

# Several file for May Primary

The following residents filed to run for public office in the May primary election during the past week:

Prosecutor - Tricia Thompson (R), County Council - Brock H. Wolfe (D), District 1. Delphi School Board - Kent Sales, District 7. Township Trustee - Robert W. Dittman Jr. (D), Jackson Twp.; Lois Wallace (R) Washing-

ton Twp.; Carmen Slavens (R), Adams Twp.; Marla R. Milazzo (R), Clay Twp. Township Advisory Board - Joseph Mylet (D) Washington Twp.; Joe Wallace (D) Jackson Twp.; Ron Felz (R), Jefferson Twp.; William McCarty (D) Democrat Twp. Republican Precinct Committee Representative - John C. Brown, Jefferson Twp. #2

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“ready to make a proposal” for the sale of property to the city. Strasser also announced that a planning grant for \$48,600 from the state was awarded for renovation of the city building. According to Strasser, the total cost of the planning project is \$54,000.

Strasser said an executive session will be held to discuss possible property purchase details.

Clerk-treasurer Leanne Aldrich reported that the 2010 budget was not approved by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance because information provided for publication by the former clerk-treasurer was incorrect. Strasser said the budget will have to be advertised as an additional appropriation into the line items for utilization.

Aldrich also reported that council members have not received accurate financial reports in the past. She explained that a \$1 million investment was incorrectly reported as \$2 million last year. She said she is working diligently to provide the most accurate information possible.

Street commissioner Aaron Lyons reported that he has made alternate plans for a recycling truck to use in the event that the one normally used is not available.

Utilities superintendent Dick VanSickle presented his department's end-of-the-year report. He noted that funds spent to find water leaks in the city system “was money well spent.”

Parks superintendent Anita Force announced the department received a REMC Operation Round-Up grant which will be used to replace kitchen equipment in the Stone Barn.

Airport manager Brian Stirm provided 2009 Delphi Trolley statistics. He reported that, as the volunteer driver of roughly 200 hours, he drove the trolley 1,288 miles, carried 1,318 passengers, spent \$436 for fuel, \$325 for insurance and \$257 for repairs. In-

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a better way out there,” Pat Clawson said.

Brown explained that at the most recent commissioners conference, it was learned that a shortfall in state and county revenue is expected for 2010 and a more severe shortfall is anticipated for 2011.

“I’m really concerned about the hammer that’s hanging over us,” he said. “There isn’t enough being built out there for me to sell this to the taxpayers that this (county sanitarian) position is a full-time job.”

Health department clerk Joyce Sturdivant said department revenue for 2009 did not adequately reflect the amount of work performed. She said that there are services provided for which fees are not assessed.

Clawson explained that there is a public perception about how county leaders spend tax dollars and what employees are doing for the taxpayers and residents.

“We ask questions because we represent every taxpayer in the county,” he told health department board member Mary Blue. “Are we giving our taxpayers – our customer – the best service for the money?”

Blue said the staff is concerned about giving service to the health department customers. She said the staff “is good at what they do” or they would not be employed by the county. Blue said there is criticism from the council, specifically president Ann Brown, about department spending. She further stated that there is not enough positive reporting in the *Comet* about the work of the department employees and the board.

Ann Brown explained that council members are assigned to work with departments in an effort to streamline services and decrease expenses when possible. She requested the commissioners, in light of revenue

come received was \$1,272.

Strasser provided an oral report of what stage various city grant applications had reached.

Strasser said he will hire a part-time community development worker. It was noted that money for the position was approved in the 2010 budget.

Strasser said he will provide monthly written status reports about various issues and projects to council members in binders placed on their council desks.

Police chief Justin Darling reported the department issued 19 traffic summons, 29 warnings, investigated 13 crashes, made six felony arrests and four misdemeanor arrests in January. Two hand-gun applications were issued.

Fire chief Denny Randle's report indicated volunteer fire fighters responded to 16 incidents and a total of 41 activities.

The council will meet for a work session Feb. 15 at 5.

## Board of Works

Delphi Board of Works approved the purchase of two water pumps for \$9,885 from Peerless Midwest for the booster station. The 50-gallon unit was installed in 1990 and was rebuilt in 2003.

## Board appointments

Strasser announced the following board 2010 appointments: Board of Works - Brian Garrison and Bob Conner; Area Plan - Nelson Smith and Kirk Germond; Board of Zoning Appeals - Nelson Smith; Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District - Kyle Germond; Carroll County Economic Development Corp. - Joe Mayfield, Brad Burton and Bonnie Maxwell; Alcoholic Beverage Board - Donald Burkhalter; Parks Board - Chris Neumann, Gretchen Walker, Carla Bradshaw and Lorraine Weckerly.

Strasser said he will announce board members for the Delphi Airport, Forestry Commission and Utility Rate Advisory Board in March.

projections, join the council in the effort to reduce expenses in every department.

“Times are changing and we all need to work together,” she added.

Commissioners requested the board of health evaluate the need for full-time health department positions and consider alternatives.

## Other business

Commissioners approved submission of a \$13,950 grant request to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security for upgrades to the county GIS system. Emergency management agency director Dave McDowell explained the upgrades will depict where houses, businesses and assets are located in the county. He said the software improvement will aid with damage assessment in the event of another natural disaster.

McDowell also provided a brief report of his January activities.

Delphi Business Women will use the courthouse lounge Feb. 22 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Beth Snoeberger was appointed to the Camden-Jackson Township Public Library Board of Directors.

Miriam Robeson was appointed to a three-year term to the Carroll County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.

Admission to Carroll Manor for Betty Jane and James Loyal Cripe was approved.

Commissioners will meet in joint session with the county council March 15 at 1 p.m.

The next meeting will be Feb. 15 at 9 a.m. An executive session will be held Feb. 15 following the regular meeting to discuss reviews and negotiations with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects.

# Thompson will run for second term as prosecutor

By Debbie Lowe  
Staff writer

Carroll County Prosecutor Tricia Thompson had to defeat two former prosecutors in the 2006 primary and general elections to reach her current elected position. Now that she is in the last year of her first term, she has decided she will again ask the voters of Carroll County to place her in the office for another four years.

“I have strong convictions about the rights of victims and I want to make sure those rights are represented in court,” Thompson said.

The single, new parent of an adopted toddler, said she did not become county prosecutor with the idea that she would only be in the office for one term.

“There has never been a time that I didn’t think I would not run again,” she said. “I’ve always thought I would.”

However Thompson said when she recently adopted a child from Russia, she reconsidered the decision to run for a second term. She said she examined all implications of the decision before proceeding.

“I love my job,” she said. “I love working with law enforcement as a team with them to protect the people in Carroll County.”

“And I love working with the victims,” she added.

Thompson considers herself a true victims’ advocate and said that the prosecutor’s office, under her direction, reflects those convictions. She said in the past three years, she has tried to make the office more accessible to victims and to keep them informed, even if it meant calling them after hours to discuss their case.

Thompson said she takes a hard stance against crimes against children. She explained she has worked to improve the processing of cases with law enforcement agencies and within her office.

“The budget crisis of 2008 changed some of the ways we do things in the office,” Thompson said. “I am not able to give as much financial support as I wanted to give to other law enforcement agencies because the money is needed in my office for expenses.”

Thompson considers the number of cases resolved to the victims’ satisfaction, the initiation of

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pairs only,” Slavens said Thursday. “It does not merit \$1 million being spent on it. We have to work with the state to get more road funds.”

The request was tabled until the March 15 joint session.

Myers reported that all county funds are in balance with the treasurer’s office while giving the financial report. She said the ambulance service 2009 income was \$366,284.75, which is the lowest amount since 2006 when it was \$211,501.83. 2008 income was \$422,254.65 and 2007 was \$443,612.59. The monthly comparison, monthly financial statement, monthly and 2009 budget status and the monthly county revenue reports were distributed.

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aerial infrared roof survey done at the high school, to see if there is heat loss through the roof. This was also done a few years ago. Sayers said the cost would be \$3,770 or \$3,000 if someone else does it at the same time.

The board will purchase two new school buses from Midwest Transit Equipment, the lowest bidder. The unit cost is \$73,711. The corporation has one bus to trade in, reducing the cost of one of the buses to \$67,211. Actual cost will be less, after deducting \$350 each for not having a white roof and deducting \$500 each for not having tinted windows.

The board approved vision insurance for all employees through VSP. Sayers said vision insurance already was approved two years ago, through the ISTA, but it is no longer offered through the association. He said the new rates actually went down slightly. The corporation’s annual contribution is \$110.24 (each), whether the plan is single, employee plus one, or family.

the WeTip Hotline and “A Child Is Missing” program with police agencies, as highlights of the past three years. She said she strives to help all police agencies work in a “teamwork” approach to solving crimes.

The prosecutor said she also changed from buying hardbound law books to purchasing online reference material. She said there was a significant cost savings when she made the change plus the online service provides more up-to-date information.

Thompson explained that one challenge she has faced in her three years as prosecutor is to align what she wants to accomplish with what she is able to accomplish.

“I have to always balance what can be done in the current county system with what I want to get done in the established system,” she explained. “I would like to have a victims’ advocate/investigator in the office. I would also like to have more time to go out into the community for public education.”

“I wish I had more time to be proactive rather than reactive for the taxpayers,” she added. “There are just some things I cannot change.”

Thompson said she has made some changes in what she considers to be in the right direction for the county.

“I have been able to streamline procedures, which makes handling cases more efficient,” she explained. “And we can always be more efficient.”

“I have the obligation to spend money carefully and wisely,” she added.

Thompson said she considers herself an employee of the taxpayers and she knows she is expected to do the best job she can do “and to see that my employees do the same.”

“I would hope the voters understand how hard I’ve worked to make Carroll County a safe place to live,” Thompson concluded. “Families in this county deserve to have someone in the prosecutor’s office who cares about ensuring their safety and the safety of their homes. Now that I am a parent, I appreciate this even more and I take the job even more personally.”

Treasurer Jane Brewington provided a report which indicated bank statements and the daily balance of cash and deposits in her office were in balance at the end of November.

## Other business

Louis Nance was appointed to the Local Alcoholic Beverage Board, Janet Smith to the Delphi Public Library Board, and Dale Zinn and Raymond Zink reappointed to the Carroll County Redevelopment Commission.

The finance committee will meet Feb. 16 at 8:30 a.m.

The council and commissioners will meet in joint session March 15 at 1 p.m.

The next council meeting will be Feb. 18 at 8:30 a.m.

The board made a change in the employee handbook in regard to job-related injuries. The new wording states: “Absence due to injury on the job will not be charged against the individual employee’s sick leave after the employee has been absent from work for seven consecutive working days, and the Board will pay the difference between the salary and benefits received under Workman’s Compensation not to exceed 60 days.”

Sayers said the wording brings the policy in line with corporation practice and with Workman’s Compensation guidelines. The policy was effective immediately.

It was announced that Matt Benner will replace Kara Burrous on the Technology Committee.

The board meetings this month have been changed from the regularly scheduled dates. The next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Administration Building. The second meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 7:30 p.m.

# Frances P. Caldwell

Frances P. Eikenberry Caldwell, 96, of Camden, died Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010, at Golden Living Sycamore Village in Kokomo.

Born Jan. 29, 1914, in LaPlace, Ill., she was the daughter of Oren and Grace Vigles Eikenberry. She graduated from Brighthurst High School. On Jan. 17, 1937, in Flora, she married Daniel M. Caldwell, who preceded her in death Jan. 18, 1989.

Mrs. Caldwell, a near lifelong resident of the Camden area, was a member of St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Camden.

She was a homemaker and loved her family and friends.

Surviving are two sons, Ronald D. Caldwell (wife: Margaret) of Kokomo and Gary B. Caldwell (wife: Beverly) of Brownsburg; a brother, Dean Eikenberry (wife: Audry) of Indianapolis; five granddaughters, Debra Eytchison, (husband: Steve) of Menifee, Calif., Julianne Andreorio (husband: Bill) of Hackettstown, N.J., Leanne Renato (husband: Jerry) of Bluffton, S.C., Sara Leathers (husband: Daniel) of Indianapolis and Sabrina Schorm (fiancé: Clay) of Noblesville; three grandsons, Bradley Caldwell (wife: Diana) of Alpine, Calif., Andrew Caldwell (companion: Lynn) of Indianapolis and Fred Schorm (wife: Amy) of Kokomo; 15 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Tuesday at the Cree Funeral Home in Camden. Pastor Scott Vana officiated. Burial followed at the Camden Cemetery.

# Ruby G. Koster

Ruby Grace Koster, 88, DeMotte, died Jan. 30, 2010, in Punta Gorda, Fla.

Born Sept. 16, 1921, in Rensselaer, she was the daughter of the late Lee L. and Mabel Crawford Myers. Her marriage was in 1941 in DeMotte to John Milton Koster, who preceded her in death.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are three daughters, Connie Flick (husband: Connie); Janice Brummett (husband: Mike) and Jennifer DeKock (husband: Kenneth); a son, Jerry Koster (wife: Susan); three sisters, Lois Erwin, Hazel Crane (husband: Lewis) and Martha Sekema; 10 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Boersma Funeral Home in Wheatfield. Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Holland Cemetery, DeMotte.

# Jackie Barnett

Jackie Barnett went to heaven to be with the Lord and her husband Don Barnett.

Mrs. Barnett was the mother of five perfect children.

She lived her last years in Delphi with her twin sister and brother-in-law, Connie and John Barnett.

Mrs. Barnett enjoyed her work as a Registered Nurse and loved to spend time in her flower gardens.

She was devoted to her family and especially loved her grandchildren.

The family will celebrate her life with a private Catholic mass.

Memorials may be sent in her name to the Parkinson Disease Foundation, c/o Abbott Funeral Home, 421 E. Main St., Delphi, IN 46923.

Arrangements were handled by Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi.

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

# Martha L. Stingley



Martha L. Davis Stingley, 69, of Delphi, died at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 29, 2010, at Clarian Arnett Hospital in Lafayette.

She had been there since becoming ill Wednesday evening.

Born Nov. 2, 1940, in Clinton County, she was the daughter of the late Harry and Dorothy Ross Davis. Her marriage was on Oct. 26, 1957, in Mulberry, to James T. Stingley, who preceded her in death Oct. 21, 2005.

Mrs. Stingley attended Mulberry High School and received her GED at a later date.

She worked as a QMA for 10 years at Wesley Manor in Frankfort. She was also a homemaker.

Mrs. Stingley was a member of the St Joseph Catholic Church in Delphi and a member of the altar and rosary society of the church.

She was an avid reader. She also enjoyed oil base painting and word search puzzles.

Surviving are two daughters, Dorothy M. Stingley of Delphi and Sondra Thoun (husband: James) of Monticello; two sons, Tim Stingley (wife: Renee) of Burnettsville and Brice D. Stingley of Frankfort; a sister, Loretta Lightfoot of Ferdinand, Fla.; a brother, Ross Davis (wife: Nancy) of Gravois Mills, Mo.; 13 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were five brothers and two sisters.

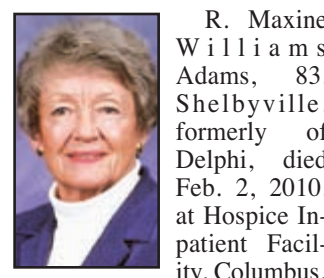
Mass was held Tuesday, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Delphi. Father Peter Vanderkolk officiated. Burial followed at Greenlawn Cemetery in Frankfort.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

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# Maxine Adams



R. Maxine Williams Adams, 83, Shelbyville, formerly of Delphi, died Feb. 2, 2010, at Hospice Inpatient Facility, Columbus.

Born July 30, 1926, in Shelby County, she was the daughter of Sylbert and Wenonah Taylor Williams. Her marriage was on Aug. 17, 1946, to Charles M. Adams, who died in 1998.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Pam Wilson (husband: Don), Greenwood; a son, Doug Adams (wife: Kelly), Shelbyville; a twin brother, Eugene Adams, Bedford; four sisters, Mary Lou Bush, (husband: Raymond), Rushville, Evelyn Isley, Shelbyville, Pauline Eads, Fort Myers, Fla., and Marjorie Williams, Laramie, Wyo.; six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Freeman Family Funeral Home, Carmory-Ewing Chapel in Shelbyville. Services will be there Friday at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Shelby County, 425 E. Washington St., Suite B, Shelbyville, IN 46176.



*The family of Bernard R. Wilimitis wants you to know of our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the outpouring of your love and support through prayers, cards, food, phone calls, visits, flowers, attendance at the Mass of Christian Burial in St. Joseph Catholic Church, and at the grave site service.*

Thanks to the Delphi VFW Post 9383, Delphi American Legion Post 75, and Camden American Legion Post 413 for Military Honors – 21-gun salute and presentation of our country’s flag – for Bernard’s service to his country in the U.S. Army.

Thank you to the ladies of St. Joseph Catholic Church for the most delicious and plentiful meal which followed in Honan Hall.

Thanks to Jerry Reinke and his dad for loving support and guidance.

Bernard is laid to rest in the St. Joseph Cemetery in Delphi.

*Cecile Wilimitis  
Chris, Dianna, Bernie, Sheila, Tony, Amy*

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