

Animal shelter

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next spring, "if not sooner." She said she received positive support and feedback about the plan from her boss in Tippecanoe County, Michelle Dexter, and from kennel manager Tom McCaw.

Draper went on to explain there have been times she provided animal control services for Carroll County residents due to the lack of resources at the sheriff's department. She worked with one local family to end a neglect situation. The couple also fosters unwanted animals and tries to find good homes for them.

Shawn is a Carroll County native who grew up in Rockfield and Flora. Andrew is from White County and works at Indiana Packers Corporation. They have lived on the proposed shelter site for approximately two years.

The couple's plan is to tear down the existing barn on the property and build a suitable facility. She understands the huge obstacles she and her husband must overcome to bring the plan to fruition.

Draper said she initially spoke with sheriff Tony Burns. He invited her to the next Animal Control Commission meeting Sept. 12 at 9 a.m. in Camden.

When the shelter opens Draper plans to offer community education about the need to spay and neuter all animals to stem the flow of overpopulation. She plans to apply for 501(c)3 status with the state to become a non-profit organization which would allow for grant funding and tax-exempt donations. She will spearhead low-cost spay and neuter clinics with local veterinarians to promote the concept. She would also like to be able to offer community service hours to those individuals in the court system who need hours.

Although she intends to work closely with the animal control commission, Draper said she does not want the facility and service to become a governmental department. She said she was interested in learning the role the county would play in the shelter plan, but would not let lack of funding stop the shelter goal from being reached.

"We're going to do with what we can get until we can do more," she said.

Draper has a lot to learn about developing her dream. For instance, she learned later in the day Thursday that Carroll County no longer collects a dog tax from pet owners. Therefore, kennel licenses are no longer issued in the county.

Draper said she and her husband would be seeking donations of dog food, construction materials and labor in upcoming months. To help with the project, she invited interested groups and individuals to contact her at (765) 543-9488.

Obituaries

Emily LaSalle

Emily LaSalle was incorrectly reported to have been survived by an aunt in a death notice in last week's edition of the *Comet*. An uncle, Wilmer Hodges of Camden, survives.

Donnabelle Lenon

Donnabelle Yerkes Lenon, 87, of Delphi, formerly of Camden, died at 8:59 p.m. Aug. 28, 2007, at Home Hospital, Lafayette.

Born Aug. 5, 1920, in Washington Township, she was the daughter of Bruce and Della Wray Yerkes. She married Jack H. Lenon on April 5, 1958, in Boston, Mass. He preceded her in death on July 29, 1993.

She was a 1938 graduate of Camden High School.

Mrs. Lenon retired as bookkeeper for Yerkes Trucking Company.

A brother, Robert Yerkes of Camden, survives. She was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

Private family services were held. Interment will be at a later date at Paint Creek Cemetery, Camden. Cree Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Thomas D. Mills

Thomas D. Mills, 79, formerly of Delphi, died Sept. 1, 2007, in Enid, Okla.

He was born March 25, 1928, in Delphi, to Hubert and Ruth Jones Mills. He married Beverly Jean Casler on Aug. 25, 1949. She preceded him in death in 1982.

Mr. Mills served in the U.S. Army in Occupied Japan until 1947. He was a salesman for the majority of his working years.

Surviving are three children, Jeff Mills and Teri Thorp, both of Enid, and Kathleen Gash of Fayetteville, Ark.; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, Robert Mills of Bringhurst.

Services were held Sept. 4 in Enid. A private burial was held at Memorial Park Cemetery in Enid.

Memorial contributions to The Commons Nursing Center and online condolences may be made through the funeral home at www.anderson-burris.com.

Other Death Notices

Mary E. Crane, 87, of Delphi, formerly of Alvin, Ill., died Aug. 30, 2007, at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center, Delphi. Born Sept. 20, 1919, in Warren County, she was the daughter of Herman and Minnie Thorton Ford. Her husband, Joseph O. Crane, preceded her in death. Mrs. Crane was a nurse at Lakeview Hospital in Danville, Ill. Surviving are three sons, 11 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren. Service will be Sept. 6 in Illinois.

Services for **Thomas D. "Tom T" Hall Sr.**, 61, of Lafayette, formerly of Logansport, were Sept. 4 in Logansport. He died Aug. 29, 2007, at Home Hospital, Lafayette. He was a retired iron worker with Local 379 and was a U.S. Army veteran. Among his survivors are his fiancé, Pam Kiser, Lafayette; two sons, Thomas D. Hall Jr. (wife: Tonia), Bringhurst, and Charlie Hall (wife: Tracy), Reynolds; and one daughter, Jane Ellen Klimes (fiancé: Tony Homburg), Logansport. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Camden festival

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A bubble gum-blowing contest will be held at 2:30.

Musical performances will occur at the following times:

- Tonsil Klackers, 9-9:45;
- Resurrection, 10-10:45;
- Chalisa Keaton, 11-11:45;
- Ross Larimore, 12:15-12:45;
- Denim and Lace, 1:30-2:30; and
- Jerry Wells (Hands Held High), 3-3:45.

Festival proceeds will support the Camden Cemetery project.

Hoosier Heartland work moving forward

Comet staff report

Indiana Dept. of Transportation Commissioner Karl Browning provided an update regarding work on the proposed Hoosier Heartland Industrial Corridor at a meeting Aug. 28 with Senator Tom Weatherwax, Representatives Rich McClain and Sheila Klinker, and mayors Michael Fincher and Lee Hoard.

Browning provided the following updates:

- Road design plans are 30 to 50-percent complete for all four segments;
- INDOT is coordinating with all utility companies whose facilities will be impacted;
- the process for attaining environmental and water permits is underway;
- an advisory committee is looking at hisotric and cultural areas along the corridor's path

A public information meeting regarding HHIC progress will be held Sept. 26 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Delphi high school.

to ensure compliance with state and federal historic preservation laws;

• construction is scheduled to begin in 2010 and end in 2014; and

• public outreach activities are continuing, including newsletters, project updates and a new HHIC Web site (www.in.gov/dot/projects/sr25study/).

and Logansport are already experiencing growth because of the corridor.

INDOT will provide a more detailed progress report to the HHIC coalition during the group's 25th anniversary meeting Sept. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ramada Inn in Logansport.

A public information meeting will be held Sept. 26 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Delphi Community High School.

Hoard said Lafayette, Delphi

New Camden Cemetery entryway



Camden Community Preservation Society received a \$3,000 grant from the REMC's Operation Round-Up to go toward stone columns and iron fencing at the cemetery entrance. Donations from the community and proceeds from the Camden Woman's Literary Club Quilt Show helped fund the project. The work was done by Jeff Peters Custom Masonry. Two marble stones were donated by Cree Funeral Home, who acquired them from a building restoration project in Indianapolis. The second stone will be placed later at the other entrance to the cemetery. Engraving on the stone pictured was a complimentary service provided by Seele Monument Shop. Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald



Mason at work
Eric Williams of Jeff Peters Custom Masonry is pictured working on the stone columns at the entrance to the Camden Cemetery. The columns and iron fencing are on both sides of the drive leading into the cemetery. Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald

Volunteers needed to help people file tax returns

Comet staff report

The Internal Revenue Service is looking for volunteers to provide tax return preparation assistance to people who cannot afford professional tax help, such as seniors, disabled, non-English speaking people and persons with low-to-moderate income.

"Volunteers explain many

special tax credits and deductions and how people may claim them on their tax returns," Jodie Reynolds, IRS spokesperson said. "These volunteers help individuals complete their returns, right down to any refund that may be due them. Anyone can volunteer. If you have a skill and want to help, we can find a way to involve you in this

program."

The IRS provides free tax law training and all the materials needed to prepare basic individual income tax returns. Training classes generally start in December and January and are held at convenient locations. The option of completing tax training and certification online, 24/7, through IRS E-Learning, Link

and Learn, is also available.

Volunteers are asked to volunteer an average of two to four hours per week from Feb. 1 through April 15.

To volunteer and attend one of the training classes, contact the IRS via telephone at 317-685-7786, fax at 317-685-7775, or e-mail at aarp.vita.volunteer.recruitment@irs.gov.

APC issues 34 permits in July

Thirty-four permits were issued by Carroll County Area Plan Commission during August, for improvements amounting to \$1,231,600.

Residential permits with \$802,000 value were issued to persons in the following townships:

Burlington - Andrea Winquist, residence;

Clay - Joyce Shaw, residence;

Jefferson - Michael Cummings, residence; Freeman Four LLC, residence;

Rock Creek - John Etter, residence;

Tippecanoe - James and Donna Hufford, residence; Shane and Denise Spencer, residence.

Permits for remodeling and accessories were issued to persons in:

Adams - Harry Idle, barn;

Camden - Richard Fite, garage;

Clay - Robert and Linda Klaiber, shop/storage; Michael Purdy, addition;

Deer Creek - Jeffrey Dieterle, addition;

Delphi - Jack and Donna Cross, addition; Bonnie Maxwell etal, porch; Hudson Pressler, storage;

Democrat - Timothy Coomler, addition;

Jackson - Kevin and Leah Broadstreet, deck; Nancy Goltz, deck;

Jefferson - Frederick and Cynthia Basham, additions;

Robert Hall, addition; Tracy and Terri Holderfield, in-ground pool; Ronald Reagan, deck; Kris Smith, garage; Daniel and Patricia Spray, additions; Marlene Strasburger, change carport roof; Raymond Ziemer, garage and addition;

Liberty - Earnest Spence, storage;

Monroe - Flora Mennonite Church, storage; Jeff Johnson, addition;

Rock Creek - John and Donna Francis, addition;

Tippecanoe - Stephen and Ellen King, storage; Patrick

Schuette, porch.

Commercial Permits

• Chances R Farm INC., grain bin;

• Burkhardt Advertising, sign.

The total collected from permits issued was \$1,251, plus:

• Betty Aldridge, Jefferson Township, Variance Applica-

tion, \$30;

• Gary and Kelly Robey, Rezone Application, \$50;

• Stuart and Branigin LLP, ordinance book, \$10;

• TBird Engineering and Surveying, ordinance book, \$10.

Total collected from permits in July was \$1,351. Total collected for 2007 was \$12,010.

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Births

Adam and Susan (Mooney) Yeakley of Flora are parents of an 8-pound daughter, Alexis Cynthia, born Aug. 24 at Home Hospital, Lafayette. Grandparents are Chuck and Cindy Mooney of Bringhurst, Phil and Cindy Jones of Flora, and Donald Yeakley of Kokomo. Paternal great-grandmothers are Georganna Julius of Flora and Hazel Nickel of Kokomo.

Bill and Andrea Essig Smothers of Delphi are parents of an 8-pound, 9-ounce son, Cooper James, born Aug. 23 at Lafayette Home Hospital. Grandparents are Mary Smothers of Delphi and Richard and Barbara Essig of Fort Wayne.

Scott and Andrea Crabtree VanSickle are parents of an 8-pound, 2-ounce son, Owen Scott, born Aug. 25 at Lafayette Home Hospital. Grandparents are Robert and Patty Crabtree of Rossville, Contance Garrison of Bringhurst, and Richard VanSickle of Delphi. Great-grandparents are Gelena Qualls of Farmland, Mary Flesher of Ridgeville, Minnie and Kenneth Owens of North Fort Myers, Fla., and Sara VanSickle of Delphi.