

# Loss

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Hylton read a letter from the county council which requested no bids above available funding be accepted. It further requested adherence to all Indiana State Board of Accounts accounting practices.

## Other business

A check for \$6,191.50 was presented to Carroll Manor administrator Martha Lewis from Indiana Packers Corporation representative Janet Smith. The donation was the proceeds from an IPC-sponsored benefit dinner attended by 600 community residents and supporters.

Lewis reported the Manor donation fund contains more than \$20,000.

An application to the Manor by Michael K. Robison was approved unanimously.

A park board donations ordinance was approved.

An ordinance to approve an employee-generated deferred compensation retirement fund was approved.

The Tecumseh Bend Homeowners Association requested commissioners take steps to prevent the Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District from infiltrating further into Carroll County from Jefferson Township. Representative Marvin Holmgren said the homeowners associations in Horseshoe Bend and Tippecanoe Ranch Estates were also organizing to prevent inclusion in the sewer district.

Jefferson Township resident Gregory Smith suggested commissioners request another member from Carroll County be added on the sewer district board. He said one White County member's term will end at the end of this year, making the proposed request timely.

Hylton said commissioners would research the matter.

Mileage reimbursement was increased to match that of the state.

The formal agreement to extend the current E-911 service for one year was approved.

Signage on the courthouse lawn approved: Grace Missionary Baptist Church and Delphi VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

Brown requested Emergency Medical Services Director Mike Durr be present at the Oct. 20 evening meeting to answer community questions about the state of the current ambulance service. He said he received several calls from residents with questions.

The next meeting will be Oct. 20 at 6 p.m.

## Drainage Board

Carroll County Surveyor Wayne Chapman reported 11 work orders in Madison, Carrollton, Monroe, Liberty, Jefferson, Deer Creek and Democrat townships.

He said the Howard County Drainage Board met and approved ditch work in Carroll County for which property owners will be taxed. He said although Carroll County Commissioners attended one meeting, they were not invited or present at a second meeting at which the decision was made.

Chapman said the Howard County Drainage Board reported no objections to the proposed work by Carroll County residents.

Chapman also reported that work on the Boerman-Carroll Dairy south of Cutler, seemed to have halted. He said work already completed benefited county drainage in the area.

The next drainage board meeting will be Nov. 3 at 8:30 a.m.

# Absentee voting begins

## Comet staff report

Absentee voting is now under way. All Indiana registered voters are eligible to vote absentee in-person at the Carroll County Clerk's office during regular business hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed from 12 noon to 1 p.m. for lunch), and Wednesday 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Voting will also take place in the clerk's office on two Saturdays, Oct. 25 and Nov. 1, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Absentee-in-person voting will close at 12 noon Nov. 3.

All voters must present a valid Indiana issued or U.S.

## Charles A. Widner



Beloved father, Charles A. Widner, died Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008, after suffering in stage four from non-Hodgkins Lymphoma since April 2006, including complications.

Born Nov. 7, 1932, in Delphi, he was the son of James "Jim" and Lena Widner. He resided in Delphi until he and his wife, the former Patricia A. Haas, moved to Zephyrhills, Fla., in 1994.

Charles worked for Globe Valve for many years, for Duncan Meters in Lafayette for several years, and retired from Purdue University.

He was a brilliant historian, expert shooter and loved to collect and trade guns of all makes and models. He was a boxer when he was younger. He could also dance his shoes off.

Charles served in the United States Air Force and was a long-time member of the American Legion Post in Delphi.

Charles was loved by many people who knew him. He leaves behind his daughter, Juna, and her husband, Orlander Brown, of Florida. They had the pleasure of taking care of him for the last two years.

A daughter, Marlyn, and husband, Barry Roland, moved to Texas a few years ago.

Also surviving are four grandsons and five great-grandchildren. There are many loving nephews from Logansport and nieces from Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his lovely wife Patricia, two brothers, a sister, and a grandson.

God bless you, Dad, and may you be with Mom now. We all love you and will miss you.

The obituary in last week's issue was printed in error. There were omissions and incorrect information listed.

## Helen Brown Drinan

Helen Evelyn Brown Drinan, 95, of West Lafayette, formerly of Cutler, died Friday, Oct. 3, 2008, at George Davis Manor.

Born Nov. 11, 1912, in Carroll County, she was the daughter of James D. and Bertha Z. (Parse) Miller. She married Kenneth L. Brown in 1933 and he preceded her in death in 1983. In 1992 she married Edward Drinan, and he later died.

Mrs. Drinan had been employed by Purdue University as a lab technician for 12 years, retiring in 1978 from the Life Sciences Dept.

She attended Victory Christian Center in Lafayette.

Surviving are two sons, Fredrick K. Brown (wife Lorena) of Winter Haven, Fla., and Ronald L. Brown (wife Connie) of Lafayette; three stepchildren, Kathy, Dave and Tim; four grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; 12 stepgreat-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Services and burial were held Monday in Rossville.

## Minnie A. Arnold

Minnie Anna Arnold, 90, of Flora, died at 6:20 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, 2008, at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette. Born Dec. 11, 1917, in Fredricksburg, she was the daughter of James Madison and Maude Ellen King Whitman. Her marriage was on Feb. 24, 1939, in Salem, to William D. "Bud" Arnold, who preceded her in death on Oct. 4, 1992.

Mrs. Arnold was employed at Rider Furniture and Sayco, both in Flora, and then at Peters-Revington in Delphi from where she retired in 1983.

She was a 25-year member of the Camden First Baptist Church. She was also a member of the Dorcas Missionary Society, Jackson Township Extension Homemakers Club, and a euchre card club.

She enjoyed squirrel hunting, crocheting, working word puzzles, flowers, and attending her great-grandsons' sporting events.

Mrs. Arnold had resided at her home in rural Camden before moving to Flora five months ago.

Surviving are two daughters, Sheila Myer (husband: Don) of Brighthurst and Linda Penn of Camden; ten grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandsons.

Two daughters, a grandson, a sister and a brother preceded her in death.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. today, Wednesday, at the Camden First Baptist Church. Pastor Paul Marcellino will officiate. Burial will follow at Musselman Cemetery near Camden.

Memorials may be made to the Camden First Baptist Church or to Musselman Cemetery.

Cree Funeral Home, Camden, is in charge of arrangements.

## Mary Louise Seely



Mary Louise Seely found her way home Sunday, Sept. 28, 2008, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Born Mary Louise Krauss to Edgar and Lucy Krauss in 1922 in Flora, she spent the Great Depression years working in her family's business, along with her brother, Edgar, and sister, Jo, at the Rainbow Café.

She graduated from Flora High School, and, at age 17 eloped with her soda fountain sweetheart, Eugene Hipsher, quickly learning the skills of managing a home. The couple had two daughters, Sondra in 1941 and Jane in 1951.

Gene's work landed the family in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she worked for Dillard's Department Store (formerly Fedway) for 17 years. Widowed at 46, she found a reserve of determination she hadn't known before. Two years later, after a whirlwind romance, she married Bob Seely, who had also been widowed young. She acquired three more children in the deal: two sons, Bob and Mike, and a daughter, Trish.

The best years of her life were ahead for her as she and Bob would eventually retire and travel the country in their RV. She especially enjoyed serving coffee to truck drivers they would meet at their campsites.

A lifelong dog lover, she enjoyed miniature pinschers in her travel years. The best trip of all was a trip home to Flora to be reunited with family and friends she had not seen in years.

A graveside memorial service took place Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park in Albuquerque.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or to the charity of your choice.

Survivors include her husband of 38 years, Robert Seely; daughter, Sondra Abarr, and husband Greg; daughter, Jane Palmer, and husband Charles; son, Robert Seely; son, Mike Seely and wife Dawn; daughter Trish Miller; sister, Josephine Condo of Fort Wayne; sister-in-law, Georgeanna Krauss of Flora; 11 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

# Obituaries

## Bill E. Wilburn



Bill Edward Wilburn, 60, of Indianapolis, died at 8:25 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2008, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

Born July 17, 1948, in Logansport, he was the son of the late Glenn M. "Shine" and Mabel L. Tribbett Wilburn. His marriage was on June 15, 1968, in Burrows, to Janet G. "Jan" Webb-Viney, who survives.

Mr. Wilburn was a 1966 graduate of Delphi High School.

He was a journeyman rodder, "Rod Buster," iron worker with Local #79, now Local #22, Indianapolis, from 1967-1985. His working career was cut short by an on-site accident.

Mr. Wilburn was a member of the former Rockfield IOOF Lodge. He enjoyed sports and was very good at basketball and baseball.

He enjoyed hunting, euchre card games, classic autos and motorcycle riding, as well as the Indiana Pacers and Colts, Purdue University men's basketball and Chicago Cubs baseball.

Mr. Wilburn coached Little League and girls softball. He enjoyed playing practical jokes on his family and friends and had a very dry sense of humor.

He dearly loved his wife, son, daughter, granddaughter, family and friends.

A word to describe Bill was "genuine."

Surviving are a son, Seth Wilburn (wife: Laura) of Terre Haute; a daughter, Wendy J. Wilburn (friend: Andrew Osborne) of Nashville, Tenn.; three sisters, Mary Belle Dye of Albuquerque, N.M., Ruth Wilburn of Monticello and Roseann Babb of Camden; a brother, Henry Wilburn (wife: Marilyn) of Camden; a mother-in-law, Betty M. Viney of Camden; one granddaughter, Adeline Wilburn, and nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death was his father-in-law, Clay M. Webb.

Services were held Oct. 6 at Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi.

Memorials may be made to the Wilburn Family Memorial Scholarship Fund. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Online condolences can be sent to [abbottfuneralhome@verizon.net](mailto:abbottfuneralhome@verizon.net).

## Marguerite L. Butcher

Marguerite L. Butcher, 92, of Russiaville, died at 3 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, 2008, at her home.

Born Oct. 11, 1915, in Howard County, she was the daughter of John and Emily Shepard Woolley. She attended Ervin Township schools in Howard County. On April 15, 1933, she married Morris Butcher, who preceded her in death on Sept. 24, 1996.

A homemaker, Mrs. Butcher was a member of Oakland Christian Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Fayella Sims of Russiaville and Mary Jo Tillman (husband: Kenneth) of Russiaville; two sons, William J. Butcher (wife: Julie) of Michigantown and Larry L. Butcher of Russiaville; one son-in-law, George Sheagley of Kokomo; seven grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Charlotte Sheagley; a son; and two brothers, Leonard Woolley and Alonzo Woolley.

Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. today, Wednesday, at Stout & Son Funeral Home Neptune Chapel, 44 Michigan Ave. Burlington. The Rev. Allen Weldy will officiate. Burial will follow in North Union Cemetery, Howard County.

Memorial contributions may be made to Oakland Christian Church. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.stoutandson.com](http://www.stoutandson.com).

## Robert E. Hathaway

Robert E. Hathaway, 82, of Bennettsville, S.C., died Sept. 23, 2008.

Born Sept. 24, 1925, in Idaville, he was the son of the late Earl and Hazel McClellan Hathaway. His marriage was to Mildred Dock, who preceded him in death in 2004.

A Navy veteran of World War II, he served in the South Pacific.

Mr. Hathaway was retired from United Technologies, where he was plant manager.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bennettsville.

Surviving are two sons, Doug E. Hathaway (wife: Allyson) of Irmo, S.C., and Brian T. Hathaway of Bennettsville; six brothers, George Hathaway (wife: Georgia) of Jamestown, Ky., Marion Hathaway (wife: Janet) of Camden, Donald Hathaway of Hemmett, Calif., Orville Hathaway (wife: Fran) of Delphi, Tom Hathaway (wife: Jane) of Indianapolis, and Wayne Hathaway of Kokomo; four sisters, Nellie Peters of Camden, Lucille Geisler of Burnettsville, Jessie Allen of Franklin, and Edna Capper of Monticello; and one grandson.

A memorial service was held Sept. 27 in Bennettsville.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 181 E. Evans St., Suite C-2, Florence SC 29506.

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