

# State agencies join forces to prepare for avian influenza and pandemic influenza

## Comet staff report

Officials from several state agencies announced Tuesday new initiatives to help the state prepare for the possibilities of both avian influenza and pandemic influenza.

"We want Hoosiers to know that Indiana has a coordinated plan of action to respond to both avian influenza and a human influenza pandemic if necessary," remarked Lt. Governor Becky Skillman. "While state government is ahead of the curve, every Indiana resident and business should also have an action plan. Through the partnerships that have formed as we have prepared the state, we have collected and made available important information that every Hoosier can use."

State agencies have joined

together to create a new Web site, [www.fluinfo.in.gov](http://www.fluinfo.in.gov), which will serve as a clearinghouse of timely and accurate information for Hoosiers and other visitors to the site.

"This new Web site is an excellent example of how a number of state agencies are working together to prepare for these possible health threats," said Indiana Department of Homeland Security Planning Division Director Cliff Wojtalewicz. "Each agency has an important role to play, and this site will explain those roles and provide Hoosiers with easy access to other important information."

One purpose of the Web site is to provide accurate information that can help clear up any confusion or common misconceptions. This includes an explanation of the fact that avian influenza and

pandemic influenza are not the same thing. They would only become linked if a form of avian influenza mutated into a strain of influenza that could be efficiently transmitted human to human.

"Avian influenza might not cause a human influenza pandemic, but we need to be prepared, as pandemic flu would touch the lives of every single Hoosier," said State Health Commissioner Judith A. Monroe, M.D. "We are working closely with our state agency partners to prepare for avian influenza in Indiana, in case it should become a threat to human health."

"It is very important to note that a diagnosed case of avian influenza in Indiana or the United States would not signal the start of a human influenza pandemic," said State

Veterinarian Bret Marsh, DVM. "It would prompt us to increase further our on-going monitoring of wild and domestic birds statewide."

"A strong partnership between the Board of Animal Health and Indiana's poultry industry has helped us nearly double the test-

ing of flocks," Marsh added. "We also need to point out that poultry production in the United States is very different from other parts of the world, and avian influenza presents little risk to America's poultry and egg supply."

There is also information on

the Web site on how Hoosiers can help with the monitoring and surveillance process. The USDA has established a national surveillance network and anyone who finds a dead bird should report it to Indiana's USDA Wildlife Conflict Hotline at 800-893-4116.

## Burlington Council reviews quotes

By Shawna Dreadfulwater  
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Burlington clerk-treasurer Tammy Dyer presented quotes for a new office computer at last week's meeting of the Burlington Town Council.

The first was for a Dell model at a cost of \$1,077 and the second was for a Gateway for \$1,233. She said both computers are identical. Following discussion, the council agreed to purchase the Dell computer, along with a back-up battery and flash drive. The old computer will be put up for bid.

Street and sewer superintendent Les Johnson presented quotes from Matthews Brothers, Harvey Miller and Troy Brewster concerning the red barn on the south side of park. Harvey Miller's quote was \$1,200 to tear down the barn and remove everything. Brewster's quote was for pouring concrete for a 24'x30' pole barn for \$1,800 and Matthew's quote was for a pole barn for \$13,673. Stan Moore inquired if the job had been advertised and said he would like the opportunity to bid, too. Moore was encouraged to submit a bid by the May 22 special meeting. This building will be used to house the town truck. The current building will be demolished prior to the new building going up.

The cannon at the park entrance has been transported to Flora to be repainted. Swaim said, "this was approved during the July 2004 meeting," but nothing in the minutes states this. He said that he

had spoken with park board president Louie Mann at the time and Mann had given his approval. Swaim requested that the money to paint the cannon be taken out of the park board budget. However, Dyer and Davis said there was nothing in the minutes regarding painting the cannon and the park board had not planned on it in their budget. The matter was tabled.

Dyer has been working on a grant application for a leaf vacuum. There will be a special meeting on May 22 at 10 a.m. for discussion. The town will begin writing a burn ordinance.

Town Marshal Jill Hammond reported writing 22 speeding citations and five warnings. She also

reported two property damage accidents and assisted the county with a drug overdose. She is currently updating standard operating procedures for the police department.

Moore was given permission for road cut on Jackson Street where he is buying property north of his residence.

Work on the sewage line at Steve's Garage is proceeding. Currently, quotes for the work are being mailed and awaiting signatures from contractors.

Ordinance 14-2006 establishing a levee excess fund was passed. This fund is in compliance with state statutes and use of funds will be determined next year by the state.

## Camden clean-up is May 18

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Camden's town-wide spring clean-up will be May 18. Residents are reminded to have items at the curb early that morning as Waste Management expects to begin picking up trash at 6 a.m.

Sanderson, Union and Church streets will be closed June 3 for the annual Camden Youth Day Parade.

The next meeting of the committee planning the town's 175th anniversary celebration for 2007 will be June 5 at 7 p.m. at the

United Methodist Church. Town Council President Ralph Rohrabough requested that all clubs and organizations have representation on the committee. Committee officers are: Jeff Sieber, president; Deb Foreman, vice president; Pat Casserly, secretary-treasurer.

Residents Jeff and Deb Dillon inquired about the town's policy regarding driving golf carts on town streets. They were told the town has no specific ordinance. Town attorney Anne Briggs will check into liability concerns and with other communities that have

policies regarding this issue. Mrs. Dillon said she had been stopped by police and was told not to drive her cart on the streets, but cited that others have been allowed to do so. She is requesting no restrictions for golf carts.

Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly reported that she is checking into tree and mulch prices for the water tower area as stipulated in the grant that was received.

Rohrabough announced that Jerry Snively is securing bids for a new dump truck for the town which he will present at the June or July meeting.

Rohrabough reported that Camden received a 2004 Water Quality Award from the Center for Disease Control.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. June 14.

## Do-Not Call list deadline approaches

May 23 is the next deadline to register for the State's Do Not Call list announced Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter. Phone numbers placed on the list by midnight EST Tuesday will begin receiving benefits of the law starting July 1.

There are currently more than 1.6 million phone numbers regis-

tered on the Do Not Call list.

Reregistering is not necessary if you retain the same phone number. The law currently benefits more than 3.5 million people. Registration is available 24-hours a day, 7-days a week at [www.attorneygeneral.IN.gov](http://www.attorneygeneral.IN.gov) or by calling 1-888-834-9969.

## Camden

Mary Whitfield  
Camden 686-2553

Camden American Legion will meet Monday evening at the Legion Home.

Camden's annual spring clean-up will be May 18. Residents are asked to have items for pick-up at the curb early that morning.

Senior Sunday will be observed May 21 at the First Baptist Church. Also on Sunday, canned goods and other items collected for the Edna Martin Center will be dedicated. A time of fellowship with donuts, coffee and milk will be held between morning worship and Sunday School.

Dorcas Missionary Society of the Baptist Church met May 4 in the church fellowship hall with nine members present. Helen Yeager gave devotions and the lesson was presented by Virginia Shonk. Bible Book of the Month is Nahum. Hostesses were Anna Case and Jimpsie Doyel.

Students at Camden Elementary School participated in the Boxtops for Education program, earning \$1,458.80. Monthly winners were Natalyn

Blocher, Britany Werner, Sidney Fisher, Zachary Haines, Myke Roth, Hunter Mote, Adam Shanks, Natasha Calisto, Dax Kendall, Amanda Cohee, Shelbi Fisher, and Britany Dunbar. Girls beat the boys in April. Room winners for the year were: 1st - Mrs. Richardson's class, 1,528; 2nd - Ms. Minier's a.m. class, 1,434; 3rd - Mrs. Foster's class, 1,406; 4th - Mrs. Weckerly's class, 1,378; 5th - Mrs. Schwarzkopf's class, 1,370.

Saturday evening guests of Frank Daniel and Shanell Whitfield to celebrate Chelsea's eighth birthday were Jerry and Diane Haworth and granddaughter, Katlin, and friend, and Julie Gordon, all of Kokomo, Alyssa Hartman of Camden, John David and Karen Whitfield, and Frank and Mary Whitfield.

In celebration of Mother's Day, Frank and Mary Whitfield had Sunday dinner at the home of their daughter and husband, Mary Frances and Bob Stilson, of West Lafayette. Joining them were John David and Karen Whitfield, Frank Daniel and Shanell Whitfield, Zackery and Chelsea.

## Police & Fire Calls

Police reports are gathered from available records on file at local police departments. This information is a matter of public record and does not imply guilt or innocence. Information for fire reports is also gathered from reports on file with local fire departments.

### Sheriff's Department

May 10, 1:30 a.m. - Property damage accident, CR350E at CR500S. Pedro Villarreal, 27, Bringham. Deputy Jay Schimmel investigated.

May 10, 8:47 a.m. - Criminal mischief, Sandy Beach Drive, Jefferson Twp. Mrs. Charles Hutton, Winamac, reported that her pontoon boat had been damaged while it was stationed at her boat lift on Lake Freeman. Cpl. Toke Leazenby investigated.

May 10, 8:56 a.m. - Attempted burglary, Camden. Venessa Harter reported that sometime during the early morning hours, someone attempted to gain entry into her residence by attempting to remove a window screen from her home. Nothing was taken or disturbed at the residence. Leazenby investigated.

May 10, 3:45 p.m. - Property damage accident, CR400N near CR1025W. Joshua R. Frazer, 16, Delphi. Leazenby investigated.

May 12, 12:30 p.m. - Battery, Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School. Mike Kenworthy reported a battery that occurred at the high school. Sgt. Tony Burns investigated.

May 13, 4:15 a.m. - Battery, no location given. Troy Clendenen, Delphi, reported he had been battered. Burns investigated.

May 15, 5:47 a.m. - Property damage accident, Towpath Road near CR700W. Mark Ingram, 48, Winamac. Deputy Mike Thomas investigated.

Deer-related accidents  
May 13, 1:25 a.m. - CR100N near CR300E. Abel D. Maza, 30, Logansport. Deputy Zackary Hall investigated.

May 14, 3:10 p.m. - SR39 near CR150S. Melissa R. Paulsen, 16, North Judson. Burns investigated.

May 15, 3 a.m. - CR500W near CR1000N. Cory J. McAninch, 36, Burnettsville. Hall investigated.

Delphi Police Dept.  
May 8, 12:55 p.m. - Theft, Union Street. Barry Nicholes, Delphi, reported the theft of a CD converter from his vehicle. Officer Dave Yeager investigated.

May 8, 5 p.m. - Driving while suspended, prior, SR25. Exquie E. Solis, Logansport, was arrested on a traffic stop for driving while suspended. Cocaine was located during the search of the vehicle. Officer Justin Wilson investigated.

May 8, 9 p.m. - Battery, Union Street. Police were called to a residence in reference to an out-of-control juvenile. The juvenile was detained and a report will be forwarded to the Carroll County Probation Department. Wilson investigated.

May 9, 12:02 p.m. - Property damage accident, US421 south of SR25. Jack D. Bowman, 74, Delphi, and L.R. Vaughn, 57, Delphi. Sgt. Brock McCain investigated.

May 9, 1:21 p.m. - Theft, Union Street. Brian Phegley, Delphi, reported the theft of a CD player from his vehicle. Yeager investigated.

May 9, 8 p.m. - Theft, Front Street. Kimberly Flora, Delphi,

reported that her vehicle was broken into. A men's suit coat and a gold bag with skin card products were stolen. Officer Brandon Endicott investigated.

May 9, 11 p.m. - Records only, Cottage Street. DPD was contacted by Lafayette Police Department in reference to a hit and run accident and requested assistance in locating the vehicle. The vehicle was located and a report was made and forwarded to the LPD. Wilson investigated.

May 11, 4:18 p.m. - Theft, Washington Street. A yellow NEXT bicycle was stolen from the front yard of the victim. Endicott investigated.

May 12, 11:39 a.m. - Property damage accident with personal injury, SR25 at US421. Heath R. Kahler, 21, Delphi, and Michelle L. Lynch, 37, Delphi. Kahler refused treatment. McCain investigated.

May 12, 9:21 p.m. - Possession of Marijuana, Monroe Street. Tyson J. Lawson, (driver) 23, Delphi, and Buck T. Brooks, (passenger) 25, Delphi, were arrested. During a search of the vehicle, officers found marijuana and paraphernalia. Lawson was arrested for driving while suspended with a prior, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. Brooks was arrested for visiting a common nuisance. Endicott investigated.

May 13, 2:30 a.m. - Driving while suspended, Main Street. No name given. While on a traffic stop for driving left of center, the driver was found to be suspended with a prior. Wilson investigated.

May 13, 7:25 a.m. - Burglary, Army Road. DPD was called to Delphi Community High School to investigate a burglary that had happened overnight. The kitchen was broken into and several doors were damaged but nothing was missing. Yeager investigated.

May 13, 9:45 a.m. - Property damage accident, SR25 at Hamilton Street. Larry J. Leverenz, 58, West Lafayette, Delphi, and Jill Hutchcroft, 49, West Lafayette. Yeager investigated.

May 13, 12:04 p.m. - Theft, Salin Bank. Marlene Guerrero, Delphi, reported the theft of her wallet. Yeager investigating.

Police calls sp h d  
Flora Police Dept.

May 7, 5:50 p.m. - Juvenile complaint was investigated in the 500 block of Harmon St. Officer Mark Thomas investigated.

May 8, 5:30 p.m. - Theft of fuel from the Citgo was reported. Officer Randy Larimore investigated.

May 8, 8:44 p.m. - Theft of fuel and cigarettes from the Citgo was reported. A suspect has been identified and a report forwarded to the prosecutor's office. Sgt. James Bishop investigated.

May 14, 12:55 a.m. - Following a traffic stop, Marion J. Gibson, 49, Flora, was arrested for operating while intoxicated. A passenger in the vehicle, Alan L. Sorenson, 49, Flora, was arrested for public intoxication. Sgt. Bishop investigated. Deputy Zach Hall assisted.

## Washington Twp.

Marilyn Hile  
Deer Creek 859-4871

The Deer Creek Presbyterian Church is having its annual Swine 'n Dine Dinner on May 21 starting at 11:30 a.m., following morning worship. Serving will continue until 1.

Faith Lutheran Church is involved with the Thrivent Builds Home. Volunteers and workers will be needed. Contact either Pastor Tom or Pastor Sandy for more information.

Faith Lutheran Church will honor graduates Sunday during fellowship time after worship. Those graduating are:

Burlington

Cheryl Milburn  
Burlington 566-3453

A gospel sing will be held Sunday evening at 7 at the United Methodist Church, featuring Family Ties and Cowboy Church from Kokomo.

Eternals Quartet will be at Faith Church of Christ Sunday evening at 7.

A graduation breakfast will be held Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at Faith Church of Christ.

Graduates will be honored Sunday at the First Brethren Church.

Women's Bible Study at Burlington Church of Christ will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.



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