

Letters to the Editor

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students to and from school every day. We have custodial staff who ensure our building is a clean, sanitary and safe place in which our children learn. We have cooks who come in to school well before sunrise to ensure our children have warm and healthy breakfasts to start their days. Immediately after serving breakfast, they prepare lunch for approximately 530 students.

Our support staff consists of a nurse who works hard to see that our students are healthy, secretaries who answer the phones with a smile and greet each person who enters our school, and instructional aides who assist our students throughout the day.

Our educators consist of individuals who have received their bachelor's degrees, their master's degrees or advanced degrees. By doing this, they continue to strive to find ways to meet the needs of every student at HES. We have some educators who are reading specialists, some who specialize in teaching science, and others who are literary fanatics.

The Delphi Community School Corporation Board of Trustees empowers these adults to make decisions to positively impact our students. I thank the board for their support in what we do. I thank the central office and the other schools of our district for their contributions to making education a priority for our students.

I thank the parents of our students for allowing us to work with your children each and every day. I also thank the students for coming each day ready and willing to learn and try new things.

I ask parents and community members to please find time to thank those who help our students grow and become productive members of society. I am thankful for the opportunity to lead in a school surrounded by caring and dedicated individuals. To all the educators - thank you!

Bill Shidler, Principal,
Hillcrest Elementary School

Don't forget the hungry

During this season of giving and thankfulness in our land of plenty, I encourage you to help those most in need by contributing to local food pantries. The devastation of the hurricanes as well as the tornado which hit southwestern Indiana on Nov. 6 have made this a difficult year for many people and stressed the resources of our local food banks.

Each citizen can make an important contribution in the fight against hunger at a local level. Over the years, I have visited numerous Hoosier food banks and have been especially impressed by the remarkable work of these organizations. In many cases, they are partnered with churches and faith-based organizations and are making a tremendous difference in our communities.

We should support this private sector activity, which not only feeds people, but also strengthens community bonds and demonstrates the power of faith, charity and civic involvement.

To participate in this important advocacy for food banks and emergency feeding programs by donating to your local food pantry, please contact your local food bank.

With the approaching winter season, many Hoosiers are also bracing for the cold weather and the financial hardships caused by the expected increase in heating costs. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) has distributed \$199 million in Indiana to eligible low-income households from FY2002 to FY2005.

I strongly support LIHEAP, and I encourage Hoosiers who are concerned about their ability to pay for home heating during the cold winter months to contact the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration for more information at <http://www.state.in.us/fssa/families/housing/eas.html> or 1-800-622-4973.

I thank you, in advance, for your personal thoughtfulness and generosity this holiday season so that the bounty of our country can be shared with all Hoosiers. I wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Richard G. Lugar
United States Senator

Charles J. Anderson



Charles J. "Charlie" Anderson, 57, of 8236N. 225W., Delphi, died unexpectedly at 11 a.m. on Nov. 18, 2005, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lafayette. He had been a patient there since November 15.

Born Jan. 4, 1948, in Logansport, he was the son of Alvin and Margaret Crosby Anderson. He graduated from Delphi High School in 1966, and was drafted into the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany. He was discharged in 1969.

His marriage was to Nancy Jo Brown in Burrows, on September 6, 1970, and she survives.

Mr. Anderson worked as a heavy equipment operator at ESSROC Industries near Logansport for 39 years.

He was a member of IOOF Lodge #28 in Delphi, Logansport American Legion Post #60, Liberty Township Burrows Volunteer Fire Department where he was the acting fire chief.

Mr. Anderson enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Angela Horton (husband: Jason) of Whiteman AFB, Warrensburg, Mo.; his mother, Margaret Anderson of Monticello; a brother, Larry Anderson (wife: Sandy) of Rochester; a sister, Bonnie Wamsley (husband: Don) of Monticello; his father and mother-in-law, Robert "Brownie" and Quincine "Skeet" Brown of Burrows; and two grandsons, Tyler and Andrew Horton.

Services were Tuesday at Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi. Burial with Logansport American Legion military rites took place at Burrows Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Liberty Township Burrows Volunteer Fire Department. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Helen L. Paden

Helen Louise Paden, 92, of San Diego, Calif., died on Sept. 21, 2005, in San Diego County, Calif.

Born in Camden on May 31, 1913, she was the daughter of Dr. Willard and Bertha Atkinson Lane.

She married William F. Paden on June 21, 1936, at Camden Baptist Church, and he died on Dec. 24, 2000.

Mrs. Paden was a homemaker. Her husband was a railroad executive and they lived many years in San Francisco and Burlingame, Calif. They retired in Rancho Bernardo, San Diego County, Calif.

Her father, Dr. Willard Lane, had been a veterinarian in Camden from 1911 to 1965.

Surviving are a son, William Paden Jr. (wife: Norma) of Yuba City, Calif.; a daughter, Nancy Seda (husband: Lee) of Oak Harbor, Wash.; three grandchildren, Jeff Paden of Seattle, Wash., Bill Paden of Leesville, La., and Mark Seda of Sedona, Ariz.; and a sister, Bertha Jo Devorraux of San Marcos, Calif.

She was preceded in death by four sisters, Ethel Lane, Edith Winitt, Jessie Satterstrom and Evelyn Hansen; and a brother, Richard Lane.

Burial took place at Skylawn Cemetery, San Mateo, Calif.

Helen I. Flora

Helen Irene Flora, 83, of 566 E. Main St., Camden, died at 3:06 a.m. on Nov. 18, 2005, at the home of her sister, where she had resided for the past five years.

Born in Carroll County on Nov. 15, 1922, she was the daughter of Carl and Bessie Hodges Flora. She attended school in Modesto, Calif., and was a licensed practical nurse, working at Logansport Memorial Hospital for over 20 years.

She was a member of Deer Creek Old German Baptist Brethren Church in Camden.

Surviving are a sister, Bethel B. Flora of Camden; a brother, Loren Flora (wife: Geneva) of Wilmington, Del.; two nieces; a nephew; and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Services were Monday at Camden Old German Baptist Brethren Church, with burial at Musselman Cemetery in Camden. Abbott Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Stanley Shipsides, DVM

Stanley H. "Doc" Shipsides, DVM, 85, of Bedford, died at 9:05 a.m. Nov. 17, 2005, at the Hospitality House in Bedford.

Born Dec. 20, 1919, in Lakeworth, Fla., he was the son of George and Elsie Mercklen Shipsides. His wife, Bea Shipsides, preceded him in death.

He was a veterinarian for 60 years, working in Flora, and in Bedford since 1975. He was involved with the World Aid Project concerning the exportation of large animals to third world countries.

Surviving are his significant other and assistant for many years, Myra Colglazier; a daughter, Karen Gamble Jamsek (husband: Filip) of Guelph, Ontario, Canada; two sons, John Shipsides (wife: Wendy) of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, and Jerry Shipsides (wife: Eva) of Ancaster, Ontario, Canada; and one grandchild.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. Day & Carter Mortuary, Bedford, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or to the White River Humane Society.

Anna B. Smith

Anna Belle Howarth Smith, 87, of lot #39 Rhineland Mobile Home Park, Delphi, died at 10:30 p.m. on Nov. 18, 2005, at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center, Delphi. She had been a resident there since September of 2005.

Born in Oxford on Dec. 3, 1917, she was the daughter of John and F. Mae Callahan Howarth. She was a 1935 graduate of Colfax High School.

Her marriage was to Craven Smith in Indianapolis in April of 1959, and he died in 1985.

Mrs. Smith was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. She served from 1943 to 1945 as a nurse in the European Theater, participating in the Battle of the Bulge.

She had received her nurse's training in the army. She was a registered nurse at various hospitals in the Indianapolis area. She was the first registered nurse on staff at the Purdue University Health Clinic, where she worked for 17 years before retiring. While at Purdue, she completed her nurse practitioner's degree in gynecology. She had worked in the nursing field for 56 years.

Mrs. Smith was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Delphi, where she was a deacon, elder, and Sunday school teacher. She belonged to the Associate Chapter of Delphi Tri Kappa Sorority, was a former member of the JUNTO Dinner Club, Delphi American Legion Post #75, Delphi VFW Post #9383 and Wash & Erie Canal Association.

Surviving are two sisters, Helen Allen (husband: Harold "Gary") of Vincennes and Martha Rems (husband: Larry) of Osceola; a sister-in-law, Betty Wilkinson of Bakersfield, Calif.; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, John.

Services were Tuesday at Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi, with burial at Masonic Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association.

Mark T. Maxson

Mark T. Maxson, 47, of Lafayette, died unexpectedly at 9:45 a.m. on Nov. 19, 2005, on Hwy. 25S near CR 500E and SR 225.

Born in White County on Oct. 23, 1958, he was the son of Virgil and Nancy Reece Maxson. He attended Delphi High School, and completed his GED.

Mr. Maxson worked at McDonald's on US Hwy. 43, and for Greenbush Industries in Lafayette for 15 years.

He served in the Indiana National Guard for three years. Mr. Maxson attended Schuyler Avenue Wesleyan Church in Lafayette.

Surviving are his mother, of Delphi; a son, Cory Williams (wife: Jamie) of Salem; a daughter, Tanica Villars (husband: Jason) of Frankfort; a stepson Brandon Jenkins of Delphi; two brothers, Robert Maxson of West Lafayette and Gene Maxson of Delphi; a sister, Gwynne Scott of Delphi; a grandmother, Evelyn Denman of Delphi; and four grandchildren.

Services are at Abbott Funeral Home today at 2 p.m., with Rev. Tim Stewart officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Memorial Gardens in Pittsburg. Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association.

Obituaries

Richard C. Cochran

Richard C. Cochran, 81, of Monticello, died at 8:24 a.m. Nov. 19, 2005, at White County Hospital, Monticello.

Born July 15, 1924, in Flora, he was the son of Charles and Fern H. Cochran. He was married on Aug. 26, 1945, in Carroll County, to Mary Brookshire, who died Sept. 18, 1999.

Mr. Cochran was a retired sound engineer for WLFI and WFYI.

A U.S. Navy veteran, he worked on the "camelback" project, helping to develop the trigger mechanism used on the second atomic bomb dropped during World War II. He also helped to develop the sonar used on Navy ships.

He was a 1941 graduate of Flora High School and attended the Flora First Baptist Church.

Mr. Cochran loved gardening and had beautiful flower gardens.

Surviving are two great-nephews, Tom Boller and Steve Boller.

A brother preceded him in death.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. today, Wednesday, at Reinke Funeral Home, Flora. Burial will be at Maple Lawn Cemetery, Flora. Friends may call two hours prior to the service at the funeral home.

Robert M. Eikenberry

Robert M. Eikenberry, 93, of Kokomo, died at 11:33 p.m. on Nov. 17, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo.

Born in LaPlace, Ill., on May 8, 1912, he was the son of Oren and Grace Vigles Eikenberry. He was a 1931 graduate of Flora High School and had attended Manchester College for a year and a half.

His marriage was to Pauline B. Kobel on June 22, 1935, and she survives.

Mr. Eikenberry worked at Delco Electronics, mostly in Plant One, as a supervisor. He retired in 1972 after 32 years.

He was a member of Judson Baptist Church and was a former member of Moose Lodge.

Mr. Eikenberry enjoyed woodworking, camping, fishing, yard work and flowers. After retiring, he and his wife spent seven winters in Sarasota, Fla.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Robert D. Eikenberry (wife: Carolyn) and Richard L. Eikenberry (wife: Judy), both of Kokomo; two daughters, Shirley A. Kaufman (husband: Jerry) of Rockledge, Fla., and Barbara J. La Follette (husband: Thomas Sr.) of Lake Bruce; a brother, Dean H. Eikenberry (wife: Audrey) of Indianapolis; two sisters, Margerite Swinford of Fort Wayne and Frances Caldwell of Kokomo; 12 grandchildren, Kim Kemp (husband: Peter), Cynthia Gritton (husband: Joe), David Eikenberry (wife: Andrea), Beth Smith (husband: Greg), Michael L. Eikenberry (wife: Leslie), Mark A. Eikenberry (wife: Betsy), Paige A. Kaufman, Deborah Hoover (husband: Charles), Patrick R. Kaufman (wife: Miso), Karina D. Bohac (husband: Terry), Thomas J. La Follette Jr., Christopher L. La Follette (wife: Nita); and 25 great-grandchildren, Joy Schlatter (husband: Joey), Jacob Gritton, Joshua P. Gritton, Chelsea D. Gritton, Vanessa Eikenberry, Valerie H. Eikenberry, Evan D. Eikenberry, Jonathan Smith, Megan Allen (husband: Chad), Amber Smith, Austin M. Smith, Kayla Eikenberry, Kevin Eikenberry, Katie Eikenberry, Kristen Eikenberry, Chance R. Hoover, Bailey Hoover, Morgan E. Hoover, Shelby D. Bohac, Nicholas A. Bohac, Michelle P. La Follette, Michael M. La Follette, Rebecca A. La Follette, Elizabeth C. La Follette and Thomas R. La Follette.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.

Services were Tuesday in Kokomo, with burial at Shiloh Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Judson Baptist Church.

Geneva M. Reynolds

Geneva M. Hubertz Reynolds, 84, of 3216 Indiana 25N, died Nov. 14, 2005 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where she had been a patient since Nov. 11.

She was born in Lafayette on Nov. 16, 1920.

Her marriage was to David B. Reynolds on July 1, 1950, and he died March 7, 1988.

Mrs. Reynolds had worked at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in the laundry department.

She was a life member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Debbie Tague (husband: Stephen) of West Point and Linda Laux (husband: Michael) of Jamestown, N.C.; three sons, Larry D. Reynolds and Timothy D. Reynolds, both of Lafayette, and Dennis E. Reynolds (wife: Dora) of Battle Ground; a sister, Julia Daly of Delphi; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, two sisters and five brothers.

Services were in Lafayette, with burial at St. Boniface Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Lawrence Catholic Church.

Other Death Notices

Joseph E. Krathwohl, 50, of Logansport, died Nov. 13, 2005, in Indianapolis. Born April 22, 1955, he was the son of Donald G. and Rosalie Thomas Krathwohl. Mr. Krathwohl worked in maintenance and plumbing with the Family Social Services Administration at the Logansport State Hospital. Among the survivors is a sister, Janice Mackey Lane (husband: Michael) of Delphi. Services and burial were Friday in Logansport.

Beatrice "Betty" Smyth VanMeter, 90, of Lafayette, died Nov. 14, 2005. Born on Jan. 21, 1915, she married Leon VanMeter in 1934, in Vincennes. He died in 1999. Mrs. VanMeter was the head waitress at Lafayette Country Club for 15 years. She was a member of Baptist Church of Delphi. Services were in Lafayette, with burial at IOOF Cemetery in Carlisle.

Richard M. Downs, 58, of Lafayette, died Nov. 15, 2005. Born on Nov. 11, 1947, he married Kathy Barnett in 1968, who survives. Mr. Downs worked as a janitor for Commercial Cleaning. Surviving is a son, Ricky M. Downs of Delphi.

Wilber L. Pulley, 83, of Frankfort, died Nov. 18, 2005. He was born in Grant County on April 2, 1922. His marriage was to Marjorie K. Walker on Feb. 15, 1948, and she died March 5, 2000. Mr. Pulley was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a farmer for 43 years. Surviving locally is a brother, Richard Pulley (wife: Barbara) of Brighthurst. Services are today at 10 a.m. at Goodwin Funeral Home in Frankfort.

Evelyn B. Leiter

Evelyn Bright Leiter, 92, formerly of Flora, died at 4:45 p.m. Nov. 21, 2005, at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center, Delphi.

Born Jan. 23, 1913, in Brighthurst, Ind., she was the daughter of Luther and Rozella Quinn Ross. Her first marriage was to William Quinn. On June 1, 1937, in Flora, she married C. Richard Leiter, who died Jan. 14, 1992.

Mrs. Leiter was involved with Leiter-Reinke Funeral Home, Flora, from 1936 to 1987. She and her husband were involved in many community organizations and events throughout their full lives.

A talented musician, Mrs. Leiter played the piano and organ for many events, weddings, funerals and school activities and graduations throughout the years, as well as singing in the community and church choirs. She served as the organist for the Flora United Methodist Church for over 50 years and shared her talent with many young people of Carroll County by giving piano lessons.

She was a member of the Flora United Methodist Church, Flora Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, and Beta Alpha Chapter of Psi Iota Xi sorority.

In 1931, she graduated from Burlington High School after attending Cutler grade school and high school.

Surviving are two daughters, Janice Carol Jantz of Westerville, Ohio, and Jane Ann Sink of Monterey, Calif., and three grandchildren, Jeff Jantz, Lori Jantz Keller and Sean McFarland.

Her first husband, a brother, Gentry Ross, and a sister, Opal Porter, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Flora United Methodist Church. Pastor Larry DeVos will officiate and burial will be at Maple Lawn Cemetery, Flora. Friends may call at the church two hours prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to Serenity Hospice, Flora United Methodist Church or to St. Elizabeth Healthcare.

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