

Obituaries

Vera L. Measels



Vera L. Measels, 92, a resident of Delphi for more than 65 years, died March 5, 2008, at 10:06 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lafayette.

She was born July 12, 1915, at Lake Cicott to John Walter and Myrtle Emma Mussall Spencer. She married Lester Finley "Fin" Measels in Monticello on Sept. 24, 1938. Mrs. Measels was a homemaker. She was a member of Lake Cicott United Methodist Church.

Surviving are: her husband in Delphi; three sisters, Freda Turner of Kentucky, Vada Hancock of Kokomo and Geneva Boyer of Logansport; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Measels was preceded in death by her daughter, Sally Hall, four brothers and two sisters.

Services were March 8 at Davidson Funeral Home in Delphi, and were officiated by Pastor Nord Zootman. Burial was at I.O.O.F. Memorial Gardens in Pittsburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Wilma Rusk



Wilma Rusk, 85, formerly of Bringhurst, passed away at 5 a.m. Wednesday, March 5, 2008, at The Waters of Yorktown.

She was born July 15, 1922, in Mexico, Ind., to Oran W. and Ruth Hazel Irvin Robbins.

She was a 1940 graduate of Twelve Mile High School and a graduate of Ball State University with bachelor's and master's degrees.

On June 28, 1947, she married Lloyd W. Rusk in Twelve Mile. He preceded her in death in October 1998.

Mrs. Rusk retired in 1977 from Northwestern High School where she had taught business classes since 1948.

She was a member of the Burlington United Methodist Church, D.A.R. 19th Chapter of Peru, and the Society of Mayflower Descendants. She also was a member of the Howard County Teachers Association and a lifetime member of the ISTA and NEA.

Surviving are two daughters, Judith Ann Austin of Muncie and Barbara McKinney of Deer Creek; one sister, Phyllis Johnson of Twelve Mile; seven grandchildren, Eric DuBois of Muncie, Angie Barnes of Sheridan, Annette Unger of Rossville, Alan Wyant of Greentown, Anita Golding of Kokomo, Andy Wyant of Burlington, and Allison Popejoy of Delphi; 20 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, one sister, one stepdaughter, and one great-grandson.

Graveside services were Saturday at Skinner Cemetery in Twelve Mile. Reinke Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heart Association.

Other Death Notices

Helen M. Thompson, 86, of Logansport, died March 6, 2008. She was born Feb. 2, 1922, in Camden, the daughter of Orrie and Elizabeth Traits Judy. She married Faye Devon Thompson in 1948 and he preceded her in death. She was retired from Cass County Tire where she worked for many years. Among the survivors are a son, John M. Harvey of Delphi, and a stepson, Thomas F. Thompson of Burrows. Services were held Tuesday in Logansport.

BALL HILL CEMETERY CLEAN UP DAY
Sat. March 15, 2008
Clean-up Day starts at 9 a.m.
 Those wishing to keep decorations, please, remove them by March 12.

Eva M. Need

Eva M. Need, 94, formerly of 7906N State Road 75, Frankfort, died at 2:05 p.m. March 11, 2008, at Wesley Manor in Frankfort.

Born Dec. 16, 1913, in Owen Township, Clinton County, she was the daughter of Robert J. and Anna Belle Weida Lipp.

She married J. William (Bill) Need on Nov. 21, 1940, and he preceded her in death on Oct. 8, 2004.

She was a lifelong resident of Owen Township and farmed with her husband for 50 years.

Mrs. Need was a school teacher for 30 years. She taught at Middlefork, Beard, and Rossville before her retirement in 1979.

She was a member of Moran and Rossville United Methodist Churches for 94 years.

Surviving are three sons, James D. (wife: Janilyn) Need, David L. (wife: Sharon) Need, and Kent W. (wife: Kathy) Need, all of rural Frankfort; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be March 14 at 10:30 a.m. at Rossville United Methodist Church, with burial following at Kilmore Cemetery. Friends may call March 13 from 2-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Bodine Funeral Home, Rossville.

Memorials may be made to the Rossville United Methodist Church Building Fund.

Correction

In last week's front page story about the Carroll County Commissioners and the appointment of a zoning administrator, the first names of three individuals were omitted. Kathy Mylet is the new zoning administrator, named to replace current administrator Dale Huffer. Hylton is commissioner Loren Hylton. The Comet did not mean to disrespect these individuals and apologizes for the error.

know how much of their loss will be covered by insurance or other sources, the SBA will consider making a loan for the total loss up to its loan limits, provided the borrower agrees to use insurance proceeds to reduce or repay their SBA loan.

The SBA program information is available by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955, or (800) 877-8339 for the hearing impaired, Mon. through Fri. from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sat. and Sun. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Business loan applications may be downloaded from www.sba.gov. Applications may be returned to the Disaster Recovery Centers or mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, Texas, 76155.

The application deadline for physical damage is March 31 and the deadline for economic injury applications is Oct. 30.

For more information about the SBA's Disaster Loan Programs, visit www.sba.gov.

SBA deadline to apply for physical damage disaster loans is March 31

Comet staff report

The U.S. Small Business Administration is reminding homeowners, renters, businesses and non-profit organizations just over three weeks remain to submit disaster loan applications for damage caused by severe storms and flooding that began Jan. 7 and continuing. The deadline to file an application for physical damage is March 31.

Disaster victims in Allen, Benton, Carroll, Cass, DeKalb, Elkhart, Fulton, Huntington, Jasper, Kosciusko, Lake, LaPorte, Marshall, Newton, Noble, Pulaski, Saint Joseph, Starke, Tippecanoe, White and Whitley are eligible to apply.

Victims are urged to register with FEMA by calling (800) 621-3362 (FEMA), then complete and return an SBA loan application by the deadline.

"I encourage anyone who has not completed their disaster loan application to do so and meet with a customer service representative at one of the centers located throughout the disaster area for assistance,"

said Frank Skaggs, director of SBA Field Operations Center East.

Homeowners and renters are eligible for loans up to \$40,000 to replace personal property such as furniture, appliances and clothing. Loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate.

Loans to businesses of all sizes and non-profit organizations are available up to \$1.5 million to repair damage to real estate, machinery, equipment and inventory. Economic Injury Disaster Loans are also available to small businesses unable to pay bills or meet operating expenses because of the disaster.

Interest rates are as low as 2.937 percent for homeowners and renters and 4.000 percent for businesses with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based upon each applicant's financial condition.

Disaster victims with insurance should not wait for a settlement before applying to the SBA. If a victim does not

Grissom Reserve AFB tips a wing to general aviation

Local pilots soon to land and park at historic airbase

By Debbie Lowe Staff writer

Established July 1, 1942, and called "Bunker Hill Naval Air Station," the Grissom Air Force Reserve Command is located near Peru. The base was originally named for Indiana native Virgil "Gus" Grissom who, educated at Purdue University, was one of America's original seven astronauts who perished in a fire in the Apollo capsule at Cape Kennedy, Fla., in the early 1960s. The military installation has never allowed, without special permission, private and general aviation pilots to land on the historic 12,000 foot runway - until now.

According to Grissom's Web site, Bunker Hill originally served as a training base for

thousands of Navy, Marine and Coast Guard pilots, including baseball legend Ted Williams. The base was home to both active duty and reserve personnel until 1994 when it was realigned as a reserve facility. Today, the host unit is the 434th Air Refueling Wing and the base is one of four in the nation.

Changes for the local community are now happening at the historic site. During the first weeks of April, Montgomery Aviation, a private fixed base operation (FBO), will inhabit Hangar 100 on the east end of the field. And with that move, civilian aircraft will begin operations on the field initiating a new piece of history.

Dan Montgomery, owner of the FBO, told the *Comet* Thursday he was excited to be the business chosen to provide services to general aviation pilots at the former military-only installation.

"We are right in the middle of the Midwest," Montgomery explained. "I expect that flyers going across country will land here for fuel and other services."

Montgomery said the FBO will inhabit four bays with a terminal building located in the middle of the complex. Services include fuel for both piston and jet engines, mechanic services for general maintenance and for annual inspections, a weather computer for visiting aviators and a courtesy car for overnight pilots to travel the approximately six miles into Peru to lodge for the night.

An assistant manager will be onsite during operation hours, which will coincide with military base hours. Montgomery said he purchased a house locally for assistant manager Jerry White, which will enable him to be readily available to offer FBO services in off hours. Grissom personnel will maintain the runways, which includes a 12,000 foot runway, the longest in the state of Indiana. Montgomery said the facility will provide hangar space for general aviation airplanes that need long-term housing.

Montgomery assumed FBO responsibilities at the Frankfort Airport approximately three years ago. He continues to offer services, which include a flight school, at his facility, Executive Air, near Indianapolis.

"When we get ready to open near the first part of April,

everyone is invited to the grand opening," Montgomery concluded. "We are excited to show off our facility and our services to this area of the state."

Information about Montgomery Aviation can be found at www.montgomeryaviation.net.

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According to Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.2, citizens in opposition may begin an initial petition process by gathering signatures and other information from 100 or more owners of real property or registered voters within the school district. The petition would not halt a construction program, but would allow residents to proceed to the next step in the remonstrance process.

If a petition against the plan

were to succeed, the corporation may abandon the project or advertise that the project is subject to the petition/remonstrance process, which would allow citizens to follow through with the protest.

Visit the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance Web site at www.in.gov/dlgr/taxpayer/ and access the Citizen's Petition and Remonstrance Toolkit link for additional information.

Groups unite

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said Mike Floyd, Chief of The Eel River Tribe of Indiana. "We are inviting ALL to join us, other regional tribal drums, high school, college, military drum corps and all others who can bring a drum to the park. We will also welcome any school groups or clubs that wish to make their own drums to join this event, helping us

save our parks and our Mother Earth."

Contact Floyd by March 15 at (219) 984-5441 or at native-to-america@earthlink.net if you or your group is planning to attend.

"We do not inherit the Earth from our Fathers... We borrow it from our Children" is the tee shirt design.

New process

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until March 17 to draft an executive summary of their prospective businesses, which will help judges narrow the field to the top 10 inventors. Those contestants will present their ideas at a final summit May 2 at the Brandywine Complex, where the public will be invited to attend and see what types of businesses may soon be popping up in their hometowns.

The competitions are part of Incubicity, a regional initiative to boost economic develop-

ment in north central Indiana. Incubicity is a project of the Indiana Venture Center funded by a WIRED (Workforce Innovations in Regional Economic Development) grant.

The competition was open to anyone 18 or older who lives or owns a business in Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Fulton, Howard, Miami, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Tip-ton, Wabash, Warren and White counties. For more information on Incubicity, go to www.incubicity.com.

Births

Dustin and Nicole (Beaver) Hufty of Flora are parents of a 6-pound, 3-ounce son, Clay Jacob, born Feb. 22 at Home Hospital, Lafayette. Maternal grandparents are Nick and Lisa Beaver of Flora. Paternal grandparents are Curt and Beth Hufty of Flora. Maternal great-grandparents are Henry Clay and Bertie Turner of Flora and Byard and Judy Beaver of Flora. Paternal great-grandparents are Joe and Carol Draper of Flora and Melverine Hufty of Burlington.

Jeremy and Amy (Hufty) Duff of Flora are parents of a six-pound, 13-ounce son, Aidan Jay, born March 5 at Home Hospital, Lafayette. Maternal grandparents are Curt and Beth Hufty of Flora. Paternal grandparents are Gary and Debbie Duff of Flora. Maternal great-grandparents are Joe and Carol Draper of Flora and Melverine Hufty of Burlington. Paternal great-grandparents are Judy Fitzer and Doris Duff, both of Flora.

Rob and Lana (Lowery) Dispennett of Brazil, Ind., are parents of a 7-pound, 2-ounce son, Elias Walter, born Jan. 9 at the I.U. Medical Center in Indianapolis. Grandparents are Mary Lowery of Cutler, Gary Lowery of Rossville and Dennis and Pam Dispennett of Pine Village.

A memorial should last forever

Memorial gifts to the Carroll County Community Foundation do just that.

- Your gift will be acknowledged to the family
- The name of the individual memorialized will be added to the Community Foundation's book of memory
- Contributions will be added to the fund of your choice and endowed as a lasting memorial benefitting our community forever


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NOTICE

TO LOT OWNERS AT ROCKFIELD CEMETERY

Please remove all flowers and/or arrangements that have been placed on the grass which you want to save.

Everything left after Saturday, March 22 will be discarded.

DO NOT place new flowers and/or arrangements at the cemetery until after May 21st.

Abbott Funeral Home Monument Sale

March specials on all Granite Monuments, Benches, and Granite Vases. Custom engravings & color pictures, Large granite selection, sizes, styles, and colors

With every monument purchase, I will have your family name put on the back of your stone for free, \$120.00 value.

Call or stop by **Abbott Funeral Home**, 421 East Main St. Delphi, for your monument needs. **765-564-4452**

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