

Obituaries

Richard E. Downhour



Richard E. "Dick" Downhour, 77, of Flora, died at 5:45 p.m. March 23, 2006, at Milner Community Health Care Center, Rossville.

Born Aug. 13, 1928, in Galveston, he was the son of Albert and Marie Snavely Downhour. He graduated from Galveston High School in 1946.

His first marriage was in 1949 to Elaine Frushour and they later divorced. In 1974 he married Mona Jordan Porter in Mitchell, S.D., and she survives.

Mr. Downhour was a USDA meat inspector, retiring in 1997 after 29 years of service. Following his retirement, he worked as a courier for the *Carroll County Comet*.

He was a former member of the Galveston United Methodist Church.

He enjoyed cattle and livestock, IU basketball, and reading, especially history.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Albert Downhour of Flora and David Downhour of Indianapolis; two daughters, Pat Jordan of Indianapolis and Debra Beckner of Lafayette; three stepdaughters, Susan Craig of Syracuse, Denise Fassnacht of Flora, and Joy Depoy of Glasgow, Ky.; a sister, Dorothy Cheevers of Galveston; and ten grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, two sisters, one son, Gary R. Downhour on July 29, 1990, and his former wife in 1991.

Services were held Sunday in Galveston with the Rev. Zachary Rainey officiating. Burial was at Maple Lawn Cemetery, Flora.

Memorials may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, Diabetes Association, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Other Death Notices

Kenneth R. Walker, 87, of Pettit, died March 19, 2006, at Mulberry Health & Retirement Community. Born Aug. 21, 1918, in Lafayette, he was the son of Roy P. and Laura Ehresman Walker. He married Margaret L. Roth in 1943 in Edna Mills, and she died in 1998. A World War II Army veteran, he farmed in the Pettit area for most of his life. Surviving are two daughters, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Services will be held at 2 p.m. today, March 29, at Bodine Funeral Home, Rossville.

Ruby C. Kemp, 85, of Newtown died March 26, 2006. Born in Orange County on June 3, 1920, she was the daughter of Laughlin and Addie Moody Chastain. Her marriage on Jan. 21, 1940, was to Robert M. Kemp, and he died Nov. 5, 1998. Surviving locally is a daughter, Karen Lolomandiere of Delphi. Services will be today at Maus Funeral Home in Attica at 11 a.m., with burial at Newtown Cemetery.

Suzanne Shields, 71, of Marion died on March 10, 2006, in Moscow, Russia. Born Feb. 28, 1935, she was the daughter of Thomas and Eunice Day Heale. Her marriage was to Jon C. Shields, and he died Feb. 10, 2002. Surviving locally is a daughter, Lisa Bough of Brighthurst. Services were March 22 in Gas City.

Florence L. Jensen, 93, of West Lafayette, died March 20, 2006. Born Jan. 17, 1913, she was the daughter of Frank H. and Ella O. Moore Herath. She married Charles A. Jensen on April 26, 1986, and he died on March 4, 1995. Surviving locally is a daughter, Ellen Welsh of Flora. Services were March 24 in Goodland, with burial at Goodland Cemetery.

Minnie F. Williams, 88, died March 24, 2006. Born July 12, 1917, in Casey County, Ky., she was the daughter of J.O. and Alta M. Wright Farris. She married Rev. Frank Williams on Feb. 24, 1942, and he survives. Surviving locally is a daughter, Helen Stoops of Cutler. Service is today at 10:30 a.m. at Goodwin Funeral Home in Frankfort, with burial at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Geraldine D. Cook



Geraldine D. Shaff Cook, 91, died at 11:30 p.m. on March 23, 2006, at White County Memorial Hospital, where she had been a patient since

March 9. Born in Cass County on Feb. 18, 1915, she was the daughter of Carl and Mabel Jones Shaff. She was a 1933 graduate of the former Onward High School in Cass County.

Her marriage was to Joseph A. Cook in Gas City, on Jan. 21, 1936, and he preceded her in death on May 20, 1993.

Mrs. Cook had lived in rural Carroll County for 30 years. She had lived at Carroll Manor Home in Delphi for the past five years and had worked there for 10 years, earlier in her life.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Westside flower club in Delphi, and a former member of the ladies auxiliary of the Eagles Lodge.

Mrs. Cook enjoyed music, euchre card games, cooking, flower- and vegetable-gardening, and sports.

Surviving are two daughters, Rose Mary Lybrook (husband: Charles) of Delphi and Janice Roth (husband: James) of Yeoman; two sons, Craig Cook (wife: Nikki) of Brookston and Jerry A. Cook of Cape Coral, Fla.; a sister, Dierdre Strube of Fulton; a brother, Sam Shaff (wife: Lucile) of Logansport; a sister-in-law, Helen Shaff of Logansport; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, David; an adult son, Philip; a brother, Don; an infant brother, Carl; and three grandchildren.

Services were Monday at Abbott Funeral Home, with burial at Hopewell Cemetery in Deer Creek.

Memorials may be made to Carroll County Cancer Association. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Dorothy M. Weaver



Dorothy M. May Weaver, 86, of 2542S 5 8 5 W, Delphi, in the community of Radnor, died at 6:50 p.m. on March 24, 2006, at St.

Elizabeth Healthcare Center in Delphi. She had been a resident there since April 14, 2005.

Born in Lafayette on Jan. 13, 1920, she was the daughter of Haskel and Margaret Pitts May. She attended high school in Monroe County.

Her marriage was to William J. "Bill" Weaver Sr. on June 19, 1942, in Lafayette, and he survives.

Mrs. Weaver was a former member of St. Mathew's Lutheran Church in Delphi.

She worked at Warren Paper in Lafayette, the former Brown Rubber Plant in Monticello and at the former Essex Wire Company in Flora.

She enjoyed vegetable and flower gardening.

Surviving with her husband are two sons, William "Will" Weaver (wife: Linda) of Indianapolis and Jerry L. Weaver of Delphi; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Pearl; a brother, Robert; and two great-grandsons.

Services were Tuesday at Abbott Funeral Home, with Rev. Nord Zootman officiating. Burial was at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens in West Lafayette.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Charles W. Hill



Charles W. "Chuck" Hill, 66, of 605 N. Wilson St., Delphi, died unexpectedly at 11:04 a.m. on March 26, 2006, at his residence.

Born in Clinton County on May 29, 1939, he was the son of David W. and Dorothy Schimmel Hill. He attended the former Michigantown schools.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1957 to 1960, working in munitions.

His marriage was to Clara M. Phillips in Kirkland on Feb. 10, 1958, and she survives.

Mr. Hill worked for the former Harmason Manufacturing Plant in Frankfort for several years, retiring due to his health.

He enjoyed woodworking and gardening.

Surviving with his wife are five sons, Robert "Rob" Leisha Hill (wife: Leisha), James Hill (wife: Liz), Kenny Hill (wife: Susan), all of Delphi, David Hill (wife: Lisa) of Burrows, Chris Hill (wife: Izzy) of Bloomington; three daughters, Tina Hill (companion: Teresa Sisson) of Brighthurst, Cindy Heath (husband: Jeff) of Indianapolis and Kathy Albaugh (husband: Phil) of Kokomo; his mother, Dorothy Hill Cambridge of Frankfort; a brother, Jerry Hill (wife: Connie) of Frankfort; two sisters, Rita Wallace (husband: Denny) of Missouri and Nina Davis (husband: Richard) of Forest; 20 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren.

Services are today at 10 a.m. at Abbott Funeral Home, with Pastor Nick Clark officiating. Burial with Delphi American Legion and VFW military rites will be at Whiteman Cemetery in Michigantown.

Molester

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Hinton's limited education and that he was a child victim of molestation.

Defense attorney Patrick Manahan told the court that his client "saved harm and embarrassment of his victims" by pleading guilty and not making them endure a trial by jury. He told the court his client was "trying to be sympathetic" to his victims.

Manahan said by pleading guilty, Hinton saved the community and the court the time and expense of a trial. He stated Hinton had no criminal history.

"He pled guilty because it was the right thing for him to do and it was the moral thing for him to do," Manahan said.

Manahan said Hinton has "sincere remorse" and a "willingness for treatment." He also said due to his character and attitude he has a "limited chance to re-offend."

"My client has a genuine sense of remorse and has requested forgiveness from the Savior for his behavior," Manahan concluded.

County prosecutor Rob Ives told the judge that while it was true "the defendant has expressed remorse," by his own admission he demonstrated a history of criminal behav-

ior "as evidenced by the facts exposed in the case." Ives pointed out Hinton "continues to be a danger to the residents and children of our community."

"By his own admission, he's had this sexual desire for a goodly amount of his life," Ives said.

Due to credit for time served and time for good behavior in prison, Hinton will serve approximately eight years of his sentence, according to Ives. "I think what the judge did was reasonable," Ives. "It was consistent with my expectations."

Ives invited audience members into the jury room upon conclusion of the hearing to give them the opportunity to ask questions.

"I often talk to juries after trials and sometimes family groups," Ives said.

He said letters received from members of Hinton's church congregation, the Old Order Brethren German Baptist Church, offered a range of opinions that were "varied."

All seven victims' families were present for the sentencing according to Ives. None testified.

After court Hinton returned to the county jail to await transfer to the Department of Correction.



Faith community attends sentencing

Several members of the Old Order Brethren German Baptist Church attended sentencing last Friday in Carroll Circuit Court for convicted molester Rick L. Hinton. When Hinton moved to Indiana from Ohio he became affiliated with the church. County Prosecutor Rob Ives said during sentencing that he had received several letters from Hinton's church congregation. Near downtown Delphi there is a special lot where the Old Order Brethren can hitch their horses and buggies. Comet photo

Births

Johnie F. Holman

Johnie F. Holman, 82, of 3174 N. Wells St., Delphi, died at 7:08 a.m. on March 26, 2006, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lafayette. He had been a patient there since the previous Thursday.

Born in Bow, Ky., on Dec. 13, 1923, he was the son of Jim and Fean Riddle Holman. He attended school in Burkesville, Ky.

His marriage was to Bessie Randle in Jamestown, Ky., on Oct. 15, 1943, and she preceded him in death on June 21, 1992.

Mr. Holman was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater from 1943 to 1945.

He worked at Chrysler Corp. in Detroit, Mich., for a few years, moving to Delphi and working for the former Alloy Craft (now Custom Alloy Products) for several years. He retired in 1988.

Mr. Holman was a member of Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Delphi and Delphi American Legion Post #75.

He enjoyed vegetable gardening, auto mechanics and playing the guitar and mandolin.

Surviving are two sisters, Maddie Norris of Glasgow, Ky., and Pollie Hardin of Burkesville, Ky.; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother.

Friends may call Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi. Services will be there Thursday at 1 p.m., with Pastor Justin Wagner officiating. Burial with Delphi American Legion/VFW military rites will be at Hickory Grove Cemetery in Carroll County.

Memorials may be made to Pine Grove Church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Correction

The date announced in last week's *Comet* for opening of bids for work on bridges #75 and #25 was incorrectly stated. The date of bid opening is April 17 at 6 p.m., the date and time of the second commissioners' meeting in April.

Students

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board hasn't made a decision yet.

Kylene Miller said she thought a defibrillator would be a positive addition to the school.

"Most of the teachers are at an age when they can have heart attacks," she said.

Payne said a person would have to be trained to use the defibrillator, and only that person could use it. She added that there is only a certain amount of time following a heart attack that a defibrillator can be used. Zook said the Carroll campus may be too spread out for the defibrillator to be effective.

Krystal Brazel asked about transferring letters from other schools.

Zook said the school's current policy does not allow that because schools have different rules for lettering. He said the Athletic Council formulates the policy on such issues, and makes recommendations to the board. The board considers policies in May.

Another question was asked about cheerleader fundraising. Sayers said for the last year and a half, cheerleaders have fallen under the same rules as sport teams. Individual teams cannot have fundraisers that benefit just themselves. Zook said there is a fundraising committee formed that will report to the board.

School attorney and Flora Kiwanis member Miriam Robeson gave an update on the milk machine proposal. Flora Kiwanis and the American Dairy Association offered to buy a milk vending machine that could be used after school or at special events. It would replace a coke machine, that would be moved to another location in the school. She said originally the proposal was for the machine to also be stocked with juices and tea, but the American Dairy Association's sponsorship was conditional on the machine only stocking dairy products. A student organization could maintain the machine and keep the proceeds.

Robeson asked the students at the meeting if they would use the machine if it contained only milk. Very few students responded that they would.

Sayers informed the students about outdoor projects that will begin May 30. He said at the track and football

field complex, plans call for new bleachers, lighting, concession stand, and restroom facilities. Tennis courts will be resurfaced, and the fencing around the courts will be refurbished. The same project also calls for re-roofing two sections of the high school. (Sayers told the *Comet* Friday that although construction will be going on this summer, there will be lights for the Relay for Life.)

The other outdoor project calls for a softball diamond and soccer field south of the elementary school, next to the baseball diamond. Sayers said the exact positioning of the fields is still under consideration. He asked the students if the length or the direction of the soccer field is more important, considering space constraints. Students responded that the longer field is preferred.

Sayers also asked the students to think about solutions for the traffic pattern problems at the schools.

"There is a bottle neck at both buildings, and we don't necessarily have a solution," Sayers said.

A student asked about the corporation's money situation.

Sayers said the corporation will have a one-year debt for the outdoor project in the football/tennis courts area.

He said decisions by the state have affected the financial status of school corporations.

"There's not a school corporation around that is as financially sound as they were two years ago, and in two years we won't be as healthy as we are now," Sayers said. "But we're as financially healthy as any corporation around."

Keith Chandler, executive director of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, spoke to the students and left his business card. He said he would like to see a partnership

between businesses and the schools. He said the Chamber could be a resource for students looking for internships, job shadowing, and sponsorships.

Another meeting may be set up between some of the board members and selected students to follow up on items discussed at the meeting.

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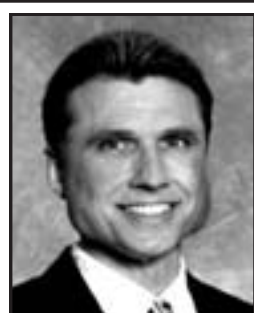
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26 at Clinton Prairie High School.

- Diana Brown and Kathy Shuler to attend the First Grade Conference for Indiana Teachers April 24-25 in Indianapolis.

The next regular school board meeting will be April 4 at 8 p.m. in the Administration Building.



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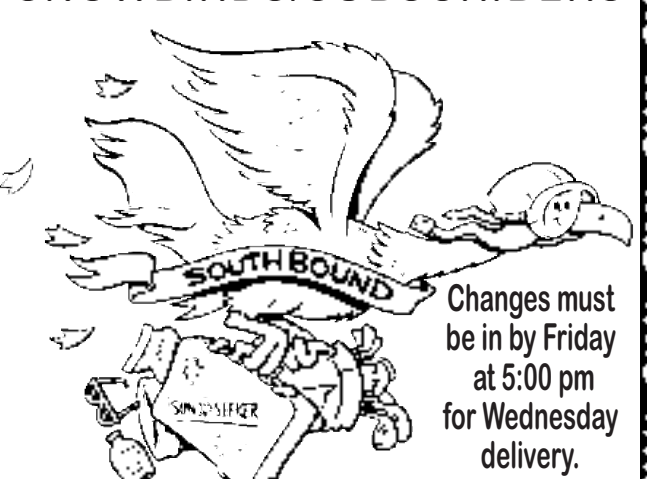
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