

H1N1 activity slows state-wide

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Although Indiana has experienced 28 deaths attributed to H1N1 since June 1, Indiana State Department of Health officials believe the activity trend for the disease has slowed in recent weeks. During a teleconference Thursday, state officials advised that reports of those affected by the flu are significantly decreased from the week of Oct. 26, however there were six confirmed deaths from the H1N1 virus last week.

Officials said they are "very proud" of counties who have embraced the "monumental task" of reducing the number of infected residents.

The Camden Clinic hosted its first flu clinic Friday and immunized 100 people. According to Camden Clinic Nurse Practitioner Linda Stapleton, the clinic has approximately 600 more doses of the vaccine to provide to the community. In order to do that, the clinic will give H1N1 immunizations every Wednesday, beginning today, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and on Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

"There is no charge for the immunizations," Stapleton said. "And of course we are trying to provide the service to those groups of people at risk first. But we don't turn anyone away."

INDOT launches statewide traveler web site

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announces a dramatic expansion of its free TrafficWise traveler information service to include updated reports for all State Roads, U.S. Highways and Interstates around the state. Motorists now have a new tool to plan their travels by visiting TrafficWise.IN.gov or dialing 800-261-ROAD (7623).

Motorists accustomed to dialing the Indiana State Police Winter Road Conditions Hotline at 800-261-ROAD (7623) will now reach the new INDOT TrafficWise service. In addition to winter road conditions, callers will also hear year-

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mits during the week. Main Street chairperson Hank Ivey said group volunteers will fill in when Bell is not available.

Ivey explained the center will offer visitors information about where to go in town for needed goods and services and what cultural and recreational activities are available. He said information about civic organizations, government entities, schools, businesses and utilities will be available to new residents and visitors. There will also be space available for businesses and groups to display items, such as antiques. A conference area will be available to civic organizations as well.

According to Ivey, Main Street's goal is to be a stand-alone entity from the City of Delphi.

"Main Street has been working very hard this year to become independent," he said.

Although the organization receives almost 100 percent of its funding from the city, Ivey said it is not a city department or part of the city government and does not have to submit to budget approval like city departments. He said Main St. receives \$18,000 from Delphi's Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) for operating funds and \$15,000 for a 2007 Downtown Enhancement Grant match with Indiana Main Street for façade improvements.

The organization has become a corporate entity with its own checking account and has applied to become a

John E. Koekenberg



John E. Koekenberg, 63, of Biloxi, Miss., died unexpectedly Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009, at the University of Southern Alabama Medical Center in Mobile.

Born May 27, 1946, in Monon, he was the son of the late Frederick and Shirley Boothby Koekenberg. He was a 1965 graduate of North White High School. His marriage was in the spring of 1971 in Monon to Edith E. Coble, who preceded him in death Nov. 4, 1979.

Mr. Koekenberg was a Vietnam veteran, serving in the U.S. Air Force, stationed in Thailand, working in munitions and loading planes with bombs. He retired from the Air Force after 22 years of service with the rank of Master Sergeant.

He worked in video and photography making training videos for new service personnel.

He enjoyed NASCAR auto racing.

Surviving are three sons, Keith Koekenberg (wife: Karen) of Fort Riley, Kan. and twins, Alex and Benjamin Koekenberg of Eaton, Ga.; two sisters, Mary Walters of Monticello and Nancy Ramey of Bowling Green, Ky.; a brother, Fred Koekenberg of Delphi; and four grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held today, Wednesday, at 11:30 a.m. at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Rockfield. Military rites will be by the Delphi and Camden American Legion and Delphi VFW. The Rev. Ed Selvidge will officiate.

Arrangements are being handled by Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi.

Online condolences can be sent to abbottfuneralhome@verizon.net.

Wilson T. Harford



Wilson T. "Bill" Harford, 84, Delphi died early morning Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009, at St. Vincent Hospice Center in Indianapolis. He had been in failing health the past year and prior to that had lived at Sunrise of Willow Lake assisted living in Indianapolis.

Born Feb. 9, 1925, in New Kingston, Pa., he was the son of the late Alvah "Jack" and Dorothy McClure Harford. His marriage was on Nov. 24, 1948, in Greenville, Ill., to Jean Long, who preceded him in death Sept. 28, 2007.

Mr. Harford was a 1943 graduate of Greenville High School. Following his service time in the U.S. Navy, he went two years starting at the University of Illinois then to Greenville College. He was commissioned as an Ensign in the Naval Air Corp from 1943-1945. He was awarded his naval wings of gold, Naval Aviator May 9, 1945 at Corpus Christi, Texas, Lieutenant JG.

Mr. Harford and his wife moved from Illinois to Indianapolis then to Delphi in 1952. He worked at Morris Plan in Indianapolis then sold farm machinery and insurance. He was employed at the Delphi Post Office as a rural mail carrier for 30 years and retired in 1988.

Mr. Harford was a member, deacon and elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Delphi, where he sang in the choir for many years. He later joined Covenant Presbyterian Church in West Lafayette.

He was active as a coach, manager and umpire in Delphi Little League.

Mr. Harford was a former Delphi City councilman, was on the Delphi Public Library Board, and belonged to JUNTO dinner club.

He was an avid golfer, teaching all five of his sons the game. He enjoyed stamp and knife collecting and raising racing pigeons. He enjoyed cards and was in a bridge card club, and enjoyed board games and playing them with his grandchildren.

Surviving are five sons, Jack Harford (wife: Kyoko) of Indianapolis, J. Scott Harford (wife: Jeanann) of Lafayette, twins Ted Harford (wife: Carla) of Chico, Calif., and Tom Harford (wife: Livia) of Westfield, and David Harford (wife: Natalie) of Cincinnati, Ohio; a sister, Doris Hughey (husband: Mack) of Greenville; 19 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Preceding him in death was a granddaughter, Victoria, a grandson, Karl, and a brother, Howard.

Services were held Sunday at the Delphi United Methodist Church. Pastor Todd Ladd officiated. Burial followed at I.O.O.F. Memorial Gardens in Pittsburg with Delphi and Camden American Legion and Delphi VFW military rites.

Memorials may be made to the Delphi Public Library.

Arrangements were handled by Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi.

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Obituaries

Ruth M. Cottrell



Ruth M. Collett Cottrell, 89, of Delphi, died at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009, at her daughter's home. She had been in ill health the past year.

Born March 26, 1920, in Clifton, Ill., she was the daughter of the late Isaac and Matilda Laurent Collett. Her marriage was on March 23, 1976, in Danville, Ill., to Walter E. Cottrell, who preceded her death on July 27, 2009.

Mrs. Cottrell attended school in Clifton, Ill. She was a homemaker and helped her husband in their demolition business.

She attended the Bringham United Methodist Church and belonged to the United Methodist Women's group of the church.

She enjoyed crafts, crocheting and raising houseplants.

Surviving are three daughters, Joy Gibson (husband: Rob), with whom she made her home in Delphi, Linda Cooper (husband: Rob) of Newborn, Ga., and Patricia Simmons (husband: Sam) of Jasper; 11 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a daughter, Beverly and a sister.

Services were held Friday at Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi. Pastor Brent Oliver officiated. Burial followed at Zion Citizens Cemetery near Bringham.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Online condolences can be sent to abbottfuneralhome@verizon.net.

Josephine Snell



Josephine Butler Snell, 90, of Rossville, died at 3:40 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009, at Milner Community Health Care in Rossville.

Born March 7, 1919, in Clinton County, she was the daughter of the late Earl and Faye Marie Miller Bolinger. She was a lifelong resident of the Rossville area and attended schools in Owasco and Rossville. Her first marriage was on Sept. 17, 1938, to Wayne Butler, who preceded her in death on July 21, 1972. On Dec. 29, 1984, she married Paul A. Snell, who survives.

Mrs. Snell worked at Sayco in Flora for 10 years and at Globe Valve in Delphi for 17 years. She managed the Flora trailer park for three years.

She was a member of the Lower Deer Creek Church of the Brethren and a life member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the VFW in Attica.

She enjoyed traveling, flowers and gardening.

Also surviving are two daughters, Marilyn Dunk of Rossville and Connie Sue Platt (husband: Larry) of Streeter; a son, Jerry Butler (wife: Deb) of Rossville; a step-daughter, Diana Irmeger (husband: Ron) of Rossville; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a brother, Glennis Leon Bolinger; a sister, Helen Mae Rude; a son-in-law, Bob Dunk; and two grandchildren.

Services will be today, Wednesday, at 10:30 a.m. at Bodine Funeral Home in Rossville. Pastors Guy Studebaker and Opal Reiff will officiate. Burial will follow at Rossville Cemetery.

Memorials gifts may be made to the Clinton County Cancer Society.

Online condolences can be sent to bodinefuneralhome.com.

Dorothy Roussakis

Dorothy Ferguson Roussakis, 95, of Burlington and Kokomo, died Sat., Nov. 21, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. She was originally from Bridgeport and Monroe, Connecticut, and Alton and Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, moving to Indiana in 2000.

Born April 24, 1914, in Danbury, Conn., she was the daughter of Daniel and Flora (Ellwood) Ferguson. She was a portrait painter by profession. In 1944 Dorothy married Charles Roussakis, also an artist and a 35-year employee of Remington Shaver in Bridgeport. He preceded her in death in 1990.

Dorothy brought much joy into the lives of many through her mild manner and celebrative artwork.

Dorothy studied at the Phoenix Art School of New York City, and with Karl Anderson, N.A. Over a 60-year span, her award-winning works were exhibited at more than 50 locations, including the New England states and New York galleries, museums and libraries, as well as in Chicago and the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C. Her last one-woman show was in 2003 at Indiana University Kokomo.

For many years Dorothy was included in Who's Who of American Women. She was a 50-year member of the National League of American Pen Women, having served as president of the Bridgeport and Fairfield County branches, as well as Connecticut state president. She was a member of several other professional artist associations, including The American Artist Professional League of New York.

Also a poet, a collection of Dorothy's poetry was published in 2003.

Dorothy's church membership was held at The Community Church of Alton, N.H.

Surviving are one son, Rev. Dr. Peter Roussakis (wife: Phyllis) of Kokomo; two grandsons and one great-granddaughter: Alex Roussakis (wife: Sarah) of Glendale, Ariz., and Aaron Roussakis (wife: Beth) and their daughter, Claire Marie, of Glen Mills, Pa.; two brothers, Richard Ferguson of Milford, Conn., and Robert Ferguson of Trumbull, Conn.; eight nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be at the First Brethren Church of Burlington, today, Wednesday, from 6 to 8 p.m. with several of Dorothy's paintings and drawings on display and a reading of some of her poetry at 7 p.m. A graveside service will be held in Connecticut at a later date.

Memorial gifts may be made to the First Brethren Church, P.O. Box 246, Burlington, IN 46915.

Arrangements are being handled by Stout and Son Funeral Home, Russiaville.

Hospital Notes

Tracy Yeakley Gaylor, Kokomo, formerly of Flora, suffered a stroke on Oct. 24. She was transferred last week from St. Vincent Hospital to the Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana, both in Indianapolis. Cards may be sent to her at 4141 Shore Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46254.

Births

Mark and Sara (Pluth) Calhoun, 1576 N. St. Mark's Place, Palatine, IL 60067, are parents of a 6-pound, 6-ounce son, William Joseph, born Nov. 18 at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Ill. Grandparents are Joe and Lucy Pluth of Richton Park, Ill., and Bill and Pat Calhoun of Monticello.

Kimberly N. Rowen



Kimberly N. Rowen, 21, of Delphi, died at 12:50 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. She had been in ill health and a patient there since July.

Born Jan. 24, 1988, in Huntington, she was the daughter of Michelle A. Wilson Reed (husband: Jim) of Delphi and Michael B. Rowen (fiancé: Joan Mins) of Lexington, Ky. who survive.

Miss Rowen was a 2006 graduate of Westfield High School and attended the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville.

She worked in administration at a law office in Evansville.

Miss Rowen enjoyed listening to music, singing and writing lyrics.

She loved spending time with her family.

Surviving with her parents are her fiancé, Brent Talley of Mt. Carmel, Ill.; a sister, Elizabeth Rowen of Delphi; a step-sister, Julie Reed of Flora; a stepbrother, Jimmy Reed of Terre Haute; maternal grandparents, Walter and Sharon Wilson of Lafayette; paternal grandmother, Juanita L. Rowen of Monmouth, Ill.; maternal stepgrandmother, Margaret J. Reed of Delphi; and aunts, uncles and cousins.

Preceding her in death were maternal grandma, Mary Jane, and paternal grandpa, Barry.

Visitation will be today, Wednesday, from 3 p.m. until time of the service at 6 p.m. at Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi. Pastor Scott Gamel will officiate. There will be a private family committal of her ashes.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Online condolences can be sent to abbottfuneralhome@verizon.net.

Arlie R. Wilson



Arlie Ray Wilson, 77, Delphi, died Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009, at his home.

Born Jan. 17, 1932, in Tippecanoe County, he was the son of the late Amuel and Hazel B. Balser Wilson.

His marriage was on Jan. 22, 1951, in Clairborne County, Tenn., to Osie L. Bradford, who survives.

Mr. Wilson served as a sergeant in the National Guard from 1950-1953.

He was a founding member of the First Assembly of God in Delphi.

He retired from the *Journal & Courier* as an OCC journeyman pressman in 1985.

Surviving with his wife are four daughters, Mary K. (Kathy) Mitchell (husband: Ed) of Delphi, L. Sue Dexter (husband: Steve) of Brookston, Anna B. Weaver and Norma E. Pearson, both of Rossville; a son, Ray Gene Wilson (wife: Beth) of Santa Barbara, Calif.; three sisters, Lillie Mae Bell (husband: Rev. Art) of Fort Smith, Ark., Ellen Rosalie Bradford (husband: Nathan) of Monticello, and Ester Wanita Lawler (husband: Robert) of Town Creek, Ala.; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held today, Wednesday, at 2 p.m. at First Assembly of God in Delphi with visitation one hour prior to the service. Pastor Brent Oliver will officiate. Burial will follow at the I.O.O.F. Memorial Garden.

Memorial gifts may be made to the First Assembly of God.

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