

## Robertson 50th anniversary Open house for Hollis 50th



Mr. and Mrs. Doyal Robertson, 5760S 100W, Cutler, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house July 1. The event, hosted by their children and grandchildren, will be from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Cutler Fire Station. Robertson and the former Patsy Harshbarger were married June 29, 1956, by Rev. Charles High at Ball Hill

Methodist Church near Cutler. He is retired from Haynes International, Kokomo, and is a farmer. She is a housewife. They have two children, Janet Luper (husband: Steven) of Sedalia and Gary Robertson (wife: Patti) of Warsaw. The couple has 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. They request that gifts be omitted.



Mr. and Mrs. Travis Hollis of Kokomo, formerly of Bringhurst, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house on July 8. The event will be from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Johanning Civic Center in Kokomo. It will be hosted by the couple's children and Debbie Spence. Hollis and the former Joan Hillery were married July 8, 1956, in Plant City, Fla., by

Rev. T. F. Osteen. Hollis is a retired carpenter. He worked 33 years at National Homes in Lafayette. Mrs. Hollis retired from Delco in Kokomo, after working there 33 years. They have a son, David Hollis of Kokomo, and a daughter, Gail Frye (husband: Rodney) of Camden. The couple also has two granddaughters and three great-grandsons.

### Engagements



### Quinn-Rudibaugh

Craig and Rebecca Quinn of Camden announce the engagement of their daughter, Kendra E., to David J. Rudibaugh. He is the son of Jack and Sherry Rudibaugh of Evansville. The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Delphi Community High School and a 2005 graduate of Evansville Master's Commission. She is employed at Parents' Choice Childcare Ministry in Evansville and is planning to go into full-time youth ministry. Her fiancé is a 1998 graduate of Evansville Central High School and attended Murray State, studying music performance. He is employed at Bristol Myers and plans to enter full-time youth ministry. A Sept. 2 wedding is being planned.

## Camden royalty call-out

### Comet staff reports

Camden's Fall Festival organizers are searching for contestants for their Little Miss/Little Mister and Miss Camden contests. Contestants for the Little Miss/Little Mister contest must be five to seven years old. Contestants for the Miss Camden contest must be in grades nine through 12. The fee to enter the 'little' division is \$10, \$15 for the Miss Camden contest. All contestants must reside in Jackson Township or live in the Camden Elementary School district. Winners will represent the town of Camden throughout the year. The contest will be held Aug. 26. The festival will be Sept. 9. Applications can be clipped from the Comet or picked up at Camden Town office. Send registration forms to Jeff and DeAnna Sieber, P.O. Box 143, Camden, 46917. They must be received no later than July 31. For more information call (574) 686-2331. See entry form on page 2B

### Meetings

**Chamber of Commerce**  
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce temporary board met June 22. Dick Bradshaw advised that the Arnett Clinic meeting went well, with hopes of Arnett evaluating problem areas, taking possible corrective action, and willing to try and resolve the matter before December. The Economic Development Corporation committed \$10,000 to the chamber for 2006 and possibly \$10,000 for 2007. Executive Director Keith Chandler reported the business luncheons will be every other month with educational sessions being held between months. The next meeting will be July 27 at 6:30 p.m.

**Adams Township**  
Adams Township Extension Homemakers met June 21, with seven members attending. A lesson titled "Where are the Poisons in Your Home?" was presented. Four members will participate in the 4-H fair open-class competition.

**Eastern Star**  
Carroll Chapter No. 475 met on June 12 for installation of officers. They were as follows: Evelyn Chapman, worthy matron; Jeff Sieber, worthy patron; Marilyn Wilburn, associate matron; Marjorie Sieber, secretary; DeAnna Sieber, treasurer; Cathy Berkshire, conductress; Susan Trueblood, associate conductress; Donald Hickman Jr., chaplain; Mary Trapp, marshal; Shirley Schock, organist; Lucille Brown, Adah; Jacqueline Edging, Ruth; Sandra Squier, Esther, Eunice Lowery, Martha; Grace Deel, Electa; Rodric Squier, warder; William Veach, sentinel; Jacquelyn Frye, soloist; Mickie Veach, prompter. Installing officers were: Eunice Lowery, installing matron; Marjorie Sieber, installing marshal; Lucille Brown, installing chaplain; Peg Clark, installing organist. The chapter said farewell to Susan and Bill Trueblood, past matron and patron. They were presented with a gift. The next meeting will be Sept.

11, with the "Welcome Back" program. Recent new members are Richard and Patricia Fite, Hanna Hickman, and Donald Hickman Jr.

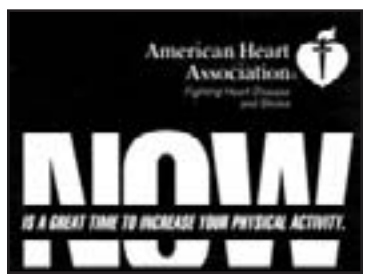
### Announcements

Carroll County Free Masons will provide their first **FREE CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM** at the 4-H fair from 5 to 9 p.m. every day. At least one parent must accompany the child. Children will receive a video disc picture, have fingerprints taken, and get a DNA swab.

American Red Cross will hold a **BLOOD DRIVE** on July 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Honan Hall, located at the corner of Monroe and Union streets, in Delphi. Call (800) GIVE-LIFE to schedule an appointment.

**CARROLL COUNTY ON THE SAME PAGE** kicks off June 29 at 7 p.m. at the Delphi Public Library. The program will be "Capturing Carroll County: A Sense of Place," featuring local poet Dr. Christian Knoeller. "Crow Lake" by Mary Lawson is the book selected for this county-wide reading program. Copies are available for check-out to any county resident at the Delphi (765-564-2929), Camden (574-686-2120), and Flora (574-967-3912) public libraries.

**DELPHI ART CLUB** will meet July 6 at the Senior Center in Delphi at 7 p.m. The club will discuss and plan for the art show during Old Settlers in August. Members need to get their list of items for the show to Kathy Snoeberger by July 1. Hostesses for the meeting will be Barbara Humphry and Frances Ashley. Last month the club had a live drawing class with Jesse Heffner and Jordan Warford as models.



## Weekly jail reports are the first step for jail expansion project

By Debbie Lowe  
Staff writer

According to the firm hired by county leaders to provide a comprehensive study about the Carroll County Jail, compiling and utilizing weekly data about jail population is recommended as the first step in the process of securing an adequate facility for the county.

PMSI Inc of Indianapolis representatives Bill Shepler and Lester "Spike" Shepler, along with former state jail inspector Al Bennett, presented preliminary recommendations at the Monday night meeting.

The firm was hired to assess the need for a jail expansion, either by building a new facility or by modifying the current one.

They determined the county needs a facility that would house approximately 56 more detainees at full capacity than the current facility.

In order to begin that process, sheriff Dennis Randle agreed to generate weekly jail population reports and distribute them to county commissioners, council members, judges and the county prosecutor. The reports will detail individualized detainee information.

"It's a wise thing to do," Bennett said. "This is a good educational tool."

PMSI further recommended a

jail management committee be established for offender population management.

"Management of the population is the best cost effective tool you could have," Bill Shepler said.

"This county should not build anything less than 70 beds," Shepler continued.

"That sounds like a lot since your capacity is now 34," Bennett said. "But the laws are changing and you will need that capacity," he advised.

According to the report provided, the current facility is 11,912 square feet and the county's need is for one approximately 39,429 square feet, a little more than 3.3 times the current building size.

Shepler said the cost per square foot of building is approximately \$200, which would make the cost of their recommendation \$7,885,800 for construction.

"You'll have to go out and borrow money," Bennett advised. "You want your hospital to have extra beds, you probably should want your jail to have extra beds too."

PMSI recommended a cumulative capital development fund be established to begin to accumulate money for the project. Upon the recommendation, four council members present in the audience decided to advertise for a resolution, prior to the next council meeting, to establish the fund.

County council president Rob Baker suggested a roundtable discussion be held to gather input from county leaders before the final recommendation is drafted.

"I've got some concerns," he said.

"You want to build what's appropriate for you," Shepler said. "The program needs to meet your needs and answer your questions."

Council member Jerry Hendress said the disposition of the current building would influence his decision about a new facility.

Options for building uses for the current facility include housing E911, a work release center, or a short term juvenile holding center.

Bill Shepler said PMSI would present options for using the current building and building a new facility in their final recommendation presentation.

A roundtable discussion was scheduled for June 25 at 9:30 a.m. in the commissioners' meeting room after the scheduled council meeting.

### Births

John and Cassandra Helms Gasser of Delphi are parents of a 7-pound, 14-ounce son, Cayden James, born April 10 at Home Hospital in Lafayette. Grandparents are Bill and Patsy Hasser and Ellis and Joanne Gasser, all of Delphi; and the late Dane Helms. Great-grandparents are Hollis and Gladys Helms of Logansport.

### Deadline to file is extended

Due to the holiday, the deadline to file for public office for the general election has been extended. The new deadline is July 5 at 12 noon. Those seeking public office should register at the Carroll County Clerk's office. For more information, contact Democratic party chairman Dick Roe or Republican party chairman Tom Gray

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