

# Temporary signal installed on U.S. 421 for construction work

Comet staff report

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) installed a temporary signal at U.S. 421, State Road 18 and State Road 39 to assist with the temporary run-around during the intersection improvement construction project. The signal was turned on Monday.

In early June construction began on the intersection improvement project that is converting the triangle intersection with merge lanes into a "T" intersection with a three-way stop. Designated left and right turn lanes will also be constructed on SR 18 and U.S. 421 during this project. Traffic is currently restricted to loads wider than 11

feet and directed to a posted detour. Eastbound SR 18 traffic will take U.S. 421 north to U.S. 24 east to SR 29 south back to SR 18; westbound SR 18 traffic is directed to SR 29 north to U.S. 24 west to U.S. 421 south back to SR 18. Southbound U.S. 421 traffic is directed to U.S. 24 east to SR 25 south back to U.S. 421; northbound U.S. 421 traffic is

directed to SR 25 north to U.S. 24 west back to U.S. 421. The speed limit has been reduced through the work zone from 50 mph to 45 mph. INDOT reminds drivers to consider the safety of road construction workers and to always drive with caution through highway work zones. The project is expected to be completed by November.

# Animal control commission is revved up for action

By Debbie Lowe  
Staff writer

The Carroll County Animal Control Commission was established in 2001 under the leadership of then sheriff, Dennis Randle. By 2005, significant opposition to spending county dollars for the care, feeding and distribution of unwanted animals was voiced by members of the county council.

An article appeared in a March 2005 issue of the *Comet* about the cost of animal control and the commission. At the time, although there were seven positions listed in the ordinance as being appointed to the commission, only one of those people contacted said they knew they were a member because the commission had not met in four years.

Now that the cost of animal

control is being scrutinized by the council and community members alike, new sheriff Tony Burns decided to activate the commission and make it part of the solution for the county.

Commission members met Aug. 8 in Camden to organize and make a plan for future endeavors.

"We're together, we're organized and we're working on the solution," Burns said Friday.

Burns will lead the group by chairing the monthly meetings. Camden Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly was named vice chair and Joretta Tinsman, secretary. The group will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. Burns said community input will be important to commission members when making decisions which could affect every county taxpayer.

"We need to know what the county consensus is," he said. "The animal control commission has always been on my radar screen," Burns continued. "I've just been doing other things. But this is important for the county to address and it is up to me to bring that together."

The group discussed establishing a county animal shelter and will invite a speaker from a nearby county to talk about what that would take at their September meeting. They also discussed the need for education services to combat the animal overpopulation problem.

"We came up with a game plan to get educated," Burns explained about the meeting that lasted well over an hour.

Documentation provided by Burns indicated between Jan. 1 and June 30, 2007, 157 dogs and 57 cats were sheltered,

paid for by the county. The largest portion of the animals came from Delphi, however a significant number came from Tippecanoe, Deer Creek, Rock Creek, Madison and Jefferson townships and the town of Flora.

Commission members include Burns, Casserly, Tinsman, animal control officer Ed England, shelter operator and veterinarian Dr. Lawrence Stauffer, commissioner George Mears, counsel member Ann Brown with alternate Ron Slavens, Delphi representative Carolyn Pearson and Burlington representative Tammy Dyer.

Burns recommended community members contact a representative and offer assistance in solving the financial and overpopulation animal control issue currently facing the county.

# Area ranks high in quality of life and business attraction

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High rankings in the areas of quality of life and business attraction were announced by area government and economic development leaders Aug. 2 in Lafayette.

They included:  
• A five-star quality of life rating;



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• a sixth-place ranking for business recruitment and attraction; and

• 25th best metropolitan area out of more than 400 in the United States and Canada.

The rankings apply to the Lafayette metropolitan statistical area (MSA), which includes

all of Benton, Carroll and Tippecanoe counties.

Daryl Smith, executive director of Carroll County Economic Development Corp., was present for the announcement and spoke of the team approach.

"We've reached a high note on these charts because government, economic development leaders, businesses and residents have committed to sticking together, working together and pulling together," Smith said. "This morning, we celebrate. This afternoon, we roll up our sleeves and continue that work."

## Correction

Ayres Farms Inc. was issued a pre-application permit for a CFO or CAFO in July. It was incorrectly stated in the July APC permits report the operation was to be located in Washington Township. No township was indicated in the report.

# INDOT lifts restrictions on SR 29

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The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has announced the completion of a bridge replacement project on State Road 29 over Hurricane Creek, 1.7 miles north of State Road 26 in Clinton County.

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