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ditional accommodations for cars, trucks, buses and transit. All TE projects include a required 20 percent local match to demonstrate a strong local commitment to the project. As part of Governor Mitch Daniels' Hoosiers on the Move trails initiative, statewide TE funding for multi-use trails increased from \$10 million to \$15 million. Multi-use trails are gaining popularity in many Indiana communities, and the state's ten-year goal is to have a trail within 15 minutes of every Hoosier.

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The Ellers enjoy traveling, and their destinations include Orange Beach, Ala., Ft. Myers Beach, Fla., western Kansas, Michigan, Huntsville, Ala., where their daughter, Debbie Smith and family live, and Hickory, N.C., where their son, Doug, and family live. They have six grandchildren. The Ellers say they like to go to the small, local restaurants on their trips, to sample the local cooking and visit with the people. They collect cookbooks and enjoy cooking together and trying new recipes. They also enjoy entertaining in their home. "Arlene is a great hostess," Dr. Eller said. He likes to bake, and entered a Stafford Dutch apple pie in the pie contest at the Halloween Fest in Flora. He took home the grand prize.

The Ellers live near Cutler, and say they have wonderful neighbors. Not far from their home is Eller Pond, which they established and donated to the Department of Natural Resources as a waterfowl and wildlife preserve. They appreciate fine art and especially Indiana artists. Dr. Eller is an avid photographer and has framed some of his prints of outdoor scenes. He says he also plays a little golf. Mrs. Eller said she likes working outdoors - taking care of the lawn and flowers. She's also in a local Bible study group. They enjoy going places together and consider themselves "a team." The Ellers have given much to the community, and Mrs. Eller said, "The community has been good to us."

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which gave the county a \$1,225,698 cash surplus for that year. However, 2005 expenses more than eradicated the surplus of the previous year. Receipts were listed as \$5,399,993 and disbursements at \$6,691,260, which left a deficit of \$1,291,267. In 2006, receipts were \$5,880,042 and disbursements were \$7,011,727, which provided a deficit of \$1,131,685. The 2007 budget appropriations were approximately \$7.1 million. The 2006 income was approximately \$5.9 million. Another shortfall of well over a million dollars is expected for 2007. In the years since 2003, survival depended upon the available cash reserves of the county. However the county no longer has a cash reserve to fall back on. Reserves have most likely been depleted in past years due to spending more than income received. To address pressing financial issues for the county, the council and the commissioners scheduled a joint session for

tonight, Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend. Issues will be identified and strategies to improve the county's financial situation will be discussed.

**Council/Commissioners joint meeting agenda**

- County museum
- Deer Creek Park
- Sale of county-owned property
- Veterans' burial expense ordinance
- Fees for departments - EMS, health department, transfer station
- Carroll Manor and custodians (prom/dance fees)
- Senior citizens 2008 contract
- Local income tax option
- Police consolidation
- Finance committee
- EDIT money usage
- Policies - credit card, cell phone reimbursement and payroll, compensatory time and overtime for county persone

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be done in a haphazard manner and there is evidence not all services are billed or are not billed timely. At Dec. 31, 2006, there were only a few, if any, claims for services provided during the last quarter of the year. Invoices were observed to be dated as long as six months after the date of service. Reliance on the accuracy of the individual accounts at Dec. 31, 2006 was not possible. 2.) The balance of accounts receivable at Dec. 31, 2006 and Dec. 31, 2005, were \$709,189.96 and \$514,029.84, respectively. This represented an increase of the balance of approximately 37 percent. Collections decreased by \$78,814 between the two years. 3.) SBOA could not find evidence individual customers were billed for amounts due not paid by insurance carriers. There was no evidence that all payments due from Medicare and Medicaid were billed timely. 4.) The accounting records used had not been prescribed or approved by the State Board of Accounts. At times, the manual and/or computerized records, subsidiary ledgers and control ledger should agree. If the reconciled balance is less than the subsidiary or control ledgers, then the responsible official or employee may be held personally responsible for the amount needed to balance the fund. Officials and employees are required to use SBOA prescribed or approved forms in the manner prescribed. **County Health Department** Results were discussed Sept. 5, 2007 with Myers, Hylton, Baker, Brown, Slavens and Mary Jones, vital records clerk. As stated in the prior report, receipts were deposited later than the next business day in numerous instances. Reports of collections are prepared monthly from collections received throughout the month, however, in some instances, the

receipts are not remitted to the county auditor until four months later. SBOA noted that IC 13-6-1(c) states in part: "...all local officers...who collect public funds of their respective political subdivisions shall deposit funds not later than the business day following the receipt of funds on business days of the depository or depositories selected by the ...local boards of finance..." **County Treasurer** The report was discussed Sept. 5 with Myers, Hylton, Baker, Brown, Slavens and Jane Brewington, treasurer. The following deficiencies relating to the record keeping which were disclosed in the prior report were again present during the period of examination: The record balances maintained by the auditor were not reconciled to the balance statements provided by the respec. In addition, the total of deposits and investments on the treasurer's daily balance of cash and depositories were greater than the reconciled bank balances by \$15,137.98. Of that amount it was determined that \$21,141.40 had been posted twice to the treasurer's daily balance of cash and depositories. If this adjustment was made, the reconciled bank balances would be \$6,003 greater than the daily balance of cash and depositories. On Dec. 31, 2006, the treasurer's adjusted depository balance was higher by \$22,687.78 than the auditor's fund ledger. SBOA was unable to determine the cause of the variance. The treasurer and auditor have not implemented internal controls, which would enable both offices to reconcile the cash and investments on the treasurer's daily balance of cash and depositories to the fund balances maintained by the auditor. Posting errors were identified and not all transactions were

# Beverly L. Peterson

Beverly L. Peterson, 86, of Delphi, passed away Nov. 12, 2007, at 9:24 p.m. She had resided in the Delphi community for the last 25 years. She was born Dec. 3, 1920, in Chicago, Ill., to Laurence T. Marson and Marguerite B. Christmann. On Aug. 1, 1946, she married Jonah L. Peterson in Chicago, and he survives.

Mrs. Peterson moved with her husband from Chicago to the Peterson family farm in northern Carroll County over 25 years ago. She attended Hickory Grove Church in rural Carroll County.

She was an Extension Homemaker and enjoyed quilting work. Her biggest interest in life was tending to her family.

Surviving are a son, Erick Peterson (wife: Gail) of Wheaton, Ill.; three daughters, Deborah Shultz (husband: Alan) of Delphi, Nadine Peterson of Glenview, Ill. and Kathleen McDonough (husband: Gregory) of Northfield, Ill.; six grandchildren, Kathryn Haydon (husband: Jeffrey), Carolyn Peterson, Elizabeth Kimball (husband: Jacob), Jeffrey Shultz, Bradford Shultz and Scott McDonough; and two great-grandchildren, Christopher and Julia.

Mrs. Peterson was preceded in death by a sister, Joan M. McCoy.

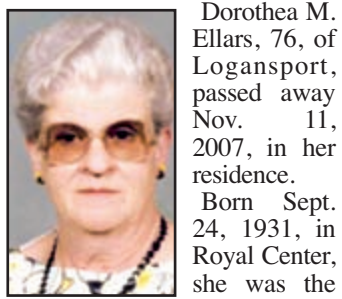
Visitation will be Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Miller-Roscka Funeral Home in Monticello. Service will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Hickory Grove Church, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Pastor Ken Smith will officiate. Burial will be at Hickory Grove Cemetery, next to the church.

Memorials may be made to the church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home and the church.

# Hospital Notes

Opal F. Bowman returned to her home in Delphi on Friday following a week in St. Elizabeth Hospital and three weeks at St. Mary's Healthcare in Lafayette.

# Dorothea M. Ellars



Dorothea M. Ellars, 76, of Logansport, passed away Nov. 11, 2007, in her residence. Born Sept. 24, 1931, in Royal Center, she was the daughter of Albert H. and Nellie M. Oatess Strauch. She attended Royal Center School for 10 years and graduated in 1949 from Logansport High School.

On Oct. 30, 1949, she married M. Eugene Davis, who preceded her in death. On June 28, 1986, she married Lloyd R. Ellars, who preceded her in death Jan. 30, 2004.

Mrs. Ellars retired on Feb. 6, 1987, from Dye Lumber Inc. where she had worked as a bookkeeper.

She was a member of the St. James Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and the American Association for Lutherans Branch #311. She was a former member of the St. Johns' Lutheran Church in Peru for many years, where she enjoyed singing in the choir and was very active in all church activities.

Surviving are a daughter, Linda K. Jeffries (husband: Jim) of Delphi; two sons, Michael E. Davis of Sterling, Va., and Randolph S. Davis (wife: Melinda) of Harpers Ferry, W.Va.; four granddaughters, April L. Little (husband: Donny) of Brookston, Joanna Brumbaugh of Elkhart, Lou Taylor of Maryland and Emily Walker of West Virginia; eight grandsons, Paul Jeffries (wife: Nancy) of Brookston, Vince Jeffries (wife: Tammy), Joe Jeffries, James M. Davis (wife: Amy), all of Haymarket, Va., Matthew E. Davis of Mid-west City, Okla., Scott Walker of Sterling, Va., and Jarod Ellars and Haleem Randoum; five great-granddaughters, Kayla L. Ervin Little, Jenna Grace Davis, Victoria Diana Davis, Amanda Jeffries and Sydney Seabolt; 10 great-grandsons, Randolph James Davis, Kristin M. Davis, Brandon Jeffries, Tristan Dillan, Donald and Michael Little, Treavor Warden, Scott Walker Jr., James T. Dorr and William Dorr; a sister-in-law, Lois Strauch of New Castle; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Ellars was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Donald Davis, a daughter, Sherrie Davis, and two brothers, Waldemar William Strauch (wife: Imogene) and Rudolph Strauch (wives: Roselee and Virginia). Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. on Nov. 15 at Fisher Funeral Chapel. Services will be held at St. James Lutheran Church on Nov. 16 at 2 p.m. with visitation at the church one hour prior to services.

Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. James Lutheran Church.

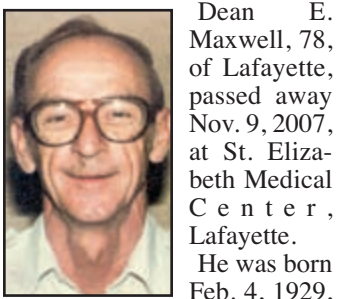
Light a candle of hope in remembrance of Dorothea and view her video tribute online at [www.fisherfuneralchapel.com](http://www.fisherfuneralchapel.com).

# Births

Jessica LeBegue and Steve Adkins are parents of a 9-pound, 8-ounce son, Ethan Jack Adkins, born Sept. 4 at Lafayette Home Hospital. Grandparents are Stephanie LeBegue of Idaville, Steven LeBegue of Lafayette, Donna Welsh of Monticello and Derrell Adkins of Smithville, Tenn. Great-grandparents are Joe Merkel of Battle Ground, Sue Anthony of Rossville and JoAnn Bradford of Smithville. Great-great-grandmother is Mildred Merkel of Battle Ground.

Mark and Mitzi Farnar Hamilton of Canton, Ga., are parents of a 7-pound, 2-ounce daughter, Maci Lynn Hamilton, born Nov. 14 in Cherokee, Ga. Grandparents are Pam and Larry Farnar of Delphi.

# Dean E. Maxwell



Dean E. Maxwell, 78, of Lafayette, passed away Nov. 9, 2007, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Lafayette. He was born Feb. 4, 1929,

the son of Raymond and Faith Maxwell. He had lived in Stockwell before moving into the county in 1955.

Mr. Maxwell worked in the development laboratory and on the factory floor at Ross Gear TRW for 37 years, retiring in 1991.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran and served during World War II. He was a past member of Delphi American Legion.

Mr. Maxwell enjoyed bowling and softball through Ross Gear and fishing in Wisconsin. Surviving are two sons, Jeff Maxwell (wife: Tammy) of Frankfort and Michael Maxwell; a sister, Agnes Schuler (husband: Jim) of Gulfport, Miss.; five grandchildren, Matthew, Joshua, Jessica, Christopher and Rebecca Maxwell; and a great-grandchild.

Mr. Maxwell was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Fred, Bob and Dick Maxwell, and a sister, Patti Mohler.

Services are today, Wednesday, at 10 a.m. at Hippensteel Funeral Home, Lafayette. Pastors Jeff Johns and Johnnie Beard will officiate. Burial will be at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to Delphi American Legion or the American Heart Association.

Share memories and condolences online at [www.hippensteelfuneralhome.com](http://www.hippensteelfuneralhome.com).

# Linda L. Shambaugh

Linda L. Helmerick Shambaugh, 57, of Camden, died at 12:14 p.m. Nov. 11, 2007, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Lafayette.

Born Sept. 3, 1950, in Lafayette, she was the daughter of Cecil Helmerick and the late Phyllis Gerhart Helmerick. She was married on March 10, 1985, in Lafayette, to Joaquin Shambaugh, and he survives.

Mrs. Shambaugh was a registered nurse in Lafayette.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jamie J. Nichols (husband: Doug) of Camden; a son, Will N. Bishop of Flora; her father and stepmother, Sharon Helmerick, of West Lafayette; two sisters, Sandra K. Richeson (husband: Dirk) and Susan E. DeLong (husband: Kenny), both of Lafayette; and a brother, Jeffery L. Helmerick (wife: Jackie) of West Lafayette.

Private services were held.

# Sherree Nordtvedt

Sherree Ullery Ruckel Nordtvedt, 66, of Lafayette, died Nov. 11, 2007, at Lafayette Home Hospital.

She was born in Lafayette on Sept. 14, 1941, to the late James E. and Helen Coward Ullery.

She married Jack W. Ruckel and they divorced. She married Byron V. Nordtvedt on Nov. 18, 1989, in Houston, and he survives.

Mrs. Nordtvedt was a homemaker and a lifelong member of Creasy Lane Baptist Church.

Surviving are three daughters, Jackie L. Hartwig (husband: Jeff) of Attica, Tina M. Miller of Otterbein and Angel K. Rabideau (husband: Timothy) of Hutto, Texas; and a brother, Ronald Ullery (wife: Janie) of Delphi.

Services are today, Wednesday, at Hippensteel Funeral Home in Lafayette.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association.

# Marie A. Turner



Marie Anna Turner, 88, of Logansport, passed away at 1:05 p.m. Nov. 9, 2007, in her residence. Born Feb. 7, 1919, in Logansport, she

was the daughter of Charles Carl and Anna Marie Daviet Fettig. She attended St. Joseph Catholic School and graduated in 1938 from Logansport High School.

On Jan. 9, 1943, she married John N. Bechtol, who preceded her in death in 1978. On Sept. 26, 1987, she married her 1938 classmate, Donald Turner. He preceded her in death in 2004.

During World War II she worked at the Military Crystal Lab in Oakland, Calif. She worked 22 years as an inspector at RBM before retiring in 1961.

Mrs. Turner was a lifetime member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, now All Saints Parish. At the age of 85, she joined the Anoka United Methodist Quilting Club and also attended church at Anoka.

She was a member of the Daughters of Isabella. She also belonged to the Pioneer Auto Club and had restored the interior of a 1930 Model A Ford. She attended several fly-ins with her husband, Don, who was a private pilot and Logansport Aviation commissioner.

Marie had many interests, including antiques, photography, flying, gardening, crocheting and sewing. She was also a devoted Chicago Cubs fan. She loved to cook, especially when preparing family dinners and making her specialties - fudge and creme puffs.

Surviving are one daughter, Barbara Flory (husband: Richard A.) of Delphi; one son, James Michael Bechtol (wife: Dianna) of Logansport; two stepsons, Donald R. Turner and Timothy Turner, both of South Bend; one sister, Catherine Henry of North Judson; three grandchildren, Elizabeth Marie Burdsall (husband: John Mark) of Sharpville, Heather Kay Burns (husband: Brian) of Monticello and John Emerson Kiste of Winamac; eight step-grandchildren, Jeffrey Flory (wife: Tina) of Albion, Christopher Flory of Manassas, Va., Greg Myers and Michael Myers, both of Marion, Ohio, and Gretchen Jennings, Shawn Turner, Shannon Magezi and Ashley Turner, all of South Bend; two great-grandchildren, Nathaniel William Burns and Taylor Nicole Burns, both of Monticello; nine step-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Turner was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph Fettig.

A Daughters of Isabella service was held Tuesday at Fisher Funeral Chapel in Logansport. Services will be held at the chapel today, Wednesday, at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Jim Abbott and Father Jeff Martin officiating. Burial will follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Cass County.

Light a candle of hope in remembrance of Marie and view her video tribute online at [www.fisherfuneralchapel.com](http://www.fisherfuneralchapel.com)

# Charlee Dumond

Charlee Dumond, 63, peacefully died at 10 a.m. on Nov. 10, 2007, at her daughter's residence in Flora. She had been in ill health for two months.

Born on June 20, 1944, in South Korea, her father was Yu Son Won and her mother, Han Won Yi. Charlee's birth name was Yong Jin Won. She moved to the United States in 1972.

Surviving are two daughters and their families, Amie (Dumond) Atkisson (husband: William) and children, Alexander, Luke, Aaron and Lindsey, and Anne (Dumond) Moss (husband: Christopher) and one son, Jacob.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

There will be no services. Reinke Funeral Home, Flora, is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be mailed to Amie and Anne at 978 N. SR 29, Flora, IN 46929.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Bloomington Mental Health Association.

Her daughters would like to express their gratitude to Beth Clark, her case manager.

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