

Skate park to accommodate area youth

By Jenna Buehler
Comet writer-intern

Skateboarding is often referred to as a trend and sport, but to area skateboarders, it is an art. It requires finesse. The art often takes advantage of town sidewalks, stairs, and railing as its canvas. Soon, it will have a new alternative. Skaters will be invited to practice at Delphi's new skate park in early August.

According to Delphi park superintendent Richard Farrer, plans for a skateboarding center in Delphi received city council approval about one year ago. Phase one of the project began July 19, as concrete was poured on the foundation by Milestone construction. He discussed the skate park's layout design with the Comet on Monday. The designated area in Riley Park annex will include stairs and ramps surrounded by rails and benches, with an additional starting ramp, or half-pipe, at the end.

"Skateboarders have been told to clear the property of businesses and residences all over, and they are left with no where to go," explained Farrer. "There has been a cry for help. We're offering a place to go, while protecting local property owners."

According to Delphi high school student and skateboarder Caleb Buffenbarger, roaming skateboarders cannot wait to see the final product. They hope to gain a sense of community acceptance through its implementation.

"I actually had someone push me off my board near the wooden ramp by the V.F.W. I would have left if they had asked. We're not here to wax-up (harm) property," said Buffenbarger. "We just want



New addition to Delphi park

Milestone Construction contractors pour the foundation July 16 for Delphi City Park's soon-to-be skate park. The area can be found in the Riley Park annex, near the Delphi Park Department building. Comet photo by Jenna Buehler

to skate." Buffenbarger said the community has the potential to greatly benefit from the park.

"When I skate in Frankfort, Danville, and Major Taylor (an Indianapolis skate park) I tell people about my good spots and they tell me about theirs," said Buffenbarger. "If we promote this right, it could bring a lot of people, business and money into the community. We might even want to make it bigger. People come from other states for good spots."

Farrer said there has already

been community input for the project. Family sponsors and anxious youth have approached him and asked to raise donations.

He said development plans incorporated user opinions as well. Local skateboarders participated in equipment selection from the American Ramp Company (ARC), and explained the need for stairs. The project cost was approximately \$30,000.

Farrer said if the park fails to become popular, it can easily be converted to serve other purposes such as a pavilion, storage shed,

or basketball court. In that way, the city will get the most from its money.

Skaters, however, hope that will not be anytime soon.

"I just hope a lot of people skate it and it turns out to be just awesome, a place with good flow, where we can lay down the line nonstop," concluded Buffenbarger.

Attention ADVERTISERS

Do you know you can run an ad this size in more than 80 daily and weekly newspapers STATEWIDE reaching more than 1.5 million readers for only **\$850?**

One order, one bill, one check! We do the rest. Call the Carroll County Comet at 574-967-4135.

Ask about the ICAN Plus program.



The 3rd Annual Carroll County Child Car Seat Clinic

Hosted by: Carroll County Farm Bureau Inc
In cooperation with the Carroll/White SAFE KIDS Organization

Car Seat Clinic to be held August 4th, 2007 8:00-12:00 at the Flora Park

Everyone is welcome! 574-686-2330 for more information

Safety is an Attitude!

Tire, household hazardous waste collection is Saturday

Comet staff report

The Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District and Carroll County are gearing up for the tire and household hazardous waste collection. Residents may recycle scrap tires and hazardous chemicals at the Carroll County Fairgrounds in Flora this Saturday from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The first 10 tires per vehicle are free. Each additional tire is \$1. The tires are loaded onto semi trailers and transported by Elk Distributing from Elkhart where they are then sorted for processing into landscaping mulch, play-

'Treasure Deals' Delphi's newest business

By Jenna Buehler
Comet writer-intern

Local resident Troy Robinette has opened "Treasure Deals" at 111 S. Washington St., across from the courthouse.

Robinette described the concept for the store as "a year-round yard sale, with everything from electronics to clothing."

"Delphi seems to have a knack for this type of thing," Robinette said. "Delphi is a good little town."

Robinette left a job providing accounting services for a small company in Lafayette to open the store July 16. In addition to a wide assortment of dry goods such as books, music, electronics and clothing, Robinette also offers homemade pies and noodles from the Summer Kitchen near Camden.

Additionally, he provides a service to sell items on Ebay for those wishing to find buyers who want to establish a larger market base for their items.

Store hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays from 12 noon until 6 p.m. Robinette can be reached at (765) 586-5870.

ground surfacing, tire derived fuel and various other uses.

Last year, the district collected over four semi-trailers of tires (1200 tires per trailer) and over 15,000 pounds of toxic materials in Carroll County alone. The six-county district collected a total of 34 semi-trailers of tires and 97,600 pounds of hazardous waste.

Paint is the most commonly collected item. Oil, oil filters and antifreeze are also collected in large quantity. DDT and Cynogas have also been brought in.

"It feels good to be able to provide a service that will remove those items from area homes and barns," said Carol Stradling, District Director.

She pointed out that compact fluorescent light bulbs are a great energy saver, but they contain mercury. She said exposure to mercury vapors or consumption has harmful effects on a person's health. Stradling advised that when a resident is ready to dispose of CFLs or any fluorescent light bulb, it should be contained in a plastic bag and brought in for recycling.

Stradling said this annual event

is well attended and appreciated by residents and small business owners within the district.

"It has been said that there are more chemicals in the average household today than there were in most chemical labs in the 1970s," Stradling said. "The best solution is to buy only what you need and to use it up. However, if that is not possible, this event offers an opportunity to recycle or properly dispose of the material at no cost."

Anyone who resides within our six-county district may use this service and may attend any one of the six collection events.

Counties served are Benton, Carroll, Jasper, Newton, Pulaski and White counties.

Stradling said no materials may be dropped off prior to the event. Items left without authorization are considered "illegally dumped" and will be turned over to the proper authorities for investigation.

For more information about the Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District's collections or other activities of the district call 800-856-0980 or visit www.nwiswd.org.

We Want to Make a Difference! and You Can Help



Front - Janet Ayres, Carolyn Pearson, Ann Brown, Dottie Robeson. Back - Monty Edging, Terry Callender, Dale Zinn, Tom Ives, Al Jackson, Gordon Wagoner. Not pictured - Dick N. Bishop, Derek Fisher, Bret Rinehart.

We are members of the Board of the Carroll County Community Foundation, an organization that is nearly ten years old and is really making an impact on this community.

Did you know that because of the work of the Foundation and the generosity of Lilly Endowment, more than \$1,500,000 in scholarships have been awarded? The Carroll County at the Crossroads program of the Foundation has helped bring us the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce and Leadership Carroll County.

How can you help?

By joining the Friends of Carroll County, a group of community minded people who are supporting the work of the Carroll County Community Foundation. Your check for \$200 makes you a member of the Friends of Carroll County and supports the operating budget of this organization. Send your check to: Carroll County Community Foundation, PO Box 24, Flora, IN 46929

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR "FRIENDS OF CARROLL COUNTY" RECOGNITION DINNER AUGUST 30. Come meet new folks and get ideas about how you can make a difference.

Return the form below with your gift - that makes you a member of the FRIENDS of Carroll County!



Friends of Carroll County
Supporters of the Carroll County Community Foundation

Name _____
Address _____
City, State and Zip _____
Check Membership level \$2,500-\$4,999 _____ \$1,000-\$2,499 _____
\$500-\$999 _____ \$200-\$499 _____
Check is enclosed _____ Check will be sent by _____ 2007
I need more information _____
This should be listed as a memorial gift in memory/honor of _____

Please indicate how you would like your name printed in the list of Friends of Carroll County _____

Thank you for your support!

Ladd Dental Group, Inc.

is honored to welcome
Walter Carbajal D.D.S.
to our practice



Bilingual - Spanish speaking
Call us today to schedule your complimentary comprehensive exam and xrays."

**2333 W. Lincoln Rd.
Kokomo, IN 46902
765-455-0085
1-866-303-LADD(5233)**

Cynthia Harmon

Attorney at Law

103 S. Howard St.

Flora, IN 46929

574-967-4333

Free Initial Consultation

- Divorce & Family Law
- Wills, Trusts & Estates
- Guardianships
- Powers of Attorney
- General Civil Matters