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Redbud Trail Rendezvous, April 28-29

The 17th annual Redbud Trail Rendezvous will be held April 28 and 29 on the Fulton County Historical Society grounds north of Rochester. New hours for this living history festival are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 28, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 29. Hundreds of historic re-enactors will set up camps and live outdoors for the event, demonstrating traditional crafts, frontier life ways and pioneer skills such as cooking over wood fires, muzzle loading, shooting and tomahawk throwing. The event is educational and fun, showing authentic frontier history as re-enacted by real people.

Admissions is \$3 for adults, \$1 for children ages 6 to 11, and free for children five years of age and under. Proceeds enable the historical society to operate the museum and preserve history.

The April weather varies from chilly to warm, but the redbud trees and flowers are always in bloom in the woods. Wild ducks, wild turkeys and eagle nests can be seen on the historical society grounds.

A historic wedding was performed last year uniting Nigel Kohler of New Castle and Molly Troeger of Grand Rapids, Michigan. The wedding took place in front of the Chippeway Village Trading Post, a log cabin with a porch. This was a real wedding, not just a re-enactment. The groom was escorted by members of the 1st Royals and Moses Hazen Company and the bride was escorted by members of the 42nd and 77th Royal Highlanders foot regiments to the wedding site. The groom's father, a minister dressed in historic cleric's robes, performed the wedding ceremony. Afterwards, a reception was held in the museum at the north end of the grounds, where re-enactors put on their most formal historic outfits.

Each year Scots Grays, a Seven Years War group, holds a field training school at the rendezvous. Hoosier Ladies Aside demonstrate riding side saddle. Lamb's Artillery sets up a Revolutionary War camp and fires their cannon.

Music and dance will be performed on a stage in the woods, a different group every half hour. Programs include Nan Edwards and Margo Moore - travois dog; Mark Gropp - bagpipes; Frontier Frolic - pioneer dancing called by Shirley Willard; and Liza and Mark Woolever - music, songs and Indian dances. Kim Hoover of Hoots to Howls Wildlife Rehabilitation, Star City, will show and tell about owls, skunk and bats. Lamb's Artillery will have a fashion show.

People dressed in authentic pre-1840 outfits will demonstrate many traditional crafts including bow making, pottery, beadwork,

Red Cross Blood Drive Here April 27

The Kewanna United Methodist Church will be the site of a Red Cross blood drive Friday, April 27, from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

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).

Other blood collection dates and sites in April include Tuesday, April 24, at St. Joseph Parish Hall, Rochester, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday, April 26, at the Akron United Methodist Church from 1 to 7 p.m.

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Notice to Property Taxpayers

Due to the delay in reassessment, there will be only one property tax bill sent to property owners this year. However, estimated tax payments are being accepted by the Fulton County Treasurer's office.

Property owners may pay an estimated tax based on their 2006 figures. If they over or under pay, that will be reflected in the one billing that will be sent in the fall.

If the county can collect enough early payments, it can advance money to governmental units so they have funding to operate.

leather goods, flint knapping, silversmithing, blacksmithing, blade smithing, pewter smithing, herbs, scrimshaw and much more. Becky Sampson of Peru will teach basketry. You can make and take home a basket for \$10 to \$25.

Trade goods that are "one hundred percent handmade" will be offered for sale or barter in merchants' historic marquee tents and blanket traders. Many of the traders have Indian ancestry. Traders come from Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Missouri.

Muzzle loading shooting contests will be held. The Me-to-cin-yah Long Rifles will portray woodsmen of the frontier with a camp by the river and conduct pioneer children's games. They will also host the Chippeway Village Trading Post.

Foods cooked over wood fires will include ham and beans, vegetable stew, caramel corn, buffalo burgers, biscuits and gravy (breakfast), sassafras tea, fudge and cookies.

The Fulton County Museum and round barn will be open during the festival at no charge. Volunteers can earn free admission to the rendezvous by working half a day or hosting a building. To volunteer, call the museum at 574-223-4436. Free parking is available and the grounds are handicapped accessible. Plenty of free benches are available to sit and rest.

Town Wide Clean-up Day, May 5

Kewanna's annual town wide clean-up day will be Saturday, May 5, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Two 40-yard roll-offs will be set inside the fence at 215 E. Maple Street to receive discarded items from **town residents only**.

Everyone is encouraged to sort through their accumulated "stuff" in their attics, garages and closets, as well as their outside property, and dispose of trash. Items placed in the roll-offs must exclude tires, large appliances (microwaves and televisions are acceptable), hazardous wastes, yard wastes or liquid wastes of any kind. Appliances can be gotten rid of through area scrap dealers. Hazardous wastes can be taken to the Fulton County Recycling Center, 1452 Wentzel Street, Rochester, Saturday, April 28, its next household hazardous waste collection day. County residents can take their old lawn, photography and pool chemicals, fertilizers and pesticides, paint products, household cleaners, vehicle fluids, glue and solvents for proper disposal.

Tires will be collected by the Fulton County Recycling Center on Saturday, May 5, at the Rochester location. There is a limit of four tires per vehicle. The tires must be removed from the rims.

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Healthy Parks, Healthy People Weekend at State Park

Tippecanoe River State Park north of Winamac will host its first InShape Walk of the year Saturday, May 5, at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited to join in on this easy to moderate hike of approximately two miles. Persons wanting to participate in the walk should meet at the River Shelter parking lot.

There will be an open house at the Rent-A-Camp cabins near the Tepicon Recreation Building from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 5.

A weekend -long campground garage sale is also planned for that weekend. Persons are welcome to bring their camping and outdoor activity equipment to "recycle" by selling or swapping and amble the campgrounds to look for "stuff to buy that you cannot live without!" No knives, guns, or other weapons, please.

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Vendors Sought for Depot Day

The Grass Creek Lions Club is seeking vendors for its 5th annual Depot Day to be held September 8. Vendors may offer crafts, flea market items, yard sale items, etc. Interested persons should contact Sandy Gates at 574-653-2359. The entry deadline for vendors is August 25, 2007.

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Business Plan Winners Named

The Fulton Economic Development Corporation (FEDCO), in conjunction with the Fulton County Council, has announced the winners of their business plan competition.

Rapidview LLC, Water Works Cleaning Innovations and Hoffman Body Shop were chosen to receive awards. The grants will come from the county's economic development income tax account.

Rapidview LLC will receive \$75,000 and "plans to introduce revolutionary new pipeline inspection equipment into the North American market and increase its level of service to its continually growing customer base."

Water Works Cleaning Innovations, Inc. is a new venture which will manufacture turn-key machining centers combined with washing and waste water pretreatment functions. They will receive \$50,000.

Finally, Hoffman Body Shop will receive \$25,000 to expand its business ventures to include such things as aftermarket parts sales, vinyl graphics and signs, semi tractor-trailer and bus repair and paintless dent repair.

"All of them are doing something with the physical plant or equipment," noted FEDCO director, Tom Tucker, who organized the business plan contest.

The contest was open to entrepreneurs from anywhere in the U.S. Awards could have been as high as \$100,000. The goal of the plan was to spur economic growth and promote high-technology, high-wage employment in the county.

Tucker told the Fulton County Council he would like to have a second round of the contest, perhaps in the fall.

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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 and SCORE. Through an arrangement with the Fulton Economic Development Corporation (FEDCO), this 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. The next regularly scheduled date is May 9. **To schedule an appointment call 574-223-3326.**

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Cemetery Clean-up Completed

Fifteen persons completed the task of cleaning the Kewanna Citizens-IOOF Cemetery Wednesday evening and getting it ready for the mowing season.

Kyle Rans, new owner of the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, was added to the board of directors during a short business meeting which followed the clean-up.

Persons with family members buried in the cemetery are reminded of the following rules and regulations currently in force for the cemetery.

Cemetery Rules for the Kewanna Citizens-IOOF Cemetery

No tree, dwarf tree, shrub or bush shall be planted in this cemetery. Flower pots, vases or urns shall not be sunk in the ground or otherwise permanently located except as part of the monument or base thereof. No glass containers shall be used at any time. No wire shall be used to anchor pots, vases or urns. Tripod supports for wreaths, etc. may be used for a limited time following burial or Memorial Day. Winter blankets or wreaths may be used, but must be removed before grass growth is impeded.

All vehicles driven into the cemetery shall be driven with great caution at a speed not exceeding 15 M.P.H. and, with the exception of excavating equipment and vault dollies, must be kept on the drives or in designated parking areas.

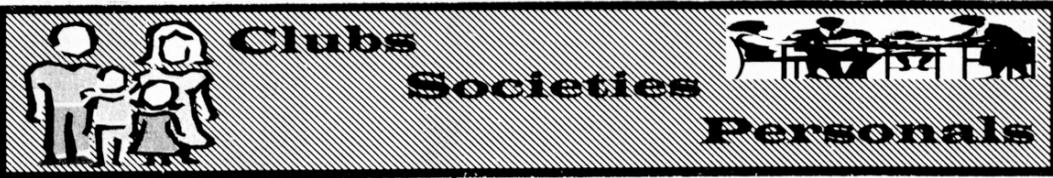
All bases for monuments, headstones or markers shall conform to the following specifications: The base shall not be less than ten inches longer and ten inches wider than the stone placed upon it, and the stone placed not less than five inches from the edge of the base. The top of the base shall be leveled one to two inches above the adjacent grade level. The depth of the base shall be sufficient to afford an ample foundation for the stone to be placed upon it, a minimum of two (2) feet deep. In all lots numbered above 179, the base shall extend to the full width of the graves served, and all edges shall be square, with no beveled corners. (Thus the base for one grave will be four feet long, two graves, eight feet, etc.)

No surplus concrete shall be dumped at any spot in the cemetery environs. It is permissible to spread it thinly on the graveled portion of the drives. No grave shall be opened until the ground which it will occupy has been paid for, or arrangements satisfactorily to the Directors of the Association for later payment have been made.

All burials shall be in an approved type of vault. No plastic vaults allowed, including those used for cremated remains.

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Attend Church Sunday



Jadan Hetzner Celebrates 4th Birthday

Jadan Hetzner celebrated her 4th birthday Sunday, April 22. Helping her celebrate the occasion were her parents, Dan and Brandi Hetzner of Mexico; her grandparents, Diana and Frank Conklin and Terri Samson and Fred Hetzner, all of Peru; her great-grandparents, Howard and Charlotte Swafford of Kewanna as well as Kim Wilson and Brittney Wilson; a great-aunt Gwen Gore of Logansport; and Howard Conklin and friend of Peru.

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KHS Alumni Banquet, May 19

The 55th annual Kewanna High School alumni banquet will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station, 404 North Toner Street. The cost of the evening's festivities is \$12 per person. Reservations, including payment, should be sent to Robert Clyde, P.O. Box 92, Kewanna, IN 46939 by May 6. Reservations should include your year of graduation.

The classes of 1957 and 1982 will be honored. Former teachers will also be recognized.

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Read It Again Book Fair

The Caston Elementary School PTO will sponsor another Read It Again Book Fair Tuesday, May 8, through Friday, May 11 in the south gym lobby from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Gently used books, tapes, CDs and magazines will be sold for a quarter. There will be a limited selection of new books priced at \$1.00. The public is invited to attend.

The PTO is accepting donations of used items at the elementary front office.

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KHS Class of 1942 Plans Get-together

The Kewanna High School class of 1942 will meet at Alejandra's in Rochester Saturday, May 19, at 12 noon for lunch. This will mark the group's 65th graduation anniversary. Spouses and friends are welcome to join the group.

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KHS Class of 1957 Plans Reunion

The Kewanna High School graduating class of 1957 will meet at Alejandra's in Rochester Friday, May 18, at 6 p.m. for its 50th class reunion.

Friends and acquaintances are welcome to join the group for dinner or to visit.

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Grass Creek/North Caston Alumni Banquet

The Grass Creek and North Caston Alumni and Friends banquet will be held Saturday, April 28, at the Caston Educational Center, Fulton. The North Caston Class of 1964 will be the host class. The cost is \$13.50 per person. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and a buffet dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

Reservations need to be

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postmarked by April 21 and sent to Ann Becker, 5732 West 950 South, Kewanna, IN 46939. After April 21, please make reservations by phone at 574-889-2200 or in person.

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Log Cabin Tour, June 2 and 3

The 3rd annual Brown County Log Cabin Tour is set for June 2 and 3 in picturesque southern Indiana. Five privately-owned log or country homes in the hills of Brown County will be featured. The tour is sponsored by Psi Iota Xi philanthropic sorority and all proceeds support art, literature, music, and speech and hearing needs in the Brown County community.

Visitors to the tour take a drive, using tour maps provided with the tickets, through the back roads and gentle, rolling hills of scenic Brown County to see

unique, decorated log cabin homes both new and old. The private homes feature gardens, antiques, family heirlooms and the work of local artists. Photos and information on this year's homes, as they become available, can be seen at logcabinatour.com.

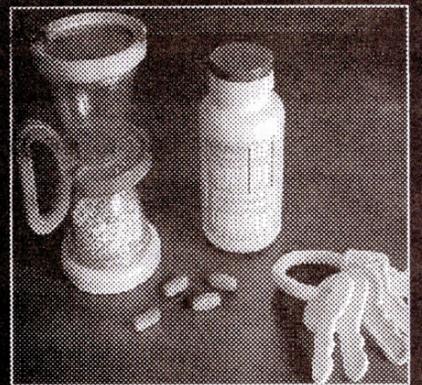
Tour hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, rain or shine. Tickets are available by mail at P.O. Box 39, Nashville, IN 47448, at a cost of \$15 for adults and \$7 for children under 12. Children under two years are free. Information and tickets are also available by email at logcabinatour@hotmail.com or by calling the Brown County Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-753-3255 or 812-597-5431. Tour headquarters will be at the gazebo on the Village Green in downtown Nashville on the days of the tour only.

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Pregnancy & Vitamins

Prenatal vitamins are a good idea, but be sure you don't take any other vitamin or mineral supplement along with it unless your doctor recommends it.

You should take 1000 mcg (1 mg) of folic acid every day for the first 12 weeks of your pregnancy. Folic acid can help prevent problems with your baby's brain and spinal cord. It is best to start taking folic acid before you get pregnant.



Check with your doctor before taking any medicine, including aspirin. Even medication you can buy without a prescription can cause birth defects, especially if it's taken during the first three months of pregnancy.

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WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

April 16
Admissions - Adelaide Bielawski, Leiters Ford; Mildred Jones, Argos; Joan Schultz, Medaryville; Riley Bailey, Rochester; David Alderfer, Mentone
Dismissals - None published

April 17
Admissions - Peggy Van Meter and Leroy Conklin, Rochester
Dismissals - David Alderfer, Mentone
Births - Zachary and Sara Waddle, Winona Lake, a son

April 18
Admissions - Terry Keller, Argos
Dismissals - Riley Bailey, Rochester
Births - Ashley Southerton, Twelve Mile, a daughter

April 19
Admissions - Emma Dawalt, Rochester
Dismissals - Adelaide Bielawski, Leiters Ford; Mildred Jones and Terry Keller, Argos; Joan Schultz, Medaryville
Births - Bobbie Corey, Plymouth, a son; Vanessa Keller, Kewanna, a daughter

April 20
Admissions - none published
Dismissals - Peggy Van Meter, Rochester; Sara Waddle and son, Winona Lake; Ashley Southerton, Twelve Mile

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

April 13
Admissions - Rita Mrozinski and Henry Epps, Winamac; Tracy Tiede, Francesville
Dismissals - Henry Epps and Lucille Podell, Winamac

April 14
Admissions - none
Dismissals - none
Births - Michael and Tracy Tiede, Francesville, a daughter, Elizabeth Eden

Tiede
April 15
Admissions - Ashtin Howard, Medaryville; Benta Masterson, Hamlet; Wayne Bortell, Knox
Dismissals - Tracy Tiede and daughter, Francesville
Births - Benita Masterson, Hamlet, a daughter, McKenzie Danielle Masterson

April 16
Admissions - Rachael Russell, Winamac
Dismissals - Ashtin Howard, Medaryville
Births - Bryan and Rachael Russell, Winamac, a son, Jonah Scott Russell

April 17
Admissions - none
Dismissals - Benita Masterson and daughter, Hamlet

April 18
Admissions - Alina Gheorghiu, North Judson; Blake Newman, Winamac
Dismissals - Rachael Russell and son, Winamac

April 19
Admissions - Ruth Tanner, Medaryville; Jimmie James and Helen Stigall, Winamac
Dismissals - none
Births - Guy Adams and Alina Gheorghiu, North Judson, a daughter, Audrey Christine Gheorghiu-Adams

DEATHS

RICHARD W. CRULL

A celebration of life memorial service was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at the Aubbeenaubee Township Fire Station in Leiters Ford for Richard W. Crull, 76, Leiters Ford. The Indiana State Firemen's Chaplain officiated. Crull died at 9:13 p.m. Monday,

April 16, 2007 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, was in charge of arrangements.



AUBREE JEAN TOWNSEND

Services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 22, 2007 at the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, for Aubree Jean Townsend, three months, 15 days, Monterey. The infant passed away at 9:38 a.m. Wednesday, April 18, in St. Joseph Hospital, Plymouth. Born January 3, 2007, in Logansport, she was the daughter of W. Corey Townsend and Gustave F. (Stirk) Salyer.

Surviving besides her parents of Monterey, are two brothers, Russell Cody and Dillon Ray Salyer, Monterey; three sisters, Erin Nicole, Courtney Alice and Reese Oliver Salyer, all of Monterey; the maternal grandparents, Virginia Michels, Monterey, and Teddy Smith (Jesse) of Martinton, Illinois; the paternal grandparents, W. Brad Townsend of Paulding, Ohio, and Virginia Cunningham (Terry), Convoy, Ohio; and the paternal great-grandparents, Wally and Carole Townsend, Twelve Mile, and Dorothy Zartman, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to the American S.I.D.S. Institute, 509 Augusta Drive, Marietta, Georgia 30046. Online condolences may be sent to www.harrisonmetzger.com.

DANNY LEE OBERLANDER

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 20, 2007, at the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Royal Center Chapel, for Danny Lee Oberlander, 57, Monticello. Pastor Aaron Gross officiated and graveside services and burial, with full military rites, was at 1 p.m. in the Marion National Cemetery, Marion. Mr.

Oberlander died at 1:40 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, at his residence.

Born September 3, 1949 in Lafayette, he was the son of Francis R. and the late Patricia M. (Wiest) Oberlander.

Oberlander was a barber and a Vietnam War veteran serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Saratoga. A 1969 graduate of Twin Lakes High School, his hobbies included riding motorcycles, fishing and playing pool.

Survivors include a daughter, Susan N. Oberlander, Logansport; a son, Troy R. Oberlander and his wife, Robyn, Lucerne; his father and step-mother Francis R. and Janet Oberlander; a sister, Vickie L. Oberlander; a step sister, Jeanette Baldini and her husband, Chris, all of Monticello; and a step brother, Richard Silken, Yeoman.

Memorial Planned for Joan Smith

A celebration of life will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 28, in the Kewanna Church of Christ fellowship hall for Joan Smith.

Joan, a former Kewanna resident, passed away February 25, 2007 at the Sheridan Health Care Center. Graveside services were held February 28 at the Kewanna Citizens-IOOF Cemetery.

A 1947 graduate of Knox High School, she was a homemaker and a former assistant at the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library. She also compiled and reported local news items for The Observer.

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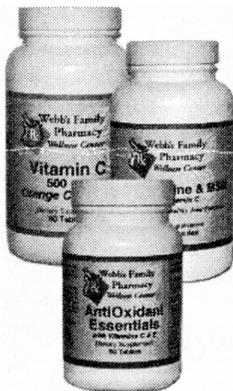
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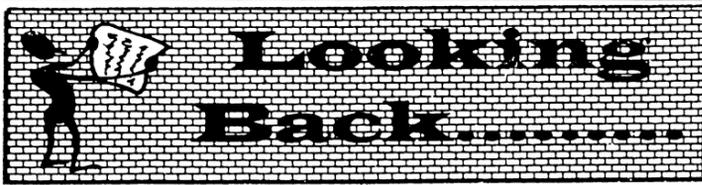
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Fifty-Five Years Ago April 25, 1952

Several persons in the Prairie Grove community reported seeing an unusual sight Thursday noon, April 17. A light metal frame held aloft by 24 balloons six to eight feet in diameter, carrying scientific research instruments sent out by the University of Chicago was seen. As it passed over the Frank Greer farm east of Kewanna, one of the balloons burst and about 50 pounds of paraffin, several photographic films wrapped in tinfoil and the isinglass outside cover from the framework dropped to the ground, the rest rising again and continuing southeast.

Rev. Paul Turner began his duties last Sunday as pastor of the Sharon Pilgrim Holiness Church.

The Urbin Auto bowling team went to Milwaukee Wednesday, April 16, to participate in the National A.B.C. bowling tournament. Their final standing will not be known until June when the meet will be completed. Participating in the event were Les Shidaker, Elmer Seidel, Kenny Watkins, Paul Heinsen, Jack Vigus and John Urbin.

The Wayne Progressive Club met Thursday afternoon, April 17, in the home of Mrs. John Kestle west of Kewanna. Mrs. Russell Poenix read two poems for

devotions. Mrs. Lester Rouch collected for the flower fund.

A daughter, Marcia Lynn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Skinner of Lake Bruce on April 15 at Woodlawn Hospital.

The Bunco Club met in the home of Mrs. Elmer Hickle Thursday, April 17. There were ten members and one guest, Mrs. John Heiden, present. Prizes were won by Lelia Tomlinson, Dora Miller and Elsie Gidley.

The Bible Study Club met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hoesel Friday, April 18. Present were Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Scott and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gady and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Talbott.

Kenny Cook has been ill with the mumps this week.

Fifty Years Ago April 25, 1957

Mrs. Eldon Smith, Kewanna, suffered third degree burns in an explosion at her home Saturday morning. She was attempting to light a gas water heater when the mishap occurred. Her four-year-old daughter who was with her at the time was not injured.

The Kewanna Coffee Shop was sold this week to Mrs. Mildred Reinholt of Monterey. Mr. and

Mrs. John Fagan, who have operated the restaurant for the last two years, will retire to their farm for the present. The restaurant will open under the new management Sunday, April 28. Mrs. Reinholt is staying with Mrs. Nina Davis until suitable housing can be found. Mrs. Davis will do the cooking for the restaurant.

Approximately 280 persons gathered in the local gymnasium Saturday night for the fifth annual KHS alumni banquet with Dr. Robert Lord presiding. The meal was prepared by Rosetta Newgent. Mrs. Eldonna Graffis read the minutes of the 1956 alumni gathering and Don Troutman named the nominees for next year's officers. They are Paul Ley, president; Mrs. Lera McKinney, vice president; Mrs. Katharine Orr and Miss Barbara Talbott, secretaries.

The Prairie Grove HD Club met April 10 in the home of Mrs. James O. Wilson with Mrs. Walter Riehl as their guest. Mrs. Marion Chizum gave a lesson on freezing foods and showed various packaging materials. Mrs. Eri Meiser gave the safety lesson.

Paul Guise, who will graduate from Manchester College this spring, will continue his studies at Indiana University this fall.

Katrina Cook is spending a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cook, at Richland Center while her mother is in Indianapolis attending Eastern Star Grand Chapter.

Infant Kathy Smith fell from the

bath room sink while her mother was bathing her last week and splintered a bone in her leg. She was taken to Woodlawn Hospital where the leg was put in a cast.

Forty-Five Years Ago April 26, 1962

The tenth annual Kewanna High School alumni banquet was held April 21 in the local gymnasium. The invocation was given by Van Tuyl Gillespie. Approximately 225 members and guests enjoyed the meal prepared by the Akron Jonah Club. Foster Stoudt, president, welcomed the members of the association and the class of 1962. Danny Corbett, president of the class gave a response and introduced his fellow classmates.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Harrison Funeral Home for Oscar Eneyart, 81, Kewanna's eldest businessman. He died at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in Logansport Memorial Hospital after an extended illness. Burial was in the IOOF Cemetery.

Named to the all A honor roll at Kewanna for the fifth grading period were Maurine Masterson, Sally Masteller, Richard Graffis, Lillian Montz, Marigene Troutman, Bob Burton, Marcia Hizer, Bernard Martin, Steve Byfield, and Vickie Evans.

Loren Thomas of Grass Creek has returned to his studies at Roosevelt University in Chicago after his Easter vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cogdill spent Easter in Hammond in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Norris at a family get-together and

farewell dinner for Mrs. Cogdill's brother, David Norris, who will leave soon for Camp Knox, Kentucky, for basic training, after which he has been accepted into the West Point Band.

The Ladies Aid of the Grass Creek Church met April 11 at the church. Mrs. Adam Sommers Sr. gave devotions. The president, Mrs. Raymond Minthorn, presided over the business meeting.

A parade of original Easter hats was the highlight of the April meeting of the Kewanna Homemakers Club. The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Ruth Bulger.

Forty Years Ago April 27, 1967

The Kewanna High School classes have selected their candidates for Harvest Festival queen. They are Katrina Cook and Barbara Byfield, freshmen; Renee Boos and Judy Wilson, sophomores; Jane Cogdill and Eunice Smitley, juniors; and Randy Weller and Nedra Hunter, seniors.

The area was blanketed with snow during the night April 23.

Lillian Koleszar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Montz, Kewanna, will be honored during Founders' Day ceremonies at Indiana University May 3. The recognition is for being named to the Dean's List one or both of the last two semesters.

Ann Wilson celebrated her sixth birthday Saturday afternoon with a party for a few of her friends, Letha Strong, Deana Baldwin, Julia Brown and Betsy Mathias.

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The next sibling class at PMH will be Saturday, April 28, 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 for the class, call 574-946-2193 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a free service of PMH.

Creative Club House and PMH are sponsoring an after school HEALTH Program for 10-14 year-olds in the 5th through 8th grades. The program will focus on health and fitness, relationships, drug awareness and conflict resolution in a fun atmosphere. Classes begin after school on April 18 and meet two or three times a week at PMH until May 18. Students may pick up registration forms and schedules at Eastern Pulaski Middle School or PMH Patient Services Department or request a form by calling 574-896-3612 or 219-716-7849. Locally, students can call 574-946-2193 or 574-946-2189 for information. This program is funded through a SAMSHA Federal Block grant, FSSA/DMHA Gamblers Assist fund and local donors.

The Help for the Hurting Parent bereavement support group of PMH will meet Wednesday, May 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the PMH conference center. The group is open to residents of any county who have experienced the death of any aged child. Call 574-946-2180 for more information.

The Living with Grief Support Group will meet Thursday, May 3, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. in the PMH board room. This group is for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. Before attending the group experience, it is highly suggested that you meet with the grief counselor alone to assess your individual needs. Call 574-946-2180.

PMH will hold a two-day safe-sitter class Monday and Tuesday, June 11 and 12 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The class is designed to prepare your adolescent, age 11 to 13, to care for younger children. Class size is limited. For more information, call 574-946-2193 or 1-800-659-7644, ext. 2193. The registration fee is \$30. Scholarships for those needing financial assistance is available.

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April 30 - May 4

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Wednesday - Peanut butter jelly sandwich, juice and milk

Thursday - Danish, string cheese, juice and milk

Friday - Toaster pastry, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch

Monday - Cook's choice sandwich, fries, fruit, cookie and milk

Tuesday - Chicken salad, crackers, vegetables, cake and milk

Wednesday - Hot dog, baked beans, raisins, cookie and milk

Thursday - BBQ chicken sandwich, baked potato, fruit and milk

Friday - Burrito, vegetable, applesauce, frosted graham cracker, milk

Middle/High School Lunch

Monday - BBQ chicken sandwich, seasoned fries, applesauce, chocolate cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Tuesday - Spaghetti with meat, garlic cheese bread, peas, pineapple, and milk. Choice - salad bar

Wednesday - Tenderloin sandwich, asparagus, peaches, cake and milk. Choice - salad bar

Thursday - Sloppy Joe sandwich, parsley potatoes, pears, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

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Friday - Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, cinnamon roll, fruit and milk. Choice - salad bar
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Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

The Women's Life Expo: April 27 - 29 in the Exposition Hall. Hours: Fri. 1 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: \$6. Contact: Lee Baker (440) 826-3300 or www.womenslife.net.

Enterprise Car Sale: April 28 in the Champions Pavilion. Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: free. Contact: Danielle Fedor (317) 507-1739.

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Kewanna/Union Township PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS....

The next meeting of the library board will be Monday, April 30, at 6 p.m. in the library.

New books at the library:

ADULTS:

Christian Fiction— *Written on Silk* (#2 of the Silk House series) by Linda Lee Chaikin; *Skin* by Ted Dekker; and *Boo, Boo Who* and *Boo Hiss* (#1-#3 of the Skary, Indiana series) by Rene Gutteridge.

Christian Mystery Fiction— *What The Cat Dragged In* and *The Cat's Pajamas* (#1 and #2 of the Jacques & Cleo, Cat Detectives series) by Gilbert Morris.

Large Print General Fiction— *Whitethorn Woods* by Maeve Binchy; *McKetrick's Luck* by Linda Lael Miller; *The Fifth Vial* by Michael Palmer; *High Profile* by Robert B. Parker; and *At Some Disputed Barricade* by Anne Perry.

JUVENILES:

Youth Nonfiction— *Calamity Jane*, *Pecos Bill*, *Paul Bunyan*, *Mike Fink*, *John Henry* and *Casey Jones* (from the On My Own Folklore series) by Stephen Krensky; *M is for Majestic: A National Park Alphabet* by David Domeniconi; *Mysteries of The*

Mummy Kids by Kelly Milner Halls; *T is for Touchdown: A Football Alphabet* by Brad Herzog; and *H is for Horse: An Equestrian Alphabet* by Michael Ulmer.

Grocery Prices Increase

A national survey of grocery store prices conducted by the Farm Bureau showed that retail food prices at the supermarket increased slightly in the first quarter of 2007.

The informal survey shows the total cost of 16 basic grocery items in the first quarter of 2007 was \$41.34, up about 4 percent or \$1.65 from the fourth quarter of 2006. The figures taken from Indiana's portion of the survey also showed an increase.

A total of 62 volunteer shoppers in 28 states, including Indiana, participated in this latest survey, conducted during February. It shouldn't be considered a scientific survey but is instead a snapshot of actual food prices in actual grocery stores during a given week.

Improvement Committee Selling Flowers

The Fulton Improvement Committee will be selling flowers at The Mill Creek Family Restaurant in Fulton May 8 through May 13. Sale hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

A wide variety of annual flowers will be available in flats, pots and baskets. They will be reasonably priced and all proceeds will go to the community building fund. For more information, contact Barb Hattery at 574-857-3197.

CASTON MENU April 30 – May 4 Breakfast

Choice each day with juice and milk: cereal and toast; sausage/cheese bun; ham/cheese bun; toaster pastry

Lunch

Monday – Corn dog, mini cubes, green beans, cake and milk. Comet Café – tacos

Tuesday – Soft tacos with meat & cheese, lettuce & tomato, applesauce, cookie and milk. Comet Café – cheese stuffed breadsticks

Wednesday – BBQ rib sandwich, potatoes, peaches, Rice Krispie treat and milk. Comet Café – soft pretzels with cheese

Thursday – Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, Jello with fruit, dinner roll and milk. Comet Café – hamburger and fries

Friday – Fish sandwich, macaroni and cheese, peas, mixed fruit and milk. Comet Café – cook's choice.

Caston Baseball Off to Good Start

The Caston varsity baseball team is 6-3 for the season after splitting a double header with visiting West Central Saturday, April 22.

The Comets lost the first game of the event 7-5 but were behind as much as 5-0 before staging a comeback.

In game two, Matt Turnpaugh pitched a two-hitter and drove in a run to lead the Comets to a 2-1 victory.

The Comets were scheduled to travel to Southwood Tuesday evening.

The News In Brief

The Fulton County Board of Health will meet in special session Monday, April 30, at 12 p.m. to hear an appeal of a health order. The meeting will be held in the conference room of the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. Ninth St., Rochester.

A total of 2,205 pounds of recyclables were picked up from Kewanna curb sides during March.

As this year's Indiana General Assembly enters its closing days, Indiana Farm Bureau is pushing for legislators to approve language that will result in meaningful property tax reform. Among the provisions now under consideration are removing the school general fund from the property tax rolls; giving local units of government the option to increase income taxes; and creating a local review board to evaluate large public building projects.

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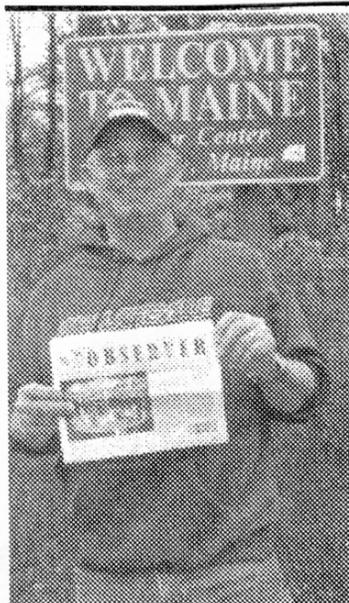
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The Observer went to Florida on spring break with Doran and JoAnn Collins and Brittany and Doran's daughter and her family,

Ron and Dana Smith, Evan and Haley, Brittany, Evan and Haley are pictured here at Walt Disney World with an issue of The Observer.



The Observer has traveled far and wide lately, as Mike and Darla Mihalik took a copy with them to Maine the first week of April. Traveling Route 1 along

the Atlantic Coast, they stopped at several lighthouses as well as the lighthouse museum at Wells. The lighthouse at Rock Island is 2½ miles out. The Mihaliks accessed it on foot. They also visited the harbor, Fisherman's Warf, lobster boats and fishing boats while in Portland. Portland also boasts several beautiful, old shops. In Belfast they viewed World War II bunkers/forts located in the water. They also visited an old Irish pub called Darby's that was built in 1845 and has remained in the same family. They toured the Purple Heart Museum in Bangor as well as the Stephen Spielberg house (or mansion) and the Sea Dog Brewery. They were also blessed with 18 inches of snow while there! They report that they really enjoyed the trip - the history, shops and especially, the lobster, and can't wait to return next year.

Indiana State Fair To Add Days Beginning In 2009

INDIANAPOLIS - The Indiana State Fair Commission recently approved the Indiana State Fair Board's recommendation to move up opening day of the fair and extend the dates beginning in 2009. The '09 fair will take place Friday, August 7 through Sunday, August 23.

"We've been looking at this for a while now, and it's a move that makes a lot of sense," Indiana State Fair President Terry Hoffmann said. "Many of our 4-H programs and livestock shows keep on growing, and we need to make them part of the 'official' state fair, not just part of our 'pre-fair events.' The 4-H Dairy Goat Show and 4-H Dog Show are all wrapped up before the fair even officially starts right now.

"With two years to go, we'll be able to have the midway and all vendors on hand for the extended time so everyone gets the full flavor of the fair," he said.

The fair's 17-member board of directors started investigating the impact of extending the fair several months ago. It consulted with several other groups, including the Indiana County Fair Association, 4-H Youth Development personnel, North American Midway Company and others before approving it and sending it to the commission.

"I applaud the State Fair Board for its thorough efforts studying this issue, and I'm honored to be part of this historic expansion of the state fair," Indiana State Fair Commission Chairman Kyle Hupfer said.

"This is exactly the type of innovative thinking that Governor Daniels challenges each state entity to undertake. Increasing the opportunities for Hoosiers to experience the fair while also increasing revenues makes this decision a 'no-brainer'."

"Everyone is so busy these days - there's just not enough time to do everything you would like to do, and we want to give Hoosiers every possible opportunity to visit the fair," said Cindy Hoye, the fair's executive director. "The new format gives families an extra weekend to plan a trip to the fair and enjoy all the animals, food and fun."

Starting the state fair earlier also has other benefits: it provides two more weekend days to alleviate potential traffic congestion around the fairgrounds; it gives more opportunities to make up for bad weather on other "prime" weekend days; it counteracts the impact of mid-August starting dates of many of Indiana's public schools; and it offers a major family entertainment attraction for Indianapolis on that early

August weekend now that the city's NASCAR race has been moved to July.

The fair has seen tremendous growth in recent years. Since 2002, attendance has grown to an average of more than 853,000 visitors - an increase of 15 percent over the previous five years, and sponsorship revenues have been at record levels each of the last two years.

"The Indiana State Fair is recognized nationally as a leader in our industry, and we believe the time is right to extend our fair and continue to grow our success," Hoye said. "With two years to adjust, it ought to be a smooth transition, and we look forward to providing memories for even more families around the state."

The fair has been a 12-day, mid-August event with opening day on Wednesday since 1982. The commission is committed to a Friday opening day and extended fair dates through 2011, and is exploring the possibility of closing the fair for a couple days during the week.

This year's Indiana State Fair runs August 8 - 19.

Improvement Committee Plans Auction

The Fulton Improvement Committee is seeking good, saleable merchandise to be auctioned Saturday, August 4, during Fulton Fun Days activities. Suggested items include handmade wooden items, craft items, good used furniture, food items, etc. Proceeds from the auction will be used for the proposed new community center at the Liberty Township Park. For more information, contact Ben and Ruth Ann Yantis at 574-737-7610 or Barb Hattery at 574-857-3197.

Public Notice

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Alcoholic Beverage Board of Fulton County, Indiana, will hold a public hearing at 1:00 PM on May 16, 2007, at the Commissioners Room, County Annex, Fulton County Office Bldg., in the city of Rochester in said county, to investigate the propriety of holding an alcoholic beverage permit by the applicants listed herein to wit:
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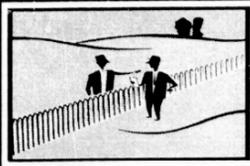
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Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Bob and Carol Broda were busy the weekend of April 13. Arriving Friday for a four-day visit were their grandsons, Logan and Lawson Sinnis of Carmel. Joining the group on Saturday and staying for a week, were the Brodas' granddaughter, Krystal Kane of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and her basset hound, Roscoe. Everyone had a great time fishing, playing, biking and picnicking at Manitou Mountain in Rochester.

Don and Pauline Scales had a very busy and energy-filled day Saturday, April 14. Stopping by for a late morning visit and bringing along lunch were their daughter and son-in-law, Barb and Doug Grandstaff of Kendallville. Early in the afternoon, their granddaughters and great-grandchildren, Missy Young, Trey, Brianna, Kaylyn and Stevanna of Twelve Mile, Zach Wassermann of Valparaiso and Cindy Wiese and Ally, joined them for a visit. Late in the afternoon, the Scales great-granddaughter, Brittney Scales of Fulton and her friend, Dan Barr, came over for a chat.

Phyllis and Gene Koontz of Rochester were Sunday, April 15, visitors of Phyllis' parents, Pauline and Don Scales.

Ruth Cogdill spent Tuesday morning, April 17, at the home of her son, Tim Cogdill at Macy. (Tim had undergone knee replacement surgery April 9. He is doing well with his physical therapy three times a week and is on the road to recovery.) Ruth and Tim had a nice visit, caught up on all the family news and enjoyed the beautiful spring day.

Tom and Barb LaFollette traveled to Crawfordsville Wednesday, April 18. On the way, they stopped and picked up Tom's cousin, Barbara LaFollette. The family was making the trip to attend the viewing and funeral of Roberta Cardwell, Tom and Barbara's aunt. Afterward, they visited with their cousin, Johnny Smith, and his family and toured Smith Farms.

Pauline Brown had company Thursday, April 19. Stopping by in the afternoon for a chat was Barbara Brown of Rochester.

Don and Pauline Scales had a caller one day last week. Joining them for a visit and to take care of some chores was their son, Bruce Scales of Fulton.

John Lincoln and Jackie Heidenreich were in Rochester

Friday, April 20. They enjoyed dining at the new Mexican restaurant.

Barb and Tom LaFollette were in Logansport Friday. They enjoyed dining out and doing a little shopping.

Karen Kruger of Brownsburg spent a few days as a houseguest of her mother, Mary K. Williamson at Winamac, late in the week.

Jackie Heidenreich and her friend, Rose Barton of Winamac, enjoyed spending some time in Rochester Saturday, April 21 (after power had been restored). They did a little shopping before stopping for some coffee.

Richard and Jane Green were among those who attended the Grass Creek/ North Caston High School alumni banquet Saturday evening. The event was held at the Caston High School near Fulton. Richard was one of those recognized for being a member of the 1957 graduating class.

Tom and Barb LaFollette had company Saturday. Joining them for an overnight visit was their granddaughter, Shelby Bohac of Rochester.

Kay and Jerry Brown had company Sunday, April 22. Stopping by early in the day was Kay's sister, Karen Kruger.

Helen Miller accompanied her son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Barbara Miller, to Merrillville Thursday evening where they met Helen's grandson, Randy Miller, at an Olive Garden restaurant for supper and a visit. Randy is from Mooresville, North Carolina, and was in the area on business. Helen remained as an overnight guest of Kenneth and Barbara at their home in Plymouth.

Helen Miller spent Friday evening through Sunday at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Judy and John Scott, near Frankfort. Judy and Helen attended an 8th grade soccer game at West Lafayette Saturday in which Katie Crump of Muncie, Judy's granddaughter, participated. Saturday evening, they celebrated Tyler Crump's 13th birthday with supper, cake and ice cream.

Hugh and Maryellen Tennent were in Logansport Sunday. They had a nice time shopping.

Karen Rice of Indianapolis arrived Sunday to spend a couple of days helping her mother, Helen Whiteman, celebrate her birthday.

Leonard and Nancy Evers had company Sunday. Stopping by for a visit and to do some catching up was their son, Gary Evers of Michigan City.

Chloe Brown was the guest of honor at a family gathering Sunday. The event was in celebration of her 3rd birthday and hosted by her grandparents, Mick and Mark Brown. Helping them

mark the occasion with lunch, cake, ice cream and lots of presents were Chloe's parents, Ted and Faith Brown; her great-grandparents, Jerry and Kay Brown; her great-great-grandmother, Mary K. Williamson; her uncle and his family, Steve and Brenda Fox, Griffin, Megan and Connor; her great-aunt and her family, Sue McKinney, William and Aidan of Rochester; her great-uncle and his son, Mike Brown and Michael Jr.; her great-great-aunts and uncle, Vivian and Bob Hathaway of Warsaw, Rita Williamson of Winamac and Evelyn Peters; Terry Brown and Becky Leitke; and Wes and Sandy Hickle, Nicole and Brooklyn.

Several members of Helen Whiteman's family gathered Sunday at her home to tackle a long list of outside and inside chores. The chore-tackling is the family's annual birthday gift to her.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them

your best regards) are: Jim Fisher, Pat Smith and Roger Vogel, April 29; Jim Hines, L.O. Robinson, Sandi Westphal and Addison Zimpleman, April 30; Chuck Baldwin, May 1; Abigail Powell, May 2; Trina Doty, Linda Evans, Agnes Kline and Brycen Metzger, May 3; Chelsea Short, Jacob Swafford and Kenny Swafford, May 4; and Clayton Brown, Mary Collins, Aaron Eastwood, Matthew Evers, Steve McColley and Erin Tomerlin, May 5.

There are three couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Chris LaFollette, April 29; Mr. and Mrs. Troy Leininger, May 1; and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Smith, May 2.

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