

# County museum may close Jan 1<sup>st</sup>

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Staff writer

Phyllis Moore, curator of the Carroll County Historical Society Museum, informed the *Comet* on Tuesday that the museum will likely close as of Jan. 1.

She said three members of the Carroll County Council informed her Tuesday that there will be no funding for the museum in 2008. Currently, the curator and assistant are paid by the county, and a third person is paid through a grant, due to expire soon.

"The Historical Society does not have sufficient funding to continue operations and staff funding; therefore, there is a likely probability that the museum will be shut down," Moore said in a statement issued Tuesday.

Rob Baker, president of the Carroll County Council, was contacted by the *Comet* Tuesday afternoon. He said the budget has not yet been approved, but Moore and county department heads are being informed of proposed cuts in the budget. He said Moore and department heads can come to a council budget meeting on Sept. 25 at 8 a.m. to comment on proposed cuts.

Moore said she was upset with the news that the museum is in danger of closing. She's been the museum curator for 40 years. The Carroll County Historical Society has been in control of the museum for the same amount of time – since 1967.

Moore said she worked the first five years at the museum without any pay. Her first salary, in 1972, was \$1,200.

# Leaf pickup to begin soon in Burlington

Comet staff report

Public Works Commissioner Les Johnson reported at the Sept. 12 meeting of the Burlington Town Council that dirt and weeds have been cleaned from street curbs. He also reported that Ron Carman is tentatively scheduled to begin maintenance work at the wastewater treatment plant. Concrete and building repairs will be done as well.

Leaf pickup will begin soon, and information has been mailed to Burlington residents.

President Bob Davis advised that due to the county's financial condition, the Carroll County Animal Control Program may end on Dec. 31 due to lack of available funds.

Clerk-Treasurer Tammy Dyer, Burlington's representative on the Carroll County Animal Control Board, reported that board is scrambling to develop an alternative plan. They are contacting all local and county government entities to survey interest for an independent program.

The Council will not commit until estimated costs are presented. Dyer indicated that she will report back at the October Council meeting.

Positive public feedback has been received regarding additional police protection. Davis said that reports are on file showing various hours that the town is being covered and those files are available for public inspection.

Davis commended Marshal Jill Hammond and Deputy

Kevin Hammond for completing FEMA Continuing Education Training.

Park board representative Ruth Ann Lewis reported recent work being done included the sealing of pavement, installation of ornamental lamp posts, striping for parking, and water and electrical lines installed at the new shelter house.

Davis said that he and Dyer will participate in a program to work with the Census Bureau to correct Burlington residents' addresses that have been a problem in recent years. He emphasized the importance of having correct census information and how it affects local government.

Davis advised that the 2008 budget was adopted. The town was found to be in total compliance in a recent State Board of Accounts audit. Davis commented that auditors were pleased with the town's records and complimented Dyer.

Kiwanis Club's request to use the town's tax exempt status for a local grant was approved.

Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corporation, provided upcoming available grant information.

Dyer reported that a new Dell computer and printer have been received through a grant from the State Court Administration for the judge's use, at no cost to the town.

The next meeting will be Oct. 10 at 7 p.m.

# Commissioners

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spending it. "I'd rather be safe than sorry," commissioner's president Loren Hylton said.

Myers said the last confirmation that Major Moves money would be received was last year for this year's funding. No confirmation has been received this year.

No action was taken on the matter.

## TLRSD

Jefferson Township resident and sewer district opponent Greg Smith asked commissioners to replace the Carroll County representative to the Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District Board of Directors.

"I wish to state my extreme disappointment with TLRSD board representative Wayne Garrison," Smith read from a prepared statement. "His vote to use public money to mass mail the anti-Jefferson Township Conservancy letter and petition is quite disturbing...As a public trustee, he has a duty to guard the public's funds especially from misuse for a personal agenda."

Smith suggested Carroll County Commissioners hold a joint meeting with White County Commissioners to discuss sewer district issues.

Hylton said he had a conversation with a White County Commissioner Sept. 13. He said he "felt reassured that it's not all doom and

gloom" after the conversation.

Hylton said he suggested adding another Carroll County resident to the board to the other commissioner. The neighboring county commissioner did not dismiss the idea according to Hylton. He said that given the population breakdown of the district however, Carroll County should be thankful for the one representative on the board.

## Parks Department

Park board president Bob Burton presented insurance information for a county-owned truck that could be donated to the parks department. He said insurance would cost \$272 per year for comprehensive coverage. The county pays \$1,500 to contract out mowing French Post Park. Burton said that amount would be saved by accepting the truck donation and insuring it within the department.

The matter was tabled for future budgetary discussions.

## Highway Department

A hole in the deck of Wilson Bridge was repaired. CLR Construction was awarded the \$645,800 contract. Francis said the county share of that is \$52,000. He said CLR is the contractor who worked on Lancaster Bridge.

Rip rap is being removed from Carrollton Bridge and stored for future use. Francis reported graffiti appeared after a recent paint job on the bridge,

# Kiwanis

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efforts are very worthy, we feel that a 35 percent 'tithe' is excessive for no more people than we have. We would prefer to benefit our local community with our dollars," she said.

Robeson said the club started with 22 members, at one time had as many as 30, and this year's membership is 23. She added, however, that for most months, the average attending has been about five members.

Theresa Brown, chairman of finance and fundraising for Kiwanis, said the same few people were heading up the events, and burnout was building.

Rather than letting the Kiwanis events die out, the club members looked at ways to bolster the number of people to help with worthwhile community projects. That's when they decided to become an arm of the Community Club.

"At our first 'combined' planning meeting (Kiwanis and Community Club), I was very encouraged by the participation, the ideas exchanged, and the enthusiasm to get organized and get going," Robeson said.

Josh Ayres, vice president of the Community Club, said the union of the Kiwanis Club and Community Club should bring energy and vitality to both entities, and hopefully will en-

courage more involvement from the community.

"We'll be gaining a small but highly motivated group of people," Ayres said.

Johnson said the Kiwanis group also will help out in other established Community Club events.

The Community Club has agreed to obtain a 501(c) (3) status so the new committee can continue as a local charity, with its own treasury.

In the past, Kiwanis has helped local children with financial needs, given scholarships, and sponsored a K-Kids program at Carroll Elementary School.

Robeson, who has been in charge of the K-Kids program, said it will continue, under the new name of Kids in Action. The program teaches sixth graders about volunteerism, and involves them in volunteer activities.

Johnson, who will be chairman of the new committee, said Kiwanis met twice a month, but the new Community Club committee will just meet once a month.

"If we don't have any pressing business, we'll have a speaker," she said.

Brown invited anyone interested in being involved on this new committee to come to a meeting on Oct. 2 at noon at the fire station.

"We'll choose a name at that time," she said.

but it has been re-painted to cover the vandalism.

Graffiti was found on Adams Mill Bridge, too. Francis said plans are being made to eradicate it along with a similar project for Bicycle Bridge.

Commissioners decided to hold an executive session Sept. 24 at 9 a.m. to discuss the situation about a highway employee who is on extended leave after receiving a required monthly status letter suggesting the employee was undergoing speech therapy to help recover from his disability.

## Other business

An agreement to provide services with the Carroll County Senior and Family Services for \$10,000 was approved.

Carroll County Chamber Executive Director Sana Booker announced the chamber now oversees the county heritage tourism group. She said the group plans to approach commissioners for money for additional signage after the end of this year. The signs would list county attractions and be added to the existing signs that welcome visitors to the area.

Hylton announced the Yeoman/EMS garage grant will not be submitted this year due to an advertising glitch for the required public hearing.

Myers reported the legal advertising was submitted by grant administrator Amy Miller to the *Comet* on Aug. 3 to be published Aug. 22, however it was omitted from the paper.

Family Clinic of Carroll County will use the courthouse lounge Oct. 4 for a meeting.

The 4-H Community Building will be used by Flora Community Club Nov. 17 and by Old German Baptist Church Oct. 19, Nov. 9, Jan. 18, Feb. 15 and March 21.

Jane Ellen Rider and Ruth E. Rohrabough were admitted to Carroll Manor for respite care on an as-needed basis.

The next meeting will be Oct. 1 at 9 a.m.

## Election voting places

The following were approved by the Carroll County Commis-

sioners as polling locations for the November cities and towns elections:

Burlington Township - Precinct #1, Burlington Park Building;

Deer Creek Township - Precinct #3, south door of the courthouse; Precinct #5, north door of the courthouse; and

Jackson Township - Precinct #1, Camden Community Building.

## Births

Paul and Charity Duke of Noblesville are parents of a 6-pound, 3-ounce daughter, Brianna Marie, born Sept. 12 at Riverview Hospital, Noblesville. Paternal grandparents are Robert and Sandy Duke of Trafalgar, formerly of Delphi. Maternal grandparents are Dallas and Sheila Donley of Trenton, Ohio.

## Obituaries

### Eileen Grace Wray

Infant Eileen Grace Wray was born Sept. 11, 2007, at 12:56 p.m., and lived for 19 minutes before passing away at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru.

Surviving are her parents, Gordon and Elisabeth Kuns Wray; her sisters, Kayla, Kendra and Sheralyn Wray, all at home; her brothers, Curtis and Daniel Wray, both at home; her maternal grandparents, Marlin and Janice Kuns of Twelve Mile; her maternal great-grandmother, Edna Wolf of Logansport; her paternal grandparents, Wayne and Donna Wray of Logansport; and her paternal great-grandparents, Everett and Opal Metzger of Delphos, Ohio.

A graveside funeral service was held Sept. 15 at Mexico Old German Baptist Brethren Church Cemetery, officiated by home brethren.

Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi assisted the family with arrangements.

# Two public meetings approaching

Comet staff report

Residents will have the opportunity to receive updated information regarding progress of the proposed Hoosier Heartland Industrial Corridor (HHIC) at a public information meeting Sept. 26 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Delphi Community High School.

INDOT Transportation Commissioner Karl Browning provided an update to local and state government leaders in August. Information can also be found on the INDOT Website at [in.gov/dot/projects/sr25study](http://in.gov/dot/projects/sr25study).

## Historic Resources meeting date changed

To avoid a conflict for those who wish to attend the INDOT meeting, the date of the Carroll County Historic Resources meeting has been changed to Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Wabash & Erie Canal Center, 1030 N. Washington St., in Delphi.

Those who wish to discuss how the county's historic resources are to be protected and continue to be accessible in the future should attend and participate in discussion.

Call Bonnie Maxwell at (765) 564-2169 or e-mail her at [b\\_maxwell@verizon.net](mailto:b_maxwell@verizon.net) for information.

## Library

### Burlington Community

The Burlington Community Library will hold a six-week Baby Lap-sit at 9:30 a.m. Baby Lap-sit, designed for children age 3 months to 2 years, with songs, finger-plays, and lap activities to stimulate your baby and help them increase their early literacy skills. Toddler time is at 10 followed by preschool at 11:30.

Members of Delphi's Red Brick Theatre will present a "Readers Theatre" at Barnes and Noble in Lafayette Sept. 30. To honor Banned Book Week and to celebrate the freedom to read, selected passages from four books most frequently challenged in the U.S. will be presented. Actors will read from: "The Stupids Step Out," by Harry Allard at 2 p.m., "Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret" by Judy Blume at 3, "Catcher in the Rye," by J.D. Salinger at 4 and conclude with a presentation from "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," by Mark Twain at 5 p.m.

For program information call the library at (765) 564-2929.

The program is free and no registration is required.

The library is located on the corner of State Road 29 and 7th Street in Burlington.

Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The library's phone number is 765-566-3166.

### Delphi

"The Squid and the Whale," starring Jeff Daniels and Laura Linney, will be featured Sept. 20 at Cinema Night. Based on the true childhood experiences of Noah Baumbach and his brother, the story tells of two young boys dealing with their parents divorce in Brooklyn in the 1980's. The film starts at 7 p.m. and dessert and discussion will follow.

Story Hour theme for the week of Sept. 23 will be "Hats!" Children and caregivers will sing songs, hear stories about hats of all shapes and sizes. The program is open to infants through preschoolers. Special story

time programs are offered every Thursday starting with Baby Lap-sit at 9:30 a.m. Baby Lap-sit, designed for children age 3 months to 2 years, with songs, finger-plays, and lap activities to stimulate your baby and help them increase their early literacy skills. Toddler time is at 10 followed by preschool at 11:30.

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use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning. Help your child succeed by obtaining a library card and using it on a regular basis.

For more information on how you can sign up for your library card, visit the Flora Library at 109 N. Center Street, call 967-3912, or see the library's Web site at [www.flora.lib.in.us](http://www.flora.lib.in.us).

Preparation for the GED test is being offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. Attend a session to register. For more information on these free classes contact the White County Learning Lab by phone, (219) 253-6100, or [WCLL@nwhite.k12.in.us](mailto:WCLL@nwhite.k12.in.us).

The next storytime theme is "Brothers and Sisters." We share, laugh, argue, cry, play and have fun together with our brothers and sisters. Bring your favorite sibling along for some cool stories! Preschool storytime is Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m.

Hear stories 24 hours a day on the library's Dial-a-Story phone line. Currently playing is "The Hare and the Tortoise." On Friday the new story will be "The Titans." Call Dial-a-Story, 967-3814.

# Camden waits to learn if grant for wastewater improvements will be approved

By Susan Scholl  
Editor

A public hearing for a wastewater project was held Sept. 11 prior to the regular Camden Town Council meeting.

Amy Miller of Cornerstone Grants Management explained that this is the second time for the town to apply for the Indiana Communities and Rural Affairs Grant.

The town is applying for a \$500,000 grant with its match at \$250,000 for a total of \$750,000.

Miller said that this grant cycle has changed from previous ones in that Camden will only be competing with other infrastructure projects.

"We have done some things to make the application stronger and have a few more letters of support," she explained.

The announcement of awards will be made in November.

Melissa Axley, Lafayette District Red Cross Emergency Services director, discussed using the Camden Community Building as an emergency shelter. She explained that Carroll County is part of the Lafayette district and that various options are available to Camden through the Red Cross.

She said the town could opt to have the Red Cross bring in all supplies and operate the shelter or the Red Cross could train people in the community to run the shelter, while the Red Cross would provide sup-

plies. There are numerous ways to work through the Red Cross, she explained.

Axley said that the Red Cross works closely with other emergency services. She also pointed out legal issues that need to be addressed, as well as the need to have back-up plans.

The council approved Gary Roby's rezoning request from residential to business with restriction. The rezoning will apply only to the Robys and if they sell the property it will revert to residential. The Robys have been refurbishing the filling station.

Lee Clark's request to allow a trailer to be placed on his lot behind the Pizza King while a house is being built on the lot was approved for one year.

Council president Pete Wagoner read a letter of resignation from Jeff and Deanna Sieber, who have co-chaired the Camden Fall Festival 19 of the past 23 years. The Siebers said they will help with various contests at the festival but will not serve as overall chairmen.

"We're looking for an individual or individuals to step forward to take over some of the responsibility," said Wagoner. "We thank you very much."

The Siebers were presented an appreciation gift from the town.

Major changes to the town's nuisance ordinance include noise, dogs, and junk vehicles. Town attorney Anne Briggs presented the first draft for inspection and recommenda-

tions.

Trash rates will be increasing 25¢ to \$11 per month as per the contract and Ordinance 2006-2. Waste Management has increased its fees to the town.

The town's web site ([www.townofcamden.org](http://www.townofcamden.org)) is being updated with photos and information from the town's 175th anniversary celebration in July. One of the features will be a picture gallery.

The Lions Club has agreed to sponsor an annual horse pull event in Camden.

Sept. 24 is the deadline to apply for the sidewalk construction project. Those interested should contact the town office.

Sieber questioned the need to have horse owners clean up after their animals when using the streets. "It's getting worse on Cemetery Street," he said. "A little respect within the town limits would be nice."

Wagoner suggested that the town look at how other communities address this problem.

The 2008 budget and salary ordinance were both adopted. The budget is essentially the same as 2007 with a few adjustments.

Wagoner reminded residents that the Indiana Department of Transportation will be hosting a Hoosier Heartland Highway project update at 6 p.m. Sept. 26 at Delphi Community High School.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Oct. 9 in the town office.

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