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Obituaries

Morris L. Buck



Morris L. Buck, 78, formerly of Delphi, died Saturday, Aug. 16, 2008, at 1:30 a.m. at Union Hospital, Terre Haute. He had battled cancer for a short time.

Born July 20, 1930, in Brazil, Ind., he was the son of the late Alvin and Irene Gerber Buck. He graduated from Brazil High School in 1950 and then earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana State University in 1957. He received his Master of Art degree from ISU in 1961.

Mr. Buck was retired. He taught English and speech at Delphi Community High School for 33 years.

He was a member of the Indiana State Teachers Association and the National Education Association.

A U.S. Army veteran, he served during the Korean War.

He enjoyed traveling, having traveled the world extensively and all 50 states.

Surviving are a sister, Norma Ruddock (husband: John) of Brazil; two brothers, Bill Buck (wife: Carol) of Brazil and Marvin Buck (wife: Sandy) of Rockville; and several nieces and nephews.

At Morris's request, there will be no service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Delphi Community High School Drama Department, c/o Abbott Funeral Home, 421 E. Main St. Delphi, IN 46923. Abbott Funeral Home, Delphi, is handling arrangements.

Landon L. Turner



Landon L. Turner, 69, of Rockfield, died at 9:15 a.m. Fri., Aug. 15, 2008, at Hickory Creek in Lebanon.

Born Aug. 24, 1938, in LaFollette, Tenn., he was the son of James Hodge and Bertha Beeler Turner. On Nov. 5, 1956, in LaFollette, he married Lilly Mae McDonald, who survives.

Mr. Turner was a retired construction worker. He was a member of Pine Grove Baptist Church in Delphi.

He was also retired from the Army National Guard and was a member of the Logansport V.F.W. Post 3790 and the American Legion Post 60.

Mr. Turner was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved to cook, garden and spend time with his family and friends.

Surviving with his wife are four daughters, Vontella Schnieb (husband: Brian) of Camden, Kiesta Crume (husband: Dennis), Jean Heise (husband: Sam) and Patricia Appleton (husband: Ron), all of Logansport; three sons, James Turner (wife: Andrea) of Indianapolis, Michael Turner (wife: Mindee) and Lee Turner (wife: Rebekah), both of Logansport; three brothers, John Turner (wife: Charlene) of Logansport, Larry Turner (wife: Teresa) and Hershel Turner, both of LaFollette; two sisters, Margaret Adcock (husband: Robert) and Mary Queener (husband: Kenneth), both of Burrows; 17 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

His parents and a brother, Harrison Ronnie Turner, preceded him in death.

Services were held Tuesday at Gundrum Funeral Home, in Logansport. Pastor Larry Frye officiated. Burial with full military graveside rites was at Rockfield Cemetery, Rockfield.

Memorials may be made to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources or to the American Cancer Society.

You may sign the guest book and send condolences at www.gundrumfuneralhome.com

two accounts if there isn't any work being done for those departments," she said.

Strasser said the person in the position would answer a central telephone, answer questions and direct callers to appropriate departments.

Pearson said she questioned the need for a position to perform various duties in the city building as the mayor described them. She called the position "not necessary" and said it was questionable for the council to create two full-time positions with benefits for approximately \$54,000 (\$27,000 each) while eliminating the grants coordinator position, which was a part-time position with no benefits.

"It just doesn't make sense to me," she said. "We have to learn to delegate. You cannot do it all Randy. I just cannot see that the job is so intense that you need another person."

Pearson said the mayor should do some of the duties described for one of the new positions.

"I don't know how you expect us to keep up," Strasser said stressing the workload at the city building has become unmanageable with the arrival of the new highway.

Kyle Germond agreed with the mayor. He said Strasser was constantly inter-

rupted by telephone calls and E-mails he needed to answer immediately. Germond said those interruptions disrupt meeting participants' concentration.

"We can't get by with just one person," he said. Brian Garrison said he agreed that one position was needed however was "leaning on the fence on two." He requested job descriptions to be able to assign a value to the positions.

"I could go for one," Pearson said. "I cannot see the second position as necessary for what it is costing."

"The position is not in the best interest of the taxpayers," she added.

Nelson Smith said he wanted a mayor who was doing "mayoral things." He said he had no problem with adding one position. He said he wanted to see "justification for what these roles are."

Danny Sterrett said he would support one position but questioned the need at the present time for two.

Council member consensus was to re-advertise the proposed 2009 budget without the second administrative position. Strasser said the remaining position would be advertised in-house.

The next city council meeting will be Sept. 8 at 7 p.m.

Births

Kyle and Melissa Deaton are parents of a 6-pound, 5 1/2-ounce son, Cody Lee, born July 27 at Lafayette Home Hospital. Grandparents are Bruce and Julie Deaton and Roger and Renita Miller, all of Rossville. Great-grandparents are Clifford and Ruby Deaton of West Alexandria, Ohio, Gerald and Loretta Flora, Everett and Alberta Crumpacker, and Harley and Gladys Miller, all of Rossville.

Garlan and Petrina (Wagoner) Gascho of Delphi are parents of a 9-pound, 1 1/2-ounce daughter, Katie Belle, born July 14 at White County Memorial Hospital, Monticello. Grandparents are Raymond and Marilyn Gascho of Mulberry and Steve and Patricia Wagoner of Delphi. Great-grandparents are Floyd and Opal Wagoner and Lynn Miller, all of Camden.

Jacob and Kelly (Gerken) Potts are parents of a 7-pound, 8 1/2-ounce son, Jamie Matthew, born July 3 at White County Memorial Hospital, Monticello. Grandparents are Doug and Leann Gerken of Defiance, Ohio, and Jeff and Julia Potts of Burnettsville. Great-grandparents are Herman and Betty Gerken of Defiance, Bob and Kathy Shock of San Bonito, Texas, and Don and Clara Potts and Bob and Marlene Peterson, all of Burnettsville. Paternal great-great-grandmother is Lucile Kilmer of Monticello.

John and Samantha (Johns) Garrison are parents of a 6-pound, 15-ounce daughter, Lily Reed, born July 20 at Home Hospital, Lafayette. Grandparents are Gordon and Patricia Flora of Tucson, Ariz., and Mark and Jalayne Johns of Marana, Ariz. Great-grandparents are Paul and Lanette Sechnest of Tucson.

Gilbert and Dena (Riffey) Slothour of Bethel, Pa., are parents of a seven-pound, 14-ounce son, Abram Alva, born July 25 in Reading, Pa. Grandparents are Wayne and Rosanna Riffey of Flora and Donald and Margaret Slothour of Chambersburg, Pa. Maternal great-grandparents are Alva and Imogene Riffey of Garnett, Kan.

Camden

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'09 budget

Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly reported that the town's 2009 general fund budget will remain the same as this year. "We only shifted some funds to make some adjustments," she said.

Adoption of the '09 budget will be held at the September meeting.

"We are solvent, but things are tight," said Wagoner. "Property tax reform will continue to make things challenging if we are to continue to provide all the services that we do."

"It's nice to have things but it may get harder and harder to come by as time goes on," he added. Making cuts may become necessary.

Other business

Sam Zook of Perfective Web Design presented a statistical usage report for the town's website. He said the report indicates a steady growth pattern. Most popular with viewers are the home page, business listing, celebration and archives and calendar.

Council member Andy Kelly reported that there has been no progress on animal

control. He said the towns are continuing to work together to come up with a solution.

A contract for trash service with Waste Management was signed. The new rates will go into effect 30 days after the Ordinance reflecting the new fees with properly advertised.

Residents were encouraged to report suspicious behavior to the marshals following numerous instances of vandalism at the park and around town.

A new rate schedule was adopted for use of the community building and a lease agreement will now be required.

Council member Richard Fite presented two estimates for replacing town entrance signs - \$700 per sign from Vital Signs and \$800 per sign from Signs by Jerry. The lower estimate was approved. The town's slogan, "A Great Place to Call Home" is to be included on the signs.

Fall Festival chairman Michael Gurnick reported on plans for the festival which is being expanded to two days.

The next meeting will be Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Reading Room at the Camden library.

Letters to the Editor

The Comet welcomes letters to the editor responding to articles and events in the news. They must include the author's name, address and telephone number. The letter writer's name and city/town will appear in the paper - no exceptions. Letters must be 400 words or less in length. Please send your letters to: editor@carrollcountymet.com; Letters to the Editor, Comet, P.O. Box 26, Flora, IN 46929 or P.O. Box 179, Delphi, IN 46923; or fax 574-967-3384 or 765-564-2010. By submitting a letter or opinion article, the author grants the Comet the right to publish, distribute, archive or use the work in print, electronic, on-line or other format.

Another freedom lost

I attended a public meeting July 8 hosted by the Carroll County Commissioners with the Indiana Dept. of Environmental Management (IDEM) Office of Water Quality to learn about the TLRSD (Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District). This entity was formed in 1973 and was activated as a regional sewer district in 1994 by the White County Commissioners and expanded in October 2000 to include Jefferson Township in Carroll County.

The TLRSD has unlimited powers as provided by Indiana state codes. Without any justified reason, they can force a homeowner to hookup to their sewer system even though the homeowner has a clean, non-polluting, operating septic system.

No public meeting, no advanced notice - simply a packet delivered to your door stating that you will:

- Be required to hookup to their system.
- Sign an unlimited easement for them to go anywhere on your property.
- Pay a hookup fee of \$1000 or more.
- Pay a monthly sewer fee (currently either \$64 or \$88 subject to increases every two years).
- Destroy your septic system by filling in the tank at your expense.

- Pay at your expense a plumbing contractor to lay pipe and make connection to their pipe line.

- Pay at your expense an electrical contractor to wire the grinder pump hooked to your meter.

- Pay for any future cost to repair grinder pump and lines.

- If you have multiple housing units you will pay for each.

- If you have vacant, buildable lots you will be required to pay for a hookup cost for each.

I decided to retire to Tecumseh Bend subdivision (near YMCA Camp Tecumseh) in the State of Indiana because the cost of living was reasonable for a person with a low, fixed income. Most of my neighbors are in the same situation.

The sewers are not here yet, but you can bet they will be shortly, based on the TLRSD's actions in Jefferson Township. Will they get you and your neighbor next? Will Tippecanoe Township be next? Where will they stop?

A group of citizens in Carroll County is fighting this advance of the TLRSD. Are you willing to help them? Their address is: FJTC, 11962 W. 600 N., Monticello, IN 47960.

The governor and our legislators must change the codes so that a homeowner is not forced to hookup if they have a workable sewer (septic) system. Homeowners should not have this freedom of choice taken away.

Write Governor Mitch Daniels now!

Marvin Holmgren
Brookston
(Carroll County)

Is maintaining an airport in Flora's best interest?

It was with sorrow that I recently heard and watched the plane carry the parachutist to his death. An article in the *Lafayette Journal & Courier* stated "This was the first incidence at the airport."

I would like to correct that statement - it was the first death.

We live a short distance from the airport. The airport started with a small, local group of people who enjoyed flying. As business came to our town, representatives flew in. Then private planes from out-of-state started using it. Purdue University made the airport the place for their solo flight students.

Next, it was the parasailers. The ultra lights were many. Then came the parachutists. The sky was filled with air traffic.

But that is when the trouble began. A plane would miss the runway and land in a nearby field. The parasailers had their own game - tickle your toes on the corn tassels.

A few years ago our family was enjoying an outdoor picnic. We heard an ultralight stop running in the air, and then watched as it crashed in our cornfield. Our son, an EMT, jumped on the tractor and headed to the field. My husband called for help and I waited by the road to direct emergency personnel.

The young man was not hurt, but his ultralight was in the middle of our about-to-be-harvested cornfield. Five men made six trips into the field to carry the plane out. You can't imagine the damage done to the crop, plus our yard. Of course, the young man had no insurance.



A step closer to long-time dream

Carroll County Wabash & Erie Canal Inc. is a step closer to realizing its long-time dream of having a replica, operational canal boat. The Indiana Department of Transportation received four bids and has named an apparent low bidder to construct the boat, dock, and over-water warehouse for the boat. According to INDOT spokesman Joshua Bingham, the awarding of the contract is expected soon, pending formality investigation of funding issues. Apparent low bidder is Michiana Contracting Inc., Plymouth, with a bid of \$1,101,549.04. The money for the project comes from federal funds (Transportation Enhancement, with an 80-20 match), and is administered by INDOT. Dan McCain, canal association president, said construction should start in September, with completion expected by early next summer.

Court

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board would be established to set the salaries for public defenders among other duties which include standard and program requirement adherence and monitoring. Currie said two of the three-member board would be appointed by the judges and one by county commissioners.

Ashby asked Currie to review "substantial hardship standards" as adopted by the Indiana Public Defender Commission. He said the standards were developed to guide judges to make more informed decisions about which defendants qualify for the taxpayer-funded free service.

"We have borrowed \$1.3 million this year," Ashby said. "I'm really concerned about making it all work."

Brown questioned Currie about the significant raises for both courts' employees. Currie requested a \$6,164 raise in salary for the chief court reporter in circuit court, a \$5,362 increase for the deputy reporter and a

\$4,540 increase for the bailiff in circuit court. The probation secretary's salary request increased approximately \$5,898.

"We depend on taxpayers to fund these things," she said. "Some of them have not had raises either."

"How can you ask people to do that?" she added.

Currie responded that good and competent court reporters are leaving. He said the court bailiff "is making just over minimum wage."

Currie agreed to match the zero appropriation in the 2008 amended budget for per diem petit jurors, per diem/grand jurors, jurors meals and lodging and jury postage, thereby reducing the request increase to \$114,278.62.

It should be noted each court has a separate budget and the two judges manage the joint courts budget together.

The council will meet in regular session Aug. 21 at 8 a.m.

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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