

# Highway department prepares for the future

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Recognizing the need to bring closure to some projects, the certainty of increased costs for materials in the near future, and utilizing unused funds was the strategy employed by Carroll County Highway Department Supervisor Ramzi Awwad at the Friday morning county council meeting. Council members agreed with the strategy by

approving Awwad's transfer requests. Awwad requested a total transfer of \$50,000 from three other projects for repairs to bridge #120 on CR200, also known as the Crooked Road to Flora/Delphi. He explained there was \$5,000 unused for the completion of bridge #93 on CR175W. A \$20,000 amount was transferred from bridge #75 on CR800N because of an anticipated

ed coverage upon completion. \$25,000 was transferred from the bridge #81 on CR150E. Awwad explained that construction is not slated to begin on that bridge until 2008. He said the money was needed now due to uncertain fuel costs and construction material prices. Awwad said it is more important to put dollars into completing the bridge #120 project on time because it is on a road that is heavily traveled when the school

year begins. Council members also approved a transfer of \$100,000 from bridge #36 on CR300E to #25, the Xenia Bridge, for painting. Other transfers A transfer of \$163.51 from equipment to photography was approved for the coroner's office. Coroner Jerry Reinke was encouraged to investigate using digital photography only by the

end of the year. The park board was granted a \$740.02 transfer from pond maintenance to furniture and fixtures. The money will be used for air conditioners and electrical work at the parks department. The county health department was denied a transfer of \$400 for liability insurance for nurses. It was a consensus of council members the nurses are adequately covered by the standard county

policy. The Council determined the need for more coverage is each employee's determination, making the cost their burden. Other business The sheriff's department, represented by Sgt. Tony Burns, was granted permission to advertise for a full-time jailer. The next meeting will be July 25 at 8 a.m. After the business meeting, council members will begin budget discussions.

# Canal Days set for July 1, 2



Comet staff report

The craftsmanship and artistry of our 1800s ancestors will be celebrated at the annual Canal Days on Saturday and Sunday, July 1 and 2 at Canal Park in Delphi. More than a dozen craftsmen will demonstrate pioneer skills such as basket making, threadwork, blacksmithing, candle dipping, china painting, flintknapping, spinning and weaving. A new feature at the festival this year will be the Prince William Grain Mill, operated by Carroll and Norma Miller. They own a corn grinder which is reminiscent of the grain ground at the former grist mill which functioned along the Wildcat, and which burned. Prince William was one of the many villages in that area. A sampling of other new

crafters this year include: Christine Crow, seventeenth-century needlework; Lee Daugherty, leathercrafting; Bob Levitt, bowl carving; Kraig Dawalt, wooden toys; Sherri Cripe, calligraphy; and Pastor Eric Haley, bookbinding. Activities, displays, demonstrations and events to please all age groups are planned for Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and for Sunday from noon until 5 p.m. On display outside will be the canal's recently acquired and restored 200-year-old loom. Demonstrations will be given on it. Walk through the Interpretive Center museum to learn about the Wabash & Erie Canal, and view canal related videos in the Conference Center. Visit the 1844 restored Reed Case House. Take a ride in the horse-

drawn carriage or the pony cart. Or sample the experience of riding in the temporary canal boat at 1 and 3 p.m. both days. (The real thing is coming in the next couple of years.) The younger crowd will enjoy old-fashioned children's games. Food and beverages will be available, and a ham and bean supper is planned for Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. Special events will include a bake walk on Saturday at 12:30 p.m.; a pet parade on Sunday at 12:30 p.m.; narrated trail walks both days at 2 and 4 p.m.; and tours about the Canal Center's historic facade both days at 1 and 3 p.m. Music for the festival will be by the banjo group, Banjo Nutz. Admission to Canal Days is free. Proceeds from food and gift items go to the nonprofit Wabash & Erie Canal Association.

# Comprehensive land use committee is still searching for right planners

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Finding a group to develop a comprehensive land use plan for Carroll County is proving to be a challenge for the committee comprised of county representatives charged with that mission. However, they continue to forge ahead with the project. Three planning groups were initially slated to present proposals to the committee at the June 20 meeting. However, two out of the three decided they were no longer interested in the project and withdrew. Zoning Administrator Dale Huffer was directed to find out

why the two groups lost interest in the project. He was further asked to find and schedule at least one more group for comparison.

The Bonar Group of Fort Wayne sent Pat Fahey as a representative to present their proposal. Fahey said the comprehensive land use plan could be completed in nine to 12 months, depending on when work was begun and how much public input the committee required. He suggested holding two to three public meetings and invit-

ing comments to be submitted electronically as the project progresses. "It's a good time and a good opportunity for this project," Fahey said. He described an implementation plan with an action plan and an accountability component. The next planning committee meeting will be July 6 at 8 a.m. in the commissioners' meeting room on the second floor of the courthouse.

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# TLRSD welcomes county representative

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Carroll County Commissioners found it difficult to decide who should represent Carroll County on the Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District's Board of Directors at their June 19 meeting. The first appointee, Ron Felz, left the volunteer position after serving five months out of a four-year term, citing "personal reasons." However, three others were ready to put their hat in the ring for consideration to the post. Ultimately Jefferson Township resident Wayne Garrison was appointed to fill Felz's tenure on the sewer district board. "I hope you last longer than the last one," board president Jim Smith remarked at the June 22 board meeting. Garrison's first meeting as the county's representative. Garrison said in an interview with the Comet earlier that day, even though he has a "perfectly

good septic system, I am for the sewer district because I see the long-term benefits for the lake." The lifelong Carroll County and current Shaffer's Acres resident since 1995 explained his mission for serving on the board. He said he expects to be able to bring clarification to residents involved in the service area who have questions. "I don't like not knowing. I want to find the answers (to questions) for others," he said. "As far as making drastic changes - no," Garrison added. He said he attended some board meetings as a member of the audience over the years, but started going more after the Carroll County construction was announced. "I don't want to see the sewer system stopped," he said. "I see the need for a sewer system. I was unhappy with the commissioners' petition to stop the sewer district in Carroll County." Representative Garrison said he plans to provide reports to the commissioners, but is not sure in what form. He said no reporting plan was developed, but he thought either a written monthly report or a verbal report at a meeting, if it is requested, would

be appropriate. Garrison said he is not afraid to ask questions of board members or community members to clarify a point he might not fully understand. He said he considers issues with the sewer district "economic concerns." "This basically does not affect all of Carroll County," he stated. "This affects the residents of Jefferson Township." Garrison said he is uniquely qualified to be the county representative on the board because he has "been around the lakes since the 1960s." He said he has accessibility and knowledge of the service area. He said he has been with Carroll County REMC for the past 12 years as a meter reader. "I have first-hand knowledge of what's developed on the lake. I know where the problem areas are," he advised. He said he has the opportunity to talk to residents and listen to concerns. "I'll listen to anyone," he said. Garrison said he can be contacted at (574) 583-6716, before 9 p.m., or by going to his Web site, [lakefreemanvoice.com](http://lakefreemanvoice.com) and posting a message to him.



Garrison



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