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Milburn stated she was disappointed with the decision. She said tenure should not be the sole basis for such moves, especially when it involved someone's unemployment.

New assistant principal

Delphi Community Elementary School will have a new assistant principal, former Camden teacher Joe Brown, beginning March 3.

Walker said he left the position open for one year to "see how the budget was" before he filled former assistant William Trueblood's spot.

"We have the money and the need," he said.

Board member Melinda Rossetter asked for further explanation. Walker said there was an urgent need to help struggling primary grade students and it was the time of year for principal Bill Shidler to attend several state-mandated conferences.

Patron Everett Snoeberger said he thought the position was eliminated to save money and felt it might not yet be prudent to fill it.

President Robert Resler said the position was never removed from the budget and no one filled the role for a year the board did save some money.

DCMS policy revised

Changes to the Delphi Community Middle School discipline and attendance policies brought before the board by principal Robert De La Rosa were approved after a wording amendment. Rossetter asked the words "per semester" be added after rules regarding the number of absences students could have.

De La Rosa explained some students' families did not have the resources to go to a doctor. He said the policy should be broadened to "fill holes" such as that and other issues.

Other adjustments addressed tardiness, classroom discipline

and classroom management.

Other business

An annual contract with Power Consulting to provide professional staff consulting for \$8,500 was approved.

The board voted to bring Barnes and Thornburg on as bond counsel. Walker said the firm would only be paid if a renovation project was approved.

Resler said an agenda item concerning playground equipment at the elementary and early childhood centers would be addressed at the next regular meeting.

"Things came up," he said. "We will remove this for further consideration."

Patron Shawn Ashby asked about corporation policy manual updates. He said the copy available on the corporation Web site was either incorrect or changes approved were not made. Secretary Shelly Will explained the online manual was not the updated version and should have been removed.

Resler said NEOLA, the firm hired to help update the policy manual, would charge \$6,000 per year to provide a digital version for the site, so the updated manual will not be available online at the corporation's site.

Classified staff approved for employment were: Deborah Buffenbarger, middle school custodian; Jon Clear, volunteer assistant high school track coach; Ashley Brodar, volunteer assistant high school softball coach; Gayle Conner, volunteer assistant high school girls' tennis coach; Jimmy Arion, volunteer high school softball coach; and Steve Bun, volunteer assistant high school softball coach.

The board will hold a public forum Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school commons. A regular board meeting will be held at 7:30.

Steve L. Kelley

Steve L. Kelley, 58, of Brookston, passed away Feb. 12, 2008, at 4 a.m. in his residence. He had battled a brain tumor the past two months.

Mr. Kelley was born July 14, 1949, in Logansport, to Francis E. Kelley and Cora Bell Gramkaow Kelley Myer. His marriage was to Cathie B. Robinson in Delphi on May 23, 1969, and she survives in Brookston.

He graduated from Delphi High School in 1968. He worked at Lafayette Bottled Gas for 28 years as a service technician.

Mr. Kelley was a member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in West Lafayette and the Blacksmith Association. His hobbies were blacksmithing, camping and fishing, vegetable gardening, Civil War history and traveling to historic sites and states, NASCAR and Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Surviving are a daughter, Dawn Cochran (husband: Matthew) of Boswell; his mother in Delphi; two brothers, Richard Kelley (wife: Luella) of Delphi and Tim Kelley (wife: Kym) of Lafayette; a sister, Patricia Smith (husband: Wayne) of Grand Junction, Colo.; four grandchildren, Claudia, Owen, Adric and Carolyn Cochran; and 15 nieces and nephews.

Mr. Kelley loved his grandchildren and enjoyed all the playtime he had with them all.

His father preceded him in death.

Friends may call today, Wednesday, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi. Services will be held there Feb. 14 at 1 p.m., and will be officiated by Rev. Dwight Monical. Burial will be at I.O.O.F. Memorial Gardens in Pittsburg.

Online condolences may be sent to abbottfuneralhome@verizon.net.

Roger L. Trent



Roger L. Trent, 56, of Bringhurst, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, at 10:57 p.m. in the emergency room at St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo.

Born Dec. 13, 1951, in Logansport, he was the son of Lloyd and Rebecca Peters Trent. He graduated from Flora High School in 1970. His marriage was on Jan. 8, 1972, in Flora, to Shirley J. Burns, who survives.

Mr. Trent worked for Excel Co-op in Flora for a total of 26 years, 17 in fuel delivery and nine on the fertilizer side. He previously worked at Mann Chevrolet for 10 years and he and his wife did cleaning for Jackson-Lee-Pearson John Deere in Flora for 20 years.

He attended Bringhurst United Methodist Church.

Mr. Trent and his wife were founding and charter members of the Idler's Car Club in Flora. He enjoyed boating, mushroom hunting and muscle car restoration.

Surviving are three sons, Troy Trent (wife: Casie) of Bringhurst and Justin L. Trent and Brandon M. Trent, both at home; a brother Martin Trent (wife: Glenna) of Bringhurst; a sister, Rose Cable (husband: David) of Camden; in-laws Bill and Ruth Burns of Flora; and a grandson, Cole W. Trent.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister, Ladonna.

Friends may call Feb. 14 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi. Services will be Feb. 15 at 10 a.m. at Bringhurst United Methodist Church. The Rev. Larry DeVos will officiate. Burial will be at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Flora.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bringhurst United Methodist Church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to abbottfuneralhome@verizon.net.

Frank A. Shanks



Services for Frank Amos Shanks, 81, of Camden, were held Feb. 4 at Cree Funeral Home, Camden. Pastor Paul Marcellino officiated. Burial was at Maple Lawn Cemetery, Flora.

He died at 7:30 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 31, 2008, at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center, Delphi.

Born July 6, 1926, in Carroll County, he was the son of Carl Raymond and Esther M. Lyons Shanks. He graduated from Carrollton High School in 1944. On Feb. 19, 1950, he married Eva Lou Pearson at the home of her parents in Carroll County. She survives.

Mr. Shanks was a farmer. A veteran of World War II, he was a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army, serving in the 5th Ordinance Medium Maintenance Co.

He was a member of the Camden First Baptist Church, Camden American Legion Post #413, Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge #211, F&AM, at Camden, and Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and his family and grandchildren.

Surviving with his wife are four sons, Jeff Shanks (wife: Roberta) of Bringhurst, Randy Shanks (wife: Pam) of Delphi, and Jim Shanks and Dan Shanks (wife: Tara), all of Camden; a daughter, Barbara Shetler of McCordsville; two sisters, Mary Anna Scott of Bringhurst and Julia Carter (husband: Dick) of Wichita, Kansas; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter.

Memorials may be made to the Camden First Baptist Church.

Mary I. Kilmer

Mary I. Kilmer, 92, of Monticello, died Feb. 10, 2008, in Monticello Assisted Living and Healthcare.

She was born Feb. 28, 1915, in Carroll County, to Carl and Leam Heiny Mertz. She married Frank Wigner in 1933, and he preceded her in death. She then married Wilbur Kilmer, who also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Kilmer was a telephone operator at Yeoman Telephone Company for several years.

She was the oldest member of Oak Grove Christian Church of rural Carroll County.

Surviving are a son, Dwain Wigner (wife: Anne) of Monticello; a daughter, Phyllis Goble-Kruger (husband: Devon) of Francesville; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services were Feb. 12 in Monticello. Burial was at I.O.O.F. Riverview Cemetery in rural Monticello.

Danny K. Moyers

Danny K. Moyers, 57, of Delphi, died Feb. 8, 2008, at Witham Hospital, Lebanon.

He was born Sept. 2, 1950, in Middlesboro, Ky., to Claude Moyers Sr. and Opal Bradford Moyers Justice, both of whom preceded him in death.

Mr. Moyers formerly worked at Delphi Limestone Quarry.

Surviving are two sons, Danny K. Moyers Jr. of Delphi and Daniel Moyers of Lafayette; a brother, Claude Moyers Jr. of Delphi; a sister, Catherine Justice of Delphi; two stepdaughters, Cathy Martin of Delphi and Lisa Martin of Lafayette; a stepson, Jimmy Martin of Delphi; one grandchild; and three step-grandchildren.

Private family services were held. Burial was at I.O.O.F. Memorial Gardens in Pittsburg.

Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi was in charge of arrangements.

Other Death Notices

Cecil Molnar, 89, of Paso Robles, Calif., died Feb. 9, 2008. The daughter of Perry and Edith McCain, she graduated from Delphi High School in 1937 and from St. John's School of Nursing in Anderson in 1940. She is survived by two children, Janice Rittle and William Lance Molnar, both of California; two sisters, Juanita Showers of Plainfield, Ill., and Doris Rhoades of Lafayette; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Jason M. Riggle



Jason M. Riggle, 20, of West Lafayette, died in Wikieup, Ariz., as a result of injuries suffered in a car accident.

Born Jan. 31, 1988, in Lafayette, he was the son of Linda Lambirth Riggle of West Lafayette and the late Chester S. Riggle.

Jason graduated from Harrison High School in 2006, and attended Ivy Tech from 2005-2006. He was currently attending Universal Technical Institution (UTI) in Phoenix.

He was employed at the Volkswagon dealership in Avondale, Ariz., training as an auto diesel mechanic.

He enjoyed watching car shows, playing golf, and spending time with his family and friends.

Surviving with his mother is his fiancée, Brittany Goodell of Litchfield Park Ariz.; sister, Jennifer Rosa Riggle, two half sisters, Amy McCormick (husband, Jeff) of Greenfield, and Renae McCormick (husband, Greg) of Lafayette; a half brother, Scott Riggle (wife, Adriene) of Kokomo; maternal grandparents, Harold P. and Rosa Lambirth of Lafayette; paternal grandmother, Bessie Riggle of Flora; four nieces and four nephews; many friends at UTI of Arizona and local friends.

Funeral service was held Monday at Hippensteel Funeral Home, Lafayette. Pastor Ed Morrow officiated. Entombment was at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens.

He was preceded in death by his father and paternal grandfather.

Memorials may be made to the Jason Riggle Student Emergency Fund at the UTI Foundation, 20410 N 19th St., Phoenix AZ. 85027, www.utifoundation.net

Share memories and condolences online at www.hippensteelfuneralhome.com

Kenneth S. Gascho

Kenneth S. Gascho, 86, of Pymont, died at 12:55 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008, at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette.

Born July 9, 1921, in Clinton County, he was the son of John Henry and Amy Eller Gascho. He graduated from Rossville High School in 1940. On Jan. 29, 1950, he married Elizabeth Marie Montgomery, who preceded him in death on Nov. 12, 1984. On Dec. 27, 1997, he married Alice Grassmyer Miller and she survives.

Mr. Gascho was a farmer. He had previously worked as a substitute mail carrier, ran a bulk milk route, and worked for Fairfield and in the ag department at Purdue University.

He was a member of the Northfork Old German Baptist Church.

He enjoyed refereeing basketball games, fishing and gardening.

Surviving with his wife are a son, Randy Gascho of Frankfort; Cheryl Gascho of Rossville; four stepsons, Dennis Miller of Delphi, Gary Miller and Donald Miller, both of Florida, and Andrew Miller of Lafayette; two stepdaughters, Karen Rothrock of Terre Haute and Betty Hatfield of Lafayette; a sister, Phyllis Meador of Rossville; a brother, Edwin Gascho of Rossville; three grandchildren, Amy, Shana and Nathan; 15 step-grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Nina Wagoner.

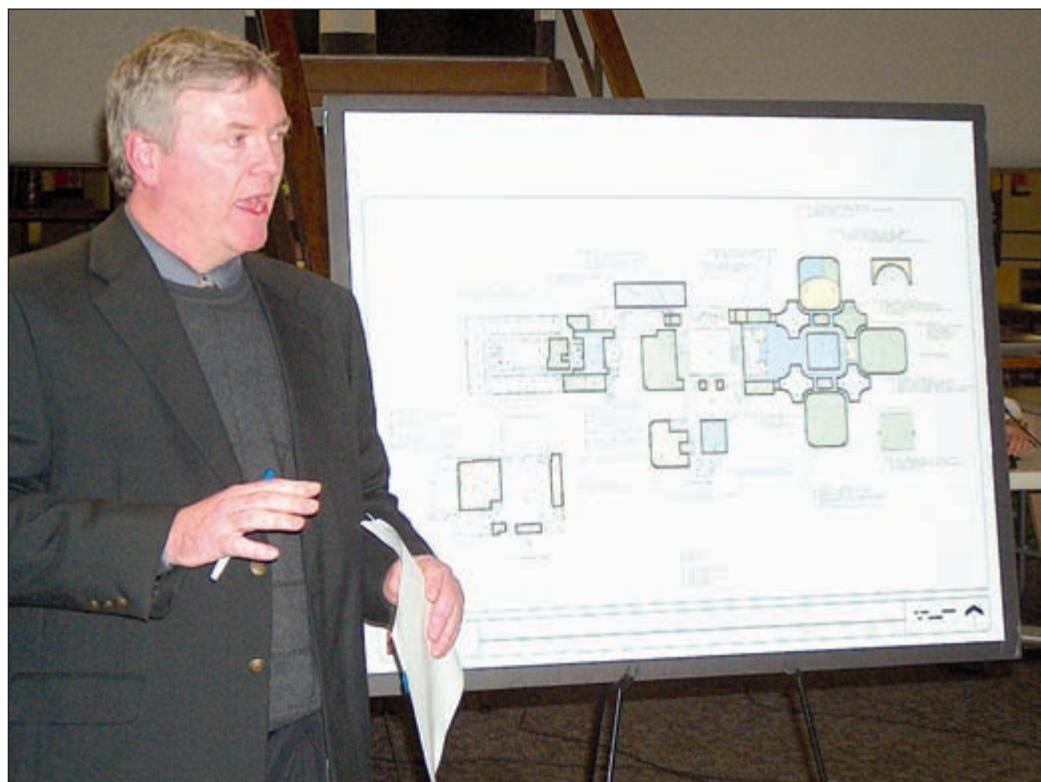
Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Northfork Old German Baptist Church. Home brethren will officiate. Burial will be at Middlefork Old German Baptist Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. today, Wednesday, at the Northfork Old German Baptist Church.

Memorials may be made to the Rossville or Carroll County Food Pantries.

Bodine Funeral Home, Rossville, is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be directed to bodinefuneralhomes@yahoo.com.

DCSC taxpayers From page 1A



Telling it like it could be

Greg Drennen of architecture firm Lorenz, Williams and Clinton uses a color-coded layout of Delphi high school to explain ideas, reasons and costs associated with proposed renovations to Delphi Community School Corporation physical assets during a public forum held Monday night. Drennen, along with other design and financial advisors, spoke with DCSC patrons to answer questions, address concerns and consider new ideas regarding the project. The DCSC Board of Trustees will host another public forum where district residents and patrons can share their views Monday, Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school. Comet photo by Kevin Schnepf

suance of bonds may require a referendum after July 1 based on proposed tax relief legislation under consideration by state lawmakers. He said if a tax hearing was held before then the board could operate under the existing law.

Dawson opened the floor for public comments.

DCSC patron Everett Snoeberger asked when the board would have to "stick with" an approved dollar amount. Dawson explained after a 1028 tax hearing the board could deduct from the project's budget but would not be able to add to it. Turner added aspects of the design could change if better ideas or a forgotten factor came up. If that were to happen, a change order would be charged.

Resident Mike Hyman said based on what he saw on the tour the school's facilities were overcrowded and in terrible condition. He said the school needed a field house to compete with other schools and felt the project was good because a lot needed done.

"I am in total support of this," Hyman said. "I don't even care if it raises my taxes because it's time it got done."

Camden resident Kevin Kremer suggested the board use caution when setting a project's funding limit because it voted not to raise the debt tax rate. He said if all the available funds were used there would be no room for another project.

Kremer said many unforeseen circumstances could arise in the future and the board should be prepared to pay its debts another way, if necessary.

"I'd like you (the board) to come up with a cost based on square footage," he requested. "If we don't have the money 10 to 12 years down the road, we should come up with a repair schedule to go along with the project based on capital projects funds."

DCSC Superintendent Ralph Walker said a 1028 tax hearing was tentatively scheduled for March 10. He announced another forum would be held Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school, during which board members would listen to public comments. He encouraged patrons to attend.

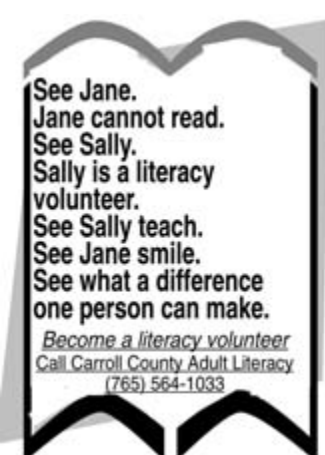
Births

Jacob and Renee (Sorrells) Randolph of Flora are parents of an 8-pound, 4-ounce daughter, Haylee Jo, born Feb. 9 at Home Hospital, Lafayette. Grandparents are Lee and Regina Sorrells of Flora and Tony and Cathy Misner of Lafayette. Maternal great-grandparents are Fred and Rita Sorrells and Jenny Wilson, all of Flora. Paternal great-grandparents are Jim and Bonnie Cahoon of Lafayette.

Corrections

Carroll County Council did not borrow funds from the Tax Increment Finance District as reported in last week's Comet.

Jefferson Township resident Pat Robertson requested commissioners halt all construction of cattle factories, not CAFOs, as was reported in last week's Comet.



The Classifieds

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