

## Obituaries

### Jeremy L. Kuns



Jeremy L. Kuns, 19, of 4724W 700N, Delphi, died at 9:17 p.m. on April 27, 2006, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle/car

accident, south of Americus on SR25.

Born in Lafayette on Dec. 14, 1986, he was the son of Gary and Diane Whitaker Kuns. He was home schooled and graduated in 2004.

Mr. Kuns worked for four years at Cottrell Sales & Service in Camden, then at DLM Concrete at Rossville for one year. Most recently, he was employed for a year at Acculevel, a foundation leveling company in Rossville.

He attended Deer Creek Old German Baptist Brethren Church in Camden.

Mr. Kuns enjoyed bow hunting for deer and playing football.

Surviving are his parents of Delphi; two sisters, Bethany D. Kuns and Suzanna E. Kuns, both at home; five brothers, Jonathan D. Kuns, Reuben J. Kuns, Benjamin J. Kuns, Ivan J. Kuns and Anthony D. Kuns, all at home; his maternal grandparents, Charles and Judy Whitaker of Delphi; his paternal grandparents, Lee and Miriam Kuns of Flora; his maternal great-grandparents, L.D. and Edna Wolf of Logansport; and several uncles, aunts and cousins.

Services were held at Deer Creek Old German Baptist Brethren Church in Camden on Tuesday, with burial at Musselman Cemetery, Camden. Abbott Funeral Home of Delphi was in charge of arrangements.

### Edward M. Brown



Services for Edward M. Brown, 49, of Camden, were held Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Delphi. Father Peter Vanderkolk

officiated and burial was at Camden Cemetery.

He died April 25, 2006, in Carroll County.

Born June 25, 1956, in Logansport, he was the son of Thomas C. and Helen Murphy Brown. He was married on July 19, 1986, to Lisa Lutes, who survives.

A Carroll County farmer, Ed was also employed by Excel Co-op, Flora, where he delivered LP gas.

He was a 1974 graduate of Carroll High School and a 1976 graduate of Vincennes University, where he was a charter member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Ed was also a member of the Indiana Angus Association, and had a small herd of Angus cattle.

He was past president of the Carroll County 4-H Fair Board and was a strong supporter of the Horse and Pony Club.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Sarah Brown, at home; a brother, John Brown (wife: Suzanna) of Hanover; two sisters, Mary Susan Brown of Camden and Nancy Stone (husband: Dr. George) of Fort Wayne; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Max and Judy Lutes of Terre Haute; four nieces and three nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Edward Murphy Brown Scholarship Fund in care of Kroeger Funeral Home.

Condolences may be left online at [www.kroegerfuneralhome.com](http://www.kroegerfuneralhome.com).

### Alena L. Hutson



Services for Alena L. Hutson, 90, of Cutler, were held Saturday at Reinke Funeral Home, Flora. Pastor Cathy Long officiated and

burial was at Ball Hill Cemetery, Cutler.

She passed away at 6:15 a.m. April 27, 2006, at Lafayette Home Hospital.

Born Oct. 19, 1915, in Cutler, she was the daughter of Marvin V. and Mayme Fern Allen Jervis. She graduated from Cutler High School in 1935.

Her marriage was on Dec. 6, 1938, in the Cutler Presbyterian Church parsonage, to Clayton Hutson, who survives.

A homemaker, Mrs. Hutson had worked at Sayco and the Rainbow Café, both in Flora, and was a beautician.

She was a member of the Cutler Presbyterian Church.

She loved to send cards – get well, birthday, anniversary, etc.

Surviving with her husband are a daughter, Pam Lesh (husband: Dan) of Cutler; a son, Dana Hutson (wife: Jeannie) of Cutler; four grandchildren, Marianne Lesh, James L. Hutson and Timothy F. Hutson, all of Cutler, and Mark D. Lesh (wife: Dana) of Indianapolis; and two great-grandchildren, Aidan D. Lesh and Aaron D. Lesh, both of Indianapolis.

Two brothers and a grandson preceded her in death.

### Hazel M. Liebert

Hazel M. Liebert, 91, of Lafayette, died at 12:09 p.m. April 25, 2006, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Lafayette.

Born May 19, 1914, in Laconia, Ind., she was the daughter of Frank A. and Laura Crosler Liebert.

She graduated from Delphi High School and Lafayette Business College and lived in the Lafayette area most of her life.

She had been employed at Harry and Evelyn Trimble's Paint Store in Lafayette for a number of years before going to work at First Federal Savings and Loan. She retired as branch manager after working there 24 years.

Miss Liebert was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Delphi, Tourist Club, and Purdue Women's Club, and was formerly on the Duncan Hall Board of Directors. She also volunteered at St. Elizabeth Hospital and had 9,000 volunteer hours at Home Hospital.

She enjoyed traveling, playing cards, and knitting.

Surviving are one brother, Frank A. Liebert, Dallas, Texas; and 12 nieces and nephews, Marjorie Franklin, Susie McCormick, David Liebert, Jim Liebert, and Stephen M. Smith, all of Delphi; Sharon Williams, Fishers; Ronald K. Liebert and Carol Ann Lucke, both of Indianapolis; Linda Maller, New York; Mary Albright, Arizona; Janet Walther, Denton, Texas; and Laura Beth Pickard, Dallas, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Virgil and Kenneth Liebert, and a sister, Shirley Smith.

Services were April 28 at Soller-Baker Chapel, Lafayette, with Rev. Louis A. Sandos officiating. Burial was in Masonic Cemetery, Delphi.

### Lucille Neff

Lucille Neff, 90, of Bringhurst, died April 29, 2006, at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette.

Born April 8, 1916, in Monroe Township, Carroll County, Indiana, she was the daughter of David and Myrta Hetrick Jenkins. She married Herman Neff Sr., on Jan. 15, 1939, in Monroe Township, Carroll County. He preceded her in death on Oct. 12, 1982.

A lifetime resident of Carroll County, Mrs. Neff was a homemaker and helped with farming.

She graduated from Flora High School in 1934.

A member of the Bringhurst United Methodist Church, she enjoyed flowers, sewing and assisting at church.

Surviving is a son, Myron Neff of Bringhurst.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Herman Neff Jr.; a daughter, Louann Neff; four sisters; and one brother.

Graveside services were held Monday at Maple Lawn Cemetery, Flora. Pastor Matthew Pickut officiated.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 208 S. LaSalle, Ste. 900, Chicago, IL 60604.

Baker Funeral Home, Flora, was in charge of arrangements ([www.bakerfh.com](http://www.bakerfh.com)).

### Florence T. Parks



Florence T. "Jo" Parks, 82, of Delphi, formerly of Galveston, passed away at 5:35 p.m. April 23, 2006, at St. Elizabeth

Hospital, Lafayette.

Born Aug. 14, 1943, in Kokomo, she was the daughter of Bert and Nina Ulrey Thompson. She married John A. Parks on June 12, 1943, in Kokomo, and he died June 12, 1994.

Mrs. Parks retired in 1979 from Meedco in Galveston.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Galveston and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

She was a former member of the Galveston Town Board and Board of Zoning Appeals, and was a former EMT for the Galveston Volunteer Fire Department.

Surviving are a son, James D. Parks of Galveston; a daughter, Joselyn Miller (husband: Ted) of Delphi; four grandchildren, John Parks (wife: Jennifer) of Logansport, Ronda Hughes (husband: Jeremy) of Galveston, Barrett Miller and Amanda Miller, both of Delphi; a sister, Ellen Bayliss (husband: Leroy) of Sherwood, Ohio; a niece, Jean Hubbard (husband: Tom) of Defiance, Ohio; three great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and a son, John Joseph Parks.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. today, Wednesday, at Murray-Weaver Funeral Home, Galveston, with the Rev. Warren Purcell officiating. Burial will be at Galveston Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Galveston Volunteer Fire Department.

Davidson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### Mary I. Gerard

Mary I. Gerard, 86, formerly of Delphi, died at 6 p.m. on May 1, 2006, at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center.

Born in Pittsburg on July 28, 1919, she was the daughter of Donald and Jenny Kenrick Timmons. She graduated from Delphi High School in 1937.

Her marriage was to James E. Gerard in June of 1948 in Monticello, and he died Feb. 6, 1992.

Mrs. Gerard had worked at Alcoa and attended the Christian Church. She was a member of the Ladies of the Moose Lodge.

She had a green thumb and enjoyed gardening. She also favored music and played the piano and violin. She very much appreciated cats and dogs.

Surviving is a brother, Marvin Timmons of Lafayette.

She was preceded in death by her son, Charles E. Gerard on Sept. 15, 2005, and by her sister, Demia Timmons.

Services will be Thursday, at 3 p.m. at IOOF Cemetery in Delphi.

Davidson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Obituary policy

The *Comet* is offering families a choice of obituary style. One is a standard style, similar to what is currently published with a few limitations. As in the past, there will be no charge for this style.

The other style is a personalized obituary, offering a more complete depiction of the deceased person's life. It can be written by the family and include more information than the standard format. Personalized obituaries will be charged at \$50 for up to 300 words or 275 words with picture. Each additional word over the maximum will be 15¢.

A half-column photo of the deceased may be submitted for either type of obituary, at no charge. If a flag for military service or some other type of membership symbol or graphic is desired in the obituary, there will be an additional cost.

When appropriate, pending notices and other death notices will be printed at no charge.

By offering this alternative, those who desire a more personalized obituary about their loved one will now have that option.

## Births

Darin and Melissa McArdle Kuns, 3540 N. 150 E, Camden, are parents of a 7-pound, 4-ounce daughter, Myra Ann, born April 22 at Lafayette Home Hospital. Grandparents are Dennis and Lisa Kuns of Camden and Joseph and Ann McArdle of Columbia Cross Roads, Penn. Maternal great-grand-

parents are Jim and Rose Grizer of Holland, NY and Joseph N. McArdle of Freeville, NY. Paternal great-grandparents are Wayne and Carolyn Fisher of Camden and Lee and Miriam Kuns of Flora. Paternal great-great-grandfathers are Earl Fisher of Camden and Arthur Silvers of Flora.

## Delphi Art Show opens Sunday

By Dee Dellenbach  
Staff writer

The Jack Sanders' Delphi Art Show will open on Sunday with a tea from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Delphi Community High School commons.

Students from Camden and Hillcrest elementary schools will be giving demonstrations that day, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., and DJ Bruce Stokdyk will turn some 1950s tunes in celebration of the "Fabulous Fiftieth" year of the show.

At 2 p.m., Tri Kappa Sorority will recognize past Delphi Community School Corporation

art teachers who have taught during the years from 1956 to 2006. In addition, Delphi Art Club will have exhibits, along with DCHS seniors and past Delphi graduates who have pursued art as a hobby or career.

The show will continue Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The public is invited, free of charge.

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## Letters to the Editor

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welfare of all present and future citizens of Carroll County.

If the Economic Development Corporation would do their homework and look at what this type of mega dairy factory will do to the area, they would be having second thoughts about bringing this to Carroll County. For the best place to find information about what this type mega dairy factory can do to the environment and the neighborhood, go to [www.factoryfarm.org](http://www.factoryfarm.org) on the internet and read testimonials from neighboring people and government officials around the country as well as testimonials from scientists and doctors before the United States Senate committees.

In closing I would like to say to all citizens of Carroll County, please find out as much information about this type of mega dairy operation so that you can be well informed and help the leaders of Carroll County truly protect our health, safety and welfare.

Now is time to change the ordinances to bring Carroll County into the 21st century.

Jerry L. Carter  
Cutler

### Want answers

Driving home on SR 75, we see children flying kites, riding their bicycles, jumping on a trampoline, and just playing in their backyards. Is concentrated methane gas, ammonia hydrogen sulfide emitted into the air safe? Do you want flies on our kids' lollipops, ice cream bars, at our picnics and backyard barbecues? Let's do our homework.

We object to the site location selected for the CAFO dairy. It is two miles downwind from Cutler, the thickest population in Democrat Township.

We're not objecting to economic development, but let's be informed about Vreba-Hoff dairies. Who are they? We've read some very negative articles. Those with internet hook-up – look up Vreba-Hoff CAFO dairies in Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and other states. Let's not let the fox in the chicken house.

We want to know:  
What are their responsibilities to the community?

What about this added heavy traffic on our roads? Are they going to be responsible for the upkeep?

What is it going to do to our underground water?

What are they going to do to keep the flies controlled?

What are they going to do to control rodents? (they love grain)

What about sewage? How is it going to be disposed of safely?

If this enterprise collapses one day, will it be their responsibility for clean-up and remediation?

What about the residences of long-standing being imposed on and their property values going down?

Who is going to oversee the construction of this dairy and the lagoons? Will there be random inspections?

Do we really need to invite a 3,500-cow dairy into Carroll County?

Just drive north of Logansport to Twelve Mile and see the dairy there. On the corner is a vacant home with a "For Sale" sign in the yard. The neighbor said that "they couldn't stand it any longer." The neighbor also said, "If I told you it didn't smell, I'd be lying."

Right now there are no infractions because the regulations are so lax and do not include mega-dairy conglomerates.

Wake up Carroll County. They are spreading our way! We need legislation now. Write our legislators and make them aware of what we are inviting into our state.

Are we going to be the cesspool of the Midwest?

Bob and Rosemary Dyer  
Cutler

### Eligibility and student loans

Alan Shultz is to be commended for raising awareness of the Higher Education Act's denial of student loans to youth convicted of drug offenses. I wonder if Indiana Representative Mark Souder is proud of the fact that Indiana leads the nation in disenfranchised kids as a result of the law he authored. Instead of empowering at-risk students with a college degree, HEA limits career opportunities and increases the likelihood that those affected will resort to crime. Speaking of crime, convicted rapists and murderers are still eligible for federal student loans.

Most students outgrow their youthful indiscretions involving drugs. An arrest and criminal record, on the other hand, can be life-shattering. After admitting to smoking pot (but not inhaling), former President Bill Clinton opened himself up to "soft on drugs" criticism. And thousands of Americans have paid the price in the form of shattered lives. More Americans went to prison or jail during the Clinton administration than during any past administration.

As an admitted former drinker and alleged illicit drug user, President George W. Bush is also politically vulnerable when it comes to drugs. While youthful indiscretions didn't stop Clinton or Bush from assuming leadership positions, an arrest surely would have. The short-term effects of marijuana are inconsequential compared to the long-term effects of criminal records. Drug abuse is bad, but the drug war is worse.

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