

Purkeys Celebrate 50th

Rev. and Mrs. Ronald C. Purkey, 3123 Manitou Park Road in Rochester, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, February 17th at the Manitou Banquet Center in Rochester. The open house will be hosted by their son and daughter-in-law, Daniel and Brenda Purkey.

The former Sarah Sibert and Ronald Purkey were married

February 16, 1957, at the First Baptist Church in Hammond, Indiana by Dr. Owen L. Miller. Ronald, a native of Hammond, was serving in the United States Army at the time. Sarah is the daughter of the late Porter and Laura Sibert of Rochester.

In 1995 the Purkeys were co-founders of Hope Hospice of Fulton County where they now serve on the board of directors. Rev. Purkey is the senior chaplain at Hope Hospice in Rochester and is the pastor of Paul's Chapel

Church in Winamac. Mrs. Purkey, a registered nurse, is a staff nurse at Hope Hospice. He has served as a minister for forty-six years, and she has served as a nurse for forty-eight years.

The Purkeys have two children, Ronald C. Purkey, Jr. and Daniel L. Purkey, both of Rochester, and three grandchildren. The Purkeys request that gifts be omitted but cards are welcome.

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Storytelling Performance/Workshop, March 21

FISH (Families Involved in Schooling at Home) will host a storytelling performance and workshop Wednesday, March 21, at New Life Church, U.S. 31 and 50 North, near Rochester.

The day will begin with award-winning storyteller Jim Weiss performing from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. There will be a "bring your own snack" break from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Bottled water will be available for fifty cents.

The workshop will run from 11 a.m. to noon and will include organizing and shaping the story; mapping the plot; creating vivid characters through description and plot; voice characterization; developing individual telling style; relating to the audience; and more.

The cost of the workshop is \$5 per person or \$25 per family. Reservations should be forwarded to Joyce Miller, 609 N. Troutman St., Kewanna, IN 46939. For

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Jim Weiss grew up in Chicago, attended the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and resides in Charlottesville, VA with his wife and daughter.

He is an internationally known recording artist and live performer. He has been telling stories for over 25 years. To hear Jim tell a story is to become enthralled in the tale, and it is no wonder that young children leave the storyteller's circle determined to re-create the drama in their own creative play. His tales encourage children to read original classical literature either on their own or with the help of more experienced readers in their lives. His performances and recordings offer perfect family entertainment.

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Former Resident Now Songwriter

Former Kewanna resident, Dorothy Crawford (Evans) and her sister, Jean Martin, have combined their talents to produce songs - country, gospel and Christmas. Known as *Sisters, Two* they recently opened an internet music store. They have three volumes on display and also feature over two million songs

from artists all over the world.

Dorothy and Jean grew up in Texas, part of a musical family. Dorothy wrote a poem in 1998 and sent it to Jean. Jean set the poem to music and that collaboration led to their current efforts. Since 1998, the duo has written over 230 songs described as "toe-tapping, soul-searching, glad and sad."

To learn more about *Sisters, Two*, visit their website at www.sisterstwomusic.com.

Dorothy is the mother of Michelle (Mick) Brown of Kewanna.

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Tax Assistance

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance is offered from now until February 28 at the Fulton County Library in Rochester.

Volunteers will be available to assist eligible low-income families and senior citizens from 3 to 7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

The program also offers information and assistance with earned income tax credit, child tax credits and applications for refunds for federal telephone excise taxes paid between February 2003 and August 2006.

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SPECIAL SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE

FEBRUARY 18, 6:00 P.M.

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Rev. Smitley is the pastor of Otterbein United Methodist Church in Otterbein, IN. He is a brother of Kewanna residents Eunice Urbin & Janice Wentzel.

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WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

January 29
Admissions - Jacob Barr, Akron; Rebecca Fribley, Argos; Betty Slade, Rochester
Dismissals - Amy Miller and son, Sonja Geiger and Krista Moon, Rochester; Larry Floor, Akron
January 30
Admissions - none published
Dismissals - none published
January 31
Admissions - none published
Dismissals - Eva Smith and Jacob Barr, Akron; Bruce Vanderweele and Rebecca Fribley, Argos
Births - Shannon Howell, Warsaw, a daughter
February 1
Admissions - Ryan Bedwell, Winamac
Dismissals - Betty Slade, Rochester
Births - Chad and Dawn Gabrich, Winona Lake, a son; Amzie and Edna Martin, Rochester, a son
February 2
Admissions - none published
Dismissals - John Sheetz and Edna Martin and son, Rochester; Ryan Bedwell, Winamac

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

January 26
Admissions - Lewis Sparkman, Winamac
Dismissals - Marian Fisher, Darren Starr and Mary Shellhart, Winamac
Births - Robert Bruce and Samantha Johnson, Star City, a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth Bruce; Derick and Elaine Bacewic, Knox, a son, Dalton Ray Bacewic
January 27
Admissions - none
Dismissals - Katelyn Fisher, Kimberly Schnelle and Lois Henry, Winamac; Samantha Johnson and daughter, Star City; Kenneth Walters, Francesville
January 28
Admissions - Owen Abbott, Star City
Dismissals - Patricia Dietrich, Winamac
January 29
Admissions - Vanessa Steele and Rosemary Watts, Winamac
Dismissals - Owen Abbott, Star City; Dalton Bacewic, Knox; Lewis Sparkman and Emily Nicole Weaver, Winamac
Births - Charles Weaver and Vanessa Steele, Winamac, a daughter, Emily Nicole Weaver
January 30
Admissions - Owen Abbott, Star City

Dismissals - Vanessa Steele, Winamac
January 31
Admissions - Colleen O'Connor, Winamac
Dismissals - none
January 1
Admissions - April King, Bremen; Rita Mrozinski, Winamac; Wilma Miller, Royal Center
Dismissals - none
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James F. Talbott VFW Post 1121 February Activities

Feb. 10 - Men's meeting, 8:30 a.m.; ham and bean dinner, 4-7 p.m.; Hit 'n Run Band, 8:30-11:30 p.m.
Feb. 14 - Happy V-Day
Feb. 17 - Drawing, 7 p.m.
Feb. 20 - Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m.
Feb. 25 - Open Sunday at noon. Free food and euchre
Feb. 27 - Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.
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Gospel Concert at Akron Church of God

The Triumphant Quartet (formerly known as Integrity Quartet) will appear in concert Thursday evening, March 1, at 7 p.m. at the Akron Church of God.

The members of the quartet are David Sutton, tenor; Clayton Inman, lead; Scott Inman, baritone; Eric Bennett, bass; and Jeff Stice on the piano.

The Southern gospel group is based in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, and sing at The Miracle Theater through the summer and fall and travel to churches in the winter months presenting their message. Several members previously traveled with the Kingdom Heirs.

A free will offering will be taken.
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AREA V MENU

Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, Feb. 12 - Turkey and gravy, mixed vegetables, fruit salad, sugar cookie, wheat bread and milk

Wednesday, Feb. 14 - Baked chicken, spinach, vegetables, cake, roll and milk

Friday, Feb. 16 - Chicken salad, vegetable soup, fruit cocktail, cookie, crackers, bread and milk
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Bereavement Support Group to Meet

Anyone who has suffered the death of a loved one is invited to meet with the bereavement support group at Hope Hospice, 420 Main St., Rochester, Tuesday, February 20, at 7 p.m. The 30-minute video, "Healing Your Grief Wounds: The Latter Stages" will be shown and a discussion will follow.

The one-hour meeting is free of charge to those attending. Chaplain Ron Purkey from Hope Hospice will be the group leader. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call the hospice office at 574-224-4673.
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Bring New Insurance Cards

Pulaski Memorial Hospital in Winamac, requests that patients bring their "new" insurance cards with them when coming to the hospital for admission or procedures. This is especially helpful since some insurance companies issue new cards at the beginning of each year.
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**FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**

February 1, 1952

Harry Kreamer, Kewanna, injured his hand Tuesday, January 22, while working in the garage at his home. A drill press fell, hitting his hand, causing multiple fractures. The hand was so badly swollen, the fracture could not be reduced for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Weller have received word that their son, Sgt. Paul (Bud) Weller, stationed at Okubo, Japan, has left for duty at Camp Drake in Tokyo. From Camp Drake, Bud received a 30-day furlough to visit Capt. Keith Weller and family in the Philippines. Sgt. Bud Weller and Capt. Keith Weller are cousins. Sgt. Weller has been in the service for six years and recently reinstated for three years.

A car driven by Kenneth Campbell, Rt. 3, Rochester, skidded on slippery pavement Friday night, January 25, left the road and tore down about seven rods of fence on the Cloyd Zuck farm east of Kewanna.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Church of Christ for Minnie A. Graffis, 74. Rev. Grant Blackwood officiated and burial was in the Kewanna IOOF Cemetery. Mrs. Graffis died Thursday afternoon in Woodlawn Hospital. She had made her home for many years with her daughter, Blanche Mathias, in Fulton. She was a member of the Kewanna Church of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Applegate, Grass Creek, will observe their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday, Feb. 3, with an open house at their home. Dinner will be served for the immediate family in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Crippen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Brown hosted a party Saturday in honor of their daughter's birthday.

Pfc. John Enyeart, Camp Ruck-

er, Alabama, is recovering from an appendectomy.

PFC. and Mrs. Tad Enyeart are visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Enyeart, for a few days.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

February 7, 1957

Elmer F. Douglass, Wayne Township, was appointed superintendent of the Fulton County Highway Department by the Board of Commissioners. Douglass succeeds Clarence (Pat) Overmyer who died suddenly last Monday afternoon of a heart attack.

The Kewanna town board purchased a tractor from Van Meter Implement, it was announced Monday at the regular monthly meeting. The Farmall Model 300 was one that Van Meter's had used as a demonstrator. The purchase price was about \$2,200 plus the old Model C Farmall which the town traded in.

Willard Clark, night marshal, reports that in spite of icy streets, there was only one minor accident in Kewanna during January. The town tractor, while being used to clear ice from the streets at 3 a.m., hit a parked car belonging to Carl Rineholt. The driver of the tractor was - Willard Clark.

Eugene Robert Thomas and Phyllis Darlene Frazier were married during a double ring ceremony Sunday, January 27, at the Grass Creek EUB Church. Rev. D. H. Pellett officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Mace Kahler of Fulton celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday with a family dinner and an open house at their home. Mr. and Mrs. Kahler are the parents of three children, Mrs. Theodore Carlson and Mrs. Glenn Ginn, Kewanna, and Essie, at home. A son, George, lost his life in World War II.

The Gay Gleaners Circle of the Kewanna Methodist Church met with Mrs. Kenneth Smith Monday evening with Mrs. Phil Anderson as her co-hostess. Mrs. Martha Ann Cook gave devotions.

Harold Hyatt, Kewanna, underwent surgery January 28 at Memorial Hospital in Logansport.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

February 1, 1962

Mrs. Ida Jones, the oldest living charter member of the Grass Creek EUB Church, celebrated her 85th birthday Sunday, January 21. She attended church and was the guest of honor at a birthday dinner held in the community room of the Wayne Township Fire Department. The station now stands on the site of the log cabin where Ida was born 85 years ago to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hizer.

Floyd Latta, son of Mrs. Lulu Latta, Kewanna, is a patient in Parkview Hospital, Plymouth, where he is being treated for injuries received in an automobile accident last week near Argos. He is suffering from a broken leg and possible internal injuries.

Mrs. Mildred Troutman, Kewanna, escaped injury when her car hit a patch of ice on State Road 17, 5½ miles north of Kewanna, skidded across the highway and into a fence.

Rev. Frank Briggs, Minneapolis, Minnesota, died Saturday after a lingering illness. He is a former pastor at the Kewanna Methodist Church.

Mrs. Helen Wentzel, 43, former Akron resident, died early Saturday morning in Decatur. She was a sister of Herman McColley of here.

Mrs. Fred Hizer, Grass Creek, broke her leg in a fall a few days ago. She is a patient at Parkview Hospital in Plymouth.

FORTY YEARS AGO

February 2, 1967

Pfc. Donald Cochran, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cochran Sr. of Kewanna, is now stationed with the U.S. Army in Saigon, South Vietnam.

The midwest was hit with the winter's worst snow storm last week. Many places were without power and businesses were closed. Here in Kewanna, we were somewhat slowed down by the storm, but not at a complete standstill. Heavy farm trucks and tractors could get around. We had a few mishaps due to the storm. Marvin Engle's TV tower broke off, fell through the roof and on through the ceiling. One of the Harper girls skidded off Indiana 17 south of town, but was not injured. Robert Masteller, returning from a ice fishing trip, was stranded in Chicago and was late for his daughter's wedding.

The Kewanna Indians, 1966 Tippecanoe Valley Athletic Conference champs, clinched at least a tie for this year's title Wednesday with a thrilling 65-64 victory over Medaryville.

Bob Burton, a student at Purdue University, was a guest of Eli Lily and Company one day during his semester break. He is studying to be a veterinarian.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hunt were in New Paris, Ohio, Wednesday and Thursday and attended the funeral of his uncle, Harley Crawford.

Robert Hoff has returned to his studies at Purdue after spending the weekend in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hoff.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

February 3, 1972

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Harrison Funeral Home for Eva Rhoades, 77, Rt. 3, Kewanna. Rev. James Butler officiated and burial was in the Crooked Creek Cemetery.

Cal MacLain, Rt. 1, Kewanna, fell last week and fractured his leg. He is a patient at Woodlawn Hospital.

Thirty Years Ago

February 10, 1977

Maurice Corbett, Kewanna, was treated at Pulaski Memorial Hospital for injuries to his hand, which he caught in a saw.

The Kewanna girls' varsity basketball team was ousted from sectional play by undefeated Lewis Cass in the second game of the Lewis Cass sectional, 61-47. Kelly Good was high scorer for the game, as well as the sectional, with 26 points. She also had seven assists and eight rebounds. Kelsa DeWitt also scored in double figures with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Hamburger was selling for 79 cents a pound at Houser Supermarket in Kewanna and sirloin steak was \$1.49 a pound.

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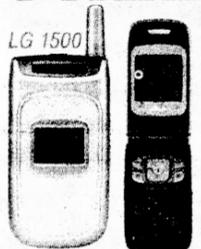
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LOOKING BACK
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Twenty Years Ago
February 5, 1987

The Lions Clubs in the Caston School District have named Amy Collins and Eddie Champ as outstanding teens for December. Amy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Collins, Rt. 2, Kewanna, and Eddie is the son of Ernest and Mary Champ, Rt. 3, Peru.

Kewanna Girl Scouts met recently at the Kewanna United Methodist Church. Local beautician Sherry Anderson was a special guest. She discussed hair grooming with the three troops. One girl from each troop was shown a hairstyle, which they could do at home. The models were Jessica Urbin, a Brownie; Angie Luhnnow, a Junior Girl Scout; and Andrea Troutman, a Cadette.

Jane Green and Darla Greer hosted a baby shower Sunday afternoon, January 22, for Amber Grace High, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian High, Kewanna.

Ten Years Ago
February 13, 1997

A house trailer on East Main Street in Kewanna occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Vinal Mettler and family was destroyed by fire Friday morning. The fire was discovered around 2 a.m. by passersby who roused the sleeping family and alerted the fire department.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna chapel, for Robert E. Heiden, 66, Kewanna. Pastor Cliff Gano officiated and burial was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Lake Bruce.

Bonnie Smith, Kewanna, playing for her daughter Mary Schnitz, won \$4,000 last Saturday on the "Hoosier Millionaire" show. Debbie Brunck, a New Castle mother of three won \$22,000 on her way to the millionaire round. She gave up a guaranteed \$100,000 to go on for, and win, the \$1 million grand prize.

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- Cholesterol Test for High-Density Lipoproteins
- Triglycerides Test

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Recycling Days
Fri., Feb. 9th & Feb. 23rd

Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Indy Winter Classic Dog Show: Feb. 8 - 11 in the West Pavilion & Our Land Pavilion. Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 9 a.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. Admission: \$5; children 12 and younger free. Contact: Kevin Allen (317) 508-8129.

48th Annual Carquest 500 World of Wheels: Feb. 9 - 11 in the Champions Pavilion, South Pavilion & Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: Fri. 5 to 10:30 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: \$13; children 6-12 \$5; children 5 and younger free. Contact: Thomas Williams or Dale Minnix (248) 373-1700 or www.worldofwheels.com.

Stewart's Indiana Flea Market: Feb. 9 - 11 in the Ag/Hort Building. Hours: Fri. noon to 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: free. Contact: Stewart Promotions (502) 456-2244 or www.stewartpromotions.com.

Indiana Ice vs. Cedar Rapids: Feb 9 in the Pepsi Coliseum. Face-off is 7 p.m. Admission: \$11 - \$15 (\$2 off for children 12 and younger and seniors 62 and older). Tickets are available through the State Fairgrounds ticket office at (317) 927-1482. Go to www.indianaice.com for more information.

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

10th Annual Indiana Deer & Turkey Expo: Feb. 16 - 18 in the Exposition Hall. Hours: Fri. 3 to 9:30 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$9; seniors (60+) \$8; children 6-12 \$6; children 5 &

younger free; two-day tickets \$15. Contact: Renfro Productions (765) 641-7712 or www.renfroproductions.com.

53rd Annual Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show: Feb. 16 - 25 in the Pepsi Coliseum, West Pavilion, South Pavilion, Champions Pavilion & Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: Fri. 3 to 9:30 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Mon. noon to 9 p.m.; Tues.-Thurs. 3 to 9 p.m. Admission: Admission: \$9; seniors (60+) \$8; children 6-12 \$6; children 5 & younger free; two-day tickets \$15. Contact: Renfro Productions (765) 641-7712 or www.renfroproductions.com.

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The next meeting of the library board will be Monday, February 26, at 6 PM in the library.

New books at the library:

ADULTS:

Unabridged Christian Fiction Audiobooks— *The Crossroad* (7.75 hours in length) and *The Postcard* (8.25 hours in length) each written by Beverly Lewis, read by Barbara Caruso and on 6 cassettes.

Unabridged General Fiction Audiobook— *The Brethren* was written by John Grisham, read by Frank Muller, is 11 hours in length on 7 cassettes.

General Fiction— *Blue Shoes and Happiness* (#7 of The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series) by Alexander McCall-Smith and *Limitations* by Scott Turow.

Large Print General Fiction— *Starlight and The Wyoming Kid* by Debbie Macomber.

Large Print Mystery Fiction— *The Cat Who Had 60 Whiskers* (from The Cat Who series) by Lilian Jackson Braun and *True Evil* by George Iles.

Western Fiction— *The Hart Brand* by Johnny D. Boggs.

JUVENILES:

Preschool Fiction— *Spot's Baby Sister* (from the Spot series) by Eric Hill and *Journey to Joke-A-Lot* (from the Care Bears series) by Frances Ann Ladd.

Ages 10 and Under Fiction— *Okomi Goes Fishing* by Helen Dorman; *Fluffy Meets The Tooth Fairy* (from the Fluffy series) by Kate McMullan; and *Thumbelina* (a bilingual book) by Caterina Valriu.

Youth Nonfiction— (from the American Symbols series) *The Liberty Bell* by Mary Firestone and *The Bald Eagle, The Bill of Rights and The Pledge of Allegiance* by Norman Pearl.

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Letter To The Editor

Protect Nursing Home Residents from Tragic Fires

Dear Editor:

Would you ever think to ask if your loved one's nursing home was protected by an automatic sprinkler system or whether there was a smoke detector in each resident's room? Given how very vulnerable nursing home residents are, most of us would just assume that these very basic fire safety precautions are already in place.

Not in Indiana. Unbelievably, nursing homes built before 1986 are not required to have automatic sprinkler systems. Moreover, very few residents' rooms are even mandated to have a smoke detector at all, let alone a hard-wired smoke detector —

which is far more reliable than a battery-operated detector and alerts staff at the nurse's station so help can arrive quickly. This lack of detectors flies in the face of the fact that the majority of nursing home fires start in residents' rooms, and smoke inhalation is the number one

cause of death in a nursing home fire. Smoke detectors go off before sprinklers are activated, and warn staff at the earliest stages of a fire. Sprinklers put out the fire. Both are necessary because they work together to provide a comprehensive system that protects the lives of nursing home residents.

The Indiana General Assembly is considering two pieces of legislation that would require these important protections. Senate Bill 93 includes sprinklers, fire detection systems, and disclosure to consumers by facilities regarding whether facilities have these protections and what types they have (i.e., battery operated or hard-wired). House Bill 1243 includes sprinklers and the same disclosure language but does not address smoke detectors.

United Senior Action's 14,000 members are feverishly working to prevent tragedies like those that occurred in Connecticut and Tennessee nursing homes where 31 residents lost their lives in unsprinkled facilities. We urge citizens across the state to contact their State Senator to urge support of SB 93, and to urge their State Representative to add hard-wired smoke detectors to HB 1243.

With each year, and indeed each day that passes, the State of Indiana is playing Russian roulette with residents' lives. Let's act before — not after — nursing home residents die.

Jim Wallihan
State President

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American Lung Assoc. Favors Cigarette Tax Increase

By WILLIAM B. STEPHAN

While we are enthusiastic about many features of the new health plan proposed by Governor Mitch Daniels, the American Lung Association of Indiana is especially supportive of his efforts to aggressively address tobacco related health issues and access to health care for the uninsured.

Commenting on a proposed increase in the state's tobacco tax, the Governor encouraged legislators to set the bar high: "The more you raise the cost of cigarettes, the more Hoosiers can be provided health coverage. I hope you think that big."

Recently, four health-related organizations — the American Lung Association of Indiana, the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association and Tobacco Free Kids — conducted an opinion poll among Hoosiers. Sixty-two percent of the respondents favored increasing the cigarette tax by one dollar per pack. Eighty-two percent said it's important that revenues from a cigarette tax increase be used to fund programs to keep kids from starting to smoke and help smokers to quit.

All around us, our Midwestern peers appear to understand that a stiff cigarette

tax can be an effective weapon against smoking. While our current rate in Indiana is a mere 55.5 cents pack, Michigan's rate is \$2.00 per pack, Ohio's is at \$1.25 and the Illinois rate is 98 cents. It's really costly to smoke in Chicago, where the state and local cigarette tax combined is a whopping \$3.66 per pack.

Indiana's adult smoking rate is 27.3%, the second highest of the 50 states. Sadly, 21.9% of Hoosier youth are smokers. It is a tremendous drag on our economy and quality of life, with Indiana healthcare expenditures due to tobacco use reaching more than \$2 billion annually.

According to the American Lung Association of Indiana, a 25-cent increase in cigarette taxes, an amount proposed by some, will prevent 22,400 youths from becoming smokers and will result in 13,200 fewer adult smokers. But a \$1.00 increase in cigarette taxes will prevent 102,900 youngsters from taking up the habit and will result in 48,100 fewer adult smokers.

Those numbers tell us that a \$1.00 increase will produce far better results than a mere 25-cent increase. Legislators are right to be cautious in considering tax increases in any form. But public support for stronger tobacco measures continues to mount. The cigarette tax poll found that voters are much more likely to back a candidate who supports increasing the cigarette tax by a dollar a pack. Support, the polls said, outweighs opposition by nearly a three to one margin.

This is a tax increase that is long overdue and pays for itself many times over.

(William B. Stephan is chairman of the board of directors of the American Lung Association of Indiana and senior vice president of Clarian Health Partners)

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"Two Nice Guys Finish First"

Bishop Michael J. Coyner
Indiana Area of the United Methodist Church
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Sometimes nice guys finish first. That is what we saw Sunday in the Super Bowl. Two fine Christian men, two excellent coaches, and the first two African-Americans to coach in the Super Bowl. Obviously I am pleased that the Colts won, but even more I am pleased about the witness of Lovie Smith and Tony Dungy.

What a wonderful coincidence that this occurred during Black History Month here in the US. During February as we remember and celebrate the history, sacrifice, and leadership of African-Americans, it is fitting to see those two coaches put on a classy show during all of the hype of the Super Bowl. They kept their composure and witnessed to their faith with an integrity which is seldom seen in professional sports.

In the midst of the shouting, cursing, cheating, grandstanding, and attention-grabbing antics which too often have become the pattern of sports events in America, how refreshing it was to see two nice guys, two Christian guys, two excellent coaches finish first.

May we all learn from their example.

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Proper Car Seat Installation Important

Pat Smith
Director of Media Marketing
pmlnet.com

Each year thousands of young children are killed or injured in car crashes. You can help prevent this from happening to your child by always using car safety seats and seat belts correctly.

According to Sharon Berry, Maternity Nurse Manager at Pulaski Memorial Hospital Birthing Center, "We want your newborn to safe. Pulaski County Healthy Families has 5 car seat technicians who can check your car seat installation. If possible, purchase and fit the seat to your vehicle before you come to the hospital to have your baby."

No one car seat is the best or safest. Don't base your decision on price alone. The best seat is the one that fits your child's size, is correctly installed, and is used properly every time you drive.

A new study in consumer reports February 2007 states that many car seats did not perform well in the crash tests. They also reported that use of safety belts has been proven better than use of the latch anchors.

Any child car seat is better than no seat at all, however avoid using car seats obtained from a yard sale or second hand consignment shop. There is no way to know if these seats are safe. Most car seats purchased now have an expiration date. **Do not use seats that are more than 10 years old!**

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Wednesday — Donut, string cheese, juice and milk

Thursday — Blueberry graham, juice and milk

Friday — Half day of school, no breakfast

Elementary Lunch

Monday — Hamburger sandwich, fries, pineapple, grahams and milk

Tuesday — Burrito, corn, fruit salad, cake and milk

Wednesday — Hot dog sandwich, California blend, applesauce, cookie and milk

Thursday — Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, fruit ice, hot roll and milk

Friday — Half day of school, no lunch

Middle/High School Lunch

Monday — Tacos, salsa, corn on the cob, pears, cookie and milk. Choice — salad bar

Tuesday — Tenderloin, vegetables, peaches, cookie and milk. Choice — salad bar

Wednesday — Chicken nuggets, potatoes, peanut butter sandwich, heart snacks, mixed fruit and milk. Choice — salad bar

Thursday — Hard/soft shell tacos, lettuce & cheese, peach crisp, and milk. Choice — salad bar

Friday — Half day of school, no lunch

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Immunization Clinic

The Healthy Family office on the third floor of the county building in Winamac offers a walk-in immunization clinic. Vaccines available include DtaP, EIPV, Hib, Hep B, MMR and Td. Office hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Those taking advantage of the clinic should take previous immunization records with them.

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AMERICA'S FAVORITE OUTDOOR STORE OPENS FEBRUARY 16TH

Portage, Indiana--Bass Pro Shops, the world's leading supplier of outdoor products, will celebrate its 39th store's Grand Opening beginning Friday, February 16th and continuing through Monday, February 19th. The new Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, located at the intersection of I-94 and State Route 249, is the anchor for the 400-acre Ameriplace at the Port development and includes an over 9,000 square foot Islamorada Fish Company Restaurant.

The Grand Opening celebration will be preceded by a special Evening for Conservation Thursday, February 15th. This event is free and open to the public. In addition conservation groups partnering with Bass Pro Shops will set up display booths to educate customers on their efforts and projects with a portion of the night's sales benefiting the National Fish Initiative's "More Fish" campaign.

Grand Opening festivities include special exhibits, celebrity guests, store wide savings and fantastic giveaways. You can visit with today's experts on fishing, hunting, camping, boating and more. See huge displays from the industry's top manufacturers and talk with factory representatives to get the latest information on new products.

The store will open Friday at 8 AM but regular store hours after that are Monday through Saturday 9 AM-10 PM and Sunday 10 AM-7 PM. The first 500 customers Friday, February 16th, through Monday, February 19th will receive a special gift like commemorative mugs, key chains, lures and #1 mini racers. Visitors may also register to win a Bass Pro Shops #1 Go-Cart, a Motorguide Trolling Motor, or an Arctic Cat 400 4x4.

Friday, February 16th, you can get angling tips and techniques from some of the nation's top pros and experts like Bass Pro Shops National Fishing Team member Keith Kavajecz or host of Waters & Woods John Gillespie. Visit with Primos field staffer Mike Reynolds Saturday and Sunday, February 17th and 18th and get ready for the spring hunting season.

Special displays through Sunday, February 18th include the Bass Pro Shops Martin Truex, Jr.'s #1 NASCAR Nextel Cup car and the Bass Pro Shops #20 Sprint car.

The store offers 130,000 square feet of outdoor excitement including the area's largest selection of quality gear for fishing, hunting, camping, boating and marine. Much more than a hunting and fishing store, however, Bass Pro Shops also offers equipment for hiking, backpacking, outdoor cooking and more. Shoppers will find outdoor apparel for men, women and children, along with a fine selection of outdoor, casual and

athletic footwear. A gift and nature center serves up a wide variety of outdoor-related items from lamps and dishes to bird feeders and furniture.

The 9,544 square-foot Islamorada Fish Company restaurant (pronounced 'eye-lah-mah-rah-dah') will feature fresh seafood entrees, smoked meats and wild game, rotisserie broiled fowl, great steaks and more all in a relaxing 'Florida Keys' atmosphere.

Known for bringing the outdoors indoors, a typical Bass Pro Shops retail store features over 3,500 area antiques and artifacts, up to 400 trophy fish and wildlife mounts and many grand murals depicting scenes reminiscent of the area making it a true destination experience.

Interested in learning a new outdoor skill or improving existing ones? Watch for the Bass Pro Shops Outdoor Skills Workshops schedule. These are free classes that will be offered on a regular basis and will include topics like outdoor cooking, nature photography, fly fishing, camping, archery and more. Widely recognized and outdoor education, Bass Pro Shops has received more conservation awards than any other outdoors retailer.

About Bass Pro Shops: A major catalog and Internet retailer, Bass Pro Shops, headquartered in Springfield, MO, currently has 39 retail locations in 23 states and Canada with 10 more locations to open in 2007. In addition, Bass Pro Shops, also provides products and services for thousands of independent dealers world wide through its subsidiary company, American Rod & Gun. For more information regarding Bass Pro Shops store locations, products or special events, please visit www.basspro.com. To request a free catalog call 1-800-BASS PRO.

STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS FIND IMMUNIZATION FUNDS

Governor's Healthier Indiana Plan the solution

INDIANAPOLIS—State health officials have announced they have secured state funding to temporarily bridge a shortfall in federal funding for immunizations for underinsured children.

"Governor Daniels directed us to find short-term funding so we can continue to provide vital school-required and recommended vaccines to all children in Indiana," said State Health Commissioner Judy Monroe, M.D. "This temporary reallocation of state funds should cover the costs until July 2007. Protecting young people in this state from vaccine-preventable diseases is one of our top priorities."

If dedicated state funding for immunizations is not available after July, re-prioritization existing funding will be

necessary. The funding shortfall recently identified was the result of a combination of less federal funding and the higher cost of providing vaccines for more underinsured children.

For now, required and recommended vaccines will be available for underinsured children through local health departments or public providers. Immunizations required for school, daycare, and Head Start enrollment include: DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, and acellular pertussis), hepatitis B, Hib (Haemophilus influenzae Type b), MMR (measles, mumps and rubella), PCV7 (pneumococcal conjugate vaccine), polio, and varicella. Childhood vaccines that are recommended, but not required, include: hepatitis A, HPV (Human Papillomavirus), influenza, meningococcal, rotavirus, and Tdap (tetanus diphtheria acellular pertussis).

"The governor's Healthier Indiana Plan (HIP) is the long-term solution to our immunization efforts. Governor Daniels is committed to providing immunizations for Hoosier children, and his plan has earmarked \$11 million for vaccines," said Dr. Monroe. "HIP will ensure that the necessary vaccines are available to all children, as it provides for dedicated state funding for immunizations."

According to the 2005 National Immunization Survey from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Indiana ranks 39th in the nation in immunization rates for 2-year-olds, with only 78.5 percent, or 47,300, of them receiving complete immunizations by their 2nd birthday. The CDC's *Healthy People 2010* calls for 90 percent immunization for most required vaccines (DTaP, polio, MMR, Haemophilus influenzae type b, and hepatitis B) by the year 2010. Based on national figures, Hoosiers could save an estimated \$17 in health care costs for every dollar spent in childhood immunizations.

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CASTON ATHLETIC EVENTS

Friday, Feb. 9 - Girls' basketball sectional at West Central, 6 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 10 - Varsity boys' wrestling semi state at Merrillville, 10 a.m.; JV and varsity boys' basketball with Lewis Cass at Caston, 11 a.m.; girls' varsity basketball sectional championship at West Central, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 12 - Fifth grade girls basketball with Akron at Caston, 4:30 p.m.; freshman boys' basketball with North Miami at Caston, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 13 - Fifth grade girls' basketball at Argos, 4:30 p.m.; JH girls' basketball with North White at Caston, 5:30 p.m.; JH boys' wrestling with North Miami at Caston, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 15 - JH girls' basketball with Wabash at Caston, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 16 - JV & varsity basketball with Tri-County at Caston, 6 p.m.; varsity boys' wrestling state meet at Conoco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, 6 p.m.

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Send In Your News

Caston Elementary Collecting Plastic Bags

Caston Elementary students are collecting plastic shopping bags (no salt bags or shrink wrap) until April 13. The bags can be sent to school with your child or dropped off at the elementary office. They will be delivered monthly to a designated location in Logansport. The Cass County school collecting the most bags will receive a piece of furniture made from recycled plastic and will be recognized at the annual Earth Day activities involving third graders.

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DUPLICATE ON FORM 95

Prescribed on the State Board of Accounts, obtainable at the Fulton County Auditor's Office, and each bidder shall accompany his bid with a bond or certified check made payable to the Board of Commissioners in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total bid. Certified check or bond of successful bidder to be held until delivery or until completion of Contract.

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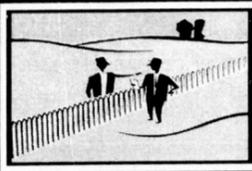
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**Town & Country
CHATTER...**

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Okay Mike, enough is enough. You can take the snow and cold weather back any time now. This is not central Alaska, but it sure has been feeling like it for more than a week.

Barb Hieber and JoAnn Tsoodle had company Sunday, Jan. 28. Joining them for a double celebration were Barb's daughter and her family, Sue and Ed Janes and Joey and Tom Wilk of LaPorte. Everyone had a fun time celebrating Barb and Ed's birthdays.

Don and Pauline Scales had a caller Monday, Jan. 29. Stopping by for a visit was their son, Bruce Scales of Fulton.

Cindy Wiese and Ally were pleasantly busy Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 30. They enjoyed visiting and entertaining Cindy's grandparents, Pauline and Don Scales.

John Lincoln and Jackie Heidenreich were in Rochester the last day of January. They had

lunch and did a little shopping in preparation for the upcoming cold snap.

Helen Whiteman had a guest Friday, Feb. 2. Coming up for an overnight visit was her daughter, Karen Rice of Indianapolis.

Tom and Barb LaFollette traveled to Kokomo Friday. They enjoyed meeting their friends, Bud and Ingrid Landis, at the V.F.W. post. Later in the evening, the foursome continued their visit over supper at Martino's Italian Villa restaurant.

Lauren Evers was the guest of honor at a gathering Saturday, Feb. 3. The occasion was in celebration of her birthday, which included a party with friends and family and a slumber party. The special day was hosted by her parents, Kandi and Brian Evers. Joining in for part of the festivities were her grandparents, Leonard and Nancy Evers.

Helen Whiteman had an afternoon caller Saturday. Stopping by to make sure everything was going okay was her son, Kevin Whiteman of Pulaski.

Jon and Barb Gast had company Sunday, Feb. 4. Joining them to watch the Super Bowl were their daughter and son-in-

law, Cora Lynn and Howard Clemans.

Dave and Maria Evers had guests for Super Bowl Sunday. Joining them for supper and the game were Dave's parents, Nancy and Leonard Evers, and his sister and brother-in-law, Janet and C.J. Yocum of Rochester.

Barb and Tom LaFollette were among those who enjoyed attending the Super Bowl party at the Rochester Moose lodge Sunday evening.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Scott Baldwin and Nicolas Richter, Feb. 11; Dan Kelly, Feb. 12; Brooklyn Hickle, Ema Kay and Jada Powlen, Feb. 13; Amanda Clemans, Debbie Cogdill, Chelsey Dague, Leonard Evers, Maggie Hickle, Karen Shanks, Kara Smith, Jane Teeter and Brent Wagoner, Feb. 14; Les Brady, Jeff Douglass, Bob McKinney and Cindy Young, Feb. 15; Kourtnee Baird, Melanie Berry, Anthony Haimbaugh and Lawrence MacLain, Feb. 16; and A.J. Gallagher, Drew Gallagher, Jake Gallagher, Garrison Hickle, Grant Hickle, Ron Lockhart, Ian Ton and Regan Ton, Feb. 17

There are four couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fraser and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Urbin, Feb. 12; Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Craig, Feb. 14; and

**Pulaski Memorial
Hospital Calendar**

PMH will offer a breast feeding class Thursday, Feb. 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the PMH conference center. For more information or to register, call 574-946-2193 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a free service.

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group will meet Feb. 10 at 10 a.m. Eastern Time in the PMH board room. This group will focus on sharing experiences and positive solutions for dealing with MS. Patients, families, and caregivers are all welcome. For more information, call Lori Semrau at 579-946-2157 Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

The next sibling class at PMH will be Saturday, Feb. 24, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Students will receive education on adjusting to a new baby in the family. Parents are encouraged to enroll their children so they can participate in the class about six weeks before the birth of the new baby. To register, call 574-946-2193 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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**February Blood
Collection Dates**

There are two blood collections dates scheduled for Fulton County during February. The first

collection date is Thursday, February 15 from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Akron United Methodist Church, 121 N. Mishawaka Street, Akron. The second collection date is Tuesday, February 20, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the St. Joseph Parish Hall, 1310 Main St., 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 1-800-448-3543.

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Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) has announced that natural gas costs for February 2007 decreased compared to last month, due to a decrease in wholesale natural gas prices. Residential customers will see a decrease of 1.38 percent when compared to January.

The Caston School Board has rescheduled its Tuesday, Feb. 6, meeting to Thursday, Feb. 8. The board will meet in executive session at 6:30 p.m. and the regular meeting will start at 8 p.m.

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