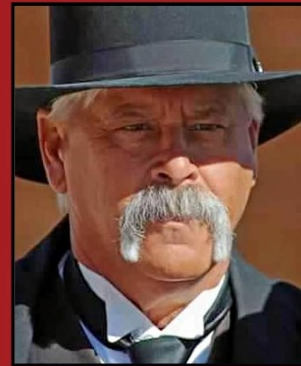


FAMOUS FOLKS AND LOCAL HEROES OF CARROLL COUNTY, INDIANA



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Let's hear it for Carroll County!

Just look at all these people who lived in Carroll County at some point and did something really special, earning them fame or making them a local hero. In this book are short profiles of more than 250 current or former Carroll County residents. My criteria for selecting them were pretty simple:

Famous Folks: people who achieved recognition outside of Carroll County, in the region or state or beyond.

Local Heroes: people who are linked to a specific accomplishment they led, or primarily influenced, to preserve or protect our Carroll County history or to make Carroll County a better place to live.

When I started this project, I hoped to find 50 or so people who fit my criteria. Within a month, I had nearly 400 names (and more over time)! Though I couldn't fit everyone into this book, I tried to pick a sample that shows the incredible range of talent and vision and creativity and tenacity and courage of the people of Carroll County, through the past nearly 200 years.

I think shared memories and stories help keep us connected, both to our "home" and to one another. If you've lived in Carroll County, I hope these stories will strengthen your connection, as they have mine. And if you've never lived in Carroll County - well, look what you're missing! Come visit.

Have fun looking through these pages, getting to know these remarkable folks. Some may surprise you!

- Candi Pastor Harrison
October 2022

DEDICATION

I dedicate this book to:

- Jennifer Shambaugh Archibald
- Everyone 18 or younger, now and in the future, who is reading this book

Jennifer was a gifted storyteller. She saw extraordinary where others see ordinary; and she used her words and photos to help us see what she saw. She made us pause and see a moment or event or person that we might otherwise have missed. I never had the opportunity to meet Jennifer; but when I discovered her articles in the "Carroll County Comet," I knew I'd found a kindred spirit... and a muse. Thank you for your wonderful stories, Jennifer. You inspire me. And your stories are a gift to future generations.

And to you who have your adult lives ahead of you... I hope these stories encourage you to chase your dreams and to seize opportunities, however unexpected. That's what these folks did, and look what they achieved!

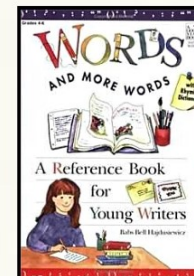
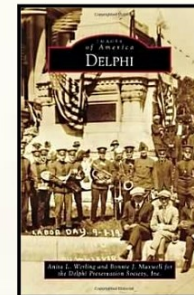
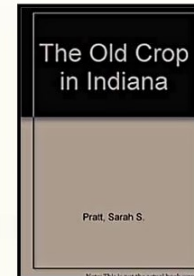
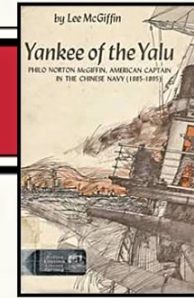


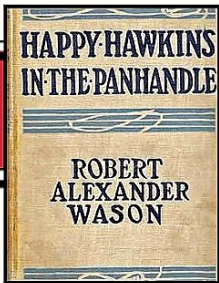
Jennifer Archibald

On the cover top: Pat Manahan, Jenée Blanco, Ray Gene Wilson, and Mary Flower. Middle: Babs Bell Hajdusiewicz, Al Auffart, Pence Revington, and Ken Stuart. Bottom: Bud Foster. Mark Smith, Dan McCain, and Melissa Bishop. On this page are some of the books by Carroll County authors.

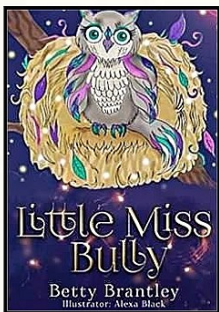
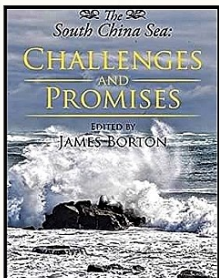
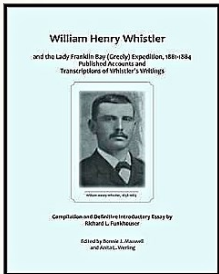
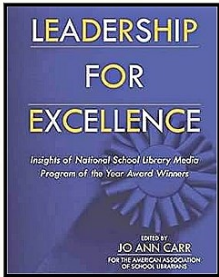
If you'd like to know more about someone in the book, check my companion Facebook page. You'll find longer summaries plus photos and newspaper clips that I used in my research.

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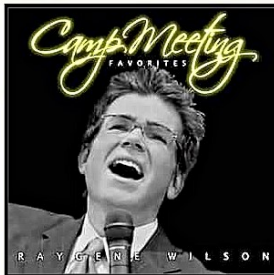
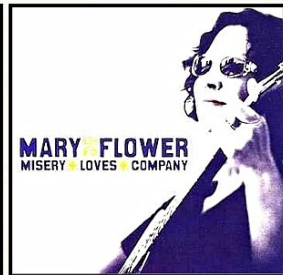
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Don't forget to check out the Famous Folks and Local Heroes page on Facebook for more photos and articles about each of the people profiled. There is a separate "album" for each person.

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My sister, Shelley, and me at the 2015 Delphi Opera House Civil War Ball



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RAY GENE WILSON: INTERNATIONALLY-KNOWN GOSPEL SINGER, RECORDING ARTIST, AND PASTOR

Ray Gene Wilson's story is a perfect example of the importance of seizing opportunity when it presents itself - even if it doesn't look like you thought it would. It may well lead you to your calling.

Ray thought he was going to be a country music singer. As a young teen, he won a talent contest at a big country music event hosted by the Grand Ol' Opry. At 14, he started performing throughout Indiana and Kentucky with a show called, "Poor Bob's Country Jamboree," out of Frankfort. But after he graduated from Delphi Community High School in 1979, he had an opportunity to sing with a gospel group called "The Spurrllows." It began as a 3-month tour. It turned into a 5-year course correction. He realized that, in gospel music, he had found what he was supposed to do. He never looked back.

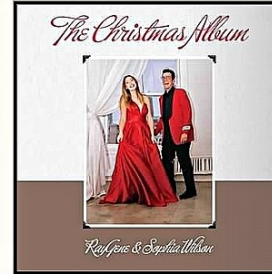
Since then, Ray has traveled all over the world, singing and recording. He's appeared on numerous television shows, including all the major Christian shows; and he's toured in 24 countries - all over Europe, Asia, Australia and Central and South America. He co-founded a children's home, Casa del Destino, and a Bible School, Destiny School of Ministry, both in Guatemala. He's written two books. He went back to school and earned a bachelors degree in Pastoral Ministry and a masters degree in Biblical Studies; and presently, he is Pastor at West Coast Life Church, a non-denominational church in southern California.

Because of his proximity to Hollywood, Ray has connected with the entertainment industry. He's done Bible studies and provided counseling and coaching for such well-known celebrities as Gavin MacLeod, Jane Russell, Pat Boone, Debbie Reynolds, Katy Perry, Rosey Grier, and Donny and Marie Osmond. In many cases, they've become good friends. He also has encountered many in the political world. He recalls having butterscotch sundaes with President Gerald Ford in Palm Springs; and he was invited to spend Christmas Eve with President Ronald Reagan, shortly after he left office. Ray has a huge and treasured collection of memorabilia from his encounters with many old Hollywood favorites like Frank Sinatra and Katharine Hepburn.

While this all may sound glamorous, Ray worked for it. When he was with The Spurrllows, they gave 350 concerts a year for 5 years. He recorded his first gospel album in 1980, a year after graduating from high school; and he has kept a hectic pace throughout his more than 40-year career. He is continuing to tour and record today, in addition to maintaining his ministry. In just the past year, he's had singles rise to #7 and #4 on the gospel charts. His Christmas album, released last year, was produced by his close friend, contemporary Christian star Colton Dixon, and feature's Ray's daughter, Sophia.

Ray remains a humble man, grateful for his roots in Delphi and the people who mentored him and helped him along the way, including Lois Mears (profiled in this book) - who not only arranged for his voice lessons, but also drove him to them - and his high school theater teacher, Morris Buck, who opened his eyes to public speaking. Ray remembers being so shy that he wouldn't take a speech class; and while he could sing in public, he couldn't speak in front of people. Now, he makes a living doing just that.

Ray lives in southern California with wife Beth and his daughter. He and Beth met in Nashville - one of those "love at first sight" stories; and they have been married 30 years. Ray returns to Delphi to see his four older sisters, whom he adores, as often as possible.



Speaking in Marion May 22, 1917



A.B. CRAMPTON: DEAN OF INDIANA NEWSPAPER EDITORS

Adelbert Bernard ("A. B." or "Dell") Crampton (1843-1933), owner and editor of the "Delphi Citizen Times" (later "Delphi Citizen") newspaper, was president of the Indiana Democrat Editorial Association, president of the Northern Indiana Editorial Association, and vice president and member of the Executive Committee of the National Editorial Association. He was elected Commander of the Indiana Department of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and Commander of the Indiana Department of the Loyal Legion. He served on the Indianapolis Soldiers Monument Board. He also served on the Democratic State Central Committee.

Born in Elkhart, Dell was bound out at age 11 to the Baptist minister Loyal Alford, who published the "Elkhart Review." That's where he learned the publishing business. In 1861, Dell was the first man to be sworn into Company A, 48th Indiana, in which he served as color bearer throughout the Civil War. He was proud that General Grant asked him to take over a newspaper office at Vicksburg, Mississippi to print general orders and other special communications. After the war, Dell followed the Alford family to Logansport, eventually becoming editor of the "Logansport Pharos." In 1878, he bought the "Delphi Times," changing the name to the "Delphi Citizen Times," and moved to Carroll County. He added the "White County Democrat" and the "Winamac Democrat" to his portfolio. Dell was known as the dean of Indiana newspaper editors, revered by his peers.

Dell was Postmaster in Delphi, on the board of the Northern Indiana Hospital, and Governor of the Soldiers Homes in Marion and Milwaukee. Two of his children, Dr. Charles Crampton and Mindwell Crampton Wilson (both profiled in this book), went on to achieve their own local notice.

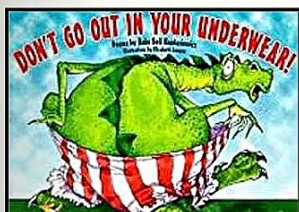
BABS BELL HAJDUSIEWICZ: CHILDREN'S AUTHOR AND EDUCATOR

Imagine this: you're in a grocery store. Suddenly, you see a little girl run up to some woman she greets as "Mary Poppins" and asks for a poem. Much to your surprise - this Mary Poppins drops the celery she was inspecting, puts a huge smile on her face, and begins chanting a little poem clearly made up on the spot, as that little girl listens in delight. Well, you probably just ran into Babs Bell Hajdusiewicz. She's always ready to inspire children with words... any time, any place.

Babs Bell Hajdusiewicz (which she patiently sounds out as HI-doo-SHEV-its) is a teacher, educational consultant, and children's author. She has published more than 100 children's books and more than 400 poems and songs for children, parents, and teachers. Babs' focus is on oral literacy - the spoken word - because she believes that knowing words helps children be better readers, which leads to success in life.

Babs' bestselling picture books for children include "Don't Go Out in Your Underwear!" Her books for teachers and parents include, "Phonics Through Poetry." She is passionate about the power of stories and rhyme to develop children's skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing, from birth; and she encourages parents and teachers to read to children every day. Babs, who is a popular speaker, has addressed hundreds of schools, educational conferences, and parenting seminars all over the country. Her "Babsy B" brand (also known as "Reading Realm") and website offer ideas and advice for parents and children. Her books and CDs have been honored by "Creative Child Magazine," The National Parenting Center, and the Teachers Choice Awards.

Babs Bell was born in 1944, and she grew up near Burrows. Though they didn't have books in her home, she drew inspiration from watching her mother sitting at the kitchen table, reading the local newspapers and writing letters to her friends and family, every single day. From the time she was five, Babs goal was to teach children to learn new words and read.



Babs attended Burrows School and graduated from Delphi High School in 1962, where she was class treasurer, sang in Top 20, belonged to the National Honor Society, and was in both the Homecoming and Track Queens' courts. She earned her bachelors and masters degrees in elementary and special education from Indiana State University and has a Specialists Degree in Education Administration. In 1973, she married Jerry; and they have two children and two young "grandgems" (as she calls them).



Babs' career began as an elementary teacher in Terre Haute, Great Neck, NY, and Martinsville. She moved into directing special education programs at Brazil, IN, Greencastle, and Northville, MI. At the college level, she taught at Cleveland State University and Eastern Michigan University; and she taught parent education classes in Rocky River, OH. In 1978, she founded "Pee Wee Poetry," teaching language development classes for children ages 2-9 at daycare and preschool facilities. And then, she became a best-selling children's author!

Today, Babs continues to write, consult, and lecture, with Atlanta as her home base. So if you happen to be in that city and you spot a woman on the street singing a little children's song to a mesmerized group of kids, maybe you lucked out - maybe you ran into Babs... Mary Poppins working her magic!



LEON AMES: BROADWAY AND MOVIE ACTOR

Actor Leon Ames (1898-1993) appeared on stage and television and in more than 50 movies in his long career. He founded the Screen Actors Guild and served as its president. But before all that, he spent some of his early years in Delphi, where he went by his given name: "Harry Leon Wycoff."

Harry was born in 1898 in Portland, Indiana. He grew up in Delphi, working at the Jordan and Edison clothing store and graduating from Delphi High School. His family moved to Logansport, and Harry served in the Army. He moved to New York in the 1920s to start his acting career. He changed his stage name to "Leon Ames" (his real middle name and his mother's maiden name) in 1935.



If you like old movies, you've undoubtedly seen Leon Ames. He made his film debut in "Quick Millions," in 1931. He is best remembered for playing father figures in such films as "Meet Me in St. Louis," "Little Women" (the 1949 production), "On Moonlight Bay," "By the Light of the Silvery Moon," and "Peyton Place." He played the college president in the 1961 Walt Disney comedy, "The Absent-Minded Professor," and its sequel, "Son of Flubber." His last screen role was in "Peggy Sue Got Married," in 1986.

Leon debuted on Broadway in "It Pays to Sin" in 1933; and his Broadway credits include "Howie," "Winesburg, Ohio," "Guest in the House," and "A House in the Country." On television, he had leads in "Life With Father" (1953-1955) and "Father of the Bride" (1961-1962).

In 1933, Leon was one of the founders of the Screen Actors Guild. He served as its president in 1957. In 1980, after 50 years in show business, he received the Screen Actors Guild "Life Achievement Award." Leon married actress Christine Gossett in 1938, and they had two children.





Comet photo

THE HATHAWAY FAMILY SINGERS

Orville Hathaway, who attended Cutler High School, was a talented singer and musician in Carroll County. As a young man, Orville sang in barbershop and gospel quartets. So it isn't surprising that the Hathaway Family Singers started as a gospel quartet, with Orville (tenor), daughter Elaine (soprano), daughter Tara (alto), and Elaine's husband Doug Latia (bass). Eventually additional family members joined in; and they performed at churches and festivals - including Old Settlers - in Carroll County and all over Indiana.

Several of the seven Hathaway children continued their music into adulthood. Tara (Garrison) plays piano for the Radnor United Methodist Church (UMC). Jenni (Best) became a singer/songwriter; and - with her spouse, Dottie Hissong - she performs at festivals, church events, funerals, and weddings in their Oskaloosa, Kansas area. Gail sings duets with her husband, Jeff Marshall, a retired pastor; and Kevin is a drummer-musician, performing in Carroll County with the HHR band. Many of Orville's grandchildren and great grandchildren are musicians, as well.

Elaine and Doug's daughter - Jenée - learned to play the mandolin; and she performed with the family and, later, with the Latia's band, "The Chaney Sister's Country Show & Sunshine Cloggers." The band traveled all over Indiana, playing at summer festivals. Some of their favorite venues were The Indiana Fiddlers' Gathering, Lafayette, and the Buck Creek Fish Fry.

In the early 1990's, what started as a comedy act for a Buck Creek UMC Mother-Daughter banquet as "The Dudds" became "The Dudds & Do-wahs." They performed gospel and country music at churches and festivals. In the late 1990's and early 2000s, the Dudds & Do-wahs morphed into "The Buck Creek Band," continuing to play country and gospel music around the state. Briefly, Elaine, Doug, and Jenée performed as "General Merchandise" at the Indiana Fiddlers and the Buck Creek Fish Fry.

Since they retired, Elaine and Doug - who now call San Antonio, Texas home - perform as a duo called, "Travelin' Light," as they roam the country in their RV. They play at bars, private parties, and RV resorts. They also were part of a band - "Second Wind" - organized by a friend for a class reunion; and when they visit Jenni and Dottie in Kansas, the four play as "The EDDJ Band" at bars, wineries and family gatherings.



The Hathaway Family Singers: Standing are Jenni Best, Tara Garrison, Gail Marshall, Jeff Marshall, Carole Thomsen, Doug Latia, Elaine Latia. Seated are Orville Hathaway, Frances Hathaway, and Kevin Hathaway.

Orville passed away in 2017 and wife Frances passed away in 2020, but the Hathaway musical legacy continues.



REED CASE: CANAL BUILDER

Reed Case (1808-1871) was born in Kentucky and lived in various parts of Indiana before he arrived in Carroll County in 1838 to build the section of the Wabash and Erie Canal from Delphi to Lafayette. At age 16, Reed had become a skilled brick mason. He turned his skills into a thriving construction business, building everything from a courthouse in Hendricks County to roads to portions of the canal to a pork packing house. He also was involved in bringing the railroad to Carroll County.

Highly regarded by his fellow Carroll County citizens, Reed was known for his generosity, helping the poor and assisting runaway slaves through the Underground Railroad. He was married twice and had five children.

The Reed Case home, built in 1844, was moved from Front Street in Delphi to the Wabash and Erie Canal Park in 1983. You can tour this house - with its authentic furnishings - on weekends and special events, often with a docent dressed in period costume.



The Reed Case House at the Wabash and Erie Canal Park

MARY FLOWER: GUITAR VIRTUOSO, RECORDING ARTIST, AND ENTERTAINER



Mary Flower is a guitarist, singer, songwriter, performer, and teacher. She is renowned for her skill in fingerpicking in the Piedmont style and for playing lap-slide style. Her music is eclectic, with elements of blues, folk, ragtime, gospel, jazz, swing and something that is uniquely "Mary." She's a self-described "purist" who draws from some of the old acoustic heroes, but she creates her own space.



Mary performing at the Delphi Opera House

Mary has made both albums of her music and instructional DVDs. She's garnered a long list of awards. She's played all over the country and internationally; and she's frequently taught classes and workshops at camps and festivals, sharing her unique guitar skills. She has collaborated with the greats, and her reviews are glowing. In fact, she seems to be liked by just about everyone. But Mary remains humble, focused on the joy of making her music, always looking to expand her gift.

Mary Eileen Johnson was born in 1949 and grew up in Delphi. She gravitated to performing early, taking the de rigueur dance lessons as a child and attending performing arts camp. She appeared in school plays and musicals, including an unforgettable turn as "Nancy" in the musical "Oliver." She began playing guitar in high school, just in time for the folk music craze. She was part of a popular local girls group, called the "Hootin Annies;" and they sang throughout the region. She graduated from Delphi High School in 1967.

Mary dropped out of Indiana University in the early 1970s and headed for Denver, attracted by the music scene there. She helped found a collective of women known as the "Mother Folkers," and she became a faculty member and helped create the curriculum at Denver's Swallow Hill Music School. She built her reputation, performing with others and alone. She also got married and had two children, taking time for - and enjoying - rearing them. In 2004, she left Denver to move to Portland, Oregon, looking for a new environment to grow her music. It turned out to be a good fit.

Awards? They are aplenty. She was a finalist in the National Fingerpicking Guitar Championships, three-time Blues Music Award Nominee, and 6-time winner of the Cascade Blues Association's "Terry Robb Muddy Award" for acoustic guitar. In 2018, she was inducted into the "Cascade Blues Association's Hall of Fame;" and in 2019, she was inducted into the "Colorado Music Hall of Fame." She has excelled in an area long dominated by men. But for Mary, it all comes down to the music. And it is heart-felt and emotion-evoking.

WILLIAM "DEACON" ROACH: INDIANA SECRETARY OF STATE



William A. "Deacon" Roach (1874-1920) was appointed Secretary of State of Indiana by Governor James P. Goodrich in 1917, completing the term of Ed Jackson who resigned to join the military. Deacon was elected to that post in 1918.

Deacon was born in Delphi in 1874 and graduated from Delphi High School. He was an accomplished drummer, performing with the Delphi cornet band. After he graduated from Indiana Law School in 1896, he worked in real estate with ex-Sheriff William Roach, before practicing law in Delphi. He was the Delphi city attorney for five years.

In 1902, Deacon became secretary of the Carroll County Republican Party; and in 1912, he was chairman of the Ninth Congressional District Republican Party. The Governor's decision to appoint Deacon to Secretary of State in 1917 was a popular one - Deacon was known for his integrity and good nature and was a beloved figure in Republican political circles throughout the state.

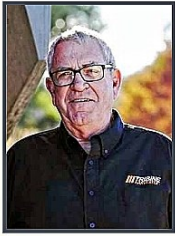
ROBERT CRIFE: 1946 TRESTER AWARD WINNER



In 1946, the Flora High School basketball team did the unthinkable - they made it all the way to the state finals of the Indiana High School Basketball Tourney. In those days, schools of all sizes competed in the same tourney; so it was a big deal for a small school - like Flora - to win its way into the Final Four.

Though they lost their semi-final game, there is no doubt that this team was a winner, in the spirit of the beloved movie, "Hoosiers." And the icing on the cake was the naming of Flora's Bob Crife as the winner of the coveted Trester Award, presented to a senior member of one of the Final Four teams who excels in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership, and athletic ability. The award is named for Arthur L. Trester, who served as the first commissioner of the Indiana High School Athletic Association.

Bob went on to graduate from Purdue with a degree in chemical engineering. He was a pilot in the U.S. Air Force, flying C47s in rescue missions. He played on the championship Air Force basketball team; and - as a Trester winner - he is listed in the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. Bob passed away in 2015 in Mauldin, South Carolina. He had a son and two daughters.



BEN DILLON: FARMER, INVENTOR, AND PRESERVATIONIST

Many years ago, Ben Dillon was working on the farm and saw a problem. He recognized that it wasted time, cost money, and sacrificed yield to run two separate operations - a combine and then a grain cart - when harvesting. So he invented the Tribine Harvester, combining the two. In 2016, he introduced his new product at the Farm Progress Show, revolutionizing the farming industry.

Ben Dillon was born in 1940 and grew up on the family farm near Deer Creek, which had been in his family since 1844. In 1958, he graduated from Deer Creek High School, where he played basketball and baseball, performed in the school plays, and was valedictorian of his class. He earned his bachelors degree from Purdue in 1962. Then he went to work for Reliance Electric in Ohio, climbing the organizational ladder for 16 years.

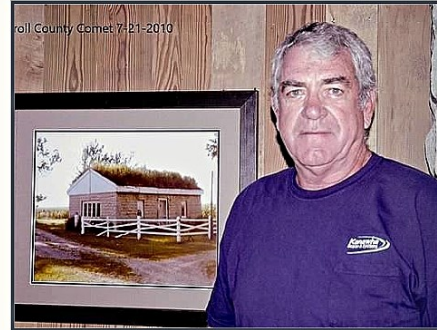
He founded Masstron Scale, Inc., where his crowning achievement was negotiating a joint venture with the Chinese government. In 1985, Ben sold his company and became vice president - and eventually president - of Toledo Scale Company.

In 1994, Ben retired. Not one to sit on the sidelines, he invested in the Tasman Motorsports Racing Team, which built racing cars for the Indy Lights and CART Championship. He also revisited his interest in improving crop harvesting equipment; and in 2012, Ben formed a company to manufacture his harvester. Ben holds more than 30 patents for his inventions. He's been an active member of the American Society of Agriculture and Biological Engineers.

When he came back to Carroll County after he retired, Ben restored the farmhouse and the 90-year-old stone cabin on the family farm. He wanted to make it a home base where his five children could bring their families and remain connected to their Carroll County roots. For his preservation efforts, Ben won a Carroll County Old Settlers Association "Heritage Award," in 2010.



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JERILYN JONES KENNEDY: INDIANAPOLIS 500 QUEEN

Jerilyn Jones Kennedy grew up in Flora, and she had a ground-breaking career in broadcasting media sales in Bloomington. She also became known throughout the state for her beauty and charm,

Jerilyn Jones (1942-1999) was a 1960 graduate of Flora High School. She was passionate about speech and theater, winning many honors; and she was part of the Indiana Beach water skiing show in the summer, while she was in high school. At Indiana University, Jerilyn majored in speech and theater and was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She married IU graduate James Kennedy in 1963, and they settled in Bloomington.

Indianapolis Star
3-4-1962

Jerilyn was beautiful, inside and out, and she participated in several beauty contests. She was the Carroll County 4-H Fair Queen in 1959, Queen of the Indianapolis Flower and Patio Show in 1962, and - most notably - Indianapolis 500 Queen that same year. In the latter role, she promoted the race and traveled the state, participating in openings and events.



Jerilyn and Roger Ward, Indy winner

After she graduated from IU in 1966, Jerilyn began a long career in broadcast media. She was the first woman sales representative for Bloomington's WTTS/WGTC (WGCL). In 1989, she became general sales manager and - eventually - assistant general manager of WBWB-FM. She concluded her career as Underwriting Director for Indiana University's WTU-TV (PBS). She was co-founder and president of the Bloomington Press Club.

Jerilyn found time to be involved in her community. She was a member of the IU College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Council, the Monroe County Convention and Visitors Bureau, the IU Women's Mentor Program (charter member), and IU Foundation. She was president of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumni Association and active in Tri Kappa. And she was an engaged mom for her two sons.

When Jerilyn died in 1999, her brother Bill remembered that more than 400 people attended her memorial. A scholarship at I.U. was established in her name.

TOM MAYHILL: PRESIDENT OF THE INDIANA REPUBLICAN EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION

Tom Mayhill (1917-2012), former editor of the "Delphi Journal" and long-time editor and publisher of the "Knightstown Banner" (later "Tri City Banner"), was president of the Indiana Republican Editorial Association. Tom grew up in Delphi, graduating from Delphi High School in 1935, where he was the yearbook editor. At the University of Illinois he was a member of Beta Theta Pi social fraternity and Sigma Delta Chi journalism honorary; and he was managing editor of the "Daily Illini" college newspaper. After college, Tom worked briefly as a pollster and investigator for the Gallup Poll. In WWII, Tom was an intelligence officer; and after the war, he was assistant publisher of the Hoopston, Illinois "Daily Chronicle-Herald" and owner and publisher of the "Camden (Indiana) Record News."

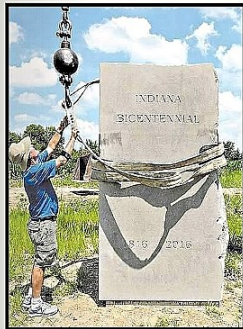


Hoosier Gym
Photo from Golf Digest 3-18-2018

In 1946, Tom bought the "Knightstown Banner," acting as editor and publisher for nearly 40 years. He also bought and published "Farm Week," "Antique Week," and "Indianapolis Monthly." He was a long-time member of the U.S. Postal Service's Mailers Technical Advisory Committee; and he was active in Republican politics, serving as a delegate to the 1960 national convention. He earned many honors over the years, including the "President's Trophy," presented by the American Legion; "Small Businessman of the Year," presented by the district chapter of the National Small Businessmen's Association; and "Citizen of the Year," presented by the Knightstown Business and Professional Women's Club. In 1991, Tom was inducted into the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame.

Tom was dedicated to preserving Indiana history. He published and reprinted many atlases and farm plats. He and his wife, Peg, sponsored the full scale canal boat cabin which is one of the displays at the Wabash and Erie Canal Interpretive Center. With great affection, the Mayhills bought the old Knightstown High School gym that was used as the Hickory Huskers' gym in the movie, "Hoosiers." They donated it to the local historic landmarks organization to use as a tourist attraction and event center. Today, you can walk through the gym and locker rooms of "The Hoosier Gym," and imagine yourself playing on that basketball court back in the 1950s. All courtesy of Carroll County boy, Tom Mayhill.

THE KEN AND JULIE PYLE FAMILY: PATRONS OF THE CARROLL COUNTY BICENTENNIAL MONUMENT



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In 2016, Ken and Julie Pyle and their family donated a piece of their land east of Delphi, close to the High Bridge Historic Trail, to Heartland Heritage. It was to be used for a Bicentennial Monument that was planned to celebrate Indiana's 200th birthday. That land originally had been owned and cleared by Delphi's founder, Samuel Milroy.

Julie Smith (1933-2022), daughter of Judge William B. and Betty Smith and granddaughter of former Delphi mayor William C. Smith, was a Delphi girl, graduating from Delphi High School in 1952. That same year, she married Ken Pyle, who was born in 1925 in Marshall, Indiana and who had established the Soil Conservation Service in Delphi in 1950. They have four children - Mike, Larry, Linda, and Diane - who have been great supporters of, and contributors to, Julie and Ken's preservation work.

Ken was director of the church choir and the Rural Youth Choir, and Julie belonged to both. After Ken graduated from Purdue, he began his career with the Soil Conservation Service in Rochester, Indiana, in 1949. He came to Carroll County in 1950. During his career, he oversaw conservation programs in Hamilton County and Marion County, in addition to Carroll County. He was inducted into the "Carroll County Agriculture Hall of Fame" in 2007. After Ken retired in 1980, he and Julie created Land, Inc. to work with health departments, builders and developers, and homeowners on conservation practices.

Both Ken and Julie were long-time members of the Delphi Methodist Church. Ken was active in the Delphi Lions Club, receiving the "Melvin Jones Award," and Julie received a 2012 Carroll County Old Settlers Association "Heritage Award" for her preservation of her grandfather's writings and memorabilia. Their contributions to Carroll County include sponsoring a post and beam shed for the Wabash and Erie Canal Park.



Carroll County Comet
8-15-2012

BUSTER BOYD: INDIANA COMPANION ANIMAL OF THE YEAR

Joretta and Denny Boyd's little Yorkie, named "Buster," spent most of his life as a therapy dog. Affiliated with the Caring Paws program in Lafayette, this affable little guy traveled around to hospitals, libraries, and other places in the area, cheering up children and helping patients have a moment of connection.

In 2007, the Indiana Veterinary Medical Association chose Buster, of Flora, as their "Companion Dog of the Year."



Carroll County Comet
1-3-2007



ABBIE VAN SICKLE: PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING JOURNALIST

Abbie Van Sickle was destined to be an artist. After all, she won art awards galore through her school years. And indeed, Abbie is an artist - but she chose to paint pictures with words, instead of a brush. Clearly, she chose well - Abbie won a "Katharine Graham Award for Courage" and the prestigious "Pulitzer Prize," both for investigative reporting.

Abbie Van Sickle was born in 1982 to Tom and Pam Van Sickle, in Delphi. At age 4, her art began attracting attention when her drawing, "Princess," was selected for publication by well-known children's magazine, "Highlights for Children." In 1996, she was the national winner of the International Aviation Art Contest, in the 10-13 age group. As a high school senior, Abbie won a scholarship for her first-place entry in the General Federation of Women's Clubs - Indiana Federation of Clubs state art contest.

But Abbie also was a skilled writer. High school journalism camp at Indiana University inspired her to pursue a career in journalism. So after her graduation from Delphi Community High School in 2000, Abbie headed to Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. While at Northwestern, Abbie won second place honors for college interns in the Hoosier State Press Association awards, earned when she interned at the "Lafayette Journal and Courier." She received a 2002 "College Gold Circle Award" from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association as a reporter for "The Daily Northwestern." Before she graduated from Northwestern, Abbie spent a semester in South Africa, working and learning and writing about AIDS.

Abbie began her career in Florida, spending 4 years as a reporter at the "St. Petersburg Times." Deciding to switch gears, Abbie entered the University of California, Berkley law school, earning her law degree in 2011. During law school, she clerked at National Public Radio, the San Francisco Office of the Public Defender, and the Legal Resources Centre in Cape Town, South Africa. In 2011, she was chosen to be a Henry Luce Scholar; and she spent a year working on a legal team helping genocide survivors at Cambodia's International Criminal Tribunal. Following that, Abbie was a staff attorney for The Defender Association in Seattle and a legal officer for International Bridges to Justice, in Beijing, China.

And then, Abbie returned to journalism. She was a reporter for the Center for Investigative Reporting and a reporter for the UC Berkeley Investigative Reporting Program, before joining The Marshall Project - a nonprofit non-partisan news organization that focuses on the U.S. criminal justice system. Abbie became lead investigator on a year-long look at the ramifications of injuries inflicted by police dogs. For their work, the Marshall Project team and its partners received the 2021 "Katharine Graham Award for Courage and Accountability," presented by the White House Correspondents' Association, and the coveted 2021 "Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting." It also was a finalist for the "Goldsmith Prize for Investigative Reporting" from Harvard's Kennedy School.

Abbie is married and has two children. She continues to work for the Marshall project and is a lecturer at the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism. Her writing has appeared in the "Washington Post," the "New York Times," and the "Los Angeles Times." Stay tuned - she's not finished yet!



Carroll County Comet
4-15-2009

MARY BLUE: WILDCAT CREEK PRESERVATIONIST

Mary Yeakley Blue, a long-time resident of Carroll County, has been among the leaders of efforts to preserve and protect Wildcat Creek and its surrounding communities. For several years, she and her husband, Jerry, had the Wildcat Creek Bed and Breakfast, near Cutler and the historic Adams Mill. There, they hosted appreciative guests and local meetings. She helped establish "Adams Mill, Inc." to restore and operate Adams Mill as a museum and an historic landmark; and she remains on the board of that organization. She founded "Promoting Wildcat Valley" to shepherd efforts to maintain the history of the area. She helped create the Deer Creek Community Center, organized a Neighborhood Watch, and helped restore the historic American House Stagecoach Hotel in Burlington. She was responsible for Wildcat Valley Historic Trolley Tours, an Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Project in 2016. Mary also serves on the board of Friends of Carroll County Parks. Her preservation efforts have been recognized with a Carroll County Old Settlers Association "Heritage Award" in 2010 and with her selection as a Carroll County representative in Indiana's Bicentennial Torch Relay in 2016.

A 1951 graduate of Deer Creek High School, Mary served as an officer in the Deer Creek Alumni Association. In 2021, she was elected Vice Chairman of the Carroll County Democrat Party. She was a member and officer for the Carroll County Board of Health, and she was involved with the Carroll County Mental Health Association. As Director of Activities and Social Services for the Brethren Home in Flora, Mary was honored for "Excellence in Social Services and Dedication to Longtime Care" in 1990; and she was named "Activity Director of the Year" for District III of the Indiana Health Care Association in 1988.



TRAVIS MARTIN: STATE PRESIDENT, FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Travis Martin, a 2009 graduate and valedictorian of Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School, was elected state president of Indiana's Future Farmers of America, 2009-2010. Travis also won a "Principals' Leadership Award Scholarship," one of only 100 winners nationwide. He earned a bachelors degree in agriculture from Purdue in 2014 and is working in agriculture marketing.

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JENÉE LATIA BLANCO: DANCER AND CHOREOGRAPHER

Jenée Blanco began her performing career with the Hathaway Family Singers and Sunshine Cloggers, but she went on to become a lovely ballerina, studying with the Joffrey Ballet and performing with the Ballet Omaha, Ballet Rotaru, and Ballet Magnificat. She has been a guest artist at ballet companies, and she has choreographed musical theater productions. But her greatest desire now is to teach classical ballet to children.

Jenée Marie Latia was born in 1974 to Doug and Elaine Hathaway Latia of Carroll County. As a young girl, she learned to play the mandolin, and she performed with the Hathaway Family Singers and their subsequent offshoots. She began her formal dance training at the age of seven at the American School of Ballet Arts in West Lafayette. When her parents took up clogging, Jenée thought it would be fun. She performed with the Sunshine Cloggers at venues around Indiana.

In high school, Jenée studied at the Jordan Academy of Dance, formerly affiliated with Butler University. But her big break came when, at 18, Jenée received a scholarship to study at the prestigious Joffrey Ballet School in New York City. While there, she was invited to apprentice with the Joffrey II Dancers. She performed in "La Bayadere," "Etudes," and "Swan Lake."



Jenée (center) with the Sunshine Cloggers

Jenée has been a guest artist with the Indianapolis Ballet Theater and the Lafayette Ballet Company. She was a company apprentice with Ballet Omaha and a member of the company of the International Ballet Rotaru in Norcross, Georgia; the Ballet Magnificat Touring Company in Jackson, Mississippi; and the Veselka Ukrainian Dance Ensemble in San Antonio, Texas. She was a dancer and student at the Ballet Arts Studio in San Antonio.

In the 2000s, Jenée began choreographing musical theater: "Meet Me In St. Louis" for the Delaware Christian School; "Godspell" for the Cornerstone Christian Fellowship in West Chester, Pennsylvania; and "Guys and Dolls" at the Musical Arts Center in San Antonio. She also choreographed "The Nutcracker" and "Cinderella" for the Children's Ballet of San Antonio.

When she was with the Ballet Magnificat, Jenée began teaching dance; and that became a passion. She taught ballet, Pilates, and Ukrainian Folk Dance at the Dance Theater of San Antonio. She is a certified Pilates instructor and has taught at

the Chester Valley Dance Academy in Exton, Pennsylvania and at fitness studios in San Antonio.

Jenée has lived in San Antonio for 13 years. She and her husband, Aaron, have five children. And while she helps run the family coffee business, she continues to share her love for ballet with the children she teaches, offering them creative ways to learn and explore dance.



DR. GREGORY NORMAN: PRESIDENT OF THE INDIANA CHIROPRACTORS' ASSOCIATION

Dr. Gregory Norman graduated from Center Grove High School in Greenwood, Indiana and from Indiana University School of Optometry. In 1982, he began practicing in Delphi, after buying Dr. Harry Tam's optometry practice. He grew his business over the years, establishing branches in several cities. In 2019, Greg was elected president of the Indiana Optometric Association.

Greg was president and a board member of the Delphi Preservation Society, the Delphi Community School Corporation, the Delphi Community Schools Athletic Booster Club, Delphi Youth Baseball, and Delphi Rotary. He's been a board member for the Delphi Public Library, Carroll County ARC, the Carroll County Cancer Society, and the Delphi Chamber of Commerce. He was an officer in the Indiana University School of Optometry Alumni Association and president of the Tecumseh Optometric Society. He was chairman of the Carroll County Community Foundation Services Committee; and in 2020, he was named to the Carroll County Economic Development Corporation Board, as one of Delphi's three representatives. Greg has been a member of the Wabash and Erie Canal Association and the Delphi United Methodist Church.



In 2015, Greg was honored with the "Samuel Milroy Award," presented by the Delphi Chamber of Commerce.

DAVE MINICH: AGRICULTURE PRODUCER OF THE YEAR

In 2008, agribusiness magazine "Top Producer" recognized Dave Minich, of Washington Township, for his long-term achievement in farm management with its "Top Producer Award." He was the first recipient from Indiana.

In 2009, Dave's extended family was named "Indiana Farm Family of the Year" by the Indiana Farm Bureau.





WILLIAM RICHARD AFFLIS: PROFESSIONAL WRESTLER "DICK THE BRUISER"

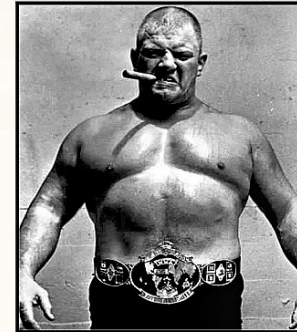
If you ever watched professional wrestling - especially in the mid-late 1990s - you must have heard of the infamous "Dick the Bruiser." He was billed as, "The world's most dangerous wrestler." He won a lot of matches, and he put on a good show as a bad guy. But in truth, he was a great guy who grew up in Delphi.

William Richard Afflis (1929-1991) was born to Margaret Atkinson (profiled below) and Walter William Afflis of Delphi. Though he grew up in Delphi, where he was known as "Sonny," Dick graduated from Lafayette Jefferson High School, where he'd transferred to play football. He played football at Purdue University, before getting drafted by the Green Bay Packers. He played professional football for four years.

When professional wrestling became an option, Dick chose it (it was more lucrative). Although he became famous for being the "mean guy," he eventually was re-branded "the good guy." He wrestled in many of the most famous venues, including Madison Square Garden. He was five times World Champion in the World Wrestling Association and the National Wrestling Alliance, retiring after some three decades in the sport.

In addition to his career in wrestling, Afflis owned a construction business and an Indianapolis tavern, "The Harem Athletic Club." Though retired from wrestling, he continued to make special guest appearances at events, up to the time of his death. He is a member of the Professional Wrestling Hall of Fame, honored both as a singles competitor and as a member of a tag team with "The Crusher."

Dick is remembered fondly by family, friends, and fans as a truly good man.



NORM EBRITE: INDIANA COACH AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

Norman Ebrite (1921-1998) was a modest man with a mighty resume. He was named "Indiana Industrial Arts Teacher of the Year" by the Indiana Industrial Arts Association in 1950. In 1980, he was named "Indiana Athletic Director of the Year" and "Indiana Coach of the Year." The American Legion Post in Delphi honored Norm as "Educator of the Year" in 1971, and he was inducted into the Delphi Community High School "Wall of Fame" in 1984. In 1999, the DCHS Board changed the official name of the highly-regarded Delphi Relays, which Norm guided for many years, to the "Norm Ebrite Relays."

Norm graduated from Muncie Burriss High School in 1939 and Ball State Teachers College (now, University) in 1943. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1943-1946. He came to Delphi in 1948, after coaching in Hope, Indiana for two years. In his first years at DHS, Norm coached football, basketball, track and cross country, becoming Delphi's Athletic Director in 1954. He also taught industrial arts and social studies.

Norm was elected president of the Interscholastic Indiana Athletic Administrators Association (1975) and president of the Indiana Industrial Arts Association. Locally, Norm was president of the board of the Carroll County Country Club, president of the Delphi Golf League, president of the Delphi Lions Club, and a long-time member of the Delphi Legion Post 75. He was revered in his community.



Hoosier Democrat
4-20-1967

MARGARET AFFLIS JOHNSTON: STATE DEMOCRAT LEADER

Margaret Afflis Johnston (1898-1967) was a formidable political maven. She ruled Democrat political circles, both locally and at the state level. She also was the mother of professional wrestler, "Dick the Bruiser."

Margaret Atkinson was born in Carroll County and graduated from Delphi High School in 1916. She married druggist William A. Afflis in 1945; and they had one son, William (aka "Dick the Bruiser"). After her husband died, she married Leroy O. Johnston of Indianapolis, in 1951.

Margaret's political career started in Delphi, where she was a Deer Creek Township Trustee and then vice chairman of the county and district Democrat Party. She advanced quickly, becoming a member of the Democrat National Committee for four years. She also served as president of the Indiana Democrat Women's Club. In the 1940s, she ran for Congress, defeated by Republican Charles A. Halleck. A talented speaker, Margaret appeared around the state as a representative of her party.

For 15 years, Margaret was a member of the Indiana Women's Prison Board. She was appointed by Governor Schricker as Director of Probation for Indiana, and she was appointed by Governor McNutt to the State Teachers' Retirement Board. She was the first woman to serve as manager of the Carroll County License Branch.

Margaret founded the Delphi chapter of Psi Iota Xi Sorority and was active for many years. In Indianapolis, she supported the Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre and Herron Art Museum. A scholarship is awarded annually in her name at Delphi Community High School.

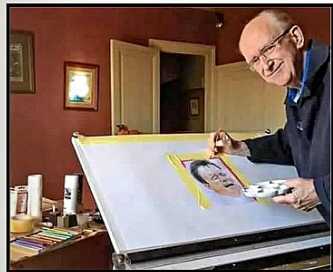
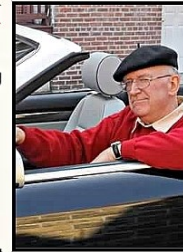


Margaret with Indiana Senator
Birch Bayh and Delphi doctor
Charles Crampton

MICHAEL JOHNSON: WRITER, ARTIST, MUSICIAN, AND MUSIC CRITIC

Michael Johnson is a Renaissance man if there ever were one. He's a journalist, an author, a musician, an artist, and a music critic. He has lived in New York, Moscow, London, and Paris; and he is fluent in both Russian and French. His writing has been published all over the world, including in the "New York Times," the "International Herald Tribune," "Clavier Companion" (piano magazine), "The Washington Times," and "The American Spectator." He has interviewed world leaders such as Hubert Humphry and French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and Nobel-winning author Alexander Solzhenitsyn. His portraits of composers and conductors have been exhibited at the Halle de Chartrons in Bordeaux. He's published five books. He was on the board of the London International Piano Competition for nine years. And where are this Renaissance man's roots? Right in Delphi, Indiana.

Michael Johnson is the son of former "Delphi Citizen" publisher, Myron Johnson. Theirs was a large and musical family (six children), known for performing in school activities and in local musical events. You considered yourself fortunate if you witnessed the Johnson family's lovely caroling at Christmas. Mike sang in the Delphi High School First Octet and played drums in a dance band called, "The Noteables" (spelling intentional). Later, he became an authority on classical piano.



Mike was born in 1938. He graduated from Delphi High School in 1956. In school, he was the yearbook editor and president of the Science-Math Club. He was editor of the student newspaper at San Jose State College in California, graduating in 1960. After working as a reporter for a couple of California newspapers, Mike was hired by the Associated Press. He worked in their San Francisco and Charleston, West Virginia offices before he was transferred to their New York World Desk. In 1966, he was chosen for a fellowship at Columbia University's Advanced International Reporting Program, a highly competitive and much valued credential.

Mike's journalism career took him to Moscow for four years, as an Associated Press correspondent; to Paris, as Bureau Chief for McGraw Hill World News; and to London, as chief editor at International Management Company. At 65, he settled in Bordeaux, France, where he continues to write and has added drawing and painting to his portfolio. He claims he's retired.

LARRY HENNING: NATIONAL TRACK AND FIELD OFFICIAL AND RUTER AWARD WINNER

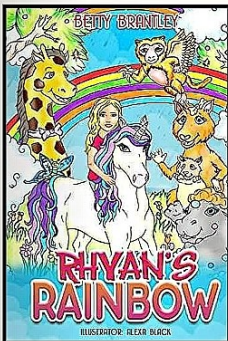
Larry Henning, of Flora, is a nationally-certified track and field official, who was chosen to officiate the 1996 Olympics. In 2019, Larry received the "Charles Ruter Award" from USA Track and Field. The Ruter Award recognizes an outstanding running event official who has contributed to the sport for years, across the country, at all levels of officiating in the various running event venues. Among his other honors, Larry was named the Indiana Track and Cross Country Coaches' "Coach of the Year" for Class A boys cross country (2006), the Indiana Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches' "Coach of the Year" for Class A girls cross country (2007), and the Ball State Alumni Association's "Coach of the Year" for track and field (2009). In 2011, he donated some of his memorabilia to the Indiana Track and Field and Cross Country Hall of Fame and Museum, in Terre Haute.

Larry graduated from Valparaiso High School in 1971 and from Indiana State University in 1975. He came to Flora that same year, beginning his long teaching career at Carroll. Though he and wife, Cecelia - also a teacher at Carroll - retired in 2013, Larry has continued coaching as a volunteer. But his contributions to the community don't stop there. In 2016, he received the "Melvin Jones Fellow" award for his outstanding efforts with the Flora Lions Club.



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BETTY KESTERSON BRANTLEY: CHILDREN'S AUTHOR



Betty Kesterson Brantley spent her early years growing up in Camden. Now, she is a successful author of children's books. Trained in Early Childhood Development, Betty has spent much of her adult life working with children. Her children's books include: "Rhyan's Rainbow," which encourages children to believe in their dreams and to see the colors in the world; "Little Miss Bully," which helps children understand it's better to be a buddy instead of a bully; "The Bug and His Light," which demonstrates the joy of friendship and helping others; and "Bible Stories Children Love to Hear," which presents the Bible in a way children understand.

Betty is committed to writing stories that emphasize important life lessons, told by interesting characters and always filled with magical adventures that children and adults love. She believes in encouraging children to dream, to imagine, and to let their lights shine bright.

In 2019, Betty was commissioned a "Kentucky Colonel" for her work teaching children and raising awareness of bullying. It is the highest honor given by the Governor of Kentucky. Betty lives in Henderson, Kentucky.





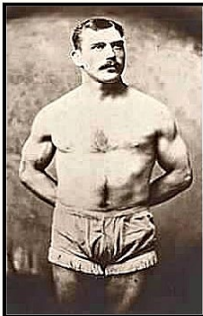
JANET DRAPER: SMITHSONIAN HORTICULTURIST

She's a true "flower child" - a woman who has surrounded herself with flowers and plants since her days in 4-H. And now, Janet Draper is the Lead Horticulturist for the Smithsonian Institution's fabulous Mary Livingston Ripley Garden in Washington, DC.

Janet Draper grew up in Delphi. She was a grand champion in flowers in 4-H, a record-setting swimmer and co-captain of the Delphi Community High School swim team, a member of the National Honor Society, and a delegate to Hoosier Girls State. She graduated from DCHS in 1982 and earned her bachelors degree in horticulture from Purdue in 1986. And then she began her real education.

Janet embarked on a series of internships, working in such places as the Ball Seed Company, Mt. Cuba Center in Delaware, Kurt Bluemel's Nursery in Maryland, the Plantage on Long Island, Beth Chatto Gardens in England, and the Staudengartnerei Grafen von Stein-Zeppelin in Germany. She landed at the Smithsonian Institution in 1997, becoming the Lead Horticulturist for the Mary Livingston Ripley Garden next to the Arts and Industries Building, on the Capital Mall. There, she gets to play in the dirt all day and talk to people from all over the world. It's her idea of heaven.

A self-proclaimed "Hort-Nerd," Janet is a frequent speaker at gardening meetings and conferences; and she's quoted in many horticulture publications, especially those focusing on perennials, her favorites. Janet is a long-time member of the national Perennial Plant Association. She received their annual "Service Award" in 2016, and she served as president from 2017-2019 and a member of their board. She organized the Annapolis Horticulture Society and served as president of that organization, as well.



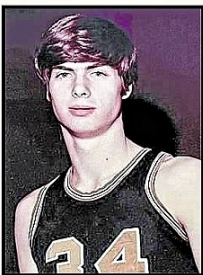
CLARENCE WHISTLER: PROFESSIONAL GRECO-ROMAN WRESTLER

Clarence Whistler, (1856 - 1885) of Rockfield, was an internationally-recognized professional athlete and champion Greco-Roman wrestler of the 1880s. He was known as the "Kansas Cyclone." It is said he once picked up a 1,350 pound iron bar and walked 30 feet, before dropping it.

Clarence, older brother of William Whistler (profiled in this book), left Carroll County around 1878 and moved to Iowa, where he worked in a foundry. It was there that his friends, who recognized his impressive strength, arranged his first wrestling match.

After a successful wrestling career in the U.S., Clarence headed to Australia for a tour. The tour culminated in a match with Professor William Miller in September 1885 at the Theatre Royal in Melbourne. At stake was the Greco-Roman championship. Clarence won, and he celebrated long and lavishly. Perhaps as a result of this celebration, he contracted pneumonia and died November 6, 1885. The cause of death was never certain. Some pinned it on the pneumonia. Others speculate it was caused by the side bets he took during his celebrations, including biting the tops off champagne bottles. Clarence was buried in Australia, and the Athletes of Melbourne erected a monument honoring him.

In his relatively short life (he was only 29 when he died), Clarence earned major titles: "Catch-as-Catch-Can Heavyweight Championship," St Louis International Wrestling Tournament winner (Greco-Roman), and "World Heavyweight Champion."



PAT MANAHAN: INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL ALL-STAR

If you're from Indiana, you know it's a big deal to make the Indiana High School All-Star Basketball Team. And Pat did that in 1973. But he also had the highest average points per game in the state: 34.9. That's better than a couple of other well-known Indiana high school boys who went on to play professionally, Rick Mount and Romeo Langford, scored the years they landed on top. So it's no surprise that Pat was chosen in 2022 for the "Indiana Sports Hall of Fame."

Pat graduated from Delphi Community High School in 1973, where he was president of his senior class. He attended Purdue and then transferred to Colorado State University, earning his bachelors in 1978 and his masters in 1987. He graduated from the University of Denver Law School in 1991. Pat has been practicing law in Delphi since 1992 (with the Emerson and Manahan firm since 1994) and owns area businesses.



CHARLES GERARD AND MICHAEL GEORGE GRIFFEY: HISTORIANS, PHOTOGRAPHERS, AND PRESERVATIONISTS

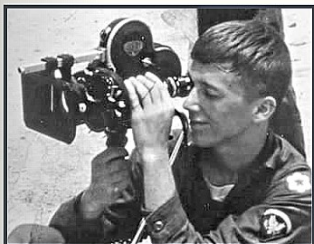
Charles Gerard and Mike Griffey were friends from childhood. Both became accomplished photographers, and both were passionate about the history of Carroll County. Together they compiled, wrote, and published "The Pictorial History of Carroll County" and "Lynched! The Story of Amer Green." Devoted preservationists, they led crusades to protect historical sites in Carroll County and contributed to the effort to turn the forgotten Wabash and Erie Canal into an historic gem. Both played a major role in preserving historical documents and photos of Carroll County.

Charles Gerard (1949 - 2005) lived in Delphi all his life. A 1967 graduate of Delphi High School, he earned a bachelors from Indiana University in history and economics, in 1971. He was fluent in both Russian and German, and he was an accomplished musician. Charles was a dispatcher for the Delphi Police Department and worked in the Circulation Department for the Purdue University Library for 25 years. But his real focus was on Carroll County history and preservation. In addition to the books he published with Mike, Charles published "Mystique of Deer Creek." He amassed a huge collection of Carroll County photos and documents - some one-of-a-kind. He was a member of the Wabash and Erie Canal Association, the Carroll County Historical Society, and the Delphi Preservation Society, for which he was historian and a board member. He frequently led historic tours of Carroll County, providing historical tidbits that many didn't know.

Tragically, Charles was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig Disease) in 2003; and he died in 2005. But Charles' contributions to Carroll County didn't stop with his death. His sizable donation to the Delphi Preservation Society enabled them to purchase one-third of the Opera House building; and his collection of documents, photos, and books are now housed in the Gerard Reading Room at the Opera House. In addition, he donated 6 acres of land to the NICHES Land Trust, in his mothers name; and that property became part of Whistler Woods. The DPS named an award in Charles' honor, recognizing those who preserve historic documents and photos.

Michael George Griffey was born in 1948 in Kokomo. His family moved to Delphi in 1954, and he graduated from Delphi High School in 1966. Mike enlisted in the Army that same year, becoming a photographer with the Department of Army Special Photographic Office. His assignments took him to Panama City and other parts of Central America, and he received the Army Commendation Medal for his service. He returned to Delphi in 1972, where he opened a photography business and served as public information officer for the Indiana Army National Guard for six years.

In 1982, Mike moved his family to New Orleans. He worked for Darrell DeMoss Photographers and published a Spanish weekly newspaper, "La Prensa USA." He returned to Delphi in 1985 and started a weekly newspaper, "The Journal." Through it, Mike pursued his passion for historic preservation, both through the articles and photos he published and his editorials. In 1990, he earned the "Servaas Award," given by the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, in recognition of his preservation efforts. "The Journal" is the only newspaper to receive that award.



Mike Griffey

Mike belonged to the American Legion Post 75 and the Carroll County Historical Society and was a charter member of the Wabash and Erie Canal Association. He was president of the Delphi Landmarks Foundation and a member of the Professional Photographers of America and the International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors.

In 1992, Mike sold "The Journal" and moved to Guatemala. There, he met his second wife, Estrella. They married in 1993. They lived in Delphi, while Mike traveled to college campuses throughout the U.S., taking photos for sororities and fraternities. In 2003, the Griffey's built a home in Guatemala; and they split their time between their home there and Indiana. In 2018, Mike published an updated version of "Lynched." Some of his photos are featured in the 2020 publication, "Carroll County Artists."



Charles Gerard

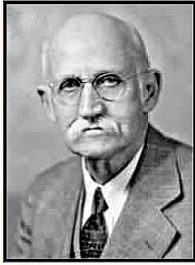
HOWARD BRADSHAW: CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL RURAL INSURANCE AGENTS

Howard Bradshaw (1902-1985) was chairman of the National Rural Agents Committee, of the National Association of Insurance Agents, and a board member and officer for the Indiana Independent Insurance Agents.

Howard joined his family's insurance agency in 1928, the third generation, and retired in 1967. Over the course of his professional life, he was credited with expanding the business by buying other local insurance agencies; for creating innovative farm insurance programs; and for writing publications about insurance for rural communities used both statewide and nationwide in the industry.

Howard was a leader in Delphi's business community, serving as president and long-time board member of Hometown Federal Savings and Loan Association, president and board member of the Delphi Chamber of Commerce, and president of the Carroll County Welfare Board. He managed and served as president of the Carroll County Country Club and served on the finance committee for the Delphi Boy Scouts. He was appointed "Grand Herald" of the Grand Lodge of Indiana Independent Order of Odd Fellows in 1927 and earned the Royal Purple Degree in 1940. Howard was a 1920 graduate of Delphi High School and attended the University of Illinois and Wabash College.





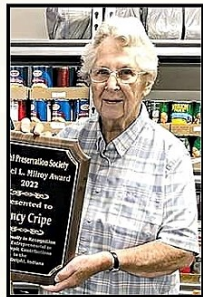
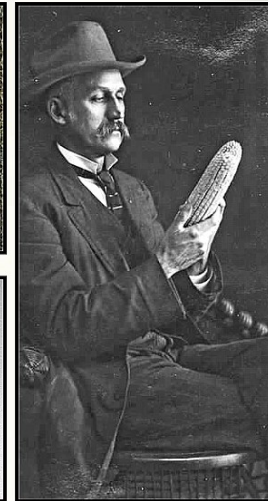
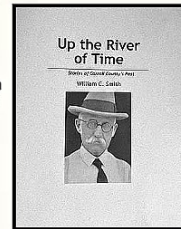
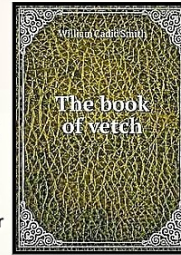
WILLIAM CADID SMITH: HISTORIAN AND AUTHOR

Historian and Author William Cadid Smith (1857-1946) was a founder and the first president of the Carroll County Historical Society and president of the Carroll County Old Settlers Association. He was County Historian. He was mayor of Delphi and chairman of the Carroll County Democrats. He was the primary advocate for a modern post office in Delphi and participated in its opening. He was a practicing attorney who was elected president of the Carroll County Bar Association. He served as Prosecuting Attorney and City Attorney, during his career.

William was a businessman, co-founding the Great Western Canning Factory in Delphi and serving as president of the Indiana Cannery Association. He was a farmer who practiced, and wrote about, modern scientific methods in farming. His books and articles were praised throughout the country. In fact, President Woodrow Wilson considered him for Secretary of Agriculture in his administration. A Mason, William traveled to Oklahoma in 1900 to help organize a Masonic Order there.

But William C. Smith might best be remembered for his historical accounts of events in Carroll County. His column, "Up the River of Time," appeared in the "Delphi Citizen" for several years. In 2012, the Delphi Preservation Society consolidated those columns into a book by the same name. His articles remain an important source for genealogy and Carroll County history researchers.

William was born in Howard County, Indiana. He graduated from Kokomo High School in 1878 and studied law at Indiana University and the University of Michigan, where he was a charter member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. He came to Delphi in 1881 and began practicing law, eventually partnering with George Julien. William married Julia Gwin in 1883, and they had seven children.



NANCY GIRTON CRIPE: PATRON OF THE CARROLL COUNTY FOOD BANK

Nancy Girton graduated from Delphi High School in 1957. She was president of the Sunshine Society, Student Council treasurer, student director of both the junior and senior class plays, and a member of the National Honor Society. After high school, she joined the Marines; and when she came home, she married Lloyd Cripe (1962). They had four children.

Nancy worked at Globe Valve and the Beesley Department Store in Delphi; and she served on the Delphi City Council (and was president) for 16 years. And then, in the 1990s, Nancy began volunteering for the Carroll County Food Pantry, helping those in need. Eventually she became the site manager, a role she continues to play today. Nancy also has been active in the Delphi Christmas Basket Project, sponsored by several area churches, and in the Delphi Christian Church, where she has been a trustee.

In 2022, Nancy was honored for her service with the "Samuel Milroy Award," presented by the Delphi Preservation Society.



MABEL SITES FRASER: STATE REPUBLICAN LEADER

Mabel Sites (1901-1971) was a political force in the Indiana Republican Party. She began her political career in 1934, when she was named Carroll County Young Republican Vice Chair. She quickly rose through the ranks of Republican leadership, serving at the highest levels that women were able to hold in those days: vice chairman of Carroll County Republicans, vice chairman of Second District Republicans, and vice chairman of the State Republican Party.

She was president of the Midwest and Rocky Mountain Council of Republican State Vice Chairmen. She was Midwest Director for the Eisenhower campaign; and she was a Republican National Committee member, serving on the Platform Committee at the 1948 and 1952 Republican National Conventions.

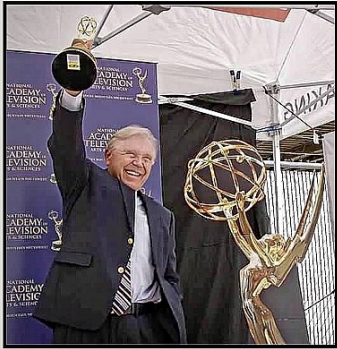
In 1956, Mabel was appointed Women's Field Representative for the Republican National Committee's Farm Division, working out of Chicago. She also worked for the State of Indiana, both for the Indiana Attorney General and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, where she was the State Inspector for the school lunch program. Mabel is the mother of radio and TV man Bill Fraser (profiled in this book).



BUD FOSTER: EMMY-WINNING BROADCASTER

Bud Foster has had a long and successful career in journalism and broadcasting, spanning nearly 50 years. But winning that Emmy Award in 2020, being inducted into the "Arizona Broadcasting Hall of Fame," and receiving the prestigious "Edward R. Murrow Award" were the icing on the cake.

Bud (Byron) grew up in Pittsburg and Delphi, graduating from Delphi High School in 1968. He earned a degree in Business Administration at Ball State University, where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity; and then he headed west, doing graduate studies in journalism at Arizona State University and in political science at the University of Arizona. He worked at television stations in both Phoenix and Tucson, becoming a favorite local personality and active community member in the latter.



Bud did all the things normal kids do in Carroll County - played Little League baseball, participated in school plays, worked on the yearbook staff, and participated in high school sports. He is proud that he and his co-editor of the high school newspaper changed the name of the paper from "Delphian" to "Parnassus," which - fittingly - is the mountain that towers over Delphi in Greece and is known as the home of poetry, music, and learning. Their advisor, Roger Michael, encouraged the students to be independent and take risks in journalism; so they started by changing the name of the paper. For Bud, the Parnassus masthead has been an inspiration throughout his career.

Long an advocate for serving the community, Bud has served on boards, emceed events, and made appearances in support of causes including Juvenile Diabetes and the Brewster Center for victims of domestic violence.

Through the ups and downs of a career in broadcast journalism, Bud has inspired many - both those in his industry and the audiences who have followed him - with his positive attitude, his persistence in following the facts of any story (often working long hours), and his willingness to adapt and make the best of every situation.



PAT WISLER-MEADE: FLORA HISTORIAN



Pat Wagoner Wisler-Meade is a collector. Thank goodness! Because Pat's collection of Flora memorabilia is widely recognized as the most complete in the area. For many years, she displayed her collection at Pat's Country Barn, the event venue she owned and managed. But recently, she began donating some of her collection to the newly restored Flora Depot Railroad and Local History Museum and the Carroll County Historical Museum, ensuring that her historic treasures will be enjoyed by local residents and visitors for years to come.

Pat has lived in the area her entire life. In addition to owning Pat's Country Barn, she co-owned Wisler Electric and Charlie and Pat's Repairs. She graduated from Flora High School in 1960, and she has been involved in numerous local organizations ever since. She was a founding member of the Flora Kiwanis, a member of the Carroll County Antique Tractor Club, and a member of the Flora Rotary. She served on the board of Area IV Council on

Aging and Community Services, and she was an officer for the Monroe Township Alumni Association. She was active in supporting 4-H, served on the FFA Advisory Board at Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School, and pitched in for other community events. She is especially proud to have helped establish the Carroll County Community Center.

Pat was selected as one of Carroll County's participants in the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay in 2016. In 2004, she and her husband, Charlie, received the Flora Lions Club's "Pete Award," recognizing community service. And Pat was honored twice, in 2001 and 2012, with Old Settlers Association "Heritage Award." Her barn was chosen as one of Indiana's 200 Bicentennial Barns in 2016; and in 2015, Pat was selected by the Flora Community Club to lead Flora's annual Christmas Parade. In 2018, Pat, and her good friend, Charlie Bordner, were chosen Queen and King of Flora's Depot Day Festival. She continues to share her love for her community and its history.



REVEREND WILLIAM REES: FOUNDER OF FRANKLIN COLLEGE

William Rees (1797-1849) is remembered as one of the founders of Franklin College. Born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, William spent several years in Ohio, where he became a Baptist minister. He moved to Delphi in 1832 or 1833 to build a Baptist Church. In 1839, he became an Agent of the General Association of Indiana (Baptist Church); and for the next 10 years - until his death in 1849 - he spent most of his time establishing Franklin College. William is buried at the Robinson Baum Cemetery on Riley Road





MINNIE LOU CHITTICK LYNCH: NATIONAL LIBRARY ADVOCATE

Thank goodness for library advocates. And Minnie Lou Chittick Lynch (1916-2008) was a formidable - and very successful - library advocate, consultant, and professional book reviewer, known nationwide for her commitment to libraries.

Born in Flora, Minnie Lou became president of the American Library Trustee Association, a division of the American Library Association (ALA); Executive Director of Louisiana's two Governors' Conferences on Libraries; and an organizer of two White House Conferences on Libraries and Information Science. She represented the ALA as a delegate to the International Federation of Library Associations in the Netherlands.

In Louisiana, Minnie Lou founded the public library in Oakdale, where she lived for 57 years; and she served on its board from inception. In 2000, she was presented the "Lynda Carlberg Award" for outstanding service to libraries by Libraries Southwest. When she died, the Council of the ALA passed a resolution honoring her lifetime of dedication and commitment to libraries and librarians.

Among her other honors, Minnie Lou received the American Library Association's "Trustee Citation" and was recognized by that organization as an "Extraordinary Library Advocate of the 20th Century." She received Louisiana's "Outstanding Trustee Award," the Southwestern Library Association's "Honorary Life Membership," and the "Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities Award" for her lifetime contribution to the humanities. The Allen Parish Library established "Lynch Plaza" at its Oakdale branch, in honor of Minnie Lou. For her work as a District Supervisor with the Allen Soil and Conservation District in Louisiana, she was the first woman to be cited for "Outstanding Service" by the Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts. In 1977, she was chosen "Outstanding Citizen of Oakdale, Louisiana."

Minnie Lou credited the Flora Library, which she began using at age 4, with inspiring her passion. After graduating from Flora High School in 1933, she attended Maryville College in Tennessee. Returning to Indiana, Minnie Lou served as Northern Province Officer and Grand (National) Secretary of Psi Iota Xi philanthropic sorority. In 1940, she married Dr. Weldon Lynch, with whom she had two daughters; and they moved to Louisiana. Noting there was no public library within 40 miles of their home, Minnie Lou went to work, establishing the Allen Parish Library and finding her calling.

An inspiring lecturer, Minnie Lou gave public book reviews, trained librarians, and lectured on library issues in 35 states and Canada. As one of the final acts in her career, Minnie Lou was instrumental in securing the Association of Library Trustees and Advocates' "Major Benefactors Honor Award" for Dr. Arthur Richter (profiled in this book), acknowledging his generous contribution to improving the Flora Library.



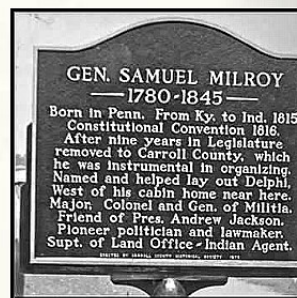
GENERAL SAMUEL MILROY: SPEAKER OF THE INDIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Samuel Milroy was born in Pennsylvania in 1780. He came to Indiana, by way of Kentucky, in 1814. He participated in the Indiana Constitutional Convention in 1816, and he was a representative in the first Indiana Legislature. He was commissioned Brigadier General by Indiana Governor Jennings in 1817, and he became speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives in 1821. That all happened before he showed up in Carroll County.

In 1826, Samuel claimed 80 acres of land just east of what was to be Delphi. In 1827, he petitioned the Legislature to form Carroll County. Once it was authorized in 1828, he laid out Delphi and sold lots. He is credited with choosing the name of the county seat, after the original name, "Carrollton," was deemed over-used.

Samuel was a delegate to the first Democrat National Convention held in Baltimore in 1832 and at subsequent national conventions, until 1844. In 1835, President Jackson appointed him to the Board of Visitors of West Point Military Academy. He served in both the state legislature and state senate; and in 1839, he was appointed agent for the Miami and Potawatomie Indians.

A portion of the Milroy property is now the site of the Deer Creek Bicentennial Park. A marker honoring Samuel's log cabin was placed in 1916, and a marker honoring the property was placed in 1975.



CHARLES B. CRAMPTON: INDIANA DOCTOR OF THE YEAR

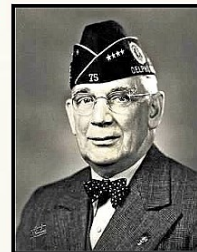
Dr. Charles Crampton (1872- 1965) was a family practitioner in Carroll County for decades, delivering thousands of babies. In 1949, he was named "Indiana Doctor of the Year" by the Indiana Medical Association. And no wonder - Charles embodied the ideal family doctor. For years, he made house calls, charging as little as \$1; and he was adored by his patients.

Born in 1872 in Logansport, Charles moved to Delphi when his father (A.B. Crampton, profiled in this book) bought the "Delphi Times" newspaper in 1879. He earned his pharmacy degree from Purdue in 1891, with honors; and he attended the Physicians and Surgeons Medical College in Chicago and the University of Louisville, where he received his M.D. Charles joined the practice of Dr. Wycliffe Smith; and when Dr. Smith died in 1899, Charles took over the practice. He served in France and Germany in WWI, as an officer with the 302nd Ambulance Company. For many years, his auto license number was "302," to honor his unit.



Charles was president of the Carroll County Medical Society and the first president of the Carroll County Tuberculosis Association. He helped found, and was the first commander of, the Harry Bohannon Post 75 (Delphi) of the American Legion. He served on the boards of the local Red Cross and St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lafayette. Charles assisted in the first Caesarian delivery performed in Indiana, and he was a physician at the Chicago Worlds Fair.

Charles was the surgeon for the Wabash and Monon Railroads for many years. In 1914, he was elected president of the Association of Monon Surgeons; and in 1948, he was honored for 50 years of service with the railroad.



FAY EBRITE: PIONEER IN SENIOR SOCIAL SERVICES

Fay Ebrite was a pioneer in senior services, a state officer for the Business and Professional Women's Federation, and a national leader in the Psi Iota Xi philanthropic sorority. Fay Burns was born in 1929 in Irricana (Alberta), Canada. The family moved to Flora in 1941, and Fay graduated from Flora High School in 1947. She married Norman Lee Ebrite in 1949; and they had three children.

Fay found a real calling when she became the Executive Director of the Area IV Agency on Aging and Community Services. Starting with a tiny volunteer staff, she turned that agency into a highly successful provider of social services for eight counties. She was honored for her work with the "Salute to Women Award" in 1984, the "Jesse Dickenson Professional Advocacy Award" in 1985, and the "Felice Bray Leadership Award" in 2003. She was a delegate to the 1995 White House Conference on Aging and the 1999 National Silver-Haired Congress. In 1989, Governor Evan Bayh made her a "Sagamore of the Wabash."

Fay was an officer for the Carroll County Mental Health Association, Chairman of the Carroll County Blood Bank, and a member and officer in the Tippecanoe County Mental Health Association. In addition to being state president, she was on the state board of the Business and Professional Women's Organization and served as State Foundation Chairman and District Director. A long-time member of Psi Iota Xi philanthropic sorority, Fay was president of the local chapter and a Province Officer. In 1959, she was elected National Conductress for the sorority. Now living in Florida, Fay continues to be involved in the lives of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.



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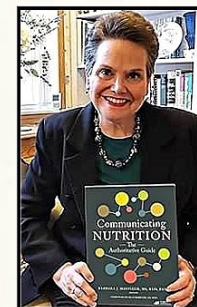
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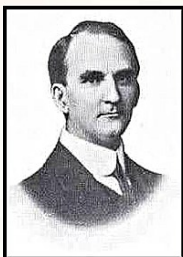
BARBARA MAYFIELD: PURDUE FOODS AND NUTRITION HALL OF FAME

Barbara Black grew up in Ithaca, New York and came to Purdue to study foods and nutrition, with extra coursework in communications. She was a student leader in college, serving as president of both Purdue's Student Home Economics Association and the Indiana Student Home Economics Association. She was awarded the Stokely Van Camp "Silver Trivet Award" her senior year, the highest honor given by her department.

Barbara earned a masters in human nutrition from Cornell University before returning to Purdue, then staying connected to the university for 40 years. Barbara founded her own company - "Noteworthy Creations, Inc." - to provide training and nutrition education. She also taught at her alma mater. She earned Purdue's "Young Professional Award" (1993) and the "Outstanding Dietetics Educator Award" (2016).

After retiring in 2016, Barbara continued working in her field as an author, editor, and professional communicator. Barbara and her husband, Joe, have long supported the work of the Delphi Preservation Society.





WILLIAM O. LYNCH: INDIANA'S HISTORIAN

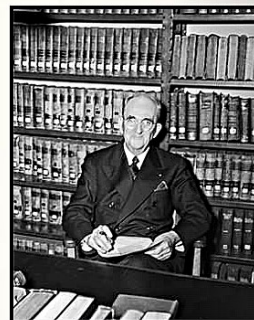
William O. Lynch (1870-1957) was often referred to as, "Indiana's Historian." Did he deserve that title? Well, take a look at his credentials. A history professor, William served as president of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association and president of the Indiana Historical Society. He was editor of the "Indiana Magazine of History" from 1928 to 1941; and in 1944, he was asked to write a history of Indiana State Teachers College, as part of the school's 75th anniversary celebration. Particularly interested in political history, he wrote the book, "Fifty Years of Party Warfare." He was a charter member, and the first president, of the History Club of Indiana University; and he was a member of the Southern Historical Association and the Virginia Historical Society. In 1947, he was invited to write an article about Indiana history for the World Book Encyclopedia. So indeed, the moniker, "Indiana's Historian," seems to be a good fit.

William O. Lynch was born in Delphi and graduated from Delphi High School in 1888. He earned his teaching certificate from Indiana State Teachers College in 1896, where he was editor of the student magazine, "The Normal Advance." He received his bachelors degree from Indiana University in 1903 and his masters degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1908. In 1911-12, he attended Harvard University on an Austin Scholarship.

William began his teaching career in 1890 in the Carroll County schools, also serving as principal in Yeoman and Camden. After he earned his certification at Indiana State, he taught in the Elkhart schools. In 1908, he joined the faculty of Indiana State; and in 1918, he was a professor of history at what is now Ball State University. In 1920, he joined the faculty of Indiana University, where he taught until retirement in 1941. He also was a visiting professor in the summers, teaching courses at the University of Alabama and the University of Tennessee. After he retired, William and his wife moved to Selma, Alabama.

William Lynch saw the importance of history, everywhere, especially at the local level. In 1933, speaking before the Indiana Library Association, he was prophetic when he asked librarians to become collectors of family diaries, correspondence, newspapers, and other documents kept in local homes, making them available to the public to read. He knew they would become important to genealogists and preservationists.

In 1937, the "Delphi Citizen" published a series of his articles, some reprinted from the "Indiana History Magazine" and some written for the "Citizen." In them, William chronicled his own days and observations, growing up in Delphi - definitely worth a read if you enjoy first-hand accounts of county history. He understood the need to share our stories, so we can learn from each other's history.

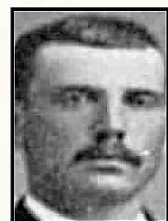


JON COLE: CIRCUS PERFORMER

Beginning with the Peru Amateur Circus when he was 5, Jon Cole loved performing with the circus. So when he had an opportunity to perform with the Chimelong International Circus in Guangzhou, China - the world's largest permanent circus - he went.

Jon left his teaching job at Carroll to spend a year and a half being shot out of a cannon (some 700 times!), performing in front of crowds of 10,000. Though he returned to Indiana in 2013, his love for the circus continued. He has been a trainer for the Peru Amateur Circus for the past several years.

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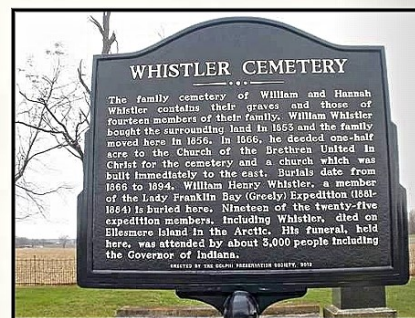


WILLIAM WHISTLER: MEMBER OF THE ILL-FATED GREELY EXPEDITION

Private William Henry Whistler, born in 1858 in Rockfield, is best known for his tragic death. As an Army private, William was a member of the ill-fated Lady Franklin Bay (Greely) Expedition. The expedition, which was part of the International Polar Expedition, set sail in July 1881 on the ship, "Proteus." After two years in the Arctic and two failed resupply missions, the party headed south in small boats.

When they were finally rescued in 1884, only seven had survived. Eighteen of the party, including William, had died from starvation and exposure. It is believed that the surviving members cannibalized some of the deceased - including William - in their desperate efforts to survive.

William's remains were eventually returned to his family, and he is buried in the family cemetery in Rockfield. The government erected a stone at his grave, honoring him.



MINDWELL CRAMPTON WILSON: HISTORIAN AND WRITER



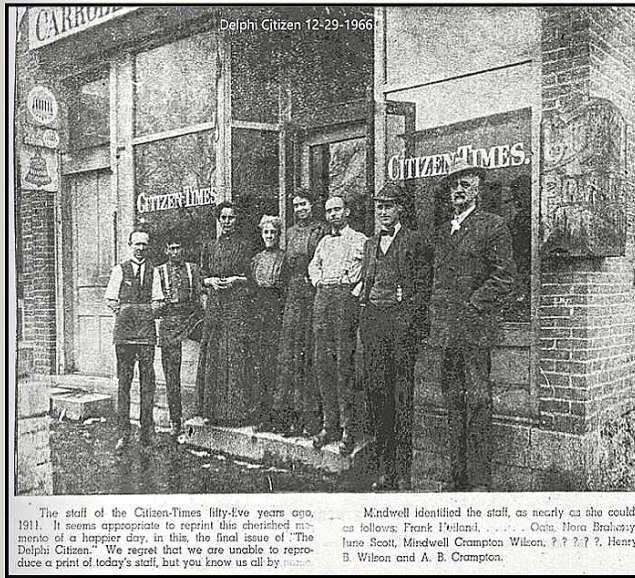
Mindwell Crampton Wilson (1882-1979) was a gutsy, intelligent, enterprising, confident woman who was way out front in assuming a role in a man's world. She'd see what she wanted to do and then did it. Her indomitable spirit, along with her eloquence and her keen ability to observe, made her a formidable writer, speaker, and historian. We have Mindwell to thank for so much of what we know about the history and the people of Carroll County because, for most of her life, she wrote it down.

Mindwell's accomplishments were many. She was State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), also serving as State Historian and publicity chairman. She was a charter member, and president of, the Women's Press Club of Indiana. An accomplished speaker, she was chosen to offer the official response to the address by I.U. President William Lowe Bryan at the Indiana Newspaper Conference in 1915, the only woman on the program. She was a state officer in the Woman's Franchise League; and she was a state officer in the Indiana chapter of the Dames of the Loyal Legion, which honored Civil War veterans.

Mindwell edited the state magazine for the American Association of University Women, and she was a correspondent for the "Indianapolis News" for 25 years. She edited a book, "Battle Flags of Indiana." And most memorably, she was a columnist for the "Carroll County Citizen Times" and then the "Delphi Citizen," which she co-owned with her husband, Henry Wilson.

Mindwell wrote her first column when she was 11, and she continued to be a columnist through most of her life. Her columns were lengthy, chatty, often humorous, and full of tidbits about local people, events, and anything else Mindwell observed. She traveled extensively throughout her life, and she shared what she saw on those trips.

Mindwell Crampton was born in Delphi, the daughter of Colonel A.B. Crampton (profiled in this book). She graduated from Delphi High School in 1899 and earned her bachelors degree at Purdue in 1903, taking one semester at Indiana University where she joined Pi Beta Phi social sorority. An active coed, she worked on both the Purdue "Exponent" (newspaper) and Purdue "Debris" (yearbook) staffs. She studied at the Ott School of Expression in Chicago for one year and then earned her masters degree at I.U.



In 1906, Mindwell married fellow I.U. alumnus Henry Wilson. They spent three years in Canada, where Henry was employed; and then they moved to Delphi. In 1917, they bought the historic home, known as "The Brick," located at 203 E. Monroe Street. The Wilsons went into the newspaper business with her father, eventually becoming sole owners of the "Delphi Citizen." Mindwell and Henry had no children of their own; but they were foster parents for two girls, rearing them as their own.

Like her father, Mindwell was active in Democrat politics. The Wilsons often hosted high profile politicians who passed through town, including young Franklin Delano Roosevelt on his swing through Delphi when he was campaigning for Vice President.

In 1960, Purdue honored Mindwell with its "60 Years of Distinction Certificate." In 2018, she was honored posthumously by the Indiana Commission for Women for, "Writing Her Story." The words of her friend and colleague, Art McDowell, express it best: "Mindwell leaves us all a community made better by her having spent so many years with us - a recorded history of all that transpired during those 65 years. Hers, indeed, was a gallant spirit. Hers, indeed, was a life well spent. Hers, indeed, was a sense of dedication which merits a, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Well done."

DR. CAMERON NORMAN: 2021 INDIANA YOUNG OPTOMETRIST OF THE YEAR



Cameron Norman, who is the son of Delphi optometrist Greg Norman and wife Susan, graduated from Delphi Community High School and Indiana University School of Optometry. He works with his dad at Norman Miller Eyecare, and practices in Frankfort.

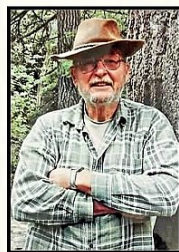
In 2021, Cameron was named "Indiana Young Optometrist of the Year" by the Indiana Optometric Association.



ROSELAND AND DAN MCCAIN: PATRONS OF THE WABASH AND ERIE CANAL ASSOCIATION

The story goes that Roseland McCain was out walking in 1971 and stopped for a minute to look at the overgrown, dank remnants of the old Wabash and Erie Canal that ran close to her home in Delphi. Needing a project after her recent retirement from teaching, she decided saving the canal would be it. She organized a meeting, and the Wabash and Erie Canal Association was born. Hundreds of volunteers have helped with the effort since then; but it was Roseland's son, Dan McCain, who did the heavy-lifting in the last 20+ years, providing leadership in the development of the Canal Conference and Interpretive Center, Pioneer Village, authentic replica canal boat, and miles of Historic Trails. Thanks to the McCains' leadership, Carroll County has preserved a piece of history and provided an attraction for visitors far and wide.

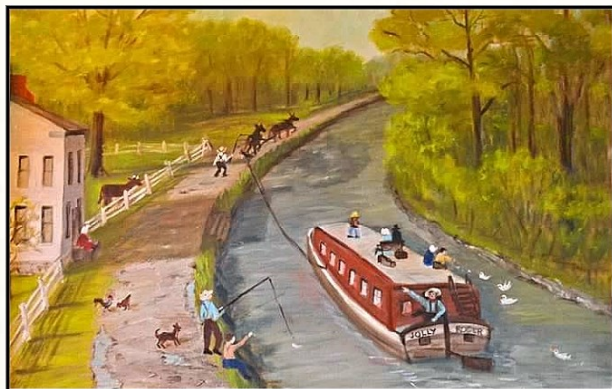
Roseland McCain (1912-2003) was a teacher, an artist, an historian, and a community leader. Born in Canada, she earned her bachelors and masters degrees from Purdue and her teaching license from Indiana University. She married Thomas McCain in 1935, and they had three sons. Roseland established the first kindergarten in Delphi, in her home. She taught first and second grades, retiring from teaching in 1970. A tireless advocate for the canal, she wrote a column in the "Carroll County Comet" about its history and even created a character, Mrs. Sara Spoonnaugle, telling stories about travel from New York to Delphi to audiences at local meetings and events. Roseland was an accomplished artist, and many of her paintings have been displayed at local art shows. She wrote her autobiography, "All Eager for the Treat," before she passed away in 2003.



Dan McCain graduated from Delphi High School in 1958 and from Purdue in 1962, with a degree in agronomy. He married Ginger Waymire in 1966; and they have one daughter, Nicki. Dan worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a conservationist for more than 34 years, meeting with farmers, industry representatives, government officials, educators, and the media. He retired in 1994, but he didn't stop working with the agriculture industry. He volunteered for the USDA Earth Team, looking at and sharing information on new technologies in agriculture and soil and water conservation, both in the U.S. and internationally. In 1998, he was named "Indiana's Man of the Year" by "Progressive Farmer" magazine.

A visionary and an inspirational speaker, Dan became president of the Canal Association in 1999 and held that office until recently. Currently, he is president emeritus. He has provided strong leadership in strategic planning, acquiring property for the canal park and trails, marshalling volunteers, and fund-raising for a Conference and Interpretive Center, enhancements to the park, and the growing system of Historic Trails. Dan often led tours and helped organize events to showcase Canal history, in addition to speaking to groups throughout the country interested in historic canals. Dan's leadership and service have been recognized with the "Sagamore of the Wabash" award presented by Indiana Governor Joseph Kernan (2004), the Eli Lilly "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the Indiana Historical Society (2008), and the "Charles Carroll Award" presented by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce (2014). In 2016, Dan was chosen to be an Indiana Bicentennial Torchbearer. Recently, Dan received Indiana's "Golden Hoosier Award," the state's highest honor for a senior citizen.

In addition to his work with the Canal Association, Dan has been active with the Carroll County Historic Bridge Coalition and has served on the board of governors of the Society of Indiana Pioneers, the steering committee of the Wabash River Greenway, and the board of NICHES Land Trust.



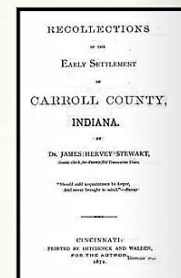
Left: Roseland's painting of the Wabash and Erie Canal; right: Dan aboard the "Delphi," a replica of the original canal boats



DR. JAMES HERVEY STEWART: HISTORIAN AND AUTHOR

James H. Stewart (1809-1879) was born in Jefferson County, Kentucky. He studied medicine in Salem, Indiana and then settled in Carroll County in 1830, becoming the Carroll County Court Clerk for 25 years.

Stewart's book, "Recollections of the Early Settlement of Carroll County, Indiana," published in 1872, is a treasure trove of facts about the original Carroll County settlers, including names of elected officials and a meticulous list of Carroll County soldiers who fought in the wars of 1846 and 1861.



MAX DOWNHAM: THE MAN WHO INTRODUCED NUTRASWEET

Max Downham is a man who doesn't shy away from challenges. Talk about an interesting career path... Max grew up in rural Carroll County; graduated from Purdue with a degree in chemical engineering; served in the Navy; earned a business degree from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania; worked in nuclear medicine at Nuclear-Chicago Corporation; became Corporate Secretary for pharmaceutical company G.D. Searle, under former U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld; headed the international launch of artificial sweetener NutraSweet; and then became Executive Director of the International College of Surgeons, which includes overseeing the International Museum of Surgical Science.

But wait! He didn't have enough to do, so Max took on a few side projects... like serving on the board of United Way of Metropolitan Chicago and chairing the board of United Way of Illinois.

Max C. Downham was born in 1936 in Carroll County. He attended Deer Creek schools in Washington Township and graduated from Logansport High School in 1954. He earned his degree at Purdue in 1958 and then completed his service in the Navy, where he became an instructor in the Nuclear Physics Department at the Naval College in Philadelphia. He earned his MBA at Penn in 1965 and then joined the Searle Company, working his way up to Corporate Secretary.

After Searle received FDA approval for its sugar substitute, "NutraSweet," Rumsfeld asked Max to oversee international marketing of their new product. Searle established an autonomous company devoted to NutraSweet, and Rumsfeld made Max Vice President of Mission and Strategy. Max completed the launch and retired from NutraSweet in 1995.



And then he began his second career, choosing another fork in the road. Max became Executive Director of the International College of Surgeons in 1996, a job he holds today. The organization's goal is to improve the lives of patients around the world by developing its members and promoting the field. The membership includes some 8,000 surgeons and surgical specialists around the world. Max has traveled extensively, monitoring its programs. In addition, he oversees the International Museum of Surgical Science in Chicago, an affiliate of the ICS.

Still seeking challenges in his life, Max accepted a different kind in 2017. A lifetime jogger, he decided to join his church's Chicago Marathon team. So, as an octogenarian, he completed his first marathon.

In 2006, Purdue honored Max with the "Distinguished Engineering Alumni Award."



MARY CATHERINE HOWE: PATRON OF THE DELPHI PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mary Catherine Howe (1856 - 1936) was born in Marshall, Michigan and was among the first women to attend the University of Michigan. When she married and moved to Delphi, she wasted no time making her mark. She founded the Charles Carroll Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Oracle Club, as a literary group.

But Mrs. Howe's greatest contribution to the community was her tenacious and successful quest to build the Delphi Public Library. Once it was built, she served on the Library Board for many years. She also was active in the Indiana Association of Public Library Trustees, serving as vice president.



DON COGHILL: SONGWRITER

Don Coghill has been writing songs for years. In fact, he's written more than 500 songs to date. Many of his songs have been recorded, including several recorded by country singer Josh Logan.

Would you have heard any of his tunes? Well, maybe so. One of Don's jingles was used to promote the TV show, "Across Indiana." He also wrote an Indianapolis Colts fight song.

But the song that may be most meaningful to him is, "Your Song Was So Easy To Write." It is dedicated to his wife, Sandy, who has fought breast cancer.

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JOHN SMOCK: FBI AGENT AND JUDGE

It's April 1949; and FBI Agent John Smock is on the hunt for notorious bank robber Clyde Johnson, one of the FBI's Ten Most Wanted. He and a fellow agent have Johnson cornered in his hotel on the Circle in Indianapolis. Johnson shoots at the agents as he runs from the hotel; but after an ensuing shoot-out around Monument Circle, the agents get their man. John Smock and his fellow agents are heroes.

John Reed Smock (1908 - 2013) was born in Rossville, Indiana and grew up in Delphi. He graduated from Delphi High School in 1926. In school, he ran on the track team, played basketball, and was a class officer. He earned both his bachelors degree and law degree from Indiana University, eloping with I.U. beauty queen Margaret O'Hair in the midst. At I.U., John ran track and was a member of Acacia social fraternity, Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity, and Sigma Delta Psi athletic fraternity.

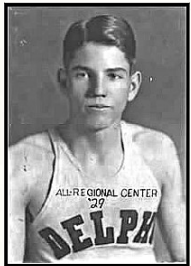
After college, John and Margaret settled in Delphi. He practiced law and was twice elected Prosecuting Attorney. In 1942, John joined the FBI. Being too old to enlist to fight in WWII, he was looking for a way to serve his country. It was a Walter Winchell broadcast that inspired John to apply to the FBI. After his training, John was assigned to offices in Buffalo, NY; Cleveland; and Kansas City, before he returned to Indiana. He was Resident Agent in Logansport and Senior Resident Agent in Lafayette. John retired from the FBI in 1970.

But he wasn't retired long. In 1970, Governor Edgar Whitcomb appointed John to head the state Alcoholic Beverage Commission; and in 1973, Governor Otis Bowen appointed him judge of the Carroll County Circuit Court, an appointment he held until 1978.

Everyone thought highly of John Smock. His colleagues remembered him as a fair and decent guy, the very image of what we all want a law officer to be. His friends and neighbors enjoyed a bright, caring, and jovial man. Niece Judy O'Hair Byers remembers her Uncle John fondly, as someone she always looked up to who also was completely down to earth. Among his honors, John received the "Sagamore of the Wabash" award. John lived a long and full life, dying in 2013 at age 105.



FBI AGENT HONORED—Allan Gillies (right), agent in charge of the Indianapolis FBI office, congratulates John Smock, senior agent at the Lafayette FBI office, for having completed 20 years of service in the bureau. Smock received a letter of congratulations and a 20-year service award key Friday from J. Edgar Hoover, national director of the FBI.



BILL PERIGO: UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN BASKETBALL COACH

Bill Perigo (1911-1990) was known as the greatest jumping center of his era. After he graduated from Delphi High School in 1930, he had a successful basketball career at Western Michigan University, graduating in 1934. He played professionally for the Indianapolis Kautskys during the 1934-35 season, when they had a 15-game winning streak.

When his playing days were over, Bill coached basketball at Markleville High School and Benton Harbor High School, where his team made it to the Michigan Class A state championship in 1941. He moved on to the college level, coaching at his alma mater, Western Michigan University, and at the University of Michigan. After he retired from coaching in 1960, Bill stayed at Michigan, serving as Assistant Director of Student Relations.

In 1977, Bill was inducted into the Western Michigan "Athletic Hall of Fame;" and in 1983, he was inducted into the "Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame." He spent his final years in Bonita Springs, Florida, where he died in 1990.



BURTON FRENCH: IDAHO CONGRESSMAN

Burton French (1875-1954) was a U.S. Congressman from Idaho. Born in Delphi, Burton moved several times with his family, to Nebraska, Idaho, California, and Washington. He earned his bachelors degree from the University of Idaho and studied political science at the University of Chicago on a fellowship. He returned to Idaho to practice law.

Burton was elected to the Idaho State Legislature while still an undergraduate student. He was first elected to Congress in 1902 at age 27, representing the entire state. In all, he served in Congress for 26 years. In 1935, Burton became a professor at Miami (Ohio) University, retiring in 1947. That year, President Truman appointed him to the Federal Loyalty Review Board, on which he served until 1953.

PENCE REVINGTON: 2021 INDIANA TREE FARMER OF THE YEAR



Pence Revington is the 2021 Indiana Tree Farmer of the Year. Pence grew up around wood and - at an early age - learned to appreciate it. She is the daughter of George Revington, one of the two owners of Peters-Revington Manufacturing in Delphi, which built affordable wood furniture. As a teen, she worked at her dad's plant, learning every phase of wood furniture production. When George worked on his hobby, creating wood sculptures, Pence and her siblings handed him his tools. And when George bought a 68-acre farm near Brookston in 1970, intending to turn it into a tree farm that would fund his grandchildren's college educations, the family worked right along with him, planting 10,000 seedlings - mostly black walnut. George's untimely death in 1978 didn't deter his wife and his three children from fulfilling his dream.

In 2005, the family decided to shift the emphasis of their tree farm to sustainable forestry - balancing the needs of the environment and wildlife with generating income and committing to protecting forests for future generations to enjoy. The forest is allowed to grow naturally, encouraging wildlife, with only necessary interference - like removing invasive species and conservative thinning to promote growth and carefully planned harvesting.

In 2014, Pence bought out her siblings' interests in Mootscreek Farm; and she began implementing a new single-owner plan for maintaining her forest. The work is hard and never-ending. While she gets help from her family and volunteers, Pence does much of the work herself. She battles invasive species such as honeysuckle; wields her chainsaw to thin her trees; and confronts the aftermath of storms and diseases. She drives the same tractor her dad bought decades ago, clearing her prairie for routine burns to promote wildlife and maintaining paths throughout the farm to allow her to manage her trees. She consults regularly with forestry experts from the USDA, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Purdue Extension, and the Walnut Council, among others. When she schedules a timber sale - which is not often - she does it with prudent selection and extensive discussion with forestry experts. And she looks to the future of her forest, planning for succession. "I'm just passing through," she notes.

In 2020, Pence was a state finalist for the Indiana "Deam Forest Stewardship Award," presented by the Indiana Forestry and Woodland Owners' Association. And in 2021, she was named "Indiana Tree Farmer of the Year" by the Indiana Tree Farm System, an affiliate of the American Tree Farm System.

Pence grew up in Delphi. Her family moved to West Lafayette in 1960, and she graduated from West Lafayette High School in 1968. She earned her bachelors degree from Lake Forest College, in English/literature and education; and she received her masters degree in education, with a specialty in Montessori Method, from Xavier University. In 1976, Pence co-founded a Montessori School in Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin, where she still lives. In 1993, she began administering state grants for early childhood programs for low income families. She became a grants manager and national trainer for early childhood programs for low income parents, helping them prepare their children for school.

When asked which passion - early childhood development or her tree farm - is more important to her, Pence doesn't miss a beat. "Both. Both provide for future generations." Pence loves sharing her ever-expanding knowledge of forestry and her vision for her forest, and her enthusiasm is contagious. Can there be any doubt that her dad is up there cheering her on?



TODD TRENT: 2021 INDIANA FIRE CHIEF OF THE YEAR (VOLUNTEER)



Flora's Todd Trent was named "Volunteer Fire Chief of the Year" in 2021 by the Indiana Emergency Response Conference (IERC), in recognition of his many years of service.

Todd joined the Flora Volunteer Fire Department in 1987, eventually becoming an Emergency Medical Technician. He raised money for an emergency relief program in Carroll County, in the early 1990s, and for a smoke alarm program for Carroll and Tiptecanoe counties. He also has been active with the Hoosier Burn Camp.



TONY BERTO: LEGENDARY FOOTBALL COACH

If you've attended a football game at Delphi Community High School's Berto Field, you've heard of Tony Berto (1921-2014). If you were in the vicinity of Delphi during the mid-1960s, you remember the excitement generated by Tony's Oracle football teams' three consecutive undefeated seasons. If you were a kid growing up in Delphi in 50s and 60s and 70s, you probably remember Tony as the guy who ran the summer recreation program that spared us from boredom. If you were lucky enough to be one of Tony's students, in the classroom or on the field or just walking the halls, then you know what a hard-working, inspirational leader and teacher Tony was.

Tony was the 38th person inducted into the "Indiana Football Hall of Fame" (1986). He was elected president of the Indiana Football Coaches' Association in 1979. He was chosen "Indiana Football Coach of the Year" in 1980. He was selected for the coaching staffs of the Indiana All-Stars teams twice. He was nominated for "National High School Football Coach of the Year." Tony received the prestigious "Sagamore of the Wabash" honor from Governor Evan Bayh. And - oh, yes - they named the football field in his honor.

Tony Berto was born in Clinton, Indiana. He graduated from Clinton High School in 1939. He was an all-state quarterback and star athlete in three sports. He earned both his bachelors and masters degrees from Purdue, playing halfback on the football team and earning awards in football, basketball, and baseball. He was an officer in the U.S. Navy. He married Marilyn Parsons in 1948, and they had four daughters.

Tony's first teaching and coaching job was at Otsego High School. He moved on to Boonville High School. In 1952, he was hired to teach and coach at Delphi High School, remaining there for 33 years. In 1959, Purdue recognized Tony's dedication to education with its "Citation of Merit;" and the Delphi's Post 75 of the American Legion honored him with its "Outstanding Teacher Award," in 1965. In 1986, when Tony was inducted in the Hall of Fame, the community established a scholarship in his honor.

Though he coached other sports, Tony was primarily a football coach. His teams had four undefeated seasons, three of them consecutive. Five of his players earned all-state honors. He was revered by his players, both while they were in school and long after. He was highly respected by his fellow coaches. He was one of the vocal advocates for a high school football state tourney and served on the state committee established to study that idea.



Tony also supervised the Delphi summer recreation program for many years. He helped organize the Little Gridiron youth football league and the Delphi Youth Baseball program.

When Tony died in 2014, the Oracle football team and coaches escorted the hearse with his casket around Berto Field one last time, before Tony was buried at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. His teams continue to gather, part of a fraternity established by a legendary coach and a truly good human being who led and inspired them.



FRANK WILCOX: INDIANA EYE BANK BOARD MEMBER

Frank Wilcox (1909-1973) was a man who liked to serve others, making him a perfect fit for the Lions Club. He was a charter member of the Delphi Lions Club and served as chapter and district president. But Frank was most dedicated to the Lions Club's State Eye Bank. Frank was the first Carroll County Lion named to the board of the state Eye Bank, serving as secretary. He often gave presentations to groups in the region about the work of the Eye Bank, encouraging people to donate their eyes.

Frank graduated from Monroe Township High School, attended Franklin College, and graduated from Indiana Business School. He married Veda Haworth in 1944, and they had one son, Mike.

Frank was a farmer, manager of the parts department at Clawson Chevrolet, and a payroll manager at Globe Valve Corporation, before he entered public service. He served as Deputy Auditor, Clerk of the Circuit Court, and Carroll County Treasurer.



In addition to his work with the Lions Club, Frank was on the Western District Committee of the Three Rivers Boy Scouts Council and a member of the Carroll County Democrat's central committee.

BONNIE MAXWELL: HISTORIAN, PRESERVATIONIST, AND LEADER



Bonnie Maxwell is a Carroll County kid. She grew up in Madison Township, led cheers at New Hope School, and graduated from Delphi High School in 1962, where she was president of the National Honor Society and valedictorian of her class. She was a delegate to Hoosier Girls State and the Indiana Youth General Assembly; and she earned the "Danforth Leadership Award," the "Melvin Jackson Leadership Award," and the "DAR Good Citizen Award," foretelling her future.

Bonnie left Carroll County after high school, first to earn her bachelors (comparative literature) and masters (library science) at Indiana University (picking up memberships in Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Beta Kappa, and Beta Phi Mu scholastic honoraries) and then to follow her career in library science and information management. In the more than 40 years she was away from Carroll County, Bonnie worked in Philadelphia (Van Pelt Library at the University of Pennsylvania); Ann Arbor, Michigan (twice) with University Microfilms International; Alberta, Canada (University of Alberta Library); Champaign, Illinois (Lincoln Trail Libraries System); Powell, Ohio (James E. Rush Associates); Englewood, Colorado (Information Handling Services); Louisville, Kentucky (UMI-ProQuest, University Microfilms, Inc.); and Georgetown, Indiana (information management consultant).

And then, in 2005, she came home to Carroll County. As Bonnie does so capably, she quickly scoped out where she could help bring out the best in her home community. She jumped right in, doing things herself and inspiring others to see the potential she sees and get involved. In the nearly 20 years since her return to Carroll County, Bonnie has chalked up an impressive list of accomplishments.



Top: planting trees along the Historic Michigan Road; bottom: giving a tour of the Martin School, one of the historic one-room schoolhouses in Carroll County



As an historian... Bonnie co-edited "Up the River of Time" and "William Henry Whistler," published by the Delphi Preservation Society (DPS). She co-authored "Delphi," a book of historic images, published in 2010. She was on the board of the Carroll County Historical Society, and she was an officer of the Carroll County Old Settlers Association. She edited and indexed "Carroll County Indiana Legacy, 1824-2005," for the Carroll County Historical Museum; and she edited the museum's genealogy and photo archive databases. With the Delphi and Flora librarians and Carroll Papers, Inc. she digitized years of Carroll County newspapers. She was on the Wabash and Erie Canal Association Archives Committee; and she chaired the Carroll County Historic Resources Task Force and the DPS Archives Committee, organizing the voluminous files and photos donated by Charles Gerard. She authored pamphlets on historical sites, including one-room schoolhouses in Carroll County. She was an officer of the National Federation of Abstracting and Information Services and of Documentation Abstracts, Inc. She compiled local school, church, township, and cemetery histories, maps, and databases; and she digitized and reprinted a local history book and atlas for the DPS.

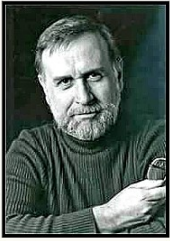
As a preservationist... Bonnie chaired Carroll County's Indiana Bicentennial Celebration, overseeing more than 45 successful Legacy Projects (second most in the state). She helped acquire historic markers for such Carroll County sites as The Sycamores, along Michigan Road. She wrote grant proposals and helped lead fund-raising campaigns for preservation projects. And she's a frequent guest speaker at meetings and events, both in and outside of Carroll County, describing and promoting Carroll County's projects. She helped found - and was a board member and president of - Heartland Heritage, Inc., which supports preservation projects and coordinates across organizations. She helped found - and was a board member and officer of - Historic Michigan Road Association, Inc.; Adams Mill, Inc.; and Friends of Carroll County Parks, Inc.

Bonnie was an officer of NICHES Land Trust, Inc. She was on the board of Promoting Wildcat Valley and on the steering committee of the Wabash River Greenway. Bonnie doesn't just go to board meetings. She gets her hands dirty. She's helped plant trees on the historic Michigan Road; clean out years of junk and rubbish when DPS was restoring the Delphi Opera House; and host Halloween festivities and other events at Adams Mill.

And there's more. She was an officer for the Carroll County Economic Development Corporation. She is on the board of the Delphi Public Library. She compiled the Carroll County website, incorporating heritage tourism attractions, service organizations, and government units, for the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce (2009). She writes articles for the local newspaper, promoting Carroll County's historic preservation accomplishments. And she fields unending questions from family, friends, and others about Carroll County history.

Bonnie's efforts have been recognized and celebrated by her friends and colleagues. She received the "Charles Gerard Historic Archival Award," presented by DPS (2010); Carroll County's "Charles Carroll Award," presented by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce (2015); and Delphi's "Samuel Milroy Award," presented by the Delphi Chamber of Commerce (2018). In 2018, she became the third alumna to be added to the Delphi Community High School "Wall of Fame." That same year she was a finalist for the "Crystal Bison Award for Volunteerism," presented by Bison Financial Group. In 2011, the Delphi Lions Club chose Bonnie and college roommate and long-time friend, Anita Werling, to lead the annual Independence Day Parade. And in 2021, Bonnie and Anita received the DPS "Post-1920 Historic Residence Award" for preservation of their mid-century limestone ranch style home.

Bonnie never stops looking for opportunities to preserve, restore, re-use, and publicize the history of Carroll County, continuing to inspire others to take up the mantle.



DICK LAUGHLIN: MUSICAL DIRECTOR AND TEACHER

Students at Delphi High School from 1957-1962 engaged in any musical organization (vocal or instrumental) will tell you how privileged they were to have had Dick Laughlin (1936-2007) as a music teacher. His incredible energy, passion for music, inventiveness, and knowledge made him a Pied Piper for young people, inspiring them to test their limits and to see music in new ways.

Delphi was Dick's first stop in a long and successful career in teaching and musical theater. He taught at North Central High School in Indianapolis, where his protégés included Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds. He was musical director for the national touring company of the Broadway musical, "Shenandoah," starring John Cullum and John Raitt, and several off-Broadway productions. He spent 17 years - more than 125 productions - as musical director for Beef and Boards Dinner Theater and five years as choral conductor and accompanist for Starlight Musicals, both in Indianapolis. And he composed the score for the original musical, "Revelation - A Bicentennial Celebration," a full-length musical about our nation's history that played throughout the Midwest during the mid-1970s. Dick's resume goes on and on. What it doesn't say is how much Dick impacted his students and those with whom he worked by showing them new perspectives on music and performance.

Richard L. Laughlin was born in rural Hendricks County, Indiana. He graduated from Odon High School in 1954, where he was yearbook editor and played in the band. He earned his bachelors degree in music education in 1958 and his masters in music education in 1962, both from Indiana State University. Dick was an accomplished pianist and played clarinet and violin, among other instruments.

He came to Delphi fresh from college, and his innovations included the popular "Top Twenty" singing group and the "Mark IV" dance band. He established a regular schedule of concerts to feature his students' abilities and give them a chance to perform.

Dick played various roles - musical director, conductor, accompanist - at numerous theaters throughout Indiana, including the Avondale Dinner Theatre, the Weldin Talley Memorial Playhouse in Terre Haute, and the Indiana University Opera Theatre in Bloomington. He worked with dinner theaters in several states.

Former Delphi student and journalist, John Flora, wrote a lovely tribute to Dick after his death in 2007, ending with this: "Good thing the angels have choirs. No doubt that Dick is up there challenging them to make the best music possible. That's just what he did."



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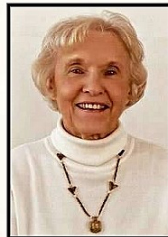
JOSEPHINE WELLS: INDIANA HOSTESS AT THE 1915 WORLD'S FAIR

Josephine Dellinger Wells (1881-1956), wife of Delphi businessman and mayor Yantis Wells, was known as an educated and gracious woman. Born in Green County, Ohio, she was a graduate of Heidelberg College. In Carroll County, she took a special interest in beautification projects. She was active in the Christian Church and was District Secretary for the Indiana Christian Association. She also was politically active, serving as a "Hoover Radio Hostess."

In 1915, Josephine was chosen to be a hostess for the Indiana Women's Exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition (Worlds Fair) in San Francisco. She was one of only four women in the state chosen for this honor, in a highly competitive process. Each of the four hostesses spent 3 months at the fair, greeting people and sharing information about the achievements of Indiana women. When she returned from her duties, Josephine delighted in sharing her experience with her friends and fellow citizens at local meetings.



Indiana Pavilion 1915 San Francisco Pan Pacific Exposition

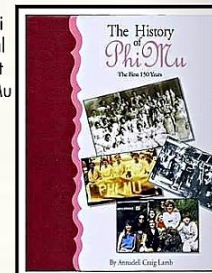


ANNADELL CRAIG LAMB: PHI MU NATIONAL HISTORIAN

From her college days at I.U. and throughout the rest of her life, Annadell Craig Lamb (1925-2021) was active in the Phi Mu sorority. She was president of the Phi Mu Foundation, National Historian, National Extension Director, and National Public Relations Director. She also served as treasurer of the Purdue Phi Mu Chapter Housing Corporation and president of the Lafayette Phi Mu Alumni. But perhaps her greatest contribution to the sorority was her book, "The History of Phi Mu - the First 130 Years." She first published it in 1982 and updated it in 2002.

Annadell graduated from Delphi High School in 1943 and from Indiana University in 1947. She worked for the "Logansport Pharos Tribune" and the Purdue University News Bureau; and - while she reared her family - she was a freelance author and editor.

Annadell was a national officer for 30 of the Phi Mu national conventions. For 13 years, she edited the "Inter-Fraternity Research and Advisory Council Bulletin," which was distributed to both fraternities and sororities. Honoring her efforts, Annadell was named "Outstanding Alumna" at the 1990 Phi Mu national convention. Annadell also was active in the Wabash and Erie Canal Association, serving on the board.



BETTY WASON: WWII CORRESPONDENT AND AUTHOR



Betty Wason (1912-2001), who grew up in Delphi, was a gutsy young woman who wouldn't take "no" for an answer. She put herself where the action was during WWII, working as a journalist and broadcaster. Working for Transradio Press and CBS, she wrote and broadcast news stories from Europe and beyond, including Czechoslovakia, Italy, Norway, and Greece. While her CBS bosses refused to let her read her own writing - they felt the public reacted better to a man's voice - Betty kept following the action. More than once, she was in dangerous situations, even being held by the Nazis for a time. But she got her stories.

Elizabeth Wason was born in Carroll County. She graduated from Delphi High School in 1929, where she won honors in the Dame Oratorical Contest, and from Purdue in 1933 with a degree in home economics. She hoped to become a dress designer. But while at Purdue, Betty got the writing bug. She was a member of Scribes, an organization for women in journalism.

Betty's first job was selling yard goods in the basement of Ayres Department Store in Indianapolis. But soon, she landed a job doing a radio cooking show in Lexington, Kentucky. As the war was heating up, Betty was scouring New York, looking for a journalism organization to hire her as a war correspondent. Transradio Press gave her that chance, and Betty was off.

Her adventures included being in Prague, Czechoslovakia when the Nazis took over and in Rome for Neville Chamberlain's meetings with Benito Mussolini. Though she had to return to the U.S. when Transradio could not pay her enough to stay abroad, she soon was back in Europe, working as a stringer for CBS. She took incredible risks to follow her stories and was considered to be an excellent writer.

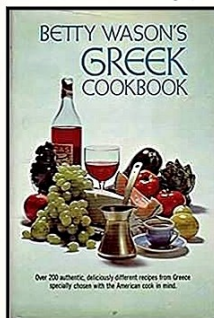
"Kicked Out" of Europe by Nazi Germany, Betty Wason Returns Home From Wars



After the war, Betty was swamped with requests to speak. She wrote her first book, "Miracle in the Hellas," based on her experiences; and she held a series of jobs in journalism, including women's editor at "Voice of America" and editor at "McCalls" and "Woman's Home Companion." She began writing about her passion for good food and wine, producing several cookbooks. In all, Betty published 24 books.

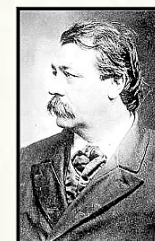
Betty was married twice and had a daughter, whom she reared in Pleasantville, N.Y. while she worked in New York City. During the 1950s and '60s, Betty traveled widely as a representative of the Spanish Olive Oil Institute.

In addition to participating in journalism groups, Betty belonged to the English Speaking Union (using the English language to promote goodwill through education and cultural exchange), the Carl Jung Society, and the Mensa Society.



In 1985, Betty moved to Seattle to be closer to her daughter and her family. In her latter years, Betty suffered from macular degeneration. In fact, she wrote a book about it: "Macular Degeneration: Living Positively with Vision Loss." She worked with eyesight-aid groups in Seattle, including Community Services for the Blind and Partially Sighted. She continued to write up to her death in 2001. In 2002, Betty was honored posthumously with membership in the "Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame."

MOSES CLAPP: MINNESOTA SENATOR



Moses Clapp (1851-1929) was born in the Pittsburgh area, where he spent his early years. In 1857, his family moved to Hudson, Wisconsin. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin law school and practiced in Hudson, becoming district attorney for St. Croix County.

In 1881, Moses moved to Minnesota, eventually locating in St. Paul. He was the Minnesota Attorney General for five years. In 1901, he was elected to the U. S. Senate, filling a vacancy caused by the death of Cushman Davis. He was re-elected for two additional terms. Moses was considered an old time politician, known for his flamboyant speeches.

After he left the Senate, Moses practiced law in Washington, DC and remained living in Virginia on his estate, bordering Mt. Vernon, until his death.



MARY JEAN HILDEBRANDT ODANO: DINOSAUR REPLICATOR

Get this: a girl grows up in Delphi, Indiana, in the 1920s, 30s, and early 40s, collecting fossils on her hikes, not really knowing much about them. Fast forward... she becomes one of the premier replicators of dinosaur skeletons in the world! Pretty amazing, isn't it? But that's exactly what Mary Jean Hildebrandt Odano (1924 - 2017), Delphi High School Class of 1942, did. If you go to some of the major natural history museums in the world - The California Academy of Sciences, The Tokyo National Museum, the Denver Museum of Natural History, the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto, the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences and many more - you might well see some of Mary's work.

An outstanding student at Delphi High School, Mary was president of the Sunshine Society, a member of the National Honor Society, and winner of the "DAR Citizenship Award" for her class. After high school, she went to the Evanston Collegiate Institute, where she met Toshio Odano, who she married in 1944. Tosh served in the U.S. Army Intelligence Service in Japan during WWII, and Mary joined him there at the end of the war. When he completed his tour, they returned to Indiana; and Tosh earned his bachelors in geography at I.U. Then they moved to Tosh's home state, California, where they reared their four children

In her exploration of the canyons and valleys in southern California, taking her children and their friends for adventures, Mary began collecting fossils again. One day, she took some of her finds to the Los Angeles County Natural History Museum; and that inspired her career. She started by volunteering at the museum laboratory, but they quickly hired her as a "preparatory" (preparing fossils for study). She worked at both the Natural History Museum and the George C. Page Museum and La Brea Tar Pits.

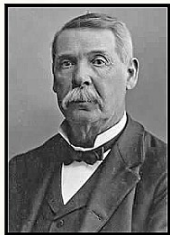
In 1975, Mary and Tosh started their own business, Valley Anatomical Preparations, reproducing museum-quality fossil skulls and skeletons. They became very successful, and Mary traveled world-wide meeting with paleontologists and casting molds for fossils and skeletons that had been found. She specialized in recreating dinosaurs.

Mary was especially excited when she was hired to make a reproduction of a Giganotosaurus, the largest meat-eating dinosaur known. She had to make several trips to Argentina to complete that job, using fossils that had been discovered there. Mary appeared in a program on the Discovery Channel entitled, "Beyond T-Rex."



Though Mary insisted she was a technician - not a paleontologist - she was highly respected as an equal in the paleontology world and was revered for her excellent work in crafting reproductions.

If you'd like to see some of Mary's work, you don't need to travel very far. Her brother, Joe Hildebrandt, and his granddaughter, Ephina Moore, donated a set of Mary's dinosaur bone replicas to the Delphi Public Library - you can see them there!

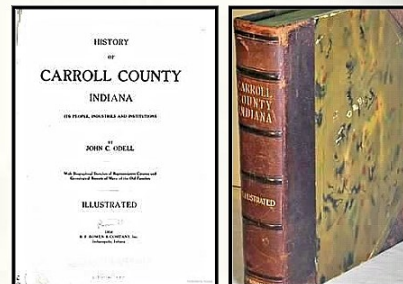


JOHN ODELL: HISTORIAN AND AUTHOR

Historian and author John Odell (1838-1925) wrote "History of Carroll County Indiana," published in 1916. To this day, it is one of the most important books about the history of the county.

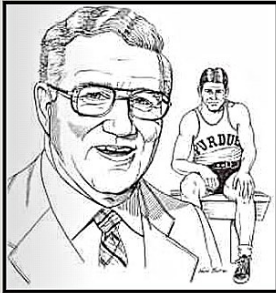
John was born in Carroll County and went to county schools. In 1858-59, he studied at the Battleground Collegiate Institute, and he attended Asbury University (now DePauw University) in 1860-1861. He taught school in Camden and was editor and publisher of the "Delphi Weekly Times." Then he served as deputy clerk for seven years before being admitted to the Carroll County bar in 1879. He practiced law until the latter part of his life.

A life-long historian, John was secretary of the Carroll County Old Settlers Association for 40 years and one of the founders of the Carroll County Historical Society. In addition to his book, he wrote articles for newspapers statewide.



DOXIE MOORE: PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL COMMISSIONER AND COACH

John "Doxie" Moore (1912 - 1986) was the first Delphi Oracle to go into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame, just one of the highlights in his illustrious career. In fact, Doxie helped found the Hall of Fame; and he served as the first president of the Hall of Fame Foundation. Doxie was Commissioner of the National Professional Basketball League, which merged with the Basketball Association of America in 1949 to form the NBA. He coached the professional Sheboygan Red Skins, the Anderson Packers, and the Milwaukee Hawks. He was chief of NBA officials for a time.



Doxie also had an interesting career away from basketball. He served as director of the State Conservation Department and was assistant to former Governor George Craig. He was vice president of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission, which included 30 states and some foreign nations; and he served on the Purdue Board of Trustees.

Doxie graduated from Delphi High School in 1930. He starred in both basketball and track. In his senior year, his legendary 4-minute, one-man dribbling stall gave Delphi a return trip to the state tourney. Doxie earned his bachelors degree at Purdue, playing basketball and football. He was a popular coach and athletic director at West Lafayette High School in the 1930s; and he was the football and basketball coach at Mount Vernon, Illinois, where he coached the Illinois basketball all-stars to victory over the Indiana all-stars in 1943.

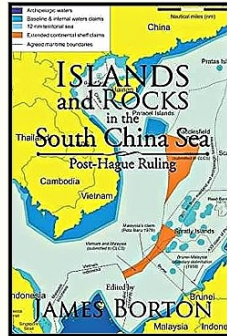
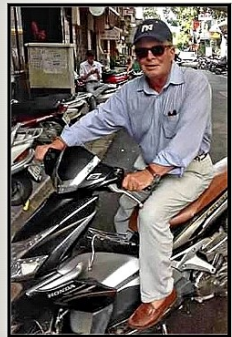
In addition to being in the Basketball Hall of Fame, Doxie was inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame and the Illinois Coaches' Hall of Fame, both in 1979.



JAMES BORTON: JOURNALIST, AUTHOR, AND PROFESSOR

Jim Borton was a member of Delphi's undefeated football teams, a successful debater, a thespian, and president of the Delphi High School Class of 1967. He served in the Army and then earned bachelors and masters degrees in English and American Studies from the University of Maryland. And then, Jim embarked on a long and successful career as a freelance journalist, author, and professor, with a specific interest in Southeast Asia and the China Seas.

Jim traveled extensively, observing the people, culture, and issues wherever he went. His interest in the environment made him a self-proclaimed "ocean steward." He reported for "Geopolitical Monitor," "Asia Times," "International Policy Digest," and "Project Syndicate," among others, about environmental and security issues in the South China Sea and in the Lower Mekong Delta. He was a regular contributor for "Radio Singapore International," and he contributed special Asia Pacific reports for "The Washington Times."



In 1992, Jim published his book, "Venture Japan: How Growing Companies Worldwide Can Tap into the Japanese Venture Capital Markets." More recently, he edited the book, "The South China Sea: Challenges and Promises." In addition, he edited two journals, "Venture Japan" and "New Asia Review" (Greenwood/Praeger).

Jim was a Nonresident Fellow with Stimson's Southeast Asia program and a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow at Yale University. He also was a member of the President's Circle of The Asia Society in New York City and the Foreign Correspondents' Club in Hong Kong and Phnom Penh. He is a National Fellow in The Explorers Club, an international society dedicated to field research, especially in southeast Asia.

Jim taught at Coastal Carolina University and at the Walker Institute at the University of South Carolina. He lives in South Carolina and is the proud father of two and a doting grandfather. He survived triple bypass heart surgery in 2009, but - undaunted - he continues to follow his passion for seeking the good stories.

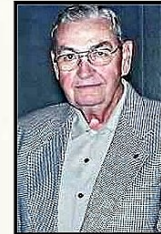


JOSEPH W. CAREY: CHAIRMAN, INDIANA YOUNG REPUBLICAN FEDERATION

Joe Carey (1926-2016) was born in Logansport and grew up in Carroll County. After he graduated from Delphi High School in 1944, he served in the U.S. Navy in the south Pacific. Following his service, he earned his degree in business at Indiana University in 1950 and his law degree in 1953.

Joe practiced law in Lafayette for many years and worked in the legal department of AMAX Coal Co. in Indianapolis, before returning to Delphi in 1991. He was the Carroll County Circuit Court Judge for 15 years.

Throughout his life, Joe was active in the Republican party. He was a precinct committeeman, delegate to the state convention, chairman of the second district, and state chairman of the Indiana Young Republicans. Joe retired in 2006; and he and wife Suellen, moved to Fort Myers, Florida, where he enjoyed doing volunteer work.





BILL FRASER (RHYMES WITH ERASER!): BELOVED BROADCASTER AND TEACHER

The first day of any of his classes, Bill Fraser (1923-2004) introduced himself by saying, "My name is 'Mr. Fraser' - that rhymes with eraser." Everyone laughs, and the tone is set. Bill Fraser was a beloved broadcaster and teacher. He was a smart, articulate, funny, bawdy, corny, nurturing guy who made learning fun. You couldn't be around Bill and not smile. He pushed his students out of their comfort zones and helped them experience the thrill of making a good speech or hearing their voices on the airwaves.

As a broadcaster, Bill was glib and charismatic. He had a beautiful speaking voice that listeners knew instantly. He loved to perform, whether on radio or TV or in the classroom. He always was entertaining.

William Sites Fraser was born in Delphi. He graduated from Delphi High School in 1941, where he was a champion orator. His college career at Indiana University was interrupted by WWII, but he returned after his four years of military service and earned his bachelors degree in 1950. At I.U., Bill was a member of Delta Tau Delta social fraternity and president of Sphinx Club, a service organization of fraternity men. Though he majored in government, Bill took his first job in broadcasting during the summer of 1948 on radio station WTOM in Bloomington; and he was hooked.

Over the years, Bill appeared on local Lafayette radio and TV stations. In addition to reading the news, he hosted an American Bandstand type show called "Dance Date;" and he often did commercials. He was the weatherman on Lafayette's local TV station for several years. He also was a popular DJ in the area, and he frequently was called upon to emcee events. In his later years, Bill had a weekly radio show on WASK, playing his favorite Big Band music from the 1940s.

But Bill's real vocation was being a teacher, and he did it brilliantly. He taught speech, English, and radio and TV courses at Lafayette Jefferson High School from 1954-1984. He lobbied heavily and successfully for radio classes. Then when Lafayette was building its new high school, he advocated for a full radio and television studio. For his tenacity and success, the Lafayette School Board dedicated that studio to Bill in 2002.

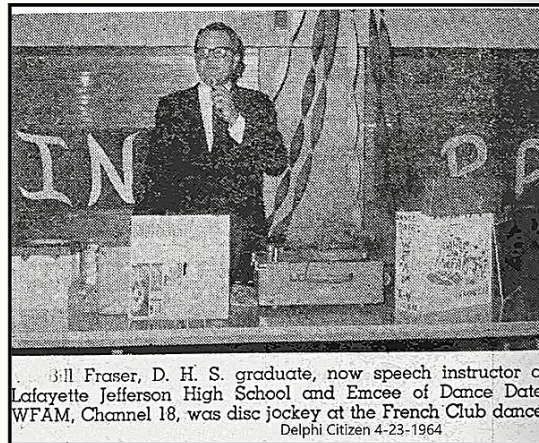
Before Jeff had its own radio station, Bill negotiated a 5-minute weekly slot on local radio station WASK for "Broncho Highlights," allowing his students to write and deliver school news. Of Bill's many broadcasting protégés, his pride-and-joy was Brian Lamb, who founded C-SPAN.

After retiring from Jeff, Bill taught for 10 years at Purdue, where he had earned his masters degree in 1964. In 1993, Purdue honored him with its "Distinguished Alumni Award." In 1992, he was named a "Sagamore of the Wabash," by Governor Evan Bayh. Bill married Delphi girl Barbara Thayer in 1948, and they had four children.

Angie Lipp Klink, a former student, spoke for Bill's thousands of students in her tribute to Mr. Fraser, published in the "Lafayette Journal and Courier" shortly after his death in 2004: "You stirred many with the love of the airwaves, and the world will forever feel your infinite reverberations."



WATCH THE WEATHER
WITH
BILL FRASER
ON
WFAM-TV NEWS
6:00 TO 6:30
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
CHANNEL 18, LAFAYETTE



Bill Fraser, D. H. S. graduate, now speech instructor at Lafayette Jefferson High School and Emcee of Dance Date, WFAM, Channel 18, was disc jockey at the French Club dance.
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SUSIE DYKE: IMPERIAL MAHARANEE OF THE SHRINE GUILDS OF AMERICA, INC.

In 2019, Susie Dyke, of Camden, was named to the top national leadership position of the Shrine Guilds of America, Inc. - Imperial Maharanee. The guild is a ladies organization whose objective is independent support and aid to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Susie began her involvement with the Guild in 2003, and she began serving in national offices in 2016.

CHARLES W. BULGER: NATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED ARCHITECT

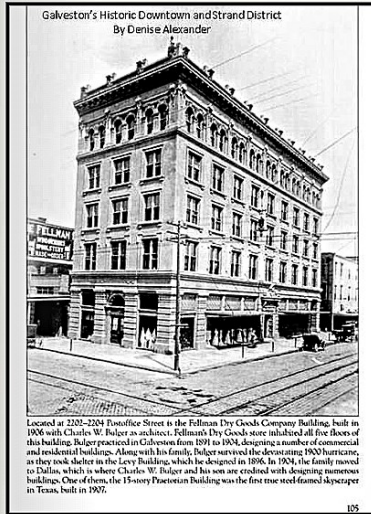
Charles W. Bulger (1857 - 1922) was a Delphi boy who became a nationally-known architect, designing stately homes, nearly 100 churches, and many other public buildings in 20 states. A number of his buildings are on the National Register of Historic Places and state historic registers.

Charles grew up in Delphi and attended Wabash College. He married Delphi girl Ida Connelly in 1875; and they moved to Anthony, Kansas, where he began his architecture business in partnership with Isaac Rapp. Three years later, they moved the business to Trinidad, Colorado. The partnership dissolved in 1892, when Charles moved to Galveston, Texas and then on to Dallas. His son joined him to form "C.W. Bulger and Son."



Among his most notable buildings are the Zion's German Lutheran Church in Trinidad, Colorado; the E.S. Levy Building, the Heffron Building and Kempner House in Galveston; several county courthouses in Texas; the Church of the Good Shepherd in Lake Charles, Louisiana; and the Praetorian Building in Dallas, Texas.

Charles was a Deacon in the Baptist Churches of America, and he designed many churches for that organization. He was inducted into the American Institute of Architects in 1893. When Charles died in 1922, he left a body of work that is still recognized among architects.



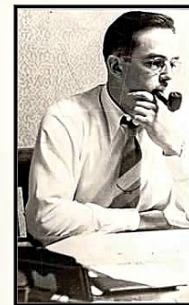
ARTHUR B. RICHTER: PROMINENT CARDIOLOGIST

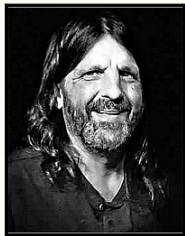
Prominent cardiologist Arthur B. Richter (1903 - 1997) was born in Camden. After he graduated from Flora High School in 1922 and Indiana University in 1925, he took a job as principal and basketball coach at Jasper High School. But medicine was his goal; and he graduated from I.U. medical school in 1931 at the top of his class, receiving the "Rawdin Medal" for that accomplishment. He completed his internship at the I.U. Indianapolis hospitals and his residency at Brigham Hospital in Boston - part of the Harvard Medical School - and City Hospital in Cleveland.

Arthur returned to Flora and took over the family medicine practice of Dr. T. A. Kearns. In 1940, he moved to Indianapolis to specialize in internal medicine and cardiology. He became the first Director of Medical Education at St. Vincent Hospital, where he established the heart clinic in 1952. He founded the hospital's Department of Electrocardiography and was its director until 1971, when he retired. In 1974, the hospital named the department in his honor. They also created the "Arthur B. Richter Lectureship in Clinical Cardiology," funded, in part, by a gift from him.

Arthur was very interested in emotionally disturbed children; and he endowed the "Arthur B. Richter Visiting Professorship in Child Psychiatry," the "Arthur B. Richter Scholarship Fund in Child Psychiatry" at the IU School of Medicine, and the annual "Arthur B. Richter Conference in Child Psychiatry." , Arthur was elected president of the Indiana Society of Internal Medicine in 1960. He received the "Laureate Award" from the Indiana chapter of the American College of Physicians in 1987.

Always close to his sister, Flora resident Edith Richter Cook, Arthur established a fund for the Flora Library in her memory, in 1981. In 1993, he contributed \$50,000 to the Flora library, an incentive that resulted in a new library building and refurbishments to the old one. The library's program room is named for him. He received the 2000 "Major Benefactors Award" presented by the Association of Library Trustees and Advocates, posthumously.





TROY SEELE: MUSICIAN AND ROCK STAR

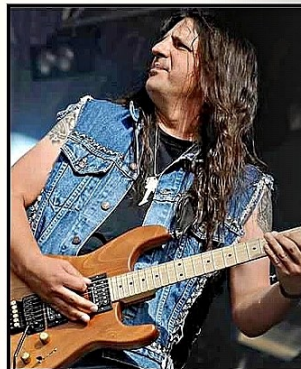
Music is a tough profession. You have to be flexible, be willing to grab opportunities when they arise or create them yourself, and be able to handle disappointment when a song doesn't catch on or a band falls apart or life distracts you. Financially, it can be feast or famine - probably more of the latter. But if you've got what it takes to get through all that, then you get to spend your life making music. Troy Seele - Delphi Community High School Class of 1982 - has what it takes.

Troy has traveled the world, performing on every continent except Antarctica. He has played multiple genres: jazz, hard metal, folk, and blue grass. He's won guitar picking contests. He's been a bona fide rock star; yet, he is a hands-on dad to his two sons. Easy? No.

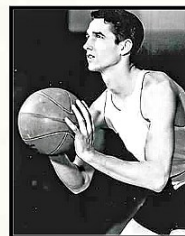
Troy Seele was born in 1964 to Joe and Sandra Seele, long-time residents of Carroll County. His love for the guitar started when he was 13; and by 15, he was performing in the local area. He played with the DCHS Jazz Band, and he had his own band - "Destiny" - in high school. After high school, Troy spent a year studying music at Vincennes University before beginning his career. His first semi-professional band was "Ground Zero;" and his first professional band was "The Criminals," which became "Ma Kelley." In the 11 years he was with Ma Kelley, they recorded five albums and toured with rock greats such as Journey, Van Halen, and Foreigner. But they never quite hit the big time and eventually fell apart.

Troy recorded two albums of blue grass/folk music with Nashville, Indiana native, Kara Barnard; and he played with other regional bands, including "Sindacato" and "Rhythm Creatures." In 2005, he joined, "The Why Store;" playing with them for about a year before he was offered the chance to join established heavy metal band "Iced Earth," based in Tampa. Iced Earth has a world-wide following, and Troy traveled the globe and recorded albums with them for about 10 years.

Meanwhile, Troy married and had two sons, Wyatt and Van. In 2016, when family needs pushed to the front, Troy left Iced Earth and returned to Indiana. He re-joined the The Why Store and remains with that group today. Throughout his career, Troy dabbled in making his own music. One of his tracts - "Only One" - was included on a Methods of Mayhem album. Troy has worked for Guitarworks, in Greenwood, Indiana for many years. He has been a studio musician. and he teaches guitar lessons.



So, Troy Seele has turned his love for music and for playing guitar into a career that already spans close to 45 years. Easy? No. Worth it? Sure looks like it!

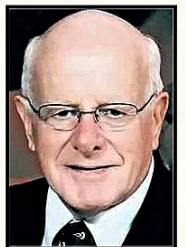


JOHN SINES: PURDUE BASKETBALL GREAT AND PRO

John Sines (1914 - 1978), from Flora, graduated from Lafayette Jefferson High School and played basketball at Purdue, part of a revered trio of Purdue basketball players - Young, Sines, and Malaska. John, who was captain of the basketball team in 1937, was considered one of Purdue's all-time greats.

After college, John played professional basketball for the Indianapolis Kautskys, making the All-Pro team. He became a pro official and then a basketball coach at Lawrence University, the University of Tennessee, Palmetto High School in Florida, and Manatee Community College.

After John passed away, Manatee Community College established a scholarship in his name.



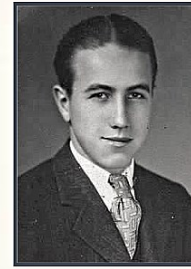
BOB DAVIS: BURLINGTON HISTORIAN

Bob Davis (1929-2022) was a regular guy who loved his community. He graduated from Burlington High School in 1947; and he lived and worked in Burlington as an electrician, for many years. Bob was a volunteer fireman and president of the town council. Having served in the U.S. Army in Korea, he was a lifetime member of the Burlington American Legion. He also was a member of the Burlington Masonic Lodge.

And Bob was an historian. He served on the board of the Carroll County Historical Society, and he wrote articles about local history for the Burlington Library. If someone wanted to know about an old building, Bob could tell them. His "History of the Michigan Road in Burlington" - including ric photos - was a gift to county historians and to those working to preserve the history of that important road. Built in the 1830s, the Michigan Road tied the northern part of the state with the southern, and it ran through Burlington. Bob enjoyed telling that story.

TRUMAN CLINE: INVENTOR, EASTER SEAL MAN OF THE YEAR, AND PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEE

Truman Cline (1908-1988) survived a horrific automobile accident five days after he graduated from Purdue in 1930. But he lost both legs and one arm. Someone else might give up on his dreams after that kind of tragedy. But not Truman. Undeterred, he went on to have a wonderful family and a highly successful career as an engineer. In fact, he became a role model and advocate for people with disabilities, using his experience to help others. In 1959, he was presented the "Gallantry Award," the highest honor awarded by the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults (now EasterSeals), for overcoming his handicaps. And in 1984, President Ronald Reagan appointed Truman to serve a 3-year term on the President's Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, responsible for ensuring access for people with physical limitations to federally-funded buildings and facilities.



A 1926 graduate of Camden High School and a recent graduate of Purdue University, Truman was riding home from a visit with relatives with three friends when the driver of their car is believed to have fallen asleep. The car hit a tree and burst into flames. Truman was the only survivor.



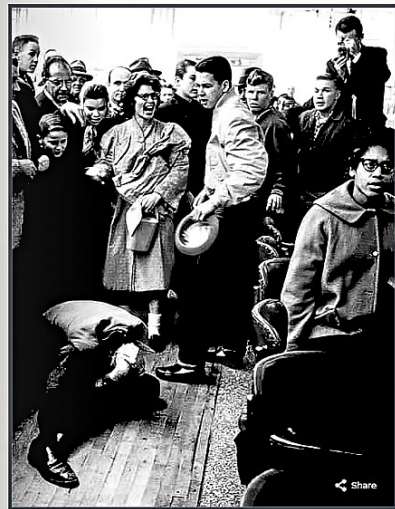
Truman quickly learned to use his artificial limbs, driving only five days after being fitted. He earned a graduate degree in engineering in 1933. He married Lucille Etnire of Royal Center in 1938, and they had four daughters.

Truman was an engineer for several companies, spending 17 years with Sears, Roebuck and Company where he became Chief Engineer. During that time, he amassed numerous patents for his designs for electric stoves, rotary mowers, and small kitchen appliances. In 1959, the local chapter of the American Business Women's Association named him "Boss of the Year." He was on national committees of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, a

member of the American Standards Association committees, and a member of the Industry Advisory Conference to the Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. on domestic electric range standards.

Truman was generous in helping others. He served on the board of the Licking County (Ohio) Society for Crippled Children and Adults and was the Ohio State Easter Seal chairman. And when one of his daughters and her husband were killed, Truman and Lucille reared their four granddaughters.

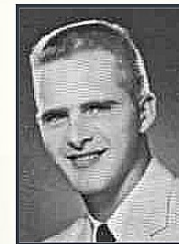
Keeping in mind the advancements that have been made in both the technology of artificial limbs and physical accommodations for the physically disabled since 1930, the challenges Truman faced and overcame are remarkable. He continues to inspire.



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PAUL LAPRAD: CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST

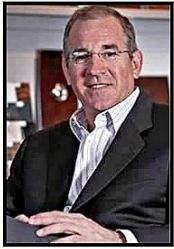
Paul LaPrad, Delphi High School Class of 1956, was a student at Manchester College when he decided to transfer to Fisk University, in Nashville, Tennessee. He wanted to be with people who had different backgrounds than his. At Fisk, most of his classmates - and all of his friends - were African American; and Paul was frustrated that he couldn't go into town with his friends because everything was segregated. Having grown up in the Church of the Brethren, with its doctrine of peace above all, Paul decided to learn more about how he could protest the inequalities he was seeing and experiencing, peacefully.



On February 27, 1960, Paul sat down at the lunch counter of McClellans' store in Nashville - along with other activists, mostly African American - for a peaceful sit-in. Before long, he was pulled from his seat, punched and kicked by a group of young white men. Bloodied, he got up and returned to his seat at the counter, until he and his fellow protesters were arrested and taken to jail. But not before a photographer caught the whole thing. The photo of Paul, covering his head and crouching on the floor while one of his assailants stood over him, was published around the country; and Paul LaPrad became part of Civil Rights history. (Photo at left by UPI)

Paul returned to Indiana and earned a graduate degree in social work at Indiana University. He spent most of his career working in prison systems in Indiana, Ohio, and - eventually - Colorado, where he lives today. And while his life now may seem relatively ordinary, Paul had a defining moment on that day in Nashville.

Paul's actions in 1960 are chronicled in many articles and books about the Civil Rights Movement.



GEORGE REVINGTON: CEO, INTERNATIONAL FURNITURE MANUFACTURING AND ADVENTURER

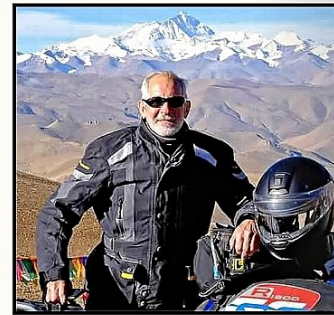
George Revington grew up with furniture manufacturing. The son of one of the founders of Peters-Revington Manufacturing in Delphi, he worked in his dad's factory as a teen, learning every aspect of furniture production on the assembly line. And, because his name was already associated with furniture, he might have had a good entrée into the industry when he graduated from college. But working his way up to President and Chief Executive Officer of Universal Furniture and Samuel Lawrence Furniture; President, CEO, and Chief Operating Officer of Home Meridan International; and COO of Hooker Furniture Corporation? That was all because of George's business acumen and hard work. And maybe because he has the spirit of an adventurer.

George Daley Revington III was born in 1947, the son of George and Betty Revington. He grew up in Delphi, spending a generous amount of time with his grandparents, George and Martha Revington, in Monticello. Despite a bout with rheumatic fever as a 5-year-old, George was a typically active Delphi kid, participating in Boy Scouts and playing school sports. When his family moved to West Lafayette in 1960, George became a student leader and athlete at West Lafayette High School, graduating in 1965. He earned his bachelors degree in history from Amherst College in 1969 and received his Masters in Business Administration from Indiana University in 1972. He took post-graduate courses at the Sales and Marketing Executive Program at Columbia Business School (1983) and the Advanced Business Management Program at the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University (1999).

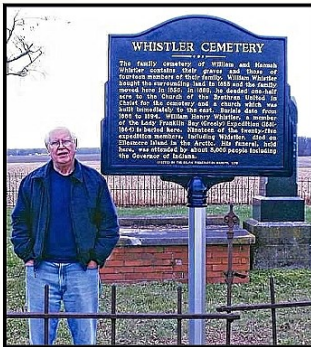
Though George didn't intend to have a career in the furniture industry, it soon became clear - when he started looking for jobs - that would be the best route to go. Beginning in sales, his career took him from Virginia to Tennessee to North Carolina to Phoenix and back to North Carolina. He traveled internationally, negotiating and implementing strategies to make his multimillion dollar global corporations successful. In 2014, he was elected chairman of the board of the American Home Furnishings Association (now Alliance), the home furnishings manufacturers trade group. Along the way, George started and ran Revington and Company, which he sold. He also married and had three children. He retired from his full-time job in 2018, though he remains a consultant for Kaiser Furniture in Vietnam. That same year, he received the AHFA's highest honor: the "Distinguished Service Award."

And what about that "adventurer" part? George has hiked up and down the Grand Canyon multiple times. He's fished all over the world. He's driven dune buggies on Pismo Beach dunes and his Porsche GT3 at the Sebring International Raceway. He has camped in the Appalachian mountains in the winter. He has ridden his motorcycle all over this country and in Patagonia, Chili, Peru, Switzerland, Germany, Iceland, and more. In 2018, George rode across Mongolia to participate in the Golden Eagle Festival; and in 2019, he completed his greatest adventure (so far), riding his BMW motorbike more than 13,000 miles from Wales to Beijing, China, following the Silk Road.

George Revington is a man who pushes the limits in work and in life. He does it in a thoughtful way - but he doesn't let uncertainty stop him. And in doing that, he finds success.



George in front of Mount Everest in Tibet



RICHARD FUNKHOUSER: HISTORIAN

Richard Funkhouser (1934-2017) received the "Sagamore of the Wabash" award in 2001. It was one of many honors presented to the Professor Emeritus of Library Science at Purdue. Richard received the "John H. Moriarty Award for Excellence in Librarianship" from Purdue in 1987; the "John H. Moriarty Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Indiana Chapter" from the Special Libraries Association (SLA), and the "Achievement Award" from the Physics-Astronomy-Mathematics Division of the SLA. He was inducted into the SLA "Hall of Fame in 2002. He received the Purdue President's Council "Pinnacle Award" in 2013, in recognition of his generous gifts to the libraries over the years.

Richard grew up on the family farm near Rockfield and graduated from Delphi High School in 1952. He earned his bachelors and masters degrees from Indiana University. In 1957, the day after he received his masters degree, he began his job at the Purdue libraries. He served as the Engineering Librarian, the Science Librarian, the Mathematical Sciences Librarian, and the Aviation Technology Librarian. As the Engineering Librarian, he was responsible for six separate engineering libraries.

From 1964-66, Richard was a visiting professor at the Indian Institute of Technology in Kanpur, India, consulting on the development of the new university's library. In his professional community, he was on the SLA board; and he was an officer of the

Physics-Astronomy-Mathematics Division of SLA. He was president of the Indiana Chapter of SLA, and he was on several national committees. Richard retired from Purdue in 2001, having worked there more than 44 years.

Richard never lost interest in Carroll County history. He lived on his family farm until 1979, when he moved to West Lafayette. He was fascinated with the story of his distant cousin, William Henry Whistler (profiled in this book), who grew up on the same farm. His book about Whistler's participation in the ill-fated Greely expedition entitled, "William Henry Whistler" was published by the Delphi Preservation Society (DPS). Richard also sponsored an historic marker located at the Whistler Cemetery near Rockfield. In 2013, he received the "Charles Gerard Historic Archival Award" from the DPS, for his extensive contributions of historical materials. He received an award from the Wabash and Erica Canal Association in 2009 for his sponsorship of the children's playground canal boat at Canal Park. He established "The Richard L. Funkhouser Fund" to benefit Carroll County history. On his death in 2017, Richard donated the Whistler/Funkhouser farm to Purdue.

PETE AWARD (FLORA LIONS CLUB)

The annual Pete Award, honoring the late DeVere "Pete" Hoffman, is presented by the Flora Lions Club to recognize exceptional service to the community.

1984: Von Burton
1985: Gail Ennis
1986: Richard Leiter
1987: Mabel Wharton,
1988: Eldon Presler
1989: Joyce Sparks
1990: Al Grumbling
1991: Norm Beck
1992: Tom Adams
1993: Lucille Brown
1994: Martha Hoffman
1995: Gerald Clingenpeel
1996: Jerry Reinke
1997: Al Moss
1998: Mary Catherine Carter
1999: Dr. Alvin Eller
2000: Matthew "Pete" Jackson
2001: Judy Ayres
2002: Darrell Hoffman
2004: Pat and Charles Meade
2005: Dick Curtis
2006: Mary McCarty
2007: Mary Zinn
2008: Helen Ennis
2009: Mike and Judy Hoffman
2010: Trent Stephan
2011: Jane Bishop
2012: Joretta Tinsman
2013: Gary Parrett
2014: Gregory Hoffman
2015: Curt Hufty
2016: Mary Jo Redmon
2017: Theresa Brown
2018: Gale Ennis Downham
2019: Doug Winger
2020: Melissa Bishop
2021: Roger Beckner
2022: Pat Wisler-Reade

CHARLES CARROLL AWARD

The Charles Carroll Award, presented by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, honors an individual who goes above and beyond to make a difference in their community or organization

2011: Janet Ayres
2012: Dave Wright
2013: Dick Bradshaw
2014: Dan McCain
2015: Bonnie Maxwell
2016: Melissa Bishop
2017: Pete Wagoner
2018: Miriam Robeson
2019: Brenda Daly
2020: Joyce Yoder, Valerie Cree, and Randy Myers
- Carroll County Health Dept
2021: Lynn Corson (posthumously)

SAMUEL L. MILROY AWARD

The Milroy Award was presented by the Delphi Chamber of Commerce for many years and is now presented by the Delphi Preservation Society. It honors an individual (or individuals) with integrity and a keen business sense, who serves the community to make it a better place.

1981: Father Ambrose Ziegler
1982: Dr. George Wagoner
1983: Myron Beesley
1984: John F. Klepinger
1985: Dorthea Shaffer
1986: Frank Fitch
1987: Mahlon Kerlin
1988: Charles R. Bradshaw
1989: Charles Geheb
1990: Phyllis Moore
1991: Ollie Limp
1992: Edgar Stuntz
1993: Dorothy Mills
1994: Elsie G. Myers
1995: Donald Brosman
1996: Jim Shaffer
1997: George Obear
1998: Pat Clawson
1999: Jack Wroten
2000: Dick Bradshaw
2001: Dan McCain
2002: Bill Penn
2003: Steve Nichols
2004: Bill Schock
2005: Dean Overholser
2006: Lewis Mullin
2007: Ed Gruber
2008: Norm Miller
2009: Krista Watson
2010: Jim McGreevey
2011: Cliff Baldwin
2012: Carolyn Wagner
2013: Dick Krieg
2014: Randy Myers
2015: Dr. Gregory Norman
2016: Tom and Mary Ives
2017: Carolyn Pearson
2018: Bonnie Maxwell
2019: No award
2020: No award
2021: No award
2022: Nancy Girton Cripe

CARROLL COUNTY AGRICULTURE HALL OF FAME

The Carroll County Agriculture Hall of Fame was established in 1994. It recognizes people who have contributed significantly to make Carroll County a better place to live and rear a family

1994: Bob Ayres, John Bush, Bud Harmon, Fred McCain, John McCormick, Bob Mills, Dorothy Mills, Joe Peterson, John Peterson, JV Pickart, Ralph Sullivan, John Trapp, Winnie Weaver, Charles Yeager, and Jessie Zook
1995: Lloyd Anderson, Elizabeth Peterson, and Nelson Sines
1996: Pete Jackson, John Klepinger, and Vernon Payne
1997: Lee Flora, Fred Martin, and Bill Pickart
1998: Bill Kerlin, Joan McCain, Steve Nichols, and Fred Wise
1999: Leo Bowman, Bill Duff, and Everett Gruber
2000: Jeris Eikenberry, Bill Pearson, and Larry Welborn
2001: Glenn Brown, Gordon McCain, and Lawrence Stauffer
2002: James Huffer, Pat Kennedy, and Richard Roach
2003: George Obear, Kenneth Orem, and George Ringer
2004: Joe Jones, Gary Parrett, and Maurice Robeson
2005: Jerry Hendress, Carolyn Pearson, and Ross Striebeck
2006: Brad Burton, Dave Lambert, and Larry Trapp
2007: Dick Bradshaw, Kenneth Pyle, and Linda Wise
2008: Wilbur O. Jones, Samuel D. Moffitt, and John Richard McCain
2009: Jeffrey Shanks and Miriam Robeson
2010: Janet Ayres, Dean Scott, and Jackson-Lee-Pearson, Inc.
2011: Joe O'Donnell, Tom Mylet, and Indiana Packers, Corp.
2012: Steve Ashby, Dwaine Ward, and Carroll White REMC
2013: Thomas Flora, Monty Edging, and Hog Slat/TDM Farms
2014: Rhonda Hicks and Carroll County Tire
2015: Marianne Yeager Ash, Steve Keown, and The Andersons, Inc.
2016: David Minich, Gary Rader, and Delphi Products Co
2017: Samantha Garrison, Dale Orem, and Ayres Hardware Co
2018: Michelle Cox, Raymon Eikenberry, Michael Beale, and Bush Veterinary Services
2019: Neil Mylet, Angie May, and First Merchants
2020: Paul Marcellino, William McVay, and Bordner Enterprises
2021: No award
2022: Joanne Lytton, Vince Seward, Jim Shanks, and Co- Alliance

THREE CARROLL COUNTY QUEENS

In 1969, Pat Long was crowned Miss Carroll County at the annual County 4-H Fair. Cathy Todd was first runner-up, and Phyllis Calloway was second runner-up. So what happened to those girls? Well, they each went on to do great things!



DR. PATRICIA LONG HENDERSHOT

Patricia Long graduated from Delphi High School in 1968. She was president of Debate Club and an officer in French Club, Girls Service Club, and Student Council; a member of Top 20 and Youngtown Singers; and in the casts of several productions. She was Worthy Advisor of the local Rainbow chapter and served in three state offices in Rainbow (Grand Love, Grand Charity, and Grand Recorder), traveling throughout the state visiting Rainbow chapters. She also was active in 4-H, earning championship honors in dressmaking.

Pat graduated from Indiana University in 1972. In 1976, she graduated from IU Medical School, where she was a class officer. She married Rodger Hendershot in 1973, and they had three children. Pat practiced internal medicine in Indianapolis for many years. She was twice voted a "Top Doc of Indianapolis."



U.S. AMBASSADOR CATHY TODD BAILEY

Cathy Todd grew up in Burlington. She showed her steers at the 4-H Fairs (winning championships) and led the cheer block at Carroll High School. She graduated from Franklin College, with a major in elementary education. In 1971, she was chosen Indiana State Fair Beef Queen, representing the beef industry in the state for a year, and an Indianapolis 500 Festival Princess. After college, Cathy settled in Louisville, teaching school for several years. She married Irving Bailey in 1995, and she has four children.

Though she began in education, Cathy's career has centered on community service and politics. She proved to be an exceptional fund raiser for both. In 1984, she founded the Louisville Ronald McDonald House. She's on the boards of the Kentucky Opera and the Kentucky Arts and Crafts Foundation. But her greatest achievement was founding Operation Open Arms, an organization that helps children of incarcerated mothers by finding quality foster homes - often leading to adoptions and additional supportive care. In 2003, Cathy was one of four recipients of the Mitsubishi "Unsung Heroine Award."

Cathy was a member of the Republican National Committee from Kentucky from 2000-2004. She also served as the co-chairman of the Republican Regents, an RNC donor organization. She was on the boards of the Presidential Advisory Committee to the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC and the McConnell Center for Political Leadership and Excellence at the University of Louisville. In 2002, she was awarded the "Tilford Payne, Jr. Award" in recognition of her political volunteer services and contributions.

In 2004, President George Bush nominated Cathy to be the U.S. Ambassador to Latvia. She was sworn in by Secretary of State Colin Powell in 2005. She held that position for 3 years. In 2008, Cathy was recognized by the Muhammad Ali Center as a "Most Influential Woman." In 2018, Cathy was named chair of the Department of Transportation Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking, completing that work in July 2019. Back home, she continues to organize a successful annual fund-raising event benefitting Operation Open Arms, known as "Silks in the Blue Grass."



EDUCATOR PHYLLIS CALLOWAY DAVIS

Phyllis Calloway grew up in Camden and graduated from Delphi High school in 1968. She was president of the Latin Club and a member of National Honor Society. She earned her bachelors degree in social studies and art from Ball State University in 1972 and her masters in secondary education and political science from Central State University in Oklahoma in 1978. She married John Davis in 1972, and they have two sons.

John's career in the lumber business necessitated several moves. They lived in Texas, Michigan, and Oklahoma before returning to Indiana. Phyllis worked in interior design and taught school. In Moore, Oklahoma, she headed the Social Studies Department at Moore High School. When they returned to Indiana, Phyllis was an adjunct professor at Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne; and in 1987, she was hired as Senior Human Resources Consultant at Lincoln National Corporation.

In 1992, Phyllis became Director of Human Resources for Southwest Allen County Schools, a job she held for 27 years. She hired more than 400 employees each year - from teachers to administrative staff to bus drivers, custodians, and food service workers - and managed employee support programs for the 1,200 employees in the district. She mentored teachers and established initiatives to retain good teachers, such as job-sharing. When she retired in 2019, the SACS Board named Phyllis a "Sagamore of SACS."

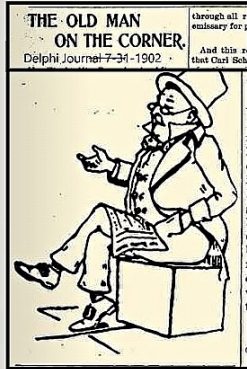
Phyllis was vice chair of the research committee and a trainer for the Indiana Association of School Business Officials. She served on the board for the Allen County Council on Aging. She was named "Woman of the Year" by the American Business Women's Association of Fort Wayne. And in 2019, she became president-elect of the Allen County Chapter of the Retired Teachers Association.



Cathy Todd, Pat Long, and Phyllis Calloway
- photo from Carroll County Comet

CHARLES B. LANDIS: CONGRESSMAN AND EDITOR

For nearly two decades, the front page of the "Delphi Journal" had a column entitled, "The Old Man on the Corner." It was witty and often pointed, and it always entertained. Though it carried no by-line, everyone knew it was written by the editor, Charles Beary Landis, who - for much of that period - was the U.S. Congressman from the Indiana 9th District.



Charles Landis grew up in Logansport, graduating from Logansport High School in 1875 and from Wabash College in 1883. He returned to Logansport and worked for the family-owned "Logansport Journal," rising to editor. In 1886, he became co-owner and editor of the "Delphi Journal" and moved to Delphi. Charles was well thought-of, both locally and throughout the state.

In 1894, he Charles was president of the Indiana Republican Editorial Association; and he became the first alumnus to be elected trustee of Wabash College. That same year, he embarked on his first attempt to be elected to Congress. He didn't get the nomination. But in 1896, Charles was elected. He served six terms as the Representative of the 9th Congressional District of Indiana, from 1897 to 1909. Charles was known as a terrific writer and orator and was asked to give speeches all over the country.

When he left Congress in 1909, Charles moved to Wilmington, Delaware and became an officer in the DuPont Company. Wisely, he invested heavily in the company; and he became a wealthy man. He retired in 1920.

While planning a trip to Venezuela to visit his son, who was a military attaché stationed there, Charles suffered the first of a series of strokes. Although he sought treatment in several places around the country, he died in 1922 in Asheville, N.C. Charles was remembered as an affable man whose enemies were few.



PATRICK O'DONNELL: CRUSADER AGAINST THE KU KLUX KLAN

Patrick Henry O'Donnell (1863 - 1927) was born and grew up in Carroll County. He taught in the Deer Creek schools for a few years before heading to Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. to earn his law degree. He settled in Chicago, quickly becoming one of the most prominent criminal attorneys in the city.

A Catholic and an accomplished orator, Patrick was an outspoken leader of those opposing the rise of the Ku Klux Klan. In 1922, he became chairman (and eventually president) of the American Unity League, whose purpose was to fight the Klan. Patrick's strategy was simple: publish the names of members of the Klan, and let citizens decide for themselves how to respond. Not surprisingly, business leaders who were "outed" saw a negative impact on their livelihoods; and many found their standings in their communities diminished. Patrick's plan worked.

Patrick was married and had seven children. He returned to Carroll County often, enjoying working on his farm and seeing his family and old friends. He died of a stroke while in Carroll County, in 1927.

Patrick earned acclaim for other contributions. He was one of five attorneys who advocated successfully for a law school at St. Ignatius College, later Loyola University in Chicago; he funded a seismic observatory at Georgetown University; and he earned an award from the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) for his work aiding Civil War soldiers in obtaining their pensions. But he was best known for his leadership in fighting the bigotry of the KKK.



AMANDA OVERMYER: "AMERICAN IDOL" FINALIST

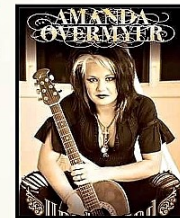
Amanda Overmyer is a healthcare professional. And she has a law degree. Oh, and she placed 11th in Season 7 of the popular national talent show, "American Idol" (2008). The judges compared her sound to Janis Joplin's.

Amanda was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, grew up in Camden, and graduated from Delphi Community High School, where she sang with the Entertainers choral group. After high school, she earned a nursing degree from Ivy Tech. But all the while, she was singing.

2008 was a big year for Amanda. After her elimination from "Idol" (in March), she appeared on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," "Live with Regis and Kelly," and "The Morning Show with Mike and Juliet." She headlined the "Women of Rock" show at Whisky-A-Go-Go in West Hollywood. In December 2008 she released her debut album, "Solidify."

In the summer of 2009, Amanda and her band played in front of some 14,000 fans at a show in Lafayette. They toured the Midwest in the following years. But that's not all she was doing. She earned a bachelors degree in Business Management from Indiana Wesleyan University in 2013 and a masters in Healthcare and International Health Care Law from IU McKinney School of Law in 2018. She began a career in health care management and sales in 2014, a career she continues today as consultant. She specializes in hospice support.

Amanda still performs occasionally. She headlined a fund-raiser for the Libby and Abbey Memorial Park, in 2019.





THE LOIS AND SHERRY MEARS FAMILY: PRESERVATIONISTS

The Lois (1925-2012) and Sherry (1924-2016) Mears Family have preserved history in their own homes and led efforts to preserve history in the Deer Creek Valley area. In 2019, the family received the "John Arnold Award for Rural Preservation," from Indiana Landmarks and the Indiana Farm Bureau.

Lois and Sherry Mears bought the historic McCain farm in 1949, rearing their six children in the 1852 Greek Revival farm house. The 1880 Sweitzer barn was a mainstay of their farming operation. Both structures have been well preserved; and Lois and Sherry's grandson, Ben, and his wife, Taylor, currently are rearing their family on the property, continuing the family legacy. In 2013, Lois and Sherry received the "Historic Site or Structure Award" from the Delphi Preservation Society for their preservation of the barn, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. In 1966, Lois and Sherry bought the historic Royster Farm, down the road from them; and their son, John, and his wife, Mary, reared their family there.

The Mears have eagerly shared their historic homes and barns with others. In 2016, Lois and Sherry's barn was one of ten barns featured on the Indiana Fall Barn Tour. In 2012, John and Mary hosted an Indiana Landmarks "Barn Again" workshop, helping others learn how to repurpose historic barns. They also hosted an ArchiCamp, sponsored by Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, the Wabash and Erie Canal Interpretive Center, and the Delphi Preservation Society. Seventeen young people attended the camp, learning how to build a barn.



Martin and Nancy Mears, Shon (holding Ben's son Warren) and Hannah Mears McClrath; Benjamin and Taylor Mears; John and Mary Mears

The Mears didn't limit their preservation efforts to their homesteads. Lois and Sherry were vocal advocates for preserving the historic 1891 Monon High Bridge that abutted property they (and Sherry's brothers) donated for the Monon High Bridge Trail. Happily, that trail - incorporating the High Bridge - is nearly complete.

Daughter-in-law Mary Mears helped spearhead an historic bridges coalition which was honored in 1999 with the "Servaas Memorial Award" from Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana. Mary was particularly focused on the 100+ year old Wilson Bridge, close to their home. It was badly in need of repair, and many wanted to tear it down and build something new. But Mary and her fellow preservationists succeeded in their campaign; and in 2008, the Wilson Bridge was reopened - repaired and restored - allowing generations to come to appreciate its beauty. Part of their strategy was getting the bridge accepted for the National Register of Historic Places, in 2001. Mary also was instrumental in getting the National Register's approval of the Deer Creek Valley Rural Historic District, which encompasses both farms, the High Bridge, and the Wilson Bridge, in 2002. In this family, historic preservation is a family value.



HUGH LOWERY: PRO FOOTBALL PLAYER, WWI ACE, AND STANDARD OIL CHEMIST

Hugh Lowery (1892 - 1972) was born and grew up in Cutler. After graduating from Cutler High School in 1914, he became a professional football player, an Army Colonel, a coach, and the chief chemist for Standard Oil of Indiana. He was inducted into the Franklin College "Hall of Fame" in 1975, posthumously.

Lowery played basketball at Cutler High School and led his team to the county championship two consecutive years. He attended Franklin College, playing football, basketball, baseball and running track, until his college career was interrupted by WWI. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps and became a "Jack of Aces" pilot. When he returned from the war, he finished his degree at Franklin.

After college, Lowery coached for a short time and played tackle for the 1920 Detroit Heralds, during the first regular season of the American Professional Football Association. In 1922, he began working for Standard Oil of Indiana. He gained notice as a leader, organizing the Central States Petroleum Union, an organization of several thousand employees from multiple facilities. He retired from Standard Oil in 1950, as chief chemist.

In 1921, Lowery married May Hardin, of Edinburgh, Indiana; and they had one son. After he retired, he and his wife moved to Bradenton, Florida, where he died in 1972.

GREG WASSON: FORMER CEO OF WALGREENS

Greg Wasson grew up in rural Indiana; and he went on to head one of the largest and most successful pharmaceutical companies in the world, relying on the values he learned at home: work hard and stay humble. Greg was born in 1958. He grew up in rural Delphi, graduated from Twin Lakes High School and Purdue's Pharmacy School (1981), and worked his way up in the Walgreens organization until he was president and Chief Executive Officer. Greg established Walgreens as an industry leader. He secured its merger with European-based Alliance Boots to create "Walgreens Boots Alliance," before he retired from the company after 35 years. Then, he and wife Kim founded "Wasson Enterprise," an investment firm that focuses on the pharmaceutical industry and clean energy initiatives.

Greg also is co-founder of "CoolerScreens" and "Innventure;" and he has been on the boards of Health Care Service Corporation, Performance Health Systems, iA (information architecture), The Economic Club of Chicago, Corporate Leadership Center, the Academy of Urban School Leadership, Verizon Communications PNC Financial Services Group, AmerisourceBergens, and the Museum of Science and Industry.

Greg was chairman of the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, vice chairman of the Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA), and a member of the Healthcare Leadership Council (HLC), the Wall Street Journal CEO Council, and the civic committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago. He also was a member of the British-American Business Council International Advisory Board and the Illinois chapter of the American Cancer Society's "CEOs Against Cancer."

For his leadership, Greg has received numerous honors, including the National Association of Chain Drugstores' "Sheldon W. Fantle Lifetime Achievement Award" (2015), the UCAN (a youth development program) "John D. Nichols Impact Award," the National Urban League's "Corporate Leadership Award," the American Cancer Society's "Corporate Impact Award," and the Grocery Manufacturers Association's "Hall of Achievement Award." In 2016, Purdue awarded him the "Distinguished Alumni Award" and the "Career Achievement Award."

Greg married fellow Purdue Pharmacy School graduate Kim Munt in 1981, on commencement day; and they headed to Texas for their first jobs. They have two daughters. Greg and Kim have donated generously to their alma mater, including a contribution of one million dollars to establish the "Wasson Endowment for the Future" to help fund facilities for the Purdue College of Pharmacy.



CHARLES STERRETT AKA "CHUCK STANFORD:" TV, COMMERCIALS, AND MOVIE ACTOR

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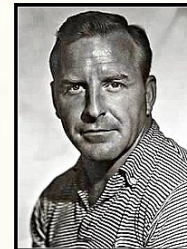
Charles Stanford Sterrett (1933-1971) was known as "Stanley" when growing up in Rockfield and as "Chuck Stanford" as a professional actor in movies, television, and national commercials. Stanley attended Rockfield School and graduated from Camden High School in 1951. After a year at Indiana University, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. When he completed his service, he pursued acting.

In 1957, Stanley was accepted at the Neighborhood Playhouse in New York City, whose graduates include Steve McQueen and Robert Duval. After he graduated, he had a season at the Barter Theater in Abingdon, Virginia (whose alumni include Ernest Borgnine) and another at the Palm Beach Playhouse in Florida.

His career took off after that. He appeared in TV shows like, "The Outlaws," "Bonanza," "Cheyenne," and the NBC soap opera, "The Doctors." In 1961, he was cast in the movie, "The X-15," starring Charles Bronson and Mary Tyler Moore. He also appeared as an inspector in a movie starring Cliff Robertson, "Underworld U.S.A."

Throughout the 1960s, Stanley frequently appeared in television commercials for products such as Pepsi, Phillips 66, Campbell's Soup, Winston cigarettes, Texaco, American Airlines, St. Joseph's Aspirin, and Newport cigarettes. He even turned up in a newspaper advertisement for Delphi's Union Bank and Trust Company. Stanley's last major work was a role in the movie, "The Last Escape," with Stuart Whitman, in 1970.

After a brief marriage to Kay Pontrelli Napolitano, in Los Angeles, Stanley married Barbara Barclay, from Camden, in 1965. They had two sons.



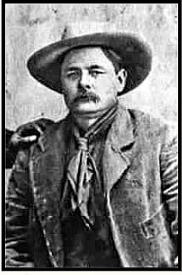
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- Martin Davis - Lt. Donald Wilcox
- Pines Braun - Von Heinlein
- Günther Neutze - Maj. Hessel
- Margit Saad - Karen Gerhardt
- Patrick Jordan - Maj. Griggs
- Johnny Briggs - Cpl. O'Connell
- Harald Dietl - Maj. Petrov
- Gerd Vespermann - Blücher
- Andy Pap - Curt
- Andrew Lodge - Gregory
- David Albert Taylor - Morse (as David Taylor)
- Richard Abbott - Billings
- Paul Bentley - Jarvis
- Christen Skrobek - Russian Signal Officer
- Chuck Stanford - American Lieutenant
- Frank Guarente - American Signal Officer
- Michael Hinz - Junior SS Officer
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THE LAST ESCAPE

STUART WHITMAN



FRONTIER LAWMAN "PECOS BOB" OLINGER: KILLED BY BILLY THE KID

Born in Delphi, Deputy U.S. Marshal and Deputy Sheriff of Lincoln County Bob Olinger (1850-1881) is best known as the last person killed by Billy the Kid. But if you think the Deputy was the good guy who died young, you'd be wrong. His own mother was said to have called him "a murderer from the cradle."

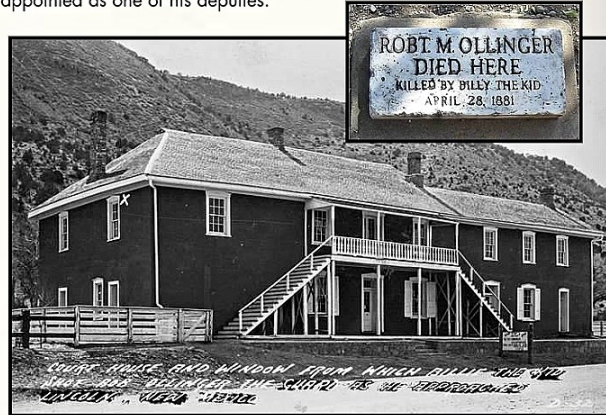
While he was a young child, Bob's family moved from Delphi to Indian Territory (Kansas). When his brother, John, went down to Lincoln County, New Mexico, young Bob followed. They got involved in the famed Lincoln County War between gangs of rustlers; and when Billy the Kid killed one of the Olingers' friends, Bob's hatred for Billy was born.

Bob, who was a big man, was known to be a bully. He spent time on both sides of the law, but he was known to be violent in either case. Some described him as a "serial killer." In fact, he once was charged with murder of an unarmed man he was helping arrest. When Pat Garrett was elected Sheriff of Lincoln County, he was not thrilled when Bob was appointed as one of his deputies.

In 1881, Billy the Kid was brought to Lincoln County to await hanging for the murder of Sheriff William Brady. Sheriff Garrett was out of town, so his deputies were left in charge. Bob was one of Billy's guards. He taunted Billy relentlessly, and their mutual dislike came to a boil. On April 28, 1881, Billy broke free. He killed Deputy Sheriff J.W. Bell; and then he gleefully shot his nemesis, Bob Olinger. Billy was heard to taunt, "Hello, Bob," before firing Bob's own shotgun at him, killing the deputy instantly.

Billy escaped. When Sheriff Garrett returned to town, he vowed revenge for his deputies' deaths. In July 1881, Garrett shot and killed Billy the Kid at Fort Sumner, New Mexico.

The murders of the two deputies have been depicted in several movies about Billy the Kid. Bob Olinger is memorialized at Panel 13, W-3 on the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial in Washington, DC.



MEL MARQUETTE: AVIATOR, INDY CAR DRIVER, AND INVENTOR

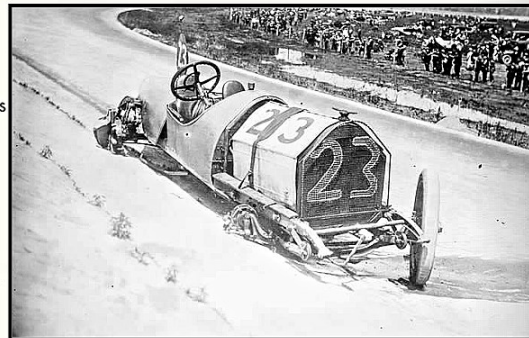
Mel Marquette (1884-1960) worked with the Wright brothers, built his own plane, and drove in two Indianapolis 500s. He also was an inventor, known for his creation of synthetic rubber. That invention made him a target for the Nazis in WWII. Pretty interesting guy!

Born to George and Cora Snyder Morkert of Pyrmont, Mel grew up in Mooresville. He graduated from Broad Ripple High School and Purdue University. He changed his last name from "Morkert" to its original French spelling, "Marquette," while at Purdue.

Mel worked with the Wright Brothers and built and flew his own plane in 1910. He was the 13th person in the U.S. to be a licensed pilot. While he worked for the McFarlan Automobile Company, Mel was invited to drive in both the 1911 and the 1912 Indianapolis 500 races, driving a McFarlan race car. He finished 25th in 1911. In the 1912 race, he completed 63 laps and crashed, finishing 19th.

Mel became well-known for developing synthetic rubber while he was working in Belgium and Germany, designing and building rubber plants. Considered a threat to the Nazis, he was held as a political prisoner of the Germans for 2 years, during WWII.

After the war, Mel became a consulting engineer for Cooper Tire and Rubber Company in Findlay, Ohio. Mel died in 1960 at age 77.



ART MCDOWELL: EDITOR, WRITER, AND LEGIONNAIRE

Former "Delphi Journal" editor Mike Griffee once printed a photo of Art McDowell (1916-1985), with this caption: "Art McDowell...was for many years the editor of the 'Delphi Citizen.' Plain speaking and to-the-point on issues, Art was one of the most admired citizens of the community." That's a pretty good summary of Art. He was well-spoken; he wrote with both wit and wisdom; and he was held in esteem by pretty much everyone, everywhere he went. Art was a born leader, and he stepped into that role willingly.

Arthur M. McDowell was born in Delphi. He graduated cum laude from Delphi High School in 1935, where he was a champion orator and a member of the yearbook staff. He joined the Army in 1941, spending 28 months with a hospital unit in Europe. That service would inspire much of his career.

When he returned to Delphi, Art went to work for the "Delphi Citizen," becoming editor in 1944. Art's observations of events, issues, and local citizens were articulate and sometimes biting, but always fair. When he saw something good, he celebrated it. And when he saw something bad, he spotlighted it. Art also was the "Voice of Carroll County" for WFAL radio in Logansport for 9 years.

A long-time member of Delphi's Harry Bohannon Post 75 of the American Legion, Art served as Post Commander, Second District Commander, and a member of the National Executive Committee of the American Legion. In 1964, he was offered an opportunity he couldn't pass up - he moved to Indianapolis to become the Director of Public Relations for the Indiana Department of the American Legion.

Art's duties included serving as historian for the organization and editing the "Hoosier Legionnaire," the state magazine of the American Legion. He coordinated the Ernie Pyle Home Restoration Fund and oversaw the Legion's "Fallen Heroes" project, which recognized police officers and firemen killed in the line of duty. He also served on the National American Legion Public Relations Commission. Art became well-known throughout the state, speaking at local post functions and representing the Legion at community events.



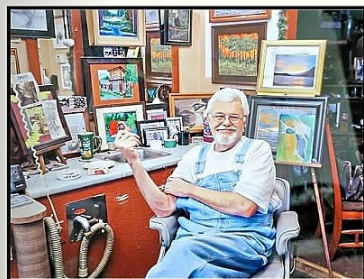
OFFICIALS—Mrs. John Pastor was co-chairman of the parade committee, and Art McDowell, president of the Old Settlers association, presided at the program which followed the parade.

Though Art was a busy guy, both as a newspaper editor and as a public relations director, he gave freely of his time to his community. In Delphi, he was the organizer and first chairman of the Carroll County United Fund. He was president of the Old Settlers Association in 1955, managing the pageant and elaborate festivities associated with Delphi's Old Settlers Centennial. He chaired the fund drives for Infantile Paralysis and the Carroll County Red Cross. He served as secretary of the Delphi Chamber of Commerce. In 1963, Legion Post 75 named him "Outstanding Citizen of Delphi." Art was a long-time member of Voiture 364 of the 40 et 8, an honor society for the American Legion; and he edited the organization's newsletter for many years. In Indianapolis, Art was a member of the Greater Indianapolis Information Association and the Indianapolis Press Club. In 1979, Governor Bowen appointed Art to the Governor's Advisory Commission of the Indiana Veterans Home in Lafayette.

In 1981, Art received the "Sagamore of the Wabash" award. That same year, he was presented a gold life membership in the 40 et 8 and was named "Honorary Chef de Gare Passe" of Voiture 364 (honorary past commander). When Art retired in 1985, he received the Key to the City of Indianapolis and was made Honorary Police Chief, among many accolades. When he returned to his home in Delphi, more than 300 of his friends attended his "welcome home" party. Sadly, Art suffered a heart attack and died shortly thereafter. Art is remembered through the words he wrote, his well-mannered leadership, and the service he gave to his country and his community.

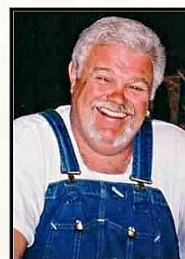
JOE GRIMM: MUSICIAN, ARTIST, AND USO PERFORMER

Joe Grimm (1947-2014) was described in a newspaper article as, "A true Renaissance man... a musician, artist, and barber." Joe attended Pittsburg School and was a 1965 graduate of Delphi High School, where he played football and sang in the Top Twenty. After high school, Joe earned his credentials at the Indiana Barber College and began cutting hair. He owned "The Grimm Trim Barber Shop" in West Lafayette. But Joe's first love was music.



He sang and played piano and keyboards, performing as a solo act, with local bands, and with internationally recognized groups like Jerry Lee Lewis and Martha and The Vandellas. He performed on USO tours, entertaining troops across the U.S. and Europe and as far away as Korea. He enjoyed performing for local nursing homes and at the Soldiers Home, where he made many friends. In his 40s, Joe became interested in art; and he was a prolific artist later in life. He liked to get on his prized Harley Davidson motorcycle, taking his sketch pad with him, and draw what he saw on his journeys.

Joe did what he wanted, whether it was music or art or whatever else captured his interest. He was an independent, affable fellow with a husky voice, a hearty laugh, and - to his many friends - a heart of gold.





BETTY REVINGTON BURDICK: CHILDREN'S ADVOCATE

In Delphi, Betty Revington (1922-2015) was known as an avid art lover. She worked with Delphi art teacher Jack Sanders to establish the annual Delphi Art Show, combining the Tri Kappa Art Show with the school art show. But after she moved to West Lafayette in 1960, Betty began more than two decades of tireless work on behalf of at-risk and disadvantaged children. With her passion and leadership, she helped cause change that remains today; and she earned respect from juvenile justice advocates across the state.

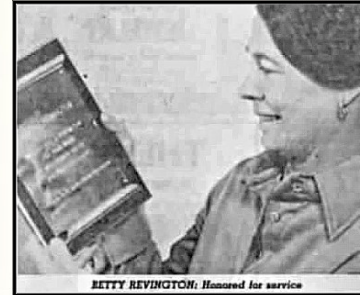
Betty Wulfman was born in Huntingburg, Indiana. She earned a bachelors in business administration from Indiana University in 1944. That same year, she married George Revington in the post chapel at Spence Field Air Force Base in Moultrie, Georgia. When George returned from service, they moved to Delphi. George was co-owner of the Peters-Revington Manufacturing Company in Delphi. In 1960, Betty and George and their three children - George, Pence, and Elizabeth - moved to West Lafayette.

It didn't take long for Betty to pursue her interest in disadvantaged and at-risk children. In 1966, she helped found, and served as president of, the Cary Home Auxiliary, which worked to improve services for the children who lived in the Cary Home. She remained on that board for 8 years. She also co-founded the Foster Parents' Association and the Lafayette Day Care Center. In 1970, she helped found Group Homes, Inc., a non-profit focused on helping children in crisis. In 1978, Group Homes, Inc. opened "Revington House," named for Betty.

In 1971, Betty helped found United Stand for Children and Youth, an organization that worked with public and private agencies, police, courts, and schools to provide programs for children in trouble. She also became chairman of the Juvenile Justice Task Force, where she helped organize the Youth Services Bureau, Volunteers for Youth, and the Jail Improvements Committee. In 1975, Betty co-founded the Human Development Coalition and served on its steering committee.

Betty was president of the Indiana Juvenile Justice Task Force Board; and Governors Bowen and Orr appointed Betty to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board, for which she was vice chairman. For her all efforts, Betty was recognized by the Indiana Youth Services Bureau Association for "Outstanding Service to Youth in Indiana," in 1976. Betty often was called upon to speak at meetings and events throughout the state, sharing her experience and expertise.

George died unexpectedly in 1978, and Betty married professor Allan Burdick in 1983. They moved to Columbia, Missouri, where Allan was a professor at the University of Missouri. Betty left behind a legacy of service to children and youth in Indiana.



BETTY REVINGTON: Honored for service

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CLAUDE WICKARD: U.S. SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

Claude Wickard (1893-1967), of Camden, was U.S. Secretary of Agriculture under President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Chief of the Rural Electrification Administration under President Harry S. Truman. A life-long farmer, Wickard was an advocate for farmers throughout his life, espousing and demonstrating the use of science to improve farming practices.

Claude Raymond Wickard graduated from Delphi High School in 1910 and from Purdue in 1915, with a degree in agriculture. He married Louise Eckert of Logansport, and they had two daughters. Claude oversaw his family farm.

In 1927, he was named a "Master Farmer" by "Prairie Farmer" magazine, for his innovations in stock feeding; and in 1928, he was one of two Hoosiers appointed to the National Swine Growers' Association Board. He served as president of the local Farm Bureau Coop, and he was elected to one term in the Indiana State Legislature. He was named Assistant Chief of the Corn and Hog section of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration; and - in 1940 - he was appointed Under Secretary at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. When the Agriculture Secretary, Henry A. Wallace, resigned to run for Vice President later that year, Claude was appointed Secretary.

During WWII, Secretary Wickard promoted increased food production as a matter of patriotism. He was a proponent of victory gardens; and he established the slogan: "Food Will Win the War and Write the Peace." His programs - like the ones he developed at home, based on science - indeed resulted in increased production. American farmers not only fed the country and our troops, but also helped feed our allies in Europe; and Secretary Wickard deserved a good deal of credit.

Claude resigned as Secretary of Agriculture in 1945 to become Chief of the Rural Electrification Administration in the Truman administration. He held that position until 1953, when he resigned to return home to Indiana. He ended his political career in 1956 by running - unsuccessfully - for the U.S. Senate. He lost to incumbent Homer Capehart. Claude continued to campaign for Democrat candidates, including John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson. Throughout his government service, Claude maintained his farm in Camden.

In 1963, Indiana Governor Matt Welsh named Claude to the Purdue Board of Trustees. He also was on the boards of Meridian Mutual Insurance and Meridian Mutual Life Insurance companies of Indianapolis and Farmers Mutual Insurance of Mulberry. When Claude Wickard was killed in a tragic automobile accident in 1967, Governor Branigin ordered flags to be flown at half staff in his honor.

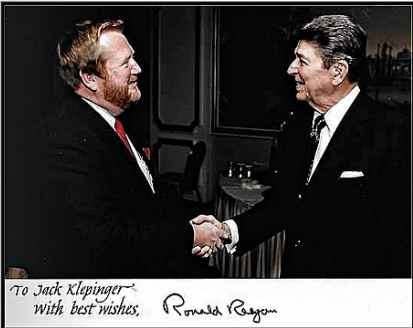


JACK KLEPINGER: TRAILER INDUSTRY LEADER



Jack Klepinger has distinguished himself both as a leader and as a volunteer. He was president of student council at Delphi High School; president of the Interfraternity Council at Ball State University; Ogden, Utah's "Business Man of the Year" (1984); and "1993 Distinguished Business Volunteer of the Year," honored by the National Association of Private Industry Councils. He's testified for Congressional committees multiple times; he's served on the U.S. Department of Labor's Job Training Partnership Committee; and he's built and managed three trailer plants in Ogden, Utah; Phoenix, Arizona; and Carbondale, Pennsylvania.

Jack has been on the boards of (take a deep breath): the National Association of Trailer Manufacturers (NATM) (president and other offices); the National Alliance of Business; the National Association of Private Industry Councils (president); the Weber County, Utah Industrial Development Corporation; the Weber County, Utah Production Managers' Association (president); and the Weber-Morgan Counties Private Industry Council (chairman). He also has been on the boards of St. Benedicts Hospital in Ogden (chairman), Zions First National Bank, the Ogden Area Chamber of Commerce (treasurer), the Exchange Club of Ogden, the Ogden Golf and Country Club, the Biltmore Golf and Country Club in Phoenix (treasurer), and the Colony Biltmore Greens Homeowners Association (treasurer).



Jack was born in 1945 to Delphi residents John and Wanda Klepinger. At Delphi High School, he sang in the Top Twenty, played in the pep and dance bands, and served as class president two years. He was a Boys State delegate, winner of the Melvin Jackson and the Elks leadership awards, and valedictorian of his 1963 class. In 1962, Governor Matt Welsh named Jack to the Youth Advisory Committee of the Governors Youth Council. At Ball State, where he earned both his bachelors and masters degrees, Jack was president of his fraternity, Theta Xi, and a member of Blue Key honor society.

After college, Jack entered the business world, beginning at CTS Corporation in Elkhart and moving on to senior positions at Woodlawn Products Corporation and Sotabeer Construction Company, both in Elkhart. In 1982, he moved to Ogden, Utah, where he was General Manager for Wells Cargo, Inc., which manufactures light and medium capacity trailers for

personal and commercial use. Throughout his career, Jack was active in industry professional organizations. He served on committees for the Society of Automotive Engineers and the Truck/Trailer Technology and Maintenance Council Task Force, and he led the Surge Brake Coalition and National Trailer Safety Industry Coalition. Jack was appointed by Utah Governor Mike Leavitt to be chairman of the Utah Job Training Coordinating Council, and he helped craft Utah's plan for workforce development.

Jack received the "Bill Bernhardt Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Trailer Industry" (NATM 2002); and in 1989, Ball State University honored Jack with the "Distinguished Alumni Award." One of his proudest moments was meeting President Ronald Reagan in 1987, when Jack emceed a meeting of the National Alliance of Business, where Reagan keynoted.

Jack married Patricia Duffy of Elkhart in 1976, and they have one son, Nicholas. He retired in 2009 and lives in Phoenix.



CHRIS BRADSHAW: AFRICAN LITERACY ADVOCATE

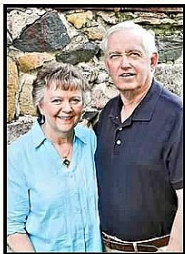
Chris Bradshaw had a great life going. She was a program director for YMCA camps in Indiana, North Carolina, and California. She got married and reared her two children, home-schooling them for several years. She had traveled extensively and seen the world. But she had a notion that there was "something else" she should do - something that could make a difference. So, when - on a trip with her family to Africa - she observed that children in small villages and communities had little access to libraries and books, she found that "something."

In 2005, Chris founded the African Library Project. In a nutshell, she organizes used book drives and raises money to ship those books to Africa, where partner organizations establish and stock small libraries in rural communities. Since it was formed, the ALP has sent some 3.3 million children's books and created 3,200 small libraries in 13 countries. In 2006, she was awarded the San Francisco Bay Area "Jefferson Award for Public Service."

Christine Noel Bradshaw was born in 1952. She grew up in Delphi and Pittsburg, graduating from Delphi Community High School in 1971. She was co-editor of the yearbook, president of Pep Block, a member of National Honor Society, and a Girls State delegate. She attended Dennison University, studying abroad in her junior year at Fourah Bay College of the University of Sierra Leone. While there, she traveled through western and central Africa, learning about African traditions and life; and she developed an affinity for the continent and its people.

Chris lives in Portola Valley, California with her husband, Steve Levin. She remains curious about the world around her. In 2021, she went on a months-long adventure, traveling across and around the U.S. in her silver RV, seeing old friends, making new friends, and observing life in the big cities and small communities of this country. In 2022, she spent months traveling to and around Alaska. And she continues to nurture her non-profit, doing "something" to promote literacy among some of the world's most needy communities.





DICK BRADSHAW: PRESERVATIONIST

It's difficult to come up with a good label for local hero Dick Bradshaw because he does so much on so many fronts, for his community. But "preservationist" comes close. Dick has worked hard to preserve the history of Delphi Body Works, the company his family has owned for more than 100 years - the oldest manufacturing company in Indiana. He volunteers for preservation projects, from rebuilding the suspension bridge and walkways in Riley Park to building and restoring facilities at Camp Tecumseh. He gives time and resources to help solve important community problems, from removing historical pieces from the old Hamilton Street Bridge so they could be preserved to lending a lift to help firefighters extinguish a fire in the attic of the Baptist Church. And he has volunteered for many economic and community development organizations striving to preserve and improve the county. He was president of the Carroll County Community Foundation and the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce; and he was a member of the Delphi Community Development Commission, the Delphi Board of Works, and the Economic Development Commission.

Dick Bradshaw was born in 1942 to Charles and Jane Crundwell Bradshaw. He graduated from Delphi High School in 1961 and earned his bachelors and masters degrees in education from Indiana University, plus a degree in vocational education from Chicago State University. Dick married his high school sweetheart, Karen Janz, in 1963; and they have two sons, Matt and Mark.

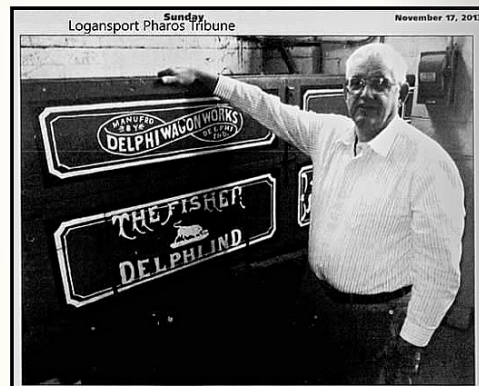
Dick taught government, economics, social studies, and industrial education at Bloom High School in Chicago Heights for 14 years, before returning to Delphi to join the family business in 1980. He became president of Delphi Body Works in 1986. Under his direction, the company became international, adapting its products as times dictated.

From the moment he returned to Delphi, Dick got involved in the community. He was on the steering committee for the Carroll County at the Crossroads visioning process. He was a participant in Leadership Carroll County. He represents Carroll County businesses on the Region 4 Workforce Board. He's helped plan and manage the Delphi Days Festival, the Trade Show, and both Lions Club Independence Day and Christmas parades. Dick is a member of the Camp Tecumseh Trailblazer Society and president of its board. He's also a member of Junto and St. Matthews Lutheran Church.

A long-time member - and former president - of the Delphi Lions Club, Dick was Delphi's "Lion of the Year" (2006), a "W.P. Woods Fellow," and a "Melvin Jones Fellow." He and Karen also were chosen to be Grand Marshalls of the Lions Club Independence Day Parade (2004) and Christmas Parade (2008).

Dick was honored with the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce "Charles Carroll Award" (2013) and the Delphi Chamber of Commerce "Milroy Award" (2000); and he was named to the Delphi Community High School "Wall of Distinction" in 2019. He was inducted into the "Carroll County Agriculture Hall of Fame" in 2007; and in 2011, he accepted the Carroll County Old Settlers Association's "Heritage Award" for the Delphi Body Works. In 2016, Dick was chosen to be a Torchbearer for Indiana's Bicentennial Torch Relay.

Dick Bradshaw is that guy that every community longs for. When he sees something that needs to be done, he jumps in and does it. If he's got something he can contribute, he lends it or gives it. He doesn't seek recognition - he earns it by all that he does for Carroll County. If you want to know what a good citizen looks like, look at Dick Bradshaw.

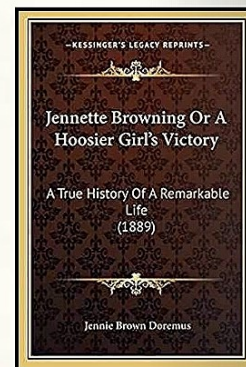


JENNIE BROWN DOREMUS: AUTHOR

Jane Hall Brown (1844-1922) was born in Vevay, Indiana. Her family moved to Burlington when she was young, and that's where Jane (aka "Jennie") grew up. An affair with a young soldier on his way back to the Civil War resulted in a son - Guy. In those days, being an unwed mother was scorned; and Jennie was ostracized by the community. In 1873, Jennie married John Doremus, who adopted Guy and with whom she had four more children. The family moved to Kokomo - a fresh start for Jennie.

In 1889, Jennie published her one and only book: "Jennette Browning: Or A Hoosier Girl's Victory, A True History Of A Remarkable Life." It was a fictionalized account of her own life story. Though some viewed it with skepticism, Jennie's book was a brave account of a controversial subject, by a woman author.

John died in his early 40s, and Jennie married Albert Dilworth, in 1896. Guy grew up to be a prominent doctor in Peoria, Illinois. Jennie died in 1922 in South Bend. Hers was, truly, a remarkable life.



GENE KIDWELL: OFF BROADWAY, LONDON STAGE, AND TV ACTOR

Gene Kidwell (1946-2000) was an actor, best known for his role as "Linus" in the off-Broadway and London productions of, "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown;" an artist; and an entrepreneur.



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Boni Enten and Gene Kidwell are in "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" on the Ed Sullivan Show, in color, tonight at 8 on CBS-Channel 11.

Gene grew up in Delphi. At Delphi High School (class of 1964) he was a cheerleader and active in theater. He went to Indiana University, majoring in theater and performing in numerous productions, both on the IU campus and on the IU riverboat, "The Majestic." After college, Gene followed his passion to New York City. He appeared in the CBS special, "The Emperor's New Clothes," in 1967 and became part of the Prince Street Players, a well-known acting troupe. He got his big break when he was cast as "Linus" in the Off-Broadway production of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown." When he recreated that role on the London stage, he was nominated for Best Supporting Actor by the London Drama Critics.

Gene's career was varied. He appeared on several TV shows popular in the late 1960s and early 1970s, including: "The Ed Sullivan Show," "The Dick Cavett Show," "Welcome Back, Kotter," and "Chico and the Man." He also appeared in commercials.

In 1974, Gene traveled the U.S. for Kraft Foods, entertaining children (and promoting a new product) as "Kooglenut." But his acting career was winding down; and he settled in Los Angeles, opening a gift shop called, "With Love." It specialized in unicorns. Yes, unicorns. His regular customers included entertainers Loretta Switt, Cindy Williams, Gretchen Wyler, Doris Day, Dusty Springfield, and Brooke Shields.

Gene was passionate about animals and served several years on the board of Wildlife Waystation, a refuge and rehab center for unwanted wild and exotic animals, located in the Los Angeles National Forest. A talented artist, Gene often gave his friends his paintings and drawings. In his later years, his interest turned to photography. Gene died in 2000, at the age of 53, in Los Angeles.



MIKE HOFFMAN: TELEVISION METEOROLOGIST

Mike Hoffman was a star athlete, a great student (valedictorian of his Delphi Community High School class of 1977 and president of the National Honor Society), and a weather enthusiast from the time he was a small boy. His mom told the story about how he'd pull his rocking horse over to the front door, just to sit and watch it snow, when he was only 2 or 3. And even though he described himself as, "shy," he became a beloved television meteorologist in South Bend, Indiana, recently retiring from his job at WNDU after 27 years. During that time, he was voted "favorite local TV weather reporter" and was a popular speaker at local meetings and events.

Mike was a prized student of teacher Charles Geheb. In 1977, he won the Lafayette Regional Science Fair and earned an invitation to the International Science Fair in Cleveland, with his weather exhibit. He graduated from Purdue in 1981 with a major in atmospheric sciences and then moved to State College, Pennsylvania to work for AccuWeather, Inc. During his three years there, he was heard over Lafayette radio station WASK, delivering weather reports.

1984 was a big year for Mike - he began his career as a television meteorologist at WSJV in Elkhart; and he married Delphi girl Cindy Hinkle. In 1985, he moved to WTHR-TV, in Indianapolis, where he worked with one of his idols, Bob Gregory. His next stop, in 1988, was Saginaw, Michigan, as Chief Meteorologist for WNEM-TV. He began his final job at WNDU in South Bend in 1994, following in the footsteps of another one of his idols, Dick Addis. In addition to his work at WNDU, Mike taped weather segments for AgDay and U.S. Farm Report, which were syndicated to more than 160 stations across the country. In November 2021, he was named a "Distinguished Boilermaker" by his alma mater, Purdue's highest honor for alumni. In December 2021, Mike retired amidst much adulation (including being given the key to the city!). And a week later, Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb made him a "Sagamore of the Wabash."

Mike enjoyed talking to school groups and local organizations. He remained engaged in sports - volleyball became a sport of choice. With Cindy, Mike was very involved in the Clay Methodist Church; and he made several mission trips to Tapachula, Mexico to help underprivileged children. He retained his connection to his hometown, returning to speak to student groups and participate in "Delphi Legends" basketball games. He was the commencement speaker at the DCHS 2021 graduation.

Mike and Cindy are devoted to their two children, both Purdue grads, and their grandchildren. They have returned to the Lafayette area, choosing to spend their retirement years close to family, Delphi and Purdue.

And one more tidbit about Mike Hoffman... as a Purdue student, he was president of the Reamer Club, the group responsible for preserving school spirit, including the famed "Boilermaker Special." So that was Mike out there driving that esteemed vehicle at home football games. Boiler up!





CHERYL TALBERT NATTERMANN AND TAMMY WAGNER TOLENO: TWIRLING CHAMPIONS

Cheryl Talbert Nattermann and Tamala Wagner Toleno were champion baton twirlers, each bringing distinction to Carroll County. Both Cheryl and Tammy were crowned "Miss Carroll County" of twirling, earning them the Roth Trophy. They competed statewide and nationally in contests sponsored by the United States Twirling Association, each earning many honors. Both were "Feature Twirler" at Delphi Community High School. Cheryl taught twirling and became a twirling competition judge; and Tammy became part of the prestigious Purdue University All American Twirling Team. She still occasionally performs with the Purdue Alumni Twirlers. And the punchline? Cheryl is Tammy's aunt.

After they gave up competing, both Cheryl and Tammy became educators. Cheryl taught physical education in the Delphi Community Schools for 41 years, also coaching elementary sports. In 2010, the Delphi Lions Club named her "Teacher of the Year." Tammy became a teacher and then a principal, currently of the Pocono Mountain East High School in Swiftwater, PA (she lives in East Stroudsburg, PA). In 1988, she was named "Indiana's Outstanding Geography Teacher" by the Geography Educators Network, while she was teaching in Noblesville, IN. In 1994, she was named one of the "Top 20 Women Under 35" in Hamilton County, where she was principal of the Fishers Elementary School.

Cheryl Talbert was born in 1952 to Mary and Harold Talbert of Delphi. She graduated from DCHS in 1970 and received her bachelors and masters degrees from Ball State University. In 1975, she married Bob Nattermann; and they have a son. In 2016, she and her friend, Sharon Brothers, were chosen as Grand Marshalls of the annual Lions Club 4th of July parade. Cheryl retired from teaching that same year.

Cheryl began twirling when she was 12; and she began competing in both twirling and strutting contests soon after, winning many honors in state and national competitions. She won the title "Miss Carroll County" of twirling three times. She also started teaching twirling to young girls, including her niece Tammy. In 1970, Cheryl was invited to participate in a month-long tour of Mexico with the "Gladys Wright Musical Friendship Tour," whose members were chosen from around the U.S. She retired from competition and began judging USTA contests in 1971.

Tammy was born in 1962 to Cheryl's sister Carolyn and her husband Jerry Wagner. She graduated from DCHS in 1980, where she was president of her class and captain of the swimming team. She attended Purdue and earned her bachelors degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, in 1984. She did her graduate work at Butler University. Tammy is married to John Toleno, and they have 4 children.

Tammy began twirling when she was 3, and she began competing soon after. When she was 6, she was featured as one of the "Little Miss Twirls" in the U.S. Twirling Association's national magazine. She became "Miss Carroll County" of twirling when she was 9. When she was 11, she was invited to twirl at the USTA international competition in Paris. In 1974, at 12, she was Indiana's strutting and twirling champion in her age group.



Cheryl (left) and Tammy (right) in the center

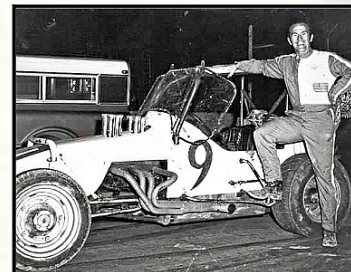
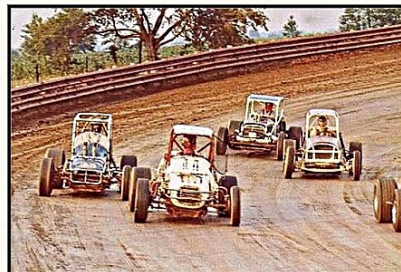


RAY KENENS: CHAMPION RACE CAR DRIVER

Ray Kenens (1930-1987) was a champion race car driver for 23 years, winning stock car and sprint races throughout Indiana and Ohio. His house was full of trophies. A fan-favorite, he raced until 1973, when a serious accident ended his career. But Ray's accomplishments were remembered. In 2020, he was inducted posthumously into the Warsaw Speedway "Hall of Fame."

Ray Clifford Kenens was born in Gary, Indiana and lived in Holton, Indiana. In 1949, he married Barbara Weaver, of Delphi; and they lived in Delphi through the 1950s, moving to Lafayette in 1960 to be closer to Ray's job at Ross Gear. They had two sons and two daughters and were a close-knit family.

After his accident in 1973, Ray retired from racing and from Ross Gear. He moved to Phoenix, where he managed a photo store. Ray died in 1987, leaving behind a winning reputation.

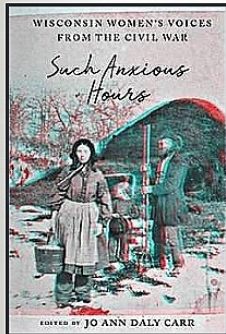


JO ANN DALY CARR: AWARD-WINNING LIBRARIAN, HISTORIAN, AND AUTHOR

Jo Ann Daly Carr was a leader in creating resources for teachers, and she was a pioneer in incorporating technology into to libraries. As a librarian at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Education for 36 years, she developed a nationally-recognized resource center for teachers. She served on all three of the U.S. Department of Education's Information Technology Advisory Committees in the 1990s, as the internet burst into all aspects of life. She mentored library professionals across the country, including staff at the Library of Congress and the National Library of Medicine. She wrote chapters for, and edited, scholarly books for librarians.

Jo Ann was president of the Wisconsin Library Association and the Wisconsin Educational Media and Technology Association. She was elected chair of the Wisconsin Academic Librarians' Association and the Educational and Behavioral Sciences Section of the American Library Association.

In 1999, Jo Ann received the "Distinguished Education and Behavioral Sciences Librarian" award, presented by the Association of College and Research Libraries, Education and Behavioral Sciences Section of the American Library Association; the 2007 "Wisconsin Alumni Association Excellence in Leadership Award;" and the 2009 "Wisconsin Educational Media and Technology Association Lifetime Achievement Award."



After she retired in 2010, Jo Ann turned to her love of history, awakened in her Delphi days by her parents, her teachers, and her hours spent at the Delphi Public Library. In 2020, she published the book, "Such Anxious Hours - Wisconsin Women's Voices from the Civil War." John Zimm, editor of "This Wicked Rebellion: Wisconsin Civil War Soldiers Write Home," praised Jo Ann's work: "This book is a gift, bringing us into the lives of several Wisconsin women. Their words describe everyday pleasantries and rend the heart by detailing the immense sacrifices and struggles back home. A welcome addition to Civil War literature."

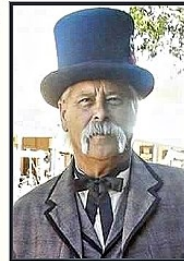
Jo Ann Daly grew up in the large family (nine children) of Dick and Julie Daly. She graduated from Delphi Community High School in 1970, where she was president of the National Honor Society and an active thespian. She earned her bachelors in history and her masters in Library Science, both at Indiana University. And then she headed to Wisconsin to begin her award-winning career.

Jo Ann's next book is about the women of Fort Sumter in 1860-1861. Some of her research on the topic already is being used by the guides at Fort Sumter National Monument. Jo Ann is the proud mother of a son and a daughter and the doting grandmother of a granddaughter and two grandsons.

KEN STUART: OLD WEST REENACTOR

Kenneth Stuart (1950-2021) grew up in Burrows and graduated from Delphi High School in 1968. But Ken loved the Old West; and as soon as he could, he headed that way. He made his first trip to the Tombstone area in 2008 and moved there permanently in 2010. He wasted no time getting involved in historic Old West re-enactments. He was a paid actor in the "OK Corral Show" and an extra on several movies shot in the Tombstone area, sometimes having minor roles. He's even listed in the Internet Movie Database (IMDb)!

Ken and his friends enjoyed dressing in their 1880s garb and walking the streets of Tombstone, chatting with tourists and posing for photos. But his fascination with the Old West went beyond re-enactments. He made pilgrimages to historic Old West sites and ghost towns, unafraid to get off the beaten path to see where it really happened. Ken found the whole process of movie-making fascinating. He took his first "extra" job just to see the process. Along the way, he met actors and stunt men, directors, and supporting staff. His movies included:



- "The Gundown:" Ken's first movie starred Peter Coyote, Sheree Wilson, William Shockley and Andrew Walker. Though he enjoyed meeting Shockley and Walker, Ken's hat was the only part of him that made the movie.
- "Draw the Line:" Ken played the Mayor of Tombstone in 1879 and had a speaking part in this movie that was made to teach high school students about bullying.
- "Dead Men, the Movie:" Ken played Doc Stevens. He did his part in 3 takes and made \$100.
- "Copper Wind:" Ken played Henry Fremont in this movie, written and directed by actor Chaz Lee.
- "Ambush at Dark Canyon:" Country music star Kix Brooks was the star and wrote the song "To Kill a Memory" for this movie. Ken was an extra in the street and saloon.

While Ken was playing Virgil Earp in the O.K. Corral Show, the History Channel came to town to make an episode of their series, "Ten Things You Don't Know About...," filming the re-enactment. If you get a chance to see a re-run of that series, look for Episode 5. Ken speaks one line (he remembered it well!): "Throw up your hands - we are here for your guns!"

While Ken enjoyed telling stories about his movie work and re-enactments, he always did it with a sense of humor. He didn't take himself too seriously. He just had a great time, made many friends, and enjoyed his memories.



ANITA WERLING: PATRON OF THE DELPHI OPERA HOUSE

Though many good folks helped make the restoration and expansion of Delphi's historic Opera House a reality, no one deserves more credit than Anita Werling. Her vision, her daily persistence, her attention to details, and - above all - her enthusiasm and "can do" attitude for this venture inspired success. And now, the Opera House is one of Delphi's gems, drawing people from near and far for performances, reunions, and events and eliciting pride within the community.

Anita came to Carroll County after she retired. She grew up in the Evansville area, graduating from Evansville Bosse High School in 1964. She was an outstanding musician and student, graduating magna cum laude. She earned her bachelors (1968, English Literature) and masters (1971, Library and Information Science) degrees at Indiana University and was inducted into the honor society for library and information studies, Beta Phi Mu.

Anita's career in information management and technology took her from sea to shining sea - New Jersey to Oregon - and in between (Michigan, Illinois, and Kentucky). She held high level management positions with University Microfilms International in Michigan and CineBooks Inc., where she was president. She also owned LaserArts, an advertising and desktop publishing company targeted to small businesses. Eventually, Anita returned to southern Indiana, where she consulted with clients including the Reginal Alliance for Preservation (a national network for nonprofits in preservation and conservation), Spatial Data Integrations, Inc. (Louisville), Solinet (Atlanta), and Online Computer Library Center, Inc. (Dublin, Ohio). She also honed her community leadership skills, serving as president of the boards of Develop New Albany and the New Albany-Floyd County Library, on the board of New Albany-Floyd County Habitat for Humanity, and on the steering committee for Take Charge Floyd County.

When she retired, Anita and her college roommate and life-long friend, Bonnie Maxwell - who hailed from Carroll County - headed north. After a brief stop in the Rossville area, they moved to Delphi in 2005. In earlier visits, Anita had seen the potential of the historic town; and she jumped right in to lend her considerable leadership and communication skills to preservation and economic development efforts. She volunteered for the Carroll County Historical Society (CCHS), also serving on the board. She and Bonnie were largely responsible for compiling and editing the CCHS publication, "Carroll County, Indiana Legacy 1824-2005," an impressive volume of facts and stories of Carroll County's residents through the years. She was invited to join the Carroll County Leadership Task Force, and she served on the Delphi Main Street board and the Wabash and Erie Canal Association Archives Committee. In 2010, Anita and Bonnie published an historical photo book, "Delphi," under the auspices of the Delphi Preservation Society (DPS).



It was the DPS efforts to acquire and restore the historic City Hall Building, with its long-neglected Opera House, that really captured Anita's attention. She became president of DPS in 2006 and then chairman of the DPS Opera House Advisory Board in 2008. In 2012, she was made president of the newly-created Delphi Redevelopment Commission, a role that went hand-in-hand with the Opera House restoration. In 2013, when Delphi Opera House, Inc. was created, Anita became president of the corporation. She oversaw the restoration process, including fund-raising and coordinating with the mayor on Delphi's Stellar Communities economic development grant from the state of Indiana.

Anita was meticulous in managing the details, from replicating the historic wall coverings and metal brackets on the balcony to preserving the original back stage wall, where performers over the years had left their signatures. The culmination of the project was a Grand Re-Opening Civil War Ball, in October 2015. At last, this beautiful performance facility - first opened by John Lathrope and John Ruffing in April 1882 and shuttered by the Fire Marshal in 1914 - was, again, the jewel of Delphi's downtown. It was a long, often arduous, journey; but in the end, it can only be described as a "tour de force." In 2017, the DPS was honored with the "Cook Cup," presented by Indiana Landmarks, for its restoration of the City Hall Building.



Top: Alan McConnell's photo of the restored Delphi Opera House; bottom: Anita taking the oath of office as Mayor August 2000.

In 2009, the DPS gave Anita its "Atkinson, Sanders, Rodriguez Leadership Award." In 2010, she was one of nine regional women honored by the Greater Lafayette YWCA's "Salute to Women." That same year, she received the "Crystal Bison Award" from Bison Financial Group, honoring her volunteer work. In 2011, Anita and Bonnie were chosen Grand Marshalls of the annual Delphi Independence Day parade; and in 2013, Anita was given the "George Award," by the "Lafayette Journal & Courier," recognizing outstanding volunteers. In 2016, Anita was one of 20 Carroll County residents selected to represent the county in the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay.

Is that it? Nope. In 2019, Anita was named to the Carroll County Area Plan Commission and the Delphi Board of Public Works and Safety. In 2020, she joined the board of the Kankakee-Iroquois Regional Planning Organization and the Wabash River Greenway Project Steering Committee. She also became vice president of the Delphi Tri-Township Fire Territory Executive Board. And then in August 2020, Anita became mayor of Delphi, chosen by the Delphi City Council to fill out the term of departing Mayor Shane Evans. She is only the second woman in Delphi's nearly 200-year history to hold that office. In 2021, she added membership on the Greater Lafayette Commerce Regional REDI Board to her portfolio. And she remains an advisor to the board of Delphi Opera House, Inc. Carroll County has been blessed with some remarkably talented, visionary, and charismatic leaders in its history. Anita Werling is among them.

J. REID MCCAIN: STATE AND COUNTY OFFICIAL

Reid McCain (1891-1968) was a business owner, a WWI pilot who served in the same unit as friend Wendell Wilkie, and an attorney. But he is best remembered as a public servant and an active Republican, who participated in political campaigns and activities throughout his life. He was well-known and widely-respected for his political acumen.



Jesse Reid McCain was born at the McCain family home in Carrollton Township. He graduated from Flora High School in 1910 and from Franklin College in 1915. He was president of the YMCA and a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He earned a law degree at Toulouse University in France and was admitted to the Carroll County Bar in 1931. Reid married Hope Kendell - a teacher, musician, and artist - in 1921, and they had 10 children.

Reid joined the Army in 1917, spending 17 months in France. While there, he took the opportunity to attend law school. After his discharge, he returned to Carroll County, opening a music store in Flora and becoming County Surveyor, a position he held from 1920-1924. From 1925-1930 he served as Secretary and Attorney Examiner of the Public Service Commission of Indiana. Later, he was head of the State Claims Department and served on the staff of the Indiana Attorney General.

The McCain family moved around, spending time in Indianapolis, Russiaville, and Kokomo, in addition to Carroll County. In Kokomo, Reid practiced law and owned Kokomo City Service Bus Lines. Back in Carroll County, Reid was elected Carroll County Clerk in 1956, a position he held for 4 years.

Reid donated 20 acres of his family farm on the Tippecanoe River to the YMCA to create the popular Camp Tecumseh. In 1923, he sold 80 additional acres to the YMCA for future expansion. Carroll County kids for generations have enjoyed the beauty of that McCain land.

When Reid passed away in 1968, his obituary characterized him succinctly: "A colorful, likeable man. His was an admirable life of public service."



LUTE SMITH: VAUDEVILLIAN

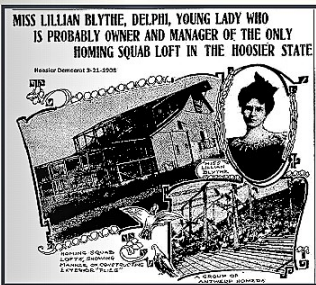
Lucius "Lute" Smith (1847-1931) was born in Cincinnati, the son of Catharine and Nicholas Smith and the brother of author Sarah (Sally) Smith Pratt (both Catharine and Sarah are profiled in this book). He grew up in Delphi and enlisted in the 135th Indiana Volunteer Infantry in 1865, at age 17, as a Fife Major. Yes - he played the fife. Among other instruments. Lute was a talented musician. But he didn't gain recognition for his talent until late in his life, in his 70s, when he joined some fellow veterans to form a vaudeville act that toured the Midwest. Known as the "Old Soldier With a Wooden Leg," Lute used unconventional instruments such as a coffee pot and even his wooden leg to entertain his audiences.

Lute had some interesting jobs in his life. He was a marshal in the small town of Kewanna, Indiana for a time. That's when he met and married widow Metta Brown. He worked for the White Auto Company for 12 years, spending several months each year in Europe, where he instructed workers on the making of steel for cars and bicycles. A tinsmith most of his life, Lute was able to make the instruments he used in his acts.

From 1908, Lute lived in the National Soldiers Home in Sandusky, Ohio until his fatal heart attack in 1931, at age 86. His body was returned to Delphi for burial.



LILLIAN BLYTHE: SUFFRAGETTE AND ENTREPRENEUR



Lillian Blythe (1870-1943) was a leader in women's suffrage and a businesswoman at a time few women would have dared it.

Lillian took over her father's businesses - the Blythe Funeral Home and Blythe Furniture Store - furthering their success. She traveled extensively, both for business and pleasure, throughout the U.S. and Europe. She spent a year on a trip to Australia, visiting Hawaii and New Zealand on her way. And Lillian was an entrepreneur. As a young woman, she started her own business - selling homing pigeons. Her business attracted nationwide attention.

When women's suffrage became a major issue, Lillian served as president of the local chapter of the Women's Franchise League and an officer at the state level. She traveled around the state, organizing suffragette chapters. And - once women got the vote - she personally registered women voters all over Carroll County.

Lillian was a leader in the efforts of Carroll County women to support WWI. She was an officer of the Governor Morton Circle of the Grand Army of the Republic. She was active in the G.O.P. (Republican) Club, Delphi's Business and Professional Women's Club, and the Delphi Chamber of Commerce. She also was a patron of the local Psi Iota Xi sorority. Lillian Blythe was a remarkable woman of her time, or any time.





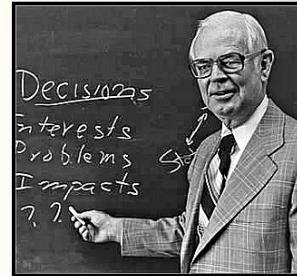
ROBERT SHAFFER: I.U. DEAN OF STUDENTS, PROFESSOR, AND INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT

Robert Shaffer (1915-2017) was an esteemed educator in college student personnel and higher education administration. He was known internationally for his pioneering approaches to integrating the classroom and campus living experiences of college students, making living a part of learning. As Dean of Students at Indiana University during the tumultuous 1960s, he laid the groundwork for handling student demonstrations and activism. Bob believed in giving students a second chance and was known for his compassion, even while maintaining discipline.

After he retired as Dean, Bob chaired the Department of Student Personnel Administration and the Department of Higher Education Administration at I.U., regarded as one of the top programs of its kind in the country. He was a Professor Emeritus at I.U., and he was sought as a consultant around the world, working in Thailand, Afghanistan, and Saudi Arabia. Bob was the first president of the American Personnel and Guidance Association (APGA), served in leadership roles in the other major professional organizations, and was editor of the "National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Journal." He received nearly every major award in his profession. And whenever he was interviewed, Bob made it known that he came from Delphi.

Robert Howard Shaffer was born in Carroll County. He attended Pittsburg School until the family moved to Mishawaka, where he graduated in 1932. He received a Rector Scholarship to DePauw University. There, he was a Sigma Chi, president of the interfraternity council, founding president of DePauw's chapter of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, and backup quarterback on the undefeated football team. He earned his masters at Columbia University and his PhD at New York University, while working for the Boy Scouts of America in New York. As a Scout, Bob earned the "Eagle Scout," "Silver Beaver," and "Distinguished Eagle" awards.

Bob met Marjorie Jane Fitch at the International House in New York City; and they married in 1940. They had three children. In 1941, the Shaffers moved to Bloomington; and Bob began his long career at I.U. as an assistant to the Dean of the School of Business. Though his career was interrupted by military service, when he returned to I.U. in 1945, he became Assistant Dean of Students and Director of the Veteran's Guidance Center. In 1955, he was named "Dean of Students," a position he held until 1969.



Bob received an honorary Doctor of Laws from his alma mater, DePauw, in 1976 and an LLD from I.U. in 1985. In 1969, he received the APGA "Special Meritorious Service Award" and NASPA's inaugural "Outstanding Contribution to Higher Education Award." In 1973, NASPA gave Bob its "Scott Goodnight Award for Outstanding Performance as a Dean;" and in 1979, the ACPA recognized him with the "Esther Lloyd-Jones Professional Service Award." In 2017, Bob accepted NASPA's "John L. Blackburn Distinguished Pillar of the Profession Award." In addition, he has had several scholarships and awards established in his name.

Marjorie died in 1987, and Bob married Joy Coy in 1989. They retired to New Smyrna Beach, Florida until his death in 2017 at age 101. While Bob operated on a large stage, he never forgot where he came from. He frequently returned to Carroll County; and he embraced his Carroll County roots. An unpretentious and unassuming guy, Bob once said, "I'd like to be remembered as an individual who helped others be better than they would have been if they hadn't met me." Hundreds of students, faculty, colleagues, and friends can confirm that he did just that.



EVE DAVIDSON AND JANET BARNABY: STATE LEGION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS

Many women in Carroll County have belonged to the American Legion Auxiliary. But only two have risen to the highest office in the state - President of the Department of Indiana: Eve Davidson (in 1958) and Janet Barnaby (in 2009). In that capacity, they led efforts of units in eleven districts in Indiana to carry out the mission of the organization: "to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad."



Eva (Eve) Trobaugh Davidson (1900-1986) spent 30 years volunteering for the Indiana Veterans Home. She served on the Governor's Advisory Board for the home; and in 1982, Governor Robert Orr awarded her the "Sagamore of the Wabash" for her work. Eve was a 1919 graduate of Delphi High School. She was married to Robert Davidson. During World War II, Eve worked for the Selective Service Board in Carroll County and later was employed by the Carroll County Welfare Department. Eve volunteered at Hoosier Girls State for many years, often telling the story of the poppies sold by veterans.

Janet Simmerman attended Pittsburgh School and graduated from Delphi High School in 1968. She married Dale Barnaby and they have two children. Janet has been the Clerk-Treasurer for the Town of Camden, where she lives. During Janet's term as president, the Department raised more than \$30,000 for Auxiliary causes, including the USO, the Indiana Veterans Home, and Hoosier Girls State. At the end of her term in 2010, Governor Mitch Daniels named her a "Distinguished Hoosier," recognizing her volunteer and fund-raising efforts.

Both women were committed to honoring the service of our military, and they brought honor to Carroll County.



DORA THOMAS MAYHILL: JOURNALIST, HISTORIAN, AND AUTHOR

Dora Thomas Mayhill's (1884-1963) writings were gifts to generations to come. Her newspaper articles published in the "Delphi Journal" and the "Lafayette Journal & Courier," her books, and her pamphlets offered colorful descriptions of events and history, providing more than just the facts. In particular, her book, "Carroll County - Postal History, Rural Settlements, Towns, Development of Modes of Travel, Townships," published in 1954, continues to give researchers both of history and genealogy possibly the best documentation of the evolution of Carroll County over the years. We who refer to her work time and time again are so grateful.

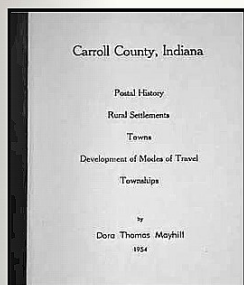
Dora Thomas was born near Leaf River, Illinois. When she was a young girl, her family moved to Glendora, California in the San Gabriel Valley; and she graduated from high school there. She met her husband-to-be - Bert B. Mayhill, who was working in a store in Flora - when she came to visit family in Indiana. They married in 1904 in California. Bert and Dora owned the "Hoosier Democrat" in Flora and then the "Delphi Journal," in partnership with Bert's brother, Noah. Dora helped edit the Journal and functioned as society editor, from 1922 until they sold their interest to Leo Craig in 1941. She also was Carroll County's correspondent to the "Lafayette Journal & Courier" for 40 years. In the introduction to her



Postal History book, Dora explains how she relied on trains to deliver her columns to the Lafayette paper. William Mahanna, the postal clerk, required her to deliver her letters into his hands by 5:50 every night so he could put them on the 6 pm northbound train.

Dora was president of the Carroll County Old Settlers Association and served as its research director for 12 years. She was curator for the county historical museum; and she was designated "Carroll County Historian" by the state historical society. A vocal advocate for women's suffrage, she represented the Delphi Franchise League at state conventions. She was active in Republican politics and was the first woman from Carroll County to be a delegate to the Republican State Convention.

Dora was Regent of the Charles Carroll Chapter of DAR; a founding member and president of the Delphi Woman's Club; president of the Deer Creek Home Economics club; and president of the Tippecanoe chapter of Epsilon Sigma Omicron, education honorary. She belonged to Business and Professional Women and Eastern Star. She also coordinated art exhibits for the Carroll County Fair.



In addition to her other interests, Dora was known as an ornithologist. She frequently gave talks on birds, and in 1930, the U.S. Department of Agriculture cited her for banding more than 500 birds. She belonged to the Indiana Audubon Society and led groups on bird-watching hikes.

In addition to her Postal History, Dora published a book of her family history, "Our Ancestors" (1929); a short pamphlet, "Delphi - Its Heritage" (1956); and a much-valued book, "Old Wabash and Erie Canal in Carroll County, and Pre-Canal History of the Wabash River" (1953).

Dora and Bert had two sons, Roger and Tom (Bert, Roger, and Tom are profiled in this book). After she passed away in 1963, Dora's son Tom and his wife sponsored an exhibit at the Wabash and Erie Canal Interpretive Center in her honor. It was a fitting tribute to a woman who cared passionately about Carroll County history.



DR. STEVEN SEELE: HOWARD COUNTY CORONER

Dr. Steven Seele is serving his second term as Coroner of Howard County and is on the board of the Indiana Coroners' Association. Before his election in 2016, Steve was Chief Deputy Coroner and a Reserve Deputy Sheriff in the Howard County Sheriff's Department. Steve has been active in addressing the drug problems in the county and across the state.

Steve, brother of Troy Seele (profiled in this book), grew up in Delphi and graduated from Delphi Community High School in 1979. He obtained his associates degree in Funeral Service and Mortuary Science from Vincennes University and his bachelors degree in business administration and management from Indiana Wesleyan University. He earned his Doctor of Chiropractic degree, with highest honors, from Palmer College of Chiropractic. Steve is a practicing chiropractor and a licensed acupuncturist in Kokomo, where he has lived since 1984.





JENNIFER SHAMBAUGH ARCHIBALD: STORYTELLER

It takes a special writer to be a storyteller. You have to spot the extraordinary from what most see as ordinary. And then you have to find the words that paint the picture, so others will see what you see. Jennifer Archibald was a gifted storyteller.

Jennifer Shambaugh Archibald (1947-2020) grew up in Flora and graduated from Carroll High School in 1966. She was a delegate to Hoosier Girls State, and she was selected for the Senate Internship Program - one of only two high school students in the state selected for that program. She was president of student council, valedictorian of her class, and winner of the DAR Citizenship Award. In 1970, Jennifer earned her bachelors degree in journalism at Indiana University. At IU, she was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta social sorority and Theta Sigma Phi and Sigma Delta Chi journalism honoraries. And then, Jennifer came home to Flora.

During her high school years, Jennifer had written a column -"Cougar Beat" - for Flora's "Hoosier Democrat." Through her college years, she worked at the paper during the summers. Having earned the respect of editor Al Moss, a full-time job awaited Jennifer when she graduated from college. She worked for the Mosses for nearly 40 years, through merging the "Hoosier Democrat" with the "Delphi Citizen-Journal" into the "Carroll County Comet," only taking a 7-year break to rear her two daughters. Jennifer's features enhanced the weekly publications with her insightful stories and photos of people, history, and events. Her range of subjects was impressive, from Myron Beesley's collection of old fence posts to the former Carroll teacher who found fame as a circus performer in China to a sparrow that became a house pet. Jennifer made us pause and look at a moment or a person or an event that we might otherwise have missed.

She was especially supportive of historic preservation projects; and her articles about the progress at the Wabash and Erie Canal Park, efforts to preserve the historic bridges in Carroll County, and the restoration of one-room schoolhouses brought attention to important initiatives. Jennifer was as capable at photography as she was at writing. Her photos added dimension to her stories or - in some cases - told the stories by themselves.

In her coverage of local meetings, Jennifer had a knack for anticipating the questions her readers would have. She was a stickler for details and accuracy and had a reputation for fairness, earning the trust and respect of subjects and readers alike. And though she retired in 2014, Jennifer's articles continued to appear in the Comet, now and then. Storytellers just can't pass up a good story.

Jennifer was a devoted mother and grandmother, a proud member of the Flora First Christian Church, and an active participant in the Flora Chapter of Psi Iota Xi philanthropic sorority. She loved Flora and Carroll County, and she shared that love through her stories and photos.

Jennifer passed away in 2020, much too soon for her family and friends. But her stories are timeless, painting pictures of people and events as Jennifer saw them. How grateful we are for this wonderful storyteller.



"For everything there is a season" published in the Comet 10-12-2005. This photo won Jennifer 3rd place in the best feature photo category of the Better Newspaper Contest sponsored by the Indiana State Press Association Foundation



DAVID MCCAIN: ADVOCATE FOR CARROLL COUNTY PARKS AND TRAILS

David McCain, brother of Dan and son of Roseland (both profiled in this book), has supported their work with the Wabash and Erie Canal Association and focused on his own preservation projects: historic bridges and barns, parks, and greenways. An eloquent and impassioned writer, David has been among the most vocal lobbying for preservation of historic structures and spaces, his convincing letters to the editor appearing in the "Carroll County Comet."

David has long urged completion of the Monon High Bridge preservation project, which will make the bridge the gem at the end of the High Bridge Trail. He worked with Heartland Heritage, Inc. to develop the Bicentennial Park. As a board member - and president - of the Carroll County Parks Board, he advocated for preservation of historic bridges; and with Friends of Carroll County Parks, he and others made significant improvements to Deer Creek Park and French Post Park.

David envisioned making the oxbow of Wildcat Creek into a scenic waterway, a project of the Wildcat Creek Foundation. He was a member of Promoting Wildcat Valley and is involved in preserving Adams Mill. He represents Carroll County on the Wabash River Greenway Steering Committee; and he leads tours of the historic trails for the Wabash and Erie Canal Association. In addition, he served as president of the Deer Creek Township Board.

David Robert McCain was born in 1944 and graduated from Delphi High School in 1963. He was president of the Science-Math Club and the National Honor Society and named salutatorian of his class. He studied at Ball State University and earned his bachelors degree at Oakland University in Michigan, in 1970. David taught in New Mexico before returning to Indiana. He continues to teach Kundalini yoga, as he has for decades.



David's photo of the Monon High Bridge

SARA DALY BROSMAN: PATRON OF THE ARTS

"Art transcends cultural boundaries," said artist Thomas Kinkade. And in Carroll County, Sara Daly Brosman has been a catalyst for the arts, creating opportunities for music, theater, dance, and art to be shared and enjoyed by young and old, from all walks of life, "transcending cultural boundaries."

Where to begin? In 1997, Sara founded and directed the Stargazer young people's theater group, with the support of the Delphi Public Library. She also started the Red Brick Theater group, which now performs at the Delphi Opera House, with continued support of the Delphi Library. Her productions typically play to standing-room-only audiences. She was the drama director for Delphi Community High School from 1998-2012.

Sara chaired the Delphi Art Show, organized an art auction for the Delphi Preservation Society, and served as vice president of the Carroll County Arts Council. As the Adult Services Librarian at the Delphi Public Library, she taught arts classes and created a program called, "Arts and Soul," for teens. Sara was Communications Coordinator for Camp Tecumseh. She is a board member of the Delphi Preservation Society and is active in their efforts.

And then there's Sara's stint as the first Executive Director of the restored historic Delphi Opera House. Sara set the standard for bringing culture and arts to the community through this beautiful new/old venue, from booking diverse talent to curating historic displays to narrating tours of the Opera House for visitors and groups. She coordinated the Opera House activities in celebration of Indiana's Bicentennial, the highlight being a spectacular grand re-opening Civil War Ball. Her efforts drew visitors from near and far to Delphi.

Sara Daly was born in 1957 to Dick and Julie Daly. She began her career as a thespian back in seventh grade at St. Joseph's Catholic School, when Sister Jean Marie made her director of the school's play. She graduated from Delphi Community High School in 1975, where she was

involved in numerous theater productions, including a well-received role as Annie Sullivan in "The Miracle Worker." She was president of the Girls Service Club and Theta, the theater group; worked on the yearbook staff; and was chosen queen of the Delphi Relays. In 1976, Sara was a counselor and dramatics director at Camp Olden in Harrison, Ohio; and in 1977, she was chosen Camp Tecumseh's "Counselor of the Year."

Sara attended Indiana University, majoring in theater arts, and Purdue University, majoring in visual communications. She earned her bachelors degree from the University of Minnesota Duluth, where she worked as the Education Coordinator at the Duluth Art Institute. She married fellow Delphi Oracle Scott Brosman in 1977, and they have three children.



Left: Sara's mural on the old Athenaeum School. Right: Sara with Scott and their daughter at the Opera House Civil War Ball in 2015

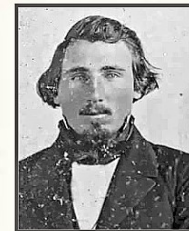
Sara is an accomplished artist herself. Her work has been featured in regional art shows and in the recent book, "Carroll County Artists - Past and Present." She has illustrated books; and she has painted murals, including one on the historic Athenaeum one-room schoolhouse in Carroll County. She had her own business, crafting silk and dried flowers and wreaths.

In 2007, Sara received the "Making a Difference Award" presented by the Delphi Chamber of Commerce. In 2014, she was chosen to lead the Lions Club Christmas Parade. Arts bring people together, and Sara makes "art" happen.

WILLIAM VINCENT LUCAS: U.S. CONGRESSMAN FROM SOUTH DAKOTA AND JOURNALIST

William Vincent Lucas (1835-1921) was a man who wore many hats. He was a captain in the Civil War; mayor of Mason City, Iowa; and a one-term U.S. Congressman from South Dakota. He served as treasurer of Bremer County, Iowa; chief clerk of the Iowa House of Representatives; State Auditor of Iowa; treasurer of Brule County, South Dakota; Register of the United States Land Office in Chamberlain, SD; and Commandant of the Hot Springs Soldiers Home. A long-time journalist, William was editor of the "Waverly Republican" and the "Cerro Gordo Republican" in Mason City and a contributor to the "Santa Cruz Sentinel."

Born near Delphi in 1835, William moved to Iowa in 1856. He fought in the Civil War with the 14th Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He moved to South Dakota in 1883 and, finally, to Santa Cruz, California in 1904. William was active in the Grand Army of the Republic (Civil War veterans). He attended a national encampment of former Civil War soldiers in Indianapolis, just before he passed away in 1921.





Leo Craig

LEO CRAIG AND AL MOSS: DEANS OF INDIANA NEWSPAPER PUBLISHING

Leo Craig and Al Moss had many things in common. Both owned and edited the "Delphi Journal." Both held state-wide positions in professional organizations, and both served on national journalism committees. Both had a strong passion outside of journalism - Leo's was the pork industry and Al's was Wabash College. Both were named "Delphi Citizen of the Year" by the American Legion Post 75 (Leo in 1966, and Al in 1972). Both were Masons, and both were founders and active supporters of Little League in Carroll County. Both were active in their churches. Leo was on the board of the Delphi Methodist Church and Grace United Methodist Church in Lafayette. Al was an elder, trustee, and Sunday School Superintendent at the Flora Presbyterian Church.

Leo C. Craig (1901-1978) graduated from Delphi High School in 1919, attended Manchester and Franklin Colleges, and earned a law certificate from LaSalle University. He taught math at Delphi Junior High School for 27 years. He was publisher and editor of the "Delphi Journal" for 22 years. He was president of Ranger Livestock Manufacturing Co. in Delphi, and he was a member of the Delphi City Council. He served under three governors as a member of the Indiana Sesquicentennial Commission and received not one, but two, "Sagamore of the Wabash" awards, one from Governor Roger Branigin and one from Governor Otis Bowen.



Al Moss

Leo was an Indiana High School Athletic Association official basketball timer for 31 years. He assisted Rogers Hornsby in baseball scouting. He was a local and state officer of the Izaak Walton League (conservation), helped form the American Pork Producers Association, and was longtime secretary of the Indiana Duroc (pig) Breeders Association and editor of their newsletter, "Duroc Doings." He was president of the Carroll County Livestock Breeders Association and president of the Expert Livestock Judges School at Purdue. In journalism, Leo was president of the Indiana Republican Editorial Association, on the agriculture committee of the National Editorial Association, and a member of Sigma Delta Chi professional journalism society. In 1974, the Indiana Pork Producers gave him a "Meritorious Service Award." Leo married Mabel Rule in 1924, and they had two daughters, Annadell Craig Lamb and Frances Craig French (both profiled in this book).

Al Moss (1925-2005) was the third generation in his family to own a Carroll County newspaper. He lived in Flora all his life, graduating from Flora High School in 1943. He was on the 1942 regional championship basketball team and won the "Beckner Memorial Award." He served in the Army during WWII and the Korean War. He graduated from Wabash College in 1950, where he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and played varsity basketball. In 1948, Al married Joan Boulden, whom he met on a blind date at Ideal Beach (now Indiana Beach); and they have three children, Susan, Joe, and David.

Al began his newspaper career with Flora's "Hoosier Democrat." The paper was owned by his father and had been founded by his grandfather. He became part owner of that paper in 1954 and full owner in 1963. In 1965, he and his wife bought the "Delphi Journal" from Leo Craig; and in 1967, they bought the "Delphi Citizen," combining the two into the "Delphi Journal-Citizen." In 1974, they merged all three of their newspapers into the "Carroll County Comet," which Al edited until his retirement in 1991. Though his children - Susan and Joe - bought him out, Al remained editor emeritus and continued to write articles up to his death. In 1971, after serving on the board for several years, Al was elected president of the Hoosier State Press Association. The following year, he was inducted into the HSPA's Copper Club (past presidents). He also was a member of the national committee of the National Newspaper Association.

But Al's contributions went far beyond newspaper publishing. He was on the Flora Library Board for many years. In 1997, Al received the "Pete Award," presented by the Flora Lions Club. That same year, he and Joan were marshals of Flora's annual Christmas parade. Al was a Mason, and he was president of the Flora Community Club. He was a charter member of the Wabash and Erie Canal Association, a member of the Delphi Chamber of Commerce, and an original member of the Flora Apartments Board.

A devoted Wabash alumnus, Al was class agent for his Class of 1950 for 17 years, keeping his classmates informed on Wabash activities and advocating for contributions to their alma mater. In 2000, Wabash presented Al its "Warren W. Shearer Class Agent Hall of Fame Award" and its "Admissions Fellow Award," for his work in recruiting Wabash students.

Leo Craig and Al Moss were both leaders and role models in Carroll County, and both clearly earned reputations as "deans" of Indiana newspaper publishing.

ETHEL PEARSON: TEMPERANCE CRUSADER



Ethel Pearson (1906 - 1984) devoted much of her life to something she truly believed in: educating the public about the harmful effects of alcohol and drugs.

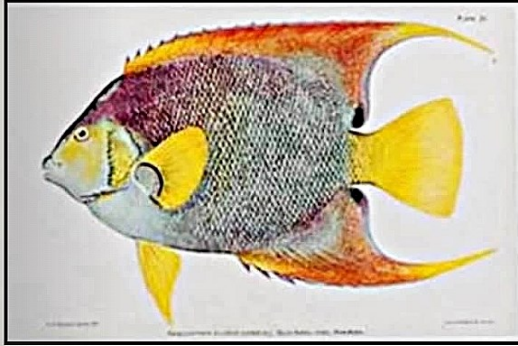
The Women's Christian Temperance Union was established to promote abstinence from alcohol, and - later - drugs - as a way to make home life safer for women and children. Ethel founded the Delphi Chapter of the WCTU and organized other chapters around Carroll County, serving as both local and county president. For 18 years, from 1959-1977, Ethel was a state trustee of the Indiana WCTU. She also volunteered as a counselor at the Loyol Temperance League Camp.

On her death, the local WCTU chapter placed a bench on the Courthouse Square to honor Ethel. Ethel was married to Robert Pearson, and they had two sons, Wayne and William

BARTON WARREN EVERMANN: FAMED ICHTHYOLOGIST (FISH)

Barton Warren Evermann (1854-1932) is revered in the field of ichthyology - the study of fish. He wrote one of the pre-eminent books on the subject; served as the Director of the California Academy of Sciences, which included the Steinhart Aquarium, for 18 years; directed scientific work for the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries for more than 20 years; and lectured at Yale, Stanford, Cornell, Indiana State (then Indiana Normal), and oh yes, the Delphi Opera House. His book, "The Fishes of North America," co-authored with colleague and friend David Starr Jordan, was issued by the Smithsonian Institution.

Born in Monroe County, Iowa in 1854, Barton grew up in Carroll County, near Burlington. The family arrived by covered wagon. He taught school in Carroll County from 1871-1879 and then in California for two years. He returned to Indiana; and from 1883-1885, he was Superintendent of Carroll County Schools. He married fellow teacher and naturalist, Meadie Hawkins - also from Burlington - in 1875. They had two children, Toxaway and Ethel.



Barton enrolled at Indiana University in 1881, studying under esteemed biologist and ichthyologist David Starr Jordan. He graduated from I.U. in 1886 with a degree in zoology. He continued his studies at IU, completing his masters in 1888 and his PhD in 1891. Though his initial interest was in ornithology (birds), he soon switched to ichthyology, largely due to the influence of his mentor, Dr. Jordan.

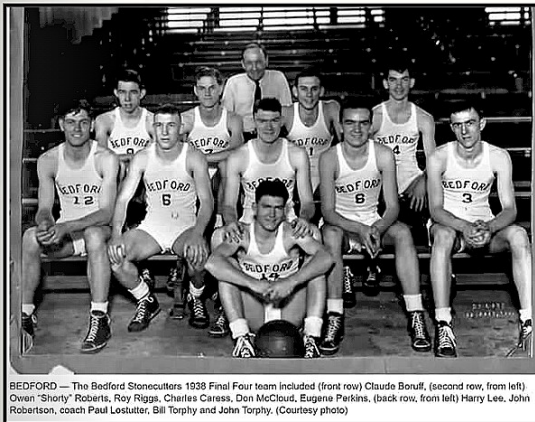
In 1888, Barton went to Washington DC to work for the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries. He directed the Division of Scientific Inquiry and the Alaska Fisheries Service; and he was Curator of Fish at the U.S. National Museum. He also was Fur Seal Commissioner.

In the early 1900s, Barton promoted research on the Revillagigedo Islands - off the Pacific coast of Mexico. "Mount Evermann," on Socorro Island - the highest peak of the archipelago - was named in his honor, as was a species of lizard, "Anolis Evermanni," and four fish genera.



Throughout his career, Barton was a prolific writer, publishing nearly 400 scientific papers; and his work continues to be well-known among ichthyology scholars today. He traveled world-wide, researching fish, seals, and related aquatic life. He was given honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from I.U. (1928) and the University of Utah (1922).

Barton died in Berkeley, California, in 1932 at age 78. He is buried in Burlington. But one more note... Barton's wife, Meadie, was the first married woman to graduate from IU. So in 1957, I.U. named a married student housing complex for Barton and Meadie Evermann.



BEDFORD — The Bedford Stonecutters 1938 Final Four team included (front row) Claude Boruff, (second row, from left) Owen "Shorty" Roberts, Roy Riggs, Charles Carass, Don McCloud, Eugene Perkins, (back row, from left) Harry Lee, John Robertson, coach Paul Lostutter, Bill Torphy and John Torphy. (Courtesy photo)

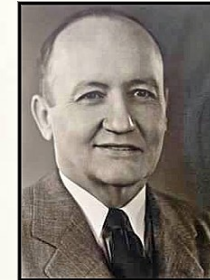
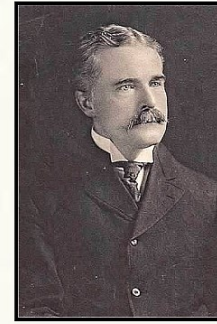
PAUL LOSTUTTER: COACH AND MAYOR OF BEDFORD, INDIANA

Paul Lostutter (1898-1951) was a well-known coach of Indiana boys basketball and a mayor of Bedford, Indiana.

Paul graduated from Franklin College and taught in that town before he came to Delphi in 1926. In his eight years in Delphi, he built a reputation for guiding winning teams. He moved to Shelbyville in 1934 to continue his coaching career; and then on to Bedford, where he coached until he retired in 1944.

In 1942, Paul was named head coach of the winning Indiana High School Boys Basketball All-Stars (with fellow former Delphi boy, Bob Perigo as his assistant). He was elected mayor of Bedford in 1944, serving in that capacity until 1948.

Paul was married to Camden native Kathryn Baker and is buried in Camden.





JIM AND FRANCES FRENCH: PRESERVATIONISTS

Jim French (1925-2007) and Frances Craig both grew up in Carroll County. They married in 1951 and pursued their careers in Crown Point and then Lafayette. Jim had a distinguished career in education, and Francie made a name in newspaper writing and editing. But eventually, they came back to Carroll County; and when they did, they left their imprint as dedicated preservationists of the county's history.

James A. French was born in Louisville, KY. When his parents were unable to care for him, Jim bounced around foster homes before landing with Luther and Helen Harley McCain in Carroll County. They became his family. Jim graduated from Delphi High School in 1945. He was elected president of his class three of the four years. After serving in the Army for two years, Jim returned to Indiana to earn a bachelors degree in 1950 and a masters degree in 1954, both from Purdue.

Jim was an educator extraordinaire. He taught at Crown Point Elementary; and in Lafayette, he taught at Linnwood and Durgan Elementary Schools before becoming the principal at Murdock Elementary, a position he held for 28 years. In 1967, Jim received the "George Award" from the "Lafayette Journal & Courier," recognizing his community service. In 1986, Jim was named the "Distinguished Principal of the Year" by the Indiana Association of Elementary and Middle School Principals.

Frances June Craig was born in 1929 to Leo and Mabel Rule Craig, in Delphi (Leo is profiled in this book). She graduated from Delphi High School in 1947 and from Indiana University in 1951, with a degree in journalism. At IU, she was a member of Phi Mu sorority and Pleiades and Mortar Board scholastic honoraries, treasurer of her senior class, and an editor of the "Indiana Daily Student" newspaper. In 1963 a 6-week temporary job with the "Lafayette Journal & Courier" turned into a 25-year career as a reporter, women's editor, and copy editor. Francie was a long-time volunteer at IU Health Arnett Hospital's Gift Shop and Surgery Waiting Room.

When Jim retired in 1987, they moved just outside of Delphi to a house that Jim built. They wasted no time getting involved in the community. Jim was president of the Carroll County Historical Society and the Wabash and Erie Canal Association (1989-1998). He was the coordinator of the Historic Trail Association and a charter member of the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission. Francie was secretary and a board member of the Historical Society and the Wabash and Erie Canal Association and served as secretary for the Trailhead Park Task Force. In 2000, the Frenches were honored with the Carroll County Old Settlers Association's "Heritage Award" for their contributions to the community.



Francie (front) with her family at the Canal Park Summer Kitchen

Jim passed away in 2007, but Francie and their family continued to support historic preservation in Carroll County. In 2017, she received the "Jim French Legacy Award," presented by the Canal Association.

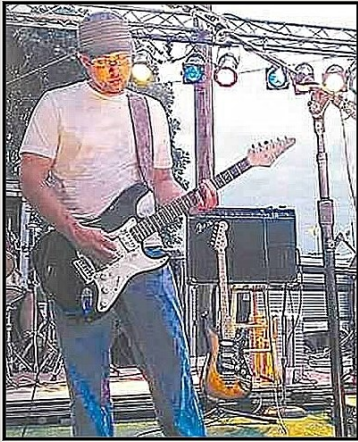
When you visit the Wabash and Erie Canal Park, you'll see that Jim and Francie's legacy lives on at the Summer Kitchen their family still operates during Canal Days in July, the carpenter shop where Jim demonstrated his considerable woodworking skills, and the painting they donated to the Interpretive Center. Jim and Francie French are role models for all of us who care about preserving Carroll County's history.



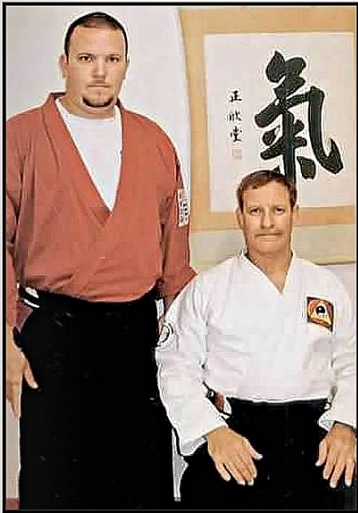
RUTH KIRKPATRICK: LEADER IN SOCIAL WORK AND THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Ruth Meredith Kirkpatrick (1896 - 1988) was a leader in her field of social work and with the American Legion Auxiliary. Ruth was a social worker with the Indiana Department of Welfare for many years. She served as District Director of sewing projects for the WPA (Works Progressive Administration) during WWII, responsible for 18 counties. She also served as secretary-treasurer of the West Central Region of the Indiana Conference of Social Welfare.

A charter member of Delphi's chapter of the American Legion Auxiliary, Ruth was elected president of the local chapter, district president, and first vice president of the state organization. She was state chairman of the annual poppy sale, 9th district committee woman, and a delegate to the national convention.



Delphi's Kyle Knoth was named Indiana's Ambassador for the Blues Hall of Fame. Carroll County Comet 12-26-2012



Dr. Steven Wargo (right) is inducted into the U.S.A. Martial Arts Hall of Fame. Dr. Wargo received a doctorate award and was named "Master of the Year." His son, Peter, (left) earned a professorship and was named "Self Defense Leader of the Year." Carroll County Comet 5-14-2008



Champion driver Kolt Kinsler poses with two of the cars he raced at the Miami County Speedway in Peru. Carroll County Comet 12-10-2008



NUMBER 1 QUARTERBACK — Steve Brehmer, center, was named Indiana's Number 1 High School Quarterback by the Associated Press last week. He has been the hold general for the Oracles during the past three years when Coach

Tony Berto's eleven has compiled a phenomenal 30-0 record. Steve is shown here with the Brehmer family: (l to r) Brad, Mrs. Brehmer, Steve, Marvin Brehmer and Doug. Herb Smith Photo
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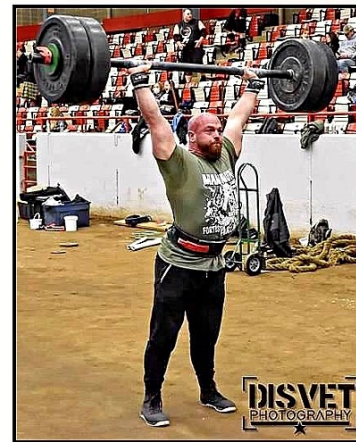
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Mary and Wayne Downham hold some of their awards in trapshooting. Both were inducted in the Indiana Trapshooting Hall of Fame. Carroll County Comet 8-10-2011 and 9-1-2010



Maurice Robeson, with wife Janalee, holds the plaque honoring him as an Indiana Master Farmer. Carroll County Comet 8-19-2009



Kenneth Myers set a new Amateur Middle Weight Men Axle Record at the Mammoth Strength Challenge in Louisville, Kentucky, in 2021.



WALTER B. ROGERS: LEGENDARY CORNETIST, COMPOSER, AND CONDUCTOR

Today, we'd probably call Walter Bowman Rogers (1865-1932) a child prodigy. Born in Delphi, Walter learned to play the violin by age 5. Noting Walter's aptitude, John Lathrope, himself a well-known and highly respected cornetist, gave Walter his first cornet and taught him to play. Walter was still a child.

At 17, Walter began studying at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, paying for his education by playing in orchestras and bands in the Indianapolis area. He was a cornet soloist with the Beissenhars Band of Indianapolis by the time he was 19, already composing and performing his own music. At 21, he was in New York City, playing with the famed Carlo Alberto Cappa's 7th Regiment Band and getting good notices. Walter became Cappa's personal assistant and took over the band when Cappa died in 1893. He was 28.

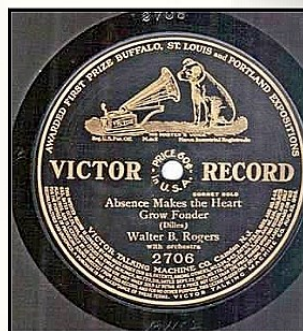
In 1898, Walter joined March King John Philip Sousa's band, performing throughout the U.S. and touring Europe. He became assistant conductor in 1900 and lead cornet in 1902. He also was composing his own music. The Sousa band recorded Walters best-known composition "A Soldier's Dream" - in 1900. Walter was 35.

In 1904, Walter became musical director at the Victor Talking Machine Company, based in Camden, New Jersey. In 1906, he became the conductor of the Victor house orchestra. He arranged the music and conducted the studio orchestra for almost all of the Victor company's recordings of singers including Enrico Caruso, Billy Murray, and Al Jolson. He is considered one of the most important conductors of that era. His recordings of "Glow Worm," "The Merry Widow Waltz," "A Hunt in the Black Forest," and "In a Clock Store" were best sellers at that time and classics of the period.

Walter left Victor in 1916 to become a musical director at Paroquette, a start-up record company that went under by 1918. But he moved on to a successful stint at Brunswick Records. There, he directed the orchestra and worked with more recording stars, in some cases coaching them to success.

Walter continued to record with his Brunswick band until 1927, when the Brunswick label was taken over by the American Recording Company (ARC). By then, Walter already had branched out to teaching and playing in New York theater orchestras. He retired in 1932; and he died at age 74 on Christmas Eve, 1939. Walter left behind a body of work still revered in the recording industry.

While Walter's colleague and friend, Herbert L. Clarke, was lauded by some as the best cornetist of his time, many music scholars believe it was Walter B. Rogers who truly was the best. Listen to Walter play his own composition, "A Soldiers Dream." (search for it on YouTube). Pretty sure you'll agree.

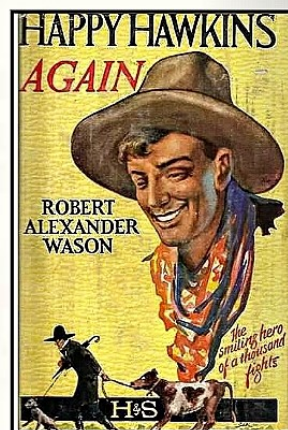


ROBERT WASON: AUTHOR OF WESTERNS

Robert Alexander Wason (1874-1955), was the author of 13 novels, mostly westerns; magazine articles; vaudeville sketches; and a comic opera. In addition to his books, Bob's work was carried in numerous magazines and periodicals, including "McClures" and "Everybody's." His most well-known books include: "Happy Hawkins," "Friar Tuck," and "The Dog and the Child and the Ancient Sailor Man."

Born in Toledo, Ohio, Bob and his family moved to Delphi when he was a boy. After high school, he clerked for his father, who was a merchant. But Bob sought adventure. He volunteered for service in the Spanish-American War; and he headed out on camping trips - often going west - whenever he could. His journeys led him to a series of diverse jobs, including grip man on San Francisco cable cars and miner in a Nevada mercury mine.

Bob married Emma Louise Brownell, from Peru, Indiana, in 1911. They had two sons and a daughter. In addition to Ohio and Indiana, Bob lived in San Francisco; Detroit; Orr's Island, Maine; Tempe, Arizona; Arden, Delaware; Norwalk, Connecticut; and Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, where he died in 1955.



MELISSA BISHOP: PATRON OF THE HISTORIC FLORA DEPOT

Melissa Bryant Bishop loves community service. She helped found Flora Main Street, to promote Flora businesses. She served as president of her Psi Iota Xi philanthropic sorority chapter and president of Carroll County ARC, helping people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. She led two successful Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Projects - one which created pop up panels depicting Flora's history and the other to restore the historic Flora Depot. With her vision, commitment, and never-give-up attitude and the participation of Flora Main Street and the Flora Community Club, Melissa shepherded a successful effort to save the 1908 Flora Depot from demolition and turn it into a community center and a source of pride for the entire county.

Melissa Bryant was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky in 1953. Her father was in the Navy; and the family lived in Brooklyn, New York and Athens, Georgia, before settling in Bowling Green permanently. Melissa played piano and violin and enjoyed dance and art; and she was a member of her high school band. She was coaxed into participating in the Junior Miss contest at her high school and finished as third runner-up. She was presented to society at the Bowling Green Girls' Cotillion Club, in 1970; and she graduated from Bowling Green High School in 1971.

At Hanover College, Melissa majored in sociology and joined Alpha Delta Pi sorority. She also met Dick Bishop, the man she would marry. Melissa's first job in Carroll County was Coordinator of the Carroll County Migrant Ministry Program. She held that position in summers of 1974 and 1975, before and after her senior year in college. She coordinated volunteers and served as a liaison between the community and some 150 migrant workers. While Dick finished law school, Melissa was a Housing Counseling and Relocation Specialist for the City of Indianapolis. She helped inner city residents of condemned and substandard housing find safe places to live.

When they moved to Flora, Melissa became a Vocational Counselor at Logansport State Hospital. She left that position in 1980 when their first son was born (they have two sons). In 1983, she began helping at Dick's family law firm, as bookkeeper and, eventually, as a tax preparer during tax season. In 1994, Melissa returned to full-time work as Director of the Flora Library. That prompted her to go back to school for her masters in library science. Melissa's accomplishments as Library Director include coordinating a significant building and renovation project, securing grants for computers and summer art classes, and coordinating a grant for a sculpture to commemorate the library's 100th year.

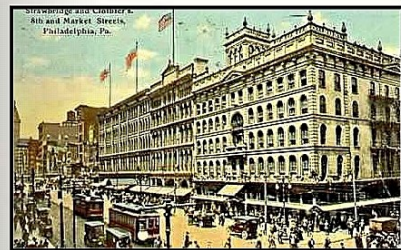
Melissa's work on the Flora Depot began in 2013, when she - and others - pushed to get the old depot stored, rather than torn down. She spearheaded the effort to raise funds, move and restore the building, and organize community events using the depot as a community centerpiece. The project was spotlighted in the January/February 2022 "Indiana Preservation" magazine.



Melissa has been honored with the "Extra Mile Award" presented by the Flora Community Club (2013), the "Charles Carroll Award" presented by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce (2016), the "Heritage Award" presented by the Carroll County Old Settlers Association (2018), the "John Corey Arts Leadership Award" presented by the Tippecanoe Arts Federation (2018), the "Charles Gerard Historic Archival Award" presented by the Delphi Preservation Society (2019), and the "Pete Award" presented by the Flora Lions Club (2020). In 2016, Melissa was chosen to be an Indiana Bicentennial Torchbearer.

As Flora celebrates its 150th birthday, in September 2022, the Flora Depot will be in the spotlight. Thanks in large part to Melissa.

BENJAMIN STRAWBRIDGE: PHILADELPHIA DEPARTMENT STORE OWNER



Benjamin Z. Strawbridge (1836-1894) was born in Philadelphia, the oldest of three sons. In 1854, he met James Gordon from Georgetown in Cass County, Indiana, who was in Philadelphia to buy goods for his store. Listening as Gordon lauded the opportunities in the west, Ben decided to come to Indiana. He worked in Gordon's general store for a time and then moved to Logansport. It didn't take him long to partner with colleague John Wimer to open a very successful general store in Lockport.

Eventually, they moved their business to Delphi. When Wimer decided to leave the partnership, Ben affiliated with Vine Holt to operate "Holt & Strawbridge Dry Goods" (photo at right). Ben married Vine's daughter, Isabella; and they had three children.

In 1874, Ben returned to Philadelphia to join his brothers, who had founded the venerable Strawbridge and Clothier Department Store (photo of the flagship store at 8th and Market Streets in Philadelphia at left), which remained successful until 1996, when it was sold to the May Company.

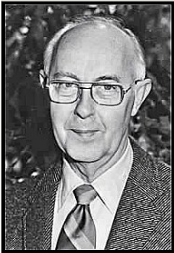




ANNA PETTY VAN NATTA AND JACK SANDERS: PATRONS OF THE DELPHI ART SHOW

For more than 80 years, Carroll County residents enjoyed an annual display of wonderful art at the Delphi Art Show. Begun in 1928 by Tri Kappa member Ann Van Natta and expanded in 1956 by Delphi art teacher Jack Sanders, working with Tri Kappa Art Committee Chairman, Betty Revington, the art exhibits showcased paintings by professional artists, through the Hoosier Salon, and - later - work by local artists and Delphi students. It was an event that many anticipated every year - an opportunity to appreciate, and be inspired by, the creativity of Hoosier artists.

Anna Petty Van Natta (1899-1978) was born in Frankfort, Indiana. She graduated from Frankfort High School and attended Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio, completing her bachelors at Purdue. She taught school in Tippecanoe and Marion counties, before she married Robert Van Natta in 1923. Bob farmed in Carroll County, and Ann became a leader in art and history in the county. Beginning in 1928, Ann organized an annual display of art as part of the Carroll County Fair. It featured selections from the Hoosier Art Salon, a traveling collection of art sponsored by Tri Kappa philanthropic sorority. In 1941, local artists were invited to display their art, along with the Hoosier Salon pieces. Through the years, the show was held in the basement of the Delphi Library and the REMC auditorium. Ann sent invitations and oversaw a tea, to spotlight the Hoosier Salon displays.

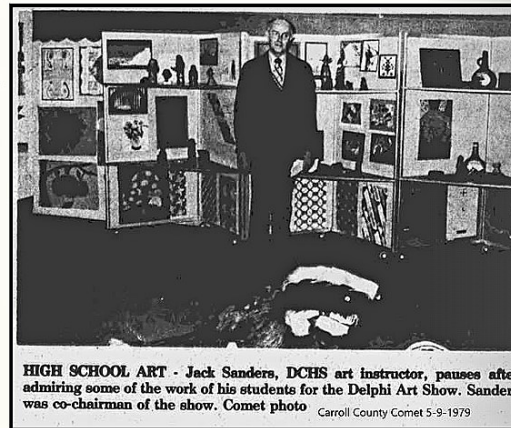


A passionate genealogist and historian, Ann was the DAR Regent for many years. She was a member of the Sons of Pioneers of Indiana, Kentucky, and Virginia; the Indiana State Historical Society, the Culpepper County Virginia Historical Society, and the Clinton County Historical Society. She also was president of the Carroll County Federation of Women's Clubs. She helped found the Carroll County Cancer Association, and she was an active member of Eastern Star.

Jack Sanders (1924-2008) was born in Muncie and grew up in Honey Creek, Indiana, where he graduated from high school in 1942. He earned his bachelors and masters degrees from Ball State Teachers College (now University) and did graduate work at Purdue and the Herron School of Art. In 1952, Jack began teaching art in the Delphi Schools, and he quickly became a popular instructor and community member. When there were sets to be designed for school shows or local events, Jack was there. He encouraged and mentored many students over the years. He was president of the Delphi Classroom Teachers Association and a member of the Art Educators of Indiana, serving as vice president. When Jack retired in 1989, he had amassed many honors. He was inducted into Phi Gamma Mu, social science honorary; Delta Phi Delta, art honorary; and Phi Delta Kappa education honorary. In 1985, Jack was chosen "Teacher of the Year" by the Delphi American Legion Post. He was named "Member Emeritus" by Purdue University.

In 1956, Jack and Betty Revington, along with Ann Van Natta and other Tri Kappa art committee members, decided to combine forces, adding the work of Jack's students to the long-standing Tri Kappa Art Show. The result was an annual event that drew people from all over the state. In 2003, the "Delphi Art Show" became the "Jack Sanders Art Show," in tribute to Jack's dedication to art in the community. Time and circumstances led the annual art show to evolve over the years, and the last Jack Sanders Art Show was held in 2010. But art exhibits continue.

Jack Sanders believed that art touches everyone, a sentiment that Ann Van Natta surely shared. Carroll County has a long history of showcasing and appreciating art and artists, and many people have helped make this so. But Ann Van Natta and Jack Sanders led the way.



HIGH SCHOOL ART - Jack Sanders, DCHS art instructor, pauses after admiring some of the work of his students for the Delphi Art Show. Sanders was co-chairman of the show. Comet photo Carroll County Comet 5-9-1979



PAUL BRANDENBURG: PRESERVATIONIST OF HISTORIC BRIDGES

Paul Brandenburg loves historic bridges. In fact, he's considered a pioneer in historic bridge preservation in Indiana. It started back in the 1990s, when Paul was one of the founders and chairman of Carroll County's Historic Bridge Coalition. That group saved and preserved the Wilson Bridge, among other Carroll County bridges, earning them the "Servaas Award" from the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana in 1999.

Currently, Paul is a board member and president of the national Historic Bridge Foundation. In the past, he's been chairman of the Indiana Historic SPANs Taskforce, which garnered an award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 2007, under Paul's leadership.

Paul was president of the Delphi Preservation Society when DPS bought the Delphi Opera House building, beginning its restoration. He served on the board of the Wabash and Erie Canal Association, and he was especially dedicated to developing the historic trails. In 2011, he and his wife, Margarete, donated land to the Canal Association to further its park and historic trails.

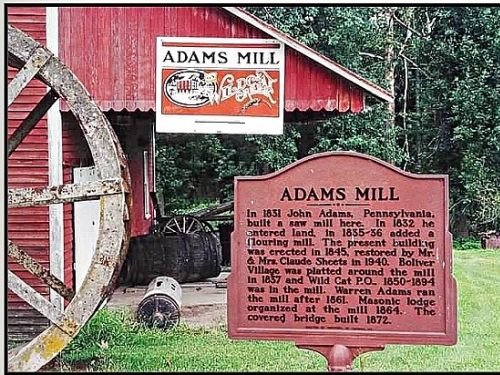
Paul graduated from South Knox High School in 1973. He graduated from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology with a bachelors in electrical engineering and computer science, cum laude (1977), and from Butler's Lacy School of Business, with an MBA, in 1986. He worked for Rose-Hulman and Digital Equipment Corporation before beginning an almost 30-year tenure at Eli Lilly. He currently is a manufacturing IT consultant, based in Indianapolis.

CLAUDE SHEETS: SOUND ENGINEER WITH FOX MOVIE TONE NEWS AND HISTORIAN

Claude Sheets (1896-1982) is probably best remembered in Carroll County for turning Adams Mill into a museum. But before he was a mill owner, Claude was a sound engineer in New York City for 20th Century Fox MovieTone News, rubbing elbows with celebrities like Kate Smith and Eleanor Roosevelt and helping develop new technology in broadcasting sound. He was on the team that developed the first modern film sound system for MovieTone News, which produced the 10-minute short films showing current news and events that were played before the main feature film in theaters. Claude even had the honor of helping demonstrate the new technology for Thomas Alva Edison.

When Claude left home in Clinton County to go to Valparaiso University, he learned how to be a radio operator. He worked for several years as a wireless operator on Great Lakes ships, later switching to a shore station. When radio stations were being established in Chicago in the 1930s, he became a radio engineer. He began as an assistant engineer for KYW and - a year later - became Chief Engineer at WIBO. It was there that Claude built a complete 1000 watt broadcast transmitter and gained a reputation as an innovator. Soon, he was lured away by WBBM to build a new transmitter for that station. A salary dispute caused his departure from WBBM, but that made him available to go to New York City.

In 1928, Claude began his job as a sound engineer at Fox studios in New York, working with Dr. Donald Whiting, who was head of research and development at Fox MovieTone News. When Fox wanted to send Claude to Europe with a newsreel crew, Dr. Whiting protested, insisting that Claude remain to work with his development team. Claude spent nearly 18 years working in the main studios of Fox MovieTone News and - later - RKO Pathe News. He managed studio sound production for newsreel segments featuring luminaries like Helen Keller and Sir Thomas Lipton, and he worked for several years with well-known radio announcer and voice-over narrator Lowell Thomas. He turned down opportunities to go to Hollywood to work on movies, avoiding the possibility of encountering even more temperamental celebrities than those he'd met.



In 1940, knowing he wanted to return to Indiana eventually, Claude bought the Wildcat Mill in Cutler. His brother, Dewey, operated it. In the mid-1940s, Claude and his wife (the former Bertha Drumm, whom he met in Wisconsin) returned to Indiana, moving into a home adjacent to the mill. In the early 1950s, the Indiana Board of Health established new regulations requiring mills to be rodent-free. Recognizing the exorbitant cost of meeting the requirements, Claude shut down the mill. But people still knocked on his door, asking him to show their children the mill and the antiques he had been displaying there. So Claude opened the building as a museum. He collected and displayed hundreds of antiques, happily explaining their history to anyone who was interested.

To supplement his retirement income, Claude returned to his roots. He spent his summers serving as a radio operator for the Great Lakes cruise ships of the Georgia Bay Line. It was a nice "vacation job," he said.

If you enjoy visiting Adams Mill today (and you should!), you can tip your hat to Claude Sheets, who saw the value in sparing and sharing this historic place.

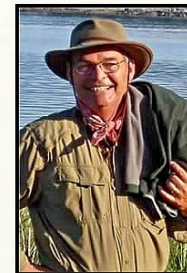


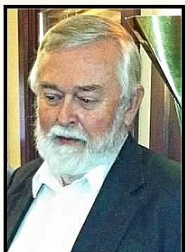
DAVE WRIGHT: CHAIRMAN, YMCA NORTH AMERICAN CAMPING CONSULTATION

Dave Wright grew up in Crawfordsville, graduating from Crawfordsville High School in 1966. He served in the U.S. Army and then earned his bachelors and masters degrees from Indiana University. He began working part-time at Camp Tecumseh in 1973, becoming full time in 1975. He was named director in 1989 and served in that role until he retired in 2013.

Dave was well-known and widely respected in the YMCA world. In 1995, he was asked to chair the first North American Camping Consultation held in New York. In 2000, he was named a "Sagamore of the Wabash" by Governor Frank O'Bannon; and in 2008, he was named a "Paul Harris Fellow" by the Delphi Rotary. In 2013, when he was presented the "Charles Carroll Award" by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to his contributions to Camp Tecumseh, Dave was on the boards of the Carroll County Community Foundation and the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. He currently is enjoying retirement in Holland, Michigan.





AL AUFFART: PATRON OF ADAMS MILL, INC.

Al Auffart (1948-2019) lived in Carroll County for 13 years - he came here in 2006. And oh, my - he made the most of that time. His touch was on so many successful historic preservation efforts: Friends of Carroll County Parks (president), the Wildcat Creek Foundation (member), Promoting Wildcat Valley (founding member), the Wabash and Erie Canal Association (vice president and member of the M/W/F volunteer crew who built, repaired, and remodeled the buildings and facilities), Heartland Heritage (treasurer), and the American House Stagecoach Museum (volunteer). He served on the County Council, and - at the time of his death - he was president of the Carroll County Area Planning Commission. But Al's most significant gift was his stewardship - and transformation - of historic Adams Mill, in Cutler. He founded, and served as president of, Adams Mill, Inc., leading the effort to ensure the property would be protected and cared for in the future. If you were fortunate enough to take a tour of Adams Mill with Al as your guide, you got to see its history through his eyes; and you couldn't help absorbing his passion and falling a bit in love with the place.

Al belonged to the Carroll County Historical Society, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Canal Society of Indiana, the Mid-West Tool Collectors Association, and Indiana Landmarks. He received the "Atkinson, Sanders, Rodriguez Award" for his leadership in preservation, presented by the Delphi Preservation Society.

Born and growing up in Ireland, Indiana, where he was president of his 4-H club, Al graduated from Ireland High School in 1966. He earned his bachelors degree from Purdue in 1970. That same year, he married Martha Carroll Ault, and they had two daughters. Al had a successful career in the transportation industry. He and his family lived in Illinois, Alabama, and Pennsylvania as his career progressed. He retired in 2005 from Great Lakes Transportation as Assistant Vice President of Finance and Treasurer.

Carroll County is not the first of Al's home counties to benefit from his leadership in preservation. He was president of the Illinois Canal Society, president of the Will County (Illinois) Historical Society, and a member of the Westmoreland (Pennsylvania) Historical Society. Long interested in old tools, he belonged to the Midwest Tool Collectors Association, earning honors for his collection of blacksmithing tools.

While Al's resume is impressive, it fails to communicate the impact and value of this gentle man's dedication and selflessness in all he did. He looked to the future, even as he was preserving the past; and he inspired others to do the same.

Al giving a tour of Adams Mill



CAROLYN WAGNER: DELPHI'S FIRST WOMAN MAYOR

Carolyn Wagner broke through ceilings for women. She was the first woman to be mayor of Delphi. She was the first woman to belong to the Delphi Rotary Club. She paved the way for women to move into leadership roles they had not been able to assume before.

Carolyn Jean Talbert was born in 1938 in West Middleton, Indiana to Harold and Mary Hamilton Talbert. Her family moved to Delphi when she was five years old, and Carolyn graduated from Delphi High School in 1956 and Lafayette Business College in 1958. She married Jerry Wagner in 1958, and they have 4 children: Jeff, Tammy (profiled in this book), Joel, and Kyle.

In 1983, Carolyn was appointed mayor of Delphi, completing the unexpired term of Mayor Wayne VanSickle. She was elected to that job later in 1983 and remained in office through 1990. Among the her accomplishments as mayor, she began negotiations for a hog-processing plant south of Delphi, resulting in a boon to the area's economic development; and the city began work on Trailhead Park, a major step toward revitalizing the area's tourist industry and historic preservation efforts. In 1989, she was appointed to a 3-year term on the Main Street Indiana Council, a state sponsored 10-member council offering advice to communities wanting to revitalize their downtown areas. She also served as president of the North Central Mayors' Roundtable.

After her terms as mayor, Carolyn became a realtor with Rinehart Realtors and Auctioneers. She was a member of both the Carroll County Board of Realtors, serving multiple terms as president, and the Lafayette Regional Board of Realtors. She was named "Carroll County Realtor of the Year" in 1998. She also served on the board of the Delphi Chamber of Commerce.

In 2012, Carolyn received the "Samuel Milroy Award," and Delphi Mayor Randy Strasser proclaimed January 30, 2012 to be "Carolyn Wagner Day," to recognize her outstanding leadership as a former mayor and businesswoman. Now retired, Carolyn enjoys her large family.



Pledging allegiance to Delphi

Carolyn Wagner was sworn-in as the new mayor of Delphi Wednesday morning by town Clerk-Treasurer Mary Catherine Carter. A political novice, Wagner was selected by the Delphi Democrat precinct committeemen over five other candidates: Thomas Ashton, Hope Coontz, James Jeffries, Luann Toole and K. Brown. Wagner replaced 14-year veteran Mayor Wayne Van Sickle, a Democrat, who resigned Jan. 1 to take a job with an engineering firm.

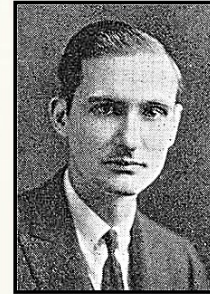
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LEROY HINKLE: MUSICIAN AND COMPOSER OF I.U.'S "INDIANA FIGHT"

If you've ever watched or listened to an Indiana University sporting event, no doubt you've heard the band strike up, "Indiana Fight!" It's that catchy little tune they play as a battle cry. Towards the end, the crowd chimes in, "Go. I.U. Fight! Fight! Fight!" and it turns up the octave in the bleachers. What you probably didn't know is that it was composed in 1923 by I.U. student Leroy C. Hinkle (1892-1970), who hails from Bringhurst in Carroll County. Roy said he was inspired to write it while attending an I.U.-Purdue football game in 1922 (if you're curious, that game ended in a tie).



Leroy Cohee Hinkle was one of nine children. He grew up in Bringhurst, graduating from Bringhurst High School. He began giving piano lessons when he was 16. He was teaching school in East Chicago when he was called to serve in WWI. While in the Navy, he composed, "Sailors Dream," a waltz. After his service, he went to Indiana University, where he was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega social fraternity and Chi Delta Chi, music honorary. He graduated in 1923 with a degree in biology - yes, you read that right: biology. And that same year he copyrighted his original composition, "Indiana Fight."



Roy went east to earn his masters at Columbia University. While in New York, he played organ at New York theaters for vaudeville and silent movies. Roy stayed in the east, teaching school in Dover, New Jersey. He returned to Indiana to teach in the 1950s. All the while, he continued to compose music.

In 1940, he wrote "My Garden State," which was in contention for New Jersey state song. In 1955, he wrote "Crimson Chimes of Indiana," which was performed by I.U.'s Singing Hoosiers and recorded on a compilation of I.U. school songs. In 1966, he composed "Indiana Lore" for Indiana's Sesquicentennial.

Roy continued to perform, both in New Jersey and at home in Indiana. In 1965, he played the organ at the New Jersey Pavilion at the New York World's Fair. When Roy died in 1970, he gave all rights to "Indiana Fight" to I.U. So the next time you hear the I.U. pep band start playing that battle cry, think of Carroll County boy Roy Hinkle. He left a feisty legacy!

HAZELLE KIRKPATRICK: INDIANA MENTAL HEALTH PIONEER

To those who lived in Delphi in the 1950s and 60s, Hazelle Hoshaw Kirkpatrick (1902-1985) might be remembered as the lovely woman with perfectly coiffed blonde hair covered with a long scarf, driving her fabulous turquoise Thunderbird convertible, waving to those she knew. What you might not know is that she probably was on her way to chair some effort to improve services and facilities for mental health treatment. That was her passion. She tackled an issue that - in those days - was not discussed in polite conversation. Hazelle shined a light on it.

Hazelle grew up in Ockley, and she studied at Manchester College. She served as acting Post Master of the Ockley post office and owned a beauty shop, before she found her life's calling in social work. Hazelle was a founding member of the Indiana Mental Health Association, serving on the state board and chairman of volunteer work. She was president of the Carroll County Association of Mental Health and chairman of the Christmas Gift Program for state mental hospitals. She was on the Wabash Valley Hospital and Mental Health Board, and she volunteered countless hours for Logansport State Mental Hospital.

Hazelle was appointed by Governor George Craig to the Indiana Special Institutions Board and by Governor Matthew Welsh to the Indiana State Soldiers Home Advisory Committee. She was president of the Carroll County Welfare Board and president of the State Welfare Board Association. As important, she was a concerned resource and facilitator for local families who were dealing with mental health issues, always being discreet and compassionate.

Hazelle contributed to the community in other ways. She was president of the Old Settlers Association, both local and district president of the American Legion Auxiliary, and president of the Carroll County Women's Democratic Club. In 1958, the Delphi Rotary Club named Hazelle Delphi's "Outstanding Citizen," and in 1977, she was named "Outstanding Citizen of Carroll County" by American Legion Post 75.

Though they had no children of their own, Hazelle and husband, Dr. John Kirkpatrick, reared nine foster children. Hazelle made a difference in so many ways.





TOM FOUTS AKA "CAPTAIN STUBBY:" ENTERTAINER

Some people are born entertainers, and Tom Fouts (1918-2004) was one of them. Known professionally as "Captain Stubby," Tom was a self-described humorist, writer, and composer who appeared on radio and television and in live performances, throughout the world. He was well-known for his humorous stories that included tales of growing up in the Deer Creek area. He and his group, "Captain Stubby and the Buccaneers" were regulars on WLS radio and ABC's "Polka Go-Round," in Chicago, for many years. They were renowned for using non-traditional instruments, like washboards and toilet seats, to add humor to their shows. Tom spoke at hundreds of functions. He wrote both his own material and material for other performers. His humor and down-home observations were captured in his "Captain Stubby Sez" columns, which appeared in "The Prairie Farmer" magazine for more than 15 years. And you've probably heard his well-known jingle for Roto Rooter, "Call Roto-Rooter, that's the name, and away go troubles down the drain!". It's been used for years on TV and radio commercials across the nation.

Thomas C. Fouts was born in Young America, in Carroll County. He graduated from Young America High School in 1937 and attended Indiana Central Business College for a year, before he left to perform. He married Eva Lou Sibbitt in Flora in 1940, and they had three children: Tom, Dan, and Connie.

Tom's career started in a washboard band with his 4-H club friends. When he left college, he had a group that changed names a few times before becoming "The Six Hoosiers." In 1938, WDAN radio in Danville, Illinois signed them to a contract; and in 1940, the station held a contest to rename the group. The winning name was "Captain Stubby and the Buccaneers."

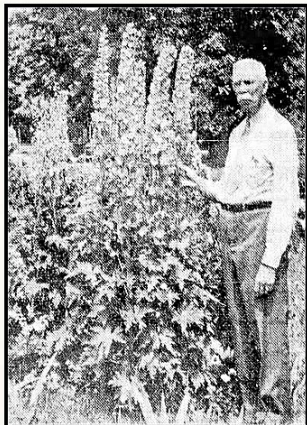
In 1941, the program director from WLW in Cincinnati heard the group and signed them; and they worked in Cincinnati until WWII broke out. Wanting to help the war effort, Tom and the band joined the U.S. Navy Entertainment Division in 1944. They entertained sailors all over the world.

After WWII, they came back to Cincinnati for a year before heading east to New York. They performed in nightclubs, for the most part; but Tom was proud of the fact that they once performed in Madison Square Garden. Back in the Midwest, they signed with WLS Radio in Chicago to perform on the "Barn Dance" radio show. Eventually, Captain Stubby and the Buccaneers became regulars on the ABC-TV program "Polka Go-Round." They recorded their own material, performing many of Tom's songs; and they also joined other celebrities such as Burl Ives and Lola Dee on records.



Captain Stubby and the Buccaneers

In addition to his work with the group, Tom hosted a syndicated talk show called, "Captain Stubby's Special Delivery." He also wrote for - and performed on - the national "Don McNeill's Breakfast Club," from 1968 until 1971. He had acting stints in the Swedish movies, "The Immigrants" and "The Settlers;" and he published several books of jokes (still available on Amazon and Ebay). Tom died from complications of a stroke in 2004, in Kokomo. He was an entertainer until the end and left behind a reputation for delivering good clean fun.



REVEREND WILLIAM GRANT SMITH: DELPHINIUM KING

If you drove down West Summit Street in Delphi in the spring or summer of the 1930s or 40s, you had the privilege of seeing one of the most beautiful gardens you'd ever seen. A whole city lot was filled with row after row of flowers, in an assortment of colors, that took your breath away. And none of the flowers were more gorgeous than the huge spikes of Delphi's official city flower, the Delphinium. You wondered, "Who coaxed this splendor out of seeds and starts?" It was retired minister William Grant Smith (1864-1956), known nationally for his magnificent Delphiniums.

Reverend Smith was a Christian minister for 47 years, retiring in 1920. The Smiths owned two farms south of Delphi. But it was the garden next to his home on West Summit Street that was his pride and joy. When he opened it for the public, hundreds of people drove from all over the state and beyond to see the Smith Garden, especially the Delphiniums.

Reverend Smith was especially interested in developing new varieties of Delphiniums. In 1939, "The Duchess," named for the Duchess of Windsor, was given one of four National Cultural Awards by the American Delphinium Society.

After Reverend Smith died, his beautiful garden property was sold; and a modern home was built on the lot. But those who saw them will always remember those amazing Delphiniums. And the gentle old man known as the "Delphinium King."

SCOTT BROSMAN: PATRON OF CAMP TECUMSEH



What do you call someone who creates an experience where kids get to make wonderful memories that will make them smile the rest of their lives? "Walt Disney?" How about "Camp Director?" For 40 years, Scott Brosman was a Camp Director, blending beautiful natural settings with loads of fun activities and able staff to support and guide campers in adventures most will never forget. For 25 of those years, Scott was a director at YMCA Camp Tecumseh, where so many Carroll County kids for many generations spent summers swimming and canoeing and hiking and singing songs around campfires and hearing wonderful stories at Ghost Cabin. When he retired at the end of 2020, Scott had established a master plan for the camp and led the most successful fund-raising campaign in the camp's nearly 100-year history. But more important, he shepherded and enhanced that experience that would lead to lifelong memories for the 36,000 kids and adults who spent time at Camp Tecumseh each year. In 2021, Scott's dedication to Camp Tecumseh, the YMCA, and the thousand of campers and counselors and parents with whom he interacted earned him the "Legends of Camping Award," presented by the Mid America Camp Conference (MACC).

Scott, son of Delphi grocer Don Brosman and wife Ruth Ann, was born in 1955. He grew up in Delphi, participating in 4-H for many years and garnering championships in entomology (insects) and woodworking. He graduated from Delphi Community High School in 1973. He was class president his freshman year, vice president of Student Council his senior year, a wrestler, and a Junior Rotarian. After working for his dad for a couple of years, Scott enrolled at Purdue, planning to major in forestry. But an unexpected opportunity caused Scott to make a course correction. When one of his classes required him to interview with camp directors at a job fair, Scott ended up taking a summer job as a counselor at Camp Tecumseh. He clicked with teaching youngsters the wonders of nature and camp life. Clearly, it was a good fit because, in 1976, Scott was chosen Camp Tecumseh's "Counselor of the Year." He graduated from Purdue in 1980 with a major in recreation, and a long career in camping began.



In 1977, Scott married fellow Delphi Oracle Sara Daly, who - ironically - was the daughter of another Delphi grocer, Dick Daly, and who also was a counselor at Camp Tecumseh (Sara is profiled in this book). After he graduated from Purdue, Scott and Sara moved to Iowa, where Scott became a camp director for a small camp in Ottumwa. That was followed by camp director jobs in East Peoria, Illinois; Duluth, Minnesota (Camp Miller); and Lafayette, Indiana, where he ran YMCA day camps, family life programs, and child care programs. Along the way, Scott and Sara welcomed three children.

In 1995, Scott accepted a job at Camp Tecumseh, directing the groups and conferences department and the summer camp program. In 2013, he became the Chief Executive Officer of Camp Tecumseh, making him the top manager of one of the largest YMCA camps in the country. Scott chaired the 2005 MACC conference and Mid America YMCA Camping, Inc.; keynoted at the American Camp Association Indiana State Conference; and spoke at numerous YMCA regional and national conferences. He also helped found the YMCA Camping Cabinet at Y-USA, the umbrella organization.

Scott is a long-time member of the Delphi Lions Club. He and Sara were chosen Grand Marshalls of the 2018 Lions Club Independence Day Parade. He is on the board of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce; and not long ago, he participated in the Red Brick Theater's production of "Nuncrackers" (directed by Sara).

Scott watched generations of kids grow up, coming back to Camp Tecumseh year after year for that special experience he orchestrated. When he retired at the end of 2020, Scott left the camp in an excellent position to continue making wonderful memories for children, adults, and families for years to come. A modest man, he made his exit quietly, with little fanfare. But Scott's daughter Claire made sure to mark this important milestone in the life of this exceptional Camp Director by posting a beautiful tribute to her dad on Facebook, ending with: "I like to think there are thousands of people out there who were once camp kids (and who) have a really special memory of Scott Brosman."

EDWARD WRIGHT BOWEN: NATIONALLY-KNOWN CATTLE BREEDER AND STATE REPUBLICAN LEADER

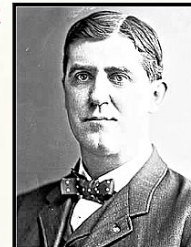


Edward built "The Bowen House" at 100 Riley Road in 1900

Edward Bowen (1864-1940) was well-known throughout the Midwest for his champion dairy cattle, and he was recognized throughout the state for his work in the Republican Party. He also was a banker and a farmer, owning large tracts of land in Indiana and Missouri.

Edward helped organize the International Livestock Exhibition in Chicago and was on its board. He served as chairman of the Carroll County Republicans and of the Republican Ninth District for several years; and he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention several times. He was a member of the state Republican Executive Committee. He also served on the staff to Indiana Governor Winfield Durbin.

Though Edward grew up in Delphi, his parents sent him to Ann Arbor, Michigan for high school. He stayed there and attended the University of Michigan. In 1887, he married Della Gregg, from Rockfield; and they had three children, Hilda (profiled in this book), Abner, and Charles. The Bowens were generous to the community. Among their lasting contributions, they donated several acres for Riley Park, on Deer Creek.





Catharine Smith

CATHARINE SMITH AND FRANCES BECK: ABOLITIONISTS AND SUFFRAGETTES

Who could resist these two terrific women - life-long friends and born crusaders - who put words into action and made a difference? In the 1800s, two outspoken women seized the leadership of important issues of their time: abolition, temperance, and women's suffrage: Catharine Armor Smith (1818-1903) and Frances Milroy Beck (1825-1896). Catharine was the mother of author Sarah Smith Pratt and vaudevillian Lute Smith (both profiled in this book); and Frances was the youngest child of Samuel Milroy, who platted Delphi (profiled in this book). Both women, eloquent speakers, advocated action over words. And they practiced what they preached.

Author Sarah Pratt's 7-page short story entitled, "Why Doctor Grimes Whispered," describes how her mother - Catharine - and Frances teamed up with Dr. Samuel Grimes, the Beetle family (the only Black family in the area), and other allies to support the Underground Railroad in Carroll County, helping runaway slaves on their journeys to freedom. Catharine and Frances discreetly collected clothes and visited the bank to get money from a special fund supported by fellow abolitionists, so they could provide the runaways with food, clothes, and enough money to get to their next stop. And why did Dr. Grimes whisper? Because though most of the county's residents were abolitionists, there also were many "Copperheads" - southern sympathizers who would capture and return the runaways for the monetary awards that usually went with it. Theirs was a risky business, but Catharine and Frances were committed. And successful.

Abolition wasn't their only passion. Catharine and Frances also were outspoken leaders in the temperance and women's suffrage movements. Both were delegates to the State Ladies Temperance Convention in 1874. Both became friends with fellow crusader, Susan B. Anthony, and with other noted activists. Catharine served as president of the Ladies Temperance Movement in Delphi. Frances was vice president of the state Women Suffragists of Indiana. They often were a tag team, speaking in tandem at events in support of their passions.

Both Catharine and Frances were immortalized in books about the time. Sarah Pratt talks about them in her wonderful book, "The Old Crop." In his book, "History of Carroll County 1882," Thomas Helm mentions Frances. And in William C. Smith's remembrances in "Up the River of Time," Frances is characterized as a feisty and entertaining woman who knew her mind and spoke it.

Catharine Armor was born in Cincinnati. She married Nicholas Smith in 1837, and they came to Carroll County in 1842. They had five children. Frances Milroy was born in Washington County, Indiana and moved to Delphi as an infant. She married Dr. Elias W.H. Beck in 1848; and they, too, had five children.



Frances Beck



GEAROLD CLAWSON: INDIANA JUNIOR LIVESTOCK JUDGING CHAMPION

In 1919, Gearold Clawson (1900-1989) won the Indiana Junior Livestock Judging championship. His prize was a 2-month course at Purdue in animal husbandry, and he was grateful for that opportunity.

Gearold grew up in Radnor, Indiana, working on his father's threshing crew when he wasn't in school. He graduated from Delphi High School in 1918 and from North Manchester College, where he also taught livestock judging. After college, he became a teacher at the one-room Athenaeum School and then principal at the Radnor School, both in Carroll County. He started selling cars on the side, at Eckhart Ford in Delphi, to supplement his teachers salary. In 1929, he moved his family to East Chicago to sell cars for Rimes Lee Ford, full time; and in 1931, they moved to Russiaville, where Gearold managed a new dealership for Eikenberry Ford.

In 1932, Gearold came back to Delphi and - with his brother, Jesse - opened Clawson Chevrolet Sales. The brothers added a new service station and used car lot in West Delphi in 1936. In 1955, Gearold bought out his brother and continued to manage the successful dealership until 1971, when he retired. Over the years, Clawson Chevrolet Sales, Inc. employed many family members and friends and gave a number of local young people a start. Gearold and Jesse supported civic events, donating prizes and offering entertainment; funded public safety programs; sponsored the local Soap Box Derby; and allowed many philanthropic and religious organizations to use their showroom for bake sales, rummage sales, and other fund-raising activities.

Gearold was secretary of the Delphi School Board, president of the Delphi Lions Club, president of Delphi Alumni, president of the Delphi south hill Cliffdwellers, and a long-time member of the Odd Fellows and Masons. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Delphi, serving as a deacon and superintendent of Sunday School. He and his wife, Grace Todd Clawson, had two children, Mary (profiled in this book) and Joe.



Top: Gearold and his students at Athenaeum School.
Bottom: Gearold receiving an award from the president of Chevrolet, in 1957

MARK A. SMITH: CARROLL COUNTY HISTORIAN

Mark Smith is the current Indiana Historical Society's designated "Carroll County Historian." As the Carroll County Historical Society's official "Genealogy Specialist," Mark has helped hundreds of people from all over the country connect with their Carroll County heritage. Before that, he was the "Historian" for the Wabash and Erie Canal Association. Mark volunteers as a "Docent" in the Reed Case House, in Canal Park, dressing in period costume and entrancing visitors young and old with his tales of early Carroll County. But Mark didn't need official titles to do what he loves. Carroll County history is his passion, and he enjoys sharing his knowledge of events and people who have lived in his home county.

Mark A. Smith was born in 1948 to Robert Logan and Hazel Ruth Smith on a tenant farm near Cutler, Indiana. He graduated from Delphi High School in 1967, where he sang in the Youngtowne Singers, played sousaphone in the band, and scored second place in the state French contest. He earned his bachelors degree in French from Indiana State University in 1971, and married Kay Jean McCarty later that year. They have two children: Elizabeth Ann Larimer and Michael Alan Smith. Mark is a doting grandfather and great grandfather.

Mark worked in the Physical Therapy Department at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and the Indiana Veterans' Home. But - as daughter Elizabeth says - Mark worked to live. His real passion was history. Now retired, Mark devotes many hours every week to volunteering at the Historical Museum, helping people track down family connections, and to wandering the county, taking photos of historic places, which he shares on history-related Facebook pages. He frequently offers input into local initiatives having historical implications, and he routinely participates in Veterans Day and Memorial Day celebrations, calling attention to the men and women of Carroll County who have served. He has led many historic tours of Carroll County trails and historic points of interest.

Working with the Delphi Community Elementary School, Mark helped lead a wonderful educational program called, "Heritage Keepers," teaching groups of third graders local history through hands-on experiences and field trips. He's also been the Genealogy Project Leader for 4-H. Mark has been on the boards of the Historical Society, the Wabash and Erie Canal Association, Promoting Wildcat Valley, and Heartland Heritage, Inc. He served as president of the Carroll County Old Settlers Association and Delphi Main Street Association and secretary of the Carroll County Cancer Association. He was Commander of the Royal Rangers, an enrichment program for boys sponsored by the First Assembly of God Church in Delphi.

Mark is proud to be a member of the William Henry Harrison Chapter of the Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. He has been a member of the Midwest Outdoor Museum Council, the Covered Bridge Society, the Society of Indiana Pioneers, the Studebaker Family National Association, and the Odd Fellows. In 2016, Mark was one of the twenty Carroll County Torchbearers for the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay.



Mark is standing in front of the Reed Case House at Canal Park, waiting to welcome visitors

As an historian, Mark is far from passive. When he realized the county had no marker celebrating one of its favorite sons, former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard, Mark applied to the state for an official marker and arranged for a dedication ceremony. He's written numerous articles for local newspapers and addressed groups all over the county, describing historical places and significant people and connecting history with current events.

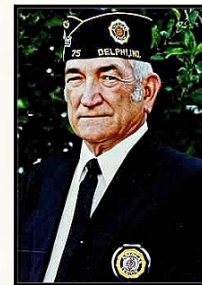
Mark is an accomplished photographer. One of his photos was chosen for the cover of "Undeniably Indiana," a book published by the Indiana University Press to commemorate the 2016 State Bicentennial. In addition, Mark and his photos were featured in the recent book, "Carroll County Artists - Past and Present." His photos have enhanced the image of Carroll County and sparked interest in its many historical features.

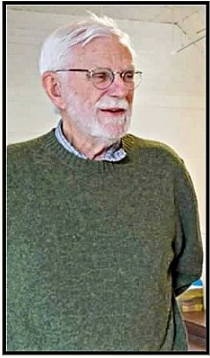
Mark's encyclopedic knowledge of history and families is truly astounding. We are so fortunate to have Mark Smith helping us remember our roots.

BILL PENN: INDIANA LION OF THE YEAR

In 2014, the Indiana Lions Club chose Delphi's Bill Penn as the "Lion of the Year." A member of the Delphi Lions Club since 1977, Bill served as president and held several other offices and chairmanships, both at the local and district level. He led the Lions' aluminum can recycling program, earning funds to support Toys for Tots. He was a trustee for the Lions' Leader Dog program and a trustee for the Indiana Lions Foundation. He traveled on Lions Eyeglass Missions and visited several foreign countries - including England, Australia, and Hong Kong - in addition to a number of U.S. cities, as a Lions Club ambassador.

Born in 1933 in Burrows, Bill graduated from Delphi High School in 1951. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1951-1954, including one year in Korea. He worked at Fairfield Manufacturing for 40 years, and he maintained the Masonic Cemetery for many years. Bill is a member of the Delphi American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the John Purdue Gold Coat Club. He was a trustee of the Delphi Presbyterian Church. He also was a Master of Mt. Olive Lodge #48 in Delphi. Much admired in the community, Bill received Delphi's "Samuel Milroy" award in 2002; and in 2008, Bill and his wife, Sue, were chosen to lead Delphi's Independence Day parade.





ROBERT ANDREW PARKER: RENOWNED ARTIST AND ILLUSTRATOR

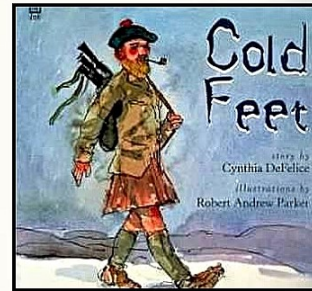
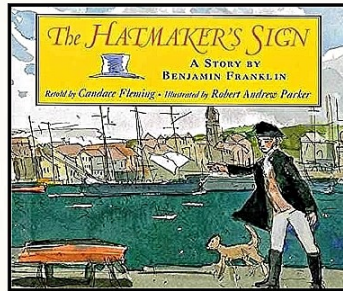
Bob Parker loved coming to Delphi to spend summers with his grandparents, Julia and Will Cowden. He'd get into mischief with neighborhood kids Art Bradshaw and Bud Anderson, whose dad was sheriff; and he'd hang out at his grandfather's plumbing shop, when he couldn't find something else to do. As fate would have it, Bob ended up spending the final semester of his high school career at Delphi High School (something about hitting the principal with a snow ball at his old school!), and he graduated with the Delphi High School Class of 1945.

Robert Andrew Parker's art is in the collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Whitney Museum of American Art. His paintings and drawings have appeared in numerous magazines, including "The New Yorker," "Fortune," "Sports Illustrated," and "Time;" and he has done set designs for movies and operas. His work is in many prominent private collections, including that of Mrs. John D. Rockefeller. He has illustrated more than 40 children's books and received numerous awards, including a "Caldecott Honor" (1970) for "Pop Corn and Ma Goodness," written by Edna Mitchell Preston. He received numerous grants and fellowships, including a Guggenheim Fellowship; and he has traveled and lectured extensively, world-wide.

Bob was born in 1927 in Norfolk, Virginia. Because his father worked for the public health service, the family moved a great deal. That's one reason Bob loved coming to Delphi - it was home... it had permanence. When the family was living in Detroit, young Bob contracted tuberculosis. At that time, there were no antibiotics to treat his disease, so the family moved to New Mexico, where the dry climate could help his breathing. While undergoing treatment at a clinic, boredom prompted Bob to start drawing. That was the beginning.

Though he put art aside when he got better, after he completed high school and did a stint in the Army, Bob enrolled at the Chicago Art Institute and began studying art. It wasn't long before his career took off. When he graduated in 1952, he was chosen to display his work at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. He was the youngest artist represented - the other exhibitors included Jackson Pollack. In 1954, Bob had his first solo show; and his career progressed quickly after that.

Bob never forgot his love for Delphi and his roots in Carroll County. Several times, he offered paintings and drawings for the Delphi Art Shows. And in 1995, he returned for his 50th class reunion, surprising some of his classmates with his accomplishments.



Though he's an artist by profession, Bob is a musician by love. He is particularly fond of playing the drums, and he has instilled his love of music in his 5 sons. Now well into his 90s and suffering from macular degeneration, Bob still continues to draw and paint in his studio in Connecticut. And he still lights up if you want to talk about his memories of Delphi.



BRANDON DILLON: PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL PLAYER

In 2019, Brandon Dillon from Bringham - a 2015 graduate of Carroll Consolidated High School and graduate of Marian University - achieved his dream. He was signed to play professional football for the Minnesota Vikings as an undrafted free agent.

As a senior at Marian, Brandon was named a first team NAIA All-American. After the season, he was the only NAIA player to be invited to participate in the 2017 NFLPA Collegiate Bowl.

He made the Vikings' 53-man roster out of training camp; and he made his NFL debut as a tight end in the Vikings' season opener in September that same year.

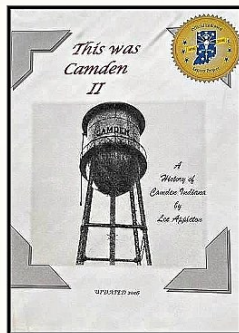
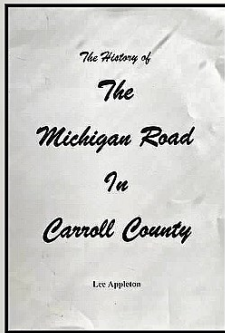
Since then, Brandon spent time with the New York Jets; and in 2022, he joined the New Orleans Saints. Though the team waived him in August, the fact remains that this young man from Carroll County fulfilled a dream to play pro ball, something few achieve.

LEE APPLETON: CAMDEN HISTORIAN



If a community - especially a small community - is very very lucky, some resident (or, as in this case, former resident) with a fierce love for home, a keen interest in history, and the will to research, collect, and share it, steps forward. For Camden, Indiana, that person was Lee Appleton (1943-2017). Lee's fond memories of growing up in Camden compelled him to spend years going through old newspaper clippings and retrieving old photos from family and friends, pulling them together in a book, "This Was Camden." The book was originally published as part of Camden's 175th birthday celebration in 2007 and updated in 2015, becoming an Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Project. Fortunately for all, Lee didn't stop there. He also published a book, "The Michigan Road in Carroll County," and a book about local railroads, "History of the Roadbed: Logansport Crawfordsville and Southwestern Railroad" (published 2009 and updated in 2015, as a second Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Project), in addition to other articles and pamphlets about local history. He also helped establish the Facebook page, "Camden, Indiana Memories," where he and others shared photos and historical tidbits. Lee was generous with his knowledge and loved telling the stories about the place he called "home."

Forrest Lee Appleton, the son of Forrest Leo and Hanna Fultz Appleton, grew up in Camden, graduating from Camden High School in 1961. In school, he played trumpet in the school band, made the most free throws on the basketball team, and was president of both his senior class and the Student Council. He also was vice president of the Baptist Youth Fellowship and a member of the Carroll County Youth Conference. Lee went to Purdue for two years, playing in the Purdue Marching Band; and then he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. He served in Vietnam for 13 months, then in North Carolina, and - finally - with the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. For his service, Lee earned the "Joint Service Commendation Medal." He separated from the Marines in 1971.



While stationed in North Carolina, Lee met Geraldine (Gerre) Higgins, of Elyria, Ohio; and they married in 1966 and had three children. After leaving the Marines, Lee and Gerre moved to Stanford, Illinois; and Lee began working for State Farm Insurance. Later he was a group leader in the paint shop at Mitsubishi; and after that, he drove a truck for Nuway. Truck driving was a job he had enjoyed in high school and college. Lee, who had joined the Masons when he was 21, was active in the Scottish Rite, serving as an officer. He also was a member of the Olympia, Illinois (school district) Advisory Council. And late in life, he began his research.

Lee's contributions to Carroll County history - and his memory - will live on through the books and memorabilia he left for us.

JAMES RICH: WILDCAT VALLEY HISTORIAN



American House Stage Coach Museum in Burlington
On the historic Michigan Road

James Rich has been immersed in researching and sharing Carroll County history for years, and evidence of his passion is all over the county. With the group, Promoting Wildcat Valley, he helped restore and preserve Burlington's American House Stagecoach Hotel, the historic building that was a stopping point for stagecoaches traveling the Michigan Road. He has published several books about local basketball teams. He currently is president of the board of Adams Mill, Inc. He often speaks at local meetings and events and leads tours, telling the stories of Carroll County history.

James Rich was born in 1966. He graduated from Frankfort High School in 1984 and from Indiana University Kokomo in 1988 (social/behavioral science). He married Joy Neptune from Burlington, in 1997; and they reared their family in Carroll County. Jamie worked in health counseling. But his avocation is history. And it didn't take him long to get involved in Carroll County history.

In 2010, Jamie joined the board of the Carroll County Historical Society. In 2014, he started a Burlington history club. And in 2016, he had leadership roles in three Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Projects: creating a museum at the

American House; compiling the basketball histories; and publishing the book, "Millers of the Wildcat" (which he co-authored), telling the story of the Star Roller Mills and Earl Haun. He was on the board, and an officer of, the Burlington Community Club and the Burlington Park Board.

Jamie's passion for Carroll County is evidenced weekly, as he promotes events and historical opportunities on Facebook. He is a true champion of the county.



REN JULIEN: STATE VETERINARIAN

Most folks in Carroll County probably have seen the name "R.C. Julien" on the building at 122 East Main Street in Delphi. It was the site of Chevrolet dealerships and the NAPA auto parts store for years and currently is home to Team Rehabilitation Physical Therapy. So did you ever wonder who R.C. Julien was? Well, Ren C. Julien (1880-1963) was a Carroll County veterinarian who was appointed State Veterinarian. He constructed that building in 1911 to serve as his office and animal hospital.

Ren was born in Carroll County. He graduated from the McKillip Veterinary College in 1907 and immediately set up practice in Delphi. In 1913, in addition to operating his veterinary practice, he was in business with J.B. Engles, operating Wabash Auto Supply Company, which had the Ford and Studebaker franchises.

In 1917, Ren was appointed a Deputy Veterinarian of the State, in charge of four counties; and in 1921, he was appointed State Veterinarian by Governor McCray. He moved to Indianapolis to carry out his duties. During his tenure, Ren was credited with helping eradicate tuberculosis in dairy herds and combating Foot and Mouth Disease in live stock. He resigned from that position in 1926 to take a position at the National Laboratories of Kansas City, Missouri. He served as president and a director of the company until he retired in 1948, returning to Carroll County.

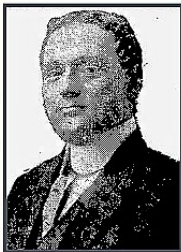
Ren continued to consult and address professional groups on issues related to veterinary medicine, in retirement. In 1962, he was nominated for the American Veterinary Medical Association's Honor Roll, for his 50 years of membership.

Interestingly, his profession resulted in Ren's being trapped in Europe at the outbreak of WWI in 1914. As a delegate to an international veterinary conference in London, Ren was touring Europe with a group of his colleagues. Unfortunately, they were in Austria when the Emperor declared war on Serbia, and they were in Germany when the Kaiser declared war on Russia. Though they were able to travel through those countries without a problem, they were stymied in Holland and then in England, finding food, accommodations, and transportation scarce in both. Eventually, Ren booked passage on a cattle ship to Newfoundland and then found his way back to the U.S. and home.

Ren married Addie Sines in 1900, and they had one son. He died in 1963 at his home near Flora.



The Julien Building



CHARLES TEVEBAUGH: STATE SECRETARY OF THE YMCA

For those of us who revere our days at Camp Tecumseh, Charles Tevebaugh (1876-1950) deserves our thanks. He was State Secretary of the YMCA when the organization was considering creating a camp, and he was the one who assured that the Reid McCain property on the Tippecanoe River near Delphi was selected as the site for that camp.

Charles Tevebaugh grew up in Carroll County. He is reputed to be the first person to join the Cutler Presbyterian Church. He attended Indiana State Teachers College and Wabash College and graduated from Indiana Law School in 1906. He taught school in Carroll County for three years and worked with his father in Crawfordsville for a time, and he practiced law in Indianapolis for three years.

In 1911, he took his first job with the YMCA, becoming the General Secretary for Chattanooga, Tennessee. He later managed the Kentucky YMCA and worked with the national YMCA financial service in its Southern District. He became State Secretary of Indiana's YMCA in 1922. In addition to Camp Tecumseh, Charles established Camp Bedford in Lawrence County. He resigned as State Secretary in 1936.

A successful fund-raiser, Charles went to New York in 1941 to help organize the first USO campaign; and in 1943, he helped organize the United War Fund.

Charles married Lelia McFarland in Crawfordsville, in 1901, and they had two children.

DR. JANET AYRES AND DR. LYNN CORSON: HISTORIC PRESERVATIONISTS

Spouses Janet Ayres and Lynn Corson (1941-2021) were in the vanguard of Carroll County historic preservationists for more than 30 years. They were co-founders of the Delphi Preservation Society. Lynn served as president, and both were board members. They won the "Heritage Award" from the Carroll County Old Settlers Association in 2002; and in 2009, they won the "Recognition Award for Historic Residences Pre-1920" from DPS for their restoration of the Baum-Shaeffer house that they bought in 1985. That property, on which Lynn did much of the work, is on the National Register of Historic Places and is featured in the 2002 book, "99 Historic Homes in Indiana," published by Indiana Landmarks. Lynn also was on the board of NICHES Land Trust. In 2016, they led an Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Project tour of 10 historic barns in Carroll County. They also co-founded the Carroll County Heritage Tourism organization.



In 2011, Janet received the "Charles Carrol Award" from the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. She was awarded another "Heritage Award" in 2017 for her work as president of the Indiana Barn Foundation. She was president of the Wabash and Erie Canal Association and was on the board of the Carroll County Community Foundation.

Lynn co-founded Adams Mill, Inc. and the Historic Bridge Coalition. He also co-founded the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce and served on the board from its inception in 2005 until 2021. In 2008, he was awarded the first "Atkinson, Sanders, Rodriguez Award for Leadership in Preservation" presented by the DPS. He wrote the application that earned the Carroll County Courthouse a place on the National Register of Historic Places and numerous successful grant applications to aid preservation activities. In his later years, Lynn was active in the Carroll County Court-Appointed Special Advocates program, which provides support for children who are in the justice system because of the actions of their parents. In 2021, Lynn received the "Charles Carroll Award" posthumously.

Janet Ayres grew up on a dairy farm in the Cutler area and graduated from Carroll High School in 1969. She earned her bachelors from Purdue in 1973, her masters from Cornell University in 1975, and her doctorate in sociology from Purdue in 1983. She became an associate professor at Purdue in 1977 and was promoted to full professor of Agricultural Economics in 1995. In 1996, she was named Assistant Director of Extension and leader of the Community Development Program. Janet worked with more than 200 rural communities across Indiana and traveled extensively throughout the world to develop economic strategies and conduct leadership programs. With Historic Landmarks she founded the "Barns Again!" program, offering workshops statewide for historic barn enthusiasts. She co-founded Carroll County "Focus on the Future" and "Leadership Carroll County." She was president of the Indiana Community Development Society and served on numerous state and national boards. She chaired Governor Evan Bayh's Rural Development Task Force in 1990. Currently, Janet is a Professor Emeritus at Purdue.

In 1990, Janet received a Kellogg Foundation Fellowship to participate in a three-year leadership program. In 1998, she was awarded Purdue's "Hovde Award of Excellence" for her service to rural communities. In 2008, she was given the "Friend of Conservation Award" by the National Association of Conservation Districts; and in 2010, she was inducted into the "Carroll County Agriculture Hall of Fame." In 2014, she received the first "John Niedeman Rural Development Leadership Award." In 2017, the Purdue Agricultural Alumni Association awarded her its "Certificate of Distinction."



Lynn grew up in Nashua, New Hampshire, graduating from Milford High School in 1959. He earned his bachelors at Plymouth State College, his masters at Missouri State University (community development), and his doctorate in adult education at the University of Michigan (Mott Foundation Fellowship). Lynn taught biology at Woodbury High School in Salem, NH before becoming director of the Hillsboro, NH Community Action Program, one of the first of its kind. After earning his masters, Lynn moved to Michigan to become the Flint, MI Assistant Town Manager. He became an assistant to Michigan Governor William Millikin, working on equal opportunity. After earning his doctorate, he joined the faculty at Michigan State University, where he established an environmental institute to work with manufacturing firms in the state. When he came to Purdue in 1984, Lynn created the Clean Manufacturing Technology Institute to work with small manufacturers in meeting state and federal environmental requirements. He authored many articles and books. Lynn retired from Purdue in 2011. He has a son and a daughter.

Janet and Lynn married in 1985. Individually and together, they made great contributions to the Carroll County.

CARY D. LANDIS: FLORIDA ATTORNEY GENERAL

Cary D. Landis (1873-1938) was a Flora High School teacher and principal and principal of Burlington Schools, before moving to Florida where he became the state Attorney General.

Born in Claypool, Indiana, Cary graduated from North Manchester High School, Manchester College, Indiana State Teachers College, and the University of Michigan Law School. He moved to Florida in 1901 to become a professor of law at Stetson University. He practiced law in the state for many years before being named Attorney General in 1931. While Attorney General, he was elected vice president of the Association of Attorneys General.





CAROLYN WHITE PEARSON: INDIANA COMMISSION FOR WOMEN "TORCHBEARER"

In 2012, Carroll County's Carolyn Pearson received the Indiana Commission for Women's "Torchbearer Award," with additional recognition as a "Heart of Indiana." The Torchbearer Award, considered to be Indiana's top award for women. The Heart of Indiana is a special designation, awarded to only a few of the Torchbearer winners, who have demonstrated their commitment to philanthropic service, social change and the spirit of hope. Only 13 Heart of Indiana special awards have been given since the Torchbearer awards' inception in 2004; and Carolyn is the only Carroll County resident, to date, to receive the award.

Carolyn White was born in 1944 to James and Maxine White. She grew up on a farm in Carroll County and attended Pittsburg School and Delphi High School, graduating in 1962. In high school, she was a class and a student council officer, president of Future Teachers, and a football and basketball cheerleader. She was chosen Queen of Hearts by the Carroll County Junior Heart Board in 1961 and 1962 Prom Queen, and she was an attendant for the Homecoming Queen and Track Queen. After high school, she studied at International College in Fort Wayne. She married her high school sweetheart, Bill Pearson, in 1964; and they had two sons. They also reared two nieces, daughters of Carolyn's sister.

Carolyn received a Boy Scouts of America Sagamore Council award for her work as a scout leader, and she was an officer on the Delphi Community School Corporation Board. She was on the Delphi City Council for 30 years, serving as president; and she was appointed to the Delphi Board of Works. She also served on the Delphi Main Street committee, working to enhance the appearance of downtown Delphi. She has been chairman of the Red Cross Bloodmobile drive for her philanthropic sorority - Psi Iota Xi - for decades; and she was honored as a top donor by the Red Cross. She was president of her sorority; and in 1981, she was named "Psi Ote of the Year" by her chapter.

Carolyn delivered meals on wheels, and she taught evening classes for people working to earn their GEDs. She was on the board of the Carroll County Community Foundation, and she was a member of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. She taught Sunday school at Hickory Grove Church. She was an officer for the Delphi Business Women's Association and was named their "Woman of the Year" in 1996. She was on the board of the Carroll County Old Settlers Association and volunteered for the Wabash and Erie Canal Association. Often, she has been seen at local events dressed in period costume, teaching children how to make cornhusk dolls. She also volunteered as a storyteller at the Delphi Public Library,

With her husband, Carolyn farmed for eight years before they bought the John Deere dealership in Flora in 1972, eventually selling it to their son. Even after they moved to Bill's parents' house in Delphi, they continued their hog and grain operations. Bill was inducted into the Carroll County Agriculture Hall of Fame in 2000, and Carolyn was inducted in 2005.

Carolyn's years of service have earned her numerous honors. In 2004, Carolyn was chosen to be Grand Marshal of Delphi's annual Christmas parade. In 2008, the Delphi Chamber of Commerce gave her the "Making a Difference Award." In 2011, she was one of seven women honored by the greater Lafayette YWCA's "Salute to Women." In 2016, she was selected to be one of the twenty Carroll County representatives participating in the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay. She received Delphi's "Samuel Milroy Award" in 2017. The Delphi Preservation Society awarded her the "Historic Residence post-1920" honor for her preservation of her home on South Washington Street, in 2018.

Carolyn has given hours and hours of her time to her community, all the while being a devoted mother, grandmother, and daughter. She earned a reputation for being fair as she performed her important political leadership roles, garnering praise from both parties. The Indiana Commission for Women could not have found a more qualified person to honor.



Bicentennial Torchbearers Anita Werling and Carolyn Pearson

BERT MAYHILL: POSTMASTER FOR THE INDIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Bert Mayhill (1880-1948) was born and grew up in Flora. He started his career as a newspaperman in 1899, with Flora's "Hoosier Democrat," co-owned with his brother, Noah. They sold that paper in 1909; and in 1910, they bought the "Delphi Journal." Bert edited that paper until 1941, when he retired and sold his interest to Leo Craig. In 1934, Bert was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives, representing Carroll and Cass Counties. He served 10 years (5 terms). In 1945 and 1947, he was appointed postmaster for the Indiana House of Representatives.

Bert married Dora Thomas from Glendora, California in 1904; and they had two sons: Roger and Thomas. All four Mayhills are profiled in this book.

GLEN DILLMAN: INDIANA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Teaching is a hard job. Keeping students focused and engaged and challenged - particularly young teens - requires stamina, creativity, real knowledge of your subject, and passion. And Glen Dillman - who taught social studies at Carroll Junior-Senior High School for 44 years - had all of those qualities and more. Glen's enthusiasm for history; his ingenious characterizations of historical figures (in full costume) as a teaching device; his inspired use of the resources of the community - like inviting Carroll County veterans to share their stories; and the activities he arranged for his two history clubs - such as relocating and restoring the Eikenberry log cabin in Flora Town Park - brought history to life for his students. He helped them connect the past with the present.

In 1984, Glen was named Indiana's "Teacher of the Year," earning him a trip to Indianapolis to receive his award and address the State Legislature. He was selected for that honor by the Indiana Department of Education from some 64,000 teachers in the Hoosier state. Governor Robert Orr made Glen a "Sagamore of the Wabash."

Also in 1984, Glen was named the DAR's "Indiana Outstanding Teacher of American History." In 1986, his alma mater - Manchester College - honored him as one of its "Outstanding Alumni;" and in 1989, he received Manchester's "Alumni Teacher of the Year Award." In 2008, he was chosen the "Distinguished Teacher of Social Studies" by the Indiana Council for Social Studies. He won three "Creative and Innovative Teaching Awards" from the Carroll Education Association. And in his book, "Bringing History to Life," author Ronald Vaughan Morris included a whole chapter on Glen's teaching methods.



In 1987, Glen received the Eli Lilly "Teacher Creativity Award" and spent the summer collecting and studying Indiana documents. In 1988, he was one of 30 teachers nationwide chosen for the "Strafford Hall-Monticello Seminar in Virginia." In 1993, as Purdue's "Master Teacher in Residence," Glen spent a year teaching at Purdue in the Social Studies Education program and working with student teachers. He also was chosen to participate in a Fulbright-Hays exchange program in China and a Civics Mosaic exchange program in Russia.

Sounds like he was a busy guy, right? Well, this isn't all. Glen also was active in the community. He was president of the Flora Library Board and president of the Flora Lions Club. He was chosen to be the Flora Christmas Parade Grand Marshall. He served as president of the Carroll County Old Settlers Association, winning that organization's "Heritage Award" in 2010 for his promotion and preservation of Carroll County history. He frequently made presentations for local groups and events, and he contributed both historical information and photos to the local newspapers. He also helped establish Touring the Upper Wabash Valley for the Wander Indiana tourist program.

Glen Dillman was born in 1947 in Cass County. While attending Clymers School, he first began seeing the relationship between his own ancestors and the history he was studying. He graduated from Logansport High School in 1965. He earned his bachelors degree from Manchester College in 1969 and his masters degree from Indiana University in 1973. He married fellow Manchester student Marti Miller, of Wabash County, in 1968; and they have two children. They live in Flora, where Glen is now retired.

Philosopher George Santayana once said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." Glen Dillman has given his all to help his students and his community know and understand the past so it can inform their present and future.



BOB PETTINER: VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SURETY PRODUCERS AND PURDUE ACCORDIONIST

Robert Pettiner (1921-2001) graduated from Camden High School in 1939 and from Purdue University in 1944. An accomplished accordionist, Bob had his own radio show on WBAA, while in college; and he accompanied the Purdue Glee Club. He performed for many years.

Bob began his professional career as a surety bondsman with United States Fidelity and Guaranty. He became vice president of the Camden State Bank, working with his father and bank president W.O. Pettiner; and he owned the Pettiner insurance agencies, with offices in Camden, Delphi, Carmel, Converse and Salem. He was elected vice president of the National Association of Surety Producers and was honored as "Associate of the Year" by Indiana Constructors, Incorporated. He also was honored as a "Kentucky Colonel" by the Governor of Kentucky.

In his community, Bob was chairman of the Carroll County Young Republicans, an officer of the Delphi Country Club, a Boy Scout leader, and a member of Mount Zion Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Murat Shrine. Bob also was a member of the John Purdue Club and of Indianapolis Jaycees' 500 Committee.





PERRY RULE: CRUSADER FOR WOMEN

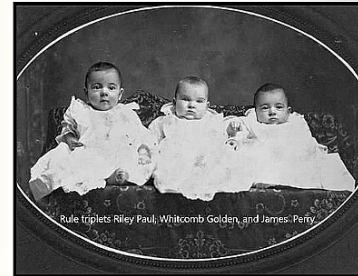
Perry Rule (1872-1937) denied that he was a crusader. But there is no doubt that he was. And for those of us who abhor human trafficking, we can be very glad that Perry Rule was in our corner.

It was 1915, and Indiana was a hot spot for prostitution and trafficking. Terre Haute was cited by one U.S. district attorney as, "the largest and most corrupt red light district in the country." Each month, an average of 12 girls disappeared in Indianapolis, presumably trafficked. But this unpretentious farmer from Carroll County wouldn't rest until a law he sponsored in the Indiana state legislature - a law that called for putting padlocks on properties being used for ill repute, holding property owners responsible for prostitution in their buildings - was signed and in effect. It was dubbed, "The Rule Red Light Law." Various people tried to sidetrack this law, but Perry was persistent, shepherding it through the process until it was signed by the Governor. As "Indianapolis Star" columnist James E. Farmer put it, "Organized vice was being broken, thanks to the Carroll County farmer who had a good bill and who overcame every legislative trick in the books to see that the bill became law." Perry's views, principles, and courage did not go unnoticed. The Legislative Council of Indiana Women chose him to introduce the Suffrage Rights bill in 1915. It didn't pass, but Perry's reputation as an advocate for women was established.

Perry C. Rule was born in Elkhart County. He grew up in the German Baptist Church. Though Perry only completed third grade, he valued education. He read the dictionary and newspapers and studied with his children when they did their homework. After he married Anna Wise in 1894, Perry moved to Carroll County where he farmed. Perry and Anna had seven children, including triplets named for his close friend, Hoosier poet James Whitcomb Riley. Riley carried a photo of his namesakes in his pocket. Perry's granddaughters, Annadell Craig Lamb and Frances Craig French, are profiled in this book

Perry's public service included two terms as State Representative for Carroll, Howard, and Miami counties in the Indiana State Legislature, Trustee of Jackson Township (6 years), and Trustee of Madison Township (8 years). While serving Madison Township, he oversaw the building of the New Hope School. Perry was vice president of the Indiana Township Trustees Association, and he was secretary of the Indiana State Grange Legislative Committee. He was the first vice president of the Carroll County Farm Bureau, when it was organized in 1919. In 1923, Perry was Carroll County's chairman of fund-raising for the new Riley Children's Hospital being built in Indianapolis.

Though Perry was unsuccessful in his bid for Joint Representative of Carroll and Cass counties in 1934, he had only a few losses in his life. Perry had a stellar reputation as a well-spoken, engaging, common sense standard bearer for women and rural Indiana.



Rule triplets Riley Paul, Whitcomb Golden, and James Perry



SAM RHINE: AWARD-WINNING GENETICS EDUCATOR

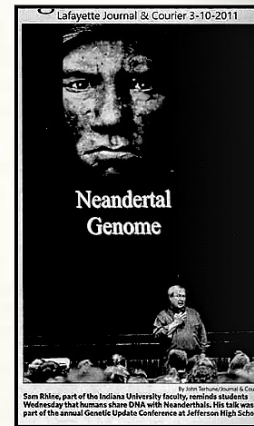
Sam Rhine has a gift: he can explain complex genetic concepts - and their potential ramifications - so that teenagers can understand them. And he's been doing just that, all over the world, for nearly 40 years. Sam's lectures have reached thousands of high school students and their teachers. His plain language explanations of everything from the impact of alcohol on birth defects to prevention of HIV/AIDS to cloning and stem cell technologies help students and teachers see real-life meaning in scientific discoveries. Sam has lectured throughout the U.S. and internationally, including in Tokyo, Toronto, Prague, and Nairobi. His reviews are glowing, and he has a huge following of educators.

In 1997, Sam received the "Honorary Member Award" from the National Association of Biology Teachers. It is presented annually to one teacher in the United States, the highest honor conferred by that organization. In 2007, Sam received the "Distinguished Hoosier Scholar Award" from the Hoosier Association of Science Teachers - an award presented only three times in the Association's history.

In 1988, Sam was "Speaker of the Year" of the Indiana Academy of Sciences. He received the GAGE Institute's "Outstanding Educator Award" in 1985; and in 1992, he was nominated for "National Speaker of the Year" by the Indiana Academy of Pediatrics. In 2017, Sam was inducted into the Howard County "Hall of Legends," by the Howard County Historical Society.

Sam Rhine grew up in Burlington. He graduated from Western High School in 1964, where he was class president and president of the dramatics club. He earned his bachelors in zoology and his masters in genetics, both at Indiana University. He pursued his doctoral studies at I.U. and completed a fellowship in Medical Genetics at Harvard University.

Sam was staff geneticist at the Noble Center in Indianapolis. He has been on the faculty at multiple universities, including the University of Indianapolis, University of St. Thomas in Houston, I.U. Kokomo, and Indiana University's School of Public Health. He was Director of the Marion County Association of Retarded Children and Director of the Genetic Education Center. And early in his career, he was a teacher and coach at Northwestern High School. Since 1994, Sam has traveled the U.S., conducting his Genetic Update Conferences. Sam, who lives in Fishers, Indiana, is married to the former Pam Yoder from Flora; and they have two children.



Sam Rhine, part of the Indiana University faculty, reminds students Wednesday that humans share DNA with Neanderthals. His talk was part of the annual Genetic Update Conference at Jefferson High School.

DR. CHARLES GISH: PUT THE FLUORIDE IN CREST TOOTHPASTE

Today, we take fluoride's protective benefits in preventing tooth decay for granted. We use toothpaste with fluoride in it, and most communities add fluoride to the water supply. But that wasn't always the case. And we have Dr. Charles Gish (1923-2022) to thank for being a leader in that public health advancement. Charles' research led to a fluoride paste used by dentists for years and influenced the makers of Crest toothpaste to add fluoride to their product. As a result of Charles' advocacy, nearly 93% of Indiana's communities had fluoridated public water by the mid-1980s.

Charles W. Gish was born in Camden. He graduated from Camden High School in 1941 and attended Purdue and Notre Dame. He earned his Doctor of Dental Science degree - with honors - from the Indiana University Dental School in 1949; and he earned a masters in dentistry, also from I.U., in 1960.



Found along the Wildcat
Dr. Charles Gish holds up a prehistoric roller pestle (rolling pin), used by the Indians in breadmaking. Found along Wildcat Creek, it is a few thousand years old. Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald 11-5-2003

In 1949, Charles married Treva Metsger, of Burlington, in the Chapel of the Wilshire Boulevard Hotel in Los Angeles, as guests of the "Bride and Groom" radio show. They had three children.

Charles' career spanned public health service, academia, and research. He was a Regional Dental Consultant for the U.S. Public Health Service from 1952-1954, in California. When he returned to Indiana, he joined the faculty of the I.U. Dental School, remaining there for more than 30 years. He was co-chair of the Department of Community Dentistry for 15 years.

In 1962, Charles became the director of the Indiana State Board of Health's Dental Division, a position he held for 23 years. He was one of two dental consultants in the nation asked to serve on the Crest School Program Advisory Council. He worked tirelessly doing outreach programs throughout the state, encouraging children to use fluoride treatments and communities to incorporate fluoride in their water.

Charles was president of the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, receiving their "Outstanding Achievement Award" in 1986. He was president of the American Association of Public Health Dentists and accepted their "Distinguished Service Award" in 1976. Among his many awards, he received the "John W. Knutson Distinguished Service Award in Public Health," a national award presented by the American Public Health Association, and the "Tony and Mary Hulman Health Award" for achievements in preventive medicine, given by the Indiana Public Health Foundation. And Lecture Hall 114 at the IU Dental School is named in his honor.

When Charles retired in 1985, the Indiana Dental Association created an award in his name, recognizing Indiana citizens who have had a significant impact on the dental health of a

community. That same year, Charles was named a "Sagamore of the Wabash" by Governor Robert Orr.

In addition to being known for his professional work, Charles was a collector of Native American relics. He spoke at numerous events and meetings, showing his collection; and he donated several items to the Wabash and Erie Canal Interpretive Center. Charles was a popular fellow in Carroll County, always willing to share his knowledge.

MARILYN MCCORMICK AND VERONIKA OESTERLEIN PONCE: HOOSIER GIRLS STATE GOVERNORS

Girls State is an annual mock state government conference sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, in every state. In Indiana, about 500 high school junior girls are selected by their schools to attend this week-long gathering. There, they are immersed in establishing a government - electing state, county, and local officials and conducting the duties of their offices. The students chosen for Girls State (and Boys State) are some of the brightest young leaders in their class; so competition for elected offices is strong, and the greatest competition is for the office of Governor. When Marilyn "Mickey" McCormick (in 1949) and Veronika Oesterlein (in 1966), from Delphi, were elected Governor of Hoosier Girls State, they brought honor to themselves and to Carroll County.



Marilyn earned greater distinction when she was selected as one of Indiana's two delegates to Girls Nation, in Washington, DC.

She secured her party's nomination for President of Girls Nation, but she lost her election. She was appointed Secretary of State. The Girls Nation delegates had some extraordinary experiences, including meeting President Harry Truman in the White House Rose Garden.

After she graduated from Butler University, Marilyn had a long teaching career in Indianapolis. When she retired, she moved to Leavenworth, Kansas and Albuquerque, New Mexico, before settling in Colorado, where she still resides. She enjoys oil painting and has won awards for her work.

Veronika graduated from Delphi High School in 1967, having been president of the Spanish Club and a member of the National Honor Society. She won the Danforth and Elks Leadership Awards and the Elks Outstanding Student Award and was named "Best Thespians." Veronika graduated from Indiana University and married Marcos Ponce. Both had careers with the U.S. Department of Labor. They live in North Manchester, Indiana.



Marilyn McCormick



Veronika Oesterlein



PHYLLIS MOORE: PATRON OF THE CARROLL COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

For more than five decades, Phyllis Davis Moore has worked to protect and preserve Carroll County's history. For the nearly 45 years that she served as curator, Phyllis battled to maintain and expand the Carroll County Historical Museum and its collections. In fact, it was Phyllis and her Gamma Gamma Nu philanthropic sorority that swooped in and cleaned up the neglected museum in the mid-1960s. In 1967, the Carroll County Historical Society named Phyllis museum curator, a position she held until 2011.

Phyllis promoted the museum, dressing in period costume for local events and keeping the public informed about new acquisitions and exhibits through local news sources. Channeling her own passion for genealogy, Phyllis made the museum a genealogy center for the county. She organized hundreds of volunteers to manage the vast collection of historic relics, records, paintings, and written documents available at the museum. She was quick to grasp the value of technology in sharing history, and she and her volunteers digitized thousands of photos and put databases of historic records on the museum's website. She often went to battle to keep the museum open, fighting budget crises and seeking funding sources.

Phyllis served as Carroll County Historian, designated by the State Historical Society. She was a founding member of the Wabash and Erie Canal Association, and she served on the Carroll County Historical Society Board. She has been state president of her chapter of New England Women and state historian and curator of the National Society of the Dames of Court of Honor. She belonged to the Indiana Historical Society, the DAR, the Indiana Canal Society, the New England Historical and Genealogy Society, the Colonial Dames, the Daughters of Colonial Wars (vice president), the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company (vice president), and the VFW Auxiliary. History and genealogy aren't Phyllis' only interests. She served as president of both the local chapter and the state organization of Gamma Gamma Nu sorority; and she was elected president of the local American Legion Auxiliary.

In 1980, Phyllis was named Delphi's "Woman of the Year" by the Business and Professional Women. In 1990, the Delphi Chamber of Commerce awarded her the "Samuel Milroy Award." In 1997, she was named an "Unsung Hero" by the "Lafayette Journal and Courier," nominated by one of her satisfied genealogy customers. In 1998, she was chosen Grand Marshal of the annual Lions Club 4th of July parade. In 2003, Phyllis received the Carroll County Old Settlers Association's "Heritage Award" for her efforts to preserve Carroll County history. In 2008, the Indiana Historical Society gave her its "William C. Heiss Family History/Genealogy Award."

In 2003, Phyllis and her museum team announced the "First Families of Carroll County" program, recognizing families who arrived in Carroll County between 1824 and 1855. The program received a great response - currently more than a thousand descendants of First Families have been recognized. In 2005, Phyllis and her dedicated volunteers completed one of their greatest efforts, publishing "Carroll County Indiana Legacy 1824-2005." The 750 copies of this 341-page compilation of family stories and local history sold out quickly. The book is - rightfully - dedicated to Phyllis.

Though Phyllis retired as museum curator in 2011, she hasn't stopped in her efforts to preserve local history. At 92, she's still at it. Presently she is serving as president of the Post Quicatenon chapter and state registrar for the National Society of Colonial Dames of the 17th Century. And she continues her own search for family history.

Phyllis Davis was born in Clarks Hill in 1930. Her family moved to Delphi after her parents opened Carroll Cleaners in 1938. She graduated from high school in Monticello, and she married Don Moore in 1947. They had three sons. Phyllis is a devoted mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and great great grandmother.



JACKIE WALTERS ALDRICH: STATE CHAMPION VENTRILOQUIST

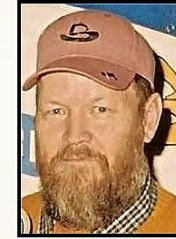


Jaqueline Walters (1948-1986) won first place in the State Fair Talent Contest in 1959, with her ventriloquist act featuring her friend, Elmer Mudd. Jackie, who was given her first ventriloquist kit by her grandmother when she was only 9, was self-taught in the art. She wrote her own scripts and appeared often at events throughout central Indiana, winning several prizes.

Jackie graduated from Delphi High School in 1966. She was in band and choir, a football and basketball cheerleader, and a Homecoming Queen attendant. She was Worthy Advisor of the Delphi Assembly of Rainbow.

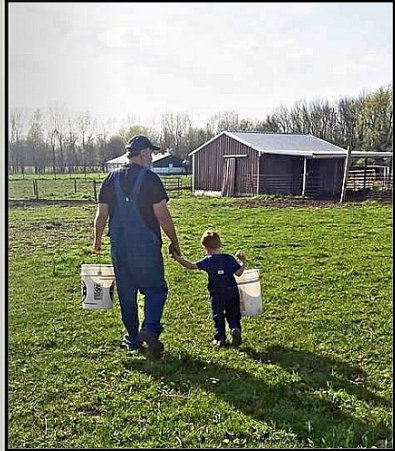
A non-traditional (25 and older) student at Purdue, Jackie had nearly completed work for her bachelors degree when she died in 1986, at the age of 38. She had fought a courageous 5-year battle with cancer. She was one of the founders, and served as president, of the Carroll County chapter of the American Cancer Society. The Purdue Board of Trustees conferred her bachelors degree posthumously, in late 1986, fulfilling one of Jackie's dreams. It was cheered by her family and many friends.

STEVE NICHOLS: AWARD-WINNING EXTENSION EDUCATOR AND NATIONAL SWINE JUDGE



Carroll County was very lucky when Steve Nichols became its Extension Educator. Extension Educators are employed by land-grant universities - in this case, Purdue - to provide information about economic development and new research and technologies in farming and to help troubleshoot problems. In his nearly 30 years working in the county, Steve built a reputation as a knowledgeable resource, tireless innovator, creative problem solver, and trusted colleague in the farming community. A hog breeder himself, Steve also was a highly respected swine judge, traveling throughout the nation and Canada, officiating livestock shows.

Steve's accolades are many. He was named the "Outstanding Young Pork Producer" and received the "Meritorious Service Award" from the Indiana Pork Producers' Association. He won the "Innovator Award" from the Agricultural Extension Educators. He was inducted into the Indiana Livestock Breeders Association's "Hall of Fame." He received the "Distinguished Hoosier Award" from Governor Joe Kernin in 2002, and he was named a "Sagamore of the Wabash" by Governor Mitch Daniels in 2006.



Steve Nichols was born in Boone County, Indiana in 1951. He graduated from Granville Wells High School in 1969 and earned his bachelors degree in animal science in 1973 and masters degree in management and production in 1975, both from Purdue. While in graduate school, Steve managed the Purdue Swine Research Farm. It was at Purdue that he discovered his skill in hog judging. In 1972, Steve placed first in the Eastern Regional Livestock Contest. He served as Youth Agent in Clark County before moving to Carroll County to be the Extension Agent, in 1977.

Steve garnered county support to build a 4-H Community Building in Flora, providing a much-needed place for meetings and classes. He established the "Carroll County Agriculture Hall of Fame" in 1994, to pay tribute to local farmers and agriculture supporters. In 2010, at the insistence of the board, Steve was inducted into the "Hall of Fame." He managed the annual County 4-H Fairs, personally ensuring they ran smoothly. He hosted farm tours for foreign visitors at Purdue; and he taught and arranged for clinics and seminars for local farmers, bringing in speakers from around the country. He also was considered one of the top swine consultants in the state.

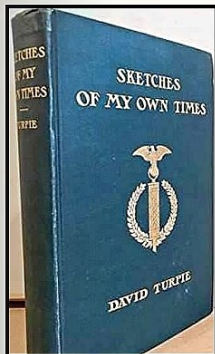
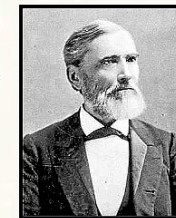
Steve particularly enjoyed judging swine and livestock shows. He judged hundreds of shows, including major shows in Houston, Denver, Louisville, and San Francisco. He traveled to almost every state. He served on many state and national swine boards and committees, including the Indiana Board of Animal Health Swine Advisory Committee, the Indiana Duroc Breeders' Association, and the Andersons Grain Terminal Advisory Board. He was a delegate to several

National Pork Forums. A breeder of Duroc pigs, Steve's hogs won county and state fair awards across the nation.

Steve served on the Carroll County Area Plan Commission, the Carroll County Economic Development Commission, and the Carroll County Board of Health. He was president of the Delphi Rotary Club and received its "Vocational Community Service Award" in 2000. He was named a "Paul Harris Fellow" by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International in 1989.

Steve married Chere Babb, from Delphi, in 1980; and they have three children. Throughout the years, Steve and his family have been involved members of the First Assembly of God Church in Delphi. Steve retired from the Purdue Extension Service in 2006 and from swine judging in 2017. He remains a dedicated grandfather and Purdue fan.

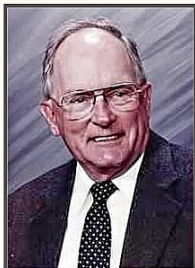
DAVID TURPIE: U.S. SENATOR FROM INDIANA



David Turpie (1828-1909) served two terms, plus a partial term, as a U.S. Senator from Indiana. Born in Ohio, David's family moved to Madison Township in Carroll County in the early 1830s. He attended Carroll County schools. When he left the county, David returned at least once a year to see his mother and other family members who remained in the Delphi area.

David earned his law degree at Kenyon College in Ohio and began practicing law for Daniel Pratt, in Logansport. Eventually, he moved to Monticello, where he had his own law practice. He became a Common Pleas Judge and a Circuit Judge, and he represented his district in the state legislature for several years.

In 1863, David won a special election for U.S. Senator from Indiana, filling the unexpired term of Jesse D. Bright. He served only about a month. Afterward, he settled in Indianapolis, serving in the Indiana Legislature again and as a U.S. Attorney. In 1887, he was elected to a Senate term of his own - defeating incumbent Benjamin Harrison who would go on to be President. In 1893 he was re-elected. His political career ended at the end of that term, in 1899. In 1903, David published a book called, "Sketches of My Own Times."



LAWRENCE "DOC" STAUFFER: INDIANA VETERINARIAN OF THE YEAR

Lawrence Stauffer graduated from the Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine in 1967. He bought the veterinary practice of Dr. Edward Emerson, in Delphi, in December 1968. And for the next 50-plus years, "Doc" Stauffer has been a revered Delphi veterinarian. He earned many distinctions, but none more impressive than - in 2008 - being named "Veterinarian of the Year" by the Indiana Veterinary Medicine Association.

Larry Stauffer was born in 1937 in Lake County, Ohio. Like many kids, he belonged to 4-H, played in the band, sang in the chorus, and was cast in school plays. When he graduated from Perry High School in 1954, he was named "most likely to succeed." In 1958, he graduated from Purdue's School of Agriculture (farm management, vegetable production, and pre-vet). After serving in the U.S. Army for five years, including overseas duty in Germany, he returned to Purdue for veterinary school. He worked at a large animal practice in Goshen, New York before buying his practice in Delphi. He married Lillian Wilkison in 1958, and they have three children.

Throughout his years in Delphi, Doc has immersed himself in the community. He served as president of the County Board of Health. He was the County Veterinarian Health Officer. He currently sits on the Carroll County Council; and he was on the Delphi Community School Board for 13 years, serving as chairman. Doc has remained active in 4-H, leading projects and advocating for 4-H programs. He headed animal medical services at the Indiana State Fair for years. He served three terms on the Carroll County Extension Board. He's been a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Delphi for decades and has served as a trustee.

Doc was a member of the Indiana Veterinary Medicine Board of Directors, Indiana Board of Animal Health (appointed by the Governor), Indiana State Board of Veterinary Examiners (chairman), Indiana Controlled Substances Advisory Committee, Indiana Swine Health Advisory Committee, Advisory Committee to the Purdue Animal Disease and Diagnostic Laboratory, and the Indiana Academy of Veterinary Medicine. He performed research as part of the Pseudorabies Eradication Program, and helped develop the pseudorabies vaccine. He held every office in the district veterinary medical association and has been a member of both the state and national veterinary medical associations. He also served as president of the Purdue Veterinary Alumni Association.

In addition to being "Veterinarian of the Year," Doc received the "Certificate of Distinction" from the Purdue Agriculture Alumni Association (2006) and was named "Distinguished Alumnus of the Purdue School of Veterinary Medicine" (2009). He was inducted into the Perry High School "Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame" in 2009 and the "Carroll County Agriculture Hall of Fame" in 2001.

A "Carroll County Comet" article from February 2006 described Doc like this: "(He is) an old-time practitioner of veterinary medicine...delivering service... out of a sense of duty, with minimal regard for whether or not it is profitable." That's Doc.



Renee K. McKee, Ph.D., state 4-H program leader, visits with Dr. Larry Stauffer, DVM, a friend and mentor for her first Purdue Extension at the 2013 Indiana State Fair



PAUL E. SMITH: PRESIDENT OF INDIANA COUNTY AUDITORS' ASSOCIATION

Paul E. Smith (1920-1975), twice elected Carroll County Auditor, was president of the Northwest District of the Indiana County Auditors' Association. Paul, who was born in LaPorte, Indiana, graduated from Adams Township High School. He was a farmer in Adams Township; and he served as a township trustee and a delegate to the State Republican Convention, before being elected County Auditor.

As Auditor, Paul is credited with introducing modern efficiencies - in particular, a plat book land identification system that was admired and emulated around the state. He resigned his office during his second term to accept a position with the Indiana State Board of Tax Commissioners, as a property evaluator.

Paul was known for his commitment to good citizenship, and he led the 4-H Junior Leader and 4-H Citizenship projects. His efforts were so appreciated that the Kellogg Foundation sent Paul to Washington DC to advocate for 4-H citizenship programs nationwide. He served as president of the Carroll County Old Settlers Association, president of the Delphi Rotary Club, and president of the Adams Township High School Alumni. He was an active member of the Hickory Grove United Church of Christ, and he often sang at church and local events.

After his sudden and untimely death at age 54, friend and newspaper editor Leo Craig penned a lovely tribute to Paul. He ended it speculating what more Paul Smith might have achieved had he lived another 20 years. Then, he opined, "But maybe it was just time for the world to catch up with him."

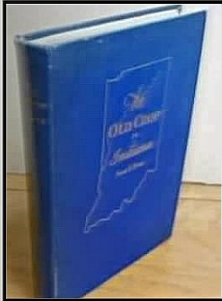
SARAH SMITH PRATT: AUTHOR

Author Sarah (Sally) Smith Pratt (1853-1942) was known for her detailed and astute observations of everyday life, especially life in Delphi. Sarah, daughter of Catharine Smith (profiled in this book) grew up in Delphi. She attended The Dame School, a private primary school run by her godmother, Sarah Bladen; and she was one of two women in the first class to graduate from Delphi High School in 1872. It was in high school that her writing skill began to be appreciated. She also was musically talented, and she often played the piano for local functions and events.



In 1874, Sally's family moved to Logansport. She married William Dudley Pratt, owner and editor of the "Logansport Journal," in 1878; and she worked with her husband as the editor of a weekly newspaper called "The Sunday Critic." Sally became well acquainted with Hoosier poet James Whitcomb Riley and wrote his first newspaper release, published in the "Kokomo Tribune." When Riley wrote to Sally to thank her, he included a poem he wrote for her, "When Evening Shadows Fall."

In 1896, William, who now owned a publishing company, and Sally moved their five children to Indianapolis. Sally founded and edited, "On Meridian," a publication of the Indianapolis YWCA. Her articles appeared in numerous publications, including the Delphi newspapers. Her short story, "The Blue Cashmere Gown," was translated into several other languages. It is a simple story of missionary life.



After her husband's death in 1919, Sally wrote her first book, "The Old Crop in Indiana" (1928), a collection of reminiscences of life, mostly in Delphi. She also wrote "Episcopal Bishops of Indiana" (1934); "Guess This Word" (1938), a book of charades; and a 7-page memoir, "Why Doctor Grimes Whispered," describing the Indiana underground railroad.

Sally wrote the following description of herself late in life: "Sally Smith was a Logansport girl, the daughter of cultivated pioneers who had come into the state from Cincinnati and Baltimore. She had been reared in an atmosphere of fine literature and music, and she loved writing. She was a small, dainty blonde, considered very pretty. She played the piano and sang. She was witty and full of fun, but her tongue did not always spare the sensitive."

Some said of her that she was arrogant, self-righteous, authoritative, and proper to a fault. But you only have to read some of Sally's writings to know she was intelligent, astute, and brave - a real spitfire. She had fierce family pride and true love for her hometown, Delphi. Her descriptions of the people, places, and life in Delphi offer some of our best insights to our local history.

DEVERE "PETE" HOFFMAN: ICONIC COMMUNITY LEADER

In 1984, the Flora Lions Club decided to establish a service award in honor of one of its late members - Pete Hoffman (1917-1983). Since then, outstanding community leaders have received the coveted "Pete Award" every year.

DeVere Hoffman was born in Iowa and moved to Flora when he was young. He graduated from Flora High school in 1935 and attended Butler University. He worked as the office manager for Jackson-Lee-Pearson for 19 years. But his real passion was serving his community.

Pete was clerk-treasurer for Flora for 12 years. He helped form Flora Apartments, Inc., the Carroll County United Fund (president), and Flora Little League; and he coached American Legion baseball teams. He was treasurer of the Carroll County Pork Festival and president of the Carroll Athletic Boosters and the Flora Community Club. He was a charter member and president of the Flora Lions Club; an elder and Sunday School teacher for the Flora First Christian Church; and an Indiana High School Athletic Association official for 20 years. He also was a member of the Masons, the American Legion Post 222, and the Flora and Bringham School Alumni (president). In 1972, he co-chaired Flora's hugely successful Centennial Celebration.



Pete married Martha Eikenberry in 1939, and they had three sons. In everything, Pete gave it his all. An editorial in the "Carroll County Comet" following his death summed him up like this: "When someone was needed to do the job and (do it right)... just ask old Pete."

BUDDY EIKENBERRY: WORLD CHAMPION PALOMINO



Buddy (aka "Gold N Potential") is an 11-year-old horse, owned by Andy and Lisa Eikenberry of Flora, who has earned honors every year he was shown. In 2022, he was named "World Champion" by the Palomino Horse Breeders of America, outscoring his competitors in the Stock Type Halter and Amateur Halter classes.

Despite his dubious beginnings - he was a skinny, nearly hairless colt born to a sick mare who succumbed shortly after his birth - Lisa nurtured Buddy until he was thriving. They began showing him when he was 2-3 years old, and he has been a winner ever since.

Lisa and Andy Eikenberry Carroll County Comet 3-30-2022





LEWIS AND HAZEL MULLIN: PATRONS OF THE HISTORIC MARTIN SCHOOL

From 1874 to 1901, the one-room brick building known at various times as "District School No. 3," "Election School," and the "Martin School" housed Carroll County children learning reading, writing, and arithmetic. After it closed in 1901, the building was sometimes empty and sometimes filled with grain. But in 1986, Hazel (1916-2014) and Lewis (1917-2013) Mullin stepped up to restore and preserve the school. They found authentic furnishings - desks, an old iron stove, a pump organ and textbooks - re-creating the look of the original school. In 1988, the Martin School was added to the National Register of Historic Places, thanks to their efforts. And in 2013, the extended Mullin family donated the Martin School to the nonprofit Friends of Carroll County Parks, ensuring that this historic schoolhouse will be available to generations to come.

Lewis Mullin was born in Rock Creek Township. He grew up in Burrows and attended Burrows and Rockfield Schools, graduating from Rockfield High School in 1934. He received his bachelors degree in government at Indiana University in 1938, earning membership in the scholastic honoraries Phi Eta Sigma (freshman), Pi Sigma Alpha (political science), Phi Beta Kappa, and Gamma Eta Gamma (law). He completed his law degree at IU in 1940, and was an editor of the "Law Review." That same year, he married Bloomington girl and fellow IU graduate Hazel Stockrahm. Hazel was born in Washington, Indiana, the daughter of a psychology professor at IU. She graduated from Bloomington High School in 1934 and from IU in 1939, with an elementary education degree. She taught school in Crawfordsville before her marriage.

Lewis was an attorney for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, DC from 1940-1943. He served in the Army for three years, stationed in the south Pacific. When the Mullins returned to Indiana, Hazel taught school; and Lewis practiced law and farmed. In his 55 years of practice, Lewis was county prosecutor, county attorney, and public defender. His clients included the REMC, the Area Plan Commission, and the Rock Creek Carroll-Cass County Conservancy District. He was a member of the county, state and American Bar Associations.

Hazel was president of Democratic Women of Carroll County, chairman for the Carroll County Red Cross and Heart Fund drives, and president of the Rock Creek Extension Homemakers. She was active in Psi Iota Xi philanthropic sorority and a charter member of the Wednesday Forum.

Lewis was president of the Old Settlers Association, president of the Carroll County Mental Health Association, president of the Carroll Improvement Membership Committee of 44, a board member of the REMC and the Wabash and Erie Canal Association, and an officer in the Rockfield High School Alumni. He was a member of the Camden American Legion, Camden Lions Club, and Delphi Rotary Club. Both were long-time members of the Burrows Presbyterian Church. The Mullins created a scholarship fund for Delphi Community High School students.

In 2000, Hazel and Lewis were honored with the Old Settlers Association's "Heritage Award;" and Lewis received Delphi's "Samuel Milroy Award" in 2006. Hazel and Lewis lived in the historic Mullin family homestead in Burrows, where they reared their two children: William and Barbara.



Top: the restored Martin School. Bottom: the Mullins with some of the historic furnishings they collected



LEE EIKENBERRY: PIONEERING AVIATOR

Lee Eikenberry (1893-1970) was a pioneering aviator who is credited with many "firsts." He got the aviation bug in 1911, when he watched a Lincoln Beechy take off from the Logansport Fair Grounds. Though he couldn't afford to take flying lessons at that time, he did learn to fly when he joined the Army during WWI. By the time he got out of the Army in 1919, he was flying Curtis J-N-4Ds, nicknamed "Jennys."

Born in Howard County, Lee moved to Flora in 1904. He married Pauline Voorhees, of Flora, in 1921. Lee worked for the Kokomo Aviation Company; and, in 1920, he bought his own Jenny, making him the first person in Carroll County to own a plane. He brought his plane to Flora, using a landing strip carved out of Spittler's field.

Lee and some other Flora businessmen formed "Flora Aviation Company" in 1927; and Lee flew charter flights, gave lessons and private rides, and flew wing-walkers and parachute jumpers in the Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky area. He also flew in barnstorming contests, performing stunts for hundreds of spectators. Lee demonstrated and sold planes for both the Flora Aviation Company and the Muncie Aviation Corporation.

And those "firsts?" Lee flew the first airmail flight in Indiana in 1919. In 1920, he won the first "dead stick" landing contest in Indiana. He flew the first retractable landing gear plane in the U.S., in 1928; and in 1932, he flew the first dual-control plane in the U.S. While in the Army, he witnessed the first parachute jump from a plane.

Among his aviation friends were Eddie Rickenbacker, Colonel Roscoe Turner, Jimmy Doolittle, Bill Piper, and Clyde Cessna. When he retired from flying in 1949, Lee had logged 15,000 hours in the air in a career that spanned 32 years. After retirement, he seldom flew. He became an insurance agent and spent his final years enjoying his wife and family and his life.

DICK AND JANE BISHOP: PATRONS OF THE FLORA THRIFT SHOP

In 2015, Dick N. (1931-2022) and Jane Bishop bought the old Flora Dime Store building, rehabbed it, and donated it to a coalition of local churches who - together - run the Flora Thrift Shop. The Thrift Shop had existed at another location since 1963, but it had run out of space. The church group put out a plea, and the Bishops answered. In so doing, they preserved an historic building, gave space to a worthy charitable organization, and aided in raising funds for church mission work. Jane, who has long been affiliated with The Thrift Shop and had served as president of the organization, volunteered there regularly.

Dick Norton Bishop was born in Howard County. He grew up in Flora, graduating from Flora High School in 1949. He was class president, president of student council, and a member of the county champion high school basketball team. In 1951, Dick married Jane Thomson, who graduated from Flora High School in 1948 and from Stephens College. Dick graduated from Earlham College in 1953 and from Indiana University Law School in 1956. And then the Thomsons came home to Flora, and Dick entered practice in his father's law firm, the third generation to practice law (the second generation in Flora). Dick and Jane had two sons; and their son Dick T. became the fourth generation of attorneys in the Bishop family.

Dick provided pro bono counsel to the Carroll County YMCA, the Flora Community Club, Carroll County at the Crossroads, and others. In 2008, the Carroll County Bar Association named him the "Pro Bono Attorney of the Year." He was on the boards of the Bright National Bank/First Financial Bank, the Carroll County Community Foundation, and Maple Lawn Cemetery. He was an officer of the Flora Apartments, president of the Flora Rotary Club, and a member of the Boy Scouts Three Rivers Council. In 1968, he was awarded the Boy Scout "Silver Beaver Award," a national award recognizing service to scouting. Dick was a member of Flora Masonic Lodge and the Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge, and he was president of the Flora Grade School PTA.

Jane was president of her philanthropic sorority, Psi Iota Xi. She chaired the Flora Bloodmobile for decades. She was treasurer of the Flora Library Board, and she chaired the Carroll County Council of Churches Migrant Ministry Committee. In 1968, Jane organized the Mothers March of Dimes for Flora and Bringhurst. She is a member of the DAR and is proud to be in one of the "First Families of Carroll County." In 2011, the Flora Lions Club gave Jane its annual "Pete Award," honoring her service to the community.



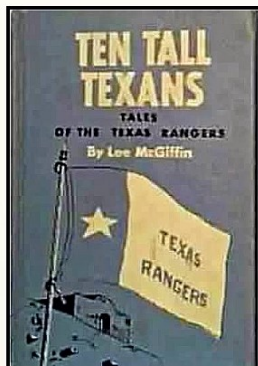
(Before) the Flora Dimestore - (after) The Thrift Shop

In 2009, the Bishops were named Grand Marshals of the Flora Christmas Parade. They were recognized for being long-time members of the Flora Community Club, where Dick was president. Both belonged to the Carroll County Historical Society, and both were Elders in the Flora Presbyterian Church, where Dick taught Sunday school. They also delivered Meals on Wheels. In 2012, Dick and Jane - along with other family members - received the "Hoosier Homestead Award," for the family home in Bringhurst.

LEE SHAFFER MCGIFFIN: AUTHOR



The Murphy Fountain on the southwest corner of Courthouse Square in Delphi



Lewis Lee Shaffer (1908-1978) was born and grew up in Delphi. She completed her bachelors at the University of Alabama in 1931, and she worked at the "Syracuse Post-Standard" and the "Buffalo Evening News" after college. In 1937, she married journalist, and eventual professor, P. Norton McGiffin. They moved to Texas, and Lee continued her writing.

During WWII, Lee wrote for local radio stations. She also wrote short stories for magazines including "The Saturday Evening Post," "Good Housekeeping," and "Ladies' Home Journal." Two of her stories were adapted for television, shown on the G.E. Theatre. Her first two novels, "Ten Tall Texans" and "The Fifer of San Jacinto," were published in 1956, the former garnering awards immediately.

Lee died in Arlington, Texas where she had lived many years. But she lives on for those of us from Carroll County who see her every time we visit the Murphy water fountain on the Carroll County Courthouse Square, for Lee Shaffer was the model for that statue.



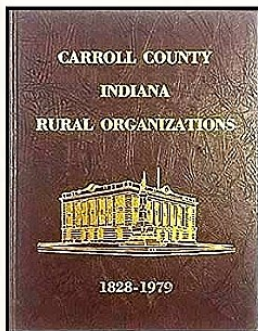


JOHN AND DORIS PETERSON: AUTHORS OF "CARROLL COUNTY INDIANA RURAL ORGANIZATIONS 1828-1979"

John (1911-2003) and Doris (1915-1984) Peterson made many contributions to Carroll County and beyond, over the years. John, who followed in the family tradition of farming, helped organize the county, district and state "Rural Youth" organization and served as the state director. He was one of the 21 original incorporators and directors of the Carroll County REMC. He helped re-organize the Carroll County Historical Society and was a board member, and he established the "John C. and Doris M. Peterson Fund" for the CCHS in 1999.

Doris was the leader of the Deer Creek Delphinium 4-H Club for 30 years. She served on the Carroll County Extension Board and was secretary of the Carroll County 4-H Exhibit Association. Both John and Doris were long-time members, and leaders, of the Delphi Presbyterian Church.

But their most lasting contribution to the county may be the book, "Carroll County Indiana Rural Organizations 1828-1979," which they published in 1979. In it, they detailed clubs and organizations, local leaders, and significant landmarks in rural Carroll County. It is filled with photos of county residents. Through meticulous research, they left behind one of the best descriptions available of Carroll County through its first 150 years.



Doris Christenson was born in Lake Village, Indiana. She graduated from Morocco High School in 1933 and from Purdue University in 1939, with a degree in home economics. She married John Peterson in 1938, and they had two children. Doris became a leader in 4-H in her teens, and she remained active in that organization for the rest of her life. She was secretary of the corporation formed to build the new 4-H Community Building in Flora. She also was a member of the Shelterhouse Judging Committee and the 4-H Fashion Revue Committee. In 1984, the official "Carroll County 4-H Fair Book" was dedicated to Doris; and the annual "Doris Peterson 4-H Leader Award" was established to recognize adult leaders.

Doris taught school for one year at Mount Ayr High School, and she was a substitute teacher in the Delphi Community Schools for 25 years. She was treasurer of the CCHS and secretary-treasurer of the Deer Creek Township Farm Bureau. She also was president of the Deer Creek Extension Homemakers Club. Doris was named "Carroll County Historian" by the Indiana Historical Society and the Indiana Historical Bureau.

John Peterson was born on the family farm in Carroll County. He graduated from Delphi High School in 1928 and from Purdue University in 1942, majoring in agricultural economics. After serving one year on the Agriculture Economics Extension staff, John farmed for many years and was a partner in Peterson Farms and Peterson Farm Service. He was president of the Carroll County Farm Bureau and chairman of the Carroll County Extension Committee. He wrote monthly articles for the "Carroll County Farm News." John was inducted into the "Carroll County Agriculture Hall of Fame" in its first class, in 1994. He received the Carroll County "Heritage Award" and was named a "Sagamore of the Wabash," in 2000. The 2001 official Carroll County 4-H Fair Book was dedicated to John.



John Peterson, Virginia Brookbank, Phyllis Moore, Don Moore, Jack Moore, Doris Peterson, Ruby Sigman, and Irene DeWinton at the Courthouse in 1976

John was president of the Carroll Improvement Membership Committee, and he was the first president of the Area Plan Commission. He was one of the original 17 members of the Carroll County Community Development Study Committee. He also was on the board of the Carroll County Old Settlers Association, a charter member of Wabash and Erie Canal Inc., and president of the Delphi Rotary Club. He was named a Rotary "Paul Harris Fellow," in 1985. In 1966, John chaired Carroll County's Sesquicentennial Committee.

John and Doris enjoyed traveling, and they were as generous in sharing their slides and anecdotes about their visits to many foreign countries as they were in sharing Carroll County history.



JOHN SAYERS: PRESIDENT OF INDIANA SUPERINTENDENTS' ASSOCIATION

In 2010, Carroll Consolidated Schools Superintendent John Sayers became president of the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents, with its 425 members.

John grew up in Star City, Indiana and graduated from Star City High School (now Winamac). He began his career teaching and coaching in Hagerstown, Indiana. He was in administrative positions in Peru and Fort Wayne before he came to Carroll. Though he retired in 2011, John remained in the area and continued to advise the school corporation. He served as interim superintendent in 2016; and he recently signed on as part-time business manager and director of operations for the corporation.

LOU BROCK: GREEN BAY PACKER



Former Green Bay Packer Lou Brock (1917-1989) was married to Mary Alice Easter, daughter of Catherine Easter of Delphi. In the mid-1940s, Lou and his family moved to Delphi while he oversaw the building of the first National Homes on West Summit Street.

James Lewis Brock from Stafford, Kansas, played for Purdue and was an All-American half-back. He was drafted by the Green Bay Packers in 1940. Lou played his entire career - 6 seasons - for the Packers, including 1944 NFL championship team. He was inducted into the Green Bay Packers' "Hall of Fame" in 1982.

The Brocks eventually moved to his hometown in Kansas. Lou was the Kansas Corporation Commission Oil and Gas Administrator and a farmer. He and Mary Alice had three children.

JOSEPH "DOKE" IVES: PRESIDENT OF THE INDIANA BAR ASSOCIATION



Joseph T. "Doke" Ives (1903-1993) was elected president of the Indiana State Bar Association in 1960, a feat that longtime friend and newspaper editor, Art McDowell, characterized as "one of the highest (honors) ever bestowed on a native son." Doke was a 1921 graduate of Delphi High School and a 1925 graduate of the University of Illinois, where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He earned his law degree at the University of Michigan Law School in 1928; and then he returned home to Delphi, where he practiced law from 1928-1981, beginning with a stint as the County Prosecutor.

Doke was Carroll County Republican Chairman for several years, and he served on the Delphi-Deer Creek school board. He was an officer for the Three Rivers Boy Scout Council and a member of the Delphi Library board. He also was chairman of the Delphi Zoning Committee. He belonged to Delphi Rotary and was a long-time member of the Delphi United Methodist Church. In 1961, the Delphi Legion post named Doke its first "Citizen of the Year."

MYRON BEESLEY: LIONS CLUB DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Myron Beesley (1917-1996) was born in Boone County, Indiana. He graduated from Raymondville (Texas) High School and attended Purdue. He served in the Army, married Lois Paris in Frankfort in 1944, and came to Delphi in 1950, where he owned Beesley's Department Store for 24 years. Myron was a trustee of the Delphi United Methodist Church; and he was a member of Mt. Olive Masonic Lodge 48, Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis; Delphi American Legion Post 75; and the IOOF Lodge 28.

Myron was a member of the Lions Club for many years. He was president of the Delphi Lions Club and District Governor. He received the "Melvin Jones Award" - the highest honor presented from Lions Club International. Myron also was president of the Delphi Chamber of Commerce and served two terms on the Delphi City Council. In 1994, he was chosen Grand Marshal of the Canal Days 4th of July Parade.

Myron had a substantial collection of old steel fence posts. Part of his collection was exhibited at the National Building Museum in Washington, DC, in 1997. After he retired, Myron and Lois traveled extensively. Their journeys included a trip to Alaska in their Volkswagon van, leading European farm tours, and joining a People-to-People trip to Russia. Myron received Delphi's "Samuel Milroy Award" in 1983 and was named a "Sagamore of the Wabash" by Governor Evan Bayh in 1996.

GEORGE OBEAR: DELTA CHI FRATERNITY NATIONAL PRESIDENT

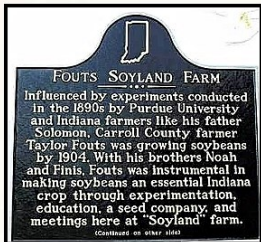


George Obear (1908-2004) was a well-known attorney in Delphi for nearly 70 years, retiring at age 92. He was named the American Legion Post 75 "Citizen of the Year," received Delphi's "Samuel Milroy Award," and was made a "Sagamore of the Wabash" in 1998. In 2003, George was inducted into the "Carroll County Agriculture Hall of Fame." The "Obear Millrace Historic Trail" was named in George's honor; and in 2003, the "Obear Overlook Park" was opened.

George graduated from Delphi High School in 1926, from DePauw University in 1930, and from the University of Iowa Law School in 1933. After law school, he returned to Delphi to practice law with his father, in the law firm that eventually became Obear, Overholser, Huffer, Rider and Fouts. In 1934, George married Margaret Fry, with whom he had two daughters. He served in the Navy for two years in the 1940s. After Margaret passed away in 1976, George married Louise Nichols in 1978. She had been his girlfriend at DePauw.

George was a stockholder and chairman of the board of Carroll County Abstract and Title Company and was the city attorney and an attorney for the Delphi School Corporation. He was a Fellow of the Indiana Bar Foundation. He was a charter member and president of the Delphi Rotary Club and chairman of the Carroll County Republican Party during the Eisenhower years. He was a 50-year member of the Delphi Masonic Lodge and a member of the IOOF Lodge 28. He also was a deacon, trustee, elder, and clerk of the session for the Delphi's First Presbyterian Church.

At DePauw, George was a founding member of the Delta Chi chapter. That began a life-long association with the fraternity. He was a live-in advisor at the Delta Chi chapter at the University of Iowa; and - after law school - he was the fraternity's counsel for several years. George climbed the ladder of the fraternity's organization, eventually becoming national president of Delta Chi. He served on the board of the Delta Chi Educational Foundation, and he was admitted to the "Order of the White Carnation," recognizing ongoing service to the fraternity. George is listed by Delta Chi's national office as a "president emeritus" and a "New Founder" (major contributor) of the fraternity.

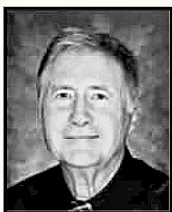
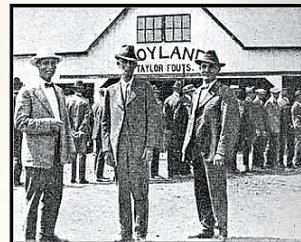


FOUTS FAMILY: SOYBEAN INNOVATORS

Though the Fouts family did not introduce soybeans to Indiana, they laid the foundation for America's modern soybean production and helped make soybeans a major crop in Indiana.

Taylor Fouts was the first president of the National Soybean Growers Association (now the American Soybean Association), in 1920. He also invented a small harvesting machine that was a forerunner of the combine.

Taylor, Finis, and Noah Fouts



GARY MERRELL: INDIANA BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

Gary Merrill coached for 36 seasons at schools throughout Indiana, including Carroll. As a coach, he won 482 games, 10 sectionals, 1 regional, and 1 semi-state.

As a player at the University of Findlay (Ohio), Gary scored more than 1,000 career points and was inducted into the university's athletics "Hall of Fame" in 1996.

He entered the Indiana Basketball "Hall of Fame" in 2022.

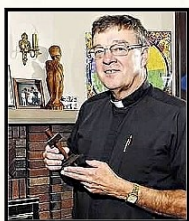


JIM HUFFER: ATTORNEY AND UNITED FUND PRESIDENT

Jim Huffer (1945-2010) grew up in the Burlington area and graduated from Carroll High School in 1964. He earned his bachelors degree in 1968 and his law degree in 1973, both from Indiana University. Law degree in hand, Jim returned home to join the law firm of Obear, Overholser, and Smith (later Obear, Overholser, Huffer, and Rider). With his brother, he also owned Huffer Farms grain and hog production.

In his long career, Jim was Delphi's City Attorney, County Attorney, Chief Deputy Prosecutor, and Carroll County Prosecutor, an elected office that he held for two terms. He helped found the Carroll County Community Foundation in 1997 and served as its chairman. He was long-time president of the Carroll County United Fund. He provided legal counsel to the Extension Service and the Carroll County 4-H Exhibit Association, and he was the legal advisor to the corporation building the 4-H Community Building in Flora.

Jim was a charter member and officer of Delphi Senior Citizen Housing. He was a board member of Carroll County Junior Achievement and president of the Carroll County Bar Association. He also was a member of the Delphi Rotary Club and the Rossville Masonic Lodge. In 1998, Jim received the "Sagamore of the Wabash" award from Governor Frank O'Bannon. He was inducted into the "Carroll County Agriculture Hall of Fame" in 2002. The "James R. Huffer Memorial Award" was established at Delphi Community High School after Jim's death in 2010. Jim was a devoted father and grandfather.



FATHER BOB WILLIAMS: ADVOCATE FOR THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY

In 2014, Indiana Governor Mike Pence named Father Bob Williams a "Sagamore of the Wabash" to recognize his long service to numerous communities in Indiana. Throughout his career, Father Bob was especially active in reaching out to the Hispanic community and serving as an advocate.

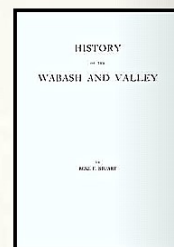
Father Bob came to Delphi in 2013 as the parish priest for St. Joseph's Catholic Church. It was his last assignment before his retirement in 2017. He was on the boards of Second Harvest Food Bank, the Advisory Council to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, and the National Federation of Priest Councils. Now retired, Father Bob lives in Muncie, Indiana.



BEN STUART: HISTORIAN OF THE WABASH

Ben Stuart (1852-1935) wrote "History of the Wabash and Valley," published in 1924. It was the first history of that region published, and it continues to be lauded as one of the best descriptions of that historic area. Ben became known as "The Historian of the Wabash."

Ben, who was born in New Albany and came to Carroll County as a child, was one of the first students to enroll at Indiana State Teachers College. He taught school for a time and then farmed the family farm in Adams Township. In his later years, Ben began researching the history of the Wabash valley, which led to writing articles and publishing his book. He is credited with leading the efforts to establish Carroll County's lovely French Post Park, and he served as the first president of the parks association.



CARROLL COUNTY OLD SETTLERS ASSOCIATION HERITAGE AWARDS

The Carroll County Old Settlers Association Heritage Awards were established in 2000 to honor deserving persons, families, organizations and entities that have significantly endeavored to enhance, promote, preserve, and protect the heritage of Carroll County's past.

2000

- Beverly and Jonah Peterson for homestead preservation and work with school groups
- Lewis and Hazel Mullin family for one-room schoolhouse restoration
- Friends of Adams Mill and Covered Bridge for saving the bridge
- Jim and Frances French for leadership in preservation activities
- John and Doris Peterson for books and research related to Carroll County
- Carroll County Community Foundation for financial support for county projects

2001

- Joe and Rebecca Phillips family for preservation of 19th century lifestyles
- Ed and Cleone Gruber for round barn restoration and efforts for Canal Park
- Charlie and Pat Meade for presentation and display of local memorabilia at Pat's Country Barn

2002

- Ed and Maryanna Selvidge for restoration of the Dr. Smith house in Camden
- Janet Ayres and Lynn Corson for Baum-Shaeffer farmstead restoration
- Russell, Helen, and Dennis Freidline for restoration of Pigeon Roost Antiques Mall
- Carroll County Comet for publishing stories and photos related to local history

2003

- Monty and Diane Edging for restoration of 1874 home north of Delphi
- Wilbur and Luella Jones for Carroll County Antique Tractor and Machinery Club founding and tractor restoration
- Phyllis Davis Moore for Carroll County Historical Museum and genealogy library

2004

- John and Terri Scott for restoration of the Gates Castle
- Barb McCain for Camden Preservation Society projects
- Mark and Jill Scharer for renovation and restoration of Adams Mill

2005

- John and Marilyn Guckien for home built of bricks from Woodville Catholic Church
- Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge No. 211 F.&A.M. & Carroll Chapter No. 47 O.E.S., Camden
- Rick and Peggy Crum, Roy and June Woodhouse for restoration of 1880 Victorian home
- Burlington Masonic Lodge No. 111 as the oldest active lodge in the County, established 1850

2006

- Ralph J. Rohrbaugh for long service to Camden and Carroll County
- Carroll Manor for service since 1910 to those in need in Carroll County
- Stephen and Debi Siwinski for conversion of 1902 church to residence and log cabin restoration
- Lowell and Janice Johnson for restoration of 1919 Arts and Crafts style home

2007

- Erick and Gayle Peterson for restoration of 1838 Federal brick home
- Bob and Elaine McCain for preservation of fifth generation farm home
- Richard and Nancy Hicks for restoration of historic Allen-Ledman home
- Loren Hylton, Bill Brown, Ross Brown for protection of Adams Mill and Covered Bridge, residence, and Lancaster Covered Bridge from flood waters

2008

- Dr. Thomas and Cindy Anderson for preservation of health and well-being of old Brethren neighbors
- Sarah Brown for preservation of Carnell Federal Mansion House and gravesites
- Times Past Restorations, Hank Ivey for façade restoration, Delphi Masonic Temple building
- Mark and Jill Scharer for restoration of historic 1865 Warren Adams home

2009

- Dan McCain, Ed Gruber, Bill Draper, and Roy Patrick for volunteer building and restoration at Canal Park
- David and Hannah Benedict for preservation of pre-Civil War Maxwell-Bates home

2010

- Ben Dillon for restoration of stone, sod-roofed cottage and family home
- Clayton Hutson for service to Cutler, Democrat Township, and Carroll County
- Bill and Barbara Draper for preservation of family home in Cutler
- Jerry and Mary Blue for home and Wildcat Creek B&B
- Glen Dillman for promotion and preservation of history

2011

- Richard and Karen Bradshaw for Delphi Body Works
- Michael S. Jones for restoring the Nathaniel Wilson home on the Wabash River

2012

- Julia Smith Pyle for preservation of William C. Smith's contributions to Carroll County
- Pat Wisler Meade for preservation and re-use of a 1904 log-framed barn
- Martin and Glenna Trent for preservation of a railroad caboose

2013

- Don and Cheri Roberson for preservation of artifacts at Don and Cheri's Cutler Patio and Garden
- Fouts Family for preservation and relocation of 1839 Noah Fouts log home to Canal Park

2014

- The Chittick Family Farm in Democrat Township
- Brian Stirm, Carroll County Transportation

2015

- Karina and Paul Fauble for restoration of the Haun Mansion
- The Harness House owned by the Matthews Family

2016:

- DAR chapter members Nancy Whitaker, Kay Jean Smith, and Shelley Jones
- John Neumann for his work in restoring the cannon on the courthouse lawn

2017:

- Janet Ayres, recently-elected president of the Indiana Barn Foundation
- Barb Draper for her role in refurbishing the home of Dr. W.A. Trobaugh of Cutler.

2018:

- Candi Pastor Harrison for "Doyennes of the Hill" books spotlighting women who contributed to the Delphi south hill community
- Melissa Bishop for the Flora Depot project
- Bob Quinn for art and ongoing contributions
- The Clawson family for Clawson Sugarbush

2019

- 1848 American House Stagecoach Museum at Burlington by Promoting Wildcat Valley
- Chapel Art Gallery at Delphi
- Kathryn Weinberger addition to the Camden Library by Barb McCain

2020

- Vintage Oaks Banquet Barn (Haley and Jake Seyfert and sons)

2021:

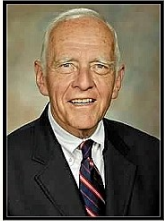
- Parish House on Union (former Methodist Church)
- Ezra Gray and Christina Langsdorf for restoration of the Gould-Moyer House
- Carroll County Extension and 4-H

2022:

- Jeff Been and Eric Graninger for restoration of the Murphy-Goff Rock House

SAGAMORES OF THE WABASH

The "Sagamore of the Wabash" award is the highest honor that the Governor of Indiana bestows. It was created by Governor Ralph Gates to be comparable to Kentucky's "Kentucky Colonel" award, as a way to recognize people who provide an exceptional service to the state or to the Governor personally. The term "sagamore" was used by Native Americans to describe a person in the tribe to whom the chief would look for wisdom and advice. Several "Sagamores" have been profiled in this book already. Here are a few more.

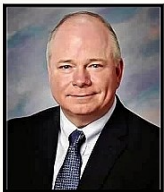


TOM IVES: ATTORNEY, JUDGE, AND HISTORIAN

Thomas J. Ives (1931-2020) grew up on Delphi's south hill and graduated from Delphi High School in 1949. He played football and basketball and ran track; belonged to the National Honor Society; and was elected president of Hi-Y. Tom attended DePauw University, joining Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He interrupted his college days to serve in the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps. His service complete, Tom returned to DePauw, completing his bachelors degree in 1955. In 1953, Tom married his DePauw sweetheart, Mary Shattuck; and they had four children. Tom earned his law degree at Indiana University in 1958, and he returned to Delphi to practice with his father, Joseph T. "Doke" Ives (profiled in this book). Tom served as City Judge for several years. Like his father, Tom was active in the Indiana State Bar association.

Tom was chairman of the Carroll County Republican Party and president of the Carroll County Old Settlers Association, the Delphi Chamber of Commerce, the Carroll County Country Club (where he played golf until near the end of his life), and the United Fund Board of Directors. He was an officer of Delphi Little League and the Oracle Club. Tom often was sought as an emcee for local events, and he was a favorite speaker on the topic of historic buildings in Carroll County. He was a long-time member of the Delphi American Legion Post and a board member for the Carroll County Community Foundation.

In 2005, Tom and Mary became the first to receive the Delphi Preservation Society's "Recognition Award" for preservation of their historic home on North Street; and in 2016, they were given Delphi's top honor, the "Samuel Milroy Award." A modest man, Tom's response to receiving this award was: "We should be honoring you, for all this community has given us." Tom received two Sagamore of the Wabash awards. Not surprisingly, he sought little fanfare.



TRACY BROWN: TIPPECANOE COUNTY SHERIFF

Tracy Brown graduated from Delphi Community High School in 1981. He served on the Delphi police force and then joined the Tippecanoe County Police Department. In 2007, Tracy was elected Sheriff of Tippecanoe County. He was elected president of the Indiana Sheriffs' Association, president of the Tippecanoe County Commissioners, and president of the board of the Lafayette Family YMCA. He also was a board member of the American Red Cross. Tracy helped coach Harrison High Schools boys swimming and football teams and has been active in the St. James Lutheran Church.

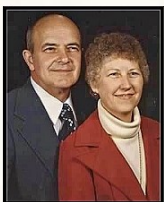
In 2013, Governor Mike Pence named Tracy a "Sagamore of the Wabash."



NEDA K. DUFF: PRESIDENT OF THE INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY ASSESSORS

Neda Coghill Duff graduated from Delphi Community High School in 1973. She served as Carroll County Assessor for 10 years, from 1987-1997, and was president of the Indiana Association of County Assessors. In 1995, she was named "Outstanding County Assessor of the Year." After a hiatus Neda again was elected County Assessor in 2010 and remains in that office. She was named "Northwest District Assessor of the Year in 2019."

Neda held offices in the Association of Indiana Counties and in the County Republican Party; she was a Deer Creek Township Trustee; and she was on the board of the Delphi Youth Baseball League. A long-time member of philanthropic sorority Psi Iota Xi, Neda was elected president and, in 1989, was named the Delphi chapter's "Psi Ote of the Year." In 1997, Neda was named a "Sagamore of the Wabash" by Governor Frank O'Bannon.



JIM AND MARGUERITE BOERGER: REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN AND INDIANA NURSE OF THE YEAR

Jim (1930-2015) and Marguerite (1932-2004) Boerger arrived in Delphi in 1966. Marguerite was an administrator at the Delphi Nursing Home and, later, a traveling District Director of Nursing for American Medical Management. In 1990, she was named "Indiana Nurse of the Year;" and she received the "Sagamore of the Wabash" honor from Governor Evan Bayh in 1995. She was active in Red Cross, the Republican Women's Club, Carroll County Mental Health, Tri Kappa philanthropic sorority, and the Business and Professional Women's Club in Lafayette. She was a member of Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing.

Jim Boerger was named a "Sagamore of the Wabash" in 2004, by Governor Joe Kernan. Jim was active in Lions Club and the St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Delphi. He was chairman of the Carroll County Republican Party and served as a Delphi City Councilman.

SUE PENN: HOMEMAKING INSTRUCTOR

Carol Sue Burkhalter Penn has spent much of her adult life serving the community. Sue graduated from Delphi High School in 1954, where she was president of Future Homemakers, participated in class plays, and was a member of Student Council. She married William Penn in 1956, and they have three children.

Sue worked for many years as a Homemaker for the Division of Family and Children, doing home visits to help people learn to cook, clean, and provide good childcare. She also worked as a bus driver for the Delphi schools. Sue is a long-time member of the Lions Club. With husband Bill, she was active in the Lions Club Eyeglass Mission which collects used eyeglasses and distributes them to needy people around the world. Sue was named a "Sagamore of the Wabash" in 2000 by Governor Frank O'Bannon.



ALLEN LINDLEY: DEPUTY STATE AUDITOR

Allen J. Lindley (1911-1997) was named a "Sagamore of the Wabash" by Governor Otis Bowen in 1973. Allen was born in Howard County. He married Geneva Thompson in 1931; and they lived in Cutler, where he farmed. They had five children. They then moved to Westfield, Indiana.

Allen served as Deputy State Auditor and worked for the State Board of Accounts. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Carmel Masonic Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star, and Scottish Rite. A member of Carmel Wesleyan Church, Allen taught Sunday school for 50 years.



WANDA DUFF: AUDITOR AND BUSINESSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

Wanda Duff received her "Sagamore of the Wabash" award in 1980, from Governor Otis Bowen. Wanda served as Deputy Auditor and then Auditor of Carroll County. She also was secretary of the Carroll County Drainage Board. She was active in the State Auditors' Association.

Wanda was president of Psi Iota Xi philanthropic sorority, on the board of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Delphi United Methodist Church, and Vice Chairman of the Carroll County Republican Party. She was named "Woman of the Year" by the Delphi Business and Professional Women.

Wanda Hughes graduated from Delphi High School in 1951. She was a member of the National Honor Society, elected Class Vice President, and chosen Football Queen. She married Bill Duff in 1952, and they had four sons.



ROBERT JACK: EDUCATOR

Robert L. Jack (1921-1988) was principal at Carrollton Elementary School in the early 1960s and lived in Flora. He began his teaching career at a school for the blind in Kentucky; and he ended it at Taylor Elementary School in Kokomo, in 1981. He was proud to be from a long line of educators.

Robert received the "Sagamore of the Wabash" the year he retired, 1981. He also was honored as a "Kentucky Colonel."



OMER "HOOT" GREIVES: CO-FOUNDER OF NATIONAL HOMES CORPORATION AND REALTOR

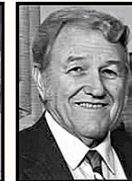
Omer "Hoot" Greives (1907-1980) was born in Kansas and grew up in Benton County. He lived in Delphi while he worked for Standard Oil, before he moved to Lafayette. Hoot was one of the original founders of, and investors in, the National Homes Corporation. He was on its board for nearly 40 years. He also was a partner in Price and Price Inc.; and he had a successful real estate business in Lafayette.

Hoot received the "Sagamore of the Wabash" in 1967 from Governor Roger Branigin.

CHARLES AND HELEN YEAGER: FARMERS AND CO-FOUNDER OF YEAGER & SULLIVAN, INC.

Charles and Helen Yeager received their joint "Sagamore of the Wabash" honor in 1979 from Governor Otis Bowen. Charles (1918-2009) was born in Washington Township. He graduated from Deer Creek High School in 1936 and attended Purdue. He married Helen Martin (1923-2015) in 1946, and they had two children.

Charles, who was a life-long farmer, co-founded Yeager & Sullivan, Inc - a highly successful agriculture business - in 1958. He received the "Vernon C. Freeman Outstanding Alumnus Award" from Purdue's School of Agriculture in 1985, and he was inducted into the "Carroll County Agriculture Hall of Fame" in 1994. Helen was active in DAR, serving in leadership roles. Both Yeagers were involved with the Camden First Baptist Church.





HOWARD PARKS: BANKER

William Howard Parks (1908-1995), from Flora, was president of the Peru Trust Company, executive vice president of the First National Bank in Elwood, a bank examiner for the State of Indiana, and the director of the Indiana Employment Security Division. He also was on the board of the Bright National Bank in Flora. Howard was named a "Sagamore of the Wabash" twice.

Howard graduated from Flora High School in 1927. He was class president and played basketball and baseball. He earned a bachelors degree in business from Indiana University in 1934. There, he was an outstanding student, named to academic and leadership honoraries Blue Key, the Board of Aeons, and Dragon Head, in which he was one of 10 charter members. He also won the "Delta Sigma Pi Key" for being the most outstanding graduate of the School of Business. Howard studied business administration at Harvard. During WWII, Howard served in the Army Air Corps.

After he retired from the Peru Trust Company in 1967, Howard returned to Flora. He was an officer for the Carroll County United Fund; and he belonged to the Flora Christian Church, the Flora Masonic Lodge, the Clarence Wiles American Legion Post, and the Indianapolis Scottish Rite and Shrine. Howard's commitment to his community continued long after his death through his endowment of the "Howard Parks Scholarship Fund," benefitting students at Carroll High School.



WAYNE TALBERT: STATE LEGION COMMANDER

Wayne Talbert (1918-1997), of Delphi, gained statewide fame through his work with the American Legion. He was Commander of the Delphi American Legion Post 75, Northern Vice Commander, Second District Commander, and - in 1963-64 - State Commander. A popular speaker, Wayne traveled the state, addressing local posts. In 1977, Delphi's Post 75 honored Wayne with the "C.C. Crampton Outstanding Legionnaire Award." They also awarded him a lifetime membership.

Wayne was born in Russiaville. He graduated from Kokomo High School in 1937 and married Helen Hunter in 1939. They had two daughters. He served in the Army during WWII. Wayne and his brother, Harold, owned Bassett and Talbert Firestone and John Deere Store and Service Station in Delphi for 34 years. He was president of the Delphi Chamber of Commerce and president of the Lions Club. He was an officer in the Carroll County Old Settlers Association, a member of the Masonic Lodge, and an officer for Delphi's First Presbyterian Church.

Wayne was named a "Sagamore of the Wabash" by Governor Otis Bowen.

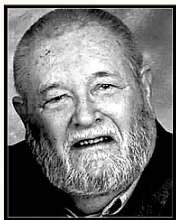


HOWARD KIRKENDALL: BURLINGTON GROCER

Howard Kirkendall (1912-2002) was a long-time resident of Burlington. He helped incorporate Burlington in 1967 and was elected to the Town Council, for which he served as president. He was a charter member of the Volunteer Fire Department, and he was president of the Burlington Community Club. He also was a member of Burlington United Methodist Church and the Burlington School Board.

Howard owned a grocery store in Burlington, originally known as "Chews Grocery" and then changed to "The Farm Boy." He also co-owned grocery stores in Reynolds, Shelbyville, Noblesville, Knightstown, Sheridan, and Russiaville. When he sold The Farm Boy in 1984, Howard auctioned off the contents and donated half the proceeds to the Burlington Park Fund.

In 1990, Howard was named Burlington's "Outstanding Citizen;" and in 1994, he was named a "Sagamore of the Wabash" by Governor Evan Bayh.



DONALD CRIFE: VOICE OF THE KOKOMO WILDCATS

Donald Cripe (1929-2010), who lived in Burrows, received a "Sagamore of the Wabash" award in 1969 from Governor Edgar Whitcomb for his work on the Governor's Task Force on Economy in Government. A 1946 graduate of Purdue - at age 16 - Donald was in the communications industry. He was Director of Communications for Indianapolis Power and Light, Vice President and General Manager of Indianapolis Cablevision, and Vice President and General Manager of WFBM-TV and WFBM-FM, among other positions.

Donald was a life-long radio announcer, beginning his career in Lafayette. In the 1950s and 60s, he was known as the "Voice of Kokomo Wildcats Basketball."

FRANK FITCH: PRESIDENT OF THE INDIANA PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION

Frank Fitch (1920-2006) and his wife, Rosemary, came to Delphi in 1948. Initially they were part-owners of Wynkoop Pharmacy, where Frank was a pharmacist. In 1960, they bought out Schaff Wynkoop and became sole owners until 1989, when they sold the business. Frank was president of the Indiana Pharmaceutical Association and Indiana Board of Pharmacy. He received the "President's Award" from the Indiana Pharmaceutical Association and the "Bowl of Hygeia Award" from the Indiana State Board of Pharmacy, both in 1975.

Frank was a charter member and president of the Delphi Lions Club. In 1999, Lions International gave him its "Melvin Jones Fellow Award." He was president of the Delphi Economic Development Commission and a member of the first Delphi Zoning and Planning Board. He was a founder and board member of the Carroll County United Fund, a board member of the Carroll County Cancer Association, a charter member of the Delphi Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Carroll County Sheriff's Merit Board. He also was on the boards of Union Bank and Trust in Delphi and the Area IV Agency on Aging and Community Service Advisory Council. He sponsored a Little League team, and he was a deacon of the First Presbyterian Church. He also was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge.

In 1971, Frank was named "Citizen of the Year" by American Legion Post 75. In 1986, he received Delphi's "Samuel Milroy Award," and in 1999, he was named "Older Hoosier of the Year" by Area IV Agency on Aging and Community Service. Governor Robert Orr honored Frank with the "Sagamore of the Wabash" award twice - 1988 and 1989. Frank and Rosie had one daughter, Kathy.



ANN HANCOOK: EXTENSION EDUCATOR AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LEADERSHIP EDUCATORS

Ann Benner Hancock (1947-1993) was born in Logansport and grew up in Carroll County. She graduated from Delphi High School in 1966 and from Indiana University, with a degree in home economics, in 1970. She earned her masters degree from St. Francis College in Fort Wayne in 1976 and her doctorate in instructional research and development from Purdue, in 1983.

Ann was Associate Dean for Extension and Continuing Education in the School of Consumer and Family Sciences and Assistant Director of the Extension Service at Purdue. She received the "Special Recognition Award" from the Purdue Extension Specialists' Association in 1980, and she was selected to the National Speakers Bureau of Epsilon Sigma Phi, the national extension fraternity. She also received that fraternity's "Distinguished Service Award." Ann co-founded and served as vice president of the National Association of Leadership Educators. She also was a member of the National Association of Women in Education.

In 1993, Governor Evan Bayh named Ann a "Sagamore of the Wabash." In 2001, Purdue Extension established the "Ann Hancock Award," recognizing Extension educators and specialists who create programs focusing on families.



ERAN JULIEN: ADVOCATE FOR THE BLIND

Eran Julien (1924-2011), the son of Floyd and Bertha Julien, graduated from Delphi High School in 1942. He enlisted in the Army, serving in Europe; and then he returned to finish his college education, graduating from Indiana University in 1951.

Eran worked for Aetna Life and Casualty Company in Indianapolis and Pittsburgh, PA, until 1989. The last 10 years of that time, he was on long-term disability due to severe and progressive vision problems. But he didn't let his disability stop him. Eran volunteered for the Indiana Insurance Commission for 13 years and served on the Indiana Rehabilitation Commission under Governor Robert Orr. He worked extensively with the Leader Dog for the Blind organization, sitting on its board for three years. He personally raised two leader dogs for the organization, and he was devoted to his own leader dog.

Eran was president the Lions Club in Zionsville, and he received the "W.P. Woods Award," the highest honor given by the Indiana Lions Club. He volunteered as a radio dispatcher for the Zionsville Police Department; and he taught a class on performing simple home repairs for the Indiana Rehabilitation Agency for the Blind. In 1980, Governor Otis Bowen named Eran a "Sagamore of the Wabash" for his volunteer work with the blind.

Eran was married to Margaret Ramey, also from Delphi. They enjoyed traveling throughout the U.S. and Europe.

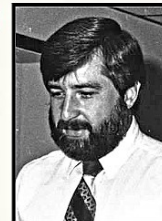


CLAUDE JOHNSON: PUBLIC SERVANT AND FINE ARTS CHAIRMAN

Claude R. Johnson (1940-2018) graduated from Delphi High School in 1958, and he spent most of his life working in the insurance industry.

Claude was chairman of the Carroll County Young Democrats, chairman of the board of the Delphi Christian Church, and a member of the Delphi City Council. He moved to Crawfordsville, where he was both a police and fire commissioner; and he led a multi-million dollar fundraising campaign to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Montgomery County.

During the Evan Bayh administration, Claude served as Chairman of the Indiana Fine Arts Commission. He received multiple "Sagamore of the Wabash" awards over the years for his public and community service. In 2016, Claude was the sole recipient of the "Richard Kendall Award for Service to Humanity" presented by Rotary International.





BOB MORROW: VETERANS SERVICES OFFICER

Robert Morrow (1925-2016) was a patriot who served his country most of his life. Severely injured in WWII, Bob returned home to become the Veterans Services Officer for Carroll County, holding that position for 59 years. His dedication to helping veterans and their families take advantage of all the services to which they were entitled was well-known and much respected. He went above and beyond expectations, personally delivering food baskets, visiting veterans in the hospital, and ensuring that veterans were properly honored at burials. For his efforts, Bob was recognized with the 1980 Veterans of Foreign Wars "Distinguished Service Award," the 2009 American Legion "Outstanding Citizen Award," and - in 1999 at the annual Veterans Day ceremony on the Courthouse lawn - the "Sagamore of the Wabash" award from Governor Frank O'Bannon.

Bob grew up in Delphi and graduated from Delphi High School in 1943. He was serving in the U.S. Army's 120th Infantry, 30th Division when he was injured in Aachen, Germany, earning him a Purple Heart. He attended St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer for two years, after he was discharged from the Army.

Bob became Carroll County's Veterans Services Officer in 1949, and he retired from that position in 2008. During that time, he was known to interact with 250-400 veterans each month, helping them with a wide variety of needs. He was a member of the Delphi American Legion Post 75, the Delphi VFW Post 9383, and the Carroll County Honor Guard.



PETE JACKSON: FARMER, BUSINESS OWNER, AND DEMOCRAT CHAIRMAN

Matthew "Pete" Jackson (1921-2014) was a Carroll County farmer and businessman and was long active in the Carroll County Democrat Party, which he chaired for eight years. Pete was born in his family's home near Yeoman. He attended Yeoman School and graduated from Delphi High School in 1939. He served in the U.S. Navy. He married Lorena Myer in 1941, with whom he had five children. After her death, he married Joan Abbott in 1957.

Pete farmed in Jefferson Township. In 1962, he became a partner in Chittick-Jackson John Deere dealership, eventually Jackson-Lee-Pearson, retiring in 1989. In addition, he was on the board of the Bright National Bank. Pete was a member of the Flora Lions Club, the Delphi American Legion Post 75, and the Flora First Christian Church, serving as an elder and chairman of the board. He was on the board of the Carroll County Community Foundation and the Flora Community Club. He also helped found Flora Apartments, Inc.

In 1996, Pete was named to the "Carroll County Agriculture Hall of Fame;" and in 2000, he was awarded the Flora Lions Club's "Pete Award," honoring his community service. He received the "Sagamore of the Wabash" from Governor Matt Welsh in 1965.



JINX ROLL: CHIEF ENGINEER FOR THE INDIANA TOLL ROAD

Lionel "Jinx" Roll (1915-1989) was the Chief Engineer on the Indiana Toll Road for nearly 30 years. Born in Cutler, he graduated from Cutler High School in 1933; and he earned his engineering degree from Purdue. He married Ruth Quinn in 1937, and they had two sons. Jinx served in the U.S. Navy from 1943-1945.

Jinx and his family lived in Monticello for several years, while he had a drainage, engineering, and construction firm and was the County Surveyor. They moved to South Bend in 1954, when he began working with the Indiana Toll Road. In 1959, he was appointed Operations Manager of the Northern Indiana Toll Road; and he moved up to Chief Engineer in 1961. He retired in 1989. Jinx was an elder and trustee for the First Presbyterian Church in South Bend and a member of Masonic Lodge 294.

Jinx was long-time member of the Indiana Society of Professional Engineers (ISPE); and he frequently was asked to speak at, and contribute articles to, the International Bridge, Tunnel, and Turnpike Association. In 1982, he was named "Engineer of the Year" by the St. Joseph Valley Chapter of the ISPE; and he received the "Sagamore of the Wabash" in 1980, from Governor Otis Bowen.



JOHN PAYNE: AUDIOLOGY PIONEER

John Howard Payne (1917-1987), suffering from hearing loss himself, founded an audiology consulting and hearing firm, "John H. Payne Associates," with multiple locations in Indiana. He was a member of the National Hearing Aid Society, Chairman of the Hearing Aid Dealers Advisory Committee, and president of the Indiana Hearing Aid Specialists Association. He served on the board of the Indiana Better Business Bureau and was an advisor to the State Board of Examiners for Speech Pathology and Audiology. He helped develop hearing aid devices and technologies, and he led the creation of legislation to raise the standards and qualifications of professionals in his field. Recognized internationally in his field, John often spoke at national and international meetings of audiologists and hearing aid specialists.

John Payne grew up in Flora, graduating from Flora High School (1936) and the Fort Wayne Business School. He married Frances Harter, of Bringhurst, in 1937; and they had three sons. John began his career working for Pioneer Hi-Bred Corn Company and then became Assistant to the Superintendent of Industries at the Indiana State Reformatory. He entered the audiology field in 1940, first as a salesman and then as manager for the Sonotone Hearing Service. He founded his hearing aid business in Indianapolis in 1952. John was a member of the Meridian Street United Methodist Church, the Flora Masonic Lodge, the Indianapolis Scottish Rite, Hoosier Associates, the Rotary Club, and the Indianapolis Columbia Club. He was named a "Sagamore of the Wabash" in 1980, by Governor Otis Bowen.

JOHN KLEPINGER: PRESIDENT, REGION IV, INDIANA BANKERS ASSOCIATION

John F. Klepinger (1912-2008) was born on the family farm in White County. He graduated from Brookston High School in 1930 and from the University of Illinois, with a degree in banking and finance, in 1934. He married Wanda North, of Brookston, in 1938; and they had two sons, Dick and Jack (Jack is profiled in this book). John worked on the family farm briefly. Then, in 1936, he began a 53-year career working at the Union State Bank of Delphi (eventually Union Bank and Trust), going from Cashier to President and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors. Well-regarded in the banking community, John was president of Region IV of the Indiana Bankers Association.



John was was Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge in Brookston and High Priest of the Delphi Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. He was an officer for the United Fund and the Carroll County Mental Health Association. He was a charter member of the Wabash and Erie Canal Association, a charter member of the Camp Tecumseh Trailblazers, and president of the Delphi Rotary Club. He was a long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church, serving as deacon, elder, and trustee. He was active in forming the Carroll County Community Foundation.

For his service, John received numerous awards, including Delphi's "Samuel Milroy Award" in 1984 and the "Sagamore of the Wabash" in 1996, from Governor Evan Bayh. He was named a "Paul Harris Fellow" by the Delphi Rotary Club, and he was inducted into the "Carroll County Agriculture Hall of Fame" in 1996.

DR. ROGER MAYHILL: PURDUE PROFESSOR

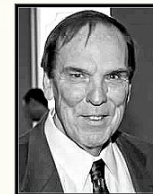
Dr. Roger Mayhill (1908-1989) was born in Flora, the son of Dora and Bert Mayhill (both are profiled in this book). He graduated from Delphi High School in 1925, having been editor of the school newspaper and president of Hi-Y. He graduated from Purdue in 1932 and earned his doctorate in 1942 at the University of Illinois. Roger gained statewide recognition when he was elected president of the State Young People's Religious Council of Indiana. He spent his summers in college as the editor of the "Delphi Journal," which his family owned; and in 1933, he bought the "Branch County News," in Coldwater, Michigan. But Roger really was a teacher. In 1937, he joined the faculty at Purdue, where - except for a break for military service and another to get a masters in business administration - he remained until he retired in 1974. During WWII, Roger was in the U.S. Navy, stationed in the Philippines, Panama, New Guinea, and Egypt. He taught at New York University for four years while he earned an MBA, in 1952. At Purdue, Roger taught history, economics, and business administration of aeronautic transportation.



Roger was a member of the Indiana Republican Editorial Association, the Delphi American Legion Post, Mt. Olive Masonic Lodge, IOOF Lodge in Delphi, the Carroll County Historical Society, the Wabash and Erie Canal Association, and the First Presbyterian Church in Delphi. He received the "Sagamore of the Wabash" award in 1977 from Governor Otis Bowen.

FRED MCNULTY: SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR

Fred McNulty, born in 1946, grew up in the Deer Creek area and attended Washington Township High School. He completed his bachelors and masters degrees at Purdue and was a special education teacher in Delphi and Logansport. In 1974, Fred moved to Valparaiso, to become the special education administrator for Porter County. For some 30 years, he oversaw special education and vocational education programs in that county.



In the late 1990s, Governor Frank O'Bannon appointed Fred to the board of the Indiana School for the Blind. He also was a board member of the Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce, chairman of Opportunity Housing, board member of Lakeshore Public Television and Radio, vice chairman of the Porter County Sheriff's Merit Board, chairman of the LaPorte County United Way, and chairman of the Michigan City Chamber of Commerce. As chairman of the Memorial Opera House Board, he helped raise more the \$350 thousand in contributions to save and restore the historic opera house. In 1998, Fred was named a "Sagamore of the Wabash" by Governor Frank O'Bannon; and in 2006, Governor Mitch Daniels honored him with the "Distinguished Hoosier Award."

MIKE HINKLE: TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL

Mike Hinkle (1935-2006) from Camden farmed in Carroll County and taught in Flora, Lafayette, and Chicago, before moving to Crawfordsville. There, he was the principal at Tuttle Middle School for 20 years. Mike graduated from Notre Dame in 1956 and earned his masters at Purdue. He served three years in U.S. Army Intelligence. He married Flora resident Sally Ann Watson and had two children.



In Crawfordsville, Mike served on the Zoning Board, the Planning Commission, the Library Board, and the Park and Recreation Board. He received the "Sagamore of the Wabash" award from Governor Robert Orr in 1988.

RICHARD MARSH: CAMP TECUMSEH DIRECTOR

Richard Marsh (1927-1993) was director of Camp Tecumseh from 1976-1989. Dick was born in Crandon, Wisconsin, graduated from Crandon High School, and earned his bachelors degree in youth management from George Williams College in Chicago. He was a veteran of WWII and the Korean War.



Dick was named a "Paul Harris Fellow" by the Delphi Rotary; and he was named a "Sagamore of the Wabash" by Governor Evan Bayh, in 1989.



JOHN MCCORMICK: MASTER FARMER

John McCormick (1914-2008) was a farmer most of his life. In 1994, he was in among the first group to be inducted into the "Carroll County Agriculture Hall of Fame." He was a "Prairie Farmer" magazine "Master Farmer," and he received Purdue's award for "Outstanding Contributions to Agriculture." He was on the Carroll County Extension Committee, Purdue Council on Agricultural Research Extension Teaching Committee, State Swine Tour, and Governor's Ethanol Committee. He was one of six Hoosiers named to Governor Otis Bowen's Indiana Grain Products Research Council. He was president of the State Farm Management Association, president of the Carroll County Farm Bureau Co-op, and head of the Indiana Farm Policy Committee.

John was honored with the Ford Motor Company's "Almanac for Farm Efficiency." He was on the program of Purdue's "Science Days" several times. He twice hosted the Indiana Farm Management Tour. In 1996, his farm was recognized with the "Hoosier Homestead Award," given for farms owned by the same family for 100 years or more. In 1988, he and his wife established an agriculture scholarship at Delphi Community High School; and in 1994, he was named a "Sagamore of the Wabash" to recognize his outstanding contributions to agriculture in the state. John also was on the boards of Delphi's Union Bank and Trust and Delphi's First Federal Savings and Loan.

John was a member of the John Purdue Club, the Carroll County Country Club, the Trailblazers of Camp Tecumseh, the Lafayette Elks, and the Knights of Columbus. He served as president of the Delphi School Building Corporation and the Delphi Community School Education Facilities Corporation. In 1966, he was named Delphi's "Citizen of the Year" by American Legion Post 75.

John was born in Tippecanoe County. His family moved to Carroll County in 1930. In 1935, he married Mary Maxwell, and they had two children.



BOB GANGLOFF: HARNESS RACING "BREEDER OF THE YEAR"

Robert Gangloff (1925-2007) received his "Sagamore of the Wabash" in 1986 from Governor Robert Orr. It recognized his contributions to the horse industry in the state. Bob was born in Carroll County and graduated from Logansport High School in 1943. He was a livestock and grain farmer. He also founded Gangloff-Downham Trucking and the Logansport Livestock Yards.

Bob became well-known for producing quality harness racing horses. He was a member of the U.S. Standardbred Association, and he was named "Breeder of the Year," both in Indiana and Illinois.

Bob was active in the Faith Lutheran Church near Deer Creek. He also was a member of Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge of Camden, Elks Lodge 66, American Legion Post 60, VFW Post 3790, and Murat Shrine Temple of Indianapolis and Scottish Rite of Fort Wayne. He and his wife, the former Mary Louise Downham - whom he married in 1945, were Worthy Patron and Worthy Matron of the Deer Creek Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.



RALPH ROHRBAUGH: UNOFFICIAL MAYOR OF CAMDEN

Ralph Rohrbaugh (1925-2006) was a long-time resident of Camden, well-known as the president of the Camden Town Council, and the unofficial mayor of the town. His passion for the community helped him lead it through challenging times, as well as celebrations of its history and achievements.

Ralph was born in Scott County, Indiana. His family moved to Carroll County in 1938, and he graduated from Deer Creek High School in 1943. He served in the U.S. Army from 1943-1946, stationed in the Philippines, Luzon, and Occupied Japan. When he returned home, he attended Indiana Business College, graduating in 1948. He married Ruth Zimmerman in 1951, and they had two daughters.

Ralph was in the construction business, working for James I. Barnes Construction and Steinberger Construction, both in Logansport. He was a superintendent of construction and an estimator. He retired in 1988.

Ralph served on the Camden Town Council for 33 years and is credited with fostering several critical infrastructure projects. He also served on the Carroll County Economic Development Corporation, the Carroll County Area Plan Commission Zoning Board, the Carroll County 911 Advisory Committee, and the Carroll County Emergency Management Advisory Committee, for which he was president. He was a 57-year member of the American Legion Post 413, serving as Post Commander for 10 years and as Post Adjutant for 39 years. He was a 29-year member of Elks Lodge 66 of Logansport, president of the Presbyterian Brotherhood, and a member of the Indiana Notary Association. He was appointed to the Camden-Jackson Township Library Board; and he was on the boards of the Carroll County Community Foundation and the Citizens Scholarship Foundation. He was vice president of the Camden Senior Citizens Board.

Ralph's honors included receiving the Carroll County Old Settlers "Heritage Award" (2006) and being named a "Sagamore of the Wabash" in 2000, by Governor Frank O'Bannon. When Ralph died, the Indiana Senate passed a memorial resolution acknowledging Ralph's dedication to the Camden community; and the town planted a tree in his honor at its 175th birthday celebration.

BILL SCHOOLER: INTERNATIONAL LIONS CLUB AMBASSADOR

The Lions Club is an international service organization that's been around for more than 100 years, and William Schooler has epitomized the spirit of the Lions. Bill served in leadership roles at the local, district, and international levels. He traveled the world on behalf of the organization, visiting most of the states and 18 countries. He won numerous accolades, including the "International Medal of Appreciation," three "International President's Awards," and the "Ambassador of Good Will Award," the highest honor a Lion can receive. Governor Robert Orr named Bill a "Sagamore of the Wabash" in 1986, for his work with the Lions Club.



Bill was born in 1929 to Delphi teachers Bill and Martha Schooler. A 1947 graduate of Delphi High School, Bill was an athlete (basketball and track) and was on both the yearbook and school newspaper staffs. He earned his bachelors from Ball State University in 1951, and he married Jean Rider of Hammond that same year. They had two sons. Bill continued studying, earning his masters degree from Wisconsin State University.

During the Korean War, Bill served in the Counter Intelligence Corps. Then he began his long career in education in Hammond, Indiana. He taught math; and then he entered education administration, progressing up the administrative line from Principal to Business Manager to Assistant Superintendent of Schools. He was active in the Association for Childhood Education and the Principals' Association. He received an American Library Association Award as co-developer of a self-image improvement program, and he frequently spoke at colleges and universities. He also helped found the Hammond Education Foundation and the Munster Education Foundation. When he retired from education in 1989, after 36 years, Bill became Chairman of the Board of Lake Federal Bank, a position he held for 15 years.

In addition to his involvement with the Lions Club, Bill worked on the American Cancer Society's Cancer Crusade, served on the parks board and the board of the Calumet County Boy Scouts, did fundraising for the YMCA and Special Olympics, and coached Little League. He also was president of the Northern Indiana Service Club. A member of the Friendly Sons of Erin, he received that group's coveted "Shamrock Award" in 1998.

Bill returned to Delphi, in his retirement years. He continued his work with the Lions Club and got involved in local groups, including the Delphi Preservation Society, the Oracle Club, and the Carroll County Historical Society. In 2006, he was chosen Marshall of the annual Christmas parade.

JERIS EIKENBERRY: INDIANA STATE FEED ADMINISTRATOR

Jeris Eikenberry received his "Sagamore of the Wabash" honor in 2000 from Governor Frank O'Bannon. Born in 1936, Jeris grew up in the Bringhurst area. He participated in 4-H, earning honors in several areas. He was a 4-H Junior Leader and president of the Junior Leader program. Jeris graduated from Flora High School in 1955. He was president of Student Council and won state competitions in speech and dairy judging. An accomplished musician, he participated in band and several choral groups. He was awarded a 4-H scholarship to Purdue, graduating in 1959 with a degree in agriculture. He married Camden native Joyce Miller in 1958, and they have two children.



Following a tour of duty with the U.S. Army, Jeris returned to Carroll County to work as a county agent-in-training. In 1960, he became Assistant County Agent in Randolph County; and in 1961, he was County Extension Agent in Madison County. In 1963, he began a career with the Office of the Indiana State Chemist, administering the Indiana Commercial Fertilizer Law, Herbicide Law, and Indiana Feed Control Program. He became the Feed Administrator in 1965, retiring from that position in 1999.

Jeris was a member of the U.S. Army Reserves for 28 years, retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 1987. He was on the board of the Purdue Alumni Association and an elder in his Presbyterian Church. He is a long-time member of the Lafayette Kiwanis Club and was on the boards of the Greater Lafayette Public Transportation Corporation and the Indiana State Police Youth Services. He has maintained his love of music, often playing piano at local events and meetings.

In addition to the Sagamore award, Jeris received the "Commissioner's Special Citation" from the FDA; and he was inducted into the "Carroll County Agriculture Hall of Fame" in 2000.

CHARLES WHITLOCK: PRESIDENT OF THE INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Charles E. Whitlock began his career as a teacher and coach at Clinton Central High School and Clarkes Hill Junior High. He came to Carroll County to be a teacher, and then Principal, at Carroll Consolidated High School, 1972-1979. He left Carroll to become Assistant Superintendent of Warsaw Community Schools; and in 1980, he became Superintendent of Rossville Consolidated School District, a job he held until retirement in 2000.

Charles was president of the Indiana Association of Public Schools Superintendents (IAPSS), and he was on that organization's advisory committee to the State Superintendent. In 1982, he received the Indiana Public Schools' "Executive Fellowship" to participate in an exclusive executive development program. He also served as chairman of the Wabash Valley Education Center's Executive Board. When he retired in 2000, Rossville's "Charles E. Whitlock Administration Building" was named in his honor. He also received the "Sagamore of the Wabash" honor from Governor Frank O'Bannon and the IAPSS "Distinguished Service Award."



Charles earned his bachelors, masters, and Educational Specialist degrees from Purdue. He married Mary Sue Wiggins in 1963, and they have four sons. In addition to his professional accomplishments, Charles has been active in the Rossville Presbyterian Church, a member of the Area Plan Commission of Clinton County, the Rossville Area Economic Development Committee, the Rossville Park Advisory Board, and the Lions Club.

PHILANTHROPIC SORORITY LEADERS

Philanthropic sororities contribute greatly to cultural, charitable, and educational initiatives in Carroll County. They also offer local women an opportunity to build and showcase their exceptional leadership skills. The women on these next pages rose to leadership roles in district, state, and national sorority offices.

DELTA THETA CHI

Delta Theta Chi Sorority was organized in 1920 in Chicago. The sorority supports literacy and breast cancer awareness, nationwide; and individual chapters choose other cultural and social causes in their communities. A national sorority, it currently has 472 members and 25 chapters.



PEG CLARK

Marilyn "Peg" Albaugh Clark (1930-2017) was national president of Delta Theta Chi from 1967-1969, and she was the National Executive Secretary for several years after. Peg graduated from Flora High School in 1948, where she was a cheerleader. She was an office manager who worked for an architectural engineering firm in South Bend, the Carroll School Corporation Superintendent, and Lane and Bishop Law Office, before becoming the Clerk-Treasurer for the Town of Flora. She was Worthy Matron of Eastern Star; and she played piano and organ for the Lower Deer Creek Church of the Brethren and the Flora United Methodist Church. Peg volunteered for the Flora Senior Center and Meals on Wheels, in addition to her volunteer work with her sorority.

GAMMA GAMMA NU

Though there were just a few chapters in Indiana, and none exist today, Gamma Gamma Nu was dedicated to helping children and young people by providing after-school activities and holiday parties. The Delphi chapter helped clean up the Carroll County Historical Museum when the Historical Society took control in the mid-1960s. In addition to Phyllis Moore (profiled earlier), four Carroll County women served as state president of the sorority.



NEDA COGHILL BUSHMAN

Neda Bini Coghill Bushman (1926-2006) was state president of Gamma Gamma Nu 1978-79. A busy professional woman, Neda served as matron of the Carroll County Jail while her first husband, Jim Coghill, was sheriff. She became Deputy County Assessor when Jim was Assessor; and she was matron - and eventually superintendent - of Carroll Manor Home, a job she held for 27 years. She was credited with transforming the formerly austere county home into a warm and friendly environment for the residents. She served as president of the Indiana County Home Association, in 1980.

Long active in the Republican Party, Neda was elected president of Carroll County Republican Women and was honored as Carroll County's "Outstanding Republican Woman" in 1987, receiving a plaque from First Lady Barbara Bush at the state meeting in Indianapolis. Neda also was active in Westside Flower Club, the Carroll County Mental Health Association, and the Wabash and Erie Canal Association. Originally from Livorno, Italy, Neda came to Carroll County as a war bride in 1947, becoming a U.S. Citizen in 1952.

JOANNE HAINES

Joanne Young Haines was elected state president in 1957. Joanne, who graduated from Rossville High School, moved to Carroll County when she married Foster Haines, from Delphi, in 1943. Joanne was active in the Cub and Boy Scouts, working on funding drives and serving as a den mother; the Pittsburgh School Association; the American Legion Auxiliary; and the Red Cross Blood Drives. Joanne and Foster moved to Florida in 1960.



HALLIE ENGLAND PATTON

Hallie Lowther England Patton (1928-2006) was elected state president of Gamma Gamma Nu in 1964. Hallie was president of the Girl Scouts Association in Delphi. She was active in Extension Homemakers, Dollars for Scholars, and the American Legion Auxiliary; and she was an officer in the Delphi Women's Bowling Association. She enjoyed traveling throughout the country. She spent several years living in Florida before returning to Delphi in 1995.



ROSE MARY LYBROOK

Rose Mary Cook Lybrook was elected state president in 1967. Rose Mary worked as a Carroll County reporter for the "Kokomo Tribune" and the "Lafayette Journal & Courier," as secretary at Union Bank and Trust in Delphi, and as a legal secretary. She was a member in the Pittsburg Church of the Brethren, serving in various capacities including director of vacation church school. She was an officer of the Carroll County Mental Health Association, an officer for the Carroll County United Fund, and a member of Carroll County Habitat for Humanity. She also volunteered for 4-H, and she was a tutor with the Carroll County Cares Literacy Program. In addition to her participation in Gamma Gamma Nu, Rose Mary was active in the Dolly Madison Extension Homemakers and the Delphi Business and Professional Women's Association.

KAPPA KAPPA KAPPA

Kappa Kappa Kappa (Tri Kappa) sorority was founded in 1901 at the Girls' Classical School in Indianapolis. It is exclusively an Indiana sorority, its purpose to support a variety of projects for charity, culture, and education. The sorority has supported Riley Hospital at Indiana University Health since it opened in 1922 and the Hoosier Salon art collection since its creation in 1925. Presently, the sorority has some 8,000 members in 142 Active chapters and 94 Associate chapters. The state is divided into 12 provinces, each overseen by a Province Officer who serves for 2 years. Four Carroll County women have been named Province Officer in the 121 year history of the sorority.

Hilda Bowen (1896-1994) was a 72-year member of Tri Kappa. She was chosen Province Officer for the term 1947-1949. Tri Kappa also named a nursing scholarship in Hilda's honor.

Hilda grew up in Delphi. After she graduated from Tudor Hall in Indianapolis and Wellesley College, she lived in Wisconsin, working as a social worker and Assistant Director of the Milwaukee Girl Scouts of America. When she returned to Delphi, Hilda was District Red Cross Chairman, founder of the Delphi chapter of the American Association of University Women, vice president of the League of Women Voters, and president of the Oracle Club. She also was the first county leader of 4-H Girls Clubs. After her father's death (Edward Bowen, who is profiled in this book), Hilda and her mother became frequent travelers, both in the U.S. and abroad. She often was asked to give talks about her travels to local groups. Hilda also took over management of family businesses, including farms and ranches, maintaining their success.

HILDA BOWEN



Mary Clawson (Pastor) (1924-2014) was a teacher and tutor, an actress and director, and a devoted Tri Kappa for 72 years. She belonged to Tri Kappa chapters in Delphi, Lafayette, Indianapolis, and Bloomington, serving as an officer in each chapter. She was Province Officer from 1955-57. Mary graduated from Delphi High School in 1942, where she won oratorical awards and starred in school plays. She earned her bachelors degree at Indiana University in English and theater and her masters degree in theater at Purdue. She taught English and drama at Deer Creek, Flora/Carroll, Logansport, and Lafayette Jefferson high schools; and in 1986, she was honored as an "Indiana Distinguished Teacher" by the Indiana State Board of Education.

MARY CLAWSON (PASTOR)



In Delphi, Mary was president of the Carroll County Old Settlers Association and vice chairman of Young Republicans. She acted in, and directed, many productions for Lafayette Civic Theater; and in Bloomington, she had a weekly show on Golden Age Radio. In 2002, Mary moved to Tucson to be close to her two daughters and five grandchildren. And what was her first objective? To host a gathering of Tucson-based Tri Kappas.

CAROLYN WOOD

Carolyn Sagers Wood graduated from Delphi High School in 1968. She was vice president of the Spanish Club and a member of the band, and she was chosen Worthy Advisor of Rainbow in 1967. Carolyn became a Tri Kappa in 1972 and was named a Province Officer for 1985-1987, overseeing 27 chapters. She chaired the Tri Kappa Art Shows in Delphi and helped organize the Carroll County Artists Retrospective, as an Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Project.



In addition to her participation in many Tri Kappa projects, Carolyn was an officer for the Carroll County Cancer Association, serving as a co-chair of their scholarship committee, and chairman of the County 4-H Queen Contest. She's been on the boards of the Carroll White REMC's Operation Round Up and the Delphi Opera House. She was a 4-H leader and winner of the 4-H "Alumni Award."

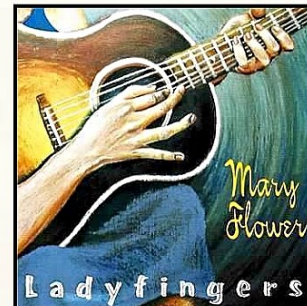
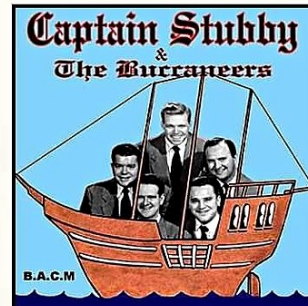
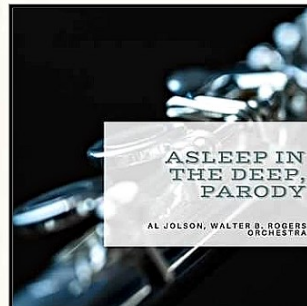
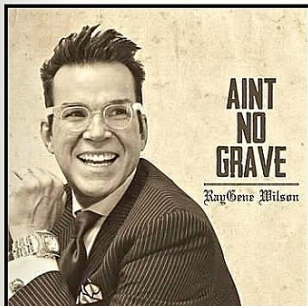
MELISSA MAXWELL

Melissa Mears Maxwell served as Province Officer from 2006-2008. She became a member of Gamma Alpha Chapter in Delphi in 1985 and held many leadership offices in her chapter, including president. After her stint as Province Officer, Melissa served on a Tri Kappa state committee for two years.

Melissa graduated from Delphi High School in 1976. She worked as a medical assistant at Arnett Clinic in Lafayette and as a nurses' aide and office assistant at Camden Elementary. Currently, Melissa lives in West Lafayette. She remains active in the Delphi Tri Kappa chapter and continues to support the work of the Delphi Preservation Society.



Records by Carroll County artists



PSI IOTA XI

Founded in 1897 in Muncie, Indiana, Psi Iota Xi was the first Greek letter organization of its kind in Indiana. Presently there are 101 chapters in five states: Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, and Kentucky. Psi Otes support bringing music and art into their communities, promoting literacy, and helping those with speech and hearing difficulties.



BRENDA BONNER

Brenda Briggs Bonner was National President of Psi Iota Xi from 2016-17. A 1982 graduate of Carroll High School, she was a freshman cheerleader and played varsity tennis. Brenda has a long record of leadership and service to her Flora community. She was a member of the 2009 class of Leadership Carroll County. She has volunteered for everything from assisting the Red Cross Bloodmobile and the Cancer Society to planning the Flora Community Club's annual Flora Hog Jog and Christmas parade. She was a sponsor for cheerleading and drama at Carroll Consolidated Schools. And of course, Brenda helped organize many of the Psi Ote projects. Initiated into Psi Otes as a legacy (third generation) in 1982, Brenda has held numerous offices, from president of Flora's Beta Alpha Chapter to president of the Indiana State Association.

As National President, Brenda was the goodwill ambassador for the sorority. Her travels included a visit to Gallaudet University in Washington, DC - whose students are deaf or hard of hearing - to present a dance scholarship and a trip to the University of Toledo to present a check in support of their stuttering project.



SARA OVERWAY

Sarah Hoffman Overway was the Psi Ote's national president in 2004-2005. A member of the sorority since 1986, Sara's mother, Judy Hoffman, and her paternal grandmother, Martha Hoffman, also were Psi Otes. Sara has held offices at the local, district and national level.

A 1986 graduate of Carroll High School, Sara was president of Future Homemakers and winner of the National School Choral Award. She was active in 4-H, both as an award-winning participant and, later, a leader. She won the "Doris Peterson Award" for the outstanding leader of the year in 2009; served on the Exhibit Board, earning the "Alumni Award," in 1995; and - with her parents - led the 2012 4-H Fair Parade as Grand Marshal. She also was a member of the Flora Lions Club, following in the footsteps of her dad, Mike Hoffman, and grandfather DeVere "Pete" Hoffman (profiled in this book).

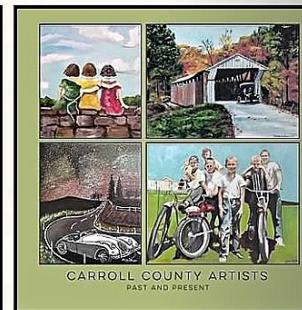
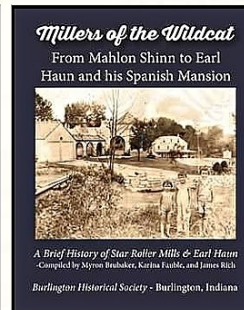
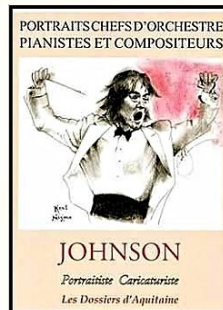
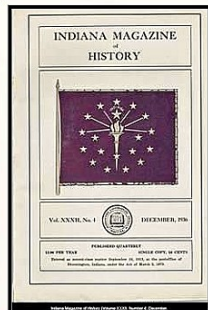
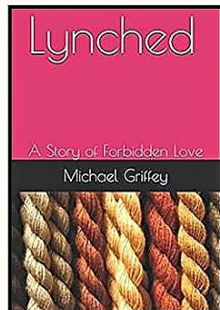
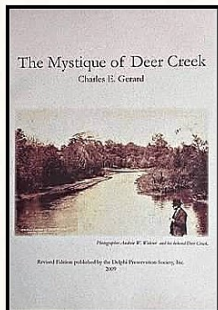
A certified pharmacy technician, Sara worked in the Walmart Pharmacy in Lafayette for many years. She's an active member of the Calvary Presbyterian Church in Logansport.



DORIS MCLELAND

Doris Heiny McLeland served as the Psi Ote's Indiana state president in 1990-1991. A sorority member since 1972, Doris held numerous offices and supported her sorority's functions, throughout the years. But Doris also led a life of public service, as Carroll County Deputy Assessor and then Assessor, Deer Creek Township Trustee, and member of the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals. She was chosen "Assessor of the Year" by the Northwest District of the Indiana Association of Assessors (2010), a 16-county organization in which Doris served as secretary and treasurer.

In 2018, the Carroll County Historical Society presented Doris an award for her work to maintain the cemeteries in her township. And in 2004, she was named "Woman of the Year" by the Delphi Business Women's Club. Doris is recently retired from public life.





John Michael Beale of Delphi won the Indiana State Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association Men's Level 1 Championship in 2014. He also won his division in Men's Level 1-3 and made Top 10 overall. Carroll County Comet 10-1-2014



John Flora, from Delphi, won the 2022 Hoosier State Press Association Photo of the Year competition



Former Camden resident Cheyanne Martin won the 2013 American Cutting Horse Association Junior Youth World Championship. Carroll County Comet 10-23-2013



Janet Grantham Israel (DCHS) was named the Indiana School Counselors' Association's "Exemplary Guidance Counselor in the State" in 2011. Carroll County Comet 11-16-2011



Corey Silverthorn won the Grand National Cross Country Series Four Wheeler Class Championship in 2013. He was a sophomore at Carroll Jr-Sr High School. Carroll County Comet 12-4-2013



Melissa Brown, from Delphi, receives an award from Indiana Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman for her photo of Adams Mill that she entered in the Office of Community and Rural Affairs' photo contest in 2008. She won the architecture category. Carroll County Comet 7-16-2008



Fourth grader Ella Brooks won the National Rural Association Essay Contest in 2019. Carroll County Comet 6-12-2019



Keltie Sullivan receives the Beacon Award from the Westfield Chamber of Commerce as "Citizen of the Year." Carroll County Comet 9-22-2010



CANDI PASTOR HARRISON: STORYTELLER

In 2016, my Clawson cousin, Bonnie Maxwell, persuaded me to do an Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Project about growing up on Delphi's south hill in the 1950s and 60s. At first, I wasn't sure what the outcome of that project would be. But it didn't take long for me to realize something important: we are drawn together through our shared memories and life stories. And by documenting some of those memories and stories, I can help folks - including future generations - feel that connection to one another and to the community where we all have roots.

I was born in 1949 to John and Mary Clawson Pastor, granddaughter of Grace and Gearold Clawson (Clawson Chevrolet). I had a great childhood, growing up in Delphi... skipping rocks on Deer Creek, ice skating on Bradshaw's pond, riding my bike on the crooked road to Flora, eating cotton candy at the 4-H Fair, roasting marshmallows in the embers of the burning leaves our parents raked into the streets, and riding the merry-go-round at Old Settlers. After my freshman year at Delphi High School, we moved to Lafayette. In 1968, I graduated from Lafayette Jefferson High School, where I was yearbook editor and a Girls State representative. That latter experience spawned my interest in public service.

I earned my bachelors (English education/psychology) and masters (higher education administration) degrees at Indiana University. In 1974, I moved to New Jersey to become Assistant Dean for Residence Life at Rider University; and in 1976, I moved to Philadelphia to be Assistant Director of Residential Living at the University of Pennsylvania. Then I turned 30, had a mid-life crisis (a tad early), and decided to chase that dream of public service. I spent 24 years with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as a management analyst - three years in Philadelphia and 21 years in HUD's headquarters in Washington DC.

In 1994, I was on a small staff for HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros when HUD posted its first website. I was in the right place at the right time and became HUD's first Web Manager (writer/editor). It was the best assignment I ever had. With no guidelines in place, I could do whatever I wanted. So I changed the title of the website from "U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development" to "Homes and Communities" and made it my goal to give citizens what they want, in ways that makes sense to them, and to connect citizens with their government. HUD's website began to attract the attention of other federal agencies, reporters, and think tanks, for its citizen friendliness; and in 2000, I was honored to accept the first "Citizen Services Award for Government Websites" from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Accenture management consulting.

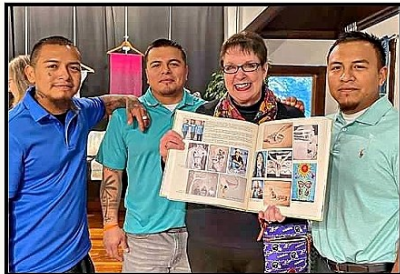
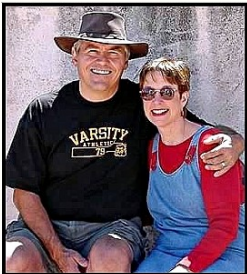
In 2001, we moved to Tucson, Arizona. My husband retired from the Voice of America; and we wanted to be close to my sister, Shelley, and her family. I worked from HUD's Tucson Office, continuing to manage HUD's website and traveling across the country, teaching web clinics for state and local governments, non-profits, and others who deliver the programs HUD funds.

In 2004, I was invited to co-chair a Federal task force for the President's Office of Management and Budget, to write the first Federal policies for government websites. Our task force evolved into the Federal Web Managers Council, which I co-chaired until I retired in 2005. After I retired, I taught classes for the Federal Web Management Training Center and wrote a blog - "Candi On Content" - offering insights on government websites and communications (I was quite proud when my blog was mentioned on the White House website!).

The Plain Writing movement formed in the mid-1990s. Tired of gobbly-gook in government, health care, and legal documents, we want organizations to write so people understand what they read, the first time they read it. Sounds simple, right? Its not. I became an advocate and a trainer (it went well with my web classes). And that led to my being invited to join the international judging panels for the U.S. "Clearmark Plain Writing Awards" (sponsored by the Center for Plain Language) and New Zealand's "Writemark Plain Writing Awards."

That brings me to 2016 and my Bicentennial Legacy Project. I self-published "The People on the Hill," followed by "History of the Hill," "Doyennes of the Hill" (4 volumes) spotlighting some of the remarkable women who shaped the Hill community, "Hill Kids," and "Artists on the Hill." The latter inspired me to publish "Carroll County Artists" and "Carroll County Scenes," in 2020. I donated copies of my books to the Carroll County high schools and libraries, the historical museum, the Gerard Reading Room at the Delphi Opera House, and the Indiana Historical Society; and I maintain Facebook pages for the "Delphi South Hill," "Carroll County Artists," and - now - "Famous Folks and Local Heroes of Carroll County." I was incredibly honored to receive the Carroll County Old Settlers Association's "Heritage Award" in 2018 and the 2022 "Charles Gerard Historical Archives Award" from the Delphi Preservation Society, for my work. But believe me - I didn't do it for the honors. This has been a labor of love for a place - and people - I love.

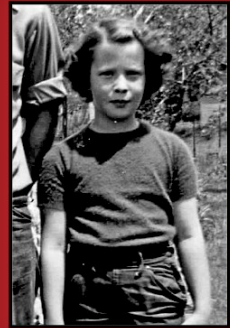
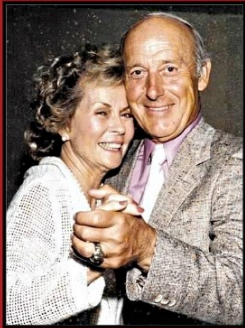
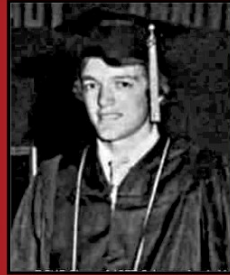
Since we married in 1984, Russ Harrison has been the wind beneath my wings. I go back home again to Indiana regularly to stay connected with family and friends and my Carroll County roots. And I plan to keep on sharing memories and telling stories of the people of Carroll County. Hope they make you smile.



Left to right: Russ and me; me with the incredible Cervantes brothers (Cesar, Seferino, and Isaias) who are featured in my book, "Carroll County Artists;" me accepting the Citizen Services Award in 2000; and me with my "Delphi Gal" pals Vicki Sines Harner, Carole Cornelius Franz, Mandy Mears Stroop, and Pence Revington



1949 Delphi Oracle
Tom Ives



Alfred L. Moss - Pres.

Top John McCormick, Tom Ives, Mike Hoffman, Dick Laughlin with his students (L-R) Sharon Hensley, Sharon Fisher, Bob Packard, Jack Klepinger, and Lynda McCain; Frances and Jim French., 2nd Row: Tony and Marilyn Berto, Anita Werling, Bonnie Maxwell, Jerilyn Jones, and Grace, Mary, and Gearold Clawson. 3rd Row: Ray Wilson with his sisters Anna Weaver, Sue Dexter, Norma Pearson, and Kathy Mitchell; Dave Minich family; and Sara and Scott Brosman. Bottom: Jennifer Shambaugh Archibald, Lee Appleton, and Al Moss

