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the special exception concept for gaining county approval for CAFOs. Hylton countered by saying he believed the same rules should apply to everyone without exception.

After two hours, no action was taken and no decisions were made.

## Highway department

A suggestion by council member Nancy Cripe to amend the county snow removal policy was dismissed. Cripe suggested snow be allowed to accumulate to three inches in depth before a full snow crew was called out to work overtime to clear county roads.

"My personal recommendation is to leave it the way it is," highway superintendent Ron Francis said.

"I'd like to see us continue the same policy," commissioner Brown said.

No action was taken to change the policy.

Brown asked Francis to clarify his 2008 budget request for fuel that was identical to the 2007 request, although fuel prices were expected to increase. Francis had to request transfers at the last council meeting from several other line items to be able to pay for fuel recently purchased.

Francis explained there was no extra money to put in the line item for fuel. He said his strategy was to try to under spend funds from other line items, with the intent of transferring from those line items into fuel if they are not depleted.

Brown then turned to council member Steve Ashby, who was in the audience, and asked him how that strategy was wrong for the county, as he was recently quoted for saying. Ashby stressed the need for department heads to use realistic numbers in budget presentations.

Auditor Beth Myers said the council asked department heads to not spend all funds in each line item to be able to make up deficits in other line items. She said it was difficult for department heads to know what to do when conflicting opinions were received from the council.

Ashby replied the county could not be doing the budget the same way it has been done in the past.

"I'm done," Brown said to end the discussion.

No action was taken on two bridge replacement proposals presented by Francis for bridges #129 and #1643. When questioned, Francis said he would encumber the amounts needed for each project from the 2007 budget.

Bids for road materials were opened and accepted.

Francis distributed a document with highway department fees comparisons for White, Tippecanoe, Cass and Clinton counties. Francis recommended Carroll County fees be adjusted to reflect those of Tippecanoe County.

## Animal Control

Sheriff Tony Burns reported the animal control commission has been unable to organize sufficiently to begin to

provide services in January.

"There will be no animal control services in the county until at least the next meeting on March 12," he said.

Mears said animal control would "be better run by the county."

Burns again recommended commissioners consider a tax for pets. No action was taken.

## Property tax rebate

Ordinance 2007-09 was adopted to allow the auditor and treasurer to apply rebates to delinquent property tax bills.

## County health insurance

Hylton reported he discovered the health savings plan presented by Flora Clerk-Treasurer Joretta Tinsman to be more expensive than the county's current plan.

"They're paying a lot more than the county," he said.

Hylton further reported that the current benefits carrier has suffered a "significant loss ratio for 2007" with the county due to employee claims. It is expected the premiums to increase significantly.

Myers said the county was recently rejected by five different carriers due to the loss ratio.

## Other business

An appeal for a Monroe Township assistance application denial was set for hearing Dec. 21 at 10 a.m. in the commissioners' meeting room.

Appointments of Doris McLeland and Jane Smith to the PTABO Board were tabled pending additional information.

The Beef Barn at the fairgrounds will be repaired for \$300 by Whispering Pine Construction.

Delphi VFW will have a sign on courthouse grounds Dec. 15-22.

The FFA Barn will be used Dec. 19 for Christmas With the Animals.

Deputy coroner Jay Dee Cree was recognized for 12 years of service.

The next meeting will be Jan. 7 at 9 a.m.

# Obituaries



**Wilfred K. Beckner**, 93, of Flora, passed away at 3:55 a.m. Friday, Dec. 14, 2007, at Home Hospital, Lafayette.

He was born June 30, 1914, in Jackson Township, Carroll County, to Frank and Lydia Eikenberry Beckner. He graduated from Camden High School.

Mr. Beckner farmed all of his life. He was a member of the Flora First Brethren Church.

Surviving are two sisters, Rose Pullen, with whom he shared a residence for the last 15 years, and Donabelle Myer, both of Flora. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by five brothers and three sisters.

Services were held Monday morning at Reinke Funeral Home, Flora. Pastors Dan Herendeen and Alvin Grumblin officiated. Burial was at Maple Lawn Cemetery, Flora.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Flora First Brethren Church.

## Loren R. Oakley

Loren R. Oakley, 87, of Burlington, passed away Dec. 9, 2007.

He was born Jan. 26, 1920, to the late Bert and Faye Delon Oakley in Howard County. He married Donabelle Tenbrook on Nov. 2, 1940, and she preceded him in death.

Mr. Oakley retired from General Motors in 1984. He had been a farmer for a number of years as well as working in sales with TK Homes.

He was a member of the Logansport Elks #66, Burlington F&AM Lodge #111 and a longtime member of Oakland Christian Church.

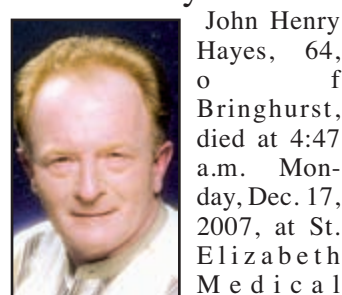
Surviving are his children, Ben Oakley (wife: Peggy) of Russiaville, Bob Oakley (wife: Janelle) of Burlington and Donna Engle of Burlington; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a sister, Beulah Butts of Burlington.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters.

No services will be held. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Parkinson Awareness Association of Central Indiana, 4755 Kingsway Dr., Suite 333, Indianapolis, IN 46205.

Leppert Mortuary, Smith Carmel Chapel in Carmel, was entrusted with arrangements.

## John H. Hayes



John Henry Hayes, 64, of Bringhurst, died at 4:47 a.m. Monday, Dec. 17, 2007, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Lafayette.

He had been a patient there for four days. Born Nov. 3, 1943, in Monroe Township, Carroll County, he was the son of Elmer H. and Marie Eller Hayes. He and his wife, Ruby L. Hayes, were married on June 21, 2007, and she survives.

Mr. Hayes worked as an attendant at Ayres Oil Company in Flora for 27 years.

He was a member of the Bringhurst United Methodist Church.

A 1960 graduate of Flora High School, he enjoyed camping.

Surviving with his wife are a son, Mark A. Hayes (wife: Pamela) of Flora; three brothers, Joseph G. Hayes (wife: Susan) of Logansport, Jeffrey M. Hayes (wife: Sandy) and Jack L. Hayes (wife: Mary), all of Flora; and three grandchildren, Nicholas, Emily-Anne, and Samuel Flora.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. today, Wednesday, at Baker Funeral Home, Flora. Pastor Larry DeVos will officiate. Burial will be at Maple Lawn Cemetery, Flora.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Baker Funeral Home (www.bakerfh.com) handled arrangements.

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criminal counts of failure to register as a sex offender, both Class D felonies.

His court date is Dec. 27 at 6 p.m. in Carroll Superior Court.

Davidson bonded out of the Carroll County Jail with a \$5,000 surety bond.

"A simple question at a community meeting turned out to be pivotal in locating this of-

fender," Burns said. "The additional 'eyes' and 'ears' of our community were an asset for us in apprehending this subject."

"We want to send a stern message to sex offenders," he concluded. "If they move or change employment, they must notify us. If they don't, they will be located and arrested."

# White and Carroll REMCs to merge

By Debbie Lowe  
Staff writer

Carroll County REMC members received a letter from the board of directors last week explaining plans to merge with White County REMC. Rumors of the merger were prevalent the week before, however REMC officials refused to go on record to confirm or deny them. The Delphi REMC office staff was apprized of the situation, as was Carroll County Economic Development Corpora-

tion Director Daryl Smith, but members had not been officially notified. Board president Tom Flora said it was necessary for the membership to receive official notification of the proposed action before the news was released.

According to the letter to membership, there has been increasing concern about the rising cost of fuel to generate electricity, materials costs and rising interest rates. Flora, who penned the letter, said both White County and Carroll County REMC boards

voted at the November meeting "to consolidate the electric cooperatives into one unified entity."

Flora explained informal merger discussions led to a contract with an independent third-party financial expert "to conduct a preliminary financial forecast." A three-day strategic planning session "facilitated by a well-respected person in our electric cooperative industry" became a useful decision-making tool.

Flora said "no employee or director will lose their position as a result of the proposed consolidation."

The plan calls for the Delphi office to remain open. REMC hosts both EDC and Carroll County Chamber of Commerce offices. Neither is expected to change locations.

Carroll County REMC Director Ron Kennedy announced his retirement for 2009.

## Births

Cory and Melissa Koehler Blickenstaff of Ridgefield, Wash., are parents of a 6-pound son, Jackson Robert, born Nov. 22 in Vancouver, Wash. Grandparents are Steve and Cheryl Blickenstaff of Delphi and Dave and Betty Koehler of Aurora. Great-grandparents are Betty Blickenstaff of Delphi and Sally Yancey of Lafayette.

Jeff and Tricia Trent Shuman, 3162 W. 200 S., Flora, are parents of a 7-pound, 10-ounce daughter, Hallee Nicole, born at 3:24 p.m. Dec. 11 at Lafayette Home Hospital. Grandparents are Martin and Glenna Trent of Bringhurst and David and Virginia Shuman of Pendleton. Maternal great-grandmother is Esther Koble of Flora. Paternal great-grandfathers are Herman Shuman and Lowell Terry, both of Pendleton.

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