

# Obituaries

## Wanda L. Miller



Wanda L. Miller, 81, of Flora, died at 9:30 p.m. April 26, 2008, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lafayette. She was born Jan. 26, 1927, in Howard County to Henry and Hazel Martin. She married Fred J. Miller on Oct. 13, 1963, and he preceded her in death. Mrs. Miller worked at Briggs Corporation in Flora for

26 years on the assembly line. Surviving are: two sons, Gene Miller of Greentown and Terry Irwin (wife: Beth) of Flora; a daughter, Darlene Bowen of Kokomo; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren. Graveside services and burial will be May 1 at 1 p.m. at Crown Point Cemetery, and will be officiated by Rev. Ken Spangler. Ellers Mortuary Main St. Chapel assisted the family with arrangements.

## Margaret VanSickle



Margaret A. VanSickle, 73, of Delphi, died April 14, 2008, at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center, Delphi. She was born July 29, 1934, in Boswell to J. Clark and Elizabeth Cripe Griffith. Her marriage was to Russell Noel VanSickle on Sept. 11, 1962, and he preceded her in death in 1973.

Mrs. VanSickle was a member of Delphi United Methodist Church. Surviving are a daughter, Marcella VanSickle of Delphi; and a stepdaughter, Linda Kingma of Lafayette; a sister, Mary VanSickle of Delphi; and a stepgrandson. Services were April 19 at Davidson Funeral Home in Delphi. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Sign an online guestbook at [www.davidsonfh.com](http://www.davidsonfh.com).

## Margaret L. Hodges



Margaret L. Hodges, 91, of rural Monticello (Carroll County), died at 5:45 a.m. Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at St. Mary Healthcare in Lafayette.

Born Oct. 8, 1916, in Indianapolis, she was the daughter of William "Mac" and Velvia Jones Dowdell. She graduated from Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis in 1935. On Dec. 24, 1935, she married Floyd H. Hodges. They divorced in July 1878. Mrs. Hodges was former owner of Hodges Float Trips in northern Carroll County. She was a member of the Living Faith Church of the Brethren, Carroll County Order of the Eastern Star #475, serving as a three-time past Worthy Matron, and a member of the Rebekah Lodge, serving as District Deputy for three terms. She was also a member of the L.E.A. National Women's Re-

lief Corps, serving as Indiana Department President, and a member of the Daughters of America. Mrs. Hodges enjoyed flower gardening. Surviving are a daughter, Donna M. Gardner (husband: Thomas R.) of Lafayette; a son, James Robert "Bob" Hodges (wife: Rita) of Panama City, Fla.; ten grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, William "Mac" Dowdell Jr. and Richard N. Dowdell; a grandson, Robert Hodges, and a great-great-granddaughter, Carrissa Ekstrom. Services were held Saturday at Davidson Funeral Home, Delphi. Pastor Jeff Tomson officiated. Burial was at Masonic Cemetery, Delphi. The Rebekah Lodge honored her life with a short service prior to the 2 p.m. service. Memorials may be made to Living Faith Church of the Brethren. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.davidsonfh.com](http://www.davidsonfh.com).

## Roger W. Wine



Roger W. Wine, 71, of Delphi, died Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at 3:33 a.m. unexpectedly at his residence. He was born Oct. 9, 1936,

in Summit Station, Ohio, to the Layton and Lillian Appleman Wine. His marriage was to Barbara L. Austin in Carroll County, on July 21, 1991, and she survives. He was a 1954 graduate of Licking Heights High School in Ohio and a 1958 graduate of Ohio State University. He moved from Nashua, N.H., to Carroll County in 1971. Mr. Wine was a Certified Crop Advisor. He was employed at Eller Fertilizer in Flora, from 1991 to October 2006, when he retired. He had previously worked at other area agriculture and chemical supply companies. He enjoyed landscaping, gardening, crossword puzzles, and golfing. Surviving with his wife are two sons, Stan Wine (wife: Kristina) of Greenfield and Thomas Wine (wife: Londa) of Indianapolis; a daughter, Sherri L. Wine of Rossville; two stepsons, Ron W. Ginn of Delphi and David Ginn (wife: Jennifer) of Indianapolis; two sisters, Kathleen Fravel (husband: Herb) of Edison, Ohio, and Betty Goodman (husband: Jim) of Texas; his former wife, Theresa A. Wine of Flora; three grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant daughter and a brother. Services were held Friday at Abbott Funeral Home, Delphi. The Rev. Ed Selvidge officiated. Online condolences may be left at [abbottfuneralhome@verizon.net](http://abbottfuneralhome@verizon.net).

## Kenneth P. Newell



Kenneth P. "Kenny" Newell, 83, of Delphi, passed away Friday, April 25, 2008, at 4:50 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center, Delphi. He had been a resident there since February.

He was born Nov. 16, 1924, in Delphi, to the late Earl and Maude Powell Newell. His marriage was to Marjorie J. Brown in Flora on Nov. 16, 1943. She preceded him in death Dec. 13, 2004. Mr. Newell was a 1942 graduate of Delphi High School. He farmed all his life in Deer Creek, Jackson and Monroe townships of Carroll County. His family farm was honored with the Indiana Hoosier Homestead Award. He was a member of Flora First Brethren Church, I.O.O.F. Lodge #28 in Delphi, Lafayette Boat Club, and the Carroll County Grange and Conservation clubs. He was also an elected official to the Carroll County Advisory Board. Mr. Newell enjoyed trap shooting, wintering in Arizona and euchre card games. Surviving are a son, Richard Newell (wife: Donna) of Delphi; two daughters, Mary Ann Morris (husband: Eric) of Reynolds and Rebecca "Becky" Brown (husband: Gary) of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Dorothy Mills (husband: Bob) of Delphi and June Million-Haase (husband: Don) of Monticello; and eight grandchildren. Mr. Newell was preceded in death by a grandson, Brian S. Newell. Services were held Monday at Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi, and were officiated by the Rev. Dan Herendeen and the Rev. Al Grumbling. Burial was at Zion Citizens Cemetery in rural Carroll County. Memorial contributions may be made to Carroll County Cancer Association to promote prostate cancer awareness. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. Send online condolences to [abbottfuneralhome@verizon.net](http://abbottfuneralhome@verizon.net).

# Judge Smith

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ers to mandate and that's wrong," he continued. "Mike Durr (EMS director) and Tony Burns both worked with us. I wish the judges had the same attitude. We looked at every office for cuts and sacrifices. What does this say to the other offices and department heads that don't have the same power? It's been a hard time for the county employees."

### County Treasurer

Cripe reported treasurer Jane Brewington would accept property tax payments in advance of tax bills, however Brewington said the county would not be able to draw down the money to pay bills due to a software limitation. According to an E-mail received by Cripe from Brewington, interest made on the money would be the only benefit to the county. Brewington said, in her opinion, the extra work to take advanced property tax payments would outweigh the benefits.

Former county auditor Donna Romein (1994-98) suggested the work be done manually to figure percentages for each taxing unit so the county could use the funds. She offered to contact the treasurer to help with the problem.

Ashby said he would research other counties that use the same computer software. He suggested there could be a manual way for the treasurer to track the payments and provide advanced draws on the money.

### Tax anticipation warrant

A bid from Regions Bank for a \$1.2 million line of credit to be drawn down as needed, with 2.77 percent interest, to be repaid by Dec. 31 was accepted. Cripe and Abbott will sign the papers for the loan May 1 at 10 a.m.

Basing calculations on numbers supplied by county auditor Beth Myers, Ashby said (prior to the judges' mandate announcement) anticipated expenses through June would be approximately \$1,133,390.

### Other business

Council members decided to become more educated about the proposed local option income tax (LOIT) before deciding to hire H.J. Umbaugh and Associates to advise them how to proceed with the tax. "I think we need a lot more education about LOIT before we adopt it," Cripe said. "How you adopt it is crucial."

"There's no point in adopting anything before the end of the year," Ashby said. "Before we jump into adding taxes, keep in mind the state has threatened to lower property taxes three times in the last 65 years," Slavens said. "It hasn't happened yet."

Myers reported the ambulance service revenue to date was \$144,032, which is more than this time last year. Slavens noted although the income was welcome, it was not sufficient to help the county overcome current financial issues. "Revenues are not increasing enough to feed our appetite," he said. Speaking on behalf of the county board of health, Carroll Consolidated School Corporation Superintendent John Sayers received permission to hire a part-time county food inspector. Sayers said the board considered the position necessary for the summer festival season. Salary and mileage will not exceed \$700, according to Sayers. The position is state-funded. Ordinance 2008-04 to establish a fund for donations at Carroll Manor, was approved. An additional appropriation for \$19,642 for the highway department was approved. A transfer for \$57.50 for the sheriff's department from uniforms and leather goods to scuba supplies was approved. The next regular business meeting will be May 29 at 8:30 a.m.

## Herbert D. Ford



Herbert D. Ford, 87, of Delphi, passed away Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at 3:45 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lafayette.

He was born Dec. 26, 1920, in Brookston, to Roe Bert and Alena Mae Timmons Ford. He married Mary E. Edwards on June 18, 1946, in St. Louis, Mo., and she preceded him in death Dec. 25, 2002. Mr. Ford was a 1938 graduate of Brookston High School and a 1945 graduate of St. Louis, Mo., Refrigeration School.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the European Theatre, where he was part of the D-Day forces landing on Utah Beach. He began working at Alcoa

in 1952 and retired from there on June 1, 1983, after more than 30 years as a die maker. Mr. Ford was a member of the 30-year club at Alcoa. He was also a member of Delphi American Legion and Delphi VFW.

Surviving are a daughter, Diane Barron Ingram (husband: Elliot) of Savannah, Ga.; a son, Bruce Ford (wife: Gaye) of Goodland; and seven grandchildren. Mr. Ford was also preceded in death by a sister, Helen Tam, a brother, Ralph Ford, and his parents. Visitation will be today, Wednesday, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Davidson Funeral Home in Delphi. Services will be held there May 1 at 1 p.m., with Pastor Kirk Zimmerman officiating. Burial will be at I.O.O.F. Memorial Gardens in Pittsburg. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Online condolences may be left at [www.davidsonfh.com](http://www.davidsonfh.com).

## Robert Eugene Harter

Robert Eugene "Gene" Harter, 75, of Camden, died at 2:15 p.m. Saturday, April 19, 2008, at St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center, Lafayette.

He was born on May 20, 1932, in Muncie, to Clifford Greene and Vertie (unknown) and was adopted at age four by Willis and Eva Witter Harter. He attended school in Burlington and Dania, Fla. His marriage was to Doris Jean Oyler on Dec. 8, 1951, at Lower Deer Creek Church of the Brethren, rural Camden. She survives. Mr. Harter served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1950 to 1954. He and his family moved in November 1959 to Thomasville, Ga., where he worked as a milk route deliverer. They returned to Indiana in September 1963. He then worked as a die caster/troubleshooter at Chrysler Die Casting, Kokomo, retiring in 1991. Mr. Harter was a member of Lower Deer Creek Church of the Brethren.

He loved mowing his yard and planting his garden, but most of all he loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Surviving with his wife are two sons, Jeffrey Harter (wife: Joyce) and John Harter, all of Camden; two daughters, Karen Stevens (husband: Doug) of Burnettsville and Katherine Forgey (husband: Michael) of Young America; nine grandsons, Shawn Harter and Ryan Harter, both of Camden, Carey Stevens of Monticello, Ben Stevens, Dougy Stevens and Jacob Stevens, all of Burnettsville, Cody Harter of Bringham, and Seth Forgey and Spenser Forgey, both of Young America; two granddaughters, Savannah Forgey and Shelbi Forgey, both of Young America; one great-grandson, Jackson Harter; and one great-granddaughter, Mariah Moore. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Karla Ann; a son, James Lloyd Harter; his parents; and two brothers, Jack Harter and Max Harter. Services were held April 23 at Lower Deer Creek Church of the Brethren, 741E. CR 300N., Camden. Pastor Guy Studebaker will officiate. Burial was at Musselman Cemetery, near Camden. Memorials may be made to the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization, 429 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Ste. 201, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Assisting the family with arrangements was Cree Funeral Home, Camden.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Karla Ann; a son, James Lloyd Harter; his parents; and two brothers, Jack Harter and Max Harter. Services were held April 23 at Lower Deer Creek Church of the Brethren, 741E. CR 300N., Camden. Pastor Guy Studebaker will officiate. Burial was at Musselman Cemetery, near Camden. Memorials may be made to the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization, 429 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Ste. 201, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Assisting the family with arrangements was Cree Funeral Home, Camden.

## Births

James "Jay" and Bridget (Miller) Whittaker III of Columbia, Tenn., are parents of a 5-pound, 6-ounce daughter, Jadyne Annelle, born April 6 at Williamson Medical Center in Franklin, Tenn. Grandparents are Gary and Dianne Miller of Lafayette and James Jr. and Carolyn Whittaker of Thompson Station, Tenn. Great-grandparents are Jean Miller of Delphi, Lois Franz of Decatur and Doris Louvenia Nix of Franklin.

# Two circus performances set in Flora May 7th

### Comet staff report

Kelly Miller Brothers Circus will give two performances in Flora next Wednesday, May 7. The first performance will be at 4:30 p.m., followed by the second at 7:30 p.m., both at Flora Community Park. Sponsoring the event are Flora Community Club and Volunteer Fire Department. The Kelly Miller Brothers Circus was founded during the Depression in 1938. Celebrating its 70th anniversary, the 2008 season features elephants, horses, llamas, camels, clowns and a host of international circus stars. The elephants will lift the

giant Big Top into the air on circus morning at around 9. The public is welcome to watch the tent raising, free of charge. After the Big Top is set in place, the public is invited to step into the tent and see the set-up completed. A knowledgeable circus veteran will be on hand to explain the action and answer questions about circus life. Advance tickets are available at a discount and can be purchased at Flora Utilities Office, Sisson & Son Jewelers, Dr. Stephen Herr Dentistry, and Drs. Wagoner & Wagoner Dentistry in Flora, The White Iris in Delphi, and Brewster Insurance in Burlington.

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