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Holiday art tour, December 6 & 7

The 4th annual Holiday Art Tour will be held Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, December 7, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. The free, self-guided tour offers guests the opportunity to visit with the artists about both their work and the creation of their studios. Guests can also enjoy refreshments at each studio and a relaxing day of shopping for unique gifts.

The first Holiday Art Tour became a reality in 2005. The following year, the Fulton County Fund for the Arts was established to promote arts in Fulton County throughout the year. Tour sponsorships from area businesses and individuals as well as grants from the Fulton County Tourism Board and Community Foundation have been contributed to the fund. A signed, limited edition, poster designed by one of the artists is featured this year.

The Holiday Art Tour 2008 includes:

Downtown Artists at The Corner Market Mall located in the office of Barb Lutterbein, 705 Main Street, Rochester, will host a multi media of art by Barb (Sky Studio), Steve and Jen Weinart, Gib Foster (Rain Creek Studio), Linda Leasure, Patsy Clark, Jim Scott and Mercedes Brugh. The Corner Market Mall is located on Main Street between 7th and 8th Streets.

Brushstrokes Studio is a dream fulfilled by artist Pat Thompson. A full time working studio and gallery is in the front part of her 100+ year-old home in Rochester. New works of art will be revealed along with Pat's original acrylic paintings, limited edition prints, gift items, cards, bookmarks and Gail Karas (Artistic Impressions) will be showing with a mixture of medias and limited edition prints. Brushstroke Studio is located at 1505 Mitchell Dr. To reach the studio, go east on 9th street, turn right (south) on Ewing Road to East 18th St./Mitchell Dr.

Mt. Zion Art School home and studio of artist and teacher Lindsey Kozubik. The 100+ year-old house is the former Mt. Zion School surrounded by a peaceful, inspiration setting. The tour will include paintings by Lindsey Kozubik and Lori Roberts, pottery by Gary Wyatt and jewelry by Michelle Nelson. The Mt. Zion Art School is located at 2579 S 500 E. To reach the school, travel east on State Road 14 (9th St.) to 500 East. Turn right (south) on 500 E. and continue south. The school is located across the road from Van Duyne's Block and Gravel and just north of Mt. Zion Road.

Eikenberry Glass Studio was established in 1975 by Braxton Eikenberry and is currently in a post and beam construction mid-1800s granary relocated from his family farm. Commissioned work, restorations and fine finished stained glass are

Scout uniforms needed

Fulton County scouting units are collecting scout uniforms to help outfit scouts who can not afford to purchase them. They are in need of any scouting apparel – shirts, pants, socks, neckerchiefs, slides, etc. The items can be dropped off at the Fulton County Public Library in Rochester or the library branch in Fulton.

The uniform drive will continue until December 22. If you have questions, contact Chuck Smith at 574-817-0518.

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Season basketball tickets on sale

Caston boys' basketball season tickets are now on sale in the bookstore and also at the first home basketball game vs. Carroll on Friday, Dec. 12. The cost for eight home games is \$32. This does not include the Community State Bank holiday tourney. Also Comet "25" tickets are on sale. This is a 30-punch card for \$25, giving you \$5 of extra punches free. If an event is \$3, the ticket will be punched three times (\$1 per punch).

Small Business Counseling

Fulton County small business owners and entrepreneurs can learn more about operating their own business by attending confidential counseling sessions provided by the regional Small Business Development Center. Through an arrangement with the Fulton Economic Development Corporation (FEDCO), service is free to Fulton County residents. A business counselor can help current and prospective business owners with business plans, marketing, arranging financing and growing a business. A counselor is available the second Wednesday of each month at the FEDCO office, 822 Main Street, Rochester. To schedule an appointment for December 10 call 574-223-3326.

specialties of the Eikenberry Glass Studio. Stained glass windows, other glass objects, paintings, photography, jewelry and pottery will be available from the Granary Group of Braxton Eikenberry, Gretchen Coplen, Rachelle Houchin, Wade Bussert, Jeff Skersick, Mike Kenny, Larry Houchin and Joe Chomyn. The Eikenberry Glass Studio is located at 15464 N 200 W in Miami County. From U.S. 31 south of Rochester, turn east on Miami County road 1500 N, turn north on Miami County road 200 W (which turns into Fulton County road 700 E). The studio is the first house on the left. Or, from Indiana 14 east of Rochester, turn south on Fulton County 700 E (which turns into Miami County road 200 W) to the studio.

The News Market

The Fulton County Commissioners will meet in executive session at 1:30 p.m. Monday, December 8, in the small conference room of the Fulton County office building, 125 E. 9th Street, Rochester, to discuss a job performance evaluation of an individual employee.

The Fulton County Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 9, in the meeting room of the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester. The agenda will include the Extension Service contract with Purdue University; the local option income tax ordinances under consideration, appropriation transfers and additional appropriations.

The State of Indiana has asked the federal government for a loan of up to \$330 million during the next three months to shore up its unemployment insurance fund. More than 75,000 Hoosiers are drawing unemployment benefits and as a result the state has paid out \$242 million more in claims this year that it has collected in unemployment taxes.

A Winamac woman was beaten and robbed Monday, November 24, in the Big Lots parking lot in Logansport. Two teenagers have been arrested in the incident.

The UN drug czar reports that the Taliban and other warlords could clear almost \$500 million from Afghanistan's opium trade this year. This money will help finance ongoing insurgent attacks.

Malls and hotels around the country are feeling the effects of the current financial crisis, forcing some into foreclosure proceedings.

The good news on the stock market front is that the market closed up Friday for the fifth straight day, the biggest five-day rally in more than 75 years. The bad news is that the market dropped more than 800 points on Monday.

A Wal-Mart worker on Long Island, New York, was trampled to death when out-of-control shoppers desperate for Black Friday bargains broke down the doors at 5 a.m. Other workers were trampled as they tried to rescue the man.

A study performed by Indiana University shows that more women than men are now earning college degrees. This is not only true in Indiana, but also nationwide.

Send In Your News

NOTICE TO KEWANNA RESIDENTS

The Town of Kewanna will discontinue leaf pick up for the season Friday, December 5. If you still have leaves to rake, get them out to the roadside by that date for pickup.

Free art classes

Local artist Don Kegarise is offering free basic drawing classes to persons of any age. The class will not require the purchase of any materials and will be held at the Kewanna United Methodist Church. For more information, call Don at 574-653-2355.

V.I.P. meeting, Dec.

V.I.P. (Visually Impaired People) will meet Tuesday, December 9, at 1 p.m. in the Von Tobel Center, 120 W. Pearl St., Winamac. The meeting will also include the group's Christmas party

Anyone with vision problems, and other visitors, is welcome to attend. Pulaski County residents can call 574-946-6500 for transportation. For other information, call Johanna Gudas at 574-946-6126 or Maurine Wilder at 574-946-3836.

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Cass County basketball tourney

Lewis Cass' advancement in the state football tournament has necessitated some changes in the upcoming Cass County basketball invitational played at Logansport.

The varsity boys will now play their tournament on Saturday, December 6, rather than starting Tuesday, December 2.

The girls varsity tournament play will begin Wednesday, Dec. 3, with Caston playing Pioneer at 6:30 p.m. and Logansport vs. Lewis Cass at 8 p.m. The girls' consolation and championship games will be played at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5. The boys tournament will be played Saturday, Dec. with 6. Logansport playing Cass at 10 a.m. and Pioneer and Caston squaring off at 12 noon. The consolation and championship games will be played at 6:30 and 8 p.m. Saturday evening.

The JV girls Cass County tourney will be played Thursday, Dec. 4, at Pioneer with Caston taking on Pioneer and Logansport playing Cass at 5:30 p.m. The consolation and championship games will be played at 7 p.m.

The JV boys tourney will be played Saturday, December 27, also at Pioneer. Logansport will play Cass and Pioneer will play Caston at 9:30 a.m. The consolation and championship games will be played at 11 a.m.

Recycling Dates
Thurs., Dec. 4th,
and Dec. 18th

LOCALS

First things, first. There is a correction that should be made in the Cogdill/ Scholz wedding announcement. It was Rachel, the bride, who was critically injured in an accident in April, not her mother, Hope.

Also, someone had a question this week: "What redhead from Bruce Lake was blessed Saturday evening at the Brian Frushour/ Paul New Stewart show at the Rochester VFW?"

And, former Grass Creek resident Joan (Moyer) Truax and her husband, Harlan, are featured in the December/ January issue of *Taste of Home* magazine.

Did anyone notice the two "visitors" in town Monday evening, Nov. 24? Two wild turkeys were seen flying through town, probably trying to avoid being the guest- of- honor at someone's meal Thursday.

Lillix Cook celebrated her third birthday Saturday, November 22, with a princess party in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station. She received a lot nice gifts from friends and family in attendance.

Jerry Brown was in Rochester Tuesday, Nov. 25. He attended the Rochester vs. Lewis Cass high school girls' basketball game. His granddaughters, Leighnee Smith and Molly McKinney, are players for Rochester.

Tom and Barb LaFollette and Nub and Bunny Brogdon were in Rochester Tuesday evening. They enjoyed attending the Moose lodge's annual Thanksgiving dinner for its members.

Pauline Brown and Julie had holiday visitors in the middle of the week. Arriving Wednesday, Nov. 26, for an overnight stay were Pauline's son and his family, Jim and Deb Brown and Clayton of Fairland.

Ellen Walsh was a holiday houseguest of her daughter and family, Kathy and Ken Ritz, Kyle and, at Munster. Wednesday evening, she was able to attend the boys' high school basketball game in which Kyle was playing. Munster won.

Helen Whiteman had callers Wednesday. Arriving for a late day visit were her granddaughter and great-granddaughters, Andrea Hook, Whitney and Rylee, of Winamac and Tiffany Troutman.

AREA FIVE MENU Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, Dec. 8 – Beef Manhattan, mashed potatoes, beets, Mandarin oranges, white bread and milk

Wednesday, Dec. 10 – Salisbury steak, broccoli, carrots, strawberries, roll and milk

Friday, Dec. 12 – Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, brownie, wheat bread and milk





Christmas open house at Waldenbooks

Waldenbooks at the Logansport Mall will host its annual Christmas open house Tuesday, December 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. The celebration will be held in the holiday bargain room next door to Waldenbooks, which will be specially decorated for the

The highlight of the open house will be a book signing by Logansport resident, Larry McLeland, whose Christmas book, Santa's Right-hand Man, was published this year. Book illustrator and Columbia teacher, Holly Hall, will also be on hand to sign copies of the book.

Santa himself has also promised to attend, read stories, and sign Mr. McLeland's book and other books as well. Children who have written letters to Santa can deliver them to him in person.

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Area Students to Attend Annual Lugar Symposium

U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar announced that area high school students have been selected to attend his "Symposium for Tomorrow's Leaders" at the University of Indianapolis on December 13.

Caston students selected to attend the symposium include Chelsea Troyer and Caleb

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Every public and private high school in Indiana has been invited to select two outstanding juniors to attend the all-day conference. Last year, more than 400 students representing high schools in nearly all 92 counties across the state attended the event. School officials who have not yet done so may access registration information at http://lugar.senate. gov/symposium/.

Again, this year, Lugar will open the day-long program with an address to the students on national and world affairs. The students will then participate in a choice of seven discussion groups. This year's topics include: energy security, Iraq, media responsibility, U.S. leadership in the world, immigration, global warming, and truthfulness. Students debate opposing views under the leadership of major state and national advocates on the sub-

Students have been encouraged to donate canned food items that will be collected at registration and donated to Gleaners Food Bank in Indianapolis.

CASTON MENU December 8 – 12 Breakfast

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Choice each day with fruit or juice and milk: cereal and toast; sausage/cheese bun; ham/cheese The Observer

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bun; toaster pastry

Lunch

Monday - Pizza, green beans, peaches, M&M cookies and milk. Café Comet double cheeseburger and fries

Tuesday - Sausage/cheese bun, cubes, applesauce, cinnamon roll and milk. Comet Café - chili soup and peanut butter sandwich

Wednesday - Chicken tenders, whipped potatoes and gravy, Mandarin oranges, snickerdoodle cookie and milk. Comet Café -Italian sausage with peppers & onions, potato wedges

Thursday - Pasta with meat sauce and pepperoni; lettuce salad, warm apple slices, cheese stuffed breadstick and milk. Comet Café - grilled chicken and baked chips

Friday - Turkey and cheese sandwich, potatoes, carrots and dip, lemon bars and milk. Comet Café - mozzarella sticks and pepperoni pizza pockets

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EASTERN PULASKI MENU December 8 – 12 Elementary Breakfast

Monday - Cereal bar, string cheese, juice and milk

Tuesday - Breakfast pizza, juice and milk

Wednesday - Waffle, juice and

Thursday - half day of school, no breakfast

Friday – Toaster pastry, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch

Monday – Fish sandwich, fries, applesauce, cookie and milk

Tuesday - Chicken fajita, lettuce, cheese, apple crisp and

Wednesday - Hot dog, baked beans, orange sherbet, cookie and

Thursday – half day of school,

Friday - Chili soup, cheddar potato nuggets, mixed fruit, peanut butter sandwich and milk

+++ James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121 December Activities

Dec. 4 – Men's meeting, 7 p.m. Dec. 12 – Ladies Auxiliary will decorate for party

Dec. 14 – Children's Christmas party, 2 to 4 p.m.

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

Dec. 28 – open Sunday at noon Dec. 30 - Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 31 – Annual dues are due

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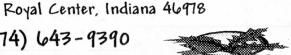
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November 21

Births - Jamie and Melissa Graf, Wabash, a son

November 23

Births - Andrew and Teresa Higham, Rochester, a son November 24

Admissions Charles Rudd, Rochester

Dismissals - Kloei Day, Akron; Max Huffman and Latasha Books and daughter, Rochester; Melissa Graf and son, Wabash November 25

Admissions - Noreen Rayl, Akron; Donna Rans, Rochester

Dismissals - Choice Miller and Charles Rudd, Rochester November 26

Admissions - Bonnie Pletcher and Harry Miller, Akron; Nathan Neace, Argos; Robert Leavell, Rochester Dismissals - Teresa Higham and

Donna Rans, Rochester November 28

Admissions - none published Dismissals - Nathan Peace, Argos; Lee Gearhart, Akron

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

November 21

Admissions - Ruby Heck and K. Stuart Gast, Winamac

Dismissals - Thomas Hickman, Winamac; Katherine Chaffins, North Judson; Joan Underwood, Knox November 22

Admissions - none

Dismissals - Rhianna Ruiz and Walter Engel, Knox; Brenda Christensen and Donald Heims. Winamac

November 23

Admissions - Claybourne Bunton, Grovertown; Michael Hernandez, Knox

Dismissals - none



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Admissions - James Wentz and Mathilda Reid, Winamac

Dismissals - Diane Natke, Monterey; Ruby Heck, Winamac November 25

Admissions - Daniel McBlaine, Star City; Ralph Clark, Winamac Dismissals - Barbara Clark,

Winamac November 26

Admissions – none Dismissals - none

November 27

Admissions - Nancy Lowry Dismissals – none

Jetter To The Editor

Thank You Ladies!.... (and gentlemen)

Fulton Improvement The Committee would like to thank all those responsible for making the Ladies' Day Out Fundraiser on Saturday, November 1, a success! Many local businesses participated by setting up booths at the Fulton Baptist Temple Center in Fulton for the event. The Fulton Baptist Temple graciously allowed use of the facilities to the Improvement Committee for this event. Each vendor generously agreed to donate a percentage of their sales to the Fulton Improvement

Committee's fund established to build a much needed community center adjacent to Liberty Township Park. Over the past two years, the committee has been raising funds through private donations and fundraisers. The Ladies" Day Out Fundraiser has brought the account up to an approximate balance \$78,597.74! We have a long way to go, but we are very excited about the success of the sale, and are already in the planning stages for Ladies' Day Out...2009!

Participating local businesses included Samantha Schanlaub with Pampered Chef, Kalea Brouyette with Gold Canyon Candles, Doty Sommers with Tastefully Simple, Jodi Boldry with Creative Memories, Ken

McGrew with Krisken's Pools & Spas (ladies' accessories), Mary Baker with Mary's Stitch and Knit; Cassie Hoover with Capella Studio, Becky Pavich with Lia Sophia, Denise Baker with Mary Kay, Michaela Slisher with Avon, Michelle McKinley Longaberger, Cheryl Pearson with Tupperware, Katy Clover with Uppercase Living, Lesley Krisher with Tupperware, and Kathy Bir with handmade jewelry and accessories. Thanks to all of these participants for all of your hard work and dedication to making The Fulton Improvement

Finally, a thank you goes out not only to those who donated their time and efforts to making this event happen, but thank you most of all to all of those shoppers who showed up for this event. Not only were you checking names off of your Christmas list that day, you were helping a worthy cause, and investing in the future of this community. The future community center will greatly benefit citizens of all ages in Fulton County, especially the youth, by offering them a location to gather and grow.

Fulton Improvement Committee

CASTON ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

Sat., Dec. 6 - boys 6 AB basketball at South Newton, 11 a.m.; girls 6 AB basketball at South Newton, 11 a.m.; varsity wrestling Winamac boys

invitational, 9 a.m. varsity boys Cass County tourney at Logansport, 10 a.m. and 12 noon; consolation game, 6:30 p.m. and championship game, 8 p.m.

Mon., Dec. 8 - boys 5 AB basketball vs. Akron at home, 5 p.m.; boys 6 AB basketball at Rochester, 5:30 p.m.; freshmen boys basketball MWC tourney at Caston, 6 p.m.; JH boys basketball at Lincoln MS, 6 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 9 - boys 5 AB basketball vs. Mentone at Caston, 5:30 p.m.; boys 6 AB basketball at Tri-County, 6 p.m.; girls 6 AB basketball at Tri-County, 6 p.m.; girls JV & varsity basketball vs. Clinton Central at Caston, 6 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 11 - boys JH basketball at Argos, 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 12 - boys JV & varsity basketball vs. Carroll at Caston, 6 p.m.



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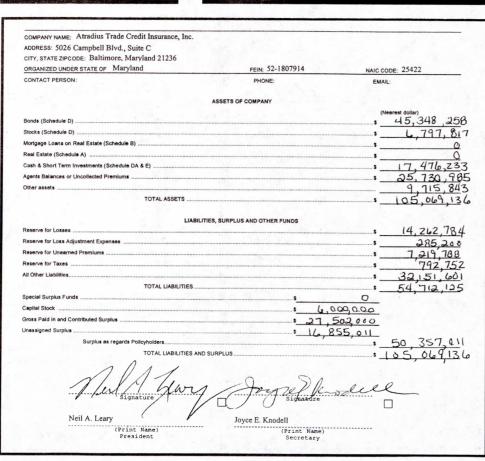
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SIXTY YEARS AGO December 2, 1948

Mrs. Jennie M. McConaughy, 77, died at 10 a.m. Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Genoa Butler, four miles west of Kewanna. She had been ill for a year. Funeral services were held Monday at the local Church of Christ with Rev. Joseph Dux officiating.

Named to the All A honor roll at Kewanna for the second grading period were Gladys MacLain, Ellen Sulek and Ann Jester.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodward Fisher were called to Elwood Monday due to the sudden death of Dr. Peny Cotton who was killed by a train. Dr. Cotton was a brotherin-law of the Fishers.

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FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO **December 4, 1953**

Robert Wynkoop closed his drug store Monday, Nov. 30, after four years of operation. He purchased the business from Al Yerkes, who in turn had leased the building from the widow of Clyde Elston, the original owner.

Pvt. Herbert McIntire, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oval McIntire, Rt. 2, Kewanna, has completed eight weeks of Army Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Joe McPherson, manager-owner of the Key Theatre, stated earlier this week that the installation of his new cinemavision screen was made in time for operation Sunday when the first wide screen movie was shown in Kewanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rhoades

were pleasantly surprised Sunday when their children and a few friends arrived with well-filled baskets to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Miller closed a deal Monday at which time they sold their farm west of town to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lewis of Winamac. The Millers have purchased a farm northeast of

FIFTY YEARS AGO December 4, 1958

David Besse has been appointed to take over the job of Kewanna's night marshal. He replaces Willard Clark who has been elected sheriff of Fulton County.

Final rites for Mrs. Nellie Grace Stangle, mother of Cecil Stangle of here, will be held Friday afternoon. She died Tuesday morning at her home on Rt. 1, Idaville, following a short illness.

Election of officers was held at the regular monthly meeting of the Kewanna Men's Club. Chosen to serve were Gurstel Markley, president; Kenneth Hiland, vice president; and Dick Mills, secretary-treasurer. After a meal at Herbie's Place the group adjourned to Johnson Metal Products Company where Mr.

Johnson showed them through the factory.

Mrs. Mace Kahler, 71, Fulton, died early Tuesday, Dec. 2, in Woodlawn Hospital where she was taken Monday afternoon after becoming ill. A former Kewanna resident, she was a member of the Church of God, Headlee. Survivors include her husband and three daughters, Essie Kahler, at home, and Mrs. Eva Ginn and Mrs. Maude Carlson of Kewanna.

Elmer Seidel, manager of the VanMeter Implement Company in Kewanna, has received word from the Fort Wayne district office that the local company is the largest volume International dealer in the district, which includes northern Ohio as well as northern Indiana.

Dorothy Douglass returned to Muncie Monday after spending her Thanksgiving vacation with relatives.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Watts southwest of Fulton was badly damaged by fire Saturday morning, Nov. 29. Ralph Mullins, fire chief, said the house was a total loss as far as

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any practical evaluation is concerned as most of the top was burned off. The fire was apparently started by an overheated smoke pipe.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO December 5, 1963

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Good on December 1. The baby weighed 6 pounds and 15 ounces and has been named Jeffrey Joe. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Baker and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Good.

James Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cunningham of Grass Creek, has been named associate engineer of Midwest Research Institute in Kansas City.

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Smith is confined to his home with illness. Helping with the Raymond were picking Hinderlider, Robert Engle, Burton, Kenneth Lincoln Cramner, Dick Showley, Orville Aldridge, Clem Good, Ray Myers, Jack Hott, Fred Plantz, Overmyer, Don Charles Chester Geisler, Troutman, Charles Simonin, John Harris, Ernest Hogan, John Hoffman, Floyd Nicklaus, Ray Wickline and Al Boocher. Mr. and Mrs. Smith fed the men dinner at the Marlo Restaurant.

Samuel John Bayless, 21, son of Mrs. Ruth James of Daytona Beach, Florida, and Don Bayless, Rt. 1, Kewanna, died at a Fort Wayne hospital Sunday evening following a lingering illness. Surviving besides his parents are one sister, Elizabeth, and one brother, Terry.

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crushing the other two while cleaning a corn picker Thursday. John resides near Lawton.

THIRTY YEARS AGO December 7, 1978

The Kewanna Indians won their fourth game in a row Saturday night defeating visiting Wheeler, 43-29. The win makes them 5-2 for the season. James Pearcy and Rod Hattery led the way in the scoring column with nine points each. Rick Evers, Steve MacLain and Bryan Prilliman each added eight points.

The Kewanna Church of Christ was the scene Saturday, Dec. 2, of the candlelight wedding uniting Sandi Priscilla Prilliman and Charles Albert Westfall. Ronald Prilliman and Rex James officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Local farmer, Norman Frasa, has lost several head of cattle recently to stray dogs. Tuesday, they struck again in a field holding 18 young cattle. One bull was killed and two head had to be destroyed.

The Wayne Township 4-H clubs met for their annual achievement awards night recently at Grass Creek. The Wayne clubs are the Wayne Wide Awake led by Charlotte Schnapf and Judy Sadler and the Wayne Trophy Finders led by Don Schnapf and Mick Herrold.

The Kewanna Saddle Club met recently at its club house for its annual Thanksgiving supper. The president, Deb Rude, conducted the business meeting with Wilma Berwanger reading the secretary's report.

TWENTY YEARS AGO December 1, 1988

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Koebcke, Rt. 1, Kewanna, will be honored at an open house Sunday, December 1, in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Jeff Brown of Great Lakes, Illinois, was a Thanksgiving guest of his grandmother, Mrs. Lera McKinney, and the Anderson family get-together.



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Alex Donathen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jon Donathen, celebrated his birthday Saturday evening in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Donathen. Present were his parents and brother, Matthew, along with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hamman and Amy of Winamac and Jamie Arthurhultz of Culver.

Colonel's Corner in Kewanna will stage its grand opening Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2 and 3. Formerly operated as B.J.'s Corner, the restaurant was recently purchased by Maurice "Colonel" Cohagen of Kewanna.

For the fourth time in as many years, Indiana Lions Club members embarked on a 3,200 mile drive to Guatemala on Thanksgiving weekend in a unique caravan that provides aid to the impoverished Central American country. Joe Dague and George Hendrickson, both of Rt. 2, Kewanna, and members of the Grass Creek Lions Club, are among the 60 persons making the trip this year.

TEN YEARS AGO
December 3, 1998
Willard and Helen Peters,

Winamac, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church.

Holiday weekend visitors in the home of Beulah Adams were her daughter and family, LuAnne and Ed Phillips, Jason and Brent, of Fairborn, Ohio. The family was joined for a holiday dinner at the Paradise Plaza in Rochester by Eva and Treva Leap and Mary Weirick of Culver.

Andrea Kumler was an overnight houseguest of her grandmother, Lois Kumler.

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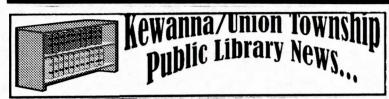
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Christian Mystery Fiction-Farraday Road (#1 of the Lije Evans Mysteries series) by Ace Collins; Conspiracy in Kiev (#1 of The Russian Trilogy) by Noel Hynd; and A Conspiracy of Ravens (#2 of A Lady Trent Mystery series) by Gilbert Morris.

Indiana Collection Nonfiction-Crazy Good by Charles Leerhsen. Reference— 2008 Indiana Football Digest.

JUVENILES:

Ages 10 and Under Fiction-(from The Berenstain Bears series) The Berenstain Bears and The Golden Rule, The Berenstain Bears Go to Sunday School and The Bernstain Bears Say Their Prayers by Michael Berenstain and The Berenstain Bears- God Loves You by Stan and Jan Berenstain.

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Picture Books Nonfiction— Toys (from the Can You See What I See? Series) by Walter Wick.

Ages 10 and Under Nonfiction-Why Am I so Tired? and Why is it so Hard to Breathe? (from A First Look At... series) by Pat Thomas

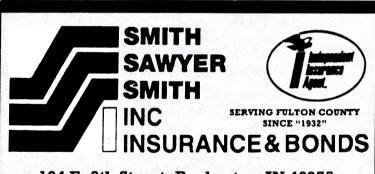
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Wilma Wilson enjoyed celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday with her family Sunday. She accompanied her daughter and son- in- law, Judy and Jack Graham, to the family gathering in the Star City community room. All but two members of her family were in attendance, including some from California. Everyone had a very nice and

happy time.

Florence Hogan had a surprise visitor Sunday. Stopping by in the afternoon for a short chat was Bernie Hawkey of Missouri.

Ryan Baker and Leslie Bedrock were married Saturday evening in Valparaiso. Sunday evening, the on his grandparents, Forrest and Baker, Daniel and Andrea Baker and Joe and Karen Good.

Virginia Agnew spent Sunday afternoon with John and Pam Agnew in Rochester. Other guests for a Thanksgiving lunch and visiting were Kelly and Alfredo Borquin, Lucas and Sophia, of Apharetta, Georgia; Bob and Vanessa Plantz, Serena and Alexzander, of Highland; and Kim and Jeff Hunter, Raeann and Jacob, of Rochester. In the evening they enjoyed the Fort

Wayne Philharmonic concert

Lori Leach was a Monday, Dec. 1, visitor of Kandi Evers and Amanda.

Ed Murhling and Shirley Bussert enjoyed supper at the Kibitzer recently.

Those persons who will be new Mr. and Mrs. Baker called having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them Elnora Baker, bringing them your best regards) are: Courtney some of their wedding cake and a Brazier, Dec. 7; Derek Eisbrenner centerpiece from one of the and Gayle Newton, Dec. 8; Kent tables. Also visiting with the Cook, Nita LaFollette and Bakers were Bruce and Denise Sydney Lewark, Dec. 10; Bob Bauman, JoAnn Collins, Michelle French, Sarah Purkey, Hampton Short and April Troutman, Dec. 11; Martha Ann Cook, Hailey Evers, Bob Polstra and Zach Wassermann, Dec. 12; and Tom Johnston, Dec. 13.

> Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Dees will be celebrating their wedding anniversary Dec. 8.

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Mathilda Lamb accompanied her son, Wayne Lamb of Peru, to Ft. Wayne Thursday. They were holiday guests of Bob and Karen Gudorf. Also joining the family celebration were Bill and Judy Lamb of Ft. Wayne; Jeff and Patti Bontempo, Justin and Jessica, of Indianapolis; and Jaime and Jaclyn of Ft. Wayne.

Chris and Nita LaFollette, Michele, Michael, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Thomas, of LaPorte hosted their family's holiday gathering Thursday. The first to arrive were Chris's Barb parents, and Tom LaFollette, who were accompanied by their granddaughter and great- grandson, Shelby Bohac and Eli, and Shelby's friend, Duva. Later, the group was joined by Kathy Barlow of Kokomo and Chris's sister and her family, Karina and Terry Bohac and Nick of Rochester.

Barb and Jon Gast had callers Thursday afternoon. Stopping by for a visit were their son and daughter- in- law, Rick and Belinda Weller, their daughter and son- in- law, Randi and Steve Neidig; and their great-

granddaughter, Shelby Wagoner. Mildred McColley was an overnight houseguest of her son and daughter- in- law, Ron and Karon McColley, Thursday evening. Ron brought Mildred home Friday morning.

Kandi Evers, Lauren and Amanda, and Lori Leach were in South Bend Friday, Nov. 28. The ladies spent 12 hours on Black Friday shopping for bargains.

Shirley Bussert visited with Elayne Ingram Friday afternoon.

Dawn and Rick Nikolich and Luke of Chrisney arrived Friday for an overnight holiday visit with Dawns' parents, Rich and Jane Green.

Earl and Mary Bangel had inand-out guests over the weekend. "Staying" with them for a couple of days to do some hunting were their grandson, Kevin Bangel of Indianapolis, and his friend, Andrew Summit.

Don and Pauline Scales were informed Friday that their good friend, Pat Troop of Ft. Wayne, had passed away Thanksgiving Day following a long battle against cancer. Her husband, John, their two daughters and their families have the Scales family's sympathy and prayers.

Ruth Cogdill enjoyed a Saturday afternoon, Nov. 29, visit with her daughter, Linda Ligocki of Winamac. Linda had brought groceries knowing that the upcoming snowy week would keep her mother home. They caught up on all the family news and shared memories of Rachel and Travis Scholz's wedding.

Wendy and Dan Kelly were working visitors of Wendy's mother, Florence Hogan, Saturday. They took advantage of

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the nice weather to finish up some outdoor chores. Afterward, they visited with Wendy's sister, Janice Graham.

Pauline and Don Scales had company Saturday. Coming for a delightful visit were their grandson, Eric Koontz, and his friend, Nicole, of Muncie. Don and Eric enjoyed their traditional game of Yahtzee[©]. Coming by later in the day were the Scales' daughters, Linda Garner and Phyllis Koontz.

Helen Miller and Judy Scott were in South Bend Saturday. They attended the celebration- oflife service at the Elks lodge for Joyce Schneider, who passed away Nov. 21.

Carol Broda accompanied Tom and Barb LaFollette to the Rochester VFW post Saturday. They had a wonderful time at the Brian Frushour/ Paul New Stewart concert.

Jane and Rich Green had guests Saturday. Joining them for a belated holiday dinner were their son and grandsons, Dale Green, Joshua and Jacob, and Dale's friend, Wendy.

The Rochester High School girls' basketball team played in Winamac Saturday evening. Attending the game to cheer on Leighnee Smith and Molly McKinney were their parents, Tom and Angie Smith and Mike and Sue McKinney, Jerry and Kay Brown, Mary K. Williamson, Mark and Mick Brown and Mike Brown and Michael C.

Helen Whiteman had a houseguest over the weekend. Staying with her for a couple of days to do some deer hunting, was her nephew, David Whiteman of Elkhart.

Lori Leach accompanied her son and grandson, Jonathon Williams and Zain, Jonathon's friend, Tasha, to Peru Saturday. They enjoyed a belated Thanksgiving with Lori's niece, Becky Adams. The family had a nice time visiting over dinner and movies.

Mathilda Lamb was in Rochester Saturday evening. She had a nice time attending the wedding reception in honor of Jon and Jackie Bauman that was held at the 4-H fairgrounds.

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Town & Country Chatter...

by: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Mildred McColley had an early visitor Thursday, Nov. 27. Coming up to chauffeur her to Lafayette, was her granddaughter, Ginger Batta. They were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Ginger's brother and his family, Rush and Mendi McColley and Allison. Also joining the family for a day of visiting were Ginger's husband and son, Chris Batta and Carter; Ginger and Rush's parents, Ron and Karon McColley and maternal grandmother, Minnie Michki, all of Frankfort; Mendi's father, Greg Allison of Crawfordsville; and her grandparents, Bill and Betty Allison of Waynetown.

Jackie Heidenreich enjoyed a nice holiday as a guest of her son and daughter- in- law, Roger and Brenda Vogel at Rochester.

Cora Lynn and Howard Clemans hosted their family's Thanksgiving get-together Thursday. Their guests for dinner and a lot of visiting were their children and their families, Doug and Kara Sutton, Ethan and Owen, of Goshen and Kim Sutton, Brendan and Riley, of Leiters Ford; their nephews and their families, Chad and Debra Weller, Tyler and Cody, of Rolling Prairie and

Brent Wagoner of Warsaw and Shelby of Etna Green; Cora Lynn's parents, Ray and Beth Weller; her brother and sister- inlaw, Rick and Belinda Weller of LaPorte; and her sister and brother- in- law, Randi and Steve Neidig of Bourbon.

Lori Leach accompanied her daughter and her family, Kandi and Brian Evers, Lauren and Indianapolis Amanda, to Thursday. They were holiday dinner guests of Brian's sister,

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Barb Hieber and JoAnn Tsoodle had company Thursday. Joining them for Thanksgiving were Barb's daughter and grandsons, Sue Janes and Tom and Joe Wilk of LaPorte. They had a wonderful time spending the day visiting, eating and watching a James Bond movie marathon.

Jane and Rich Green were holiday dinner guests of Jane's mother and sister, Ann Zartman and Shirley.

Don and Pauline Scales were dinner guests of their daughter and son- in- law, Phyllis and Gene Koontz at Rochester Thursday. Also joining them for the holiday and a wonderful visit were the Koontz's daughter and her family, Cindy and Greg Wiese and Ally.

Helen Whiteman enjoyed celebrating the holiday as a dinner guest of her son and daughter- in- law, Kenny and Bev Whiteman, and their family.

Diane Evers of Indianapolis hosted the Evers' family holiday gathering Thursday. Among the 35 members of the family in attendance were Diane's parents, Leonard and Nancy Evers and the

two youngest members of the family, Leia Bailey Indianapolis and Phoenix Ritter of Rochester, who were celebrating their first Thanksgiving. Leia and Phoenix are Leonard and Nancy's great- grandchildren.

Helen Miller accompanied her daughter, Judy Scott of Frankfort, to Bluffton Thursday. They were among the 41 holiday dinner guests of Judy's son and his family, Scott and Karen Miller, Amber and Alex.

Florence Hogan hosted her family's holiday get-together Thursday. Joining her for dinner were her daughters and sons- inlaw, Wendy and Dan Kelly of Lafayette and Alice and Darrell White of Winamac; her son, Mike Hogan; her daughter, Janice Graham; and her grandson and his wife, Jason and Megan Federer of Wolcott. In the afternoon, they were joined by Florence's granddaughter and her family, Stephanie and Mike Malchow, Kaitlyn and Lucas, of Rochester for a visit over dessert.

Kay and Jerry Brown hosted their family's Thanksgiving celebration Thursday. Their guests for dinner and a lot of visiting were their children and their families, Mark and Mick Brown, Sue and Mike McKinney and Molly of Rochester and Kyle of Muncie, Mike Brown, Jessica of Star City and Michael C. of Winamac and Angie and Tom

Smith, Leighnee, Kaelee, Aidan and William of Rochester; their grandchildren and their families, Lindsay and Adam Loehmer of Winamac and Ted and Faith Brown and Chloe; Kay's mother and sister, Mary K. Williamson and Rita of Winamac; and Molly's friend, Brandon. In the afternoon, they were joined by their grandson and his family, Steve and Brenda Fox, Megan, Connor and Griffin, and Kathie

Thanksgiving Day guests of Joe and Karen Good included Mark and Kelly Smith, Lindsey, Kara and Zachary, Daniel and Andrea Baker, Bruce and Denise Baker and Ryan Baker.

Guests of Virginia Agnew for a family Thanksgiving celebration Thursday were Marsha and Ed Tomerlin, Eric and Connie Tomerlin, Megan and Jacob, and Erin Tomerlin and Ashlyn, all of Valparaiso; John and Pam Agnew, Joshua Agnew, Jarrod and Amy Agnew, Zachary and



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Thanksgiving dinner guests of Shirley Bussert were Kirk Ingram, Jeff Skersick, Wade Bussert and Becky Anderson. Afternoon callers included Lori and Andrea Kamp, Rich and Ashley Morris and Mary Ruth Ingram.

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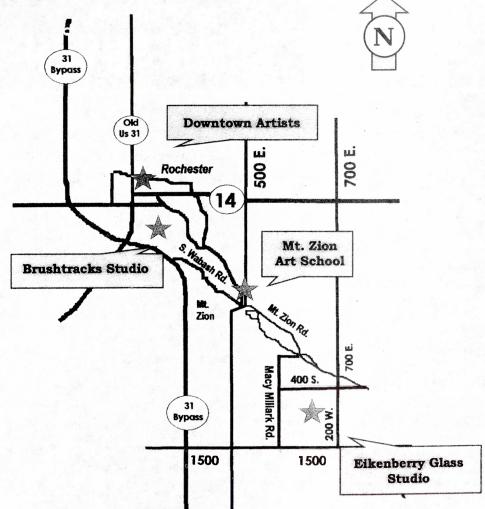
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