

Letters to the Editor

Says cemetery is a disgrace

When we entered the Morning Heights Cemetery on May 25, we were really shocked when we decorated our father's grave. Whoever takes care of the cemetery doesn't do a good job. They took weed killer and went around all of the head stones. The whole cemetery was a disgrace for Carroll County.

There were other people there, and they asked me what happened to this cemetery.

We have been going to the cemetery for around 35 to 40 years and never saw it like that. We hope they can get the problem straightened out.

Edna Landis,
Logansport

The tale of twin Twin Lakes districts

Sit back youngsters and let me tell you the tale of two districts. When I was knee-high to a grasshopper, the school systems we now know were being organized.

Delphi and Monticello were intent on building and incorporating smaller schools into



districts. In between these two larger districts stood the tiny, but excellent, Yeoman school. It had served the rural population of

Jefferson Township for several decades and was a proud and well-run learning institution.

Due to the growing lakeside population and the result of the "baby boom" the need for a larger high school system became apparent. The people of Jefferson Township were courted and persuaded by both Delphi and Monticello.

Because of the shorter distance to Monticello, and some closer ties to the lake culture by lakeside residents, when it was finally voted on in a "referendum," Monticello won Yeoman. It became part of the Twin Lakes School Corporation.

Alas, they did not live happily ever after. In a monumental stab in the back, Twin Lakes School Corporation liquidated poor, proud Yeoman School and shipped all the students into Monticello. They now had access to all the property taxes of Jefferson Township and no longer felt obligated to keep the Yeoman school open. After closing Yeoman amid protests from local residents, they had the gall to take the school's famous bell to Monticello and place it in front of the Twin Lakes administration building like a trophy from the kill.

As a result of the closing, Yeoman has experienced years of negative growth and has languished as a center for Jefferson Township activity.

Now children, the plot thickens. After some skillful maneuvers by a small group of lakeside residents who were having trouble with their sewer systems, we find Jefferson Township once again invaded, this time by the White County-dominated Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District.

While these residents should have been concerned with the lakeside homes only, they took it upon themselves to include a huge portion of Jefferson Township without regard for the impact this might have on others. In their rush to complete this deal, they completely forgot to secure a local treatment plant, the jobs that go with this kind of construction, the jobs associated with running the system, and any control of the cost.

Once again, an essentially White County district is set to suck huge amounts of money northward, leaving Jefferson Township impoverished in the process. Adding insult to injury, the White County TLRSB plans to dump its sewage water into an essentially Carroll County stream, the Rattlesnake Creek.

Now kids, we come to a happy ending for some of us. At least the Town of Yeoman was smart enough to avoid this disaster a second time. Now if we could just get that Yeoman school bell back....

Gregory R. Smith
Jefferson Township resident

Obituaries

Maxine James Billiard

Maxine James Billiard, 91, of Northwood Commons in Kokomo, passed away at 6 p.m. Thursday afternoon, June 1, 2006, at the residence of her son in Kokomo. She was formerly of Florida.



She was born Nov. 27, 1914, in Howard County, to Charles E. and Marie (McNeal) James. She graduated from Burlington High School in 1932 and attended Purdue University. On May 6, 1939, she married Burton Billiard in Florida, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 26, 1997. Mrs. Billiard was a homemaker. She was a member of the Burlington Church of Christ and the Friendly Circle Extension Homemakers Club.

Surviving are two daughters; Myrna L. Billiard, of Oak Park, Ill., and Joanna K. Billiard of West Lafayette; one son, James B. Billiard of Kokomo; four grandchildren, Dawn Gundersen of Weston, Fla., Tara Turton of Carmel, Ann-Marie Hart (husband: Dave) of Denver, Colo., and Ashley Billiard of Indianapolis; and four great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and one daughter preceded her in death. Services were held at 10 a.m. Monday at the Burlington Church of Christ with Pastor Timothy J. Pohlman officiating. Burial was at Beech Grove Cemetery in Sharon.

Memorial contributions may be made to either the March of Dimes or to Burlington Church of Christ.

Reinke Funeral Home, Flora, is in charge of arrangements.

Christopher L. Brooks

Christopher Lucas Brooks, 2 1/2, of Kokomo, died Friday evening, June 2, 2006, at his residence.

He was born Aug. 27, 2003, at Home Hospital in Lafayette.

Surviving are his parents, James T. "Tom" and Ashley Shelley Jr.; maternal grandparents, Anthony Best of Virginia and Sheila Best of Cutler; paternal grandparents, James T. Shelley of Elwood, Rebecca Coy of Flora, and Lynette and Randy Graves; maternal great-grandparents, Waneta Wells of Florida and Sue Cope of Florida; and paternal great-grandmother, Margaret Graves.

Services will be at 3 p.m., today, Wednesday, at Reinke Funeral Home in Flora. Burial will be at Zion Cemetery in Brimhurst.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Flora

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owner's responsibility to restrain their animal. Liability is the owner's responsibility."

"We've had a lot of criminal mischief and burglaries during the past month," said Redmon. He warned that residents should keep their vehicles and homes locked. Police activity statistics for May include: 15 arrests/misdemeanors; 9 felonies; 37 citations; 55 warnings; 98 calls for service; 2 accidents; 2 consents; and 4 warrants served.

In violation of a town ordinance, youth are riding bicycles on downtown sidewalks. Redmon said repeat offenders will be cited, as will four-wheelers and motor bikes that are in violation of state statutes.

Redmon said his department is keeping track of junk vehicles and towing them when necessary. He reminded those with swimming pools that they must have a locked fence around their pools. Town streets

Council members agreed to post additional signage on South Division Street, noting that it is one-way, traveling south.

Town attorney Dick T. Bishop was instructed to create an ordinance to erect stop signs in Prairie View Subdivision. Signs will be erected immediately. He was also instructed to create an ordinance changing the speed limit on Park Row from East Main Street to Julius Drive to 20 miles per hour. Signs will be posted.

Plum Street, between East Main and Columbia, will be closed June 17 for an auction. Other business

Residents in the east end of town have reported difficulty in hearing the town weather siren. It was determined to have Utilities Manager Chuck Everett obtain a quote on a siren. Marshal Redmon suggested contacting Emergency Management Director Justin Darling, too.

Ordinance 2006-1 regarding

Rev. Marion D. Bothof

Rev. Marion D. Bothof, 69, of Delphi, died June 5, 2006, at his residence.

Born April 5, 1937, in Bayden, Iowa, he was the son of Gerrit and Johanna Zeyelmaker Bothof. He married Margie Dunk on April 30, 1994, and she survives.

A veteran of the Korean Conflict, he served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1958.

Rev. Bothof served the Southern Baptist Church in several communities, including Delphi. He and his wife were charter members of the Twin Lakes Southern Baptist Church in Monticello.

Surviving with his wife are his mother of Belgrade, Minn.; three daughters, Patricia Ann Hopkins (husband: James) and Cynthia Marie Gibson, both of Jonesville, Va., and Judith Lynn Parks of Mulberry; two sons, William Gerrit Bothof (wife: Debbie) of Middlesboro, Ky., and Gerrit John Bothof of Rose Hill, Va.; a stepson, Kevin Fesler (wife: Britta) of Chesaning, Mich.; a stepdaughter, Jenifer Begley (husband: Jack) of Delphi; four sisters, Bertha English (husband Vence) of Lakewood, Calif., Connie Thompson (husband: James) of Phoenix, Ariz., Hattie McCann (husband: Cliff) of Belgrade, Minn., and Donna Hurtzberg (husband: Neil) of Paynesville, Minn.; three brothers, John Bothof of Arizona City, Ariz., Willard Bothof (wife: Jean) of Tolleson, Ariz., and David Bothof (wife: Sue) of Pewaukee, Wis.; 10 grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; and one-great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his father, a son, a brother and a sister.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Davidson Funeral Home, Delphi, with Pastor Ross Terry officiating. Burial will be in Pymont Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Ladoga Baptist Church or to the North American Mission, South Baptist Convention.

Births

Rebecca Boller and Robert Call of Brookston are parents of a 7-pound, 10-ounce daughter, Jada Anne-Renee Call, born May 21 at Home Hospital in Lafayette. Grandparents are Kenneth and Myra Call of Reynolds and the late Robert and Anne Boller.

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grant could proceed.

"All I see is confusion down the road about this (in the event that PMSI and Mendenhall work together)," Emerson said. He clarified that this is the third sub-

mission of the grant and PMSI has been paid in full for their services.

"They have not provided satisfactory services," he said. "Their contract can be terminated."

The county leaders accepted Henderson's certification letter for the purpose of proceeding with the grant process. They appointed Mendenhall and Associates grant administrator for the project. They did not terminate the PMSI contract.

Bridge bids

Highway supervisor Ramzi Awwad opened two bids for deck replacement on bridge #120 on 200N east of SR421, also known as the Crooked Road to Flora.

"I was hoping to receive a bid I was comfortable with today," Awwad said, "but unfortunately both amounts are significantly above the engineers' estimate."

The matter was tabled to give Awwad time to work with the low bidder to reduce the estimate. Awwad said the highway department could do some of the road work to save money in lieu of re-bidding the project, which would extend the time-line for the project later into the fall.

The issue will be addressed at a special commissioners' meeting June 9 at 8:30 a.m.



New life

Donna Willis pets her new filly, Canny Annie, who was born May 21. The filly's mother is seen at right. Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald

Candy Ann – a popular mare

A lot of area children and adults have learned to ride on a horse owned by Donna Willis of rural Camden. The Morgan Walker mare, called Candy Ann, was also a regular in area parades.

On May 21, the 39-year old mare died. She was kicked by another mare, breaking her leg in two places. Willis had to make the difficult decision to put her down.

Willis offered Candy Ann free to anyone who wanted to learn to ride. Willis and other family members rode her in Flora's annual Christmas Parade and the annual Carroll County 4-H Fair Parade.

"Candy Ann was in 12 parades in the 16 years I had her," she said. "I put a lot of miles on my mare."

"She was a good old mare," added Willis, who had quit riding Candy because the mare had an arthritic leg. An adult's weight was too much for the mare, so Willis had given her to her granddaughter, Carly Sparks.

But Willis and her granddaughter had little time to grieve. Candy Ann died between 10:30 and 11 on that Sunday morning and 12 hours later, there was new

life. One of Willis's other mares gave birth to an all black filly, very much like Candy Ann.

Willis named her new filly, Canny Annie, after her beloved

mare. Her official name is Beauty's Hard Rock Candy.

"The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh," said Willis. And so life goes on for the Willis family.



Last Christmas parade

Donna Willis's mare, Black Licorice, knick-named Candy Ann, (right) appeared in Flora's Christmas Parade for the last time Thanksgiving weekend, 2004. She is seen being ridden by two of Willis's grandchildren. Willis, riding another mare, is at left. Comet photo

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Tax abatement for Peters-Revington Furniture was unanimously approved.

Parking ordinance 2006-3, to install a designated handicap parking space at the corner of Washington and Franklin streets, was passed with two readings.

Grants coordinator Jean Howell reported researching funding options for rehabilitation of the levee. She consulted the United States Department of Agriculture's

Rural Development and the engineering firm of Butler, Fairman and Seufert. Both groups agreed that working through the Army Corps of Engineers to provide a hydrology study would be the most prudent course of action.

She said pursuing independent study is much less effective and more costly without a recommendation from the Corps' participation in the process.

Delphi Police Chief Ed Chapman reported an increase in the number of information, felony and misdemeanor reports from April to May. There were twice as many accidents investigated in the same period.

Chapman said the department is focusing on weed and junk vehicle enforcement.

Hathaway reported the spring-time flushing of the water hydrants has begun. A total of 23,050,000 gallons of water was pumped in April. Indiana Packers' usage was 15,560,500.

Hoard announced at the board of works meeting, which preceded the city council meeting, Sand Ridge Bank gifted a large street-side clock to Gerald Fielding, owner of Fielding's Jewelry. The clock will be refurbished and placed in front of the jewelry store on Franklin Street in approximately four months.

The next meeting is July 3 at 7 p.m. The board of works will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Camden

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4-H Fair, Camden Tractor Pull, Old Settlers, and Camden Fall Festival.

Twenty-five individuals representing businesses, organizations and interested citizens attended the kick-off meeting. It is the hoped that all businesses and organizations will sponsor some event, allowing the celebration to be a success without a large budget.

Black and gold banners with the event logo will be purchased to hang from the street lights on Main Street as soon as the Christmas decorations come down the first of the year.

The next meeting will be in late July or early August to set more activities.

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