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## Roy Fisher Running for County Commissioner

Roy Fisher is running for the District 2 county commissioner seat on the Democrat ticket.

A lifelong resident of Fulton County, Fisher and his wife, the former Violet Smith, reside at 2373 N 450 E. They have two grown sons, Bill and John, daughter-in-law, LeeAnn, two grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Fisher attended Kewanna School for four years and graduated from Fulton High School. He served in the U.S. Army attaining the rank of sergeant. He worked at Dean Milk Company from 1960-68, starting in the plant and was the office manager when he left to focus fulltime on farming.

Fisher served on the Sheriff's Merit Board 1975-83. He served as county commissioner in 1983-86 after the passing of Kline Blacketer. During this time, the present jail was constructed. As commissioner he served on the drainage board and was re-appointed to that board for the year of 1994. He recently was appointed to the joint board for the Monon Ditch in Pulaski, White, Starke and Jasper counties.

After farming for 47 years, he is now semi-retired and has the time to devote to the demands of being a Fulton County commissioner.

Fisher said, "I believe the tremendous loss of jobs is our number one problem in our county. I plan on working to bring those jobs back. Increasing the employment in our county would not only benefit those seeking employment, but the rest of our local businesses and would lessen the burden to our taxpayers."

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## Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

The Grass Creek Lions Club and Wayne Township Fire Department will serve an all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast Sunday, April 9, at the Grass Creek Fire Station. Serving will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the cost will be \$5 for adults; and \$2 for children 6-12. Children five years of age and under can eat free.

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## April Blood Drives

There will be two blood collection days in Fulton County in April. The American Red Cross is encouraging persons to make a double red cell donation. This is an advanced type of blood collection that allows qualified donors to give two units of red cells in one visit. While certain types are needed specifically for double cell donation, all blood types are needed for whole blood donation. Donors are asked to give double red cells this spring, and then take the summer off from donating blood to enjoy vacations and the weather since one must wait 16 weeks between donations. Donors who give traditional whole blood donations will have the opportunity to help build the summer blood supply by giving again in eight weeks.

The blood donations dates are 1 to 7 p.m. April 20 at the United Methodist Church in Akron and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 25 at the St. Joseph Parish Hall in Rochester.

If you are at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good general health, you may be eligible to donate blood. All donors need to present positive identification. For more information or to schedule your blood donation appointment, call 1-800-448-3543.

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## Swartzel, Sommers Named to All Conference Team

Dustin Swartzel and Kyle Sommers of Caston have been named to the Midwest Conference basketball team for the 2005-06 season. Joining them on the team are Kyle Henson of Frontier; Tyson Jones, North White; Matt Gates, Pioneer; Ben Welsh and Eric Watt, South Newton; Derek Smith and James Taulman, Tri County; Ryan Howatt and Grant Davis, West Central; and Wade Shidler, Winamac.

Silas Zartman and Lucas Powlen of Caston received honorable mention along with Jake Sullivan of Frontier; Adam Berry and Justin Zimmer of Pioneer; Brice Willey of South Newton; Tim Hammer of Tri County; Corey Howatt, West Central; and Matt Garling and Evan Howe of Winamac.

Matt Gates of Pioneer and James Taulman of Tri County were named co-players of the year. The Midwest Conference coach of the year is Tom Bajzatt of Tri County.

West Central finished the season at the top of the standings with a record of 6-1 followed by Caston and Tri County at 5-2; Frontier and South Newton at 4-3; Pioneer, 3-4; Winamac, 1-6; and North White, 0-7.

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## Attend Church Sunday

## Farm Program Signup Ongoing

Fulton County farmers are reminded that, in order to be enrolled in the 2006 Direct and Countercyclical Payment program, they must complete and sign a new CCC-509 contract. The deadline for timely filed contracts is June 1, 2006. Any contracts filed after that date would require payment of a late-filing fee of \$100 per farm.

If cash rent contracts or landowner signatures are required, they must be obtained and provided to the Farm Service Agency office before the DCP contracts can be approved. Likewise, if there have been changes made to your farming operation or to the structure of the farm, the FSA office needs to be notified of this, according to Steve Rodenberg, executive director of the Fulton County FSA office.

Contact the FSA office at 574-223-3220 for more information and to schedule an appointment.

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## General Signup for CRP Announced

Fulton County farmers and landowners who are interested in offering cropland to be enrolled into the Conservation Reserve Program will have this opportunity beginning March 27, 2006 at the local Farm Service Agency office. The signup period is scheduled from March 27 to April 14. Interested producers need to call the office at 574-223-3220 in order to make an appointment.

Offers for the general signup are evaluated on five environmental factors (wildlife, water, soil, air and enduring benefits) and cost and it is a competitive bidding process, said Steve Rodenberg, executive director of the Fulton County FSA office.

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## AREA FIVE MENU

### Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, March 27 - Cornflake crumb pork cutlet, mixed vegetables, cauliflower w/cheese sauce, wheat bread, fruit cocktail and graham crackers

Wednesday, March 29 - Chicken fettuccine, spinach salad, wheat bread, fruit compote and chocolate cake

Friday, March 31 - Broccoli soup/crackers, egg salad sandwich, cookie, and banana

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## Youth League Signup

It is not too late to signup for the summer baseball program in Kewanna. Interested persons should call Maryanne Rude at 574-653-2605.

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## Recycling Dates.....

Friday, March 10th &  
 Friday, March 24th.

## Fish and Chicken Strip Dinner at Twelve Mile

An all-you-can-eat fish and chicken strip dinner will be served Thursday, March 23, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Twelve Mile Community Building. The cost of the meal is \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for children 6-12. Children age five and under may eat free.

The fish and chicken will be prepared by Dan's Frying Service, Huntington.

The event is being sponsored by the Twelve Mile United Methodist Church youth group and proceeds will go towards church camp.

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## Pies for Sale

The Fulton Improvement Committee is taking orders for Moore's pies. Thirty-one varieties are available ranging in price from \$7 to \$9 each. The pies are frozen, ready to bake or store in the freezer for future use.

Pies may be ordered until March 30 at Jim's Barber Shop, Country Curl, Hariplace, Mary's Stitch and Knit or Krisken's in Fulton. Orders can be picked up from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at the Fulton Community Building. For more information, call Nellie McGrew at 574-857-3875.

Proceeds from the pie sales will go towards various projects in Liberty Township.

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## Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Activities

8<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Bead, Gem Mineral & Jewelry Show: March 24-26 in the Northwest Pavilion. Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$3 (good for all three days); children 15 and younger free.

Super Sunday Indy Automotive Swap Meet & Car Sale: March 26 in the West Pavilion and South Pavilion. Hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: \$5.

28<sup>th</sup> Annual Hoosier Horse Fair & Expo: March 31 - April 2 throughout the fairgrounds. Hours: Fri. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$12; children 7-12 \$3; children six and younger free.

Mt. Healthy Doll & Teddy Bear Show: April 1 in the Farm Bureau Building. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$4, children \$1.

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Evenings

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## Free Genealogy Workshop

A free Fulton County genealogy workshop will be held Monday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fulton County Museum. Mary Jane Zellers, retired Rochester High School teacher, will give special help with instructions and tips concerning beginning and intermediate genealogy.

Members of the Genealogy Section of the Fulton County Historical Society will offer individual help in the museum's Tetzlaff reference room. This room has hundreds of books from many states with genealogy information. It also has Rochester newspapers from the 1860s to the present, Tombaugh's books of indexes of records and obituaries, surname file, Fulton County family histories, atlases, histories of neighboring counties, Jack Overmyer's collection of Civil War books, old Rochester telephone directories, ledgers of old businesses, club scrapbooks, themes written by RHS students in the 1960s, American Indian research materials, and much more.

Melinda Clinger, museum director, will help attendees use the museum's computer, which has Ancestry.com so you can search for that missing ancestor.

The Ogle collection has been expanded and moved into Shirley Ogle Willard's office next to the reference room on shelves paid for by the Ogle/Ogles Family Association. This collection has genealogy books from Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, New York, Pennsylvania, Florida, Tennessee, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, California and other states.

Dora Leininger Jones, Akron, president of the FCHS Genealogy Section, issues a special invitation to all 4-Hers and their parents, friends and relatives to come and get acquainted with this resource center. Genealogy is one of the fastest growing hobbies in the United States.

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## Texas Holdem Tournery at Star City

The Star City Fire Department will host a no limit Texas Holdem 3-game series Saturday, March 25, at 1 p.m. in the Star City community building. The entry fee is \$65 and includes food. For more information, call 574-595-0784.

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## Bake Sale, April 15

St. Ann Catholic Church, Kewanna, will host its annual bake sale Saturday, April 15, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Kewanna branch of Community State Bank.

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Send In Your News



## Log Cabin Tour, June 3-4

The Brown County Log Cabin Tour is set for June 3 and 4 in picturesque southern Indiana. Five privately-owned log or country homes in the hills of Brown County will be featured during the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Log Cabin Tour. The tour is sponsored by Psi Iota Xi philanthropic sorority and all proceeds support art, literature, music, and speech and hearing needs in the Brown County community.

Visitors to the tour take a beautiful drive, using tour maps provided with the tickets, through the back roads and gentle, rolling hills of scenic Brown County to see unique, decorated log cabin homes both new and old. The private homes feature gardens, antiques, family heirlooms and the work of local artists. Photos and information on this year's homes, as they become available, are on the tour's website at logcabintour.com.

Tour hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. CST each day, rain or shine.

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## Lake Bruce Ladies Plan Luncheon

The ladies of Lake Bruce will meet at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the City Tavern in Culver for lunch. The guest of honor will be Betty Hinkle who will be leaving the area soon. All women in the area are welcome to attend to meet and enjoy the company of old and new friends and neighbors. Anyone who would like to attend the luncheon should notify Gail Scheeringa at 653-3079 by April 1 so the appropriate number of reservations can be made.

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**FULTON COUNTY  
COURTHOUSE HOURS**  
Mon. thru Thurs. 8 to 4  
Friday, 8 to 5  
CLOSED Sat. and Sun.

## Local Items

Tom and Barb LaFollette recently took a winter break to Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge, Tennessee for a few days. While there, they took in the Dixie Stampede dinner show, which was quite a treat, and enjoyed several of their fine restaurants including the Apple Barn. They also got in a little shopping. Upon leaving Tennessee, they drove down to Orlando, Florida, where they spent a week soaking up the sun and the wonderful warm weather. They did some souvenir shopping for their grandchildren, visited Old Town in Kissimmee and met up with Nub and Bunny Brogdon and spent the day with them. After Orlando, they headed to Ft. Myers to spend four days with a friend, Connie Griffin. They drove to Bonita Springs

where they visited Barefoot Beach, a beautiful reserve where you can enjoy the wildlife including nesting ospreys, flowers, ferns, greenery and collecting shells along the way. They report a great time, but unfortunately could not bring the warm weather back with them.

Tom and Barb LaFollette met Karina Bohac, Shelby and Nick, at the Moose in Rochester Tuesday for their chicken wings.

Friday, Tom and Barb took her mother to lunch at the Golden Corral in Kokomo before doing some shopping.

Saturday noon the LaFollettes joined Karina and Terry Bohac and Shelby at Columbia School in Rochester for Nick's last basketball game of the season.

Saturday afternoon, Tom, Barb and Shelby drove to LaPorte to join Chris LaFollette and family at Michigan City High School to see Michelle participate in her school's version of the musical "Grease". It was a fantastic performance by a group of enthusiastic, talented young teenagers. Pictures and biographies of the performers were on display in the hallway to the auditorium. Michelle's stated that this was her second play, but the first at the high school. The first play she was in was the "Ransom of Red Chief", in which she was upstaged by her then nine-year-old brother, who played the lead. She did, however, get the chance to wear a great costume.

Tom and Barb ended up spending the night and enjoyed breakfast before returning to their home at Lake Bruce.

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## Easter Coloring Contest

The Logansport Mall and

Waldenbooks is sponsoring an Easter coloring contest. Entries for the contest can be picked up at center court in the mall or at Waldenbooks beginning this weekend at the home show. Entries must be dropped off at the entry box in center court or at Waldenbooks by April 1. A winner will be chosen from three age groups: four years and under, 5 to 9 years, and 10 to 12 years.

The three winners will be announced at the beginning of the kids Easter party Saturday, April 8, to be held next door to Waldenbooks. The party will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. All coloring contest entries will be displayed on the walls of the party room.

The Easter party will feature storytime by Waldenbooks. After the storytime, children can get their faces painted with eggs, chicks, bunnies and flowers. They can also decorate colored egg containers to be filled with candy and taken home. At the end of the party, one lucky child will win a free Easter book and Carrot, the bunny, both compliments of Waldenbooks. All children will receive free Easter cookies along with their candy-filled egg.

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## HOSPITAL NOTES....

### WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

March 10  
Births - Kevin and Leeanna Dowd, Plymouth, a daughter

March 11  
Births - Jacob and Charlene Frey, Rochester, a son

March 12  
Births - Michael and Lacey Jones, Rochester, a daughter

March 13  
Admissions - Larry Musselman, Hazel Starrett, Toshia Richard and Carolyn Hall, Rochester, and Earl Hoffman, Akron  
Dismissals - Susan Eikenberry and son, Donald Shull, Alfred Ryan, Larry Musselman, Robert Brash, Toshia Richard and Charlene Frey and son, Rochester; Kristin Blanchard and daughter, Mentone; Leeanna Dowd and daughter, Plymouth

March 14  
Admissions - Sharon Bogseth, Bennie Ousley, Deborah Youngstrom and Clara Felke, Rochester  
Dismissals - Lacey Jones and daughter, Rochester  
Births - Keith and Jonie McVay, Mentone, a daughter; William and Stacey Fishback, Rochester, a son

March 15  
Admissions - William Coffman, Rochester  
Dismissals - Carolyn Hall, Deborah Youngstrom and Clara Felke, Rochester; Earl Hoffman, Akron  
Births - Deric and Darla Beck, Rochester, a son; Jim and Connie Coleman, Rochester, a daughter

March 16  
Admissions - Mitchell Holloway, Mentone; Michael Wise, Akron  
Dismissals - Hazel Starrett and Sharon Bogseth, Rochester  
Births - Harold and Lucinda Friend, Macy, a son

March 17  
Admissions - none published  
Dismissals - Bennie Ousley and Stacey Fishback and son, Rochester; Jonie McVay and daughter, Mentone

### PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

March 10  
Admissions - Lawrence Potts, Jr., Buffalo; Mary Kyser and Robert Fritz, Winamac  
Dismissals - None

March 11  
Admissions - Latasha Reames, Helen Beyer, Paula Masterson and Ruby Wilkie, Winamac  
Dismissals - Mary Kyser, Winamac; Lawrence Potts Jr., Buffalo

March 12  
Births - Dustin Lane and Latasha Ann Reames, Winamac, a daughter, Elizabeth Ann Reames  
Admissions - None  
Dismissals - Verla Bonnell, Virgil Beckner, Latasha Reames and daughter, Winamac; Andrea Summers and son, Merrillville

March 13  
Admissions - Martha Martin and Erica Richwine, Winamac; Marshalline McBlaine, Star City; Anita Chambers, Plymouth  
Dismissals - Florence Barrett, Winamac  
Births - Anita Marie Chambers, Plymouth, a daughter, Gracie Marie Chambers

March 14  
Admissions - Marjorie Brown, Winamac  
Dismissals - Marjorie Brown, Winamac; Blanche Roller, Royal Center  
Births - Jeffrey Kevin and Erica Jane Richwine, Winamac, a son, Jeffrey Kevin Richwine II

March 15

Admissions - Sabrina Walker, Rensselaer; Vicie Ferm, Hamlet  
Dismissals - Anita Chambers, Plymouth; Erica Richwine and son, Winamac

March 16

Admissions - Judy Collins, Kewanna; Joyce Jewell, Winamac  
Dismissals - Helen Beyer, Winamac; Infant Gracie Marie Chambers, Plymouth; William Wolff, North Judson

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### Caston PTO to Hold Spring Carnival

The Caston PTO is busy working on plans for another school carnival, tentatively set for Saturday, April 29. The carnival is a great fundraiser for the PTO and provides lots of fun for students and their families.

The carnival takes lots of volunteers to make it succeed. If you think this is something you might be able to help with, please attend a PTO meeting or contact your child's teacher. Parents are always needed to help sell tickets, work in the classroom booths, help with the redemption center, etc.

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### Caston PTO Read-Again Book Fair

The Caston Elementary PTO will host its annual "Read-Again" book fair in May. Anyone interested in donating gently used books, videos, tapes (music or read-along), or CD roms can leave them in the drop-off boxes outside the elementary office. Items for children as well as grown-up materials (cookbooks, how-to craft ideas, novels, gardening, etc.) are welcome. Please remember to keep donations for school age eyes.

If you have purchased from the book fair before, consider recycling your purchases. All proceeds will benefit the PTO's improvement fund. If you have any questions, call Lora Redweik at 574-664-5131.

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March 11 - District meeting at Rochester, 2 p.m.  
March 12 - Men's meeting, 8:30 a.m.  
March 15 - Card drawing, 7 p.m.  
March 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day  
March 21 - Women's meeting, 7 p.m.  
March 26 - Open Sunday, noon. Free lunch. Euchre at 1 p.m. Everyone welcome.  
March 28 - Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
April 1 - Karaoke with Captain Crunch, 8 p.m. to midnight

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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, March 28, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the PMH conference room. This is a free service of PMH and is open to residents of any county.

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**DEATHS.....****ELDRITH W. COOK**

Eldrith William Cook, 92, Rochester, died at 7 a.m. Thursday, March 16, 2006, at Life Care Center in Rochester where he had resided since December 2004. He had been in failing health for the past year.

Born September 18, 1913, in Richland Township, he was a twin son of Daniel and Della Babcock Cook. He had lived most of his life in Fulton County with the exception of 14 months when he resided in Arizona.

He was married April 24, 1935, in Richland Township to Eloise L. Mow. She preceded him in death October 6, 2000, after 65 years of marriage. Eldrith was a lifetime farmer and had also worked at the former Studebaker Corporation in South Bend for 10 years. He was very active politically with the Fulton County Republican Party. He served eight years on the Richland Township advisory board; four years as Richland Township trustee; eight years as a Fulton County councilman; and four years on the Rochester Community school board.

Eldrith was a member of the Antioch Baptist Church, Rochester. He was very fond of going on fishing trips with family and friends.

He is survived by three daughters, Anne Mork and her husband, Loy, Rochester, Janet Nier, Angola, and Helen Holiday and her husband, Richard, Peru; one son, Loyd Cook and his wife, Dolly, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin; ten grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; a sister, Edith Darkwood and her husband, Virgil, White Pigeon, Michigan; a sister-in-law, Martha Ann Cook, Kewanee; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, a twin brother, Elmer, a brother,

Kenneth, two sisters-in-law, Wilma Foltz and Ruth Cook; a brother-in-law, Edgar Haney; two sons-in-law, Allen Moore and Richard Nier.

A celebration of Eldrith's life was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 19, 2006, as the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester with Pastors Jerry Pitman and Brian Sewell officiating. Burial was in the Richland Center Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Antioch Baptist Church.

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**RICHARD 'RICK' A. PUGH**

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2006, in Frain Mortuary, Winamac, for Richard "Rick" A. Pugh, 54, Kewanee. Pastor Robert Metzger officiated and burial was in the Bruce Lake Cemetery.

Pugh died at 2:15 p.m. Saturday, March 18, in Logansport Memorial Hospital. He was born December 31, 1951, in Rochester to Oscar L. "Steve" and Jacqueline Dollahan Pugh. He was married June 21, 2003, at Lake Bruce to Nancy A. Williams, who survives.

Rick was a fabricator and repairman and was a former employee of Kaiser Fertilizer, Fulton. He also worked for Rochester Heat Treat in Rochester and for Legend Valley Products in Leiters Ford.

A good athlete, Rick loved to play basketball, golf and cards and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Surviving besides his wife are his mother, Jacqueline Pugh, Kewanee; two daughters, Emily Larkin and her husband, Brent, Winamac, and Christina Pugh and Phil Turpin, Star City; two sons, Mike Pugh and his wife, Samantha, and Dave Pugh and his wife, Heather, all of Winamac; a stepdaughter, Dalea Zimpleman and her husband, Ray, Rochester; a stepson, Duke Brooks, Macy; one sister, Shirley Snyder and her husband, Mike, Culver; one

brother, Steven Pugh and his wife, Lori, Kewanee; and grandchildren, Lucy Pugh, Mia Zimpleman, Jake Pugh, Devon Pugh, Harley Pugh, Luke Pugh, Kole Pugh, Will Larkin, Calvin Larkin and Gram Turpin. His father preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to a college fund for his grandchildren at Lake City Bank in Rochester.

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**ANCILE F. OVERMYER**

Services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2006, in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, for Ancile F. Overmyer, 87. Pastor Pam Kling officiated and burial was in the Bruce Lake Cemetery. She died at 3:55 p.m. Friday, March 17, 2006, at Millers Merry Manor, Wakarusa.

Born May 13, 1918, near Winamac, she was the daughter of Williston and Gladys Stanfield Linn. She was married July 11, 1938 in Rochester to C. Samuel Overmyer, who preceded her in death August 25, 2005.

Ann was a homemaker and had worked as a substitute teacher and also as a secretary for the Peru and Urbana United Methodist Churches. She was a 1936 graduate of Winamac High School and a 1942 graduate of the seminary in Naperville, Illinois.

Survivors include three daughters, Martha Ann Frain and her husband, Richard, of The Villages, Florida, Mary Ann Spranger and her husband, Gerald, of Zionsville, and Marcia Parsons and her husband, David, Goshen; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; two brothers, Walter Linn and his wife, Heidi, Warsaw, and Wayne Linn, Mexico. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two sisters and two brothers.

Memorial contributions may be made to the United Methodist Women or SIFAT (Servants in Faith and Technology), 2944 County Line Road 113, Lineville, Alabama 36266.

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**ALLEN KLINGENBERG**

Former Rochester resident, Allen Klingenberg, 48, LaPorte, died at 5:47 a.m. Saturday, March 18, 2006, in the LaPorte Regional Hospital.

Born August 2, 1957, he was the son of Norman and Helen Moore Klingenberg, who preceded him in death.

Klingenberg was a 1975 graduate of Rochester High School and a 1978 graduate of Vincennes University. He was a U.S. Army veteran having served in Seoul, Korea, and was discharged in 1993. He had worked for the Indiana

Department of Corrections for 23 years and most recently spent seven years working for the Summitt Boot Camp in LaPorte. He was a member of the LaPorte Missionary Church and a volunteer at the LaPorte Regional Hospital emergency room. He was an avid collector of John Wayne movies and memorabilia. A Civil War buff, he enjoyed reading and studying the history of the Civil War.

Survivors include one sister, Linda Herd, Kewanee; one brother, Nick Klingenberg and his wife, Donna, Cleburne, Texas; several nieces and nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 25, 2006 at the LaPorte Missionary Church with Pastor Carl Galloway officiating. Friends may visit with the family one-hour prior to services in the church. Burial will be at 4 p.m. in the Richland Center IOOF cemetery Saturday.

Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, is in charge of arrangements.

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**JOSEPHINE WEAVER**

Word has been received of the death of Josephine Weaver, Kendallville. Private graveside services will be held Friday in the Eel River Cemetery in Miami County. A memorial service will be held Tuesday, April 4, in the Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville.

She is survived by two sons, four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews including Elnora and Forrest Baker of here.

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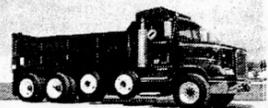
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### FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

March 23, 1951

The Men's Progressive Club of Fulton met Friday night, March 16, for the purpose of electing officers and discussing various items of business. Forty-five out of sixty members were present. Officers elected include Paul Leavell president; Bill Hartzler, vice president; Omer Hauser, treasurer; Emerson Felder, secretary; and Vern Zartman, Estil Champ, Melvin Waggoner, Paul Easterday, Miller Ault and Chester Williams, directors.

Cars driven by Dean Sixby, 21, Rt. 4, Rochester, and John Tippy, 18; Rochester, collided at Sixth and Jefferson in Rochester Friday night. Neither were injured.

It will cost between \$20,000 and \$25,000 to replace the bridge southwest of Grass Creek. The bridge gave way March 14 when a truck driven by Lloyd Gault, Rt. 2, Kewanna, was crossing. Gault escaped serious injury.

John Shanley, George Hendrickson and Kay Murray, all students at Indiana University, arrived home Wednesday to spend their Easter vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Blair, Culver, celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary Sunday, March 18. Helping the former Kewanna residents celebrate the occasion were Mrs. Merl Galbreath and son, Dick, of Winamac; Mrs. Harry Neer and daughters, Jeanine and Paula, of Kingsford Heights; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Frick and sons, Michael and Ricky, Lakeville; and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shadle, Kewanna.

George Hendrickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Florence Hendrickson, has been elected treasurer of Alpha Phi Omega national service fraternity at Indiana University. Hendrickson, a graduate of Grass Creek High School, is a senior in the School of Business.

The Wohelo Girls 4-H Club met Monday evening at the school for its 1951 organization meeting. Elected as officers were Mary Ann Bauman, president; Shirley Zartman, vice president; Betty Welsh, secretary-treasurer; health and safety leader, Doris Kreamer; reporter, Kathleen Kraning; song leader, Doris Kreamer; and recreation leaders, Dorothy Hubeny and Mary Ruth Anderson.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO

March 22, 1956

A/1c and Mrs. George St. Clair are the parents of a son born March 14 at Luke AFB hospital in Glendale, Arizona. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Miller of Rochester are the maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. George St. Clair, Kewanna, are the paternal grandparents.

The corn storage facilities in Fulton county are being increased by 145,250 bushels. Kewanna will get a 48,750 bu. increase in storage and the remainder will be built in Rochester. The increase will be made possible with the erection of 15 new bins here and 30 in Rochester. Fred Graffis, a member of the Agriculture Stabilization Board, stated that the erection of the bins should be completed in about one week.

The Kewanna Methodist Adult Fellowship held its regular monthly meeting Sunday at the church. A carry-in supper was held at 6:30 p.m., followed with the showing of slides of Europe by Mr. and Mrs. Merl Zellers and Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Conrad of Rochester who recently returned from a trip abroad. Mr. and Mrs. Theo Urbin and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kumler were the committee in charge.

The Kewanna-Union Township Hospital Auxiliary met March 12 at the Kewanna Library with 53 members present. Mrs. Robert Masteller presided over the meeting. Refreshments were served by Mrs. James Wilson, Mrs. Howard Mutchler, Mrs. Eri Meiser and Norabelle Paschell.

The Cub Scouts had a carry-in supper Friday evening in the Methodist Church annex for the Cubs and their families. Nearly 100 were present for the occasion. The new den mothers were recognized. They are Mesdames Donald Troutman, DeVon Overmyer, Wilmer McIntire, Donald Cochran and George Best.

Jill Urbin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Urbin, Kewanna, underwent an appendectomy at Woodlawn Hospital Monday.

Larry Osborn, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Osborn, Culver, who had his leg crushed in an accident recently, underwent the amputation of his leg below the knee in Northern Indiana Hospital, South Bend, Friday. He is the grandson of Loyd Woolington, Kewanna.

### FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

March 23, 1961

Doyle Kuhn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kuhn, Rt. 2, Kewanna, and a graduate of Grass Creek High School graduated March 9 with a BSC degree in professional accounting from International Business College in Fort Wayne. He is now employed by the Ohio Oil Co. in Finley, Ohio.

Harold E. Rans, 44, died suddenly Sunday at a hospital in Richmond. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Rans of here and a 1934 graduate of Kewanna High School. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, seven brothers and five sisters, including Paul, Larry, Helen Worl and Virginia Agnew of Kewanna.

Fire was discovered in the corn dryer at the Fulton County Co-op Elevator in Kewanna shortly before noon Friday, March 17. The prompt response and thorough work of the local fire department kept damage to a minimum.

Roy O. Nutt, 83, Kewanna, passed away Saturday at his home. Funeral services were held Monday in the Methodist Church with the Revs. Charles Cook and Earl Heimberger officiating.

Airman 2/c Richard Kurz, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kurz, Lake

Rochester High School. Sharone Leckrone, Akron High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Leckrone and Christine Nelson, Aubbeenaubee High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson were unable to attend.

Pvt. John Fry, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fry, Fulton, has completed a radio course at the Army Training Center, Fort Knox, Kentucky. The 21-year-old soldier graduated from Caston High School in 1963 and entered the Army in September, 1965.

Joe Hott, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hott, is ill at his home.

Becky Anderson, Patricia Walters and Kathy Hogan were Friday overnight guests of Beth Ann Reason and helped her celebrate her birthday on Saturday.

### FORTY YEARS AGO

March 24, 1966

Cars driven by John Vigus, 17, Kewanna, and James Hott, 16, Rt. 4, Rochester, collided at the intersection of Main and Toner in Kewanna Tuesday evening. Damage was estimated at \$900.

Mrs. Raymond Hinderlider has been visiting her father in southern Indiana. He has been in ill health.

The Manitou Chapter of the DAR met Monday, March 14, in the home of Mrs. Harold Reese with 26 members and guests in attendance. Mrs. Edward Shadle presented DAR award pins to the following county Good Citizen award winners: Linda White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim White, representing Caston High School; Jane Walters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vachael Walters, representing Kewanna High School; and Catherine Biddinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Biddinger, representing

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**Caston Honor Roll**

Caston Elementary School has announced the names of its honor roll students for the third nine-week grading period. Students named to the all "A" honor roll include:

Second grade – Alyssa Fagner, Samuel Rhymer, Emily Strain, Emilee Thomson, Seth Moon, Madison Martin

Third grade – Madison Taylor, Trey Doan, Bryana Slisher, Kylee Sutton, Sara van derLeek

Fourth grade – Derek Berkshire, Haley Hoover, Anthony Strain, Matthew Thomas and Mason Shafer

Fifth grade – Katy Williamson  
Sixth grade – Graham Redweik, Jessica Showley, Olivia Thomson, Emily Douglass and Holly Kingery

Students named to the "A/B" honor roll include:

Second grade – Dakota Andrade, Garrett Brouette, Darin Chew, Jaycee Denton, Melanie Hollar, MacKenzie Justice, Jacob Kistler, Mariah LaChance, Kylie Pugh, Michael Remley, Tori Rentschler, Terry Scott, Michael Smith, Nathan Winters, Luke Sutton, Hayden Tomlinson, Nathan Callender, Rachel Strawn, Michael Duncan, Sabrina Hale, Preston Walker, Makenzie Norris, Tyler Spencer, Catherine Diveley, Devin Niver, Makenna Ritter, Shyann Teel, Sarina Vice, Santiago Henderson and Shane Richardson

Third grade – Haley Anders, Kennedy Crissinger, Karah Hizer, Dylan Hollar,

Sarah Holt, Tyler Lockridge, Brayton MacLain, Matthew Moss, Dustin Offenberger, Justin Shelton, Cheyenne Spencer, Braden Vorhees, Ashley Scheffer, Harley Wheeler, Grant Boldry, Destani Brown, Shawn Brown, Kim Cress, Alex Howdeshell, Jacob Kingery, Madeline Moeller, Braden Moss, Brookelynn Rigsby, Carrissa Ruby, Dakota Southerton, Dalton Daily, Brandon Garver, Cheyenne Meyer, Jacqueline Rans, Nicolas Richter, Sheyenne Scheffer, Jenna Showley, Tucker Shriver, Madison Shultz and Andrew Smith

Fourth grade – Courtnee Dice, Katie Henry, Amber Reffitt, Tierney Rentschler, Michael Beall, Anna Brown, James Cox, Quentin Douglass, Braxton Lee, Mickayla Rans, Hayley Johnson, Britny Frye, Jory Goff and Braxton Rentschler

Fifth grade – Katelyn Miller, Jordan Moss, Charles Richardson, Caleb Rowe, Zack Smith, Amanda Watson, Bradley Jakes, John Fagan, Marissa Hicks, Jordan Hollar and Abby Holt.

Sixth grade – Kent Burton, Garret Gates, Kyle Harvey, Trevor Hoover, Kara Smith, Cody Ailes, Amelia Hawkey, Mitchell Kerr, Zek Kesler, Cole Nilson, Christen Sailors, Branson Troglen, Jasmine Westbrook, Zac Cowell, Trent Cripe, Dylan Johnson, Madison Jones, Birtney Offenberger, Luke Schroder and Brandon Troglen

Caston Jr./Sr. High students named to the fourth six-week grading period include:

High Honor Roll  
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Regular Honor Roll

Seventh grade – Caleb Brown, Brant Gerald, Isaak Mersch, Erika Reffitt and Courtney Woodcox

Eighth grade – Phillip Burman, Patrick Burns, Matthew Clupper, Levi James, Jacob Kiss, Kory Moudy, Meghan Myers, Alexa Olinger, Megan Powell, Caitlin Scully, Emily See, Veronica Sheets, Paige Thomas, and Chelsea Troyer

Freshmen – Hanna Black, Rachel Bonnell, Krystal Campbell, Seth Cowell, Payton Daily, Anna Douglass, Patrick

Gamble, Lacey Hubenthal, Elias Jones, Shelby Loeffler, Austin Moss, Brittany Scales, Chelce Snider and Lee Waltz

Sophomores – Desiree Jackson, Garrett Redweik, Mindy Scheffer, Heath Sommers, and Lindsey Thomson

Juniors – Skyla Biddle, Michelle Centers, Alison Chandler, Miranda Greer, Sara Gunter, Kassie Hoagland, Richard Lawless, Brandon McCroskey, Joshua Skinner, Kegan Townsend and Silas Zartman

Seniors – Alex Chapman, Jennifer Curtis, Bethany DeWitt, James Fred, Shane Lother, Eric McCready, Shawn Righter, Thomas Rowe, Scott Rudicel, Christian Scully, Dustin Swartzel and Joseph Troyer

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**Governor Signs Bill Authorizing Specialty Group Plates For Motorcycles**

INDIANAPOLIS (March 21, 2006) – Indiana will soon have its first motorcycle charity license plate. Governor Mitch Daniels today signed legislation that gives motorcycle enthusiasts the opportunity to purchase a specialty group plate. Riley Hospital for Children will be the first beneficiary of the legislation.

"After last year's charity ride for Riley, I met a woman who asked why there were no motorcycle charity plates. I'd never thought about it before, but when I learned that her child had been saved at Riley, Bob Kevoian and I decided on the spot that we needed to make this happen," said Daniels. Kevoian, who with Tom Griswold, hosts a syndicated radio show, are presenters and sponsors of the Miracle Ride, a benefit for the Riley Hospital for Children.

The governor was joined at the signing of Senate Enrolled Act 235 by representatives from ABATE of Indiana, members of the Riley Foundation and the Miracle Ride Committee.

For any motorcycle specialty plate developed, the Indiana BMV will collect a special group fee of \$25 annually, place the proceeds into a trust fund, and distribute to authorized groups each year. According to the BMV, there were more than 160,000 motorcycles registered in Indiana in 2005.

Groups interested in expanding their options to include motorcycle plates may contact the BMV for more information.

Authors of the bill are Sen. Beverly Gard, R-Greenfield, Sen. Thomas Wyss, R-Ft. Wayne, with Sen. Allie Craycraft, D-Selma. The House sponsors are Rep. Cleo Duncan, R-Greensburg and Rep. Terry Goodin, D-Crothersville.

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 District 16

(STATEHOUSE) March 17, 2006 – This week marked the end to the 2006 legislative session. In the last two and half months at the Statehouse, we have been dedicated to creating and passing legislation that will greatly benefit the people of Indiana. Tuesday night we put the finishing touches on two very valuable bills.

Providing property taxpayer relief has been a priority this legislative session. House Enrolled Act 1001 (HEA 1001) creates the Property Taxpayer Protection Plan. The plan raises the State Homestead Credit to 28% for property taxes payable this year. The tax credit will help

to limit property tax growth. We hope to provide another 5% property tax cut for homeowners making this the lowest property tax growth level in over the past 10 years.

The plan will also raise the Homestead Deduction to \$45,000 for 2007 property tax bills. This one year rise of the Homestead Deductions will offset the effects of the initial trending adjustments and keep homeowner property tax bills from raising an additional 6%.

HEA 1001 will also improve notification to property taxpayers in 2008. All counties will be required to issue a uniform property tax bill. County officials will also be able to cap homeowners' property tax bills at 2% of the homes assessed value starting next year. The cap will be mandatory for residential property in 2008 and 2009. The state will mandate the cap for all property in 2010.

The Property Taxpayer Protection Plan will provide immediate property tax relief and allow us to look for other options to help Hoosier taxpayers in the future.

While we have been trying to save Hoosiers money by reducing property taxes, we have also been working to create jobs around the state. The Major Moves transportation initiative will create as many as 130,000 jobs around the state, as well as provide an opportunity for the completion of hundreds of transportation projects.

Major Moves will allow a private company to lease the Indiana Toll Road. Through the lease, we will be able to fully-fund the state's ten-year transportation plan and pay off the \$2.8 billion transportation budget deficit. The state will receive \$3.85 billion up-front for the rights of the road operation. The investor will be responsible for \$4.4 billion in upgrades and improvements to the Toll Road over the 75-year lease.

Many areas around the state are in need of funding for transportation projects. Major Moves will fund construction and upgrades to U.S. 31, the Hoosier Heartland Highway connecting Lafayette to Fort Wayne, the Fort Wayne to Toledo, the I-69 extension connecting Indianapolis to Evansville, and hundreds of other projects. Most of these projects have received no state funding in the past four years.

In the final days of session, compromises made in conference committee included the establishment of a \$500 million trust fund for future construction. Interest from the trust fund can be collected every five years. Counties near the Indiana Toll Road will receive 34% of this

money for local transportation projects. The conference committee compromises also indicate that I-69 construction cannot go through Perry Township in Indianapolis without a statute by the Indiana General Assembly. If the I-69 extension is built as a toll-free road will be toll-free from Martinsville to Indianapolis. The tolls will also be frozen until the private company installs electronic tolling. Drivers who use the electronic tolling will receive a discount.

The 2006 legislative session has been very successful. HEA 1001 will help Hoosiers by limiting the growth of property taxes this year

and next. Major Moves will help build roads, create jobs, and strengthen the state's economy. The results of the new legislation will soon be visible throughout Indiana, and I hope and expect that Hoosiers will be pleased with the results.

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 NOTICE  
 Notice to taxpayers of Akron Carnegie Public Library, Fulton County, Indiana that the Library Board will meet at the Library on April 3, 2006 at 6 p.m. for the purpose of considering a proposal to establish a Library Capital Projects fund and a proposed plan under IC 20-14-13. The following is a general outline of the proposed plan:

Current Expenditures:	2007	2008	2009
(1) Planned construction, repair, replacement or remodeling			
(2) Acquisition of real property			
(3) Site development			
(4) Emergency Allocation	-0-	1,000	1,000
(5) Purchase, lease, repair and maintenance of equipment			
(6) Purchase, lease, repair and maintenance of computer hardware and computer software	14,066	14,066	14,066
Subtotal current expenditures			
(7) Allocation for future projects (cumulative totals)	1,000	-0-	-0-
Total expenditures and allocations	15,066	15,066	15,066
Sources and estimates of revenue:			
January 1st cash balance	-0-	-0-	-0-
Less encumbered appropriations			
Cash balance available for current plan	-0-	-0-	-0-
Auto Excise and Financial Institutions Tax receipts	1,150	1,150	1,150
Other revenue	-0-	-0-	-0-
Total funds available for plan	97,192,915	97,192,915	97,192,915
Based upon an assessed valuation of The Projected Tax Rate for the Library Capital Projects fund will be	.0133	.0133	.0133

Taxpayers are invited to attend the meeting for a more detailed explanation of the plan and to exercise their right to be heard on the proposal.

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 The Fulton County Drainage Board at its meeting on March 13, 2006 hereby notifies you that the Findings and Order to establish a maintenance rate on said drain has been filed and is available for inspection in the office of the Fulton County Surveyor. If Judicial review of the Findings and Order of this Board is not requested within twenty (20) days from the date of publication of this notice, the order shall become conclusive.  
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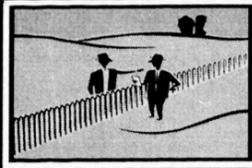
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## Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

David Besse and Mathilda Lamb were among those who attended the supper held in honor of Father Joe Saturday, March 11. The meal was in recognition of Father Joe being named Man of The Year and was held in Rochester.

Kevin Whiteman accompanied his mother, Helen Whiteman, on a few business errands in Winamac Wednesday, March 15.

Doris Woolington enjoyed a visit with Ann Bauman of Rochester last week. They did quite a bit of catching up over lunch Wednesday.

Helen Whiteman was in Winamac again Thursday, March 16. She was accompanied by her daughter, Sherri Lett, for an errand.

Karen Kruger of Brownsburg arrived early Friday, March 17, for an overnight visit with her sister and brother-in-law, Kay and Jerry Brown. In the afternoon, they were joined for lunch by Kay and Karen's mother, Mary K. Williamson of Winamac.

Jackie Heidenreich and John Lincoln enjoyed dining at Alejandra's restaurant in Rochester Friday. Afterward, they did a little shopping at Wal-Mart.

Angela Gast of Wake Forest,

North Carolina arrived Friday for a ten-day visit with her parents, Jon and Barb Gast.

Don and Doris Woolington chauffeured Josh and Melanie Hurley home one day last week. Josh recently completed basic training with the U.S. Air Force. Following his leave, he will be stationed in Utah.

Rachel Cogdill of Indianapolis spent Saturday morning, March 18, with her grandmother, Ruth Cogdill. During the visit, Rachel helped with some household chores. The ladies had a wonderful time catching up on all the family news.

Jerry Brown was in Rochester Saturday. He had an exciting time attending a girls' basketball tourney in which his granddaughter, Leighnee Smith, was participating.

Doris and Don Woolington attended the Special Olympics boys' basketball tourney Saturday. Their grandson, Tracey Cunningham, is a member of the local team. Tracey and his teammates won their games and will be going to the state games next weekend.

Judy Mills of Kokomo arrived Saturday for an overnight visit with her mother, Helen Miller.

Chris and Hank Riffle, Kyle and Brittany, of Akron had dinner guests Saturday. Coming over for the meal, a visit and to see the

children's 4-H pigs were Chris' mother, Joyce Luhnnow; her grandmother, Ruth Ann Anderson; and her brother and his family, Doug and Beth Luhnnow, Amber and Adam.

Wilma Wilson had callers Saturday. Stopping by for a visit were her daughter and her family, Judy and Jack Graham of Lucerne and Kurt of Purdue University. The family enjoyed a nice chat and dining out in the evening.

Don and Pauline Scales had company Saturday. Stopping by in the evening for a visit and bringing carry-outs from the Grass Creek Lions Club fish fry were their daughter, Phyllis Koontz of Rochester, and their granddaughter and her family, Cindy and Greg Wiese and Ally.

Ethan Sutton of Goshen was the guest of honor at a family gathering Sunday, March 19. The occasion was in celebration of his 1<sup>st</sup> birthday and held in the community room of the local fire station. Ethan is the son of Kara and Doug Sutton.

Ruth Ann Anderson traveled to Argos Sunday afternoon to meet three members of her family. Gathering at the McDonald's restaurant for a snack, visit and to pick up a very special bicycle were Ruth Ann's daughter, Becky Lincoln, and Becky's daughter and granddaughter, Sara Edwards and Kahlan, all of South Bend.

Pauline and Don Scales had several visitors Sunday. Coming over for a family chat and to take care of some chores around the house were their daughter and son-in-law, Ellen and Vic Heiden of Columbia City, and the Heidens' daughter and her family, Jaime and Winston and son, Cody of Ft. Wayne.

Mathilda Lamb had a surprise visitor Sunday afternoon.

Stopping by for an unexpected, but delightful, family chat was her daughter-in-law, Judy Lamb of Ft. Wayne.

John Lincoln and Jackie Heidenreich traveled to Vicksburg, Michigan Sunday. They enjoyed a visit with John's daughter and her family, Sandra and John Silsby and Mariah. They also had the opportunity to visit with John's granddaughter and her family, Sarah and John Crist, Makala and Keagan. The family enjoyed catching up on all the family happenings and dining at The Old Country Buffet restaurant.

Helen Whiteman had a couple of callers Sunday. Arriving for an evening visit was Kevin Whiteman. Also coming up and staying for a few days early this week was her daughter, Karen Rice of Indianapolis.

Ruth Cogdill spent several days earlier this week visiting in the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Gordon Ligocki at Winamac. Tuesday evening was reserved for watercolor class. Wednesday, Ruth enjoyed being with her granddaughter and great-grandchildren, Renata Crissinger, Doran, Lily and Roan.

Ryan and Sari Bussert of Springfield, Ohio, spent a week visiting with his parents, Luther and Shirley Bussert.

Saturday evening supper guests of Luther and Shirley Bussert and their houseguests, Ryan and Sari

Bussert, were Bob Rans, Mary Watters and Wade Bussert.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Cress Hizer, Gabrielle Lewis, Jeff MacLain and Kevin Whiteman, March 26; Gary Brazier, Candice Field and Vickie Dugan, March 27; Kandi Evers, Denise Gilbert, Dale Green and Ethan Shroder, March 28; Cody Baldwin, Jerry Kreamer and Janice Sterrett, March 29; Dave Bowyer, March 30; Ashley Rigney and Doug Whiteman, March 31; and Paul Bauman III, Carita Brown, Dale Herrold and Stacey Kozar Apr. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Brown will be celebrating their wedding anniversary March 27 and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ulerick will be celebrating theirs March 28.

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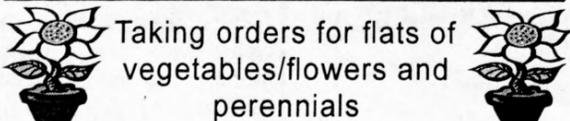
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