

ment plan, the board will advertise for (two or more) new buses for 2010. Sayers said the bid opening will be Jan. 14.

**Cell phone violations**  
 Jr.-Sr. High School Principal Charles Huckstep reported on cell phone violations after the new policy went into effect Aug. 20. Prior to the new policy, there were seven first-time violations. After the establishment of the policy, there have been 24 first-time violations and four second violations. Of the 24, 22 phones were confiscated for five days. Two students refused to hand over their phones, resulting in three days in-school suspension for each student. For second violations, the students' phones were confiscated for 10 days.

**New courses**  
 Huckstep also presented his recommendations for course changes and new courses for next school year.

Among the new proposed offerings are two Project Lead the Way courses, Medical Interventions (in the Bio-medical course series) and Biomedical Innovation (in the Biomedical Science series). Huckstep said each course would receive \$15,000 from the Department of Workforce Development.

Two other recommended courses are Music Theory and Composition and a combined course called Accounting and Business/Management. Other curriculum changes were noted in the Business Department.

The vote on the high school offerings was 4 to 1, with board member Dave Lambert opposed. The *Comet* contacted Lambert for comments on why he voted "no."

He said he has questions about the cost of the Project Lead the Way courses.

"We haven't seen a financial report since we started," Lambert said. He commented that the courses seem to be costing more than the grant money.

"I want to know where we stand - ahead of time," he added.

He further explained that he has no objections to the courses if they are funding themselves and the corporation can offer them in addition to the other classes that the students need to take.

"If there's enough money, then OK. But if there's not enough money, then I don't think we should offer them (PLTW courses)," he said.

In going over the corporation claims at the beginning of the meeting, board president Sam Zook also had questioned extra costs for Project Lead the Way.

"In the beginning there was seed money," he said.

Now, besides the cost of training teachers for the courses, Zook said he sees a lot of money going into the program for equipment and supplies. He also asked for more accounting of the true costs of the courses.

Huckstep said no new staff would be needed for the new courses.

Although the board approved the recommended courses and changes, the offerings are contingent on course enrollment and budget considerations.

**Eligibility report**  
 Huckstep gave a report on students who lost eligibility for driving and athletics at the end of the nine weeks. He had also reported the numbers at the progress report (PR) time, which is midway in the grading period. Any student who had a failing grade at PR time lost eligibility, but could regain it if he or she did not have any failing grades at the end of the grading period.

At the end of the nine weeks, 18 students lost school driving privileges, compared to 20 at PR time. Nine athletes had failing grades both times. Juniors improved the most, with a total of 23 failing students at PR time and 15 at the end of the nine weeks. The only grade level that increased in number of failing students was seniors, increasing from 10 to 13. Sophomores, freshmen, eighth grade and seventh grade all had two or three fewer students who failed.

**Credit recovery**  
 Teacher Jonathan Baker announced that nine students are enrolled in the new credit recovery program. The online program, called Odyssey-

ware, allows students who have previously failed a course to recover the lost credit. A student's Odysseyware grade will replace his failing grade. The purpose is to help students recover credits so they can graduate. Baker said students can only work on the recovery at school. The program just began this fall, and Baker said it might be December or later before any credits are actually recovered.

Sayers announced two new members on the corporation's Long Range Planning Committee - teacher Tyler Sausaman and parent Laura Marley.

**Technology committee**  
 Members of the Corporation Technology Committee are: Charles Huckstep, Fred Schnarr, Judy McCracken, Roy Hufford, Kara Burrous, Carolyn O'Connell, Angie Veach, Kerry Yoder, Sam Zook, Vearl Turnpaugh, Mike Courtney, Trey Overholser, and Jill Griffin. Veach and Zook will be co-chairmen.

Stephanie Pencek was hired as a study hall aide, with a vote of three in favor, one opposed (Lambert) and one abstention (Zook).

Two fundraising requests were approved. One was for Carroll Winter Guard to sell restaurant discount cards. Proceeds will be used to help pay for contest fees, Indiana High School Color Guard Association dues, flags, uniforms, and transportation. Jodi Guise is the coach of Winter Guard, which is just starting up this year.

The other request was from Cougaretz, to provide a fundraising lunch at the Flora Community Club Craft Show on Nov. 21.

Announcements from the principals included the fall play at the high school (Nov. 13, 14, and 15), and Book Fair (this week) and Grandparents Day (Oct. 30) at the elementary school. Both schools are celebrating Red Ribbon Week (drug-free awareness).

Zook announced that negotiations with the teachers are under way.

Brian Walker of Barton-Coe-Vilamaa, Architects & Engineers, presented three options for phase three of the piping project, related to the chiller and where it will be located, and consideration of the boiler situation. An estimated construction cost of \$578,000 was given for option one, which calls for a new pump room with chiller on a roof structure. The board will make a decision after Walker brings back cost estimates on the other two options.

**Trip to Disney World**  
 Band director Don Pettit presented information on a proposed trip for the marching band and color guard in April 2011. The three-day/two night trip would include performing at Disney World in front of an audience and judges. Pettit said approximately 35 students would go, plus chaperones. Each student would pay his own way - approximately \$502, which would include all necessary costs. The board made no decision on the trip, but will consider it at the next meeting.

The next regular board meeting will be Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

**What's Happening Elsewhere**

**WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB BUS TRIP** to the National Museum of The United States Air Force, sponsored by Grissom Air Museum, will leave at 7 a.m. Nov. 7. The bus will arrive at Wright-Patterson at 10:30 a.m. and return to Grissom at 9 p.m. Seating is limited. To make a reservation, call (765) 689-8011.

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According to Durr committee members include Burlington Township Trustee Al Jackson, EMT Brent Russet, commissioner Loren Hylton, council members Ann Brown and Ron Slavens, and Burrows nurse Nancy Williams.

"The EMS committee has been a great tool for me," Durr concluded. "We were just holding our breath for a third ambulance. Thankfully, the council gave us the opportunity to move forward with another vehicle and staff to improve our coverage in the county."

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munity members understand the responsibility.

"Folks need to understand what they can do to protect themselves," Monroe said. "This is a virus that is spreading widely. Those in a high risk group should not delay in getting medical care if they are ill."

"The mildly affected should stay home so they don't infect others," she added. "And people have to stay tuned in to the local media."

High risk groups include the elderly, pregnant women and infants. For a complete list of those in the high risk groups and methods of prevention, visit [www.gov/flu](http://www.gov/flu).

Attempts to reach Carroll County Health Officer Dr. Jordan Dutter for this story were unsuccessful.

## NIPSCO natural gas customers to receive a credit

Comet staff report

Northern Indiana Public Service Company has announced that it will be providing a one-time credit in the amount of \$4.1 million to its natural gas customers.

The credit is the result of a decision made by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission on how costs associated with unaccounted-for-gas are measured and applied to customer bills. NIPSCO is seeking further clarification from the Commission regarding how and when the credit will appear.

Unaccounted-for-gas (UAFG) represents the amount of natural gas that escapes a utility's pipeline system before it gets used by customers. In Indiana, cost recovery for unaccounted-for-gas is part of the rate making process and it must be reviewed by the IURC before being recovered by customers.

The IURC determined that NIPSCO had over collected \$4.087 million for Unaccounted For Gas Costs between August 2007 through July 2008.

UAFG cost recovery is standard in gas utility ratemaking. NIPSCO is allowed to collect \$3 million annually for UAFG in base natural gas rates, as ordered in its last natural gas base rate case in 1988.

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Jerry L. Cottrell



Jerry Lynn Cottrell, 54, of Monticello, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009, at his residence.

Born Oct. 18, 1955, in Frankfort, he was the son of Chester and Mary (Bonham) Cottrell. He graduated from Frankfort High School with the Class of 1973. He married LaBrenda McGlothlin and they later divorced.

Mr. Cottrell was a member of Teamsters Local #274 and had worked the past several years with Reith-Riley Construction Company. He previously worked for Milestone Contractors.

Surviving are his mother of Frankfort; a son, Joshua Cottrell of Anderson; a daughter, Regina Cottrell of Lafayette; three grandchildren, Jeri Lyn, Dilan, and Ava; a sister, Carolyn Martin (husband: Chris) of Frankfort; four brothers, Larry Cottrell (wife: Terri), Charles Cottrell (wife: Susie), Randy Cottrell (wife: Tina), and Eddie Cottrell, all of Frankfort; and two nephews and eight nieces.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services were held Monday morning at Archer-Weston Funeral Home, Frankfort. Burial followed at Bunnell Cemetery, Frankfort.

Memorials may be made to the Clinton County Cancer Fund.

Victor L. Brown

Victor Leo Brown, 79, of Rossville, died at 9:42 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009, at Clarian Arnett Hospital in Lafayette.

Born May 12, 1930, in Loogootee, Martin County, he was the son of Ernest F. and Maudie E. Hunt Brown. His marriage was on May 12, 1957, to Mary I. McDonald, who survives.

Mr. Brown graduated from Arsenal Technical High School, Indianapolis, in 1955, and from the Indiana College of Mortuary Science, Indianapolis, in 1956.

He gave the Rossville Volunteer Ambulance Service its first ambulance.

Mr. Brown was the owner, operator and funeral director of Brown Funeral Home in Rossville from 1958 to 1987. He purchased the funeral home in Mulberry in the 1980s.

He was a member of the Rossville United Methodist Church, Rossville Masonic Lodge, Helen Bonebrake Chapter of Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Brown was one of the original members to start Milner Community Health Care and served 12 years on its Board of Directors.

He was also one of the 18 people who started the Angel Hill Golf Course in Rossville.

Surviving with his wife are a son, Lee V. Brown (wife: Jill) of Rossville; five grandchildren, Bradley Brown (wife: Kristen) of Rossville, Jarrin Rabe of Mexico, Michael and Alexa Montenegro of Lafayette and Case Payne of Lafayette.

He was preceded in death by three sisters and three brothers.

Services were held Saturday at Bodine Funeral Home in Rossville. The Rev. Rick Jones officiated. Entombment followed at Rest Haven Memorial Park in Lafayette.

Memorials may be made to the Rossville United Methodist Church Building Fund or to The Alzheimer's Association.

On-line condolences can be sent to [bodinefuneralhome.com](http://bodinefuneralhome.com).

## Obituaries

Edna M. Lewis

Edna May Lewis, 97, Silver Lake, died Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009, at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw.

Born Jan. 16, 1912, in Clinton County, she was the daughter of Oather and Lucy Reavis Myers. Her marriage was in 1932 in Rossville to James H. Lewis, who preceded her in death in 1998.

She was a member of the Eel River Old German Baptist Church.

Surviving are three daughters, Virginia Ann Popejoy of Rocky Mount, Va., Irene Metzger (husband: Max) and Ruby Metzger (husband: Leroy), both of Silver Lake; a sister, Dorothy Barrick (husband: Lewis) of Pyramont; ten grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Oct. 24 in Silver Lake. Burial followed at the Old German Baptist Church Cemetery in North Manchester.

Myrtle L. Wallace

Myrtle Leona Johnston Wallace, 94, of Camden, died at 6:20 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009, at Clarian Arnett Hospital, Lafayette.

Born May 13, 1915, in Camden, she was the daughter of Elmer E. and Roxie Mable Allen Sines. She attended Camden schools. On May 29, 1941, in Muncie, she married Raymond Johnston and he preceded her in death on Jan. 3, 1969. Her second marriage was in Camden to Clifford E. Wallace, who preceded her in death on Dec. 9, 1993.

Mrs. Wallace was a self-employed housekeeper.

She was a member of Camden First Baptist Church and the church's Dorcas Missionary Society.

Surviving are a special friend, High McKinley of Flora; a son, John Godshalk of Sturgis, Mich.; a stepdaughter, Carol Jean Stewart of Delphi; and several grandchildren, stepgrandchildren, great-grandchildren, stepgreat-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, stepgreat-great-grandchildren, great-great-great-grandchildren, and stepgreat-great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held today, Wednesday, at 10 a.m. at Cree Funeral Home, Camden. Pastor Paul Marcellino will officiate. Burial will follow at Camden Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Camden First Baptist Church.

## Births

David and Lesli (McGill) Reeves, 1207 Timberlane St., Indianapolis, IN 46260, are parents of an 8-pound, 2-ounce daughter, Sophia Carli, born Oct. 19 at Community North Hospital, Indianapolis. Grandparents are Craig and Kris McGill of Monticello, Barbara Reeves of Indianapolis and Jack Reeves of Austin, Texas. Maternal great-grandparents are Howard and Ava McGill of Flora.

Robert W. Hunter

Robert Wilson Hunter, 82, Carmel, formerly of Kokomo, died at 12:29 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009, at the Carmel Health and Living Center.

Born July 5, 1927, in Howard County, he was the son of William C. and Irma H. (Wilson) Hunter. He was married on Feb. 4, 1951, to Jerrel "Jerri" E. Towe and she survives.

Mr. Hunter was a farmer and teacher, who retired from Northwestern School Corp., Howard County, after over 27 years of teaching.

He graduated from Ervin Township High School in 1945 and later from Purdue University. He earned a Master's degree in education from Indiana University.

A U.S. Army veteran, he served at the end of World War II.

Mr. Hunter was a member of the Judson Baptist Church and Elks Lodge. He was an avid sports fan and also enjoyed raising cattle on his farm.

He and his wife wintered in Naples, Fla., for many years. He especially enjoyed camping with his family in Ludington State Park in Michigan.

Surviving with his wife are three daughters, Barbara Cook (husband: Andy) of Westfield, Beth Smith (husband: Dan) of Carmel, and Jennifer Huston (husband: Jon) of West Lafayette; nine grandchildren, Benjamin Cook (wife: Alison), Susan Hyde (husband: Joshua), Brian Cook (wife: Holly), Jessie Smith, Katie Will (husband: Bryan), Evan Smith, Matt Huston, Megan Huston, Mark Huston; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Stout & Son Funeral Home, Russiaville Chapel, 200 E. Main St. Russiaville. His grandsons will officiate and honor him. Private burial will be held at a later date in North Union Cemetery, Howard County. Friends and family may call at the funeral home from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service on Friday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army.

Online condolences may be made at [www.stoutandson.com](http://www.stoutandson.com).

## Other Death Notices

**David D. Joseph, 39,** Frankfort, died Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009. Among the survivors is a sister, Stacy Lane (husband: Mark) of Delphi. Services will be held Oct. 29 in Frankfort.

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