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Underhill trail dedicated

Comet staff report

National Trails Day was commemorated Saturday in Delphi as volunteers and the Underhill family presented the latest addition to the trails system.

People of all ages came to celebrate the official opening of the Underhill Towpath Trail and Tunnel. The dedication ceremony culminated years of work by scores of trail volunteers and the Wabash & Erie Canal Association. The ceremony was punctuated with a shout of "Hip, Hip Hooray!" from the crowd and the firing of a cannon.

The railroad spur provides transportation for crushed stone produced by Delphi Limestone Company. Arrangements for approval to install the pipe had to come from the Stone Company and Norfolk Southern Railroad. This took an extended period of years. The culmination of negotiations was aided by Mary Ives, a local trail advocate.

Lew Davis, vice president of the Heritage Group, which owns

the local quarry, was present to cut the ribbon along with the Chamber of Commerce, Delphi Mayor Lee Hoard, the Underhill fam-

ily, and Dan McCain, Canal Association president.

Gerry and Faye Underhill introduced their extended family as they were being honored. Their gift of land ten years ago included the 0.8-mile-long section of watered canal and the historic towpath where the trail was developed. Also honored was Bob Morrow, whose family had owned a narrow sliver portion of the towpath nearer to US 421 in west Delphi.

"All this land was donated for the development of this beautiful, pristine section of trail," McCain said.

The Underhills sponsored ten benches along the trail running through Canal Park and on to the southwest where the second tunnel passes beneath the highway at Dollar General and Pizza Hut. These benches were individually inscribed with names of deceased family members. Underhill family members present and other attendees walked the quarter mile from the Canal Center to the tunnel for the celebration.



Trail and tunnel dedication

Sharing the honor of cutting the ribbon for the official opening of the Underhill Towpath Trail and Tunnel are, l-r - Ed Gruber, volunteer; Delphi Mayor Lee Hoard; Joe Mayfield, Delphi Limestone; Dan McCain, Canal Association; Lew Davis, the Heritage Group; Faye and Gerry Underhill of Delphi; Krista Watson, Delphi Chamber of Commerce. Photo provided

Reunions

Adams Twp. 80th reunion

The 80th annual Adams Township High School Alumni Banquet and School Reunion was held May 20 at Beehive Gymnasium in Burnettsville, with 53 people attending. Alumni president Ernestine Brown Spence presided.

Luther Cree of the class of 1938 was honored for his life and contributions to society.

Recognition was given to members of the honor classes as follows: Gertrude Slusser, 65th anniversary, class of 1941; Robert Shafer, 60th anniversary, class of 1946; Homer Shafer, 55th anniversary, class of 1951; and Pat Vernon McAninch, 8th grade anniversary, class of 1956.

Vivian Maddock Alma gave a memorial tribute honoring 13 persons deceased during the past year.

Barb Roller and Tom Temple led a sing-along of patriotic songs, in keeping with the program theme, God Bless America.

Pictures and information were on display pertaining to the history of Adams Township schools as a prelude to compiling a history of those schools. Anyone with information for the project may contact Roller at (574) 826-4397 or Doris Davis at 826-4483.

Service News

Eppers graduates from naval academy

Ensign Nicholas R. Eppers of Bristol graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy of Annapolis, Md., on May 26. He was ranked in the top one-third of his class of 982 midshipmen.

He has been selected to continue his military career as a U.S. Navy pilot in Pensacola, Fla. He will report for training on July 7. Family members attending his graduation were his parents, brothers, grandparents, and the Carl Abbott family of Delphi.

A 2002 graduate of Elkhart Central High School, he is the son of Matt and Marcia Abbott Eppers. He is the grandson of Arnold and Mary Helen Abbott of Delphi and Joe and Connie Eppers of Elkhart.



Eppers

Business Briefs

WOLF MACHINE INC. has relocated. It is open for business in the northeast corner of the old Sayco building on South Sycamore Street in Flora. The business specializes in sales and servicing of Stihl equipment, and light repairs and fabricating.

Dana Wolf is the owner-operator.



Library News

Camden

The library's summer reading program, "From Land, From Sky, From Sea," is for children in grades kindergarten through fifth grade and meets at the library. There is also a different program for students ages sixth through eighth grade. The first Storytime will be held today, June 7. Those taking part in the summer reading programs will receive a book bag.

The county-wide reading program, "Carroll County on the Same Page," began June 1. Several copies of the book, "Crow Lake," by Mary Lawson are available for checkout.

Burlington

The library will now be open on Thursdays 10 a.m. until 12 noon and from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday hours will remain the same throughout the summer - 10-12 and 1-6.

The library's summer reading adventure begins June 8 and will be run by the current library board president. The reading travel adventure will be on Thursdays from 9:30-11 a.m. The program coordinator is still looking for some helpful hands to help with crafts and snack time.

Northwest Carroll

The annual book sale will be June 9 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and June 10 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Delphi Public

An exhibition of works created by students in Tuesday Afternoon Drawing Studio will hang in the Gerber Globe Valve Room through June 9. The students have created works in graphite, pen and ink, and colored pencil.

The Coffee Beat goes Broadway on June 17 at 7 p.m., with performances of scenes and songs

from some of Broadway's most memorable plays. The library's Red Brick Theatre members Rob and Emily Stone will present an excerpt from Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park" and other members will perform other well-known songs.

Other upcoming events and programs include: iFilm Series 2006 will review the film "Le Grand Voyage" on June 22 at 7 p.m. Book Club will meet on June 23 at 9 a.m. to review "Night" by Elie Wiesel.

Flora-Monroe Township

Watercolor 2 Art Class will be offered from June 12 through July 10 on Monday evenings. The class is a continuation of Watercolor Class 1, which was offered in the spring. The instructor for the course is Brenda Daly Reid. Register at the main desk or call the library at 967-3912. There is a small fee for the class.

Over 50 years ago, C.S. Lewis created a land of wonder and enchantment called Narnia, and since then over 60 million readers have discovered the wondrous world that exists beyond the back of the wardrobe. "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" is the classic Narnia tale written in 1940. Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy find their way through an old wardrobe into the world of Narnia. There, they unite with Aslan to fight the White Witch and save Narnia from perpetual Darkness.

The library will hold a special viewing of Walt Disney's "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" on June 15 at 1:30 p.m.

The Saturday Morning Book Club will meet on June 17 to discuss "A Girl Named Zippy: Growing Up Small in Mooreland, Indiana" by Haven Kimmel.

Looking Back

From the files of Hoosier Democrat, Delphi Journal, Journal-Citizen and Carroll County Comet.

10 YEARS AGO

Abbie Van Sickle of Rt. 1, Delphi, is the national winner in the 1996 International Aviation Art Contest, in the age 10-13 division. This is the first time Indiana has had a national winner. Her artwork will be judged in an international contest in Romania in June. She was given a certificate, framed copy of her artwork, and an original aviation print. Making the presentation last Thursday at DCMS was Dr. Suellen Reed, State Superintendent of Public Instruction who flew in



Viaduct over S. Washington St., Delphi, 1915

by helicopter.

25 YEARS AGO

High winds with powerful rolling clouds and intense thunderstorms hit the area in northeastern Carroll County between 8 and 9 p.m. Monday.

Properties west of Ind. 29 and 218, north of Deer Creek in Washington Township, sustained much damage in the storm which resembled a tornado and brought with it rain and some hail. Wind reportedly blew from three directions, north, northwest and northeast.

50 YEARS AGO

Ned P. Rule, a popular Delphi high school student, has been appointed as editor-in-chief of the 1957 Oracle D.H.S. Yearbook. Ned, a member of the 1957 graduating class, is the son of Mrs. Enid C. Rule and has a top-ranking scholastic rating. Prominent in many school activities, he already has earned himself the reputation of a responsible and capable member of the school community.

Wayne Talbert, popular young Delphi businessman, has been elected president of the Delphi Lions Club. He will succeed Robert Clawson.

75 YEARS AGO

The American taxpayer is beginning to stagger beneath the

burden of the cost of government. Blessed at present with the highest standard of living in the world, he is groaning at the weight of a tax load steadily approaching that of the peasantry and pinched city dwellers of Europe and beginning to wonder if theirs is to be his fate too.

All government in this country, federal, state, county, city and village, cost last year about 13 billions of dollars, four times what it cost before the world war, compared with a population increase of only 25 percent.

100 YEARS AGO
 The Alpine Stock Company has been at the Flora opera house the past week and have put on a good play each night. Saturday night the play will be "Jesse James," or the "James Boys in Missouri" and a full house is expected. Turn out and see a good company.

A cow belonging to David Cunningham, of this city, gave birth to a calf Tuesday morning that is minus the rear appendix, or tail, as it is commonly called. Otherwise, the calf is all right. Mr. Cunningham is up against a proposition that up to yesterday morning had not been decided. The question at issue is: Should Mr. Cunningham pay full price for the calf?

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