

## Commissioners take steps to control truck traffic

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The need to restrict truck traffic was the topic of two separate discussions at the Tuesday morning Carroll County Commissioners' meeting. For truck traffic on county roads 225E, 400E and 500E from the north county line to SR18, an ordinance was adopted. Truck traffic near Wilson Bridge will be warned of the weight limit before turning onto the road.

Commissioner George Mears said he recently helped two semi-truck drivers cope with the situation of finding themselves at Wilson Bridge and being over-gross weight for the structure.

"What's the best sign to put up for a trucker to get a mental image of 'Whoa-I can't go there?'" he asked highway superintendent Ron Francis.

Discussion centered around notifying truckers before turning onto the road leading to the bridge. Several

suggestions were offered from the audience, however no design decision was made.

"If there's no penalty involved...nobody's every going to read your sign," council member Ann Brown advised.

Francis announced the contract for repair work on the bridge was awarded by the Indiana Department of Transportation. However, he did not yet know what company received the award.

An ordinance intended to limit heavy truck traffic on three county roads from SR18 leading to Clymers was developed and adopted. The ordinance delineated trucks over 30,000 pounds with a destination of other than county addresses as those unwanted on the county roads. It was decided signs will be erected as soon as possible. The ordinance will be published in the *Comet* Sept. 12 and 19 and become effective Sept. 20.

Francis said research revealed Miami County requires a bond or in-

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urance from any construction company to ensure roads used during construction will not be damaged or will be repaired before construction begins. He said one issue noted by the highway supervisor in Miami County is that, although he tries to work in conjunction with the area plan there, he does not always know when building construction is happening.

### Yeoman/EMS building grant

A public hearing was held to satisfy submission requirements for the grant application for the community center/EMS garage building proposed for Yeoman.

Grant administrator Amy Miller said the granting process was highly competitive. She said an additional \$10,000 from the county commissioners and a \$3,000 donation from Adams Township helped the project

reach a philanthropic threshold which would make the application score higher than previous rounds of scoring.

### Other business

A Residential Care Assistance Program contract for Carroll Manor was approved. The annual agreement is for reimbursement from the Indiana Social Services Administration for prospective residents to the home.

Justin Darling was appointed to the Delphi Library Board of Trustees.

David McCain was appointed to the Carroll County Park Board.

An annual Statewide Voters agreement was approved as presented by county clerk Laura Sterrett. The agreement will provide software and hardware for voters' registration computers that will enable any state office to automatically send notification to another office about registration.

A salary reimbursement agreement with the state for \$21,122.13, based on performance, was approved for

Emergency Management Agency Director Darling and his deputy.

A letter was received from the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance to congratulate the assessor and auditor for their reporting procedures.

The 4-H Community Building will be used by the Indiana Brethren Charity Fund Aug. 23, Sept. 27, Oct. 18 and Nov. 29. The building will be used by the First Step Preschool Sept. 26.

The courthouse lounge will be used by the Carroll County Family Clinic Sept. 13 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The Economic Development Income Tax plan was revised to include a \$7,000 donation to the county economic development corporation.

The next meeting will be Sept. 17 at 9 a.m.

### Drainage Board

Due to the absence of county surveyor Wayne Chapman, the drainage board meeting was brief and contained no new information.

## Increase in daytime residential burglaries

Comet staff report

The Carroll County Sheriff's Department has experienced an increase in daytime residential burglaries. Sheriff Tony Burns has asked for the public's help in preventing break-ins.

Burglars have shifted focus of breaking into homes at night to driving through open county roads and country highways during the day and seeking secluded and unoccupied residences to burglarize.

Residents should call the sheriff's department at (765) 564-2413 if:

- an unfamiliar vehicle passes slowly or frequently while the

operator stares or stops for no apparent reason.

- at home and an unfamiliar person asks for directions, a phone, bathroom or makes a strange request.
- anything suspicious or threatening occurs in the area.

A vehicle description or license plate number will aid law enforcement in finding alleged perpetrators.

"Always, if you should feel threatened or have an emergency please don't hesitate to immediately call 911," said Burns. "Our goal is to make our community as safe as possible. With your help at this time we believe we can do just that."

## Bridge lifted over canal



**It took three cranes to lift the 19,000-pound Stearns truss bridge over the canal in Delphi. Two cranes were on one side of the canal, and one was on the other side. The job was done Tuesday afternoon at the site behind Dairy Queen and Pizza Hut. The 1905 iron bridge was acquired from Pulaski County, and was taken apart, repaired, painted, and re-assembled. Comet photos by Jennifer Archibald**

## Camden festival is Saturday

Comet staff report

Like it or not, a change in seasons is just around the corner. But even in the midst of change, some things stay constant.

A prime example is the Camden Fall Festival coming Sept. 8. Visitors can enjoy food, musical entertainment, booths, contests, activities and displays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year's celebration holds a few constants of its own, with a few new twists thrown in.

The United Methodist Church will offer breakfast at 6:30 in the community build-

ing to get festivities under way.

Camden library will hold a book sale during the festival.

A pie-judging contest will be held at 10 in the community building. The winner will be announced between 10:45 and 11.

A tricycle-big wheel race will be held from 11 to 11:30 in front of the community center. Participants can be any age and must provide their own pedal racer.

The 2007-08 Camden pageant and contest court will be announced at noon.

A "flying frog" contest is planned for 1 p.m.

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## Proposed animal shelter could alleviate county's dog/cat conundrum



Where will all the doggies go?

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In the midst of concern about the fate of Carroll County's ability to afford animal control service in 2008, a possible breath of life was detected at the Tuesday night Carroll County Area Plan Commission meeting.

Andrew and Shawn Draper were granted a special exception for a kennel on a five-acre tract of land they own south of Delphi off of Prince William Road. The Drapers said they wanted to help the county with the animal control/overpopulation crisis it seems to be facing.

According to sheriff's department records, as of June 30 the county paid to shelter 157 dogs and 57 cats. The county council will soon decide whether the county can con-

tinue to afford to offer the service to residents.

Shawn Draper told the *Comet* Thursday she is employed at the animal shelter in Tippecanoe County. She said that facility sees many unwanted animals from Carroll County, as well as surrounding counties, and Carroll County's problem is becoming a burden for Tippecanoe County.

"There are lots of animals in the Tippecanoe County shelter from Carroll County. I saw the overflow there," Draper said. "I thought I could do something in my own county about this."

Draper said she and her husband "have been thinking along these lines for years." They have the land, the desire and some of the know-how to get a shelter up and running by

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