

# Obituaries



## Learning how business works in the heartland

U.S. Congressman Joe Donnelly visited Zinn Kitchens in Flora Friday after stopping in Delphi for lunch at the Sandwich Shop and for a cookie at Stone House Bakery. Donnelly toured the cabinet business, met employees and learned what being a small Flora business was all about from production manager Tony Fife. "Small businesses are the heartbeat of the district," Donnelly said during the factory tour. "I like to thank them for the job that they do." Fife said they distribute their products mostly within 60 miles of Flora. Comet photo by Debbie Lowe

## Bishops From page 1A

Township Library Board and was the board treasurer for 16 years. She was active in Psi Iota Xi 20 years and served as president. She also was chairman of the Carroll County Council of Churches Migrant Ministry Committee for 15 years.

Jane is a member of the Charles Carroll Chapter of the DAR, and she is a descendant of the First Families of Carroll County. She and Dick are both members of the Carroll County Historical Society.

Jane volunteers at the Flora Thrift Shop, and she and Dick deliver Meals on Wheels.

The Bishops are longtime supporters of the Carroll County Community Foundation and the Carroll County Community Center (formerly YMCA).

They have many interests and hobbies.

They enjoy traveling and have visited all seven continents and many countries.

The Bishops are also interested in birds and wildlife, and look for these on their travels.

"We buy books on the wildlife wherever we go, and also keep a journal and take photos and videos," Jane said.

Although they like to visit other places, they have many items of interest in their own back yard. They have a goldfish pond, flower and vegetable gardens, Concord grapevines, and a 10-tree orchard of dwarf apple, peach and pear trees. Among their produce are white cucumbers, pole lima beans, gooseberries, and five varieties of apples. Dick also is a beekeeper and has three stands of honeybees. The Bishops like sharing their honey, vegetables, fruits, jam and jelly with others in the community.

Jane's other interests are reading and genealogy. Dick enjoys fishing in northern Minnesota and Canada.

They have been married 58 years and have two sons, Dick T. Bishop (wife: Melissa) and Peter Bishop, and two grandsons.

## Parade, Santa coming to town

### Comet staff report

Flora's Christmas parade will be Nov. 21 with the theme, "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

The parade will begin at 12:30 p.m., with line-up at 11:30 at Jackson-Lee-Pearson's northeast office building at the corner of Willow and Clark streets. Registration is also there. Pre-registration is encouraged. Call Danielle Hicks, 967-3292.

The parade will proceed on Clark Street to Center Street, to Main, and will end at Flora Community Park.

Awards will be given for Best Float, Best Depiction of Theme, Best Motorized, Most Entertain-

ing, and Best Walking Group. Winners will be announced immediately following the parade at the Christmas Gift & Craft Show in the 4-H Building at the park.

To help those in need in the community, parade participants and spectators are asked to bring items for the Food Pantry. Especially needed are boxed food, canned fruit, and staples (flour, sugar). The items can be dropped off at the parade registration area or at the 4-H Building.

Sponsor of the Parade, Flora Community Club, invites those who have served or are serving in Iraq or Afghanistan to ride in the parade. Those interested

### Randall L. Halsema



Randall L. "Randy" Halsema, 55, of Delphi, died Monday evening, Nov. 16, 2009, at Simon Cancer

Center in Indianapolis. He had been there that day for treatment and had battled cancer for the past three years.

Born May 21, 1954, in Lafayette, he was the son of the late Richard and Doris Davis Halsema. He was a 1971 graduate of the former Wainwright High School in Tippecanoe County. His marriage was on Aug. 26, 1982, in Pine Village, to Cheryl A. Addy, who survives.

Mr. Halsema had been employed at the R&M Grocery Store in Logansport for the past year and had worked at R&M Wholesale in Brookston for five years. He had worked for J.H. Saylor Candy Company in Burnettsville for over 25 years.

He was a member of the First Assembly of God in Delphi where he oversaw the church grounds and landscaping and opened and closed the church for services and other events for many years.

He enjoyed gardening. Mr. Halsema loved and was devoted to his wife and family and gave his life to the Lord. He was a devoted Christian, loved his church, and all his church family.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Andrea Crews of Kirkland and Misty Gibbins (husband: Ron) of Sheridan; three brothers, Mike Halsema of Charleston, S.C., Ron Halsema (wife: Joyce) of Columbia, S.C., and Rex Halsema (wife: Michelle) of Monticello; and 10 grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death was an infant brother, Cornelius.

Visitation will be Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi. Services will be there Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Brent Oliver will officiate. Burial will follow at I.O.O.F. Memorial Gardens in Pittsburg.

Memorials may be made to the First Assembly of God. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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

### Dorothy E. Staley



Services for Dorothy Elizabeth "Dot" Staley, 91, of Mulberry, were held Friday at Bodine Funeral Home, Mulberry.

Burial followed at Fair Haven Cemetery.

She died at 10:16 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009, at Lafayette Home Hospital.

Born Aug. 6, 1918, in Brookston, White County, she was the daughter of Charles C. and Bertie Mae Fuller Myers. She graduated from Mulberry High School in 1936. On Dec. 11, 1937, she married William C. "Bill" Staley, who preceded her in death on Nov. 25, 1996.

Mrs. Staley was a lifelong resident of Mulberry. She worked as a switchboard operator for Mulberry Telephone Company for five years. From 1964 to 1984 she was employed as a cook at Mulberry High School.

She was a member of Trinity Church of Mulberry.

Surviving are three daughters, Cindy Lundquist (husband: Jon) of Cottage Grove, Oregon, Beth Conklin of Norfolk, and Tammy Oberle of Mulberry; a sister, Lorie VanCamp of Mulberry; 15 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Tom Staley; a daughter, Sharon Swan; and a sister, Bernice Irene Kurtz.

Memorials may be made to the Mulberry Health & Retirement Employee Fund, 502 W. Jackson St., Mulberry, IN 46058.

### Jessika J. Catt

Jessika Joan Catt, 17, Young America, died Friday, Nov. 13, 2009, as a result of an automobile accident in Cass County.

Born Sept. 5, 1992, in Kokomo, she was the daughter of Robert J. Catt and Sheila E. Johns Catt.

A sophomore at Lewis Cass High School, she worked at The Scoop in Burlington for two years.

Surviving are her father of Young America; her mother of Raymore, Mo.; two sisters, Tristan Catt (companion: Daniel Clouthier) of Kokomo and Alisha Parrott (husband: Nicholas) of Hartford City; and maternal grandmother, Rita Johns of Kokomo.

Services were held Tuesday in Galveston. Burial followed at North Union Cemetery, Howard County.

Memorials may be made to the Cass County Humane Society or a scholastic scholarship fund that will be set up in her honor for the Lewis Cass track team.

### Other Death Notices

**Catherine M. "Cathy" Warthan**, 37, Lafayette, died Nov. 10, 2009, at Wishard Hospital, Indianapolis. She was a 1992 graduate of Delphi Community High School. Among the survivors is a brother, Steven Warthan (wife: Kathy "Katie") of Delphi. Services were held Friday in Brookston.

### Leo D. Bowman



Leo D. Bowman, 89, formerly of Deer Creek and Flora, died at 6:15 a.m. Monday, Nov. 16, 2009, at McKinney House in Logansport where he had resided for two years.

Born Feb. 15, 1920, in Carroll County, he was the son of Tom and Emma Bowman. His marriage was on April 25, 1943, in Deer Creek, to Mary Margaret Fouts, who survives.

Mr. Bowman was a 1938 graduate of Carrollton High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture from Purdue University in 1947.

A World War II veteran, he served four and a half years in the U.S. Army. He was stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif. for three years, then stationed at Sheppard Field, Texas, Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, Camp McCoy, Wis., and O.C.S. at Fort Benning, Ga., where he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. He was then stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga., then to Monterey, Calif., and from there to Manila, Philippines, then home via the Panama Canal to New York City and onto Camp Atterbury in Indiana. He was discharged in 1945.

Mr. Bowman was a lifetime Carroll County resident and a lifelong member of the Deer Creek Presbyterian Church, where he was an elder.

He taught veterans at G.I. School held at Flora and Camden high schools. He served on various county boards and was a township trustee.

Mr. Bowman was inducted into the Carroll County Ag Hall of Fame in 1999.

He served as president of the Carroll County Co-op for ten years and was a past president of the Carroll Consolidated School Corporation Board of Trustees.

He was a lifetime member of the Purdue Alumni Association and also a member of Ceres, an agricultural honorary.

He had belonged to Indiana Farm Bureau since 1946. He also belonged to the American Legion Post #60 in Logansport.

Surviving with his wife are a son, Darrel Bowman (wife: Diane), and a daughter, Mara Hendress (husband: Jerry), both of Camden; four grandchildren, Shane Bowman (wife: Patti), Todd Bowman (wife: Candy), Jason Hendress (wife: Lindsey Jones (husband: Travis); two stepgrandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were three brothers, Milt, Hubert and Tom Bowman, and a sister, Kathleen Hatch.

Visitation will be Friday beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the Deer Creek Presbyterian Church and will continue until time of the service there at 3:30 p.m. Pastor Dave Herron will officiate. Burial with graveside military rites by the Logansport American Legion Post #60 will follow at Hopewell North Cemetery in Deer Creek.

Arrangements are being handled by Baker Funeral Home, Flora.

Online condolences can be sent to [bakerfh.com](mailto:bakerfh.com).

### William E. Collins



William "Bill" Eugene Collins, 87, Delphi, died Friday, Nov. 13, 2009, at St. Elizabeth Healthcare in Delphi. Born Dec.

17, 1921, in Lafayette, he was the son of Argola Collins. His marriage was on June 27, 1964, to Marilyn Popejoy Acheson, who survives.

Mr. Collins retired in 1989 from Purdue University where he worked in the Stewart and Memorial Union buildings.

Also surviving are three daughters, Sandy Pfaff (husband: Bob) of Rochester, Phyllis Drake (husband: Phil) of Brookston and Gayle Collins of North Carolina; a son, Floyd W. "Billy" Collins of Mississippi; three stepchildren, Ricky Acheson (husband: Debbie) of Delphi, Cindy Denton (husband: Harold) of Flora, and Melinda Wilson (husband: Mark) of Camden; 17 grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; several great-grandchildren; eight stepgreat-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

Services were held Tuesday at Davidson Funeral Home, Delphi. Burial followed at Tippecanoe Memorial Gardens in West Lafayette.

Memorials may be made to the American Kidney Association or the Carroll County Cancer Association.

### Nicholas Stephens



Nicholas P. Stephens, 26, of Lafayette, formerly of Delphi, passed away in his sleep Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009.

Born Jan. 4, 1983, in Kokomo, he was the son of Wayne Stephens and Charlotte Patterson. He attended Delphi Community schools.

Nicholas worked as a foreman for the insulation crew at Rose-Walker Construction in Lafayette.

He was attending Ivy Tech, studying automotive mechanics.

He enjoyed motorcycles and welding.

Surviving are a daughter, Halle Stephens, at home; his fiancé, Jeri Sexton of Lafayette; his father, Wayne Stephens (wife: Kathy) of Delphi; a sister, Tamie Stephens of Tampa, Fla.; a brother, Dustin Stephens (wife: Rhi Anna) of Sanford, N.C.; a stepbrother, Matt Higdon (wife: Susan) of Danville; a stepsister, Amanda Mohler (husband: Ben) of Logansport; and his paternal grandparents, Paul and Maxine Stephens of Bringhurst.

Preceding him in death were his mother and his maternal grandparents.

Services were held Saturday at Davidson Funeral Home in Delphi. Monsignor Sell officiated. Burial followed at Maple Lawn Cemetery, Flora.

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## Council From page 1A

about setting a precedent. He cited cases in which the council denied the county clerk a similar request.

"I would really like to hear what the SBOA has to say before we make a decision," Abbott said.

Council consensus was to hold a special meeting before the December council meeting after a response is received from the SBOA to resolve the issue.

Brown reported the EMS committee decided to put the third ambulance at the Delphi garage and not commit to a building project grant until they know what they need and where it is going to be located. She said proposals were received from Camden, Flora and Yeoman. Committee members will visit each community to assess the locations before making a final decision.

The assessor's and auditor's offices received "kudos" from the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance as one of only 35 counties for submitting certified net assessed values in a timely fashion. According to a DLGF e-mail, Carroll County is "on-target for a Feb. 15, 2010, budget order and first installment property tax bill due date

of May 10, 2010!"

The next meeting will be Dec. 15 at 8:30 a.m.

### Transfers approved:

- Superior Court: \$500 from software and \$100 from office supplies for printing, \$650 from maintenance contracts for postage and \$100 from office supplies to furniture and fixtures;

- EMS: \$1,600 from copier supplies to ambulance maintenance, \$1,500 from telephone for utilities and \$700 from telephone to radio repair;

- EMA: \$100 from mileage for motor vehicle repair and

\$100 from mileage for emergency preparedness;

- Highway: \$2,000 from truck driver to overtime foreman and \$300 from advertising, \$300 from printing, \$400 from weed spray, \$500 from welding and \$3,500 from oil and lubricants all for hardware and tools;

- Health Department: \$2,500 from lecture and luncheons to personal health supply and \$1,000 from advertising to office supplies; and

- Soil and Water: \$67.87 from postage to office supplies.

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