



**MDA ride ends in Delphi**

The annual MDA ride, sponsored by Eagle Harley-Davidson and the local Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.), concluded this year at the Wabash & Erie Canal Center in Delphi. Three hundred ninety-six riders participated in the 100-mile ride through Tippecanoe, Warren and Carroll counties. Money raised from the ride benefits the Muscular Dystrophy Association. At Canal Park, the motorcycle enthusiasts visited, ate supper, toured the Interpretive Center and rode on the Canal Boat. H.O.G. president Phil Ladd and wife, Kim, of Delphi helped organize the event. Photo provided

**Additional human cases of West Nile virus are found**

**Comet staff report**

State health officials report three new human cases of West Nile virus in Marion, St. Joseph, and Tipton counties. West Nile virus has been identified in 48 counties in Indiana so far in 2006, with a total of four human cases.

"The number of counties reporting positive test results in dead birds and mosquitoes has almost doubled since last week," said James Howell, DVM, veterinary epidemiologist, Indiana State Department of Health. "This high rate of activity means greater risk for people to get infected, and we urge individuals to be vigilant about using insect repellent when outdoors, especially between dusk and dawn."

"It is best if individuals avoid being out during prime mosquito biting times, from dusk to dawn, but when outdoors, individuals should apply insect repellent

containing DEET, picaradin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus to clothes and exposed skin," said Howell.

State health officials encourage Hoosiers to take steps to rid their properties of potential mosquito breeding grounds by:

- \* Repairing failed septic systems;
- \* Drilling holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left outdoors;
- \* Keeping grass cut short and shrubbery trimmed;
- \* Disposing of old tires, tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots or other unused containers that can hold water;
- \* Cleaning clogged roof gutters, particularly if leaves tend to plug up the drains; and
- \* Aerating ornamental pools, or stock them with mosquito-eating fish.

Health officials report that although individuals over age 50 are at greatest risk for serious ill-

ness and even death from West Nile virus, people of all ages are susceptible to the virus.

For more information regarding the West Nile virus, visit the ISDH Web site at [www.in.gov/isdh/healthinfo/westnile/index.htm](http://www.in.gov/isdh/healthinfo/westnile/index.htm).

**Indiana Beach's Cornball Express receives top ranking**

**Comet staff report**

The Cornball Express at Indiana Beach Amusement and Camp Resort in Monticello has been ranked as one of the Top 20 Wooden Roller Coasters in the World for 2006.

The announcement was part of The Golden Ticket Awards presented to the "best of the best" in the amusement industry resulting from an international poll con-

**Emerald ash borer found in White County**

**Comet staff report**

An infestation of the emerald ash borer (EAB), an exotic species of beetle that kills ash trees, has been confirmed at Indiana Beach campground in White County. As a result, the DNR will issue a quarantine for most ash products and some other wood products in the remainder of the county. The quarantine should be implemented early next week.

Once issued, the quarantine will prohibit transportation of ash trees and most ash tree products out of White County. The ban will include ash nursery stock, ash logs or untreated ash lumber with the bark attached; any type of firewood except for pine; and any composted or uncomposted wood chips or bark chips that are one inch or larger.

Liberty and Union townships specifically will be regulated under this quarantine, which means that ash products will not be able to be moved out of these townships or out of the county without permission from DNR.

"This destructive insect is very easily moved into other areas, especially when transporting firewood," said DNR Director Kyle Hupfer. "We need the public's cooperation on this."

DNR personnel and others will periodically survey the area around the infestation.

Other infestations in Indiana have been found in St. Joseph, LaGrange, Steuben, Randolph, Huntington, Hamilton, Marion and Adams counties. Large infestations are present in Michigan,

Ohio and Canada. Two recent infestations have been found in Illinois, one within Chicago and one west of Chicago.

Homeowners and others who come in contact with ash trees can help slow the spread of the EAB.

"We rely on local residents, foresters, loggers, tree removal or trimming crews, and others to report possibly infected sites," said Dr. Robert Waltz, state entomologist. "The public also can help us manage the spread of this insect by not moving firewood and by burning all campfire wood they have when they visit a campground."

Residents who see evidence of the emerald ash borer should call Ellis, (888) EXT-INFO or (888) 398-4636; or the DNR Invasive Species Hotline, (866) NO-EXOTIC or (866) 663-9684.

The adult EAB is slender and a bright, metallic, coppery-green color. It is about one-third of an inch long, making it difficult to spot in tree leaves. The adult insect is visible only during the summer months. During the cooler months, the EAB is in its larval, or immature, form and can only be found under the bark of ash trees. Emerald ash borer larvae destroy live ash trees by eating the vascular tissue, which supplies nutrients to the tree, Ellis said.

It's difficult to distinguish EAB damage from that caused by the many native borer insects that attack ash trees. Two of the main ways to tell EAB damage from that caused by native species are by the EAB's characteristic D-

shaped exit holes in the main trunk of the affected tree and by the S-shaped feeding tunnels beneath its bark. Other symptoms include vertical splits in the bark and increased woodpecker activity.

Additional information and photos of the EAB are available at Purdue's Web site, [www.entm.purdue.edu/eab/](http://www.entm.purdue.edu/eab/)

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**Burlington**

**Cheryl Milburn Burlington 566-3453**

Plans are being finalized for the annual Burlington Fall Festival to be held Sept. 13-17. The all-community worship service will be held Sept. 17 at the park beginning at 10 a.m. Pastor Steve Cole will speak and Joyful Noise will bring special music.

A representative of Kiwanis International will be the guest speaker on Saturday at the local club's breakfast meeting at the fire station. Breakfast will be served at 7:30.

Elders at Burlington Church of Christ will meet at 7 p.m. Monday. A board meeting will follow at 7:30.

A clinic for all those who run the sound system at church will be held at 7 p.m. Sept. 7 at

Sound of Music.

Plans are under way to celebrate the tenth anniversary of Crossroads Community Christian Church. The event will be held Sept. 24. There will be special music and a carry-in dinner following services. Anyone having special memories to submit are asked to do so by Sept. 10.

Crossroads Community Choir will begin practice at 7 p.m. Thursday and Sunday after church.

Faith Church of Christ Praise Band will meet for practice on Sept. 6 from 7:45 to 8:30 p.m.

Faith Church Board will meet Sept. 10. Youth group will meet at 6:30 p.m.

First Brethren youth will serve a dinner following Sunday morning service.

**Washington Twp.**

**Marilyn Hile Deer Creek 859-4871**

Deer Creek Presbyterian Church will resume its Adult Sunday School classes starting Sept. 10 at 9:15 a.m. and Children's Sunday School follows the Children's Story during worship.

Faith Lutheran Church will have a pork chop "all you can eat" supper on Sept. 16. Everyone is invited.

Recent luncheon guests of Bud

and Mary Lynn Harmon of St. Louis were Wayne and Helen Forgy and Ruthina Forgy They visited at a local restaurant. The Harmons also visited with her sister and brother, Doris Jean Bryan and Dr. Jack Jones of Logansport.

Helping at the Red Cross Bloodmobile last week at Flora were Liz Mylet and Helen Forgy.

Anyone having news of interest should call me at the number above or leave a message.

Please remember our shut ins and visit or send cards to them.

**Camden**

**Mary Whitfield Camden 686-2553**

Camden's annual Fall Festival and town-wide garage sales will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rain date is Sunday.

On Sept. 12 at 7 p.m., Phyllis Myers will present a program entitled "Bringing Family History to Life" at the Camden Public Library. A workshop on researching family history will be present. Phyllis Moore, museum curator, will also speak on resources available at the Carroll County Historical Museum.

Order of the Eastern Star will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the Masonic Temple.

Camden Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Town Hall.

Camden-Jackson Township Public Library Board will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 13 in the library's Reading Room.

United Methodist Women will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 14 in the church. Pat Fife will give devotions and Diane Hinkle, the lesson. Hostesses will be Pat Fite and Jackie Edging.

Aim Hi E.H. Club met recently in the lake side home of Sharon Ashby with 13 members present. The anniversary song honored Donna Swayze, the co-hostess. Devotions were given by Mrs. Ashby.

**Police & Fire Calls**

Police reports are gathered from available records on file at local police departments. This information is a matter of public record and does not imply guilt or innocence. Information for fire reports is also gathered from reports on file with local fire departments.

**Sheriff's Department**

Aug. 29, 10 p.m. - Property damage accident, SR25N at CR525W, Delphi. Jacob A. Lewis, 22, Peru. Deputy Zackary Hall investigated.

Aug. 30, 7:56 a.m. - Property damage accident with three injuries, SR25 near CR525W, Delphi. Rigoberto Nievez, 27, Delphi and Jose L. Morgado, 35, West Lafayette. Dorem Olleruidez, 19, Delphi; Michael Perez, 24, Delphi; and Gabriela Rangel, 23, Delphi, each complained of pain. Sgt. Tony Burns.

Aug. 30, 2 p.m. - Property damage accident, CR175N, Delphi. Joshua R. Fife, 20, Delphi. Deputy Walt Raderstorff investigated.

**Deer-related accidents**

Aug. 25, 4:47 p.m. - 725N near 1150W, Yeoman. Tyler Cooper, 16, Monticello. Cpl. Tobe Leazenby investigated.

**Delphi Police Dept.**

Aug. 26, 8:44 a.m. - Public intoxication, Main Street, Family Pantry parking lot. Larry Crawford was arrested and transported to St. Elizabeth Hospital. Charges will be filed through the prosecutor. Officer Chuck Kent investigated.

Aug. 28, 4:23 p.m. - Theft, Wells Street. Sherry Miller reported that items had been taken from the garage. Kent investigated.

Aug. 30, 5:49 a.m. - Property damage, Masonic Street and Armory Road. Robert L. Allen, 78, Delphi. Chief Ed Chapman investigated.

Aug. 30, 3:28 p.m. - Property damage accident, US421 near Riley Park, Delphi. Brittney L. Tyner, 17, Delphi; Juan M. Martinez, 23, Delphi; Brandy M. Perry, 16, Rockfield. Officer Dave Yeager investigated.

**Flora Police Dept.**

Aug. 30, 10 a.m. - A vehicle crash occurred at the intersection of Columbia and Center streets. A vehicle driven by Lester M. Hanford, 46, Fort Wayne, backed into a vehicle driven by John R. Snell, 25, Delphi. Chief Paul Redmon investigated. Officer Mark Thomas and Sheriff Dennis Randle assisted.

Aug. 30, 11:45 p.m. - A theft was reported at 103 1/2 E. Columbia St. Officer Josh Disinger investigated.

Aug. 31, 12:15 a.m. - Mark A. Norris, 30, was arrested on a Carroll County warrant for maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana, battery and revocation of probation. Disinger investigated.

Aug. 31, 12:07 p.m. - A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of S. Center St. Redmon investigated.

Aug. 31, 12:18 p.m. - Criminal mischief was reported at 211 Brookview Dr. Thomas investigated.

Aug. 31, 7:30 p.m. - A juvenile complaint was reported at 613 Harmon St. Disinger investigated.

Aug. 31, 10:21 p.m. - Following a traffic stop, Thomas R. Neal, 38, Logansport, was arrested for driving while suspended with a prior conviction. Disinger investigated.

Sept. 4, 11:57 p.m. - Following a foot pursuit, Eric T. Daugherty, 26, Flora, was arrested on a Carroll County warrant for possession of marijuana, habitual substance offender, and additional charges of resisting law enforcement and public intoxication. Disinger investigated. Sheriff's Deputies Tony Liggett and Grant Davidson and Delphi Officer Justin Wilson assisted.

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