

Obituaries

Vance L. Fincher



Vance Leroy Fincher, 77, formerly of Camden and Flora, died at 7:30 p.m. March 13, 2006, at Milner Community Health Care in

Rossville. He had resided there since Sept. 1, 2003.

Born Sept. 24, 1928, in Carroll County, Indiana, he was the son of Harry "Claude" and Ada Smith Fincher. He was married on Nov. 23, 1949, in Rockfield, Indiana, to Roberta "Bertie" May Allen, who died July 11, 1999.

Mr. Fincher was a teacher and coach at Carroll High School, retiring in 1990. He also taught and coached at Camden High School from 1951 to 1964 and taught at Twelve Mile High School from 1950 to 1951.

He was a volunteer for Flora Cablevision, hosting Coaches Corner and serving as a game commentator for Carroll High School sports.

He graduated from Rockfield High School in 1946, from Indiana University in 1950, and received his Master's degree from Purdue University in 1961. He also completed specialized courses at Butler University, Ball State University and the University of Wichita.

He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Camden.

A lifetime member of the National Education Association, he was also a member of the Retired Teachers Organization and Camden Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge #211. He was a former member of Camden Lions Club.

Surviving are two daughters, Teresa Ann Zinn (husband: Greg) of Flora and Cynthia Kay Fincher of Rossville; two sisters, Shelby Appleton (husband: Joe) of Logansport and Cheryl Moody (husband: Robert) of Cherokee, N.C.; two grandsons, Andy Zinn (wife: Susan) and Alan Zinn (wife: Jennifer), all of Flora; one great-grandson, two great-granddaughters, and two step-great-grandsons.

A sister, Mary, and two brothers, Chet and Harry Fincher, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Baker Funeral Home, Flora, with Pastor Larry DeVos officiating. Burial will be at Maple Lawn Cemetery, Flora. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Wednesday, at Baker Funeral Home, Flora (www.bakerfh.com).

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or to the American Diabetes Association (envelopes available at the funeral home).

Other Death Notices

Martha A. "Red" Host, 75, of Kokomo, died March 7, 2006, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hospital, Kokomo. She was born July 12, 1930, in Kokomo. She married Raymond Host on Oct. 2, 1948, in Kentucky, and he died in 1988. She retired from Howard Regional Health System, where she worked as a cook. A local survivor is daughter Mary White (husband: Randy) of Bringham. Services were Saturday in Kokomo.

Births

Steve and Sara Clark of Atlanta, Ind., are parents of a 6-pound, 9-ounce daughter, Zoey Elizabeth, born March 7. Grandparents are George and Elizabeth Downham of Logansport and Chuck and Betty Clark of Noblesville.

Jeff and Amanda Smith Scotten of Fort Polk, La., are parents of a 2-pound, 14.9-ounce son, Logan Jeffery, and a 2-pound, 6.3-ounce daughter, Kylee Ann, both born Feb. 11 at LSU Medical Center in Shreveport, La. Grandparents are Wilbur and Rosetta Smith of Delphi and Frank and Debra Welch of Bringham. Great-grandparents are Howard and Karen Johnson of Saline, Mich., and Jay and Roberta Martin of Lebanon.

Bryan and Sandra Terrell of Delphi are parents of a 6-pound, 12-ounce son, Brandon Alejandro, born March 2 in Lafayette Home Hospital. Grandparents are Agustin and Tina Duran of Mexico and Ron and Julia Terrell of Monticello. Great-grandmother is Bonnie Widner of Delphi.

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Ruth M. Schultz

Ruth M. Schultz, 80, of 1961N 1100W, Medaryville, died at 6 a.m. on March 9, 2006, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lafayette.

Born in LaCrosse on March 7, 1926, she was the daughter of Eva Marsh Earle. She was a 1944 graduate of LaCrosse High School.

Her marriage was to Edward K. Schultz in Francesville on June 10, 1944, and he died in August of 1983.

Mrs. Schultz was a cook at the West Central schools for over 30 years.

She was a member of Medaryville United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, American Legion Auxiliary, Hearth and Home home economics club and Pulaski County Chorus.

She had been a Sunday school teacher for many years and was known as the cake lady.

Surviving are four sons, Kenneth E. Schultz (wife: Charlene) of East Granby, Conn., Jerry A. Schultz (wife: Dolly) of Fort Wayne, Donald M. "Mike" Schultz (wife: Donna) of Austin, Texas, and Raymond T. Schultz (wife: Joan) of Medaryville; a daughter, Becky S. Stiller (husband: Robert) of Flora; four brothers, William Earle of Kouts, Louis Earle of San Pierre, Maurice Earle of Tucson, Ariz., and Les Earle of LaCrosse; a sister, Joyce Hayes of LaCrosse; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother.

Services were in Francesville on Sunday, with burial at White Post Cemetery in Medaryville. Arrangements were made by Querry-Ulbricht Funeral Home in Francesville.

Memorials may be made to Medaryville United Methodist Church.

Catherine Peterson

Catherine Peterson, 75, died at 6 a.m. Feb. 27, 2006, at Milner Community Health Care Center. She had resided there since Dec. 15, 2005.

Born March 11, 1929, in Baltimore, Md., she was the daughter of Frank and Lydia Masamer Sparrow. She married Bernhart E. Peterson on Aug. 31, 1950. He preceded her in death on March 31, 1990.

Mrs. Peterson lived with a daughter in Flora from June 2005 until moving to the health care center. She lived most of her life in Kewadin, Mich.

She was a cashier for Eddie's Supermarket in Baltimore, Md., until retiring in 1984 after 22 years of employment. She later worked for the Village Market in Elk Rapids, Mich., for two years.

She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Elk Rapids.

Surviving are three daughters, Sharon Hancock (husband: James) of Flora, Marion C. Fluhr (husband: Lee) of Glen Burnie, Md., and Karen M. Robison of Brooklyn, Md.; one sister, June Fishcher of Baltimore, Md.; eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister.

Services and burial were March 3 in Traverse City, Mich.

Priscilla Jervis

Priscilla Jervis, 78, of Anaheim, Calif., formerly of Cutler, died March 7, 2006.

Born in Michigantown on Aug. 29, 1927, she was the daughter of Clarence and Mary A. Eli.

She married Gordon Jervis in 1948, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Patty Clayton (husband: Arthur) and Paula Adams; and a sister, Peggy Moore.

She was preceded in death by a son and a daughter.

Burial was yesterday at Rineside National Cemetery in California.

Burton

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Jayne. Their operation BDB, is a cash grain farm in five central Indiana counties. They also operate a 500 sow farrow-to-finish operation marketing more than 8,000 finishing hogs. Their operation utilizes the most modern technologies available to be efficient in an extremely challenging industry. He is a third generation Carroll County farmer.

He and his wife are part owners of Brosman's IGA in Delphi.

Burton has always been a community-minded person and has been very involved in many groups and organizations. He began by being an advisor for the Jr. Leader program and then followed by serving 14 years as 4-H leader for Madison Township. He has been the swine superintendent at the Carroll County 4-H Fair for the past 10 years. Pork Producers have been a big part of Burton's life through his involvement in not only the Carroll County Pork Producers, where he served as president for three years, but also with the Indiana Pork Producers and some committees with the National Pork Producers by serving as a delegate to Pork Forum.

Burton received the Outstanding Young Pork Producer Award in 1995. He served on Steve Buyer's ag advisory board, was involved with the Delphi Jaycees, and is a past member of the Carroll County Gideon's. He is a reserve deputy with the Sheriff's Department and has served on the Delphi Multi-School Building Corporation Board.

Burton is very involved with Delphi United Methodist Church, where he is a youth and senior adult Sunday school teacher as well as the worship leader coordinator. He has served as a lay church speaker at various churches. Burton is a God fearing Christian who said he realizes his purpose on earth is to glorify God and serve others wherever he can.

Sewer

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did not expect boundaries to contain more than approximately 250 residences around the lake.

Anderson told Robertson projects have never been solely for property around a lake. He said the commissioners at the time knew the number of residences would exceed 1,000.

"Even if a person is a mile and a half away from the lake, they are draining toward the lake," Anderson said.

Anderson stated that current Carroll County Commissioners had not "dropped the ball" as one audience member suggested. He said the county was not willing to help fund the project at this time.

Anderson suggested all users of the new project who are unhappy with the lack of grant money available, write to Senators Evan Bayh and Richard Lugar to request federal funds.

New logo and slogan As projects committee chair Burke announced, the sewer district is getting a new logo. He said a slogan is needed to accompany the artwork for the district.

The next meeting will be March 23 at 3 p.m. in the White County Building on the site of the former White County Courthouse.

In last week's Comet article about remarks made at the Third House in Monticello on March 4 about the sewer district the e-mail addresses for state representatives Donald Lehe Eric Gutwein, and Rich McClain as well as the address for Brandt Hershman were inadvertently omitted
Lehe can be reached at H15@in.gov, Gutwein at H16@in.gov, McClain at H24@in.gov and Hershman at S7@in.gov.

Trapp

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operation was a farrow-to-finish operation that later changed to a contract finishing operation in the late 1990s. He also maintains a small herd of cows for 4-H projects. He is a proud third generation Carroll County farmer and a second generation Hall of Fame recipient.

Trapp has always been very involved in the community, and he took his father's and grandfather's advice to get involved and "make your world a little bit better than it was before you came into it." He has served on many local and national boards. He has served as president of the Carroll County Extension Board, the 4-H Exhibit Association and the Carroll County Pork Producers. He served a three-year term on the Indiana Pork Producers Executive Board as well as being on the National Federation Council. He has been very active with the Camden Little League baseball program as well as the Jackson Township Park Board and Camden Community Club.

He was instrumental in helping secure Indiana Packers Corporation to Carroll County through his involvement with the Carroll County Redevelopment Commission.

Trapp served on the 4-H Community Building Committee that helped get this facility constructed in the late 1970s.

He currently serves on the task force for the Leadership Carroll County program.

One of his best memories is the Carroll County relief effort he and a few others initiated for Warsaw, Ill., a small farming community that was overwhelmed by a flood in 1993. Trapp is a member of Delphi United Methodist Church and recently traveled with his family and three other members of his church to Gautier, Miss., to help rebuild homes that were devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

Trapp and his wife, Susan, have been married for 18 years and have two children: Nathan, a junior at DCHS; and April, a sophomore. Susan is a first grade teacher at Camden Elementary School.

Trapp said he is most thankful for and proud of his family and doesn't know where he would be without them.

Lambert

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During his high school years, Lambert worked for Jerry Hendress and following high school he went to work for Bill Pickart at Fairacre Farms and worked for him for 17 years. In 2000, Pickart retired from farming, and at the same time, Lambert and his wife decided to start farming. He said this was a difficult decision, since neither of their parents owned any farm ground and they were starting out on their own.

He was already of part of a wean-to-finish swine operation with Fairacre Farms, so Lambert kept it going on a contract with a local farmer. They preferred to begin small with the grain farming so they passed up several acres of ground including all of Fairacre Farms.

When they started, they had 60 acres that they had purchased in 1999, and an additional 175 they had been renting. Their first full year in business, they were farming 550 acres of ground. Presently, they are farming around 1,400 acres in addition to the wean-to-finish contract hogs. They are planning to construct a pair of quad finishing buildings during 2006, which will put them up to 12,000 hogs daily to manage.

Lambert has always been one to give back to his community, and he has been the main cog in the wheel of the Carroll County Pork Producers for several years. He has served the CCPP as president for six years, vice president for two years, and treasurer for one year. In addition, he has served on the Carroll County Exhibit Association and the board for the Family Health Clinic in Delphi. Besides the 16 years he has devoted to being an officer and board member of the Pork Producers, he finds time to be involved with Sharon Baptist Church.

CC Road Report

By Ron Francis

Highway superintendent

The highway department appreciates the many citizens who offer constructive comments and provide information on road problems and areas in need of improvement throughout the county. Currently, the department is concentrating work in three areas.

1. Mowing and trimming back the right-of-ways in the northwestern portion of the county. The goal is to clear all brush and small trees from roadside right-of-ways.

2. Pothole patching crew on days when weather permits, concentrating on areas that have been called in as hazards. With the cost of cold patch increasing from \$37.50 to \$51 the department is trying to use

patch for the serious holes and use the DURA patcher for the minor ones.

3. The final area is the gravel roads north of SR 18. Over the next two weeks the department will be removing the berm, cutting ditches where needed, and applying stone to 450E just north of SR18, 250E from 100N to 300N, 200E from 50N to 100N and 100E from 50N to 100N. Berm dirt will be given on a first call basis, selected by proximity to the road being worked on. Call the highway department at 574-967-4244 to be added to the list.



Francis

Officiating

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street pants. He had to wear his football pants home.

"They just came down to my knees, and I had to wear them with my western boots," McCain said.

He got out of basketball officiating when he was 40.

"If I had worked longer in basketball, I wouldn't have had the opportunities I've had in swimming," he said.

McCain served on the Swimming and Diving Rules Committee of the National Federation of State High School Associations for three years - 1985-1987. He is the only lay person from Indiana who has ever served on the committee. All other Indiana members have been assistant commissioners or swim coaches.

McCain has been the starter official for six state swim tournaments, including the one last month. He has also served in other official capacities for 19 other state swim championships.

McCain said of the six sports that he's officiated, he couldn't really pick a favorite.

"I've enjoyed them all," he said.

He played basketball and ran track in high school, but swimming and football were not offered at that time. McCain graduated from Flora High School in 1954.

Now, at age 70, he's still not ready to retire as an official. He said he's giving up the tourney schedule, but he's still planning to work a season schedule next year.

He and his wife, Sandra, reside in Carrollton Township. They will be married 49 years in June. They have two sons and five grandsons.

"We were married in 1957, and I started officiating in the 1958-59 school year," McCain said.

He's not even thinking about what he'll do with all his time when he retires completely from officiating.

"I guess I'll worry about that when it comes," he said.

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