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Looking Back



State YMCA Camp, Delphi, 1925

10 YEARS AGO

The Camden Town Council repealed an outdated ordinance and passed a replacement controlling licensing of certain activities within the town.

Burlington Town Council held a lengthy discussion on annexation and housing development at its March 11 meeting. The discussion was brought by recent construction of a home outside the city limits and was connected to the town's sewage system with an agreement to be annexed.

25 YEARS AGO

E.Parke Randall of the Pecsok Jelliffe & Randall architect firm in Indianapolis discussed plans for a new jail in Carroll County at the commissioners' meeting Monday.

A resident from north Delphi appeared before Delphi City Council to inquire what can be done about unkempt property such as junk and trash in that area.

A public auction to raise money for new restrooms in Burrows will be held March 28. Liberty Township Community Club will sponsor the auction of donated items.

50 YEARS AGO

A meeting concerned directly with the Burlington school, but

which in an indirect way touches the school program of all township systems in the county, is to be held Friday night, March 16.

At that time, a general overall study of the Carroll County schools will be made with several experts present to answer technical questions

Carroll County will be host to the eight county organizations within the third Farm Bureau district at a meeting to be held in Delphi on March 21 at the Presbyterian Church.

75 YEARS AGO

The uniform prosecutors' salary measure, basis of several heated disputes in the course of its passage through the two houses of the 1931 legislature, was one of several important measures signed Friday by Governor Harry G. Leslie. Under the provisions of the measure, salaries of all the prosecuting attorneys in Indiana are fixed.

Robert E. Stults of Gary has purchased the lease for the Arc Theatre in Delphi of George Kendall and has made satisfactory arrangements with Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Gardner, owners for the remodeling and redeco-

rating of the interior of the theatre.

100 YEARS AGO

Idaville has not always borne its present name, but for a time was known as "Hanna" in honor of its founder, Andrew Hanna, but there being another town of that name in the state (in LaPorte county), another name was necessary upon the establishment of a post office, and it was named Idaville in honor of Ida, the handsome and talented daughter of Rev. J.C. Callahan, the first resident minister.

Main Street group re-organizes

Group has small but significant growth spurt

By Debbie Lowe
Staff writer

The notion of a Main Street Association is a national and statewide movement that has been in the minds of many Delphi business owners since the early 1990s. The group met periodically to discuss the significance of such a group to the local economy, but no plans were formalized. However, the idea would not go away.

A revitalized group of like-minded individuals met in February to gage the interest level of addressing the economic and community pride issues at hand and six business owners or concerned citizens attended.

A second meeting was held March 7 and 11 people were present. Facilitator Jean Howell, grants administrator for the city of Delphi, guided participants through an exercise to identify the downtown area's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

According to a Main Street publication, the approach is community-driven and is used to revitalize older, traditional business districts throughout the United States.

The national organization suggests a four-point approach to commercial district revitalization which includes members working toward the same goal, promoting a positive image of the area, getting the

downtown into top physical shape and strengthening the community's existing economic assets while expanding and diversifying its economic base.

For inspiration, Howell presented the "10 Things You Can Do Today: Getting Started with Main Street" from the national Web site.

She also led the group to vocalize Delphi's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

The next meeting is April 4 at 5:30 p.m. at the Stone House Restaurant. Committees will be assigned and a timeline for events developed at that time. For more information, contact Howell at (765) 564-6692.



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Business Briefs

GARY AND PAM ENNIS and JODI STRASSER, all of Delphi, have purchased Connie's restaurant in Flora from Fred Collins. The owners are calling it Gracie's Restaurant & Bakery, and plan to open it sometime in April. Pam Ennis and Strasser both will be working in the restaurant. Strasser will be cook. The restaurant will be open for breakfast and lunch, and can be scheduled for groups at other times. Lunches will feature sandwiches and meal specials. Both Strasser and Pam Ennis have had restaurant experience. Ennis currently sells real estate, and she said she will continue to do that, along with the restaurant. The owners have been doing basic remodeling, including painting and putting in a bakery case. They say the restaurant will offer "a lot of good home cooking."

School board members and administrators from around the state, including representatives from the Delphi Community School Corporation attended the Indiana School Boards Association (ISBA) regional meeting held Monday in Lafayette. The ISBA is conducting meetings in each of its 10 regions across the state to discuss the effect the 2006 Indiana General Assembly will have on the operation of Indiana's public schools. Delphi Community School Corporation board members attending were **JIM GARRISON, JERRY SPARKS** and **MIKE SHOEMAKER**. ISBA is a non-profit organization with 290 members, including every public school board in the state.

4-H News

Rabbit Workshop
The 4-H Rabbit leaders have scheduled a rabbit workshop for March 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Community Building in Flora. 4-Hers should bring their project books.

Poultry Workshop
4-Hers enrolled in the 4-H poultry project should bring their project books to a poultry workshop on March 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the 4-H Community Building.

Cake Decorating Workshop
The first cake decorating workshop will be held at the 4-H Community Building on March 22 at 6:30 p.m. At this meeting the 4-H exhibit requirements, supply list and beginning cake decorating techniques will be explained. Decorating kits can be purchased at the workshop.

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