

# Roth perishes in roll-over

## Comet staff report

Cutler resident Ryan Lee Roth was traveling east on CR 400 South late Sunday night and lost control of his GMC truck.

According to police, Roth went off the north side of the roadway and rolled his truck several times. He was partially ejected from the vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene. Speed and slick road

conditions may have been a factor in the crash, which is still under investigation. A toxicology report is pending.

Carroll County Sheriff's Department K-9 Deputy Tony Liggett responded to the call and investigated the crash.

Roth is survived at home by his wife, Breezy, and sons, Zackary and Wyatt. Abbott Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Desperate

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change the law."

Robertson said two bills have been introduced in this legislative session limiting the power of sewer districts.

HB1114, introduced by Rep. Cheatham from North Vernon, would stop forced connection to sewer districts in unincorporated areas.

SB266, introduced by Sen. Krause of Auburn, calls for sewer district boards to be elected rather than appointed.

Both bills are in committee for discussion. Robertson said the sewer district issue is not just a Carroll County problem - it is a statewide concern. She said there is a petition requesting the dissolution of the TLRSD in the governor's

office currently under review. She said anyone wishing to contact the group could E-mail them at [fjtc1160@yahoo.com](mailto:fjtc1160@yahoo.com).

Robertson and Alford said they will attend Saturday's Third House session in Monticello to discuss the situation with Sen. Brandt Hershman and Rep. Rich McClain.

"It looks bleak because they have beaten everyone down," Alford concluded. "But it's not over."

"Stand up for your rights," she challenged all other customers who oppose the sewer district. "I'm not paying - I'm never going to pay them."

# ISTEP

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improve test scores, which ultimately will lead to a higher graduation rate.

Coon said a comprehensive literacy program was initiated in the elementary schools two years ago with full implementation last fall. She said the goal was to introduce the program into the middle school to promote higher test scores throughout.

Middle and high school principal Barry Stone explained administrators in those schools are developing curriculum alignment strategies to address learning issues. He said the schools would transition from being punishment-based to rewards-based to achieve a more productive school environment designed to enhance test scores. He said additional mediation measures programs were also under consideration.

Coon said the school environment should be a supportive "culture" for each student.

"They have to feel like someone cares about them and they are there for a purpose," she said.

**Teacher exchange program**  
Fulbright Exchange Teacher Beatriz Leal called teaching at Delphi a "great experience." She explained the goal of the international pro-

gram, which operates in 150 countries and hosts 275,000 participants, is to promote a mutual understanding between United States citizens and other nations.

Leal said she hails from a town in Mexico which is close to Mazatlan, where she was an English teacher. She said she applied for the program, was accepted and then was assigned to DCSC as a Spanish teacher.

"I am learning a lot," she said. "I am improving my English and everybody has been very nice to me."

## Other business

Superintendent Ralph Walker was granted permission to advertise for a tax anticipation warrant for up to \$2 million to ensure a positive cash flow in 2009. He said he was concerned about funding variables that could result in less income than expected in 2009.

The committee established by the board and comprised of the board officers to negotiate with the teachers' union on behalf of the board will meet with the union Jan. 14. The committee was granted authority to act on behalf of the board and approve a health insurance agreement for 2009.

Camilla Downing was appointed to the Jackson Township Library Board.

The school corporation will seek ground maintenance proposals from local landscaping businesses in an effort to determine whether or not to outsource the work.

"We can see if we can save some money," Walker said.

Snow-removal will not be advertised.

Stone announced a fundraising concert featuring Delphi graduate and American Idol finalist Amanda Overmeyer will be Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. He said advertisement was being done in local and regional media as well as with posters and E-mails. Tickets are \$5 and \$10 and can be purchased from Sue Condon at the high school. A fundraising meal to benefit the athletic department will be held prior to the concert.

Becca Walker resigned as the middle school cheerleading coach. Erica Barnsfather was hired for the position.

Afternoon teacher in-service day is Jan. 15. A Larry Batson convocation will be at the Camden Early Childhood Center at 10:30 a.m.

The next board meeting will be Feb. 9 at 7 p.m.

## Vern G. Myer



Vern G. Myer, 89, of Monticello, died at 9:53 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009, at Clarian Arnett Hospital in Lafayette, where he had

been a patient for one day. He had been battling heart-related issues since October 2008.

Born Nov. 13, 1919, in Flora, he was the son of the late Charles and Blanch Clingenpeel Myer. He was a 1937 graduate of Carrollton High School. His marriage was on Oct. 16, 1965, in Delphi, to Kathryn Randle, who survives.

Mr. Myer farmed near Flora all of his life, did roofing and siding work for his nephews, Myer Roofing of Deer Creek, performed surveyor work, and most recently worked at the Kroger Grocery Store in Monticello for the past seven years.

He was a member of the Oak Grove Christian Church in Monticello.

Mr. Myer and his wife moved from Flora to Lake Freeman in 1987.

His hobbies were fishing, woodworking, painting, euchre card games, and lake activities.

Also surviving are two daughters, Sandra Kay Aldrich (husband: John) of Delphi and Linda Ann Waggoner (husband: Bill) of Kokomo; two grandchildren, Eric and Kim Isley; and two great-grandchildren, Ariel and Tristin Isley.

Preceding him in death were a son, Mark, and two brothers, Dana and Millard.

Services will be held today, Wednesday, at 1 p.m. at Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi. The Rev. Dr. Ashli Cartwright-Peak will officiate. Burial will follow at Maple Lawn Cemetery, Flora.

Memorials may be made to Oak Grove Christian Church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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

## Charles L. Yeager

Charles L. Yeager, 90, of Camden, passed away Jan. 13, 2009, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Lafayette. Services are pending at Cree Funeral Home, Camden.

## Martha L. Sanderson

Martha Louise Sanderson, 98, died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009, at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center, Delphi. She had been a resident there five years.

Born March 10, 1910, in Indiana, she was the daughter of Ross and Roxie Barnard Waggoner. She married Thomas F. Sanderson on Aug. 12, 1933, in South Bend, and he preceded her in death on June 28, 1979.

Mrs. Sanderson was a member of Burrows Presbyterian Church where she served as elder and was past president of the church's women's group, United Presbyterian Women. She was a charter member of the Camden Community Club, a charter member of the former Mother's Lunch Club at the Camden School, a 77-year member of Order of the Eastern Star 475 at Camden, and a member of Jackson Township Extension Homemakers Club.

A homemaker, her hobbies were her farm life and her family, especially her grandchildren.

Surviving are two daughters, Betty Mills (husband: Steven) of Flora and Nancy Williams (husband: Thomas) of Kokomo; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by one son, one grandson, two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be today (Wednesday) at 3 p.m. at Cree Funeral Home, Camden, with Pastor Nick Clark of the Burrows Presbyterian Church officiating. Visitation will be today from 1 to 3 p.m. Burial will be in Camden Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Burrows Presbyterian Church or Camden-Jackson Township Public Library.

## Eva L. Mocherman



Eva L. Mocherman, 91, a resident of Carroll Manor for the past seven years, passed away at 3:17 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, at Howard Regional Hospital in Kokomo.

She was born April 15, 1917, in Carroll County, to John W. and Hulda C. Bingaman Arion. She attended Rockfield High School. On Sept. 27, 1935, she eloped with Woodrow Mocherman to Michigan. They were married 66 years before his death on Oct. 11, 2001.

Mrs. Mocherman had worked at RBM in Logansport and managed apartments in Shelbyville.

She was a member of the Flora First Baptist Church.

She loved fishing and enjoyed animals.

Surviving are two grandchildren, Cory Angle and Carla Tetreault; two great-grandchildren, Cole Angle and Jordan Wilson; and two sisters, Marjorie Pownall of Tucson, Ariz., and Deloris Sherman of Logansport.

She was preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Beverly Angle, and a brother.

Services will be held today, Wednesday, at 10 a.m. at Reinke Funeral Home, Flora. Pastor Scott Gamel will officiate. Burial will follow at Zion Cemetery in Bringhurst.

Memorial donations may be made to Carroll Manor, 6409 W. 100 N., Delphi IN 46923.

The family would like to thank the employees of Carroll Manor for the care she received while there. She thought of them as family and the Manor as home.

## Ryan L. Roth



Ryan Lee Roth, 35, of Cutler, died at 11:20 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009, in a single-vehicle accident in Carroll County.

Born Sept. 14, 1973, in Lafayette, he was the son of Donald and Sandra Cook Roth of rural Flora. He was a 1993 graduate of Delphi Community High School. His marriage was on March 25, 2000, in Cutler, to Breezy D. Davenport, who survives.

Mr. Roth worked for Carman Excavating of Cutler and previously drove a semi for Singletree Transportation, Inc., Flora, for four years.

He enjoyed boating, fishing, hunting, river activities and riding ATVs.

His sons, family and friends were everything to him.

Surviving with his wife and parents are two sons, Zackary R. Roth and Wyatt D. Roth, both at home; two brothers, Rick Roth (wife: Sandy) of Flora and Rob Roth (wife: Jean) of Monticello; his maternal grandmother, Phyllis Cook of Flora; his father-in-law, John Scott (wife: Genny) of Monticello; and his mother-in-law, Kathy Musall (husband: Dennis) of Walton.

Preceding him in death were his paternal grandparents and maternal grandfather.

Visitation will be Thursday from 3 to 8 p.m. at Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi. Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Pastor Jeff Brown will officiate. Burial will follow at Ball Hill Cemetery near Cutler.

Memorials may be made to the First Financial Bank, c/o Zackary and Wyatt Roth Trust Fund. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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

## J.P. Huddleston

J.P. "Pete" Huddleston, 70, a former long-time Delphi resident and one-year resident of Lafayette, died Jan. 5, 2009. Among the survivors is his former wife, Ginger B. Huddleston, and their children, Michelle Webb of West Lafayette, Jennifer L. Stonebraker of Lafayette, and Jeff Huddleston of Monticello.

## Jack B. Hancock



Jack B. Hancock, 83, of Delphi died at 7:20 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5, 2009, at his home. He had battled colon cancer since

November 2003.

Born Aug. 4, 1925, in Kokomo, he was the son of the late Clarence and Hazel Bourne Hancock. His marriage was on Oct. 4, 1946, in Kokomo, to N. Jane Winslow, who survives.

Mr. Hancock graduated from Kokomo High School in January 1944 so he could enter World War II in March.

He was in the U.S. Army Air Force stationed in the European Theater as a radar mechanic. After the war, he volunteered in the Merchant Marines as a radar technician.

Mr. Hancock worked for the former Gerber Globe Valve Corporation in Delphi as the general plant superintendent for 41 years, retiring in 1988.

He previously worked at Standard Pottery, which was a Gerber plant, in Kokomo for nine years, working a combined total of 50 years for the company.

Mr. Hancock also worked as a tool and die apprentice for Toni Lee Brass Company in Kokomo.

He worked for Clawson Appliances in Delphi in his retirement. He had a small machine shop and was a certified locksmith.

Mr. Hancock had been a member of the Delphi United Methodist Church since 1951. He was a lifetime member of the Delphi Masonic Lodge and the Delphi American Legion Post #75.

He enjoyed photography, meteorology and his dogs.

He was a great family man, loved his wife, son and daughter and extended family very much.

Also surviving are a daughter, Marilyn Hancock-Beeler of Indianapolis; a son, Steven Hancock (wife: Cathy) of Battle Ground; a grandson, Jeff Bush (wife: Jessica); a great-granddaughter, Jaclyn M. Bush; and a great-grandson, Nicholas P. Bush.

Preceding him in death were a brother, Charles, and a daughter-in-law, Ann Hancock.

Services were held Jan. 8 at the Delphi United Methodist Church. The Rev. Todd Ladd officiated. Burial followed at the Masonic Cemetery in Delphi.

Memorials may be made to the Delphi United Methodist Church, American Cancer Society, Serenity Hospice or Camp Tecumseh.

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## Hospital Notes

Leola Burns of Flora is a patient in St Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette, recuperating from pneumonia. Her room number is 4114-2.

Margaret Best of Delphi is currently residing at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center in Delphi, recovering from injuries sustained in a car crash.

## Donald L. Hankins



Donald L. Hankins, 79, of Lafayette, formerly of Carroll County, died Jan. 10, 2009, at St. Anthony's Healthcare in

Lafayette.

Born Nov. 4, 1929, in Camden, he was the son of the late Walter Ray and Lillian Snipes Hankins. His marriage was on Aug. 25, 1984, to Anna M. Lucas Hankins, who survives.

Mr. Hankins was a self-employed farmer in Carroll and Tippecanoe counties for all of his life.

He was a member of the Logansport Church of Christ.

Also surviving are: two sons, Richard Hankins of Lafayette and Steven Hankins (wife: Debbie) of Estero, Fla.; three stepsons, Mike Hankins (wife: Brenda) of Delphi, Gary Hankins (wife: Margo), and Jim Hankins (wife: Terri), both of Logansport; a stepdaughter, Janet Schneidt (husband: Dale) of Lafayette; two brothers, Bob Hankins of Milwaukee, Wis., and David Hankins (wife: Becky) of Lafayette; 18 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Services will be today, Wednesday, at 1 p.m. at Davidson Funeral Home, Delphi. Burial will follow at Seceder Cemetery in northern Carroll County.

Memorials may be sent to the Logansport Church of Christ.

## Fern M. Wagoner

Fern Miller Wagoner, 90, of Camden, died at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009, at her residence. She had battled colon cancer since March 2008.

Born Feb. 18, 1918, on her parents' farm near Camden, she was the daughter of the late Perry and Lizzie Brumbaugh Miller. Her marriage was on June 1, 1938, at her parents' home near Camden, to Raymond K. Wagoner, who survives.

Mrs. Wagoner attended school in Camden.

A homemaker, she was a member of the Deer Creek Old German Baptist Brethren Church in Camden.

Also surviving are two daughters, Lois Long (husband: Dale) of Rossville and Shirley Fisher (husband: Keith) of Camden; a son, Dr. Gordon Wagoner (wife: Shirley) of Flora; a sister, Opal Wagoner (husband: Floyd) of Camden; nine grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were an infant granddaughter, Janice Long, and one brother, John.

Services were held Jan. 11 at the Deer Creek Old German Baptist Brethren Church, officiated by home brethren. Burial followed at Musselman Cemetery in Camden.

Memorials may be made to Serenity Hospice.

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# Correction

Dr. Mark Meyer of Flora has not been formally appointed to the Carroll County Emergency Medical Services advisory board as reported in last week's township government story.

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