

# EMS

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10 to 15 minutes. He said the longest anyone waited for service was 19 minutes.

"We are giving fairly good service," he said.

Clawson, a Delphi Tri-Township Volunteer firefighter, said he thought an additional contract for service was not necessary.

"I would hope we could do this with a mutual aid agreement," he said. "I just always figured we were in this together."

"I hope we can work through this and get that third ambulance back," he added.

Swaim agreed to a mutual aid agreement for White County to respond to calls in Carroll County only if no Carroll County ambulance was available. Durr said Carroll County provides mutual aid to White County as well.

## Courthouse tuck pointing

Twelve bids were opened to tuck point the courthouse. Project costs ranged from \$28,230 to \$88,129 for the first phase of the work, from \$12,323 to \$61,743 for the second phase, and from \$8,500 to \$81,990 for the third phase. Commissioners took the matter under advisement to allow design engineer Mark Mattox time to assimilate the information and to present results and a recommendation at a later meeting.

## Tippy River clean-up

Commissioners decided to halt the project to remove debris from the Tippecanoe River from flooding using federal funding because the county was unable to confirm the availability of match money needed for the project. According to Carroll County Emergency Management Agency Director Dave McDowell, there was no guarantee anything but cash could be used for the match.

"If nothing else, we've all learned a lot from this experience," McDowell said.

Eel River Indian Chief Mike Floyd said his group would work to eradicate debris from the river without assistance from the government. He said some wood could be stored to use later if a storage facility could be located.

## Highway department

Highway department engineer Paul Coutts was granted permission to advertise for a \$125,000 additional appropriation from the cumulative capital improvement fund. The money is needed to build a salt storage barn.

Coutts said the barn would prevent loss of stored salt and sand and would allow the department to save approximately \$40,000 each year by purchasing sand when it cost less and with loss prevention methods.

Coutts reported a construction firm was hired for \$5,700 to repair the stone arch bridge on Washington St. in Delphi. He said the renovation would increase the load for the bridge which would allow school busses to use the bridge.

## Other business

Commissioners attorney Barry Emerson said it was not necessary for Delphi United Methodist Church to appear before the county area plan commission for permission to erect a sign on land recently purchased on US421/SR39 near Delphi Community High School. He said the sign did not meet the criteria for the county moratorium on billboards near the Hoosier Heartland Highway.

Commissioners requested volunteers to serve on the Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District Advisory Council. The group meets twice each year. To volunteer, contact Hylton at (574) 859-2651.

A volunteer for the Carroll County Old Settlers' Board is needed for the summer event. Those interested in filling the vacancy should call Brown at (765) 268-2734.

Scout and youth groups will be allowed to camp for free in exchange for work hours at Deer Creek Park. Park volunteers will be allowed to take trash to the transfer station for no money. Billie Hedde of Flora was appointed to the park board.

Delphi resident John Neumann was granted permission to maintain the cannon on the courthouse lawn at no cost to the county.

An application to Carroll Manor by Doris Joan Ranke was approved.

VFW Post #9383 will have a sign on the courthouse lawn from April 6-11.

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

## Malinda Kendall

Malinda Kendall, 71, of Camden died at 8:45 p.m. Thursday, April 2, 2009, at Heritage Healthcare Center in West Lafayette.

Born May 20, 1937, in Franklin, she was the daughter of Morris and Helen Tilson Hardin. Her marriage was on June 30, 1957, in Franklin to Richard J. Kendall, who survives.

Mrs. Kendall was a 1955 graduate of Phoenix High School and attended Franklin College.

She taught kindergarten at the Camden and Carrollton schools.

Mrs. Kendall was a member of Camden First Baptist Church, where she played the piano and organ for many years.

She was also a member of the Camden Woman's Literary Club, Order of Eastern Star #475 at Camden, Dorcas Missionary Society, and Aim High Extension Homemakers Club.

Also surviving are two sons, Robert Kendall (wife: Kathy) of Delphi and Richard Kendall (wife: Courtney) of Monticello; two daughters, Pam Cree (husband: Ron) of Camden and Holly Muller (husband: Kerry) of Monticello; a sister, Patty Quebe of Springfield, Ill.; five grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death was a sister, Joan Bridges.

Services were held Monday at Camden First Baptist Church. Pastor Paul Marcellino officiated. Burial will follow at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Camden First Baptist Church or to the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana.

Cree Funeral Home in Camden is in charge of arrangements.

# Flora

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in this situation too, said McCarty.

McCarty also said, "We want everything done that can be for proper drainage, to eliminate excessive water through the wastewater system."

He said residents with sump pumps and downspouts going into the system need to have them removed. Letters will be issued to those who do not comply and fines may be levied.

"Everything the public can do will be appreciated," added McCarty.

## Births

Ashley Nicole Weaver and Andrew Brady Irwin are parents of an 8-pound, 3.9-ounce daughter, Madison Nicole Weaver, born at 7:32 a.m. March 28. Grandparents are Joe and Stella Moore of Rockfield and Terry and Beth Irwin of Flora.

# Delphi

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Strasser said the city has two pool cars that are nearly unusable. He said city employees use the cars for city business.

"I am not sure we needed to replace the totaled car immediately," Carolyn Pearson said. "And it doesn't seem to me like we need two pool cars."

"I don't see how we can cut corners on law enforcement," Kyle Germond said. "We're talking about human life."

Darling provided an activity report for March which indicated 46 traffic summons, 48 warnings, four felony arrests, seven information reports and nine accidents investigated which were all increases from February. City police also wrote five parking tickets in March.

Darling introduced new police officer Darron Giancola. He announced that officer David Yeager will retire May 31 and he received permission to pursue a new hire for the position.

## Delphi Municipal Airport

Airport manager Brian Stirm announced the airport board decided to reduce the price of aviation fuel in lieu of

## Bertha A. McCain

Bertha A. McCain, 86, of Granger died Feb. 27, 2009, at Hospice House in South Bend.

Born June 28, 1922, in Carroll County, she was the daughter of James Clarence and Amy Mary Zech Boyer. Her marriage was on Sept. 8, 1940, in Bringham, to Benjamin F. "Frank" McCain, who preceded her in death in 2004.

Mrs. McCain was a farm wife and homemaker.

She was a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in South Bend.

Surviving are four sons, Edwin McCain (wife: Linda), Kenneth McCain (wife: Rose), both of Mishawaka, Roy McCain (wife: Jeanne) of Osceola and Russell McCain (wife: Francis) of South Bend; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services and burial were held March 2 in South Bend.

## Wilma J. Snipes

Services for Wilma Jean Snipes, 81, of Flora, were held Saturday at Baker Funeral Home, Flora. Pastors Ann Bingham and Jeff Brown officiated. Burial was at Maple Lawn Cemetery, Flora.

She died at 2:45 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2009, at Milner Community Healthcare Center, Rossville, where she had resided for the past month and a half.

Born April 24, 1927, in Lafayette, she was the daughter of Merritt and Alta Redding Johnson. She graduated from Delphi High School in 1945. On April 20, 1946, she married Frank B. Snipes, who survives.

Mrs. Snipes was a homemaker and helped her husband on the farm. She was also the Cutler correspondent for the *Carroll County Comet* for many years.

She was a member of the Cutler Presbyterian Church, where she served as deacon, was active in the choir, and helped prepare church dinners.

She was also a member of the Forty-Niners Extension Homemakers Club.

Mrs. Snipes had resided in the Cutler area for 50 plus years before moving to Flora. She enjoyed gardening, crafts and sewing and was an avid reader.

Surviving with her husband are a granddaughter, Melissa McKenzie (husband: Rob) of Flora; a grandson, Brian McKinley (wife: Angela) of Kokomo; five great-grandsons, Jason and Jake Roddel, Casen McKenzie, and Tad and Parker McKinley; two brothers, Willis Johnson (wife: Betty) of Brookston and Wayne Johnson of Leesburg; a sister, Norma Burton (husband: Don) of Brookston; a son-in-law, John Angle of Lafayette; and several nieces and nephews.

A daughter, Linda Angle, preceded her in death.

Memorials may be made to the Cutler Presbyterian Church.

Baker Funeral Home (www.bakerfh.com) handled arrangements.

He said a near-by fuel distributor has agreed to sell auto fuel without alcohol to the airport for those aircraft permitted to use the fuel.

## Fire Department

Chief Denny Randle reported that in the first quarter of 2009 the department responded to 12 reports of structure fires which involved 205 man-hours. There were nine brush fires, 13 training activities, 11 vehicle accidents, 22 work details and 13 other activities with a total of 1,055 man-hours for the period. Totals did not reflect activity with The Andersons cob fire.

The council will hold a work session April 20 beginning at 5 p.m. Strasser distributed a list of projects to be discussed at the session, which is expected to last for three hours. Strasser said he will provide a summary paragraph for each project to initiate discussion which will help council members fully understand each project. The board of works will meet at 4:30 the same day.

The next city council meeting will be May 4 at 7 p.m.

# Obituaries

## Georganna Julius

Georganna "Georgie" Julius, 91, of Flora, died at 9:47 p.m. Thursday, April 2, 2009, at Clarian Arnett Hospital, Lafayette.

Born July 19, 1917, in Lizton, she was the daughter of George and Eugenia Ayers Huber. Her marriage was on May 16, 1942, in Lizton, to Robert C. Julius, who preceded her in death on Nov. 21, 1982.

Mrs. Julius was a teacher at the Flora School for 32 years. She taught home economics and science at the high school before starting her family. When she returned to teaching, she taught fifth grade at the elementary school for 23 years, retiring in 1982.

She was a graduate of Lizton High School and obtained her bachelor's and master's degrees from Purdue University where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and Mortar Board.

An area resident since 1939, she was a member of the Flora United Methodist Church. She was also a member and past president of Beta Alpha Chapter of Psi Iota Xi, a past worthy matron of Eastern Star, and a member of Tri Kappa sorority and Flora Community Club.

Last November, Mrs. Julius served as the marshal for Flora's annual Christmas Parade.

She enjoyed reading and knitting hats, scarves and mittens that she gave away to family and friends.

Surviving are a daughter, Cynthia Jones (husband: Phil) of Flora; a son, Robert H. Julius of Indianapolis; a granddaughter, Tracy Gaylor of Kokomo; a grandson, Adam Yeakley (wife: Susan) of Flora; four great-grandchildren, Trever Yeakley, Grant Gaylor, Evan Gaylor and Alexis Yeakley, and a fifth great-grandchild to be born in a few weeks.

Services were held Monday at Baker Funeral Home, Flora. Pastor Rex Charles and Pastor Larry DeVos officiated. Burial followed at Maple Lawn Cemetery, Flora.

Memorials may be made to Riley Children's Hospital or Flora United Methodist Church.

## Karl K. Austin

Services for Karl K. Austin, 83, of Burlington, were held Saturday at Stout & Son Funeral Home Neptune Chapter, Burlington, with Steve Cole officiating. Military rites followed the service. Private burial was held at Burlington Cemetery.

He died around noon on Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at his home.

Born Feb. 16, 1926, in Bourbon, he was the son of Frank and Joy Kinzie Austin. He graduated from Burlington High School in 1944.

A World War II veteran, from 1943 to 1945 he served in the Army Air Corp in the 3502 AAF Base Unit.

Mr. Austin had been a self-employed carpenter for many years.

He was a lifetime member of the American Legion and a member of the Kokomo Country Club.

He had attained the rank of Life Master bridge player. He also loved to fish and play golf.

Surviving are four children, Norman Austin (wife: Becky) of West Chester, Ohio, Julie Austin of Palm Springs, Calif., Miles Austin of Indianapolis, and Kinzie Austin (wife: Jessica) of Rus-siaville; two sisters, Joan Coil of Kokomo and Kathleen Hignite of Satellite Beach, Fla.; a brother-in-law, Robert Eller of Burlington; four grandchildren, Joshua Austin, Jacob Austin, Katherine Austin, and Veronica Austin; his former wife and the mother of his children, Rosemary (Bowman) Dimitt of Banning, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his step-mother, Imogene Zartman Austin; and two sisters, F. Nadine Eller and Marsha Austin.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion; envelopes are available at the funeral home. Online condolences can be made at www.stoutandson.com.

## Mary L. Smothers

Mary L. Smothers, 77, of Delphi, died at 4:07 a.m. Sunday, April 5, 2009, at Clarian Arnett Hospital in Lafayette.

She had been a patient there two days and in failing health the past year.

Born Oct. 8, 1931, in Delphi, she was the daughter of the late Pearl Adsit. Her marriage was on July 16, 1959, in Delphi, to Lester Smothers, Jr., who preceded her in death on July 2, 1994.

Mrs. Smothers attended the former Carrollton High School near Burlington.

A homemaker, she worked for the former Little's Dry Cleaners in Delphi for 20 years.

Mrs. Smothers attended the Delphi Wesleyan Church for many years, where she taught Sunday school.

She enjoyed reading, jigsaw puzzles, collecting dolls, garage sales and raising houseplants to sell.

Surviving are three daughters, Ruth Nattinger (husband: Bruce) of Delphi, Rita Butcher (husband: Jack) of Arcadia and Rose Lewis (husband: Steve) of Elwood; two sons, Bill Smothers (wife: Andrea) of Delphi and Doug Grant of Oahu, Hawaii; a brother, Herb McKay (wife: Pat) of Cincinnati, Ohio; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death was an infant son, Terry; a son, Robert; a brother; and a sister. Services were held Tuesday at Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi. The Rev. John Wagner officiated. Burial followed at I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Delphi.

## Sharon L. Whitacre

Sharon Lee Whitacre, 60, of Kokomo, passed away at 9:04 a.m. Friday, April 3, 2009, at her residence.

Born July 3, 1948, in Logansport, she was the daughter of Dana Lee and Phyllis Jean Brower. Her marriage was on Sept. 3, 1967, at the Shiloh United Methodist Church in Kokomo, to Robert Vernon Whitacre, who survives.

Mrs. Whitacre was a 1966 graduate of Carroll High School and a graduate of Indiana University with a Bachelor of Science and Master's degrees in education.

She taught third grade at Bon Air Elementary School for 22 years.

Mrs. Whitacre was a member of the Shiloh United Methodist Church.

Also surviving are her mother and stepfather, Jean and Robert E. Dague of Flora; two daughters, Shannon Lawler (husband: Stephen) and Shanda Tolen (husband: Tom), all of Kokomo; two sons, Brad Whitacre (wife: Sonya) of Noblesville and Brandon Whitacre (wife: Heather) of Galveston; a brother, Steve Brower of Flora; two stepsisters, Beth Brown of Anderson and Paula Rector (husband: Tom) of Georgia; two step-brothers, Don Dague of Pendleton and Col. Joe Dague (wife: Annie) of Hawaii; and nine grandchildren, Andrew and Jordyn Lawler, Hayden, Dawson and Delany Anderson, Agnes Tolen, and Alec, Christian and Benjamin Whitacre.

Services were held Monday at the Shiloh United Methodist Church. Pastor Bud Probasco officiated. Burial followed at Maple Lawn Cemetery, Flora.

Memorials may be made to the Lymphoma Research Foundation.

Reinke Funeral Home in Flora was in charge of arrangements.

## Edward L. Stephen

Edward Lincoln Stephen, 58, Indianapolis, passed away Thursday, April 2, 2009, at his residence.

Born June 4, 1950, in Logansport, he was the son of George and Mary Figley Stephen.

He was a graduate of the Embry Riddle Aeronautical Institute.

Surviving are a daughter, Stacie Stephen of Kokomo; two grandsons, Colin Stephen of Flora and Vincent Owen of Kokomo; a sister, Cathie Ream of Muncie; a niece, Karin Ream; two nephews, Brad Ream and Greg Ream; and special friend, Shelley Kirkman.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Anthony E. "Tony" Stephen.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. April 9 at Stout & Son Funeral Home, Neptune Chapel, 44 Michigan St., Burlington. Burial will follow at Deer Creek Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Wednesday.

Messages of condolence may be left online at www.stoutandson.com.

## Carol E. Clawson

Carol E. Clawson, 75, of Yeoman, died Saturday, March 28, 2009, at Hospice of Dayton in Ohio.

The daughter of the late Letha and Raymond Clawson, she was a 1951 graduate of Delphi High School and a 1955 graduate of Indiana University School of Business.

She had worked in accounting in Indianapolis and Cincinnati.

Surviving are a sister, Ellen M. Holmes of Dayton, Ohio. A brother, Robert L. Clawson, preceded her in death.

No services were held. Cremation will be followed by burial in Yeoman Cemetery at a later date.

## Rev. William K. Gros

The Rev. William Kramer Gros, 72, died March 5, 2009.

Born Nov. 2, 1936, in Delphi, he was the son of Dr. Hubert and Jean Kramer Gros.

Rev. Gros graduated from DePauw University, Greencastle, and from the The General Seminary in New York City. He was ordained in the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago in 1964. He served as curate at Church of the Holy Spirit, Lake Forest, Ill., from 1964 to 1967; rector at St. Aban's Norwood Park, Chicago, Ill., from 1967 to 1974; rector of St. Peter's, Sycamore, Ill., from 1974 to 1988; vicar of Church of the Epiphany, Chicago, Ill., from 1988 to 1996; and rector of St. Helena's, Burr Ridge, Ill., from 1996 to 2000.

Rev. Gros retired on Jan. 1, 2000, and worked part-time as a chaplain for Bishop Anderson House, serving at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and The Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.

He is survived by a nephew, Doug Gribben, of Texas.

His parents and a sister, Louise Casey, all of Delphi, preceded him in death.

A Requiem Mass featuring Mozart's Mass in C was celebrated on April 4 at the Church of the Atonement in Chicago.

Memorials may be made to Bishop Anderson House, 1735 W. Harrison St., Chicago, IL 60612.

Barr Funeral Home, Chicago, was in charge of arrangements. To sign the guestbook, visit BarrFuneralHome.com.

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