

Obituaries

Gary L. Minnix



Gary L. Minnix, 70, of Flora, passed away at 5:10 a.m. Mon. Feb. 5, 2007, at Lafayette Home Hospital.

He was born Sept. 21, 1936, in Carroll County, to Charles Leo and Kathryn Rebecca Reppert Minnix. He was a 1954 graduate of Flora High School. On April 3, 1955, he married Beverly Root in Flora. She preceded him in death on Jan. 10, 1997. On Nov. 16, 2002, he married Shirley Bess at the Valley View Baptist Church in Flora and she survives.

Mr. Minnix worked at Mann Chevrolet in Flora for 42 years and was manager of the body

shop when he retired.

He was a 25-year member of the Flora Volunteer Fire Department, a member of the Flora Masonic Lodge, and a member of the Valley View Baptist Church in Flora.

Mr. Minnix loved hunting and collecting guns. He also enjoyed riding motorcycles.

Surviving are one daughter, Garan Smith of Flora; one son, Charles Minnix of Walton, Ky.; two stepchildren, Terry Leitschuh of Marine, Ill., and Melissa Dean of Raymond, Ill.; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Rebecca.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Flora. Pastor Bill Godbey will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the NRA through Reinke Funeral Home.

Evelyn Yeakley



Evelyn Yeakley, 85, of Logansport, died at 2:45 a.m. Feb. 3, 2007, at Memorial Hospital, Logansport.

Born Jan. 2, 1922, in Lexington, Ky., she was the daughter of Walter L. and Pansy A. Rivers Gaby. She was married on Dec. 18, 1949, in the Rock Creek Lutheran Church to Deane L. Yeakley, who survives.

A homemaker, Mrs. Yeakley was a member of Faith Lutheran Church near Deer Creek.

She enjoyed playing the organ, listening to music, playing bingo, and traveling.

Her greatest joys were the wonderful times with her family and friends. She had a very generous and loving heart.

Surviving with her husband are three daughters, Deena Monahan (husband: Marty), Betsy Morrical (husband: Dr. David), and Sally Beeler (husband: Roger) all of Logansport; a brother-in-law, Lee Wayne Yeakley (wife: Freda) of Logansport; two sisters-in-law, Mary Blue (husband: Jerry) and Mag Albaugh (husband: Harry) of Logansport; nine grandchildren, Chris Fiscel (wife: Stormy) of Logansport, Andrea Monahan of Indianapolis, Martin Monahan of Chicago, Ill., John Morrical (wife: Erica) of Indianapolis, Mike Morrical (wife: Amanda) of Lebanon, Tenn., Jim Kesser (wife: Michelle) of Denver, Colo., Crystal Smith (husband: Rob), Casie Klepinger (husband: Jim) and Rebekah Gearhart (husband: Jake), all of Logansport; six great-grandchildren, Hunter P. Klepinger, Gavin C. Smith, Cooper L. Smith, Owen P. Morrical, Macey R. Gearhart, and George C. Gearhart; several cousins, nieces and nephews; and her beloved Yorkie, Eddie Jo.

A memorial service was held Tuesday evening at The Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport. The Rev. Scott Ellison and Dr. Anthony Fagbami officiated. Private graveside rites will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cause for Paws, American Cancer Society, or to your favorite charity.

The guest book may be signed and condolences sent to www.gundrumfuneralhome.com

Bruce K. Burkhalter



Bruce K. Burkhalter, 52, of Williamsport, died Feb. 3, 2007, at 11:25 a.m. at St. Vincent Heart Institute of Indiana.

Mr. Burkhalter was born to Don and Elsie Brehmer Burkhalter on April 9, 1954, in Lafayette. His first marriage was to Diana Emmitt in Rockfield. He married Sandra Hurst Kelp in Rainsville on Nov. 4, 1994, and she survives.

Mr. Burkhalter owned and operated Burkhalter Refinishing.

Also surviving are his parents of Delphi; four daughters, Kelli Kelly and Ashley Wolfe, both of Lafayette, Tracy Moore of Attica, and Kayleigh Kelp of Williamsport; two sisters, Lisa Cook and Amy Adams, both of Delphi; a brother, Brent Burkhalter of Lafayette; and eight grandchildren.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date at Highland Cemetery, Williamsport.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Warren County Community Foundation Athletic Boosters Fund.

Nina Wagoner

Nina Wagoner, 84, formerly of Flora, passed away at 12:15 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center in Delphi.

She was born Jan. 14, 1923, on the family farm in Clinton County to John and Amy Eller Gascho. On Feb. 2, 1947, in rural Frankfort, she married Melvin E. Wagoner. He preceded her on June 19, 2001.

Mrs. Wagoner was a homemaker and a member of the Flora Old German Baptist Brethren Church.

Surviving are two sons, Meredith Wagoner and John

Wagoner, both of Flora; two brothers, Kenneth Gascho of Pymont and Edwin Gascho of Rossville; one sister, Phyllis Meador of Rossville; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one granddaughter.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Flora Old German Baptist Brethren Church. Burial will be at Maple Lawn Cemetery, Flora. Visitation will be held at the church on Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Reinke Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Delphi schools

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to know where needs lie at the schools.

"The biggest key is for them to see for themselves that the buildings are well-maintained but need updated," Camden principal Carol Coon said.

High school principal Barry Stone said, "The typical taxpayer isn't aware of what needs to happen. This is their opportunity not only to see, but to have a say."

Walker said he understands patrons may doubt their opinions are being heard. He said the corporation will be held accountable by publishing information from the surveys offered at the open houses.

"The community will be able to see what the community feels," he explained. "The school board will offer

more public meetings sometime after the open houses to continue processing public input."

"There are many items on each school's list of needs,"

he continued. "Our desire is to know the community is behind our plans. We want to be the number one school in the state, and it will take doing this right to make it happen."

Births

Kurt and Donetta Fisher of Lafayette are parents of a 6-pound, 15-ounce son, Beau William, born Jan. 26 at Home Hospital. Grandparents are Wayne and Carolyn Fisher of Camden, and Toni Martin of Monticello and the late William Martin. Paternal great-grandfathers are Earl Fisher of Camden and Arthur Silvers of Flora. Maternal great-grandmother is Mary Katherine Walker of Monticello.

Timothy and Sarah (Dimmich) Snoberger, Lafayette, are parents of an 8-pound, 2-ounce daughter, Kendall Patricia, born Jan. 29 at Lafayette Home Hospital. Grandparents are Galen and Pat Snoberger of Delphi and Mark and Tanya Dimmich of West Lafayette. Maternal great-grandmother is Maxine Dimmich of Boswell and paternal great-grandmother is Dorothy Floyd of Sebring, Fla.



Ladies and gentlemen... We have a race!

Both Republicans and Democrats running for city offices filed in unison, albeit on different days, to run in the May primary election. Republicans, organized by incumbent Delphi Mayor Lee Hoard filed on Jan. 24, the first day of filing. "We wanted to convey a team concept," Hoard said. "It's nice to have the moral support of party members at the counter," said first time Republican officer, Linda Gretter. Democrats, led by mayoral hopeful Randy Strasser, filed for office Jan. 30. "We are filing together as a team," Strasser said. "We all have the same ideas and ambitions about how to lead the city for the next four years." Republicans pictured left to right at top, Carolyn Pearson, John Hampton, Gretter, Judge David Weckerly, Hoard and William Miller. Democrats pictured left to right, Janice Roe, Brian Garrison, Strasser, Nelson Smith and Dan Sterrett. Comet photos by Debbie Lowe

Town passes resolution to proceed with development plans for old Flora School

Comet staff report

Flora Town Council approved Resolution 2007-1, conveying to Area IV Development, Inc., Lafayette, a portion of the Flora School property at Monday night's meeting.

The conveyance of the property to Area IV Development is contingent on the acquisition of the property by the Town of Flora from the county and upon Area IV Development obtaining funding for the project to develop senior citizen housing.

The Carroll County Commissioners passed a similar resolution Monday morning conveying the property to the town for development as senior citizen housing.

Sharon Wood of Area IV Development said that it was necessary for the funding process to demonstrate control of the property.

She said that the application will be submitted by March 2 and they should know something by June 15.

Two appraisals were reviewed on the Abdon property at 103 W. Columbia St. Clerk-treasurer Joretta Tinsman was instructed to offer the median of the two bids.

Town officials voted to add \$50,000 to the rainy day fund. They had the option of putting

in ten percent of the unused budget amount from 2006 (\$62,000), but chose a lesser amount. With the new monies the fund total will be \$175,000. Rainy day funds can be used for anything the town council votes it wants to use the money for, said Tinsman.

Curbs along certain sections of North and South Center Street will be replaced. The town has not put in new curbing for three years and has available funds for the project, said Tinsman. Bids will be opened at the March 5 Council meeting.

The park board raised the issue of whether fees should be increased for renting or using park buildings. The council suggested that the board come up with a fee schedule to present for approval or the council will meet with the board in a joint work session to set fees.

A reconditioned 2001 street sweeper will be purchased at a cost of \$64,950, less \$5,000 trade-in, to replace the over 20-year model the town has been using.

Town Marshal Paul Redmon reported that his department is enforcing the parking ordinance. Citations are being issued and fines can be paid at the town office.

The police department report for January included: 6 ar-

rests/misdemeanors, 8 felonies, 12 citations, 18 parking citations, 29 warnings, 93 calls for service, 13 accidents investigated, and 2 warrants served.

No building permits were issued in January.

The council approved the appointment of Thomas Elzbeck to fill the vacancy on the Flora Airport Board.

Approval was given for the Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District to have a hazardous materials pickup from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 28 at Flora Community Park.

All utilities employees attended CPR training.

During this extremely cold weather, water customers are reminded to let their water drip a little so the water lines won't freeze.

Council president Josh Ayres praised town employees for their hard work during the cold weather, dealing with numerous difficult issues.

Councilman Roger Daugherty, Utilities Superintendent Chuck Everett, and Tinsman will attend a legislative reception today, Wednesday, in Indianapolis.

The town office will be closed Feb. 19 in observance of President's Day.

The next meeting will be March 5 at 6 p.m.

Commissioners

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Rosemary Dyer said she disputed the land use would be agricultural because it was more factory-like in nature.

"What about our loyal tax-paying citizens?" she asked while reading a prepared statement. "I feel betrayed by Carroll County."

Other business

County prosecutor Trish Thompson will use the lounge Feb. 14 from noon to 3 p.m. for a county-wide law enforcement meeting.

Deer Creek Township Trustee Neda K. Duff will use the lounge on Thursdays from 3:30 to 6 p.m. for township assistance appointments.

Delphi Youth Baseball League will have a sign on the courthouse lawn Feb. 5 to 26.

Old German Baptist Youth will use the 4-H building April 13.

County extension agent Paul Marcellino was appointed to the Carroll County Economic Development Corporation.

Lois Powlen was appointed to the Delphi Library Board of Trustees for a four-year term.

Payroll claims for \$176,702.44, highway claims for \$96,488.90 and county operating claims for \$439,347.65 were approved.

The next meeting will be Feb. 19 at 6 p.m.

After adjournment, commis-

Council

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Water department

Water superintendent Gary Hathaway reported that his department is working many hours to thaw meters to enable water to flow for residents and businesses.

Hathaway said it was important for anyone experiencing water problems in the cold weather to call the clerk's office immediately to receive help. He said the longer a meter is frozen, the more likely it is to suffer severe damage.

Hathaway strongly urged residents and businesses to run a constant small stream of water to keep meters running, which prevents freezing. He said residents who comply should contact Donna in the clerk's office and inform her that is what they are doing, so their water bill can be adjusted when it is read the next time.

Parks department

Parks superintendent Richard Farrer said the park board voted to meet the last Wednesday of every month at 9 a.m.

sioners scheduled a lunch with Cheryl Simpson of the Schneider Corporation.

Board members adopted a fee schedule for building and facility usage at their last meeting. City attorney Miriam Robeson was asked to research and clarify whether the fees were required to be approved by the city council before adoption.

Farrer said the department is preparing, with the help of youth and their parents, to organize a fund raiser for a skateboard park.

Other business

The board of works accepted a gift of approximately 1.17 acres of land, which abuts the southeast corner of Riley Park. Pearson expressed reluctance to accept the gift because the land would no longer produce property tax.

The remaining four easements for the Area IV Senior Housing Project were signed.

The next meeting will be March 5 at 7 p.m. The board of works next meets Feb. 21 at 5:30.

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