

# The Dinner Bell to reopen in Burlington

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Burlington Town Council heard plans to reopen The Dinner and to construct a new car wash/laundry business at their Sept. 13 meeting held in the town hall.

Mike and Carol Wills, new owners of The Dinner Bell, introduced themselves. They said they hope to have the restaurant open in two to three months. Currently, they are renovating the inside, including installing new restrooms that will be handicapped accessible. The Wills operate an electrical contracting business and a gift shop in Kokomo.

Art Huse, who owns the lot south of the post office, told his plans to put in a manual carwash with a laundromat on the site.

The council raised the issue of the excess use of the sewage system and without town water, it will be hard for the town to monitor the excess. Huse suggested putting a meter on his well and billing on a rate that would be suitable.

Rates from surrounding areas will be researched and Huse will then determine if it is financially feasible to continue with his plans. Huse said that many car washes, even in Kokomo, are on wells and have this meter system set up. Huse provided a possible layout for the property, showing a two-bay carwash and laundry facilities. The entrance and exit from the business would be off of 9th St. The project would not begin until spring.

President Dick Davis said it was a great idea and "the council will work with you anyway we can."

Street and sewer superintendent Les Johnson reported the pump station on Mill Road is having trouble. He believes the motor may have been struck by lightning. The town will check with its insurance carrier to see if the motors are insured.

Louis Mann, representing

Burlington Park Board, said the new shelter is finished and looks great. Lights have been installed and gravel brought in around the shelter. The ground on the south side of the park, where the red barn stood, has been leveled and is ready for grass seed.

The town is currently receiving quotes for a building to be constructed on the site. But after discussion, it was decided to go ahead and plant grass to help the dirt from eroding into the ditch.

Mann reported that the park board recently voted to renew Mike Mann's contract for mowing and maintenance of park grounds for the 2007 season. The possibility of hiring Mann year round to supervise the park was brought up, but will be discussed at a future meeting.

"Someone really needs to be responsible during the winter months, too," said Mann, "especially for snow removal." Currently the town pays Steve Barnard to plow just the road, not the parking lots. The community club wants the parking lots cleared if there is an event at the building.

Clerk-Treasurer Tammy Dyer said, "It's in prior minutes that they (the community club) are responsible for their snow removal."

A new Cub Cadet zero turn mower, 27-horsepower with 60-

inch cut, was purchased from Forest Agri-Lawn for the park. The council approved purchase of the mower during a special meeting the afternoon of Aug. 15.

The Council agreed to pursue a small claims action against the previous owners of The Dinner Bell for an outstanding sewage bill.

"There is an ordinance written for this and we need to follow it," stated councilman Wayne Swaim.

### Special meetings held

Between the Aug. 9 and Sept. 13 regularly scheduled evening meetings, the council held two special meetings and a public hearing in the afternoon. The first special meeting was called to purchase the new mower for the park. The second special meeting was to adopt the 2007 budget. Immediately after the budget hearing, a meeting was held to discuss the sewer extension project and other issues needing attention.

During the most recent special meeting held Aug. 28, the council voted to purchase a new evidence locker for \$574.57. It will be delivered after the town office relocates. The council also approved \$1,000 for concrete to complete the new shelter building at the park.

An easement on Richardson's property has been given allowing access to install sewage lines at Steve's Garage. The Council voted to have Ron Carman Excavating do the job at a cost of between \$7,500 and \$8,000.

The October Council meeting will be the 11th at 7 p.m. Plans are being made to move the town office on Oct. 13.

## Obituaries

### Harriet E. Deck

Graveside services for Harriet E. Deck, 85, of Lafayette, were held Friday at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens, West Lafayette.

She died at 11:32 a.m. Sept. 12, 2006, at Lafayette Home Hospital.

Born Jan. 3, 1921, in Lafayette, she was the daughter of Charles Alvin and Blanche Harris Fairchild. She married Ronald Deck in Lafayette in 1945, and he died in 1974.

Mrs. Deck had owned and operated H&R Block Tax Preparers in Brookston.

She was a former member of the First Christian Church in Lafayette.

Surviving are two daughters, Sylvia Holmes of Flora and Cheryl Deck of Indianapolis; two sisters, Edna Semon of Indianapolis and Phyllis Isenbager of West Lafayette; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A daughter, six sisters and three brothers preceded her in death.

### Ralph D. Sullivan

Ralph D. Sullivan, 93, of Delphi, died at 12:37 a.m. on Sept. 13, 2006, at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center.

Born in Camden on June 9, 1913, he was the son of Oscar and Clara Burns Sullivan.

His marriage was to Elizabeth Jasorka in Logansport, on Sept. 4, 1935, and she died May 12, 1992.

Mr. Sullivan farmed in Carroll County all of his life. He was a member of Delphi First Presbyterian Church.

Private family services are planned.

### Mary E. Helmuth

Mary E. Helmuth, 64, of Pymont, died at 11:45 a.m. Sept. 17, 2006.

Born Nov. 14, 1941, in Bringham, she was the daughter of Roy and Leona Fisher Reavis. She married Harley Helmuth on May 8, 1960, and he survives.

Mrs. Helmuth attended Rossville schools and has resided in Pymont for 36 years. She was a teacher at New Hope School for 24 years.

She was a member of the Old German Baptist Brethren Church.

Surviving with her husband are one son, Rodney Helmuth (wife: Anna) of Marcellus, Mich.; two daughters, Regina Wolf (husband: Maurice) of Bringham and Rebecca Helmuth of Arcanum, Ohio; two sisters, Emily Bauman (husband: Jerry) of Modesto, Calif., and Ruth Reavis of Rossville; two brothers, Richard Reavis (wife: Bonnie) of Hillsboro, Wisc., and Clarence Reavis (wife: Ardis) of North Manchester; and nine grandchildren.

A brother, Morris Earl Reavis, preceded her in death.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. today, Wednesday, at the North Folk Old German Baptist Church. Home brethren will officiate. Burial will be at the North Fork Old German Baptist Church Cemetery. A family prayer service will precede the service at 9 a.m. at Bodine Funeral Home, Rossville.

Memorials may be made to New Hope School.

On-line condolences may be directed to bodinefuneralhome@yahoo.com.

### Janie I. Arvin

Janie I. Arvin, 56, of Lafayette, died at 8:39 p.m. on Sept. 14 at Home Hospital. She had Muscular Dystrophy.

Born in Lafayette on Dec. 18, 1949, she was the daughter of Clarence D. and Mary J. Arvin.

Ms. Arvin was a medical transcriber at St. Elizabeth Hospital in the Radiology Department for 38 years.

She was a member of Trinity Church in Mulberry.

Surviving are her mother of Lafayette; a sister, Sharon Byrket of Indianapolis; and a brother, Jerry Arvin of Lafayette.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Services were Monday in Lafayette, with burial at Rossville Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Association, 3905 Vincennes Rd. Suite 202, Indianapolis 46268.

## Council

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for the 2006 budget was to have no additions and that goal has been met so far.

"It's unheard of," Baker said. "We're trying to get things in line this year," council member Jerry Hendress added.

Three county employees voiced opinions when given the opportunity at the meeting.

Health department employee Mary Jones said county government employee health insurance costs usually rise in April. She said without a salary increase, she would be paying more, but with less.

"It's tough. I understand that," Hendress said. "But we're trying to make sure this county stays solvent and can pay its bills."

County prosecutor Rob Ives said he thought "salaries are too low now" and it would be difficult to find competent people to run for public offices if they continue at the present rate.

County assessor Doris McLeland offered an affirmative response to the decision. She said it is a benefit to have all of the paid vacation and days off afforded to county employees. She said another benefit is that the job is close to home for travel considerations.

"Thank you for all your hard work," she concluded.

In a follow-up interview,

Baker explained some of the rationale for the salary decision.

"We wanted to be pro-active and not reactive," he said. "I must commend those department heads and employees who prepared the 2007 budget requests. A lot of them really thought through their budgets."

"We wanted to give salary increases," he said. "County employees need to remember the rich benefit package they have from the county."

Baker said this is the first year that department heads have received budget information and the opportunity to ask questions about it at the time of adoption.

"I've been on the council for a lot of years," Baker said. "This is the most informed department heads have ever been."

Baker reiterated that it was necessary to look at the benefits received by county employees to judge fair compensation. County employees work a 36-hour week.

A hand-out distributed at the meeting shows the county contributes \$4,845.24 for each employee for health insurance, \$316.56 for life and disability insurance, and contributes an average of over \$1,000 per employee to their retirement fund.

The council will meet Sept. 29 at 8 a.m.

## Cutler Collage is Saturday

### Comet staff report

The 16th annual Cutler Collage will be held Saturday in downtown Cutler. Activities will get under way at 8 a.m. and continue until 6 p.m.

Various craft and merchant booths will be selling unique gifts. A pork burger lunch will be

served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and an all-you-can-eat ham and bean supper from 4 to 8 p.m. Both meals are sponsored by the Democrat Township Volunteer Fire Department and will be served in the fire station.

The event is free and open to the public. There promises to be something for everyone.

## Business Briefs

**BRENNECO FIRE PROTECTION, INC.** Flora, recently offered a personal financial management class to its employees and their spouses. The six-hour class was presented by Fisher & Associates Inc., Flora.

The class was divided into two sessions. Some of the topics covered included decision making, reading financial statements, debt

management, credit cards, savings and investments, and credit scores.

Those who attended the class were given a follow-up consultation to Fishers & Associates, compliments of Breneco Fire Protection.

Breneco Fire Protection takes a three tiered approach to developing their personnel in the areas of job skills, safety training, and lifestyle.

### OFFICER SHANE BERNHARDT, 29, of Monticello, has joined the Delphi Police Department.

He will be entering the law enforcement academy in the spring. A graduate of Logansport High School, he worked as a corrections officer for Cass County Jail for four years. He was employed as a dispatcher for three years in White County.

He has volunteered as a Little League baseball coach in Monticello.

Bernhardt has two children and attends Sitka Baptist Church.

**Bernhardt**

New hires approved included:

- Molly Young - Corporation bus driver;
- Craig Shaw - High school volunteer assistant wrestling coach;
- Cassie Gasser and Sherri Cripe - Hillcrest Spell Bowl coaches; and
- Judith Foster - High school part-time custodian.

The school board will meet once in October on Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.

**Walker**

Resignations of Rock Creek board member Jeff Brown, Hillcrest Spell Bowl Coach Barbara Bergner and bus driver Lonnie Frye were accepted. Sparks commended Frye for his excellent service record and job dedication.

Personnel

## Projects

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Emerson said that although IPC has first right of refusal for the sale of the land, there is no sale planned currently.

"I think it is premature to criticize the county commissioners about this," he said.

"There are a lot of questions that need to be answered yet," Hylton concluded. Highway department

County highway supervisor Ramzi Awwad announced that Xenia Bridge and the bridge on SR75 will not close simultaneously for repairs.

Bridge 120 on the Crooked Road to Flora/Delphi was finished under budget.

County residents Carl Perry and Tom Hazelgrove reported that two to three times each year CR800W near CR800N floods eight to 10 inches deep and presents a safety hazard to motorists. Hazelgrove said the road dams the water onto his property and he has lost three buildings due to the flooding.

Awwad was directed to inves-

tigate the situation.

### Other business

A letter to the state Department of Homeland Security, presented by Emergency Management Agency Director Justin Darling, was endorsed. The letter was in support of an earlier resolution for county compliance with a county emergency management system.

Portions of two alleys in the unincorporated area of West

Delphi were vacated by approval of Ordinance 2006-04.

A request by First American Real Estate Solutions for specific property owner data, that would be gathered by Manitrion for a cost, was denied.

An Urban Forest grant application for the city of Delphi was endorsed.

The 4-H Community Building will be used by the Flora Volunteer Fire Department Sept. 26 and by Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Oct. 26.

The next meeting will be Oct. 2 at 9 a.m.

## Learning about GRIEF & "GOOD GRIEF"

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