

90th birthday

Mary Dillman of rural Logansport will celebrate her 90th birthday with an open house Sunday, June 15, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Logansport.

Born to Oscar and Erasma Homburg on June 16, 1918, she married Dale A. Dillman June 23, 1940.

She has two sons, Roger (Dillman wife: Carol) of rural Logansport and Glen Dillman (wife: Marti) of Flora, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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Camden Lodge presents awards

Comet staff report

At recent public ceremonies several members of Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge #211 received honors for long-term membership and achievements. The event was held in the historic Masonic Building on Camden's Main Street.

In recognition of the significance of these milestones, the lodge also welcomed representatives from the Indiana Masonic Home, located in Franklin. They were Ralph Kauffman, John Rose and George Eastman, all of whom assisted the Lodge's Worshipful Master, Fred Hartman, in the presentation ceremonies.

Don Mitchell, Lawrence Jones and Ron Robison, accompanied by their wives, were honored for their years of loyalty and contributions to the fraternity. They received 50-year pins and certificates.

Receiving 25-year pins were Ronald King, Glendon Wolfe and Douglas Downham.

Several other eligible recipients were unable to attend the ceremonies for a variety of reasons and their recognitions were conveyed to them by other means.

The representatives of the Indiana Masonic Home gave an

update on the home's progress toward expanding the services to the members who may need the home's services in the future. Among the innovative programs is a new home health care service, which is already Medicare certified and will be made available to members of the fraternity as staff grows and needs become evident throughout Indiana.

The lodge also received a report on the generous donations sent to the home, as well as an appeal for specific items needed to care for the residents.

Mt. Zion's Master, Fred Hartman, was recognized by Kauffman with the Indiana Masonic Home Ambassador Award for his service to the Indiana Masonic Home.

In addition to the presentations of the service pins and Hartman's award, the guests were treated to a meal, prepared by the family of lodge member Don Hickman, Jr. %

Canal/trails volunteers to be recognized on National Trails Day

For hiking interests in this nation, the first Saturday in June is called National Trails Day. For local canal and trails volunteers, this Saturday is also Volunteer Recognition Day.

To be recognized will be all those who have been involved in the past year's trail building and maintenance, park outdoor exhibit construction, serving as docents at the Canal Center, flower planting, work on the Stearns Truss bridge, and other related jobs.

The volunteers are invited to a free lunch at 12 noon at the Canal Park Shelter House in Delphi. The meal is provided by the local Psi Iota Xi sorority.

After lunch, family and friends, as well as the general public, may join the volunteers for the recognition ceremony.

All canal and trails volunteers present will receive an Earth Team hat or shirt for their efforts. The Carroll County Soil & Water Conservation District and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service have sponsored these items. Some volunteers have amassed hundreds of hours of service. Special recognition will also be given to the youth groups, Scouts and 4-Hers that have been involved during the past year.

Those who would like to become volunteers are also invited to the ceremony. There is a special need right now for co-captains for the canal pontoon boat.

Immediately after the ceremony, at 1 p.m., a narrated hike will begin. The easy

walk will include a visit to the site where the 1905 wrought iron Stearns Truss bridge has been placed behind Dairy Queen and Pizza Hut. For those wanting an additional longer jaunt, the walk will progress south on the VanScoy Towpath to Sunset Point at the confluence of Deer Creek and the Wabash. This year's focus of trail narration will be the site of the 1839-1840 wooden lock and nearby Irish canal construction camp.

Engagements

Pearson-Akers



Bill and Anna Donnelly of Lafayette announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Marie Pearson, to Zachary J. Akers. He is the son of Steve and Martie Akers of Crawfordsville.

The bride-to-be is a 2007 graduate of McCutcheon High School.

Her fiancé is a 2005 graduate of North Montgomery High School and attended Vincennes University and Ivy Tech, Evansville. He is employed at Eagle Hauling and Conveying, Inc., Lafayette.

The couple plans a June 28 wedding at First Baptist Church.

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