

Former county employee cuts deal with prosecutor

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Staff writer

The former county employee who served as county health nurse for more than five years was in court Friday to ask the court to reduce the \$25,000 restitution she was ordered to pay as part of her sentencing agreement in September. Rebecca Lohmiller was convicted of practicing medicine without a license and fraud. She was sentenced to in-home detention, but refused to wear the monitoring bracelet at first. She was sentenced to 90 days in the Indiana Department of Correction, which she served without incident. Facing another hearing to discuss the latest issue pre-

sented by Lohmiller, Carroll County Prosecutor Tricia Thompson struck a deal with defense attorney Anne Briggs. The agreement was that Lohmiller would serve less time on supervised probation after she completes the remainder of her sentence, without a violation. Her time spent in the Department of Correction will be deducted from the time she has yet to serve on in-home detention. Lohmiller will pay more restitution than previously ordered. However she will be allowed to leave the country and live in Mexico after completing in-home detention. Lohmiller was ordered by Special Judge Linley Pearson to pay \$40,000 restitu-

tion to the county clerk by Oct. 1, 2008, which is \$15,000 more than she agreed to pay at the September sentencing. She was ordered to serve one year on informal probation and will be allowed to move to Mexico. Lohmiller will be allowed to contact her probation officer by telephone or E-mail. "Both parties agreed that this was the best resolution for all remaining issues," Thompson said after the Friday hearing. Pearson issued a stern warning to Lohmiller after accepting the agreement. "I don't want to be back here for a different sentence," he emphasized to the convicted felon.

Obituaries

Phyllis J. Courter



Phyllis J. Ayres Courter, 75, formerly of Cutler, died at 4:50 p.m. Monday, June 30, 2008, at Milner Community

Healthcare Center, Rossville. She had resided there for the past 23 months.

Born March 22, 1933, in Delphi, she was the daughter of Loren and Lillian Brown Ayres.

She was a 1951 graduate of Delphi High School, and attended Indiana University, Bloomington.

Mrs. Courter was a homemaker and worked at the Rossville Antique Mall, which she co-owned with her son, for five years. She also worked at CJ's Hallmark Shop and the former I&W Fashion store, both in Delphi.

She was a member of the Flora First Christian Church, Psi Iota Xi sorority, Jay Cee's club in Bloomington, and the Bloomington Boy Scouts.

She enjoyed crafts, oil painting, and ceramics.

Surviving are two sons, Scott Courter (wife: Jo) of Noblesville, and James Courter (wife: Mary) of Cutler; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Abbott Funeral Home, Delphi. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until the time of her service. Pastor Sam Davenport will officiate and burial will be at Masonic Cemetery, Delphi.

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Richard E. Livingston

Richard E. Livingston, 55, died June 29, 2008, in his rural Delphi home.

Born Aug. 21, 1952, in Lafayette, he was the son of the late Paul E. and Audrey J. Fisher Livingston.

He worked at Linder's Auction Barn.

Surviving are a brother, Michael R. Livingston of Delphi.

Service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Bodine Funeral Home, Rossville. Interment will be at Rossville Cemetery. Friends may call one hour prior to the service. Memorials may be made to Rossville United Methodist Church Building Fund.

Other Death Notices

Raynes M. Ulbrich, 90, of San Luis Obispo, Calif., formerly of Logansport and Carroll County, died June 23, 2008. Private graveside rites were held Monday in Logansport.

Hospital Notes

Walter Allen of Flora is undergoing therapy at Milner Community Health Care Center in Rossville. He is in Room E13.

Tony Stephen of Cutler has been transferred from the I.U. Medical Center to Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana, Room 203R, 4141 Shore Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46254. He would appreciate cards and letters.

Births

Jerry L. and Carrie (Veldhuizen) Tignor of Lafayette, are parents of a 6-pound, 14-ounce daughter, Kylie Sue, born June 13 at Lafayette Home Hospital. Grandparents Jerry R. and the late Connie Tignor of Lafayette, Leota Veldhuizen and Paul and Kay Veldhuizen, all of Delphi. Great-grandparents are Jane Downing and Lloyd and Helen Veldhuizen, all of Lafayette, and Lois Lindquist of Monticello.

Robert Wilson



Services for Robert Wilson, 93, of Delphi, were held June 27 at Abbott Funeral Home, Delphi. The Rev. Todd Ladd officiated. Burial was at Riverview Cemetery, Monticello.

He died Wednesday, June 25, 2008, at 6:59 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Lafayette. He had been a patient there for ten days.

He was born June 26, 1914, in Delphi, to the late Francis and Mary McDonald Wilson. He graduated from Delphi High School in 1933. On Sept. 15, 1939, in Monticello, he married Maxine Hendrickson. She preceded him in death July 18, 1996.

Mr. Wilson retired from the former Globe Valve factory in Delphi in 1980, after 36 years as maintenance manager.

He was a member of the Delphi United Methodist Church and a life member of the former Mt. Olive Masonic Lodge in Delphi. He was also a member of the Lafayette Historic Car Club.

He enjoyed watch and clock repair, and was a licensed watchmaker for over 60 years.

Surviving are five nephews, Bill Wilson and Ray Wilson (wife: Coleen), both of Lafayette, Jim Wilson (wife: Edie) of Madison, Wisc., Tom Wilson (wife: Deb) of Chicago, Ill., and Tom Bridwell; four nieces, Ann Chulk (husband: Bob) of Indianapolis, Kay Talley (husband: Newton) of Greenwood, Joann Wade (husband: Dan) of West Lafayette, and Mary Jane Tangedahl (husband: Lee) of Missoula, Mont.; and special friend, Robert Burkhalter (wife: Martha) of Lafayette.

He was preceded in death by his twin sister, four other sisters, and two brothers.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Delphi United Methodist Church or to the American Heart Association (envelopes available at the funeral home).

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Madeline B. Kesner

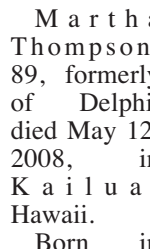
Graveside service for Madeline Bernice Bohannon Kesner, 87, of Towanda, Ill., formerly of Camden, will be Saturday at 4:30 p.m. at Camden Cemetery. Pastor Michael Crawford will officiate.

The family will receive friends at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Camden, on Saturday from 3:30 p.m. until the time of the graveside service.

Mrs. Kesner died May 15, 2008.

Cree Funeral Home, Camden, is handling arrangements.

Martha Thompson



Martha Thompson, 89, formerly of Delphi, died May 12, 2008, in Kailua, Hawaii.

Born in Delphi, she was the daughter of Charles and La Belle Carson.

Mrs. Thompson was a housewife and clerical worker.

She is survived by two sons, Richard of Hawaii and Tom of Washington; two daughters, Suzanne Besaw of Montana and Judy Richards of California; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Private services with final interment with her first husband, Richard Thompson, will be held on July 28 at 10 a.m. at Mt. Vernon Memorial Park in Fair Oaks, Calif.

J. Barry Mansfield



J. Barry Mansfield, 61, of Horse-shoe Bend Road, Brookston, died unexpectedly at 10:31 a.m. Friday, June 27, 2008, at his residence.

He was born Aug. 25, 1946, in Lafayette, to the late Alva and Norene Schneider Mansfield. He was a 1964 graduate of Brookston High School. His marriage was to Pamela J. Yates in Delphi, on July 19, 1969, and she survives.

Mr. Mansfield worked for Chrysler Corp., Kokomo, from 1984-2008, as an electrician in the maintenance department. He retired in March.

He also worked out of the IBEW Local 668 in Lafayette, from 1969-1984.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Delphi, and the Carroll County Democratic Party.

He enjoyed mushroom hunting, fishing, and NASCAR, especially driver Jeff Gordon.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Jerome Mansfield (wife: Jennifer) of Lafayette and

Jacob B. Mansfield of Indianapolis; a daughter, Jill E. Mansfield (husband: Bob Busch) of Lafayette; his twin brother, Terry Mansfield, (girlfriend: Sheri Elliott) of Indianapolis; two sisters, Arlene Childers and Sharon LeBegue (husband: Bart), both of Lafayette.

A memorial service was held Monday evening at Abbott Funeral Home, Delphi. Jerry Dill officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Carroll County Gideon's (envelopes available at the funeral home).

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Orville Berkshire

Orville Berkshire, 83, of Camden, died at 5:45 p.m. Monday, June 30, 2008, at Whispering Pines Nursing Home, Monticello.

Born Feb. 21, 1925, in Cass County, he was the son of Enos and Vernie Lee Fry Berkshire. He graduated from Rockfield High School in 1943.

Mr. Berkshire served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

A retired farmer, he was a lifetime resident of the Carroll County area.

He enjoyed fishing with family and friends and was a life member of the National Rifle Association.

Surviving are two brothers, Keith Berkshire (wife: Beverly) of Burnettsville and Kenneth Berkshire (wife: Mary Ann) of Delphi; one sister, Margaret Ann Vernon (husband: James) of Indianapolis; several nephews and nieces; and several great-nephews and great-nieces.

Service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Cree Funeral Home, Camden. Pastor Paul Marcellino will officiate. Burial with military rites by the American Legion and VFW will be at Camden Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Wednesday, at the funeral home.

Penns

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Independence Day Parade in Delphi

When: Saturday, July 5
Time: 10 a.m. with a memorial service on the courthouse lawn at 9:45.
Route: Parade winds through downtown area before ending at Canal Park
Float Awards: To be presented at the Canal Interpretive Center following the parade completion
Parade Line-Up: Starts at 7:45 a.m. in former Globe Valve parking lot

ceived a Presidential Award from Lions International.

Bill served three years in the United States Marine Corps, one year in Korea.

He is a 54-year member and a past commander of Delphi American Legion, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Delphi, and a 22-year member of the John Purdue Gold Coat Club. He is a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association.

He was a Past Master and secretary of Mt. Olive Lodge #48 in Delphi, the Lafayette York Rite and a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite of Indianapolis. He is a member of Murat Shrine of Indianapolis and of the IOOF Lodge #28 of Delphi.

He retired from Fairfield Manufacturing after 40 years of employment. Sue has not and does not sit

idle at home. She worked for 19 years as a homemaker for the Division of Family and Children (formerly the Welfare Department) providing home visits "and helping people learn how to cook, clean and take care of their kids."

She was awarded a Sagamore of the Wabash in 2000 and continues to work as a bus driver for DCSC.

The couple resides on Division Line Road throughout the year.

"We don't like Florida - only to visit," Sue said. "We love snow and we like to cut wood. We just like the winter months."

Besides providing service through the Lions, Bill mows the Delphi Masonic Cemetery.

The couple has attended 16 International Lions Conventions, 20 state conventions, and seven USA/Canada Forums. They have traveled on seven eyeglass missions and have visited England, Australia, Minneapolis, Denver, Detroit, St. Louis and Hong Kong as Lions ambassadors. They will return in early July from Bangkok, Thailand, as voting representatives from Delphi and Camden at the International Lions Convention, just in time to lead Saturday's parade in Delphi.

"I think we were chosen as grand marshals for the parade because of our involvement with local, state and international Lions," Bill said. "It is a great honor to serve as grand marshals. We are being honored for our past service."

"I think it's exciting," Sue said. "We will be riding in the convertible and waving."

Parade organizer Bob Conner said choosing the Penns as parade marshals made a lot of sense to the club.

"We chose them because they are both very active and in two different Lions clubs," Conner said. "Bill is a valuable asset to our club. This is now a Lions-sponsored parade and we thought why not honor good Lions?"

outfit," Sisson said. "We've had a waiting list since the early '90s."

He said the department has five junior firemen.

"The junior firemen have been instrumental in filling our ranks," Sisson said.

The second in command on the department is Dave Sieber. There are three captains, Mike Cottrell, Jack Switzer, and secretary-treasurer, Dwayne Pirtle. Jason Oyler and Jeff Shuman are lieutenants, and Todd Trent is safety officer.

"Our most highly trained firefighter is Mike Titus, our head fire and HAZMAT investigator," Sisson said.

"Altogether, we've got a good mix and a good crew."

Fire

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Bringhurst and Flora were evacuated to Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School. This was the largest HAZMAT incident in the history of the department, and all the departments in the county were called to assist.

One of the most devastating fires, Sisson said, was in 2003. A house fire in Bringhurst left three fatalities, including two children.

Titus and Sisson said the fire department has assisted with many emergency situations where extra, trained manpower was needed. Some of these have been ice storms, floods, a gas leak, and a dead-animal spill.

"We try to keep around 27 members on the department because that's what we can

scription of the house that, according to zoning administrator Kathy Mylet, includes any building within 25 feet of the house. There is an outbuilding within that range on a neighbor's property.

Opponents to the Trapp variance request asked to be heard and were given an opportunity to express their opinions.

"Your opinion is important," BZA president Pat Baker said.

Christian Knoeller, Camden, said 81 individuals signed a petition opposing the concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) at that location due to environmental and historical issues.

He described the facility as one housing 4,000 hogs which, if built on the proposed site, would be in his opinion too close to neighbors and present drainage issues because the location is near or in the Deer Creek flood plain. He said there would be issues with increased truck traffic on already poor roads in the area as well.

Keith Lewis, who placed a paid advertisement in the Comet's June 18 edition in opposition to the project, said there are 14 families within a one-half mile radius of the proposed CAFO. He expressed issues with safety and general welfare, an adverse effect on

neighboring property values and cited Trapp's ability to choose a different location for the building that would be more suitable to the neighbors.

County resident Courtney Justice criticized both the comprehensive land use planning steering committee and Mylet for not adequately representing the public.

On the other side of the issue, county resident Brad Burton said he was unhappy with county residents' opposition to CAFOs. He pointedly addressed different audience members about that opposition. He said the Trapp family was owed an apology for the negative pre-publicity about the project.

The next meeting will be July 22 at 7 p.m. when the matter is expected to be on the agenda.

Delphi Rotary Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Saturday, July 5

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