



## Carroll County's Lilly Scholars are named

Carroll County's 2006 Lilly Endowment Scholars are Brittaney Mauer and Courtney Roach. Mauer is a senior at Delphi Community High School and Roach is a senior at Twin Lakes High School.

In addition to the full-tuition, four-year scholarship to an Indiana college of their choice, they will receive a stipend for required books and equipment.

Six finalists for the scholarship will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the Carroll County Community Foundation. They are Rachel Arthur, Tyler Budreau and Kelsey Kennedy from

Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School; Heather Clark and Lydia Smith from Delphi Community High School; and Zach Seibert from Clinton Prairie High School.

Each individual application was evaluated by the Carroll County Services Committee of the Community Foundation on set criteria using a scoring system. The applicants with the highest number of points were asked to interview with the committee. Final selection was made from these finalists.

Mauer is the daughter of Gary and Angeline Mauer of rural Battle Ground. She plans to

attend Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, and major in biomedical engineering.

President of National Honor Society, Mauer is team captain and four-year member of the varsity girls' swim team and a four-year member of the girls' tennis team. She is a charter member of the Key Club and a member of SADD and cheer block.



Mauer

Mauer will be salutatorian of her graduating class, ranking second out of 125 students.

She has received several honors including the Rotary Youth Leadership Award, Bradshaw English Award for two years, Excellence in French for three years, and Excellence in Mathematics. She was also a participant in the Richard Lugar Symposium for Tomorrow's Leaders.

In the summer of 2004 she began working at Camp Tecumseh YMCA Outdoor Camp, starting as kitchen staff, and now working with retreats.



Roach

157. She is president of National Honor Society and of History Club. She is also a member of Student Council, Zion Bethel Youth Group, and 4-H. She participated in Every 15 Minutes

and was a Hoosier Girls' State delegate.

Roach serves as co-captain of both the girls' cross country and girls' swim teams.

Among her awards and accomplishments include: Academic All-State, USAA National Science Merit Award, Rotary Youth Leadership Award, national Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine attendee, Scholar Athlete Award, All-Hoosier Conference, and Indiana Top Ten.

Roach worked last year for the Monticello City Pool. **Continued page 5A**

## Sewer district opponents unite

By Debbie Lowe  
Staff writer

As the Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District activities in Phase III and Phase IIIB (Carroll County) increase, the amount of opposition from property owners is also growing.

Beth Kinder and Ellen Simmons of White County, and Pat Robertson of Jefferson Township in Carroll County, brought approximately 150 people from both counties together Thursday night at the Monticello Library.

The three oppose a March 20 Indiana Department of Environmental Management Phase III and IIIB construction permit for the sewer district.

The standing-room-only crowd extended out of the room and into the lobby of the library, and out of an emergency door and into the parking lot. They were there to hear and air concerns.

"I can't be silent," Robertson told the group. "This is America and I don't feel like we have liberty in this."

"All I know is I don't want to do it," Simmons stated.

Robertson presented a petition for sewer district opponents to sign asking IDEM for administrative review to "stay the action" of construction permit #17872, until an appeal can be heard. One hundred and twenty-eight people signed the petition at the meeting. The document was mailed to IDEM on April 3.

"If we do nothing, they will continue to plow through like they did in the first two phases," Robertson said. "We may not



### Addressing concerns

State Representative Don Lehe addressed Carroll and White county residents' concerns about the Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District at an organization meeting March 30. State Representative Rich McClain was also present at the meeting. Comet photo by Debbie Lowe

win, but I'm not going to sit by and not tell them what I think."

Indiana House Representative Don Lehe was in the audience and heard the many complaints and issues verbalized by the crowd.

"I was just here to listen and get input," he said. "I want to listen to ideas for solutions."

Lehe said he was not surprised by the size of the crowd. "This indicates we need to

look at this more intensely," he said. "There is a lot of interest from all over the state about how sewer districts are operating."

Representative Rich McClain was also present. He said he was there to hear about issues from those affected by the sewer district's actions.

Lehe explained summer study committees are held during the legislative session recess. The

sewer district topic will be considered for study. Lehe emphasized this is a local matter and he plans to request the committee meet for one session in either Carroll or White County to address issues.

"That will give the public here an opportunity to be part of the discussion," he said.

One audience member shouted out, "We don't want a study **Continued page 5A**

## Bar raised on road construction

By Debbie Lowe  
Staff writer

By acting on a recommendation from county highway supervisor Ramzi Awwad to increase road construction standards, Carroll County Commissioners imposed an immediate cost increase on developers for road construction.

In a 2-1 split vote at the Monday morning meeting, commissioners adopted the recommendation that all roads accepted into the county highway system must contain a deeper base of crushed stone and asphalt than previously required.

Commissioner president Bill Brown did not vote to adopt the action as recommended. Brown said he wanted to exempt those who are building now and already have financing in place.

"My concern is for the long-term road conditions," commissioner Loren Hylton said as he moved to approve the recommendation.

"I feel for the guys caught in the middle," commissioner George Mears said as he provided the second.

Bridgeview Subdivision developer Kevin Sims said the measure was reasonable for future projects, but considered it unreasonable for those projects already underway, such as his. He said developers with projects underway may experience delays due to refinancing.

"I realize this will increase the cost for developers," Awwad said. He estimated the cost increase would be between 15 and 18 percent.

Bridgeview, located on Lake

Freeman, was granted rezoning contingent upon proof of receipt of an irrevocable letter of credit or performance bond.

### Other news

Rockfield resident Marjorie Bean requested \$971.90 from the Economic Development Income Tax fund for sidewalk construction. Bean said the town's 150-year anniversary is in 2006 and a sidewalk is needed near the railroad tracks to make the town more attractive.

Bean presented a written estimate to the commissioners and stated Rockfield residents plan to do the work.

Brown said the amount of 2006 EDIT money was not yet known. He said when it arrives, spending plans will be developed and the Rockfield request would be considered at that time.

Farm ground near Carroll Manor will be farmed by Brenton Peters, who was the lone bidder for the work. Peters will pay the county \$120/acre in two installments.

Emergency Management Agency Director Justin Darling presented an overview of two grant submissions to the Department of Homeland Security for physical security enhancement and communications equipment, and a portable x-ray machine for the courthouse.

Donna Collier representing Area IV Development announced the Rockfield housing rehabilitation project was completed. The grant amount was \$107,281.

Sheriff Dennis Randle **Continued page 5A**

## Council delays decision on EDIT

By Dee Dellenbach  
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County residents will have to wait a little longer before learning if they will be paying an increased amount of Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT). The additional amount would be used to offset the revenue lost when the state discontinued the inventory tax.

Carroll County Council members discussed the prospect of increasing EDIT at Thursday night's meeting. Steve Ashby said the county will lose an estimated \$662,000 because of the discontinuation of the inventory tax.

Ann Brown suggested that if

the council defer the decision until the April meeting, they would have the opportunity to look at the property tax bills, which are now being prepared.

Ashby agreed that the board did not have enough information to make a decision about an EDIT increase. Because the state has extended the deadline for a decision to June, the council agreed to meet April 21 to discuss a possible increase in EDIT further.

Sheriff Dennis Randle requested that he be allowed to fund an expenditure of just over \$2,000 for YMCA fitness memberships for 12 officers from the sheriff's commissary fund. The request was made because the sheriff **Continued page 5A**

## Child Abuse Prevention Awareness month



Delphi Mayor Lee Hoard, Carroll County Commissioner Loren Hylton and County Council President Rob Baker read a proclamation in honor of National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Awareness month Monday during a special ceremony held in the courthouse rotunda. County leaders helped to kick off activities planned for the April to bring awareness to the community. Members of the Carroll Elementary Choir performed their a cappella rendition of the "Stars and Stripes." The choir's performance brought a halt to courthouse activities and emotional responses from some spectators. The event was sponsored by Prevent Child Abuse Carroll County and was the first of several activities planned throughout the month. The group will host a luncheon and panel discussion at the Carroll County Country Club on Monday and the public is invited to attend. Comet photo by Debbie Lowe



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