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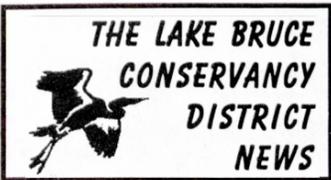
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The Lake Bruce Conservancy District held its monthly meeting Saturday, July 14, jointly with the Lake Bruce Association's annual meeting at the Hoosier Hide-away, Lake Bruce. A carry-in meal was enjoyed by all with the chicken provided of the LBA.

The LBA held its meeting, which was followed by the conservancy meeting.

All five directors were present as well as forty-three freeholders of the district. The minutes of the June meetings were approved as well as the treasurer's report and the allowance of bills. Chairman Norm Steigely covered correspondence received by the district during the month. He reported that Senator Tom Weatherwax and Rep. Eric Gutwein both had other commitments and could not make this meeting, but sent their regrets and good wishes. On old business, Norm reported that purchase of the railroad property has finally been closed on after much work and waiting. He also said that he was still waiting word from Tennant's Dredging about when the holding area would be reclaimed so we can make final payment. Under new business, it was reported that the directors are working with the financial consultant on drafting a rate ordinance that will be approved at the meeting in August. Those present were cautioned that the published rate will be higher than what they expect the rate to actually be, because the district must draft the ordinance prior to getting bids from contractors. This means that a cushion needs to be in place to allow for the bids coming in higher than what is expected. Once again it was made clear to everyone that the district will be billing half rates as soon as the first draw is made on our federal loan. This will probably start this fall. Then once a property is connected it would go to full rate status. Director and Lake Enhancement Chairman Gerald Porter gave a brief presentation on what has happened this year on weed treatments and surveys as well as what can be expected the rest of the year. The response to this year's treatment was very favorable. Treasurer Dave Foust mentioned that the budget process for 2008 will start on August 6th when he and assistant treasurer, Rick Tompos, meet with the state budget people. The remainder of the meeting was a presentation by Ken Jones of Wightman-Petrie, engineers for the sewage treatment project. He said that the district is very fortunate to have such a high percentage of the construction cost covered by

Local Resident Publishes Guidebook

Local resident, Alan McPherson, has recently published a guidebook entitled *Journeys to the Past: A Traveler's Guide to Indiana State Historical Markers*.

The roadside marker program began in 1947 and sponsored by the Indiana Historical Bureau, now numbers nearly 500 markers that provide permanent recognition to a historic place, event and/or person(s) that were instrumental in molding the historic landscape of Indiana.

The statewide guidebook is arranged alphabetically by county. Most of the markers are located alongside the state's major highways, usually placed as close as possible to the original historic site.

All titles, text and sponsoring parties are included verbatim. Directional locations are given, guiding travelers to each sign. The nearly 200 photographs and illustrations add visual appeal to the pages.

The guidebook is ideal reading on the road, however, "arm chair travelers" may effortlessly "explore" the state's illustrious history without every leaving home. *Journeys to the Past* is a refreshing and fun way to discover Indiana's color-filled yesteryears.

The guidebook is available from local libraries and at the gift shop of the Fulton County Historical Society Museum.

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James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121 July Activities

July 29 - Open Sunday. Open at noon for free food and euchre

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grant money. He stated that it is very unusual to see this high percentage of grant money in a project. Ken stated that the plans are for bids to go out in late August so they can be awarded sometime in late September. He said it is a very good possibility the district will see some work being done yet this year. He also said to be ready for some inconveniences during construction, that sewer projects are always a mess. He went on to say that Wightman-Petrie will have someone on site at all times during construction so the conservancy district will be able to get a hold of someone when problems or emergencies occur. Very few questions came from the floor as he had already answered most of the questions people had. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, August 9, at the Kewanna Fire Station. The district will be passing rate and bond ordinances. All meetings are open to all freeholders and interested parties.

Open House at IMI

Irving Materials, Inc. will host an open house at their plant at 101 S 600 W, Kewanna, Saturday, July 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be food, plant and sight tours, door prizes and equipment to view.

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Spaghetti Supper at Pleasant Hill

The Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church at Lake Bruce will serve its annual spaghetti supper Saturday, July 28, from 4 to 7 p.m. The cost of the meal will be a free will donation. Proceeds will go towards repairs.

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Bible School at Church of Christ

The Kewanna Church of Christ will host a Vacation Bible School Sunday through Friday, July 29 - August 3. This year's theme is "Seaside with the Savior". The nightly sessions will run from 6 to 8 p.m. All children ages four through those who have completed fifth grade are welcome to attend.

Registration will take place at 5:50 each evening or you can pre-register by calling the church at 574-653-2496 or Martha Shireman at 574-842-2202.

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Methodist Church Selling Chicken Halves

The Kewanna United Methodist Church is selling tickets for carry-out only chicken halves. The rotisserie-cooked chicken is prepared by Rochester Meat and Deli using an Amish recipe. Tickets are \$6 for half a chicken and can be purchased from various members of the church and at The Observer. The chickens can be picked up at the church at the corner of Toner and Pearl Streets in Kewanna from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 18.

Purchasers also have the option of purchasing chicken to be frozen and distributed through the Kewanna Community Food Pantry.

Proceeds from the chicken sales will go towards a new sound system for the church.

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Caston Sports Physicals

Any student athlete in the Caston School system can get a sports physical for \$10 Monday, July 30, from 8 to 11 a.m. Students should meet outside the athletic director's office. All checks should be made payable to the Caston Athletic Department. Physical forms can be picked up in the high school office or they will be available outside the AD's office on July 30.

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Farm Bureau Opens New Rochester Location

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance has opened a new office for its Fulton County operations. The new location is at 230 E. 9th Street, the former Hardees restaurant site.

"Our new office is larger and more accessible to better serve our current and future clients. It's all about enhanced customer service," says Rochester agency manager, Todd Wottring.

An open house will be held at the new location Friday, August 3. Friends and customers are invited to celebrate the new location with Indiana Farm Bureau staff members. Refreshments will be served and folks can tour the new building.

Business hours for the new location will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or nights and weekends by appointment.

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Master Gardener Course

Purdue Cooperative Extension Service of Fulton County will be conducting Master Gardener classes beginning Thursday, September 6, from 6 to 9 p.m. Classes will be held every Thursday evening for 13 weeks, excluding Thanksgiving. All classes will be held at the fairgrounds in Rochester. The Master Gardener program offers intensified training on a broad range of gardening topics through an in-depth gardening course and follow-up educational program. Sessions will include the following topics: soils, plant nutrition, plant growth, diseases, insects, weeds, lawns, trees, vegetables, flowers, houseplants, fertilization and pesticide safety. Participants will receive a notebook and have a chance to participate with others interested in gardening. The cost of the course is \$110. To receive the Master Gardener certificate after completion of the course, you will need to volunteer 35 hours of your time to the Cooperative Extension Service in a variety of community service projects related to gardening. This program is very active in the community and Master Gardeners are included in many community projects.

Interested persons should call or write Mark Kepler, Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 1009 West Third Street, Rochester, IN 46975; telephone 574-223-3397. Class size is limited.

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Raffle Winner

Stephanie Hinderlinder, Kewanna, was the winner of the afghan raffled off July 3 in conjunction with the town's Independence Day fireworks. The raffle was a fundraiser for Tom Gray, Kewanna, to help with medical expenses.

August Blood Collection Days

Area residents can help ensure that blood is available when patients need it by donating blood and one of the following blood drives:

- Thursday, August 16, at the Akron United Methodist Church from 1 to 7 p.m. The church is located at 121 N. Mishawaka Street.
- Tuesday, August 21, at the St. Joseph parish hall from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. St. Joseph parish hall is located at 1310 Main St., Rochester.

All presenting donors will receive a t-shirt.

If you are at least 17 years of age, weight 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.

Every two seconds someone in America needs blood. Commonly, the need for blood increases during the summer months due to a decrease in the number of people at home. But, the need for blood never goes away. Each summer, 4,050,000 people will need blood. You could be able to help three of those people through one donation.

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Caston Hires New Basketball Coach

Andrew (Andy) Firth has been hired as the new head basketball coach at Caston, replacing Brett Eberly who recently resigned after just one year at the helm.

Firth, 28, has been the junior varsity coach at Rushville for the past three years. He is a 1998 graduate of Southwestern (Hanover) High School where he played on the 2A state champion basketball team his senior year. He played college ball at Division II Lenior-Rhyne in Hickory, North Carolina, later transferring to Judson College in Elgin, Illinois.

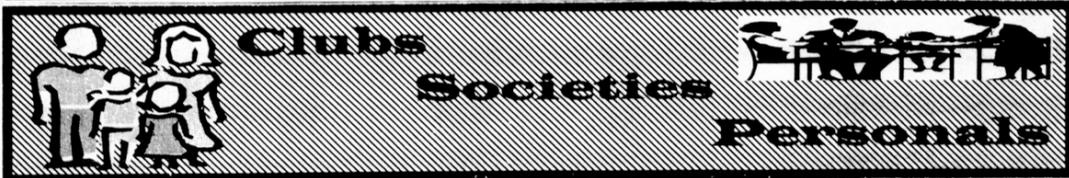
According to Caston AD Debb Stevens, "Andy brings a lot of enthusiasm to build a winning program at Caston and we're excited to have him as part of the Caston community. He's single and a basketball junkie!"

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Worship Service at Lake Bruce

An outdoor worship service will be held at 8 a.m. Sunday, July 29, at the L'Abri pavilion on the east side of Lake Bruce, next to the channel.

Rob Wingerter will be speaking on the subject, "Is Faith Alone too Simple?" This is the third message in the series, *Answering the Difficult Questions of the Christian Faith*. The final summer service will be Sunday, September 2.



Genealogy for Night Owls at the Museum

The Genealogy Section of the Fulton County Historical Society has scheduled a special "Genealogy for Night Owls" at the Fulton County Museum for July 27. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. with Peggy Reen, Lafayette, of the 17th Century Colonial Dames and Daughters of the American Revolution telling how to find your colonial ancestors. This will be followed by a time for research in the Tetzlaff reference room in the museum and an opportunity to use the computers. Melinda Clinger, museum director, subscribes to Ancestry.com and will show how to use it. Closing time will be 12 midnight.

Bring your notebooks, photos, cameras, laptop computers, scanners and family files. Snacks and drinks will be available. The museum is air-conditioned, handicap-accessible, and has ample parking.

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Paul's Chapel Sets Homecoming

Pastor Christian Becker from the First Brethren Church in Buena Vista, Virginia, will be the speaker during the 1:30 p.m. homecoming service at Paul's

Chapel Church on Sunday, August 5. The members of Paul's Chapel, 600 W 650 S, Winamac, extend a warm welcome to the public to attend the services.

Festivities will start with the Sunday school hour at 9:30 a.m. with Rev. Ronald Purkey, the pastor of Paul's Chapel, teaching the adult Bible class. Rev. Becker will be preaching at 10:30 a.m. during the morning service and will also bring the message during the 1:30 p.m. homecoming service. A carry-in lunch for visitors and members is at 12:15 p.m.

Paul's Chapel extends a call for special music. Visitors and members are invited to present special music during the 1:30 p.m. homecoming service. For more information, call Rev. Purkey at 574-223-2708.

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WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

July 14
Births - Sheena Icenberg, Rochester, a daughter

July 16
Admissions - none published
Dismissals - Benjamin Hansen, Sheena Icenberg and Warren Messersmith, Rochester

Births - Kristin Norman, Knox, a son
July 17
Admissions - none published
Dismissals - none published
Births - Heather Yates, Bourbon, a daughter

July 18
Admissions - none published
Dismissals - Kristin Norman, Knox

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July 19

Admissions - none published
Dismissals - none published
Births - Travis and Monica Huffman, Rochester, a son
July 20

Admissions - none published
Dismissals - Heather Yates and daughter, Bourbon

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

July 11
Births - Leslie Ellen and John Thomas Hampton, North Judson, a son, Teagen Joseph Hampton; Kimberly Katherine Frakes and John Huetten, Winamac, a son, Ezekiel Stewart Huetten

July 13
Admissions - Cynthia Rogers, Royal Center
Dismissals - Cynthia Rogers, Royal Center; Leslie Hampton and son, Alonzo Harris, Elkhart

July 14
Admissions - Chris Ols, Winamac; Dismissals - Kimberly Frakes and son, Winamac

July 15
Admissions - Denny Henderson, Winamac; Cynthia Rogers, Royal Center, David Stinemetz, Winamac; Charlene Bean, Monticello

Dismissals - Cynthia Rogers, Royal Center
July 16

Admissions - Russell Amor, Lakeville; Tiffany Tanksley, Knox; Rebecca Latoza, Knox; Lavon Girton, Winamac

Births - Rebecca Lee Latoza and Cameron Edwin Knapp, Knox, a son, Ian Lewis Knapp

July 17
Admissions - Andrea Messer, Winamac; Dismissals - Wiona Dyke and Lavon Girton, Winamac

Births - Tiffany Jane Tanksley and Douglas R. Eskridge, a daughter, Gabryelle Ann Eskridge

July 18
Admissions - Clarence Scheffer, Winamac

Dismissals - Russell Amor, Lakeville; Charline Bean, Monticello; Andrea Messer, Winamac; Evelyn Joyner, Fort Pierce, Florida; Rebecca Latoza and son, Knox

July 19
Admissions - Lela Sandifur, Winamac; Dismissals - Evelyn Joyner, Fort Pierce, Florida; Tiffany Tanksley and daughter, Knox

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Amanda Hamman, granddaughter of Ron and Carole Hamman, Kewanna, was

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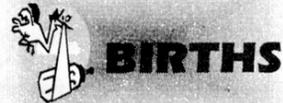
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CALE WAYNE DeWEES

Aric and Christy DeWees, Silver Lake, are the parents of a son born at 2:25 a.m. Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at Kosciusko Hospital, Warsaw. The baby weighed 7 pounds and 15 ounces, was 22 inches long and has been named Cale Wayne DeWees. His maternal grandparents are Joe and Gwen Hott, Kewanna.

Cale's arrival was also highly anticipated by his Aunt Teresa and Uncle Jeff.

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Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

Cancervive, a support group for people who have a history of cancer or those currently being treated for cancer, their families, and friends, will meet Tuesday, July 31, at the PMH hospice room from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Madelyn Leonard RRT from the Respiratory Therapy Department will be the guest speaker. This is a free service of PMH and is open to residents of any county. For more information, call 574-946-2147.

Prenatal classes will be held on consecutive Thursdays, August 2 through August 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the PMH conference center. There will be a breastfeeding class held Sept. 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. To register, call 574-946-2193 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you deliver at PMH, there is no charge for the classes.

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Benefit Flag Football Tournament

A 7-on-7 flag football tournament will be held August 11 at Caston High School to benefit David McCready and the Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana Sports Program.

This event is an opportunity to help David McCready who lost a leg in an auto accident two months ago, as well as many others across the state who have some form of physical disability.

The entry fee is \$75 with a maximum of 10 players per team. Each team is guaranteed two games. Registration deadline is August 4. Contact Evan Ulery at 765-860-4411 or email him at ezulery@bsu.edu.

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Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Friday, July 20, 2007, at Shackelford Funeral Directors of Selmer in Selmer, Tennessee, for Msgt. USAF Retired Leslie Eugene Easterday, 77, of Selmer. Lane Dix officiated and private graveside services were held. The former Kewanee resident died Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at the Regional Medical Center in Memphis, Tennessee.

He was a retired aviation technician for the U.S. Navy for nine years and the U.S. Air Force for 10 years, having served during the Korean War and the Vietnam conflict. He was also a retired truck driver and participated with the Meals on Wheels program.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Dix Easterday of Selmer, Tennessee; a son, Steve Easterday and his wife, Sue Ellen, of Columbia, Tennessee; one daughter, Susan McClellan and her husband, Chris, of Hanover, Pennsylvania; 12 grandchildren, Kevin Easterday, Brian Easterday, Jason Easterday, Matthew Easterday, Megan Easterday, Melinda Stacey, Paul Stacey, J.J. Stacey, Logan Drew, Delaine Drew, Rayne Stacey, Britany Drew and her husband, Dennis; one brother, Everett Easterday, Kokomo; one sister, Mildred Engle and her husband, Marvin, Kewanee; and a brother-in-law, Owen McVay and his wife, Pat, Rochester.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Hulda Campbell Easterday, a brother, William Easterday; a sister, Arlene McVay; and his wife's

parents, Ewell and Linda Kelley Dix.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Selmer Senior Center, Meals on Wheels or the McNairy County Fire and Rescue Squad.

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**Property Tax Relief for
Residents of Pulaski
County**

Sen. Weatherwax congratulates the County Council for being the first county in the state to pass the new Local Option Income Taxes for property tax relief

(STATEHOUSE) Sen. Tom Weatherwax (R-Logansport) congratulated local officials in Pulaski County for being the first county in the state to provide property tax relief for its residents through the newly created Local Option Income Taxes (LOITs) passed by the General Assembly in April. Pulaski County taxpayers will see an estimated 20.8 percent decrease in their property tax bills.

"This is great news for Hoosiers living in Pulaski County," said Weatherwax. "By passing the LOITs, the county is shifting away from the antiquated system of property taxes with a more modern, fairer tax system based on actual personal income to fund local government. I am honored to recognize the leaders in our community for once again leading our state in tax reform."

The County Council passed an operational LOIT that will replace the normal growth in property taxes at a rate of .3 percent. They also passed an additional 1 percent to be used exclusively to lower property taxes for all taxpayers. Citizens will see the new income deductions in October and will see the property tax reductions in

property taxes paid in 2008.

Weatherwax has been traveling around his senate district and presenting on the new LOITs to all the county councils and

encouraging them to use these new tools in reducing property taxes.

Pulaski County was also the first county in the state to eliminate the inventory tax in 2002.

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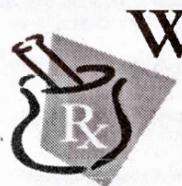
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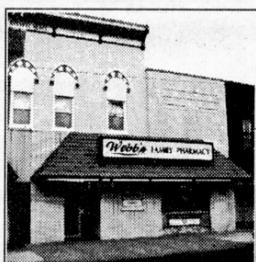
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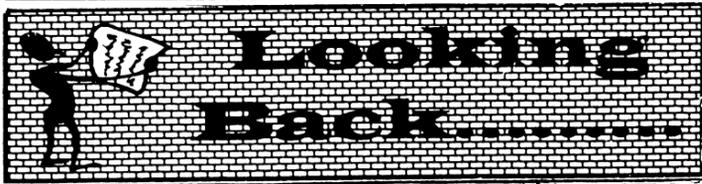
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FIFTY FIVE YEARS AGO July 25, 1952

Mrs. Bessie McPherson, 67, Kewanna, died Saturday morning, July 19, at Woodlawn Hospital. Final rites were held Monday in the local Church of Christ with Rev. Joseph Dux officiating. Surviving are the husband; and two sons, Joseph, of here, and Fred of South Bend.

Elmer B. Monesmith, 78, who lived two miles south of Fulton, was killed early Wednesday morning when the tractor-mower he was driving was hit by a semi rig driven by Billie G. Raper of Bloomington. The accident occurred in front of the Dean Richter farm, about three-fourths mile south of Fulton.

Major and Mrs. Ed Ley of St. Louis, MO, are the parents of a daughter, Nancy Ann, who was born July 17. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ley of Kewanna are the paternal grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hinderlinder took their daughter, Sandra, to Cedar Lake Sunday where she is attending Bible Camp. The Hinderlinders then motored to Earlville, Illinois, where they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Bailey.

The Kewanna Methodist Church adult Sunday school class enjoyed a picnic at Lake Bruce with 56 in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Grant Felder and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Welsh were hosts and hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovell Hurlburt and Mrs. Anderson entertained several children at a lawn party Sunday evening in honor of the birthdays of Kathryn Hurlburt and Phyllis Beacarst.

A birthday party was given Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Good honoring Jimmy Talbott on his fourth birthday. Guests were Tommy Kouch, Jane Buskirk, Cindy Clark, Ricky and Randy Weller, Dick Selle, Johnny Vigus, Johnny Brooks, Johnny and Marsha Agnew, Virginia Enyeart, Johnny Good and Jimmy and Kathy Ley.

FIFTY YEARS AGO July 25, 1957

The Kingery family had a

basket dinner and picnic Sunday at the Winamac City Park honoring Mr. and Mrs. William Allen and Delilah Kingery who are leaving August 5 for Arizona and California.

The "Future Citizens" for the week were Cindy and Donnie Fisher, children of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fisher, Rt. 3, Kewanna.

Joe Good, Kewanna, who was injured in an automobile accident July 6 has been returned to Woodlawn Hospital for observation.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Davidson celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary Sunday with a picnic dinner at their home near Lake Bruce.

The Kewanna-Union Township Hospital Auxiliary will participate with the county organization in furnishing articles to be sold at the bazaar at the Fulton County Fair.

The Kewanna Indians trimmed the Grass Creek Panthers in a dual-county league game here Tuesday night 10-6, exploding for four runs in the fourth inning to clinch the decision. A double by Walt Koebecke was the big blow in the inning. Larry Carlson socked a homer in the second inning.

Karla Garner was the honored guest at a picnic at Culver Monday evening in celebration of her sixth birthday. Present were her sister, Jennifer, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Deckard of Culver and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Garner, Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Garner and family and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie House and son, all of here.

Virgil Anderson and Chuck Cauffman, representing Perkins Used Car Lot, Kewanna, took part in the donkey, elephant and ostrich races at the Cass County Fair. One ostrich broke loose and was almost up town before being captured.

FORTY FIVE YEARS AGO July 26, 1962

Remodeling is in progress on the Calvin building on Main Street where Lois Crill and Marie Rife will open a restaurant Wednesday, August 1, which will be known as the Mar-Lo Restaurant. Mrs. Crill and Mrs. Rife have had wide experience in the

food business and will specialize in homecooked food.

Harold Foust, Kewanna, has been named manager of the Kewanna branch of the Fulton County Farm Bureau according to Gene Woodcox, general manager.

Nancy Troutman of Kewanna underwent a tonsilectomy in St. Joseph Hospital in Logansport last week.

Robert P. Moore, 64, Rt. 2, Rochester, prominent businessman and politician, died Thursday morning at his home of an apparent heart attack.

The Welcome Neighbors Club met at the home of Mrs. Cloyd Zuck for its June meeting. Mrs. Bill Fisher was co-hostess and Mrs. Don Van Duyne also assisted.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Engle and daughters, Karen and Kathy, attended the Engle reunion at Francesville Sunday.

Larry Donathen is spending this week at Pearson's Mill Christian Assembly Camp near Wabash. Susan Donathen is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hollis in Logansport.

FORTY YEARS AGO July 27, 1967

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Brown, Rt. 4, Rochester, are the parents of a daughter born July 17 in Parkview Hospital, Plymouth. The baby has been named Stephanie Ann.

Gordon Smith of Monmouth, Illinois, suffered a severe stroke Sunday at his home. Mr. Smith is the brother of Mrs. Cecil Rhoades and a former resident of this vicinity.

Mrs. John Agnew spent the weekend in Valparaiso with her daughter Marsha. Marsha was admitted to Porter Memorial Hospital Friday evening for surgery on her leg which had not healed properly following a recent accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Thomas and family of Marion were Sunday overnight guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas. Monday, the Gene Thomases and Yvonne Thomas left for a vacation trip to Mackinac Island.

The Women's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church met Wednesday, July 19, in the home of Virginia Hedger. Prayer was led by Helen Deckard and Opal Garner.

THIRTY YEARS AGO July 28, 1977

Walt and Theresa Pesaresi, owners of Winamac Coil Spring, Inc., Kewanna, were honored Saturday evening, July 23, for starting their 30th year in business. The party was hosted by their three children and grandchildren at the Moss Creek Country Club, Winamac.

The Kewanna junior high school baseball team defeated Tri-Central, 14-5, Wednesday evening at Sharpville and Pioneer Thursday at the Kewanna diamond to finish their season with an 8-6 record. Jim Holmquest had five hits in five at bats, Jeff Harper had three hits and Mitch Robbins and Scott Bibler had two hits in the rout over Tri-Central. Brown and

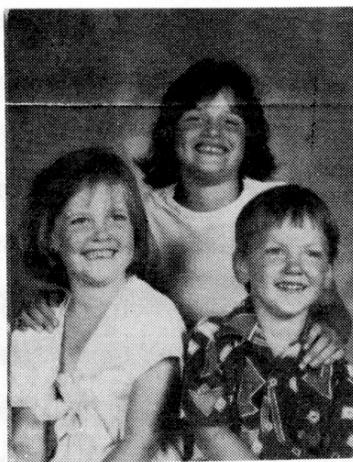
Holmquest had two hits each in the victory over Pioneer. Jeff Markley, Malcolm Howdeshell and Bibler had the other hits for Kewanna and Robbins scored the winning run.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sailors, Rt. 2, Kewanna, are the parents of a daughter born July 15 at Pulaski Memorial Hospital. The baby weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces and has been named Stephanie Sue.

TWENTY YEARS AGO July 23, 1987

Amy Friedrich was crowned Miss Fulton County 1987 Monday night during the 4-H fair queen pageant at Rochester. First runner-up was Lisa Jana and second runner-up was Carrie Baker. Shelly Bingle was chosen Miss Congeniality by the other contestants.

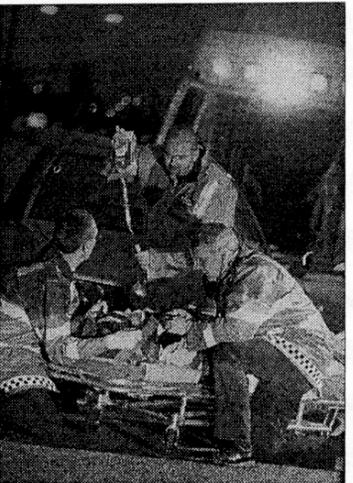
TOMMOROW'S LEADERS



Christina, age 8, Teresa, age 5, and Jeffrey, age 3, are "Tomorrow's Leaders" this week. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hott of Kewanna.

Loren and Guyla Cunningham, Rt. 1, Kewanna, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary during an open house Sunday, August 2. The couple's children

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Carole and Ron Hamman

**LOOKING BACK...
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will host the event from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Kewanna United Methodist Church.

Brad and Lisa Thomas, Grass Creek, are the parents of a son, Daniel Scott, born Friday, July 17, iGn Memorial Hospital, Logansport. Maternal grandparents are Harold and Mary Dittman, Akron, and the paternal grandparents are Gene and Phyllis Thomas, Grass Creek.

**TEN YEARS AGO
July 31, 1997**

Rhonda Hoff, Kewanna, was the winner of the three-piece luggage set given away by the Lake City Bank at the Fulton County 4-H Fair.

Leah Tufts of Lebanon, Ohio, and her Cincinnati Stars softball team participated in a girls fast pitch softball tournament in Muncie this past weekend. Leah is the daughter of Steve and Linda Tufts and the granddaughter of Beth and Ray Weller. The Stars won every tourney they participated in this season, including the Ohio state crown. Leah won two MVP awards in tournament play and was named to the Ohio All State team for 1997 for her outstanding pitching. The team finished the season with a 34-6 record.

Bill and Donnabelle Fisher were in Kokomo Sunday attending a ceremony in which their granddaughter, Jennifer Young, of Winamac received the Girl Scout's Gold Award, the highest award given to a girl scout.

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**Ronald Reagan
Parkway Lures
Businesses**

Indiana motorists passed for the first time over a new two-mile, four-lane section of the Ronald Reagan Parkway Wednesday, July 11. The parkway, when completed, will stretch 9.8 miles, connecting I-70 and I-65 through Hendricks and Boone counties.

Hoosiers have high expectations for the parkway around which commercial, industrial and office development is expected to cause a boom of regional economic growth. Millions of square feet of warehouses and distribution centers have already been constructed.

"The Ronald Reagan Parkway appropriately preserves President Reagan's distinguished legacy," said Grover Norquist, chairman of the Ronald Reagan Legacy Project, a leading force in preserving Reagan's legacy. "With creation of the Reagan Parkway, Hoosiers look to imitate the period of economic growth and development enjoyed as a result of the president's strong policies."

As president, Ronald Reagan fought to eliminate the threat of communism throughout the world. Domestically, President Reagan's broad tax cuts and bold monetary policy curbed inflation and promoted a healthy business environment in the United States. Indiana is already home to I-469, a 31-mile beltway near Fort Wayne, which in 2004 was dubbed the Ronald Reagan Expressway. The newly-named Ronald Reagan Parkway joins over 95 dedications to the late president in the United States.

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**Caston Fall Sports
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JV/V Football - July 30 & 31 - 8:00am -3:00pm

V. Soccer - July 30-Aug. 3 - 5:00-8:00

Girls Golf - July 27, 30, 31 - 9:30am - Meet in the school's north parking lot

JH Soccer - Aug 6-10 - 3:30-5:30

JH Football - August 6-10 - 6:00-8:00pm

8th Grade VB - August 13-16 - 3:30-5:00

6th & 7th Grade VB - August 20 - 3:30-5:00

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**Indiana State
Fairgrounds
Upcoming Events**

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Indiana State Fair Indy International Wine Competition: July 26 - 28 in the Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Judging takes place Thurs. & Fri. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to noon. Contact: Indiana State Fair Board Office (317) 927-7592 or www.indianastatefair.com.

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

A Taste of Indiana Agriculture Wine Tasting Reception: August 1 at the DNR Fishin' Pond presented by Veolia Water. Hours: 6 to 9 p.m. Admission: \$25. Contact: Indiana State Fair marketing department for information, (317) 927-7524 or the Indiana State Fair ticket office for tickets, (317) 927-1482.

4-H Dairy Goat Show: July 31 - August 3 in the Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: Thurs - Fri. 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission: free. Contact: Indiana State Fair Board office (317) 927-7535 or www.indianastatefair.com.

4-H Horse and Pony Show: August 1 - 10 in the Pepsi Coliseum. Admission: Aug. 7. free; Aug. 9 - 19, \$8. Contact: Indiana State Fair Board office (317) 927-7535 or www.indianastatefair.com.

IN TWO WEEKS

Indiana State Fair: August 8 - 19. Admission: \$7 discount tickets available until August 7 at all Indiana Wal-Mart stores, CVS/pharmacy stores, Indiana Farm Bureau Offices, The Marten House Hotel and the Indiana State Fair Box Office or \$8 at the gate beginning August 8. Gates open at 6 a.m. daily. Contact: (317) 927-7500 or www.indianastatefair.com

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Kewanna/Union Township PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS....

The next meeting of the library board will be Monday, July 30, at 6 PM in the library.

The July 19 story hour was about the five branches of the United States military. The books that were used were: *Memorial Day* by Sheri Dean; *Submarines, Destroyers, Amphibious Vehicles, Military Trucks, Military Motorcycles, Military Dune Buggies and River Patrol Boats* by Michael Green; *Airplanes, Helicopters and Submarines* by Darlene R. Stille; *Aircraft Carriers* by Antony Preston; *Army Engineers* by C.B. Colby; *Uncle Sam's Navy* by George Avison; and *Fighter Planes, Combat Helicopter, Spy Planes and Bomber Planes* by Jay Schleifer. The children made mini pentagons with the emblems of the five services on the walls. They played Hide-and-Seek using spyglasses and Simon Says.

New books at the library:

ADULTS:

Christian Fiction— *A Bride Most Begrudging* by Deeanne Gist; *Return to Me* by Robin Lee Hatcher; *The Prodigal Apprentice* and *The Shepherd's Castle* by George MacDonald; and *The Justice Riders* by Chuck Norris.

Nonfiction— *The Cartoonist's Bible* by Frank Bishop; *American Covered Bridges* by Jill Caravan; *Raising America* by Ann Hulbert; *Creative Carving of Fruits & Vegetables* by Kikky, Sihota; *The Playmakers: Amazing Origins of Timeless Toys* by Tim Walsh; and *Iron Tears* by Stanley Weintraub.

JUVENILES:

Ages 10 and Under Fiction— *Hallo-What?* by Christel Desmoinaux; *Lizzy's Ups and Downs* by Jessica Harper; *Mrs. Mooley* by Jack Kent; *How Santa Lost His Job* by Stephen Krensky; *How Prudence Proovit*

Proved The Truth about Fairy Tales by Coleen Murtagh Paratore; and *Duncan Rumplemeyer's Bad Birthday* by Alexander Stadler.

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LOCALS

Vickie Molitor and Jaime Short left early Thursday for a four-day trip to Wisconsin. They had a wonderful time attending their annual Sisters Weekend with Judy Metye of Cedar Grove and Lola Pruess of Jefferson. Lola was this year's hostess and arranged for everyone to tour a mansion along the shores of Lake Geneva and dine aboard the tour boat. Following tradition, the sisters also spent the weekend celebrating their birthdays and Christmas.

Sharlene Haimbaugh and Barbara Brown of Rochester and Pauline Brown enjoyed a nice visit Friday, July 20. They met at the Paradise Family truck stop restaurant for lunch and an afternoon of catching-up on each others' news.

John Lincoln and Jackie Heidenreich enjoyed dining at the Kewanna Kafe Friday.

Judy Scott of Frankfort was a Friday and Saturday guest of her mother, Helen Miller. They traveled to South Bend Saturday afternoon to attend a 50th jubilee retirement open house for Sister Carolita Hart (Bernice) at the home of Cheryl and John Geary.

They also attended an open house for Alice Snyder's 80th birthday celebration at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Visitors of Virginia Agnew over the weekend included Greg

and Jackie Agnew Saturday morning; Zachary Agnew, Saturday night and Sunday; and Alexis Agnew Sunday night and Monday. Monday visitors for lunch and the afternoon were Cheryl Alcantara of Fort Wayne and Marsha and Ashlyn Tomerlin of Hebron. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Andrea Yocum of Indianapolis was the guest of honor at a large gathering Saturday, July 21. The occasion was in celebration of her 30th birthday and hosted by her fiancé, Peter Konchak. Among the 27 friends and family in attendance were Andrea's grandparents, Leonard and Nancy Evers. Everyone had a nice time helping Andrea celebrate her birthday with a Mexican fiesta meal and all the birthday trimmings.

Ruth Ann Anderson spent a pleasant weekend in South Bend. She was a houseguest of her daughter, Becky Lincoln. In the evening, Ruth Ann and Becky joined Becky's daughter and her family, Sara and Adam Edwards and Kahlán, for a visit over dinner.

Wilma Wilson had callers Saturday. Stopping by for a family chat were her daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lou and Bill Foerg of Royal Center.

Helen Whiteman was in Winamac Saturday. She had an exciting time attending a softball game in which her great-granddaughter, Whitney Hook, was playing.

Mathilda Lamb had a caller Saturday. Stopping by with a copy of "Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows" was her son, Bill Lamb of Ft. Wayne.

Wilma Wilson had visitors Sunday, July 22. Coming up in the afternoon for a chat were her daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Jack Graham of Lucerne. Joining them a little later in the day were the Grahams' daughter and son, Emily and Kurt. Everyone had a wonderful time catching up on each others' news.

Barb Hieber and JoAnne Tsoodle had company Sunday. Joining them for a working visit were Barb's grandsons, Tom and Joe Wilk of LaPorte. Joe remained overnight and did some night fishing.

Phyllis Koontz of Rochester was a Sunday afternoon visitor of

her parents, Don and Pauline Scales.

Jaime Short visited with Jackie Heidenreich for a while Sunday before returning to Indianapolis.

Barb Hieber chauffeured Joe Wilk home Monday, July 23. She also took care of some errands in LaPorte and Michigan City during the day.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Jim DeWitt, Hannah Johnston, Bo Klinefelter and Michele LaFollette, July 29; Carol Basham, Taylor Grounds and Michael Nimitz, July 30; Bo Hines, Larry Kimble, Andrea Wallace and Ryan Whalen, July 31; Bryce Basham, Brandy Cummins, Bridget Cummins, Jill Kropa, Roy Allen McGee and Ethan Whiteman, Aug. 1; Mike Cogdill, Rachel Cogdill and Maryellyn Tennent, Aug. 3; and Robert Artist, Charlie Baldwin, Mary Chew, Johan Miller and Lanier Redweik, Aug. 4.

There are eleven couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Brian Kleiner and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Sanders, July 29; Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Don Rosenbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Young and Mr. and Mrs. Greg Zimpleman, July 30; Dr. and Mrs. Tom Troutman, July 31; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Burkett, Aug. 1; Mr. and Mrs. Roger Vogel, Aug. 2; Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Douglass, Aug. 3; and Mr. and Mrs. Jon Unger, Aug. 4.

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—Gerald Ford

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—Bobby Jones

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—Fred Beck

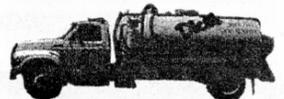
He enjoys that perfect peace, that peace beyond all understanding, which comes at its maximum only to the man who has given up golf.

—P.G. Woodhouse

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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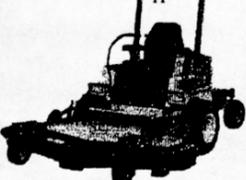


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In 2006, more than 87 million Americans, or 38 percent of the United States' population age 16 and older hunted, fished or observed wildlife. They spent \$120 billion that year pursuing those activities — an amount roughly equal to Americans' total spending at all spectator sports, casinos, motion pictures, golf courses and country clubs, amusement parks and arcades combined.

"This very important survey shows in real economic and participatory terms the impact that wildlife has on the nation's economy, but simply talking about dollars and cents doesn't fully capture the importance of wildlife to our nation. Wildlife related recreation rejuvenates our spirit and gets us outside pursuing healthy activities," said U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director H. Dale Hall at the Outdoor Writer Association of America's annual conference in Roanoke, Va. "Americans should be proud that the outdoor tradition continues to be such a prevalent part of our lives."

Preliminary data from the 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation shows the importance of wildlife-related recreation to the American people. Of all Americans age 16 or older, 30 million or 13 percent fished and spent \$41 billion on their activities,

12.5 million or 5 percent hunted

and spent \$23 billion, and 71 million or 31 percent observed wildlife and spent \$45 billion.

The National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation has been conducted every 5 years since 1955 and is one of the nation's most important wildlife recreation databases. It is considered to be the definitive source of information concerning participation and expenditures associated with hunting, fishing and other forms of wildlife recreation nationwide.

The Survey is conducted at the request of State fish and wildlife agencies and is funded by grants from the Multistate Conservation Grant Program. A wide range of individuals and groups depend on the Survey to analyze participation rates, economic impacts of expenditures, demographic characteristics, and trends in participation and activities.

"This expenditure of \$120 billion highlights the benefits of these activities on national and state economies," said Survey economist Jerry Leonard. "It is roughly equivalent to one out of every one hundred dollars of goods and services produced in our economy. And much of this activity occurs in places which rely significantly on wildlife-related recreation expenditures for their economic well being."

After losing ground in the early 1990s, wildlife-related activities such as bird watching and photography increased 13 percent over the last decade. In 1996, 62.9 million Americans observed wildlife; 66.1 million did so in 2001, and 71.1 million in 2006. Wildlife watchers spending increased 19 percent, from \$37.5 billion in 1996, \$43.7 billion in 2001 to \$44.7 billion last year.

The preliminary data shows decreases in both angling and hunting participation from 1996 to 2006. In 1996, 35.2 million

anglers fished compared to 34.1 million in 2001 and 30.0 million in 2006, representing a 15 percent decline in participation of the ten year span.

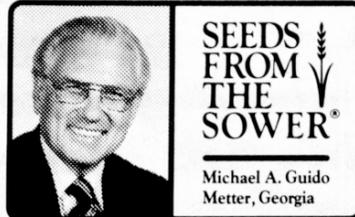
"Participation levels in 2006 were likely reduced due to several factors: higher gas prices, hurricanes, the increasing age of baby boomers, and continuing urbanization," said Leonard.

Anglers spent \$40.6 billion last year, which is similar to 2001 but 16 percent lower than 1996. While overall spending—including trips, fishing equipment, special equipment, and other related items—was flat from 2001 to 2006, spending on fishing equipment such as rods and reels and travel-related items such as food and lodging were up.

For hunting, there was a 10 percent decline in participation from 1996 to 2006. In 1996, 14.0 million Americans hunted compared to 13.0 million in 2001 and 12.5 million in 2006. Hunters spent \$22.7 billion last year, 3 percent lower than 2001 and 14 percent lower than 1996. Similar to fishing, while overall spending was down, expenditures on hunting equipment such as rifles and ammunition were up 3 percent since 2001.

It is important to note that the National Survey is a snapshot for the specific year in which it is conducted and does not necessarily represent the total number of anglers, hunters, and wildlife watchers in the U.S. because they do not consistently participate every year. For example, examination of survey data shows that over the five year period from 2002 to 2006, cumulatively over 44.4 million fished and 18.6 million hunted. However, this information serves as a valuable tool to gauge general trends in the participation of Americans in wildlife related activities and related

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal Federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 97-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System, which encompasses 547 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 69 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resources offices and 81 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign and Native American tribal governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Assistance program, which distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.



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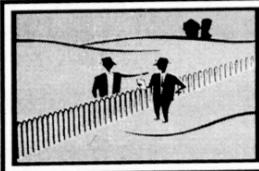
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By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Friday, July 13, Ruth Cogdill drove to Bluffton to visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Jim Teeter; her granddaughter, Jennifer Watson; and her great-grandchildren, Aryn, Tori and Tyler. Jennifer had been visiting with her family for two weeks and was returning to Pensacola, Florida the following day. Visiting on Saturday were Jenni's sisters and their families, Jessica Teeter, Jacob and Nicholas and Jaelyn and Chad Shaw, Sophia and Sam, all of Ft. Wayne. They had all gathered to wish Jenni a safe trip back to Florida.

Pauline Brown and Julie were in Goshen Monday, July 16. They did a little window shopping at The Old Bag Factory and some purchasing at Choice Books in The Depot.

Denilyn and Jack Jordan stopped in Greensburg Monday to visit with Denilyn's brother and sister-in-law, Dennis and Susan Wilson. The Jordans then spent the night at Clifty Falls before heading home to Norman, Oklahoma.

Monday, Jane Teeter and Ruth Cogdill drove to Indianapolis for

Ruth's eye doctor appointment. They enjoyed dining out at Moe's Mexican grill and spending the night at the Courtyard by Marriott hotel next to the medical plaza.

JoAnne Tsoodle and Barb Hieber recently spent some time in Chicago, Illinois. They were attending a trade show that was hosted at McCormick Place. They also took the opportunity to try the local cuisine and some of the area "hot spots".

Pauline and Don Scales had company Monday. Arriving in the evening for a family visit was their daughter, Linda Garner.

Barb and Jon Gast had a caller Tuesday, July 17. Coming down for a working visit was their daughter, Randi Neidig of Bourbon. Randi helped them tackle one very big household chore - cleaning out a closet.

Mathilda Lamb had working visitors early in the week. Arriving Tuesday for an overnight stay were her great-grandsons, A.J., Drew, and Jake Gallagher of Ft. Wayne.

Tuesday morning, while returning to Bluffton from Indianapolis, Ruth Cogdill and Jane Teeter stopped at a Cracker Barrel restaurant for a breakfast of fresh blueberry pancakes. Later in the afternoon, they traveled to Ft. Wayne to pick up Jane's grandchildren, Aryn and Tyler, who had been babysitting for Aunt Jaelyn. Their sister, Tori, was spending the week babysitting for Aunt Jessica.

Don and Pauline Scales had visitors Tuesday evening. Joining them for chat were their neighbors, Joe and Judy St. Clair.

Helen Whiteman had company Wednesday morning, July 18. Coming for a visit were her

daughter, Sherri Lett, and great-granddaughters, Whitney and Riley of Winamac.

Ruth Cogdill stopped in Macy on her way home from Bluffton Wednesday. She enjoyed a nice visit with her son, Tim Cogdill. The extended weekend had been a wonderful mini family vacation for Ruth.

Janel Norris and her brother, David Norris, spent Wednesday afternoon visiting relatives in South Bend. They met their cousins, Val and Dan Kelter, for lunch at a Bob Evans restaurant and caught up on all the family news. Everyone is excited that Val and Dan's daughter, Angie Kelter, is engaged and has moved back to South Bend from Chicago. Angie is a graduate of Indiana University Law School and has joined one of South Bend's largest law firms as an attorney. She and her fiancé, Bryan Hall, have just purchased a home in Granger and are working long hours to have it just the way they want it when they move in. Later that afternoon, Janel and David visited Val's mother, Alyce Norris Bruce, who lives in a Mishawaka retirement home. As the bride of C. Eldon Bruce, Alyce lived on a farm east of Kewanna for several years. Alyce will be 94 this coming November and not only has total recall of her youthful memories, but is also up-to-date on current events and is a life-long, enthusiastic fan of The Observer for keeping her informed about the latest activities of family and friends in Kewanna. On their way home, Janel and David stopped in Kewanna to visit with their sister, Ruth Cogdill, update her on their pleasant day's activities and see her reaction to a surprise they had arranged during her absence. Ruth was thrilled to discover that the Norrises' neighbor, Steve Powlen, had expertly made sturdy new oak rockers for Ruth's

favorite chair, which had recently been put out of commission by over-enthusiastic grandchildren.

Holt Harding was the guest of honor at a family gathering Wednesday evening. The event was in celebration of his birthday and held at The Streamliner restaurant in Rochester. Helping him mark the occasion with dinner were his mother and brother, Dawn Nikolich and Luke of Santa Claus; his brother, Heath Harding of Rochester; his grandparents, Rich and Jane Green; his great-grandmother, Ann Zartman; his uncle and cousins, Dale Green, Joshua and Jacob; and his great-aunt, Shirley Zartman.

Pauline and Don Scales had a caller Wednesday. Paying them a family visit in the evening was

their son, Bruce Scales of Fulton. Jackie Heidenreich had company Wednesday. Arriving late in the day for an overnight visit was her daughter, Jaime Short of Indianapolis.

Helen Whiteman had a few visitors Thursday July 19. Joining her for a nice chat were her daughter-in-law, Monica Whiteman of Pulaski, and great-granddaughters, Jaden and Ella, of Indianapolis. The ladies enjoyed a wonderful visit at the house and during lunch at the Kewanna Kafe.

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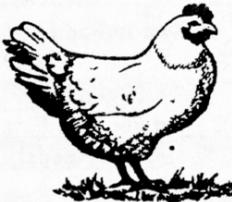
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