

Sand Ridge's Burlington branch is expected to close

Comet staff report

According to a First Financial Bancorp press release, dated April 24, the company will close 12 offices, including Burlington. The closures will occur at the end of the

third quarter (September) and are subject to regulatory approval.

First Financial Bancorp is the parent company of Sand Ridge Bank. Employees were reportedly notified of the planned closing on April 21. First Financial recently complet-

ed a branch evaluation and made the decision to either sell or close 19 offices in Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky. The move, according to the release, is part of the company's strategic plan which includes serving a combination of metropoli-

tan and non-metropolitan markets in Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky.

After the branch plan is completed, First Financial will have 87 offices serving nine distinct markets with an average branch size of approximately \$33 million.

Area Plan Commission issues 23 permits in April

Carroll County Area Plan Commission issued 23 permits in April, for improvements totaling \$496,152. Residential permits with \$265,000 value were issued to the following:

Burlington Corp. - Jack and Amy Kaufman. Deer Creek/Delphi - Habitat for Humanity. Clay Township - Brett D. Ledman. Jefferson Township - Mike Manahan. Jackson Township - Donald R. and Sue Hall.

Permits for remodeling and accessories were issued to:

Adams Township - Donald C. Potts, pole barn. Burlington - Billy and Amy Lytle, addition; James C. Varney, addition. Clay Township - Larry T. Reed, storage; William R. Brown, storage; Larry Frey, compost structure. Deer Creek Township - John Michael, storage. Delphi - Kevin Dickman, addition; Don and

Patsy Sass, enclose porch; Russell Smith, addition. Jefferson Township - Gerald and Peggy Lambert, garage; Frank and Jocelyn Miller, addition; James W. Premeske, change roof line; Gregory Jacobs, sales office. Liberty Township - William J. Martin, storage. Madison Township - Crystal and John Hitch, pole barn. Tippecanoe Township - Edward Lee Martin, pole barn.

Commercial permit

Tippecanoe Township - Maxwell Farms, grain bin. The total collected from permits issues was \$655, including: •Gordon Lester, variance application. •Edward and Patricia Rhine, rezoning application. •Michael and Star Lugar, variance application and special exception.



CC Road Report

By Ron Francis
Highway Dept. superintendent

going road-by-road, covering every road in the county.

Time sure is flying by. It is time for another road work update. The department has concluded berm removal for the spring and will start back up in the fall with the plan to work on the gravel roads in the northwest part of the county.

Also planned is to start the preliminary work for paving 1100N and working on several smaller projects prior to the start of our paving season.

For the next two to three weeks the department will be concentrating on potholes. These will include potholes that are called in, as well as

The department has received several calls requesting dust control. Calcium chloride will be sprayed 300 feet in front of each house on gravel roads. Those who would like to purchase additional allocations or do not want dust control are asked to call the highway department at 574-967-4244.



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