## Caston FFA members attend convention

Nine members of the Caston FFA chapter attended the 79<sup>th</sup> annual FFA State Convention held June 16-19 on the campus of Purdue University. Members attending the convention included Anna Douglass, Eli Fred, Kory Moudy, Megan Powell, Travis Powell, Skylar Powlen, Jesse Reason, Emily Sailors and Erica Zartman.

The members represented their chapter at the yearly gathering of the Indiana FFA organization that for 2008 carries the theme of "Harvesting Success to Fuel the Future".

As part of the six general sessions offered inside the Elliott Hall of Music, FFA members had the opportunity to hear from three keynote speakers. The first session offered Oscar-winning radio host, Andrew McCrea. During the fifth session, Dr. Al Snyder, a hypnotist, showcased his audience-engaging performance. Additionally, Tyler Tenbarger, Indiana's own National FFA officer, addressed attendees.

Skylar Powlen received third place in the state for her fruit production proficiency. She and Erica Zartman were awarded their Hoosier FFA Degree Tuesday evening. This is the highest honor that an FFA member can receive in Indiana.

Anna Douglass, Skylar Powlen and Erica Zartman placed second in the state retail marketing career development event. The Caston FFA multi media scrapbook was also honored, receiving fourth place in the state career development event.

The team of Kory Moudy, Megan Powell, Skylar Powlen and Erica Zartman participated in the state ag business management career development event and Anna Douglass, Travis Powell, Eli Fred and Emily Sailors participated in the ag communications career development event.

For students who ask their teachers, "When will I ever use this in the real world?", career development events (CDEs) are the answer. Since 1928, FFA has worked to create CDEs that demonstrate the meaningful connections between classroom instruction and real-life scenarios. CDEs build on what is learned in the agricultural classes and the FFA. The events are designed to help prepare students for careers in agriculture. Classroom instruction comes alive as students demonstrate their skills in a competitive setting. CDEs test the abilities of individuals and teams in 23 major areas of agriculture instruction. The contests range from agricultural communications to wildlife and from extemporaneous public speaking to job interviews.

Caston was also recognized as a superior chapter in the State of Indiana again this year.

Erica Zartman was elected by

## Coleman collectors meet, June 28 and 29

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual International Coleman Collectors meet will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 28 and 29, at the Hiatt Coleman Museum, 3404 W 450 N, Rochester. Saturday hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday hours are 8 a.m. until ????. Collectors may bring items to show, sell, trade or barter, but there will be no tables available. Vendors will have to operate from their tailgates. Over 4,500 Coleman items will be on display in the museum, which holds the world's largest Coleman collection. Over 500 lanterns and lamps are for sale.

The public is invited to attend.

Primitive camping is available on the property. Motels and food are available in Rochester.

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## Commissioners selling delinquent properties

Several Fulton County property owners are severely delinquent in the payment of their property taxes. In order to get these properties back into productive value for the community, the Fulton County Commissioners will offer them for sale at public auction.

The commissioners will be giving individuals an opportunity to purchase a lien on these properties at discounted prices. By taking this action, the commissioners are aggressively moving forward towards generating county revenue to cover the cost of services it provides for the community. They hope to develop a win-win situation whereby the county could get the properties back on the tax rolls but also give individuals an opportunity to purchase these properties, some starting at a price of \$26.

The sale of these properties is set for Tuesday, July 9, at 10 a.m. in the commissioners' room of the Fulton County Courthouse Annex. To obtain a list of the available properties for this sale you can go to the website, [www.sri-taxsale.com](http://www.sri-taxsale.com) or pick up a list at the county auditor's office. Registration for any interested buyer can be done on line at the above mentioned website or in person beginning at 9 a.m. the day of the sale.

the District 2 delegates to serve as District 2 president for the 2008-2009 school year. Joining her on the district officer team are three other Caston students, Skylar Powlen, secretary; Travis Powell, reporter; and Paige Thomas, sentinel. Gabi Sailors of Warsaw was elected vice president and Nate Lenig of Penn Harris Madison was elected treasurer.

The annual convention hosts approximately 2,500 Indiana FFA members, advisors and guests. The Indiana FFA organization was established in 1929 and today serves 9,500 members.

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All Fulton County government offices will be closed Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

Fulton County United Ministries is seeing a huge increase in requests for assistance, but is low on funds. The agency helps the needy with rent, utility bills and medications, but has been operating only one day a week due to lack of funds. Anyone wishing to contribute funds to help the agency meet the needs of people in Fulton County can send a contribution to: United Ministries Outreach, P.O. Box 531, Rochester, IN 46975

The state's agriculture director says this month's flooding likely has caused the worst agriculture disaster in state history. The director estimates a tenth of the state's soybean and corn crops have been damaged, costing farmers over \$800 million.

First Sgt. Matthew Bilkey of the Indiana State Police has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant and will take over as district commander at the Peru State Police Post, which covers Cass, Fulton, Howard, Miami, Tipton and Wabash counties.

The League of Women Voters in Indiana has filed a lawsuit challenging that the state's voter ID law is a violation of the state constitution. The league contends that changes in voting eligibility can only be made by amending the constitution.

According to Iraq's oil minister, a sharp drop in attacks on pipelines has enabled his country to increase oil exports from northern oil fields and profit from the rise in world energy prices.

The flooding in the Midwest has brought freight traffic on the upper Mississippi River to a standstill. More than 100 barges loaded with grain, cement, scrap metal, fertilizer and other products have been stranded until the floodwaters recede.

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## Sonja Easterday seeks council spot

Sonja Easterday of Aubbeenaubbee Township has filed her Republican candidacy for an at-large seat on the Fulton County Council. She fills an empty spot on the ballot vacated by Toby J. Seiler, who withdrew his candidacy following the May primary.

Republicans and Democrats have until Monday, June 30, to file for empty slots on the fall ballot. June 30 is also the deadline for an independent or minor party candidate to file a petition of nomination.

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## Medical Task Group meets

The Kewanna Medical Task Group met Monday evening, June 23, at the town hall. Dr. Steve Witz and Lindsay Morgeson of the Regenrief Center for Health Care Engineering at Purdue University guided the meeting. Morgeson is in the process of tabulating the results of a recent survey and should have statistics ready soon. Survey replies continue to trickle in and they will be forwarded to Morgeson as they are received.

For Monday's meeting, Morgeson prepared a list of questions for previous providers and physicians in Kewanna to help evaluate the past clinic in order to move forward with the Rural Health Care Clinic in Kewanna. Nurse Practitioner Jean Herd, Dr. Charles Heinsen and his associate, DeWayne Long, participated in the interviews conducted by Witz and Morgeson. The outcome was gratifying as the group discovered issues it was not aware of, as well as suggestions that could provide positive results. The task group went into this meeting thinking it had only two organizational structure options, but thanks to the interview process, discovered it actually has three options. To keep with the timeline and steps suggested by Witz and Morgeson, the group's next step is to begin the application process for a Rural Health Care Clinic as well as make a decision on the organizational options that is best for Kewanna and Union Township.

Residents of Kewanna and Union Township who have taken an interest in the clinic task group should watch for notices in The Observer and the town hall for the group's next meeting.

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## Jets over the Heartland this weekend at Winamac

Jets over the Heartland will fly from 10 a.m. to sunset today, Friday and Saturday, June 26, 27 and 28, at Winamac. The flight park is on 100 W, south of State Road 14. Signs will be posted.

The turbine-powered scale jet models fly more than 200 mph. The finest pilots from over seven states and many foreign countries will show their skills and machines. Saturday's event will feature a fireworks display.

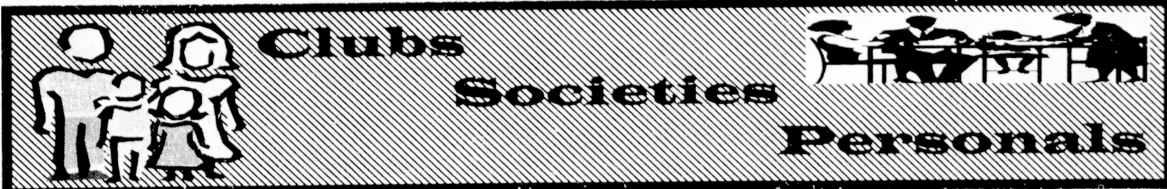
Admission Saturday is \$2 per person or \$5 a car. Bleacher seating, food and refreshments are available.

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## Notice of meeting change

Due to the local Independence Day celebration, the Kewanna town council's next regular meeting will be at 5 p.m. Thursday, July 3, rather than the normal 7 p.m.

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## Pork burger dinner at Fulton

The Liberty Township Park Board will serve a pork burger dinner Saturday, June 28, at the park in Fulton. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$4.50 for children, 6-12. The cost for children under five is \$2.50. The meal will be served from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

A concert by Almost County will follow from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. A free will offering will be collected for the concert. Those attending should bring a lawn chair for seating. Proceeds will go towards park improvements and future concerts.

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## Genealogy workshop for 4-Hers, scouts

A genealogy workshop for 4-Hers and scouts will be held today (Thursday) June 26 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Fulton County Historical Society Museum. The workshop will help 4-Hers, boy scouts and girl scouts get their projects ready for judging at the fair or for merit badges. Those attending should bring their genealogy exhibit book to be

previewed to determine that all is there and in order. The fee of \$3 will include all handouts plus special help in researching the Tetzlaff reference room and ancestor research on the museum computer. Attendees should also bring original photos, birth certificates documents to be copied on the museum copier and/or scanner. Copies will be ten cents each for this special workshop.

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## Breakfast/Lunch at Twelve Mile

The Twelve Mile Community Board will serve breakfast and lunch from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, July 4, at the community building in conjunction with the Twelve Mile lawnmower race.

Breakfast will include biscuits and gravy, grilled sausage, pancakes and other items. Hot dogs, sloppy Joes, ham and beans, pork sausage sandwiches and homemade pies will be on the lunch menu starting at 10 a.m.

Members of several local church congregations will provide the food, do the cooking and serve the meals on the Fourth. The

Twelve Mile parade will start at 11:30 a.m. with the lawnmower races to start shortly thereafter. Everyone is invited to enjoy the day of fun and celebration.

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## V.I.P. to meet July 8

V.I.P. (Visually Impaired People) will meet Tuesday, July 8, at 1 p.m. at the Von Tobel Center, 115 W. Pearl St., in Winamac. Anyone with vision problems and other visitors are welcome to attend. The group will be celebrating its first anniversary at this meeting. For transportation in Pulaski County, call 574-946-6500. For more information, call Johanna Gudas at 574-946-6126 or Maurine Wilder at 574-946-3836.

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## Joshua Robert Bruce, valedictorian

Joshua Robert Bruce has been named valedictorian of the 2008 graduating class at Tri-County High School, Wolcott. He is the son of Tim and Jan Cessna Bruce of Remington. His grandparents include Ed and Donna Gates, Winamac and Tavares, Florida, and Barb Cessna, Lake Bruce, and the late Bill Cessna. Joshua will attend Indiana University in Bloomington this fall on full scholarship.

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## James F. Talbott VFW

Post No. 1121 June Activities  
June 10 - Men's meeting, 6:30 p.m.

June 17 - Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m.

June 21 - Biscuit and gravy breakfast 7 a.m. to noon. Free will donation

June 24 - Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.

June 27 - Open Sunday at noon. Free food and euchre

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## 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Fiddlers' Gathering

The 36<sup>th</sup> annual Indiana Fiddlers' Gathering will take place June 27-29 at the Tippecanoe Battlefield Park in Battle Ground. Held annually since 1973, the event is a nationally renowned three-day traditional acoustic music festival featuring some of the country's finest old-time, bluegrass, Irish and folk musicians on one stage.

Concerts will be held at 8 p.m. Friday; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday; and 2 p.m. Sunday. Adult admission Friday night is \$6 in advance or \$8 at the gate. Adult admissions to the Saturday afternoon concert is \$8 in advance, \$10 at the gate. Saturday night tickets are \$9 in advance, \$12 at the gate. Youth 13 to 18 years of age can attend each concert for \$4 in advance, \$5 at the gate. Sunday is Family Day and admission is \$5. Adult weekend passes are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the gate. Youth passes are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the gate. Children age 12 and under are admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

Free events include a 10 a.m. Saturday children's concert; musician's workshops Saturday and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.; square and contra dance with Nightingale at 5:30 p.m. Saturday; and a gospel sing at 10 a.m. Sunday. The public can also sign up for the open stage held Saturday and Sunday at noon.

Regional artists will display crafts and the Tippecanoe Battlefield Museum will also be open.

Food and musicians' supplies will be available on the grounds. Musicians are encouraged to bring their instruments. Attendees should also bring lawn chairs for comfort. A limited number of primitive camping sites are available on the grounds. Tent camping is \$5 a night, weekend

pass required to camp. The Tippecanoe Battlefield is located seven miles north of Lafayette, just off exit 178 of I-65. For tickets or more information, call 765-742-1419 or visit website at [www.indianafiddlersgathering.org](http://www.indianafiddlersgathering.org).

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## Info needed on KHS graduates

A project to update records of deceased Kewanna High School alumni on the school's online Website is in need of information regarding the date and place of death for the following graduates:

Minnie P. (Harris) McManus Crawford, class of 1902; Lotta (Carter) Lamar, Charles E. Blessing, Chester Guy Harris, and Mabel (Ward) Hudkins, 1903; Henry Homer Collins, 1904; Lela C. (Street) Carpenter, 1905; Sara Gail (Ewell) Bowser, 1907; Jacob Guy Heimburger and Olive Kelso, 1908; Ruth (Vincent) Bruce, 1909; William Reeder and Julia Edith (Wentzel) Richardson, 1910; Florence G. (Arnold) Fenimore, 1911; Grace Finley, 1912; Lester Bruce, 1913; Ruth (Daniel) Pickens, 1914; Odella (Mahler) Snyder and Jessie (Fairchild) Grouse, 1918; Edith (Haag) McOsker, 1921; Agnes McClain, 1922; Jean (Myers) Nash, 1934; and Edwin Miller, 1948.

If anyone has any information on these KHS graduates, please contact The Observer, Box 307, 110 E. Main St., Kewanna, IN 46939, telephone 574-653-2101.

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## AREA FIVE MENU

### Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, June 30 - Fish square sandwich, potatoes, broccoli, fresh fruit and milk

Wednesday, July 2 - Meat loaf, baby bakers, green beans, peaches, roll and milk

Friday, July 4 - meal site closed

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**HOSPITAL NOTES....**

**WOODLAWN HOSPITAL**

June 16  
Admissions – Noah Welsh, Macy; Marjorie Josetti, Kewanna  
Dismissals – Millie Prater, Krysta Carlson and daughter and Lauren Schmidt and son, Rochester; John Nicodemus, Akron; Cheryl Lowry, Delong  
Births – Maria Castaneda, Rochester, a son  
June 17  
Admissions – none published  
Dismissals – none published  
June 18  
Admissions – Frieda Crull, Kewanna  
Dismissals – Marjorie Josetti, Kewanna; Maria Castaneda and son, Rochester  
Births – Ashley Minor, Rochester, a son  
June 19  
Admissions – none published  
Dismissals – Frieda Crull, Kewanna  
June 20  
Admissions – none published  
Dismissals – Noah Welsh, Macy

**PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

June 13  
Admissions – none  
Dismissals – Raymond Cramer, Lucille Rodin and Hilda Workman, Winamac; Emma Jean Russell, Royal Center  
June 14  
Admissions – Heather Duncan, Culver  
Dismissals – Leona Shidler, Star City  
June 15  
Admissions – none  
Dismissals – Lisa Wilson, Winamac  
June 16  
Admissions – Linda Laffoon, Winamac; Joan McClellan,

Rochester; Orva Cottrell, Buffalo  
Dismissals – Esther Lockridge, Knox  
June 17  
Admissions – none  
Dismissals – Heather Duncan, Culver  
June 18  
Admissions – Richard Sommers, Star City; Alonzo Harris, Elkhart; Kay Clemons, Star City  
Dismissals – none  
June 19  
Admissions – Christina Werner, Winamac  
Dismissals – Orva Cottrell, Buffalo; Richard Sommers, Star City; Patricia Hunt, Star City

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**DEATHS .....**

**DORESE A. KIMBLE MILLER**

Services for Dorese A. Kimble Miller, 85, Kewanna, will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 24, 2008 at the Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel. Pastor Steven McPeck and Chaplain Jason See will officiate and burial will be in the Kewanna Citizens IOOF Cemetery. Mrs. Miller died at 10:58 a.m. Friday, June 20, 2008, at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Dorese was born May 10, 1923, in Kewanna. She was married June 20, 1041 to Ermal R. Kimble who preceded her in death on March 18, 1960. She was married November 14, 1993, to Charles Damon Miller, who died March 6, 2006.

A 1941 graduate of Kewanna High School, she was a homemaker, a member of the Kewanna United Methodist Church and a former member of the Grass Creek Ladies Aid. She enjoyed cross stitching, puzzles and flowers and was also an avid Indiana University basketball fan.

Survivors include two sons, Larry R. Kimble, Kewanna, and Jerry J. Kimble and his wife,

Kenan, Bowling Green, Kentucky; one daughter, JoAnn Collins and her husband, Doran, Kewanna; six grandchildren, Rae Ann Snider, David Kimble and his wife, Tiffany, and Terry Kimble and his wife, Sara, all of Kewanna, Michael Kimble and his wife, Jennifer, Talma, Mark Kimble of Indianapolis, and Brittany Duca of Kewanna; 12 great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; and six step grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother, Edna Calvin and a daughter-in-law, Beverly Kimble.

A visitation was held Monday, June 23, at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

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**V.I.P. group celebrates first anniversary**

The V.I.P. (Visually Impaired People) group celebrated its first anniversary with a birthday party in June. The group was founded one year ago for the purpose of helping visually impaired persons deal with the difficulties they face on a daily basis. Those attending share personal experiences, coping tips, and are able to tap into other available support.

Throughout the year, the group has been able to view various reading aids and magnifiers. Specialty doctors, nutritionists and representatives of local agencies have provided valuable information.

V.I.P. meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Von Tobel Center in Winamac. There are no dues or other charges. The informal gatherings are always open to anyone with visual problems. Their spouses, caregivers and drivers are also welcome.

After a year of sharing and fellowship, everyone is looking forward to the next exciting year with their new friends.

For more information, call Johanna Gudas at 574-946-6126 or Maurine Wilder at 574-946-3836.

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**FULTON COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS**



**June 24th, 2008**

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**Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar**

The Help for the Hurting Parent bereavement support group of PMH is open to residents of any county who have experienced the death of any aged child. Call 574-946-2180 for more information. This is a free service offered by PMH.

The Living with Grief Support Group will meet Thursday, July 3, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. in the PMH social services offices. This group is for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. Before attending the group experience, please call our grief counselor for information at 574-946-2147.

A one-day prenatal class will be held Saturday, July 5, starting at 8 a.m. and lasting until 4:30 p.m. in the hospital conference room. For

registration, call 574-946-2193 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you deliver at PMH, there is no charge for the class.

The Sweet Beginnings Prenatal Program at Healthy Families offers a walk-in clinic at the Pulaski County Building, Winamac, providing prenatal care coordination services. Services include free urine pregnancy testing, risk assessment and referral to other community services including medical provider and financial coverage. Services are offered during regular business hours, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call 574-946-6017 for information.

**Send In Your News**



Photo by Millie Redweik  
Jackie Frain, Director of Pulaski County Human Services, presented Johanna Gudas (left) and Maurine Wilder (right) of the V.I.P. group with "People helping People" cups in recognition of their service to the community.



Photo by Millie Redweik  
V.I.P. members attending the birthday party included, front row, left to right, Maurine Wilder, Rose Brinkman, Dolores

O'Connor Haselby, Anna Mac Carnett, Johanna Gudas and Tina Tetzloff; and back row, Tiffany Simpson, Bob McCormick, Rose Korner, Mary Powers, Bob

Korner, Ivan Haselby, June Button, Claude Olds, Barbara Reeves, Sue Tuley, Sherry Simpson, Mary Mathews; and not pictured, Estelle Galbreath.

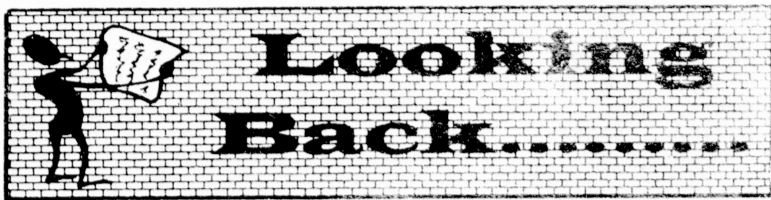
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### SIXTY YEARS AGO June 24, 1948

Margaret Ann Ware arrived home Friday morning to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Ware, and her brother, Jim, of Kewanna. She attends college in California where she will be a senior this fall.

Twenty-two members of Mrs. Paul Heinsen's family gathered at Lake Manitou Park Sunday for a reunion. In the evening, they returned to the Heinsen home and enjoyed an outdoor supper.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Century Home Economics Club was organized Friday evening by Mrs. Edna Bain, county chairman. The organizational meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Fred Hizer in Grass Creek with Mrs. Harris Lease assisting.

Phyllis Jean Caldwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Caldwell, Kewanna, and Cpl. Eugene Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Williams, Kewanna, were united in marriage Friday, June 18, at the EUB Church, Lake Bruce. Rev. Boyd Zoeller, pastor of the church, read the double ring ceremony.

A deer was sighted Monday morning by Paul Guise on the Perry Guise farm in Aubbeenaubee Township. The deer was also seen the night before with some cattle near Kewanna. (Evidently, sightings of deer were rare occasions 60 years ago.)

### FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO June 26, 1953

Mr. and Mrs. Don Van Duyne and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fisher accompanied Wiladean Van Duyne to Indianapolis Sunday where she began a year's training in a school of practical nursing Monday.

Elston Sayers caught his left hand in a chain on his hay baler Tuesday afternoon while oiling and trying to locate a noise. The accident severed two fingers and part of another. Mrs. Sayers had the misfortune of catching her hand in a rake and injuring a finger on Monday.

Miss Theresa Miller went to Bloomington Tuesday as a delegate of the Kewanna American Legion Auxiliary to attend Girls State which will be in session for nine days on the IU campus. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. George Grosskopf have resigned from the teaching staff at Grass Creek. He has been coach and social studies teacher for the past three years and she has taught second and third grades. They will accept teaching positions in Noble County.

A pink and blue shower was given June 17 in the home of Mrs. Lovell Hurlburt by Mrs. Wayne Hurlburt honoring Mrs.

Carl Branson. A bassinette decorated in pink, blue and white was used to receive the gifts.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO June 26, 1958

Garland Masterson has announced that the sale of Kewanna Grain Co., Inc. to the Fulton County Farm Bureau Co-operative was completed Thursday afternoon, June 19. The co-op will take over operation of the elevator July 1.

Miss Jane Zartman, a recent graduate of a dental nursing course at Elkhart University of Medical and Dental Technique, has accepted a position with Dr. C. H. Slavin, DDS in Muncie. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Zartman and a Kewanna High School graduate.

The Business Girls Club convened Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. Pat Zellers with 11 members present. Bunco was played with prizes going to Lois Kumler, Nadene Rans, Dean Murhling and Margaret Brennan.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Fields, Kewanna, are the parents of a daughter.

The homecoming at the Church of Christ was well attended Sunday. Rev. Floyd Saxton was the guest speaker and the Little Union Baptist Church quartet furnished the music. One of the highlights of the day was the burning of the notes which had financed the building of the new parsonage.

### FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO June 27, 1963

Nancy Crill, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crill of Kewanna, was crowned queen of the Aubbeenaubee Township Strawberry Festival at Leiters Ford Thursday night.

David Huffman, Rt. 2, Kewanna, was recently elected vice president/treasurer of the Central Council, the student governing body at Indiana Central College.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Graham, Indianapolis, a son, Michael William, on June 22. The mother is the former Carol Sue Hiland.

Mr. and Mrs. William Harris of Elkhart are the parents of a 7 pound, 8 ounce son, Ronald William, born June 22.

Attending camp at Pine Village this week are Steve Baldwin, Don Reason, Greg Agnew, Don Weller, Charles Walters, Barbara Byfield, and Katrina Cook. Counselors are Mrs. Beth Reason, Miss Joyce Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cook.

### THIRTY YEARS AGO June 29, 1978

Mike Kupke, Rt. 2, Kewanna, received a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Social Science and a minor in Sociology from Bethel College during the

recent graduation exercises.

Average gas prices hit record highs in downstate Illinois, but varied only fractionally in Cook County and Northern Indiana, according to this week's Chicago Motor Club Fuel Gauge report.

Paul and Barbara (Bambi) Patterson of Kewanna had the opportunity to hear the whistle and smell the smoke of the Chessie System Special Sunday when they boarded the train for a round-trip from Grand Rapids to Plymouth, Michigan, a distance of about 260 miles. The Chessie System Special is a 19-car yellow and vermilion salute to the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, America's first common carrier railroad.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO June 30, 1988

Pizza Plus, owned and operated by Larry Bearslee, opened for business at the corner of State Road 17 and Pearl Streets in Kewanna.

Mike and Becky Slentz of Butler are the parents of a son born June 23. The baby has been named Matthew Jacob. The mother is the former Becky Wentzel, daughter of Covert and Romayne Wentzel, Rt. 1, Kewanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry James, Rt. 3, Kewanna, are the parents of a son born June 14. The baby weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces and has been named Garrett Lawrence.

### TEN YEARS AGO June 25, 1998

Graveside services were held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 20, at the Kewanna Citizens IOOF Cemetery for Ruby M. Smith, 96, Grace Village, Winona Lake. Rev. Todd Wilson officiated and Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Amanda Wentzel, Kewanna, graduated May 2 from Vincennes University with an associate degree in general studies. She is the daughter of Gary and Janice Wentzel and a Caston High School graduate.

Caston softball players Kristen Field and Laura Zimpleman have been named to the Midwest Conference all-conference softball team.

Kathryn S. Wilson, granddaughter of Lois Wilson of here, graduated summa cum laude recently from Franklin College. Kathy is the daughter of Dennis and Susan Wilson, Greensburg.

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### Skin Cancer: What You Need to Know

Pat Smith  
Director of Media Marketing  
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Skin cancer is on the rise. In fact, according to Joan Lauder, RN, Oncology Director at Pulaski Memorial Hospital, and the American Cancer Society, a million new cases are diagnosed each year. It is the most commonly diagnosed type of cancer, even more than breast and lung cancer.

The bad news is that skin cancer can be life-threatening. The good news is that it's often highly

treatable, especially when caught early. Here are the facts:

#### Common Types

**Basal Cell Cancer:** Representing about three-quarters of all skin cancer diagnoses in the U.S., basal cell cancer originates in the basal cell layer of the epidermis (the top layers of the skin). Typically, it's not life-threatening; it grows slowly, and rarely metastasizes. Left untreated, however, it can spread to nearby areas, even into bone and tissues underneath the skin.

**Squamous Cell Cancer:** The second most common kind of skin cancer, this type originates in the squamous cell layer of the epidermis. While it's usually not serious, it can disfigure the skin if not treated early. Occasionally, it metastasizes and becomes life-threatening.

**Melanoma Skin Cancer:** This type of skin cancer is the least common but causes the most deaths. It originates in the melanocyte layer of the epidermis. Frequently curable when caught early, it metastasizes more often than basal and squamous cell carcinomas.

#### Risks and Prevention

Naturally, excessive exposure to the sun increases your chances of developing skin cancer. But you also are at increased risk if you have:

- A fair complexion,
- Occupational exposures to coal tar, pitch, creosote, arsenic compounds or radium,
- A family history of skin cancer,
- Multiple or atypical moles, and
- A history of severe sunburns as a child.

Whether or not you're at risk, you can adopt some sun-safe habits. Avoid the sun from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., stay in the shade,

cover up your skin and head, use sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher, wear sunglasses, and avoid tanning beds and sun lamps. Routinely check your skin, and tell your doctor if you notice any skin changes.

#### Use yellow copy as text box The ABCDs of skin cancer

Have you performed your monthly skin check? In a well-lit room with a good mirror, check your moles and birthmarks:

**A—Asymmetry:** Do any have uneven halves, with one half not matching the other?

**B—Border:** Are the edges irregular, ragged, notched or blurred?

**C—Color:** Is the color inconsistent, with differing shades of brown or black, or even with patches of red, white or blue?

**D—Diameter:** Is the area larger than 6 millimeters across (the size of a pencil eraser)? Or has it been growing?

Remember to include your fingernails, palms and feet. If you notice any changes, report them to your doctor immediately.

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#### Kewanna Town Council Meetings

First Thursday of Each Month  
7 p.m. — Town Hall

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## MONEY MATTERS



### Breaking The Revolving Debt Cycle

by John Addison

(NAPS)—There are ways to keep a pinch in your budget from turning into a full-blown financial nightmare.

Still, many people find themselves stuck in a revolving cycle of debt—often as the result of having to use a credit card to cover monthly expenses, or an unexpected expense such as a mortgage payment that's suddenly increased.

**Addison** The solution: fixed debt through a fixed-rate loan. It can save you money and help you become debt free, sooner. Here's a closer look:

#### Plan To Be Debt Free

With fixed debt, your payments are scheduled for a fixed amount of time (like with a car loan). You can easily tell when you will pay off the principal on the debt and—even with the same interest rates and monthly payments—your pay-off date is usually much sooner than with revolving debt at the same balance.

In fact, because of the way interest is calculated on revolving debt, \$17,000 borrowed at 15 percent with a \$382.50 initial payment would take more than 32 years to pay off. With fixed debt, it would take only five years and six months—at the same interest rate and with the same payments.

#### Buy Into Hope

If you feel like you'll never get out of debt, you're most

likely in a revolving debt cycle. Fixed-rate debt can keep you from feeling overwhelmed and can help you focus on the task at hand: getting out of debt.

#### Be Prepared

Many people stuck in revolving debt fund a financial crisis—such as a lost job or medical bills—with more debt, compounding the problem. With fixed debt and your set-date for debt freedom, you can focus on other important financial goals—like creating an emergency fund of three to six months' income that you can tap into when you need it.

#### Feel Good

Debt freedom feels good. It takes a weight off your shoulders—just ask anyone who's gotten there—or who has simply set a debt freedom date. It's empowering to know the day you'll get out of debt—and it gives you an added incentive to stop charging things you can't afford.

#### Learn More

Financial professionals at Primerica have created a guide that shows you how to take control of your financial life. To get a copy of "How Money Works," write to Primerica, 3120 Breckinridge Blvd., Duluth, GA 30099, ATTN: Corporate Relations, or call (770) 564-6329.

For more information, visit [www.primerica.com](http://www.primerica.com).

• John Addison is co-CEO of Primerica, a subsidiary of Citigroup, Inc.

# Kewanna/Union Township Public Library News...

There are now 37 patrons who have signed up for the summer reading program- 35 children and two adults. Of these, 16 have reached the library's goal of 100 points and two have surpassed 200 points. The story hour for Saturday, June 21, was "Colors." The older children read the books *Blue, Green, Orange, Purple, Red and Yellow* by Sarah L. Schuette. They played several giggle- filled games of hide- and- seek and leap frog.

New books at the library:

**ADULTS:**

**Large Print Mystery Fiction**— *A Prisoner of Birth* by Jeffrey Archer; *Hold Tight* by Harlan Coben; and *Santa Fe Dead* by Stuart Woods

**Nonfiction**— *Training Plans for Multisport Athletes* by Gale Bernhardt and *Charlie Wilson's War* by George Crile.

**JUVENILES:**

**Picture Book Fiction**— *The Earth and I, Like A Windy Day* and *The Sun is My Favorite Star* by Frank Asch; *Dance with Me* (from the Strawberry Shortcake series) by Megan E. Bryant; *Eloise Decorates for Christmas* and *Eloise's Pirate Adventure* (from the Eloise series) by Lisa McClatchy; and *Fun with First-Grade Friends* by Grace Maccaroni.

**Ages 10 and Under Christian Fiction**— *Grandpa Grumpy's Family*, *The Loud Family*, *The Messy Family* and *The Silly Family* by Katherine Pebley O'Neal.

**Teenage Christian Fiction**— *Renegade* (#3 of the Lost Books series) by Ted Dekker; *Overdrive* and *Checkered Flag* (#3 and #4 of the RPM series) by Chris Fabry; and *On The Edge of The Dark Sea of Darkness* by Andrew Peterson.

**Youth Nonfiction**— *The Animal Zone*, *The Classroom Zone*, *The History Zone*, *Let's Eat in The Funny Zone*, *Let's Go in The Funny Zone*, *The Science Zone* and *The Sports Zone* (from the Funny Zone series) by Gary

Chmielewski; *Joke & Riddle Jackpot* by Michael J. Pellowski; *Pet Jokes That Will Make You Howl* by Terry Pierce; and *Silly Jokes & Giggles* by Philip Yates.

## LOCALS

Barb and Tom LaFollette and their granddaughter and great-grandson, Shelby Bohac and Eli of Rochester, traveled to the airport Sunday to pick up their son, Buddy LaFollette, of Wilmington, Delaware. Buddy will be spending a few days as a houseguest of his parents and getting to know the newest member of the family, his great-nephew, Eli. In the afternoon, the group was joined by Terry and Karina Bohac and Nick.

Angela Gast of Wake Forest, North Carolina arrived late Sunday evening for a week long visit with her parents, Barb and Jon Gast.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Tom Mitchell and Bo Scott, June 29; Tim Cogdill, June 30; Ruth Ann Anderson, Barbie Baldwin, Steve Baldwin, Andrea Hines, Laurie Paulik, Kim Shroder and Scott Wilson, July 1; Ruth Cogdill, Josh Dimmock, Danica Kline, Sandy Hickle and Tammy Sanchez, July 2; Derrick Carlisle, Griffin Fox, Carol Jo Hickle and Mike Hogan, July 3; Stacey Kesler and Ryan Urbin, July 4; and Jim Humes and Don Newgent, July 5.

There are six couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moon, June 29; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Green and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Evers, July 1; Mr. and Mrs. Ron George, July 2; and Mr. and Mrs. Rush McColley, July 3.

### Attend Church Sunday

### Garden Tour, July 12

The Master Gardeners of Fulton County will present its 2008 Tour of Gardens Saturday, July 12, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Gardens on the tour include those of Donovan and Judy Peterson at 1210 Bittersweet Ln.; Violet Siewert, 1250 Bittersweet Ln.; Prairie Edge Park, West Third St. and U.S. 31; Dick and Helen Enyart, 2420 Country Club Dr. S.; Randy and Nancy Trier, 1275 S. 500 E.; and George and Nancy Krom, 1136 N 525 E.

Tickets are \$5 each and are available at The Bloomin' Corner in Rochester and at each garden the day of the tour. Proceeds from the tour will benefit Habitat for Humanity and other projects. Tour goes who visit all six gardens and get their tickets punched at each location will have the chance of winning a \$50 gift certificate from The Bloomin' Corner.

### Subscribe To The OBSERVER



Pulaski Memorial Hospital employees are "going green". Last month these employees assembled to clean a portion of State Road 14 East. "It's our goal to show the residents that our

pride and community spirit extends beyond our hospital walls," Carol Sparks explained. PMH associates will walk to clean up the highway two more times this year. Participants

### Favorite Recipe

**Cran-Raspberry Iced Tea**  
4 tea bags  
12 oz. can of frozen cranberry-raspberry juice, thawed  
4 c. cold water  
Pour boiling water over tea bags. Cover and steep for five minutes. Remove and discard tea bags. Refrigerate in a covered container. Just before serving, combine with thawed juice concentrate and cold water in a 2 1/2 quart pitcher. Serve over ice. Makes 10 one-cup servings.

Kathy (Hogan) Dees  
Visalia, California  
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**BMV boosts online help to customers**

Ten new services added, including reminder of driver's license expiration

SOUTH BEND - Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) Commissioner Ron Stiver announced more online services for BMV customers. Customers can now create a **myBMV** virtual account and avoid visiting, mailing or calling the BMV for help.

The **myBMV** feature also allows customers, for the first time, to receive a reminder from the BMV that their driver's licenses are about to expire, one of ten new services added to the popular online license plate renewal option that has been available for many years. To date, more than 25,400 customers have opened a **myBMV** account, according to Stiver.

"More than 670,000 satisfied Hoosiers have completed their registrations online so far this year, and in the process, saved over \$3.3 million through a \$5 discount," said Stiver. "We are pleased to now expand our online offering to include more BMV services that, together with registration renewals, account for over seven million BMV transactions annually. These new online services should further improve customer convenience and reduce branch visit times."

Customers who establish a secure **myBMV** account will have access to the following services:

- Renewing registrations and receiving \$5 discount.
  - Checking the status of a registration renewal.\*
  - Selecting and reserving a personalized license plate.\*
  - Viewing and purchasing official driving records.\*
  - Signing up for email registration (license plate) renewal reminders.\*
  - Signing up for email driver's license renewal reminders.\*
  - Viewing current title information and ordering duplicate titles.\*
  - Updating and managing mailing address.\*
  - Updating insurance information.\*
  - Signing up for other informational e-alerts.
- \* Denotes services not previously offered online.

In the coming months, customers will also be able to select a different license plate design and research requirements for driver's license reinstatement online. Although driver's license renewal is the most requested online service, and available in 25 other states, Indiana law currently prohibits this service. The BMV sought that authority in the last session of the General Assembly and plans to seek approval again in the 2009 legislative session.

In addition, more than 18,000 customers (on average) contact the BMV each week to inquire about a variety of issues ranging

from checking the status of a title request or online license plate renewal to requesting a copy of a driving record or a duplicate title. With a **myBMV** account, many of these customers can receive the information or service they need in a fraction of the time it currently takes to process such a request.

Setting up a **myBMV** account through the BMV Web site to access online services takes only a few minutes and requires an Indiana driver's license or identification card number and a Social Security number. For those transactions that require fees, the fees are the same as in a license branch (with the exception of online registration renewals) and can be paid online using VISA or MasterCard.

Stiver explained that in addition to the new online features, BMV customers in St. Joseph and Elkhart Counties have seen other customer services improvements. These include:

- Nine auto dealerships in St. Joseph County and six dealerships in Elkhart County are partnering with the BMV to offer on-site title and registration services to their customers.
- Customers can schedule appointments for visits to the South Bend, Mishawaka, Walkerton, Elkhart and Goshen branches.
- Drivers' insurance agents can now electronically file proof of insurance forms with the BMV.
- The expanded and remodeled Mishawaka branch was opened in December 2007, the expanded and remodeled Goshen branch opened in March 2008 and the new South Bend branch is scheduled to open next month.

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**BMV announces effort to modernize handling of insurance forms**

New online tool cuts processing time in half; aids BMV in enforcing uninsured motorist laws

INDIANAPOLIS - BMV Commissioner Ron Stiver announced a new online tool to enhance the agency's ability to enforce the state's insurance requirements for Hoosier motorists.

The new tool significantly improves the way the BMV processes nearly 800,000 insurance forms from motorists who are involved in accidents or who receive certain traffic citations, according to Stiver.

Stiver noted that it often takes up to 10 days to process the mailed or faxed paper forms and post the information properly onto a customer's driving record. The process is often complicated when the BMV receives multiple copies of the forms or written communications with insurance agents and customers cross in the mail.

The Electronic Insurance Forms Submission Program (EIFS) is a Web-based tool that allows licensed insurance agents to electronically submit five different types of proof of insurance forms to the BMV that are required from their clients after an accident or traffic citation.

"This new technology makes it far easier for insurance agents to send us important information, and it will cut in half the time it takes to update a customer record while also eliminating unnecessary confusion and paperwork," said Stiver.

Steve Williams, President of the Insurance Institute of Indiana, added, "The car insurance industry and our agents welcome this new online tool for submitting forms to the BMV. Online filing will save both money and time in insurance offices throughout the state. For our customers, it will help ensure that deadlines are met and that accurate information will be recorded on driving records in a timely manner."

The forms, SR21, SR22, SR26, SR50 and the Certificate of Compliance, are all used for showing proof of insurance or cancellation of such policy. All of these forms require an insurance agent's signature. Interested agents can sign up for this process through the BMV's Web site, [www.mybmv.in.gov](http://www.mybmv.in.gov).

Stiver also reported that the BMV is progressing on its preparation to comply with House Enrolled Act 1036 requiring the BMV to establish a registry of drivers who have previously been cited for driving without the auto insurance required by Indiana statute. Those drivers will be added to the past offender registry for five years. During this five year period, the BMV will conduct random compliance checks requiring the selected drivers to provide proof of insurance to the BMV to avoid license suspension. The effective date for this House Enrolled act is January 1, 2010.

Concerning the new legislation, Williams commented, "The BMV worked very closely with the Insurance Institute and the General Assembly to develop a practical approach to address the problem of uninsured motorists. By having BMV monitor and spot-check the registry of past offenders, the State of Indiana is telling those motorists who would continue to violate Indiana law and drive without insurance that they are now more likely to be caught and prosecuted"

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**Fabulous Fifties reunion planned**

The Kewanna High School graduating classes of 1950 through 1959 are planning a reunion to be held Saturday, August 23, at Alejandra's in Rochester. A social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. The buffet will include three entrees, a salad bar and dessert. The cost of the evening's festivities is \$20 per person. All graduates, persons who attended Kewanna Schools at one time, friends and acquaintances are welcome to attend.

Reservations should be sent to George and Pat Hoover, 2185 E. Sycamore Dr., Rochester, IN 46975 by August 1 and should include your name (including maiden names), address, the year you graduated or the years you attended Kewanna Schools.

There are two motels in Rochester for those attending from out-of-town, the Comfort Inn, telephone 574-223-7300, and Super 8, telephone 574-224-8080. There are also motels available in Plymouth and Logansport.

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**Use of consumer fireworks limited by law**

Kewanna residents are reminded that the hours in which consumer fireworks can be ignited in Kewanna are set by local ordinance.

Fireworks can be set off between the hours of 5 p.m. (local time) and two hours after sunset on June 29 and 30, July 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 and between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 midnight on July 4.

The lighting of fireworks is also permitted between the hours of 10 a.m. December 31 and 1 a.m. January 1.

Violators will be fined in the amount of \$50 for the first offense, \$100 for the second offense and \$300 for the third offense.

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## Wages: It pays to look at the big picture

Ed Feulner

Charles Dickens captured the spirit of an era in a single sentence: "It was the best of times; it was the worst of times." For American workers, that sentiment still seems to apply.

On the one hand, there's a lot to be grateful for. "Today, the typical job involves less mindless repetition or physical exertion and more mental activity than in the past," notes economist James Sherk of The Heritage Foundation in an upcoming paper. He adds it also requires a greater level of education and is safer and more comfortable than it was a generation ago.

Still, a case could be made for the second half of Dickens' sentence — that we're in the "worst of times." According to RealClearPolitics.com, polls show that almost 80 percent of Americans think the country is on the "wrong track". And a recent *USA Today* poll found more than half of all Americans think "their standard of living is no better today than five years ago."

It's understandable they might think that, since they're frequently told the "rich" are getting richer while members of the middle class are merely working more. In a 2007 paper, the liberal Economic Policy Institute wrote that, "Despite strong growth in labor productivity, hourly wages for most workers are not keeping pace with inflation."

But there's more to compensation than wages, and benefits have actually grown faster than worker productivity.

Almost a third of the average employee's compensation is paid in benefits. Add wages and benefits together and "over the past 40 years compensation per hour and output per hour — that is, productivity — have moved almost in unison," Sherk found. One federal measure of total compensation shows it rose by three percent from 2003-2006 and by nine percent from 2000-2006, even after adjusting for inflation.

Benefits — including health coverage, 401 (k) plans and paid sick leave — are expensive, yet critical.

Health care, for example, costs employers more than it did decades ago because employees get more, and our entire society reaps benefits. Better health care allows workers to live longer, healthier lives.

How about the claim that employees are "squeezing" workers?"

It doesn't hold up. "Over the past 40 years," Sherk says, "the compensation that companies pay their employees has held constant at slightly over 70 percent of national income, never deviating more than a few percentage points from that number." It's been so steady that "in the first quarter of 1968 employee compensation was 69.9 percent of national income. In the last quarter of 2007, it was 70.7 percent."

Employees are actually doing better, because there's more money to go around. Our economy has grown by leaps and bounds since the 1960s. And that rising tide has benefited those near the bottom of the economic scale as well as the wealthy.

Yes, unemployment jumped last month to 5.5 percent. But even so, the unemployment rate remains remarkably low by historical standards.

Economic growth can be scary. As new jobs are created, old jobs often go away. But the results are positive. Our economy has indeed lost many low-wage manufacturing jobs, but has created more high-wage jobs in engineering, computer science and nursing.

Things aren't perfect. There are economic problems in our country today, as there will always be. Americans may well carry too much debt, for example. But we don't end up in Dickensian debtors' prisons.

We may act, at times, as if we're living in "Bleak House." But the facts on wages and jobs show we should have "Great Expectations" for our national future.

(Ed Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation (heritage.org))

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A counselor is available the second Wednesday of each month at the FEDCO office, 822 Main Street, Rochester. The next regularly scheduled date is July 9. **To schedule an appointment call 574-223-3326.**

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## HELP THE COMMUNITY BLOOD SUPPLY AND ENTER TO WIN A \$200 GASOLINE GIFT CARD FOR SUMMER TRAVEL

Donate blood in Fulton County. In the United States, about nine out of 10 summer travelers use a personal vehicle to get to their final destination. Soaring gas prices and increased travel for vacations and sightseeing during the summer make the American Red Cross' drawing for a \$200 gasoline gift card during the week of Independence Day a perfect addition to your summer.

From July 1 to 6, you can enter into a drawing to win one of five \$200 gasoline gift cards by visiting any American Red Cross blood drive or donor center.

Summer blood donations in the Indiana-Ohio Region can drop as much as six percent from Memorial Day to Labor Day. As a community, it's our job to make sure all recipients have the blood components to support the care they need during the summer.

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Thursday, July 3, from 12 noon until 5 p.m. at the Talma Community Building located at 6873 N. SR 25 in Rochester.

If you are at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good general health, you may be eligible to donate blood. All donors need to present positive identification. For more information or to schedule your blood donation appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543).

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## Local curfew to be enforced

According to Kewanna town marshal, Dennis Price, his department will be enforcing the town's curfew ordinance.

The ordinance states that a child 15, 16 or 17 years of age can not be in a public place between the hours of 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. local time on Saturday or Sunday; nor after 11 p.m. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and before 5 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

Children under 15 years of age must be off the streets and home by 11 p.m. and cannot be out in the morning before 5 a.m. any day of the week unless they are with a parent, guardian or custodian.

The only exceptions to these curfews are going to or from work, a school sanctioned activity or religious event.

Residents are also reminded that you must be 18 years of age or accompanied by a parent or guardian to discharge consumer fireworks.

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## Aubbee Gathering, August 2

Plans are underway to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the closing of Aubbeenaubbee High School. The focus of this first gathering will be on classes 1964 through 1974. The get-together is not just for graduates of Aubbee or Culver, but also for former classmates who may have attended Aubbee only briefly. Other interested persons are also welcome to attend.

A hog roast will be held on Saturday, August 2, at the Leiters Ford community building from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Lunch begins at 1 p.m. Those attending should bring a side dish or dessert to share and your own drinks (non-alcoholic). Donations will be accepted to offset costs.

Planners are seeking current addresses of individuals who attended Aubbee and were in the 1964-1974 classes. Please contact a committee member if you have information or questions, or if you would like to help with planning and organizing the gathering.

Current committee members include:

Sherry Engle Anderson 574-653-2625 [farmhair@rtcol.com](mailto:farmhair@rtcol.com)

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## Town & Country Chatter...

by: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Noah Hogan of Taiwan was in the States recently to interview for the Foreign Service. While here he spent some time in Kewanna with his father, Mike Hogan. Their guests for Father's Day breakfast included Mike's daughter and son-in-law, Johna and Alan Bouda of Yukon, Oklahoma. Other guests during the day were Wendy and Dan Kelly of West Lafayette, Florence Hogan and Janice Graham.

Helen Whiteman has learned that her great-granddaughter, Rylee Daugherty of Winamac will be in a commercial for Peyton Manning's Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. It has been one year since Rylee was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor and underwent her first surgery. Her latest check-up showed no signs of the cancer returning.

Jack and Denilyn Jordan were in Elkhart one day last week visiting a museum.

Ruth Cogdill and her son and granddaughter, Mike Cogdill and Jaime, had a wonderful week. Tuesday, June 17, they traveled to Michigan City for two days at the Blue Chip Casino and Jaime came home a winner- what a thrill!

Lois Wilson and Denilyn and Jack Jordan had visitors Tuesday. Arriving for an overnight working visit were Lois' son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Susan Wilson of Greensburg. In the afternoon, Dennis, Susan, Denilyn and Jack tackled several chores around Lois' yard and house. In the evening, the family had a showing of numerous family slides.

Ruth Ann Anderson had surprise visitors Tuesday. Stopping by for a chat were Dr. Paul and Marilyn Heinsen and their daughter, Susan Fix of Miami, Florida. The foursome enjoyed catching up on the news at Ruth Ann's home and while dining at the Kewanna Kafé.

Helen Whiteman had a working visitor Tuesday. Stopping by late in the day for a chat and to mow her yard was her son, Kevin Whiteman of Pulaski.

Don and Pauline Scales had visitors Wednesday, June 18. Stopping by for a chat were Don's sister, Patty Tarver of Lake Placid, Florida; their niece, Dailene Snow of Cummings, Georgia; and Dailene's daughter and grandson, Kim Kruger and Bryce.

Lois, Dennis and Susan Wilson and Jack and Denilyn Jordan spent Wednesday in Plymouth taking care of some business.

Tom and Barb LaFollette had company Thursday, June 19. Coming over to visit their farm west of Kewanna and see the new geese were their daughter and her family, Karina and Terry Bohac and Nick of Rochester. Later, they returned to the LaFollettes' home at Lake Bruce for pizza.

Mike Cogdill and Jaime enjoyed a wonderful day at Indiana Beach near Monticello Thursday. It was such a thrill to visit an amusement park that is not available in Alaska.

Carol Broda accompanied Barb and Tom LaFollette to Kewanna Friday, June 20. They enjoyed dining at the "Community Caf ", aka Community State Bank's hot dog day.

Helen Miller and her son, Ron Miller of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida traveled to Mt. Morris, Michigan Friday. Accompanying them on the trip were Helen's brother and sister-in-law, Vern and Opal Kissinger of Royal Center. The family was going to spend the weekend visiting with Helen and Vern's sister, Irene Miller.

Denilyn and Jack Jordan left Friday morning for their home in Norman, Oklahoma. They had spent the previous two weeks as houseguests of Denilyn's mother, Lois Wilson.

Friday, Mike, Ruth and Jaime Cogdill took a delightful ride through the Lake Bruce area, then up State Road 17 to Culver. Jaime might be an Alaskan girl, but thought the lakes were beautiful. After their drive, the trio enjoyed supper at Pappa's in Culver.

Pauline and Don Scales had company Friday. Joining them for a late day visit and fixing supper on the grill were their granddaughter and her family, Cindy and Greg Wiese and Ally.

Beth and Ray Weller had company over the weekend. Staying with them for a couple of days and attending the town's Rummage Rumble Saturday morning were their daughters, Beth Ann Deckard and Linda Tufts of Lebanon, Ohio.

Linda Garner had a nice time Saturday, June 21. She joined her sister, Phyllis Koontz, for a visit over brunch in Rochester.

Virginia Agnew spent some time Saturday helping her great-granddaughter, Alexis Agnew, celebrate her 11<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Sunday afternoon, she helped another great-granddaughter, Kayleena Agnew, celebrate her fifth birthday. Both parties included cake and ice cream and good times.

Kay and Jerry Brown attended the high school basketball AAU tourney at North Miami High School Saturday. Their son, Kerry Brown, is coach for the South Dearborn team who were among the participants.

Tom and Barb LaFollette helped John and Beth Larson prepare breakfast at the Rochester VFW post Saturday morning.

Jon Gast and his father, Stuart Gast, enjoyed a visit over lunch at Kosta's restaurant in Winamac Saturday.

Jeff and Amy Pugh of Rochester hosted a birthday party Saturday evening for their daughter, Ashley, who was celebrating her first birthday. Others helping her celebrate the occasion were her sister, Lizzie; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Richardson and Miss Laura Richardson of Oxford, Ohio; Mrs. Karen Schevah and sons of Batesville; Mr. and Mrs. Josh Pugh and Steven and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Snyder of Culver; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Loehmer and daughter of Pulaski; Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shedrow, Madison and Levi, of Monterey; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pugh, Kyle and friend, of Kewanna; and Mrs. Jackye Pugh of Lake Bruce. Sunday, the families attended Ashley's baptism at the United Methodist Church in Monterey and then returned to her home for brunch. Irene Miller of Mt. Morris,

Michigan was the guest of honor at a gathering Saturday. The occasion was in celebration of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and hosted by her family. Among the others in attendance were Helen Miller, Vern and Opal Kissinger and Ron Miller.

Mike Cogdill escorted his daughter, Jaime Cogdill, to the Indianapolis airport Saturday. Jaime was returning to Anchorage, Alaska, after spending a week visiting her grandmother. Ruth Cogdill. Mike remained for another week at the home of his mother.

Helen Whiteman had a couple of callers Saturday. Coming over late in the day to take care of some chores and bringing along pizza for supper were Kevin and Monica Whiteman. Earl and Mary Bangel had visitors Sunday, June 22. Coming for a family chat were their son and daughter-in-law, Darel and Nancy Bangel of Ft. Wayne, and their granddaughter and her husband, Amber and Derrick Merrill of Madison, Alabama.

Hugh and Maryellyn Tennent were in Kokomo Sunday. They had a nice time visiting as guests of Hugh's brother and sister-in-law, Nat and Jennie Tennent.

Vivian and Bob Hathaway of Warsaw hosted a large family gathering Sunday. Their guests for dinner and a wonderful afternoon of visiting were their daughter and grandchildren, Lisa Bunda, Hailey and William, of Little Rock, Arkansas; Vivian's siblings and their spouses, Fred and Barbara Brown of Rochester, Jerry and Kay Brown and Evelyn Peters; the Hathaways' nephews and their families, Mark and

Mick Brown, Mike Brown and Michael C. and Terry Brown; their nieces and their families, Sue and Mike McKinney and Molly, and Angie and Tom Smith, Leighnee, Kaelee, William and Aidan, all of Rochester; Ted and Faith Brown and Chloe; Jerry and Cindy Kreger and Shelby; and Julie, Allison and Andrew Clark.

Mathilda Lamb had a few callers Sunday. Helping her with a major outside chore were her grandson and great-grandson, Brian Gallagher and A.J., and A.J.'s friend, James, all of Ft. Wayne.

Bill and Connie Scales of Logansport hosted a small family gathering Sunday. Joining them for lunch were: their aunts and uncle, Patty Tarver and Don and Pauline Scales; Dailene Snow; and Kim Kruger and Bryce. After the visit, Patty accompanied Don and Pauline home for a few days visit.

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