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Town Council Retains Officers/Personnel

The Kewanna town council retained all officers, boards and personnel when it met for its first meeting of the year Thursday, January 5, with the exception of the board of safety. The new fire chief, Larry Baldwin, will replace Larry Kimble on the board of safety. Other members are Dennis Price and Mike Molitor. Jeff Finke will continue to serve as president of the council; Don Woolington, police commissioner; and Jeff Finke, building commissioner. The council will also make up the water board and the sewage board. Mike Molitor will continue as town superintendent; Brian Shafer, assistant; and Dennis Price, town marshal.

Casi Cramer, Plan Commission director, again discussed proposed zoning requirements with the council and Jack Urbin, the town's appointee to the Area Plan Commission. A public meeting on the comprehensive plan for Kewanna will be held at 7 p.m. February 16. More will be announced on this at a later date.

A report was heard on fire department elections. Larry Baldwin will serve as fire chief. His assistants will be Jay Cunningham and Tony Pesaresi. Brock Hinderlider and Jim Hott are captains and Jamie Shaffer, lieutenant. The fire report for December revealed two town runs, one medical, and one township run, which was also medical.

Tari Bateman was reappointed as the town's representative to FEDCO.

A resolution determining council meeting dates for 2006 was approved. The town council will continue to meet at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the town hall. If the first Thursday happens to fall on an observed holiday, the council will set an alternative date, which will be advertised.

The council approved conflict of interest statements from council member, Don Woolington, and clerk-treasurer, Karen Good.

The clerk was instructed to prepare the 2006 fire contract between Kewanna/Union Township and Harrison Township in Pulaski County.

The town marshal's report for December noted one traffic arrest, 10 traffic warnings, five criminal arrests, two accident reports, 42 calls answered, and 1,349 miles patrolled.

The town superintendent's report revealed problems with a pump at the No. 2 lift station. The oil cooling lines and thermostat on the red pick-up were replaced. Wiring on the dump truck/snow plow was repaired. Town employee, Brian Shafer, started going through equipment in the shop to get it ready for next year. He has been tearing everything apart, cleaning, greasing, changing fluids and waxing were necessary. Fuel stabilizer was

Orientation at Winamac

All prospective ninth graders and their parents should attend a meeting to be held at Winamac Community High School Tuesday, January 31, at 7 p.m. to discuss scheduling of classes for next year. The meeting will be held in the socialatorium.

Mrs. March, the high school counselor, will go over graduation requirements that the students will need to complete over the next four years. She will also be discussing how to fill out the students' four-year plans for the tri-mester scheduling system.

This meeting is very important and all parents/students are encouraged to attend.

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Legislative Breakfasts

The 2006 legislative breakfasts sponsored by the Rochester/Lake Manitou Chamber of Commerce will be held January 28 and February 25 at the Manitou Banquet Center, Rochester. Both sessions will start at 8 a.m. Coffee and pastries will be served.

State-level elected officials will be on hand to discuss the activities of the Indiana General Assembly and answer questions from constituents.

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Donkey Basketball at Caston

Caston High School will host a donkey basketball tourney Saturday, January 20, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym. Pre-sale tickets are \$5. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$7. Children age four and under will be admitted free of charge. Tickets are available in the bookstore or from any rider.

The juniors will play the seniors and community members will take on faculty members. There will also be a consolation game and championship game.

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AREA V MENU Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, January 16 - Closed
 Wednesday, January 18 - Chicken fettuccine, spinach, breadstick, apple and chocolate pudding

Friday, January 20 - Tator tot casserole, green beans, wheat bread, grasshopper dessert and banana

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added and equipment ran before being put away. Time has also been spent cleaning and rearranging the shop area. The town's fire extinguishers were inspected and recharged. Molitor attended a three-day water and wastewater seminar in Columbus. A total of 1,273,500 gallons of water was pumped during December.

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Cub Scouts Enjoy Carry-in/Awards Night

Cub Scout Pack #3215 of Caston Educational Center, Fulton, recently enjoyed a carry-in supper and awards night.

Cub Master, Anita Doan, opened the evening's activities with fun sheets for the scouts and their siblings. The sheets were completed in return for a ticket for prize drawings.

Debbie Holliman's Tiger Cubs lead the group in the Pledge to the Flag and the Cub Scout Promise. The Cub Scouts told what they enjoyed best by being a Tiger. Their answers included the tours, fire trucks, Home Depot, archery, Camp Buffalo and all the fun projects they do.

The new scouts received a fishing lure including Austin Goforth, Devin Niver, Dakota Townsend, Brett Milborn, Robert VanderLeek, Matthew Holliman, Efrain Amerzquita, Brent Shaffer, Jayson Paulson, Keaton Ferwerda and Zack Slocum.

The Tiger Cub receiving an award was Matthew Holliman. He was presented with belt loops for chess, bicycling, swimming and table tennis.

The Wolf awards were handed out by Chuck and Janine Smith. They included Bobcat badges for Devin Niver, Michael Smith, Nathan Winters, Darin Chew, Jacob Maroney and Kyler Spencer. Belt loop awards included: marbles - Michael Smith, Devin Niver, Darin Chew, Jacob Maroney and Kyler Spencer; heritage - Jacob Maroney and Michael Smith; and computer - Michael Smith. The den also brought family scrap books to share.

Trey Doan, Bear Cub, received his flag football and communications belt loops from the den leader, Anita Doan.

The Webelos awards were presented by Melissa Harvey. The recipients were Austin Goforth, Austin Fultz, Chad French, Daniel Jones, Braxton Townsend and Derek Berkshire. They all received communicator, forester and outdoorsman pins. Austin Goforth also received a Bobcat badge.

The popcorn sales awards were presented by Cub Master, Anita Doan. She thanked everyone for their hard work and persistence in their sales. She also commented that she and the pack appreciated the community support for the popcorn sales. The scouts receiving popcorn sales awards included:

\$300 in sales (Bota bag) - Robert VanderLeek, Kyler Spencer, Michael Smith, Trey Doan, Derek Berkshire, David Jones, Jayson Paulson, Dakota Townsend, Brent Shafer and Matthew Holliman.

\$400 in sales (tackle box with gear) - Jayson Paulson, Dakota Townsend, Trey Doan, Daniel Jones and Michael Smith.

\$500 in sales (choice of ball) -

Conservancy Meeting Tonight

The Lake Bruce Conservancy District will hold its monthly meeting tonight (Thursday) January 12 at 7 p.m. in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station. The agenda will include general business of the conservancy and discussion of the proposed sewage collection and treatment project and the dredging project. All freeholders as well as concerned citizens are welcome to attend the meeting.

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12-Step Retreat at Lindenwood

Registrations are now being taken for a 12-Step Compulsive Eating and Eating Disorders Retreat to be held at Lindenwood Retreat & Conference Center, Donaldson. The program is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, February 3, to 1 p.m. Sunday, February 5. The program fee is \$160 for a single room, \$130 per person for a double occupancy room, and \$80 for commuter.

This weekend is designed as time away from work and home to focus on where you are in life and in your recovery. The focus of the retreat will be on the spirituality of the 12 steps, which are recognized as the foundation of most successful recovery programs.

For more information or to register, contact Lindenwood at 574-935-1780 weekdays or email lw@lindenwood.org. The deadline to register is January 26.

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Trey Doan (basketball), Daniel Jones (football), and Michael Smith (soccer).

\$600 in sales (telescoping fishing pole with lures) - Trey Doan, Daniel Jones and Michael Smith.

\$750 in sales (skate board with pad set and half of camp fees) - Trey Doan and Michael Smith.

\$1,000 in sales (\$25 Wal-Mart gift card and fully paid camp fees) - Trey Doan and Michael Smith.

All of the scouts who sold popcorn received a 25th anniversary badge and the scouts selling over \$200 in popcorn received a certificate for 10 percent of their sales redeemable at the scout store.

The meeting closed with the scouts receiving drawing gifts as well as candy treats from their Scoutmaster. Mrs. Doan thanked the large group of parents for their time and effort put into scouting. She also thanked the Grass Creek Lions Club for their sponsorship and Millie Redweik for serving as committee chairman.

The meeting adjourned with the scouts saying "Do your best!"

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The News In Brief

Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) has announced that natural gas costs for January increased compared to last month. NIPSCO residential customers will see an increase in natural gas costs of 5.38 percent when compared to December. A typical residential customer using 200 therms of natural gas should expect an increase of approximately \$15.07 from last month's statement.

The Fulton County Board of Health will conduct a regular meeting Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 12:15 p.m. in the conference room of the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester.

Walker Conley, a 16-year deputy sheriff, has announced that he will seek the office of Fulton County Sheriff on the Democrat ticket.

Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter has announced that five Florida businesses and at least three individuals are being sued for making and orchestrating hundreds of illegal sales calls to citizens registered on Indiana's Do Not Call list. The unsolicited, pre-recorded telemarketing calls promoted vacation packages and were either from "Michelle" with Vacation Depot or USA Travel and "Jessica" with Premier Travel.

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Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group will meet January 14 at 10 a.m. at PMH. This group will focus on sharing experiences and positive solutions for dealing with MS. Patients, families and caregivers are all welcome. For more information, call Lori Semrau at 574-946-2157 Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

PMH is offering a Healthcare Provider CPR class January 26. Class starts at 6 p.m. and will end approximately at 10 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person. Call 574-946-2193 to request a registration form or pick one up at the admissions desk. Class size is limited so call early and reserve your place. Classes may be rescheduled if paid participants number less than six by January 23.

When the Bough Breaks is grief support for those who have lost an infant, experienced a stillbirth, a miscarriage or SIDS. This is a free service of PMH for residents of Pulaski, Fulton, Starke, Marshall, Cass White and Jasper counties. For more information, call 574-946-2180.

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FIVE GENERATIONS – This five-generation picture was taken recently at the home of Antonia Agatha Arndt Gudas (now deceased) of the Kewanna-Star City area. Pictured with Mrs. Gudas (seated) are her son, granddaughter, great-grandson and great-great-grandson, Algird Joseph Gudas, Nancy Jane Gudas Schambers, Matthew Scott Schambers and Hayden William Schambers, all of Winamac. Hayden was born May 3, 2005.

Antonia passed away October 30, 2005. She would have been 101 on November 27.

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Book Signing at Waldenbooks

Bill May has been part of Hoosier hysteria for much of his life. His book, *Tourney Time*, is a reflection of the many years he spent refereeing on the hardwood. First published in 2003 and updated this year, May's book is

the only compendium of every Indiana High School basketball tournament game from 1911 to the present.

May will be signing copies of his updated *Tourney Time* at Waldenbooks in the Logansport Mall Saturday, January 14, from 1 to 3 p.m.

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Births

MADELINE ROSE YOCUM
 Jason and Melissa Yocum, Plainfield, are the parents of a daughter born Thursday, January 5, 2006. The baby weighed 9 pounds and 3 ounces, was 21½ inches long and has been named Madeline Rose Yocum.

The maternal grandparents are Brian and Susan Skoog, Danville, Illinois.

The paternal grandparents are Charles and Janet Yocum, Rochester. Paternal great-grandparents are Leonard and Nancy Evers of rural Kewanna.

CHRISTOPHER KEITH THOMAS

Ryan and Stephanie (Forlow) Thomas, Logansport, are the parents of a son born at 2:41 p.m. December 21, 2005 at Duke's Memorial Hospital, Peru. The baby weighed 8 pounds and 1½ ounces, was 20½ inches long and has been named Christopher Keith Thomas.

Maternal grandparents are Kim and Chuck Reed and Tim and Carol Forlow, all of Logansport.

Paternal grandparents are Deborah Thomas, Fulton, and the late Christopher Thomas. Paternal great-grandparents are Gene and Phyllis Thomas, Grass Creek.

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WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

December 31
Births - Bradley and Megan Hoover, Denver, a son

January 3
Admissions - Gertrude Pace and Joanna Rose, Rochester; Delores Hollar, Argos

Dismissals - Delores Hollar, Argos
Births - Adina Keckler, Rochester, a daughter

January 4
Admissions - Phyllis Reeves, Macy; Mabel Blacketer and Robert King, Rochester

Dismissals - Megan Hoover and son, Denver

January 5
Admissions - Karen Martin, Rochester
Dismissals - Gertrude Pace and Joanna Rose, Rochester

Births - Brian and Samantha Goodman, Rochester, a daughter; Nora Jenkins, Rochester, a son

January 6
Admissions - None published
Dismissals - Adina Keckler and daughter, Robert King and Samantha Goodman and daughter, all of Rochester

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

December 30
Admissions - Alison Rehn, Francesville; Ernest Gunter, Logansport; Orval Burgess and Lloyd Kline, Winamac

Dismissals - Dorothy Gilsinger, Winamac; Payton West, Royal Center

December 31
Admissions - Jessica Hoover, Star City

Dismissals - Ernest Gunter, Logansport; Charles Blount, Winamac

Births - Jeremy Wayne and Alison Annette Rehn, Francesville, a daughter, Isabelle Grace Rehn

January 1
Admissions - Leonard Rumsey, Jr., Winamac; Dismissals - None

Births - Carrel Francis and Jessica Lanae

Hoover, Star City, a son, Jackson Louis Hoover

January 2
Admissions - Rodney Miller, Lafayette
Dismissals - None

January 3
Admissions - Leslie Link, Winamac; Linda Hornbeck, Rochester; Ceara Leviner, Star City

Dismissals - Virgil Fauser, Kewanna; Jessica Hoover and son, Star City

January 4
Admissions - Shannon Mitchell, North Judson; Helen Bayer and Richard Sambrooks, Winamac

Dismissals - Leonard Rumsey, Jr. and Jane Ewing, Winamac; Ceara Leviner, Star City

Births - Don and Leslie A. Link, Winamac, daughters, Olivia Sue Link and Piper Ann Link; Robert Vaughn and Shannon Gaye Mitchell, North Judson, a daughter, Jenna Dean Mitchell

January 5
Admissions - Leeann Wallace, Knox

Dismissals - None

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DEATHS.....

ROBERT F. STEIGELY

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thurs, January 5, 2006, in the Cutler Funeral Home, LaPorte, for Robert F. Steigely, 75, LaPorte. Rev. Doug Hadley officiated and burial was in the Patton Cemetery. Mr. Steigely died at 9:30 a.m. Monday, January 2, 2006 at his home.

Born December 16, 1930, at LaPorte, he was the son of Frederick W. and Ruth Scharf Steigely. He was married December 30, 1950, to Faye Ruth Grassmyer, who survives.

Mr. Steigely worked as a foreman at Berkel for 24 years. A Korean War veteran, he was a

40-year member of the Moose Lodge #492, serving as past governor, and a member of the American Legion Lancers Drum & Bugle Corp.

Survivors besides his wife include four daughters, Vicki Travis and her husband, Gary, Laurie Parsons and her husband, Jeff, Julie Kampf and her husband, Dave, and Joyce Christenson and her husband, Art, all of LaPorte; two sons, Guy Steigely, Chicago, Illinois, and Russell W. Steigely, Middletown, New York; 11 grandchildren; three great-granddaughters; two sisters, Phyllis Miller and her husband, Jack, and Pam Lang, all of LaPorte; and one brother, Norman Steigely and his wife, Barbara, Kewanna. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, twin granddaughters, a brother and two sisters.

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Indiana State Fairgrounds

Upcoming Activities

Indy 1500 Gun & Knife Show: Jan. 13-15 in the South Pavilion. Hours: Fri. 2 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sun. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Central Indiana RV Dealers Show: Jan. 14-22 in the West Pavilion. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Suns. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$6.

U.S. Coin-operated Game Auction: Jan. 21 in the Pioneer Our Land Pavilion. Doors open at 8 a.m.; auction runs 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: free.

The Woodworking Show: Jan. 20-22 in the South Pavilion. Hours: Fri. noon to 7 p.m.; Sat.

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30th Annual Greater Indianapolis Garage Sale: Jan. 21-22 in the Champions Pavilion & Marsh Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$3.50.

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Hope Hospice Open House

Those donating to the Hope Hospice Memorial Christmas Tree, honorees, families of memorialized persons and all friends of Hope Hospice are invited to an open house to be held Wednesday, January 11, from noon to 3 p.m. at the hospice office, 420 Main Street, Rochester.

During the open house, the commemorative ornaments from

the Memorial Christmas Tree will be given as keepsakes of this special holiday season to participating families. Also, the Book of Remembrance listing the names of all the honorees and memorialized persons will be available for viewing. Everyone is invited to attend this event.

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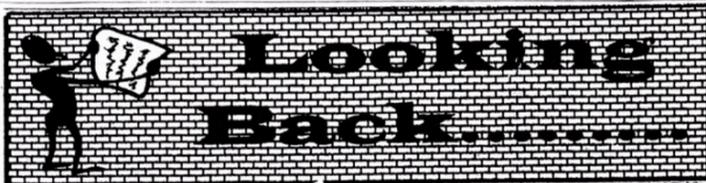
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**FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**

January 12, 1951

The Topps Garment Manufacturing Co. Inc. stated that they will start moving machinery into the newly completed building on Main Street by the end of the week or the first of next week.

The Chas. Van Meter Implement Co. has almost finished the expanding of their facilities. The expansion program includes increasing the parts storage space by one-third and increasing the sheltered storage space by 4,480 sq. ft.

Peter J. Dwyer was re-elected director of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank, Logansport, at the annual stockholders meeting January 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nutt were guests of honor at a surprise dinner in their home last Sunday. The occasion was to celebrate their 48th wedding anniversary.

A miscellaneous bridal shower honoring Mrs. Harold Hickie was given by Mrs. Violet Clyde and Donnabelle VanDuyne January 4 in the home of Mrs. Eva Hickie.

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January 12, 1956

A survey crew is now making a relocation of State Road 17 from the intersection of State Road 14 to the intersection of State Road 10, just north of Culver. The new road would be from ¼ to ½ mile west of the present location, and would pass through the west edge of Culver.

Jane Stoudt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Stoudt, fell while playing at Fairview School Tuesday of last week and broke two bones in her left arm. A blood clot which has developed since has made the injury very painful.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Ginn, Nila Whybrew, Rex Talbott, Fred Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Bussert, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hines, Leonard McIntire and Helen Hendrickson enjoyed a pot luck supper New Year's night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hickie and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Agnew entertained at a family party Monday evening honoring the eighth birthday of their daughter, Marsha. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rans and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rans and sons, Roy Rans Jr., Helen Worl and family, and Mrs. Faye Rans.

Mrs. Ed Gottschalk was the honored guest at a family carry-in dinner at her home Sunday when she celebrated her 78th birthday.

The local businessmen met at Herbie's Place Tuesday noon for their regular meeting. After the meal, the group retired to the Key Theatre where they elected officers - John Urbin, president; Dr. Paul Heinsen, vice president; and Bob Dutchess, treasurer. Grover Metzger, former secretary of the Illinois State Farm Bureau, gave a talk on leadership in the local community.

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**FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**

January 12, 1961

Vivian Brown has been named the 1961 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow at Kewanna High School.

In his quarterly report of police activities for the town of Kewanna, Marshal Eldon Sherbondy reports that he has travelled 5,109 miles in patrolling the town. In addition, he has put in 382 foot hours. All this traveling about has produced 37 doors that businessmen neglected to lock, and there were three traffic accident investigations.

Richard McPherson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe McPherson, Kewanna, is attending Manchester College at North Manchester.

Emma E. Wilson died at 3:00 January 8 in a Logansport hospital. Survivors include two sons, John Jr., Winamac, and James Orville, Kewanna. Services were held Tuesday at the Harrison Funeral Home, Kewanna, and burial was in the Kewanna IOOF Cemetery.

Mrs. Bert Gillespie was hostess to the Ladies Aid Society of the Church of Christ at her home recently. Mrs. Frank Greer installed the following officers for the new year: Mrs. Wilbur Rude, president; Mrs. Robert Troutman, vice president; Mrs. William Perkins, secretary; and Mrs. Bill Donathen, treasurer.

The Susannah Wesley Circle of the Kewanna Methodist Church met January 4 at the home of Mrs. Bertha Jennings. Mrs. Jennings gave devotions. Alice Sisinger gave the lesson.

FORTY YEARS AGO

January 13, 1966

Mr. and Mrs. Russell D. Walters, Rt. 3, Rochester, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Jean, to Richard R. Kumler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kumler, Kewanna. Miss Walters will graduate from Indiana University School of Nursing in June. Kumler is attending Purdue University.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hiatt, Lake Bruce, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary December 28 at their winter home in Holly Hill, Florida. Thirty-seven relatives and friends called to help them celebrate the occasion.

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover has said that a school for young Communists held in a vacant farmhouse last September in Aubbeenaubee township was one of two held last year in the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Plantz, Culver, will observe their golden wedding anniversary at an open house from 2 - 5 Sunday afternoon at the Culver Emmanuel Evangelical United Brethren Church. They are the parents of Robert Plantz, Kewanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baldwin of Kewanna were pleasantly surprised Sunday with an open house given in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Doty, in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary.

Ruth Bulger, Winamac, formerly of Kewanna, and Myer Madsen, Monticello, were married December 29.

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Western Fiction— *The Reluctant Assassin* by Preston Darby.

Abridged Audiobooks— *The Regime* written by Tim LaHaye, read by Steve Sever, on 2 cassettes and 3 hours in length; *Teacher Man* written and read by Frank McCourt, on 4 cassettes and 5 hours in length; *The Other Side of Me* written by Sidney Sheldon, read by Mike O'Malley, on 4 cassettes and 6.5 hours in length; *Toxic Bachelors* written by Danielle Steel, read by Kyf Brewer, on 4 cassettes and 6 hours in length; and *The Hadassah Covenant* written by Tommy Tenney, read by Aimee Lilly, on 2 cassettes and 3 hours in length.

JUVENILES:

Teenage Mystery Fiction— *Boardwalk Bust*, *Extreme Danger*, *Running on Fumes* and *Thrill Ride* (from the Hardy Boys- Undercover Brothers series) by Franklin W. Dixon.

Preschoolers Nonfiction— *We The Kids* by David Catrow; *Share and Take Turns* by Cheri J. Meiners; and *Let's Swim and Dive* by Anna Nilson.

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From The Desk Of....

**State Representative
ERIC A. GUTWEIN**
District 16

(STATEHOUSE) January 6, 2005 – The 2006 legislative session has started and we are taking great strides to bring job growth, economic development, and property tax relief to the state of Indiana. House Republicans are tackling a number of issues and continuing their agenda from last year, which is being considered the most aggressive agenda in a generation. We must continue to move Indiana in the right direction. It is important that we get Indiana back to fiscal stability, while keeping our constituents' needs in mind.

House Republicans have outlined an agenda for this year's session on property tax relief, job creation, education, local government efficiency, and energy relief. I am deeply committed to achieving these goals and making our state a great place for Hoosiers to live and work.

During this short session, I am authoring House Bill 1077, which outlines a plan to appropriate \$25 million to the Department of

Agriculture to promote economic development, conservation, research, and education in Indiana. In addition, other revenue will be allocated for property tax relief. The bill authorizes slot machines at Indiana's two racetracks.

Also, on the opening day of the 2006 legislative session, Speaker of the House Brian C. Bosma complied with the recent court ruling and ended a 188 year old ritual of giving an invocation each day before session. Legislators took the floor of the Indiana House of Representatives 10 minutes before the official start of session to pray together for guidance.

The prayer met the guidelines of Judge Hamilton as it was delivered before the start of the legislative session and away from the Speaker's podium. This will be the standard procedure of prayer while the Speaker takes the additional steps to overturn this decision in a higher court.

As the defendant, Speaker Bosma is appealing this decision to the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago and has vowed to take this case to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary.

I would like to add that House Republicans are upholding their promise in making Indiana state government more open and accessible to the Indiana taxpayers. As part of the Open Government initiative started by the House Republicans last year, the House proceedings can be viewed online at <http://www.in.gov/legislative/session/video.html>. In addition to House proceedings being online, the important Ways & Means Committee hearings, where fiscal matters are discussed, and select

committees from one of the four House Committee rooms located in the basement of the Statehouse will now be broadcasted over the Internet.

As the session progresses, I encourage you to take advantage of new openness at the state capital. I also hope to continue working hard for constituents and to bring job and economic growth to the state of Indiana. Please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have this session.

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CASTON MENU

January 16 – 20

Breakfast

Monday – Friday – Choice each day with juice and milk: cereal and toast, sausage/cheese bun, ham/cheese bun or toaster pastry

Lunch

Monday – Pizza, green beans, pears, cookie and milk. Comet Café – whopper combo

Tuesday – Two soft tacos with meat and cheese, lettuce and tomato, pineapple and milk. Comet Café – hot pocket and chips

Wednesday – (Brunch) sausage/cheese sandwich, tater tots, orange juice, rice cricket treat and milk. Comet Café – baked steak or baked chicken, whipped potatoes, gravy and roll

Thursday – Turkey and noodles, whipped potatoes, broccoli, dinner roll and milk. Comet Café – Italian sausage combo

Friday – Barbecue rib sandwich, seasoned potatoes, applesauce, iced graham and milk. Comet Café – popcorn chicken salad and Chicago Avenue pizza

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EASTERN PULASKI MENU

January 16 – 20

Elementary Breakfast

Monday – Toaster pastry, juice and milk

Tuesday – Breakfast wrap, juice and milk

Wednesday – Cereal, string cheese, juice and milk

Thursday – Half day of school, no breakfast

Friday – Cereal, yogurt, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch

Monday – Pepperoni pizza, corn, pears, cookie and milk

Tuesday – Tacos, lettuce & cheese, peaches, cookie and milk

Wednesday – Cheese pizza, green beans, banana, cookie and milk

Thursday – Half day of school, no lunch

Friday – Potato soup, chicken nuggets, fruit salad, bread and butter and milk

garlic cheese bread, corn on the cob, applesauce and milk. Choice – salad bar

Tuesday – Nacho supreme, Tostito chips, cauliflower, peaches, cookie and milk. Choice – salad bar

Wednesday – Pepperoni pizza, broccoli, orange wedges, cookie and milk. Choice – salad bar

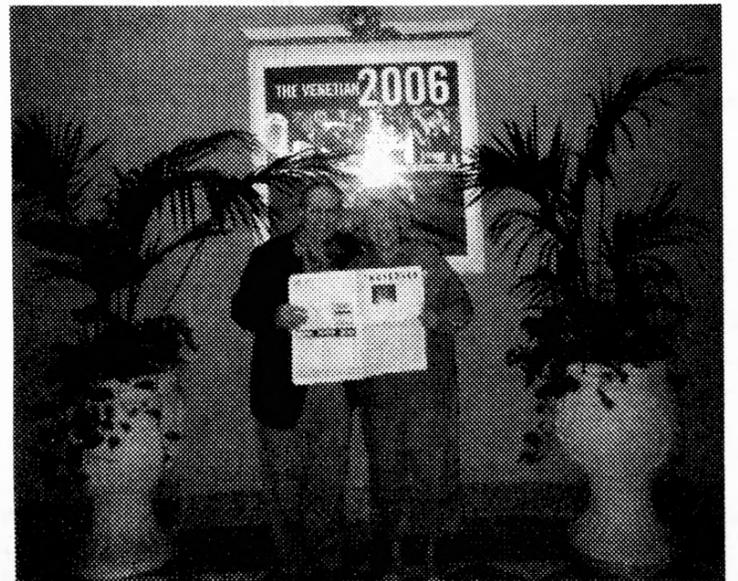
Thursday – Half day of school, no lunch

Friday – Chicken strips, potato triangles, peanut butter sandwich, fruit mix and milk. Choice – salad bar

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Former Kewanna residents, Dan and Viv Pesaresi, Mishawaka, and their family Dan Jr. and Lisa Pesaresi of Plymouth and Annamaria and Thomas Robb of High Point, North Carolina, celebrated the holidays in Las Vegas. They took their latest copy of the Observer along to read in their spare time.

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Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) reminds customers to learn the symptoms of and preventative actions for avoiding carbon monoxide poisoning.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless, tasteless and non-corrosive gas created whenever combustion takes place without sufficient oxygen. Carbon monoxide is relatively harmless in open spaces, but can be very poisonous if allowed to accumulate. Malfunctioning appliances or improper venting are major sources of carbon monoxide.

Symptoms
NIPSCO encourages customers to recognize the symptoms and take preventative action to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide may cause any or all of the following: headaches, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, irregular breathing, rapid heartbeat, ringing in the ears, seeing spots, fatigue, confusion, memory loss, loss of coordination, blurred vision.

feeling ill or tired at home, but fine away from home, loss of consciousness, coma, seizures, cardiac arrest and respiratory failure.

Other household symptoms include foul-smelling or stale air, the smell of exhaust fumes, a yellow/orange flame on gas burners, furnace or water heater chimney, furnace or water heater flue vent or fireplace, or large areas of condensation of water vapor on walls or windows.

What to do

Get into fresh air quickly if you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning and contact 911 immediately. If you suspect a natural gas leak, leave the home immediately and contact 911 and NIPSCO from a neighbor's home.

Prevention tips

- Purchase carbon monoxide detectors.
- Make certain all fuel-burning equipment (coal, wood, natural gas, Kerosene, and fuel oil) is installed, inspected and operated properly.
- Hire a professional to install appliances, carefully follow the manufacturers'

instructions and maintain equipment according established guidelines.

- Do not cut off or restrict combustion air sources to appliances.
- Provide adequate indoor ventilation when using fireplaces or unvented space heaters.
- Never burn charcoal indoors or in an enclosed space.
- Clean chimney and check for blockage, especially with wood-burning fireplaces and stoves.
- Open garage before starting vehicle.

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Pushing the "Easy Button"

Bishop Michael J. Coyner

One of the most interesting gifts I received during the Christmas season was an "Easy Button" from one of our younger clergy here in Indiana. If you have seen the TV commercial for Staples, then you have seen one of those buttons. It is bright red, with the word "easy" on it, and when you push it a recorded voice says, "That was easy." I have had some fun with that button already. I used it with both Cabinets, and right after we had a very difficult discussion and worked hard to make a difficult decision, I pushed the button and we all heard "That was easy." It brought a good laugh.

I would like to have an Easy Button for my work as bishop here in Indiana. If I could push that button and make things easy, here is what I would do:

1. I would push the Easy Button for every pastor who is feeling discouraged, or confused, or not very appreciated by his/her congregation. I would push the Easy Button and that pastor would be reminded of God's call, be affirmed for the many good things accomplished in their ministry which are unseen, and be filled with a sense of God's presence blessing that pastor's life and ministry.

2. I would push the Easy Button for every layperson who is struggling to find their way in the midst of the world's confusion, and who is not finding much help from their local church. So many people I hear from are hoping that their pastor and their church and their faith will guide them through tough business decisions, through family problems, and through the myriad of social issues facing our world. I would push the Easy Button and they would find a caring church to support them, a pastor whose messages and ministry bless them, and a faith to guide them even through the ambiguities of life.

3. I would push the Easy Button for every youth and young adult who is struggling to know God's will for their life. In the midst of mounting pressures from a society which seems hell-bent on destruction and a world which seems unfair and unjust, I would push the Easy Button and those young people would hear God's voice calmly leading them into their life pathway.

4. I would push the Easy Button for every injustice in our state of Indiana and every

injustice in our world. We seem surrounded by a culture which is not just apathetic to Christian values but actually antagonistic toward God's dream of peace, justice, harmony, and love. I would push my Easy Button and all injustice would cease as the world entered into a time of living within God's designs and purposes.

5. I would push my Easy Button and every local United Methodist Church here in Indiana would discover in a fresh way their call to mission and ministry for others in 2006. Rather than any church remaining stuck in a mode of self-preservation and negative thinking, my Easy Button would help them to be filled with God's power and purpose as they care for their own members but also move beyond their walls to care for all of God's people.

That's what I would do with my Easy Button. If only it were that easy.

May God bless you with a New Year of 2006 which is filled with God's answers - both easy and not so easy.

James F. Talbott VFW No. 1121 Activities

- January 14 - Men's meeting, 8:30 a.m.
- January 14 - Cards have to be paid for drawing
- January 17 - Women's meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- January 18 - Card drawing, 7 p.m.
- January 24 - Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- January 29 - Open Sunday at noon. Euchre/cards at 1 p.m. Free lunch. Everyone welcome.

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Airvac Division 4217 N Old US 31 Rochester IN 46975		335,850	IMPR	008-102069-00
Akron Foundry Inc PO Box Akron, IN 46910		268,645	IMPR	004-101004-00
Dean Milk Company 3600 N river Rd Franklin IL 60131		125,714	PP	009-404011-00
E & B Paving 286 W 300 N Anderson, IN 46012		375,750	IMPR	010-102105-00
Fulton Land & Building 340 S Columbia Place Suite 100 South Bend, IN 46601		10,005	IMPR	010-103064-96
Randall, Terry & Christina PO Box 697 Akron, IN 46910		75,000	IMPR	004-103014-77
Gopi, Inc. DBA/Super 8 5701 Progress Rd. Indianapolis, IN 46241		283,040	IMPR	010-110001-04
Middlebury Properties, LLC Manufactured Structures Corp. 51790 Cty. Rd. 39 Middlebury, IN 46540		343,550	IMPR	009-106100-00
Pike Lumber Company Inc. PO Box 247 Akron IN 46910		1,949,654	PP	003-416002-00
Rochester Heat Treating 1400 Wabash Ave Rochester IN 46975		69,505	PP	010-418069-00
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Rochester Metal Products 616 Indiana Avenue Rochester IN 46975		1,677,632	PP	010-418020-00
Kevin Birchmeier DBA/ Topp Industries Inc Highway 25 N Rochester IN 46975		81,505	IMPR	010-106013-50
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RESOLUTION NO. 010506
A RESOLUTION OF THE KEWANNA TOWN COUNCIL ESTABLISHING MEETING TIMES FOR 2006.

WHEREAS, the Kewanna Town Council has established that they will meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall, unless the first Thursday falls on an observed holiday, in which case the Town Council will set an alternative date to be advertised according to Indiana Code.

WHEREAS, the Kewanna Town Council has established meeting times as set out under IC 36-2-26 et. seq.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KEWANNA TOWN COUNCIL THAT:

1. The Kewanna Town Council will meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall, unless the first Thursday falls on an observed holiday, in which case the Town Council will set an alternative date to be advertised.

2. Other special meetings will be scheduled and public notice will be given.

KEWANNA TOWN COUNCIL
Jeff Finke
Doran Collins
Don Woolington

ATTEST:
Karen J. Good
Clerk-Treasurer
Pub. 1/12/2006

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Notice To Bidders

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Fulton, Indiana will be, until the 31st day of January 2006, at 4:00 P.M. EST, will receive sealed bids at the office of the Auditor of said county for the following items in accordance with specifications available at the office of the Auditor, County Annex Building, 125 E. 9th Street, Rochester, Indiana, 46975.

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DUPLICATE ON FORM 95
Prescribed on the State Board of Accounts, obtainable at the Fulton County Auditor's Office, and each bidder shall accompany his bid with a bond or certified check made payable to the Board of Commissioners in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total bid. Certified check or bond of successful bidder to be held until delivery or until completion of Contract.

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ATTEST:
Denise J. Bonnell
Fulton County Auditor
Pub. 1/12, 19, 2006

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DENISE J. BONNELL
FULTON COUNTY AUDITOR
Pub. 1/12/06

Letters To The
Editor...

Letters to the Editor:

Intelligent Design: In 1980 the American Evolution Society meeting in Chicago concluded that there was no evidence of one species evolving into another, so they concluded that evolution must be based on the theory of the "hopeful monster", which is the mutation of one species into another. As yet, there is no evidence of a mutation in a species which is not a harmful one and which does not die within a generation.

Recently a scientist who had proclaimed to be an atheist, reviewing the DNA profile which can identify a person with a one in a trillion possibility of error, concluded that life must be the result of "intelligent design". To the National Education Association this sounds too much like "God", so they are determined not to allow this theory to be considered in public schools to compete with that of the "hopeful monster" (oops, evolution). In this effort, they are amply assisted by the Anti-Christian Litigation Union under the spurious doctrine of the separation of church and state, which only a very creative posturing could say is in the Constitution. This NEA and ACLU strategy is very contrary to majority opinion of our people.

Over the past fifty years this "death of God" movement, ably assisted by our monopoly dominant media, has given us a society in which a Merry Christmas, a Nativity Scene, and the Ten Commandments are proposed to be an insult by a small minority of people. (The 85% Christian majority will just have to "get with it".) As nature abhors a vacuum, so also with the supernatural. Should we be surprised then that, as we move God out, the Devil steps in, and we are told that there is no objective standard of good and evil. It is just what is right for you. If there is not God, there is no Judgment, so why worry.

Pornography is freedom of speech, but not Merry Christmas or a nativity scene, and don't dare mention the word sinful for certain actions, for this would be a hate crime. Children kill parents, teachers and other children; rape and murder of children and young women by serial killers, all of whom are into porn; certain minorities feel society victimizes them and so they are free to burn down the cities or thousands of cars as recently happened in France. And our "compassionate" rulers have virtually abolished the death penalty for even horrendous crimes. And of course, we must disarm our honest citizens (contrary to the Constitution) so as not to pose a threat to the criminals who would attack us. Or is it so a One World Government proposed by the United Nations and the Council on Foreign Relations (also known as "our invisible government") would not be opposed. The One World Government is, of course, what the UN, the European

Union, and the Free Trade Area of the Americas (in process) is all about.

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Bill Friend.....
DISTRICT 23

Over time, the discussions of the General Assembly covered almost every topic imaginable. These topics usually come to the forefront voluntarily. However, the beginning of this session has brought an issue to the legislature because of a Federal Court injunction. Federal Judge David Hamilton has ordered Speaker Brian Bosma to instruct ministers and members to not include any references to any deity and more specifically singled out "Jesus Christ" to be excluded from the daily invocations on the House Floor. The judge orders that all prayers must be non-sectarian and very generic in nature. The speaker responded that this is an intolerable decision that will be appealed to every higher court, but in the mean time, he will not defy the judge's order. Speaker Bosma's procedure is to simply offer "unofficially" prior to the session in the back of the House Chamber. It is not a desirable situation, but it works. My hope is that this decision will be overturned.

Please understand this point; the media is giving this issue huge space and priority. As legislators, we are not dedicating much time to this issue. Most of us feel strongly about the issue, but we continue to work on legislation while allowing this procedure to work and the judicial system to address the appeal. In other words, the work for the session continues as the procedural issues get worked out.

There are two issues that should dominate this short session: property tax protection and transportation funding. Because of past changes to the property tax structure, there are increases in store for property owners. Adjustments must be made to property tax bills for 2006. The goal is to provide taxpayers with protection this year, which means the legislature needs to act quickly!

Transportation funding also presents many problems to resolve during the 2006 session. On June 30, 2006, the state will be at the end of a bonding program and the funds for maintenance and new constructions will be greatly reduced. In order to stimulate economy and create jobs for laborers, machine operators, contractors and suppliers, a funding mechanism has to be found. Governor Daniels is promoting his "Major Moves" program - a proposal to lease the Indiana Toll Road for an extended time period and use proceeds to finance \$2.8 billion dollars in approved highway projects. There are lots of questions to answer on this new concept in financing, but the Governor is traveling the state explaining how this can be done

successfully. We should all listen carefully to the proposal and ask intelligent questions, because the most important thing to remember is that doing nothing is less than a poor option. If we don't take a collaborative approach to listen and learn about the Governor's plan, we will be faced with unpopular options like increasing the gas tax and then few alternatives remain. It is crucial for our state to nail down a funding mechanism so we can provide jobs for Indiana. Economic development is extremely difficult without a progressive program to build and maintain a quality infrastructure.

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Sports
Shorts

The Caston Lady Comets Basketball team traveled to Tri-County Saturday where they were defeated 47-30. Samantha Loeffler was the leading scorer for the Comets with 12. Jennifer Curtis and Kristen Osbon added five points each and Jessica Kantzer and Kaylyn Herrold each added four.

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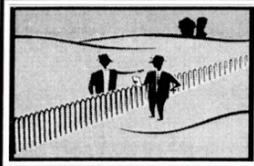


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**Town & Country
CHATTER...**

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Barb Hieber and JoAnn Tsoodle had company over New Year's weekend. Staying with them for a few days was Barb's grandson, Joe Wilk of LaPorte.

Mathilda Lamb had callers Monday, Jan. 2. Joining her for a visit and dinner were her son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Cathy Lamb of Peru.

Barb and Tom LaFollette were in Kokomo Tuesday, Jan. 3. They picked up Barb's mother, Pauline Eikenberry, and did a little shopping. They also enjoyed dining at the Golden Corral at lunchtime and on Pauline's homemade date pudding once they returned to her home.

Jerry Brown and his daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Mike McKinney of Rochester, traveled to North Judson Tuesday evening. They enjoyed attending the high school girls' basketball game. The McKinneys' daughter, Molly, is one of the players for Rochester.

Lois Wilson had houseguests during the latter part of the week. Arriving Wednesday, Jan. 4, for a three-day visit were her son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Susan Wilson of Greensburg.

Jon and Barb Gast were in Sheridan Thursday, Jan. 5. They had a nice time visiting with former Kewanna resident, Joan Smith. Joan has been feeling a little under-the-weather and would like to hear from her

friends.

Don and Pauline Scales had callers one day last week. Stopping by for a short chat were their granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Cindy Wiese and Ally.

Lois, Dennis and Susan Wilson were in Rensselaer Thursday. They visited with Lois' sister, Jean Babcock, who is receiving therapy following recent hip surgery. Afterward, the Wilsons dined at the Arnie's restaurant.

Linda Garner traveled to Valparaiso Friday, Jan. 6. She had a nice time visiting her daughter and family, Amanda and Don Wassermann and Zach.

John Lincoln and Jackie Heidenreich enjoyed dining at the China Buffet restaurant in Logansport Friday.

Tom and Barb LaFollette and their granddaughter, Shelby Bohac, helped serve the monthly breakfast at the Moose lodge in

Rochester Saturday morning, Jan. 7.

Vickie Molitor and her daughters, Tina Pesaresi and Jennifer Kay, spent Saturday in Ft. Wayne. The ladies celebrated Vickie's birthday with some shopping and dinner.

Kay and Jerry Brown traveled south over the weekend. Their first stop was in Brownsburg to pick up Kay's sister, Karen Kruger. Then the trio headed to Rushville and an overnight stay with the Browns' son and daughter-in-law, Kerry and Karen Brown. Saturday evening, the group enjoyed attending the Rushville vs. North Decatur high school boys' basketball game. Kerry is coach of the Rushville team which won the match.

Rose Barton of Winamac and Jackie Heidenreich were in Rochester Saturday. They did some shopping and then had lunch at the Paradise Family Truck Stop restaurant.

David and Rita Foust returned home Saturday following an extended trip to the northwest. They had a wonderful time taking a train trip along the northern United States. They also spent the

holidays visiting with their daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and John Sebby, and their family in Portland, Oregon.

Pauline and Julie Brown had company Sunday, Jan. 8. Stopping by in the afternoon for a visit was family friend, Barbara Brown of Rochester.

Hugh and Maryellyn Tennent were in Kokomo Sunday. They had a nice time visiting with Hugh's brother and sister-in-law, Nat and Jennie Tennent. The foursome also enjoyed dining out at The Olive Garden restaurant.

Pat Evans traveled to Chili Sunday. She had a wonderful time meeting the newest member of her family, her great-great nephew, Ben Hoover. Ben is the son of Megan and Brad Hoover.

Romayne Wentzel and Agnes Kline were in Culver Sunday where they enjoyed a visit with Lester and Jean Wentzel.

Mathilda Lamb joined the Delores Foerg family for a reunion dinner at the Moss Creek Golf Course Sunday.

Wilma Wilson had guests Sunday. Arriving late in the day and bringing along pizza for supper were her daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lou and Bill Foerg of Royal Center, and their son and his family, Scott and Darla Foerg and Allison of Logansport.

Pauline and Don Scales had a visitor Sunday. Coming over late in the day for a family chat was their daughter, Phyllis Koontz of Rochester.

Helen Whiteman returned home Monday afternoon, Jan. 9, following a weekend stay as a houseguest of her granddaughter, Dr. Cathy Parker of Knox.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: John Carlisle, Bill Foerg and Jeff Johnston, Jan. 15; Sarah Burch, Traci Burch, Shirley James, David Kimble, Ed Mollencupp Jr., Wendy Sutton and Marsha Tomerlin, Jan. 16; Caleb Baldwin, Eileen Donathen, Jason Federer and Shaun Wilson, Jan. 17; Devin Good, Jan. 18; Kevin Easterday, Scott Lewark, Becky Lincoln, John Stacey, Bryan Ton and Brenda Warner, Jan. 19; Brian Doty, Jan. 20; and Christie Davis, Brittney Markley and Shelby Wagoner, Jan. 21.

There are three couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hogan, Jan. 18; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Green, Jan. 19; and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Doty, Jan. 21.

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