



## Cancer Society fundraiser

# County's Relay for Life begins Friday

Comet staff report

Carroll County's sixth annual Relay for Life will be Friday and Saturday at the Carroll Junior-Senior High School track.

The fundraising event begins at 5 p.m. on Friday and ends at noon on Saturday. It involves teams camping out, walking laps on the track, socializing, and participating in planned activities. The teams have had fundraisers to support their efforts.

Families and individuals can also come to the track and walk, and make a donation to the cause. Anyone can come

and cheer on the walkers, eat at the Kiwanis breakfast at 7 a.m. Saturday, buy ice cream from the Lions, and support other fundraising activities.

A full schedule of ceremonies, themed laps, contests, and activities is planned.

The opening ceremony begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, with an invocation, singing of the National Anthem, balloon release by cancer survivors, and the traditional Survivor Walk.

The first lap for Relay Team Walkers will begin at 6:30. This year there will be a Rookie Lap (for first-time walkers) at 7 p.m.

Also at 7 will be the

"Miss"ter Relay Contest. Misses dress up as Misses, all for a good cause. A winner is crowned at 8 p.m.

The impressive Luminaria Ceremony begins at dusk.

People walk on the track and camp out all night. There will be a judging for best campsite.

At various times throughout the event, special activities are planned, such as a cake walk on the track, social scavenger hunt, cancer fact bingo, karaoke, and euchre tourney.

Carroll cheerleaders will perform at 7:15 p.m. Friday and again at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

At 6 a.m. on Saturday, there

will be rooster crowing, hog calling, and husband calling contests.

Firefighters' tug of war between local departments will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Also scheduled Saturday morning will be a corn hole tourney and wheelchair races at 10 a.m. and Uno tourney and gutter races at 10:30.

The closing ceremony will be Saturday at 11:30 a.m., with everyone joining in on a Victory Lap.

As the Society's signature event, Relay has been bringing cancer survivors and anyone touched by the disease together since 1985. The first

Relay For Life was held in Tacoma, Washington when its founder, Dr. Gordy Klatt, decided to run for 24 hours at his local high school's track with the idea that cancer never sleeps. That year Dr. Klatt raised about \$27,000 for the American Cancer Society and invited teams of friends and families to join him in the future.

Today, more than 4,200 communities across America host their own Relay For Life and the event has raised more one billion dollars for the fight against cancer. As the most successful not-for-profit event in America, Relay For Life

provides a platform for raising cancer awareness and connecting communities to the programs and services of the American Cancer Society.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

For more information anytime, call toll free 1.800.ACS.2345 or visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

## Camden horse pull



The Percheron team of Buck and Charlie, pictured, won the Indiana Heavyweight Horse Pulling Contest in Camden Saturday night. They pulled 8000 lbs. 22'5". Owner and driver of the team is Bobby Milner of Prairie Creek, Ind. Other placings were: Second, George Biddle, Kirklin (Kevin and Rex pulled 8000 lbs. 13'3"); third, Shawn Strang, Terre Haute (Cracker and Charlie pulled 7500 lbs. 23'; and fourth, Ray Collier, Fillmore (Buck and Bones pulled 6500 lbs. 26'6"). The event was one of the highlights of Camden's 175th anniversary celebration. The pull attracted an estimated 1500 spectators. See other Camden photos on page 9A. Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald

# Shovelnose sturgeon deaths a mystery

By Kevin Schnepf  
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Mysterious deaths of dozens of shovelnose sturgeon in the Wabash River have sparked the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to search for the cause.

Groups of dead sturgeon, numbering up to 100 at a time, were reported to the DNR by local river dwellers recently, including early

Reports from just north of Delphi to approximately 42 miles downriver near Attica according to DNR fisheries biologist Tom Stefanavage.

Stefanavage, stationed at Sugar Ridge State Park in southern Indiana, was called in to help collect fish and data. He said most of the time cause of death can be determined relatively easily.

However, when no clear answer was discovered, the problem was elevated to the Indianapolis DNR office and notification was given to the

Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

Officers continue scan the river for clues while specialists and researchers sift through the information. However, they see no clear developments either.

"It does not fit spill or kill," DNR Chief of Fisheries Bill James said during a July 23 Comet interview. "I don't know if we've ever seen sturgeon deaths like this."

DNR contaminants supervisor Dr. Wayne Fattz said 'contaminant insult' does not typically affect one species. When no clear answer is available, every angle is a possibility

he explained. "Maybe sometimes we have to find out what it isn't and rule things out," Fattz said.

James added fish with lower temperature and water-level tolerances than shovelnose sturgeon are not dying off. That does not necessarily mean those causes are not part of the problem. Coupled with other

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## Wagoner files with experience

Jenna Buehler  
Comet writer-intern

Pete Wagoner of Jackson Township recently filed as a Democratic candidate for Camden town council. Wagoner was appointed to the council last December as president when long-time public servant Ralph Rohrabough passed away.

"I did not intend to run," Wagoner said. "But several people asked me to reconsider - no one seems to be seeking re-election. I'm interested in the town, I've lived here most all of my life, I have experience on the council and I will con-

tinue another four years."

If elected, Wagoner plans to contribute experience, including the time he spent on the council in the early nineties and his from many years of management experience gained from General Motors and Purdue construction. He will take advantage of this as the council faces challenges in the area.

"There is a challenge that's reflected all over Carroll County. The population isn't growing, business is leaving and we're struggling to hold our own. We need to reverse those trends," said Wagoner. "We have to look for ways to bring back growth in our community."

## Current Filings

### Town of Burlington

**Progressive candidates:**  
Judge - John C. Adams  
Clerk - Christy Shepherd  
Council - Stan Moore, Jose L. Armstrong and Teddy A. Huffer

**Conservative candidates:**  
Clerk - Tammy L. Dyer  
Council - Mark Keen, Frederick Michael and Robert Davis.

### Town of Camden

**Republican candidates:**  
Council - Jeffery Kelly, Steve Pearson, Jeff Sieber and Everett Snoeberger.

**Democratic candidates:**  
Clerk - Patricia A. Casserly  
Council - Richard Fite, Ronald King and Pete Wagoner.

### City of Delphi

**Republican candidates:**  
Mayor - Lee W. Hoard  
Judge - David Weckerly  
Council - Carolyn K. Pearson, Kyle P. Germond, William Miller, Gayle Conner and John Hampton

**Democratic candidates:**  
Mayor - Randy J. Strasser  
Clerk - Janice K. Roe  
Council - Danny D. Sterrett, Brian Garrison and Nelson B. Smith

### Town of Flora

**Republican candidates:**  
Clerk - Joretta L. Tinsman  
Council - Troy M. Helderman

### Town of Yeoman

**Republican candidate:**  
Clerk - Peggy L. Braden  
**Democratic candidates:**  
Council - Tom Lucas, Marion Minnick and Shirley A. Larson



Searching for the cause  
Department of Natural Resources District III officer Matt Tholen holds a sick shovelnose sturgeon he caught on the Wabash River. Large numbers of the species have died off recently from north of Delphi to the Attica area. Tholen and fellow officer Todd Pekny have been involved in researching the problem for weeks. The DNR asked anyone with information regarding the plight of the shovelnose to contact the district 3 office at (765) 447-9582 or call their local sheriff's non-emergency line. Photo provided

## Mending political divisions

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In the town of Burlington, the line between Republican



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and Democratic parties has blurred. Recently, another group was developed to run alongside the Progressive Party. According to Burlington clerk/treasurer Tammy Dyer, this is a strategic implementation.

"In a small community, we believe you vote for the person, not the label," Dyer told the Comet Monday.

Dyer explained that she and three others filed as progressive in the last election. This year, another group ran under

the name, and to avoid a caucus, which would select only three of the possible six progressive candidates, Dyer, and her group headed by chairmen Robert Davis, filed to run under a conservative, or neutral label.

"There is really no difference, it is simply a label you must have when you file to run. We're keeping things simple - and keeping politics out of it," said Dyer. "Politics seem to divide small communities. As an independent

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**Comprehensive Land Use Development Plan Public Meeting**  
Thursday, July 26, 7 p.m.  
4-H Community Building, Flora

**218 Produce Market** *Our Goal - Freshness...Flavor...Variety*  
Open 6 Days A Week 9a-6p • No Sunday Sales - 1 Mile West of Camden on SR 218  
Wholesale buyers welcome  
All Homemade: Noodles • Honey • Maple Syrup • Sorghum • Jams & Jellies • Baked Goods  
All Fresh From The Fields & Home Grown:  
Watermelons, Peppers, Sweet Corn, Cantaloupe,  
New Potatoes, Cabbage, Kohlrabi, Zucchini, Green Beans, Tomatoes, Squash, Cucumbers, & Onions  
The Summer Kitchen  
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