

Looking Back

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

10 YEARS AGO

The Carroll County Communications tower at the county jail fell Monday morning and knocked out power to a four-five block area.

The tower fell on top of a telephone pole and power lines. No buildings or vehicles were struck. The northwest wind was blowing approximately 8mph at the time.

Upon investigation, the leg on the third section of the tower was found to be corroded and rusted through.

The power outage affected ambulance, police and fire communications, as well as the courthouse and other businesses around the square.

25 YEARS AGO

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50 YEARS AGO

Ralph Bradford, a deaf mute, landed in Delphi Monday and

says he will stay a week. It is the 6,901st city he has visited since 1928. He intends to write a book, "How A Deaf Mute Finds Things with 'Hearing People,'" after he completes a one-million-mile tour of the world. He has made 700,000 miles of that trip and has made three trips across the United

States, Canada, Mexico, Honolulu, and Tokyo, Japan. He never hitch-hikes, he says, and always has a post office employee stamp a cancellation mark in his book to show the exact date he was in that town. His experiences must be many and interesting and if he gets them properly recorded, should come up with a best seller.

75 YEARS AGO

Fire starting from an unknown source destroyed the large barn on the Isaac Yost farm near Clymers Sunday night. Fifty bushels of corn, an equal number of bushels of oats and farm implements were included in the loss. The damage was estimated at \$2,000.

Indiana State Fair offers \$9,797.75 to 4-H'ers. 4-H Club members who show winning exhibits at the fair this year will divide \$9,797.75 as prize money. This amount includes cash prizes, 30 trips to the National 4-H Club congress in Chicago during the International Livestock Exposition, four trips to the National Dairy Show at St. Louis and two scholarships to Purdue University.

100 YEARS AGO

In the sand of Democrat township there is a new kind of bug or fly that has not yet been identified by scientists and the people of that neighborhood are waiting patiently for an opinion from them. A few days ago W.S. Blatchley, State Geologist, received a small bottle in which were a number of these little

flies. A letter that came with the bottle said they were found in the sand near Cutler and were in such large numbers that the people thought they should find out what they were. Mr. Blatchley was unable to determine the species so he sent them on to the government scientists at Washington, with a request that they examine them and advise him as to their identity.

Reintroduced raptors set nesting record in 2006

Comet staff report

Department of Natural Resources biologist John Castrale and DNR pilot Dennis Rumley spent seven workdays in a helicopter this spring swooping down Hoosier rivers and around Indiana's reservoirs searching for and checking eagle nests.

The aerial surveys turned up an Indiana-record 68 active nests. These nests fledged 91 new Hoosier bald eagles. Castrale and Rumley counted 62 active nests in 2005.

More than a third of Indiana counties, including Carroll, now have eagle nests. Indiana's eagle nesting range continues to expand from southern and southwestern Indiana into the northeastern and eastern parts of the state.

Three production check flights in May and June found 88 young eagles near fledging age, with single birds present at 17 nests, twins at 25 nests, and triplets at 7 nests.

Indiana eagle productivity figures were average this year, with nest success at 72 percent, 1.3 young per nest attempt, and 1.8 young per successful nest. Winds destroyed nests or nest trees in at least four instances.

Indiana's successful eagle nests in this area include:

- Carroll County, Wabash River near Rattlesnake Creek - Adult incubating on March 3; adult nearby. Three chicks and 1 adult on June 1.

- Cass County, Wabash River west of Logansport - Adult incubating on March 3. Two chicks and 1 adult on June 1.

- Tippecanoe County, Colliers Island, Wabash River - Adult incubating at new nest on island on March 3. One or 2 fledged chicks and 2 adults on June 1.

- Tippecanoe County, Tippecanoe River - Adult incubating on March 3. Two chicks on June 1.

From 1985 to 1989, 73 Alaskan and Wisconsin eagle chicks were raised by the Indiana DNR in artificial nests at Monroe Lake and released into the wild.

The first successful Indiana bald eagle nests of the 20th century were at Lake Monroe and Cagles Mill Lake in 1991. Before Indiana's reintroduction project, bald eagles last nested in the northwest corner of the state in 1897.

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Raising the walls

Carroll County Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans have begun construction on a home for the Fontenot family. The site is at 201 Robinson Street in Delphi. Pictured behind the beams, from left to right, is Habitat volunteer Jack Shoup and Habitat board member Randy Wherley. In the front is Angel Fontenot and kneeling is Teddy Fontenot. Photo provided

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