

Wildcat Creek Foundation adds Carroll County acreage

Comet staff report

The Wildcat Creek Foundation (WCF) has completed the purchase of approximately 22 acres of riparian buffer along the environmental North Fork of Wildcat Creek adjacent to Carroll County's Adams Mill. The buffer extends nearly half a mile.

This brings the Foundation's holdings to six properties, totaling nearly 100 acres along the stream. In addition, the Lafayette-based not-for-profit land trust and conservation organization holds several conservation easements and maintains two public access sites along the Wildcat's north fork.

Foundation president Mark Krivchenia terms the acquisition important for several reasons.

"First, it establishes the WCF as an important stakeholder in the Adams Mill area - a significant part of Carroll County's historic and natural history," he said. "Second, it completes our third Hoosier Heritage Trust Fund acquisition; clear recognition at the state level that Wildcat Creek is an important stream to protect and that the WCF is capable of doing that job."

Krivchenia adds that all appropriate properties at the mill, both private and public combined, represent over 100 acres of natural and historic lands

preserved. That, he says, is clearly meeting the mission of the Foundation in its dedication to preserving the creek corridor as a legacy for all Indiana's citizens.

Formal dedication of the new land will take place at 2 p.m. at the annual "Celebrate Wildcat Creek Day" slated for Saturday, June 2, at Adams Mill. With a full program of outdoor family activities including free canoe rides, the celebration will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free. Adams Mill is located just east of Cutler, off State Road 75.

Information on the Wildcat Creek Foundation can be obtained by writing to WCF, P.O. Box 193, Lafayette, IN 47902.

Obituaries

Evelyn C. Sharp



Evelyn C. Sharp, 99, of Camden, died May 4, 2007, in Longmont, Colo. Born on Dec. 21, 1907, in Frankfort,

she was the daughter of Valentine Franklin and Mamie Ostraday Cohee. She was raised in Indiana and graduated from Camden High School. She attended Indiana Teacher's College in Indianapolis (Madame Blaker's), where she received a teaching degree. She taught at Washington and Carrollton township schools in Carroll County.

On June 30, 1929, in Camden, she married James M. Sharp. They resided in Camden, except for six years when they owned and operated a grocery store in Michigantown.

Mrs. Sharp was a member of the First Baptist Church of Camden for 86 years and was an active member of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Circle. She was a 70-year member of the Camden Woman's Literary Club, which founded the Camden Public Library.

Surviving are three children, Robert G. Sharp (wife: Barbara) of Hamilton, Va., Bill Sharp (wife: Peg) of Longmont, Colo., and Marcia Beckett (husband: Mike) of Oklahoma City, Okla.; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a nephew, Dennis D. Laxton.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a sister, Frances Laxton, a grandson, and a great-grandson.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. today, May 16, at Cree Funeral Home, Camden. Pastor Paul Marcellino will officiate. Interment will follow at Camden Cemetery. Friends may call prior to the service from 1 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church of Camden or to the Camden Public Library.

Junior E. Maxwell



Junior E. Maxwell, 88, of 917E. 300N., Camden, passed away May 10, 2007, at 12:55 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center in

Delphi. He had been a resident there since May 8 and in failing health the past few months.

He was born May 9, 1919, in Carroll County, to Ellis and Olea Meador Maxwell. His marriage was to Doris M. Robbins in Pettit on Dec. 24, 1941, and she survives.

Mr. Maxwell was a 1938 graduate of Burlington High School. He was a U.S. Army veteran stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., as an M.P. during World War II.

He farmed in Carroll County's Jackson Township all of his life. He sold Moorman's Feed and Todd's Seed Corn for several years. He managed the Carroll County Transfer Station for eight years.

Mr. Maxwell was a Carroll County Commissioner for two terms.

He and his wife belonged to Lower Deer Creek Church of the Brethren. He also belonged to Camden American Legion Post #413.

He loved his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They were everything to him.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Ginny Yoder (husband: Gary) of Flora; two sons, Richard Maxwell (wife: Connie) of Lafayette and Robin Maxwell (wife: Carolyn) of Camden; two brothers, Virgil Maxwell (wife: Laura) of Flora and Perry Maxwell (wife: Rachel) of Delphi; two sisters-in-law, Lois Maxwell of Flora and Helen Maxwell of Warsaw; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Services were held Monday at the Flora United Methodist Church. Pastor Mark Wilhelm and the Rev. Larry DeVos officiated. Burial was at Musselman Cemetery near Camden with Camden American Legion Post #413 military rites. Memorial contributions may be made to Camden American Legion Post #413. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Leta L. Lewis



Leta L. Lewis, 55, of Delphi, passed away May 14, 2007, at 10:44 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lafayette.

She had been a patient there for one day and had battled cancer since October.

She was born July 2, 1951, in Lafayette, to Van and Ethel Sneathen Lewis.

Ms. Lewis was a 1969 graduate of Delphi Community High School. She was a member of Delphi Pentecostal Church.

She worked at Indiana United Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon for 23 years as a house mother for resident care and later as an administrator.

She enjoyed flower gardening, yard work, sewing, various card and board games and Christmas.

Surviving are her mother of Delphi; three sisters, Reta Pattengale, Aneta Gardiner (husband: Rande) and Gerlinde Conde, all of Delphi; four brothers, Adren Lewis of Springer, Okla., Dennis Lewis (wife: Martha) of Delphi, Milton Lewis (wife: Kellye) of Lafayette and Perry Lewis (wife: Chong) of Sharpsburg, Ga.; and several nieces and nephews.

Her father preceded her in death.

Private family services are planned. Memorial contributions may be made to Indiana United Methodist Children's Home, P.O. Box 747, Lebanon, IN 46052.

Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi was in charge of arrangements.

John C. Morgan

John C. Morgan, 51, of Delphi, died May 8, 2007, at his residence.

He was born Nov. 14, 1955, in Lafayette to Joan Cyr Morgan of Fowler and the late John W. Morgan.

He attended Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Fowler.

Surviving are his fiancé, Sherri Feldhouse; two daughters, Danielle Morgan (companion: Spencer) of South Lake Tahoe, Nev. and Brittnee Muller (husband: Travis) of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a son, Griffin Morgan of Colorado Springs; two sisters, Cynthia Hand (husband: Alan) of Deerfield, N.H. and Colleen Mraz (husband: George); and a brother, Patrick Morgan (wife: Sheila) of Cave Creek, Ariz.

Memorial funeral mass was held May 14 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Fowler, officiated by Rev. Father Donald Gross.

William F. Terry Jr.

William F. Terry Jr., 83, of Waynetown, died May 13, 2007, at 7:50 a.m. in his residence. He resided in West Lafayette for many years, lived in Stockwell for 30 years, and Waynetown the past five years.

He was born Feb. 16, 1924, to the William F. and Margaret Morris Terry. He married Jane A. Reagan on March 12, 1964, in Lafayette, and she survives.

Mr. Terry was a graduate of West Lafayette High School. He worked in the grinding department at Fairfield Manufacturing Co. for 26 years, retiring in 1989.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran and served on the U.S.S. Colorado in the Philippines during World War II.

Mr. Terry was a member of Crawfordsville American Legion Post #072 and Delphi VFW. He enjoyed woodworking.

Surviving are a son, Greg Terry of Delphi; six daughters, Suzanne Cole (husband: Jim) of Corona, Calif., Sandra Geisler, Stephanie Joyce (husband: Dick) and Linda James (husband: Tom), all of Lafayette, Sharon Nethercutt (husband: Fred) of Buffalo, and Susan McGee (husband: J.W.) of Amarillo, Texas; three sisters, Helen Merrell of Lafayette, Eleanor Carter of Sparta, N.J., and Lou Cummins (husband: Jim) of Howe; two brothers, Robert Terry (wife: Betty) of Monticello and Donald Terry (wife: Shirley) of Battle Ground; 14 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Chuck Terry, a grandson, Chad Cole, and a great-granddaughter, Autumn Cox.

Visitation will be held today, Wednesday, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Hippensteel Funeral Home in Lafayette. A graveside service will be held May 17 at 10:30 a.m. at Dayton Cemetery, officiated by Pastor Todd Ladd.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Elizabeth Hospice.

Online condolences may be made at www.hippensteelfuneralhome.com.

Louis E. Penn

Louis E. Penn, 48, of Clymers, died unexpectedly May 15, 2007, at 4:53 a.m. at his residence.

Arrangements are pending with Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi.

Paint Creek Cemetery Annual Meeting Sat., May 26 at 1:00 p.m. at the cemetery.

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rector of the EDC, will come and talk to council members at the next meeting, in June.

Wagoner said the biggest economic issue on the county level is the Hoosier Heartland Highway. He said he just learned recently that construction will start in 2010 in Lafayette, and be completed in Carroll County in 2012.

"Of course dates are always subject to chance," he said.

The council approved a junk and abandoned vehicle ordinance, which is published in this week's issue of the *Comet*. Attorney Briggs said it would go into effect 30 days after publication.

The ordinance says that any junk vehicle (defined in the ordinance) that is left out in the open on public property for five or more days, or on private property for 15 or more days, will be removed. The owner will be fined \$50 and will be responsible for the cost of towing, storing, and disposing of the vehicle. Notices will be placed on vehicles that are found to be in violation of the ordinance.

Prior to this ordinance, letters were sent to properties which had junk vehicles or were otherwise unsightly. Wagoner said about 80 percent of those prop-

erties have been voluntarily cleaned up.

Jeff Sieber reported on the town's 175th anniversary celebration July 21 and 22. He said a schedule has been set for both days, and memorabilia will be available for purchase a month before the event. He said organizations and businesses have been great to take over various parts of the planned activities. They still need a volunteer group for clean-up after the celebration.

The council acknowledged that Jackson Township Livewires 4-H Club planted flowers in the town flower pots.

Council member Andy Robison announced that the Masonic Lodge will have a breakfast in the Community Building before the parade on June 2.

Street superintendent Jerry Snavelly, asked town residents to let him or the town office know if they are seeing a lot of mosquitoes, so he can spray as needed.

An ordinance on the sidewalk replacement program will be acted on at the next meeting.

The next regular meeting will be June 5 (a week earlier than usual) at 7 p.m. in the Community Building.

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not qualified for the nursing position when she was hired.

"This is a simple case," Thompson said. "It boils down to, did she have the authority to use RN after her name?" she asked the jury. "She made herself look like something she was not by putting RN after her name."

"She made a choice not to get a license here," Thompson concluded.

But defense attorney Anne Briggs presented a different take on the situation during closing arguments.

"You have the right to determine the law and the facts according to the Indiana Constitution," she told jury members. "You don't have to find her guilty regardless of what the (court's) instructions say."

"We're not saying she didn't write her name with RN because she did - that's her identity," Briggs continued. "Maybe it was wrong for her to do it (sign her name with RN after it), but she wasn't concealing anything."

Briggs stated that Lohmiller had a nursing license in Georgia, but because of her participation in a witness protection program and the fear of her identity being discovered, she did not apply for an Indiana license.

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Questions should have been answered before official action was taken.

The Corporation does not know what the effect will be on transportation costs and building modifications. Nor was it discussed how full day kindergarten and pre-school programs would be funded.

There are also questions on whether Head Start will relocate to Camden (as part of the conversion of the school to an Early Childhood Center).

The effect on students with curriculum changes and adjusting to a new building were not given consideration.

The question of how \$200-\$300,000 could be saved was not explained.

A major concern is what will happen to the Early Childhood Center if funding is not available.

The pressing question was could benefits being claimed be realized without reconfiguring and dismantling Camden Elementary School?

Attorney Cindy Harmon addressed the group's concern about the legal aspect of the School Board's decision. It was explained that school boards are governed by Indiana Administrative Orders and Procedures Act. The Act sets the standards courts must use to review issues. A discussion on actions and results with other school boards followed.

Organize a petition

The evening concluded with the determination to begin the plan of action by circulating a petition to determine public support. The petition asks the Delphi Community School Corporation Board of Trustees to rescind its decision to move

all Camden Elementary students in grades one through five to Hillcrest Elementary and use the Camden facility only as an Early Childhood Center.

The petition further states that the undersigned believe that the reconfiguration decision was made without adequate deliberation, factual information, public input or financial consideration. The petition states the change will be detrimental to children now attending Camden Elementary and has the potential to adversely affect all children in the Delphi Community School system.

In addition to the petition being carried by concerned citizens, a copy is available at the Camden Town Office for those interested in signing.

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cited Indiana school reorganization documents from the early 1960s and a similar 1989 court case in support of his findings.

The board allowed Manahan to send a response to Briggs that stated the corporation's stance.

Other business

The board approved \$80,000 of additional appropriations for the special education fund. The money will be used to pay teacher salaries.

Paperwork received by Walker from the state this week made it possible for the corporation to spend the money.

Walker was granted permission by the board to request Title I funds from the federal government. Resler said requests for the funds typically are approved.

The board approved Walker's recommendation for a second Family and Consumer Science teacher.

Resler explained block scheduling has allowed students to take more elective and vocational courses.

A program designed to locate substitutes for teachers who must miss work was approved for \$3,000. Hillcrest principal Bill Shidler stated he visited several schools to get their impressions of the program before he recommended the purchase.

Revisions and updates to the corporation's athletic handbook

were approved. Parents of athletes should receive updated handbooks before their child's sport begins.

Athletic schedules and school calendar for 2008-09 were approved. Parents can expect to receive information pertinent to their child in a timely manner according to Resler.

An annual dairy and bread products bid advertisement for the cafeteria was approved.

Walker was given permission to approve field trips that take place the same day a board meeting is scheduled. Those trips would then be ratified at the meeting.

Walker informed the board funding would likely increase approximately 2.8 percent each of the next two academic years. He said the increase was modest but more than most rural schools received.

Claims and payroll in the amount of \$1,337,046.26 were approved.

The board made plans to conduct athletic director interviews May 23.

Senior awards night will be May 25. Commencement will be May 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Moving day for elementary schools will be May 31.

The next regular board meeting will be June 11.

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