

Carroll

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For students who have academic, emotional, or behavioral problems, Schnarr said there is a Student Assistance Team to try to find out what might be most helpful.

He reminded parents to make sure students have enough money in their lunch accounts. "Some students are running up a debt," he said, which is causing problems.

Huckstep told about the Family Resource Network. Parents who are involved with this, volunteer at the school. He said even one hour a week helps the school out.

Huckstep said the school is beginning to offer technology-based pre-engineering courses that offer both high school and college credit. Sixth to eighth graders are being exposed to career awareness and career exploration, and freshmen should take a career class, he said.

Huckstep said advanced classes are offered in chemistry, biology, and physics, and next year, possibly advanced history and environmental science will be offered. He said AP (Advanced Placement) classes are first-year college level.

He announced that there is a Homework Hotline on the Rose-Hulman web site.

Sound system complaint
Two patrons complained about the sound system in the gym and in the football stadium, particularly mentioning not being able to hear at graduation and at the basketball

game that honored the 1946 Flora Badgers team. Sayers said they are well aware of the problems, and some parts have already arrived for the gym sound system.

Safety issues
Several people brought up safety in the schools. One person commented that the office people in both buildings cannot see the front door.

Sayers said every time the safety issue comes up, possible options are discussed. "Do we lock down everything and only admit by buzzer?" he asked.

Sayers said there is a safety plan in place, and it will be fine-tuned at a meeting on Oct. 18.

O'Connell said her school has practiced lockdown of the building and classrooms in the past, but not last year.

Some parents asked about the process that is followed if a student is perceived to be unusually disruptive or threatening in a classroom.

Sayers said the corporation does refer 40 or 50 students a year for testing, and currently one elementary student and a couple high school students are in a residential facility.

O'Connell said the school does not jump to testing immediately, before earlier measures are taken at the school.

A question was brought up about drop-outs who later come back to the school to finish their credits and graduate instead of obtaining a GED.

"Is there an age limit to do

this?" a parent asked.

Sayers answered that some students are turned away if they are determined to be at high risk to graduate, but he said they cannot by law be turned away because of age.

"There is no age limit," he said.

Financial matters

Other questions were related to the corporation's financial situation. One person asked if the corporation was in the red or the black.

Sayers responded that the answer fluctuates depending on when they get money from the state and when they get their local tax draw.

"In the general fund today we're in the red, but by Dec. 31, we'll be in the black," he said.

As a financial plus, Sayers said the corporation doesn't have any long-term debt.

Questions were asked about why the corporation can't pay teachers and administrators more, why an additional teacher can't be added if a class is especially large, and why money can be spent on such things as soccer and softball fields, but not on educational needs.

Sayers said salaries are paid out of the general fund, and the amount that the corporation can raise for that fund is capped, according to a state funding formula. He said each fund of the budget has its own capped amount, and the monies cannot be transferred from fund to fund.

A parent asked if the school Fundraising Policy has been adopted yet.

School board president Sam Zook, who was in the audience, said the policy should have been adopted at the beginning of the school year, but it wasn't.

The same parent said it was frustrating for parents who work hard on committees and then their input doesn't get executed.

The majority of those present were parents of elementary students, but junior-senior high parents also were represented.

Beverly J. McManus



Beverly J. McManus, 45, of Delphi, died at 2 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2006, at her parents' home. She had been in ill health since

May 1 of this year.

Born Dec. 29, 1960, in Lafayette, she was the daughter of Richard and Magdalene O'Farrell Mears, who survive.

She was a 1979 graduate of Delphi Community High School, and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Delphi. She worked for the past 10 years at Delphi Middle School, as a teacher's aide, and prior to that, she worked at Delphi Body Works for 10 years.

She enjoyed collecting Longaberger baskets and flower gardening.

She loved, and was deeply loved by her two children, parents, two sisters, her brother, and all who knew her.

Surviving with her parents of Delphi are a daughter, Denise L. McManus of Burnettsville; a son, Eric McManus, at home, Delphi; two sisters, Barbara Sines (husband: John) of Normal, Ill., and Brenda Sturdivant (husband: Allen) of Delphi; one brother, Doug Mears (wife: Karen) of Delphi; a friend, Dave Gochenour of Rossville; three nephews and four nieces.

Private family services are planned. Burial will be at Yeoman Cemetery. Father Peter Vanderkolk will officiate the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Carroll County Cancer Association, or to St. Joseph Catholic Church. Abbott Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Contributions may be mailed to the funeral home at 421 East Main St., Delphi, IN 46923.

Other Death Notices

Services for **JOAN FARRIS**, 76, of Logansport were held Friday in Logansport. She died Oct. 4, 2006, at Logansport Memorial Hospital. Born Oct. 30, 1929, in Indianapolis, she was the daughter of Sanford and Eva Bechdol Cunningham. She married James William "Bill" Farris in 1950 and he survives. Among the survivors is a daughter, Mary Black (husband: James) of Delphi.

Charles J. Combs



Charles J. Combs, 77, of Cutler, died at 1:28 a.m. Oct. 9, 2006, at Milner Community Health Care, Rossville. He had been a resident there for

a month.

Born Dec. 29, 1928, in Hopkins, Minn., he was the son of Charles D. and Phoebe Lamphere Combs. He was married on May 28, 1954, in Corinth, Miss., to Catherine J. Stevenson, who survives.

Mr. Combs was retired from Smith Construction Company in Bringhurst where he was employed for 35 years. From 1953 to 1954 he served on the Flora Police Department.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the American Legion Post 75 for 54 years.

He enjoyed pitching horseshoes, fishing, hunting, and making people laugh.

Surviving with his wife are three sons, Charles W. Combs of Buffalo, Darrell A. Combs of Mobile, Ala., and Rick L. Combs of Oklahoma; three brothers, Clayton Combs and Floyd Combs, both of Pittsburg, and Harold Combs of Monticello; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Three brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Memorial services are pending at Baker Funeral Home, Flora (www.bakerfh.com).

Maryellen Wilson

Maryellen Johnson Wilson, 78, of Colorado Springs, Colo., formerly of Delphi, died Oct. 3, 2006.

Born Sept. 24, 1928, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Johnson of Delphi. Her father was a mail carrier for many years.

On Sept. 2, 1948, she married Walter Wilson, who survives, along with two daughters, Nancy Russell (husband: David) and Sue Hyskill (husband: Chuck); four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held in Colorado Springs.

Stone bridge history told

Mark A. Smith submitted the following historical information after reading a recent letter to the editor in the *Comet* about the stone bridge on Bicycle Bridge Road:

"The letter concerning the condition of the bridge on Bicycle Bridge Road near Pizza Hut prompts this note concerning the builder of that structure.

The builder of the three bridges of that same construction was John C. O'Connor, who was born in Watertown, New York, and came to Delphi when a young man and assisted in building a number of the railroads, including the Monon, which ran through Delphi. He was granted the contract to construct many of the concrete works on the Interurban, including the retaining wall near the present Delphi Body Works.

John was a virulent Democrat, ever active in the party of his choice, and resided in the large brick home near the former Delphi Greenhouse in the east end of Delphi.

His name and date are inscribed on the keystone of the arch of the Washington Street bridge near Canal Park, and are visible during a canal boat trip.

John passed away on Nov. 3, 1931, and his funeral was held in St. Joseph's Church. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Mr. O'Connor was yet one more facet of the local transportation scene, including James Peirce and Craven Smith, engineer of the Tioga Bridge."

Don Draper Jr.



Don Draper Jr., 80, of Delphi, died at 12:30 p.m. Oct. 4, 2006, at Home Hospital, Lafayette.

He had been a patient there for a few days

and in ill health since April.

Born Sept. 15, 1926, in Flora, he was the son of Donald and Myrtle Mae Sibray Draper. His first marriage was to Catherine Sines on April 4, 1947, in Delphi, and she preceded him in death on Jan. 9, 1989. His second marriage was to Virginia Staggs on Feb. 14, 1992, and she preceded him in death on March 16, 2005.

He attended Delphi High School and served in the U.S. Navy during WW II, in the Pacific Theater.

He worked for over 20 years at Peters-Revington Furniture Factory in Delphi, retiring in 1989.

Mr. Draper was a member of Delphi American Legion Post 75, attended the Yeoman United Methodist Church, and formerly belonged to I.O.O.F. Lodge 28 in Delphi.

He was an avid bowler and enjoyed woodworking and sporting events.

Surviving are one son, Chet Draper (wife: Rebra) of Salem, Ala.; one daughter, Ruthanne Wilson (husband: Larry) of Delphi; two stepsons, Jim Staggs (wife: Brenda), and Dan Staggs, both of Monticello; four brothers, Bill Draper (wife: Pat), Bob Draper (wife: Marjorie), and Fred Draper (wife: Linda), all of Delphi, and Wayne Draper (wife: Linda) of Brookston; three sisters, Betty Jo Spitznagle of Delphi, Jean Ann Sommers (husband: Don) of Idaville, and Judy Mullin (husband: Bill) of Evansville; eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Donna, and one stepson.

Services were Saturday at Abbott Funeral Home with Rev. Rebra Draper officiating. Burial was at IOOF Memorial Gardens, Pittsburg, with Delphi American Legion military rites. Memorial contributions may be made to the Bethany House Crisis Center for Women.

Ray Garrison

Ra Garrison, 83, of Delphi, died at 3:40 a.m. Oct. 7, 2006, at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center in Delphi.

Born May 17, 1923, in Adams Township, Carroll County, he was the son of Russell and Fanny Hoover Garrison. He graduated from Rockfield High School in 1941.

On July 21, 1968, he married Connie Strasser in the Burrows Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Garrison was a farmer and life-long resident of Carroll County.

A veteran of World War II, he was a staff sergeant with the Army Air Force.

He was a member of the Burrows Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder; American Legion Post 413 at Camden; and the I.O.O.F. Lodge at Delphi. He was a retired member of the Rock Creek Township Volunteer Fire Dept.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Andrew Garrison and Charles Garrison, both of rural Delphi.

He was preceded in death by four sisters, Lois Flora, Ione Powell, Marge Zook and Dorothy Ballard; a brother, Ralph Garrison; and an infant daughter and an infant son.

Service was held Tuesday at Cree Funeral Home in Camden with Pastor Nick Clark and the Rev. Ellis Gasser officiating. Burial was at the Rockfield I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Rockfield.

Memorials may be made to Burrows Presbyterian Church or to American Legion Post 413.

DePoy

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knows everything about everything," he explained. "Bringing others in who have more knowledge about specific issues is good business and we should rely on those people."

DePoy said the first thing he would do as a new member of the council would be to present an agenda that looks to the future and not be so rooted in the present. He said the council should act on potential issues before a crisis arises.

"The council needs to be involved with all money matters," he said. "I feel like any money spent should be done wisely and prudently."

DePoy questioned if the current council functions for the good of the people. He is not in favor of raising property taxes until a situation is thought out with the help of residents.

"Why should we raise taxes until we are being prudent with what we have?" he questioned when asked about the need for an increase in property taxes to fund a new jail, or improvements to the old one.

"Residents should have information about their property values," he continued. "Why hasn't that information been given to them?"

"And the council should have gotten a hold of the jail meals situation a lot sooner," he added.

DePoy said he is in favor of funding projects with grant money whenever possible, including the jail facility and the sewer for Jefferson Township.

"There isn't nearly enough grant writing being done to fund projects in this county," he said.

"What got me fired up in the first place was the sewer district issue. We definitely need more input with that," he said. "I want people to know the sewer district is a plus...for those who need it," he said.

"All in all, I can be productive on the council by asking questions of my fellow council members," DePoy concluded.

DePoy encouraged voters to contact him with questions and concerns. He can be reached at (765) 588-1457.

"I'd be open to talk to anyone on the phone or in person," he finished.

Slavens

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jail facility. He said he would have voted to table the property tax increase ordinance until a new sheriff is in place and has an opportunity to review the needs of the department with a new vision.

"We need to know where the money is, where it has gone and where it is going before making a decision," he stated.

Slavens said he is "totally against the old jail meals system" and he agrees with the concept of consolidating cell phone service providers to save money.

Slavens said one change he would like to see the council make is to hold meetings on a set day of the month and a set time. He suggested evening meetings be held on the same days, either before or after, as commissioners' evening meetings.

"That way, taxpayers can plan to come to both meetings and not have to make two special trips for them," he explained.

Slavens agrees with his opponent about keeping government meetings open to the public.

"I always try to abide by the open door law," he said. "I don't always like the rules, but I try to abide by them."

Slavens said if he perceived an open door violation, he would be compelled to address it.

"Hey folks, we can't do this," is what Slavens said he would tell council members if he found more than half of them discussing county business before or after a scheduled meeting.

The married Slavens has been a farmer since 1961. He earned a degree in accounting and economics from Manchester College in 1969.

"I have a desire to keep county government running as efficiently as possible," he said. "We need somebody in there who will make tough decisions, and I am willing to do that." "I've made some unpopular decisions in the past," he continued. "I am not afraid to do it again. I want to keep taxes low."

Slavens can be reached by telephone at (574) 943-3523 or when seen in the community.

"I'm always someone who will listen," he concluded.

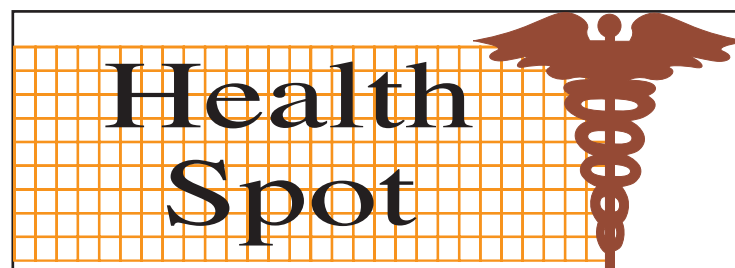
Births

Andrew and Alice (Hoffman) Tallackson, 326 Oakland Ave., Trail Creek, IN, are parents of a 7-pound, 5-ounce son, William DeVere, born Oct. 2 at Saint Anthony Memorial Hospital in Michigan City. Grandparents are Michael and Judy Hoffman of Flora and Stephen and Judith Tallackson of Ogden Dunes. Maternal great-grandmothers are Martha Hoffman of Rossville and Beatrice Nipple of Flora. Paternal great-grandmother is Bertha Tallackson of Peoria, Ariz.

Hospital Notes

Murray Langston, formerly of Flora, continues to improve following 55 days in the hospital and in rehabilitation with complications from heart surgery. His address is: 103 Huntington Circle, Summerville, SC 29485 or e-mail him at: mwlans1956@sc.rr.com.

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Flu prevention

By Brenda Coble RN

Here we are beginning the fourth quarter of the year. Our children are back in school and going strong. The weather has been mmm...okay.

With weather changes and children back in school it seems that our incidence of illness goes up. October is the beginning month to think about flu season.

Prevention is the best policy. We should encourage our body's defense mechanisms to help us with flu prevention.

We should always get plenty of rest. Eight and a half to nine and a half hours for most adults and eight to fifteen hours for children, depending on their age.

Eat well-balanced, nutritious meals in accordance with your diet regimen. For information on the food pyramid see the Indiana State Department of Health and Center for Disease Control's Web sites.

WASH YOUR HANDS! Germs are passed easily with touch. And we touch everything...money, computer keys, telephones, door knobs and each other for starters. Washing our hands is our first line of defense. When you cough or sneeze, do so into your sleeve.

These are good health habits

the CDC says to use to prevent flu:
*Avoid close contact with those who are ill;
*Stay home when you are sick;
*Cover your mouth and nose;
*Clean your hands frequently; and
*Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Another way to prevent flu is to get the flu vaccine. CDC says anyone who wants to reduce chances of getting the flu can get vaccinated.

CDC says people who should be vaccinated each year are:

- People at high risk for complications from the flu, such as children age 6-59 months, pregnant women, people 50 years of age and older, people of any age with certain chronic medical conditions, and people who live in nursing homes and other long term care facilities.

- People who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from flu, including household contacts of persons at high risk for complications from the flu, household contacts and out of home caregivers of children less than 6 months, and health care workers.

Talk to your physician if you have concerns with taking the flu vaccine. Do your best to stay healthy. Get plenty of rest. Eat nutritious meals, and drink plenty of water.

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