

# Drivers should beware of deer this fall

## Comet staff report

As the days shorten, the chances of hitting a deer grows, so drivers need to be careful as fall approaches.

Nearly 50 percent of all accidents involving white-tailed deer occur between October and December according to Chad Stewart, deer research biologist at the Department of Natural Resources. The most basic reason is the increase in deer activity.

With their breeding season approaching, deer become more active in the fall. This activity often leads them to encounter roads more frequently, increasing the opportunity for a collision. Factors such as deer density, vehicle density, surrounding habitat, speed limits, and time of day are other contributors to accident frequency.

"With the number of deer and the number of vehicles out there, deer-vehicle accidents will happen," Stewart said. "The best we can do is to take measures to keep them to a minimum."

The best method to reduce your risk of hitting a deer is to practice defensive driving. Knowing the following information will help reduce your chances of becoming a deer-vehicle collision statistic:

- Fall is most common season to strike a deer;
- Deer are most active between sunset and sunrise;

- Deer often travel in groups, so if you see one, another is likely nearby;
- Drive especially carefully in areas where you have seen deer before;
- Use high beams when there is no opposing traffic and scan for deers' illuminated eyes or dark silhouettes along the side of the road;
- If you see a deer, slow your speed drastically, even if it is

"Deer crossing signs have proven effective, but motorists tend to get acclimated to such signs, and their efficiency can be reduced over time," Stewart said. "Fancy whistles or reflectors can be placed on your car to scare deer away, but truth be told, they will only keep you from hitting unicorns or dragons."

Stewart said that even when practicing safe driving, sometimes hitting a deer is inevitable. Caution is also the best approach after the fact.

"If you hit a deer, remain calm," he advised. "Do not approach the deer unless you are sure it has expired. Despite their gentle nature, their hooves are sharp and powerful, and can be extremely dangerous."

Stewart said much like cars and people, deer can be found anywhere, so drivers should be on the lookout.

"Whether you're driving through the Hoosier National Forest, your developed neighborhood, or inside the city limits of Indianapolis, keep your eyes out," he said. "Though a deer-vehicle accident can occur at any time of the day during any season, your chances of striking a deer are greatest at low light conditions between October and December."

"Take additional caution during these times, lower your speed, and be alert," he concluded.



far away;

- Exercise extreme caution along woodlot edges, at hills, or blind turns;
- Never swerve to avoid missing a deer. Most serious crashes occur when drivers try to miss a deer but hit something else; and
- Drivers should pay attention to traffic signs warning of deer crossings they may be tempted to ignore, and may want to steer clear of gimmicks.

# National Banned Books Week to be celebrated by DPL

## Comet staff report

As part of the Delphi Public Library's effort to publicize National Banned Books Week, it is holding book fairs and library programs at Barnes and Noble Book Store in Lafayette Sept. 30.

On that day, members of the Red Brick Theater will perform dramatic readings from four books most frequently challenged in the United States. "The Stupids Step Out" by Harry Allard will be read 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 "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" by Mark Twain at 5.

Readers will be Arielle Brosman, Jenna Buehler, Grace Currie, Brenton Hathaway, and Andrew Martin.

A portion of the proceeds from purchases will be donated to the library by the bookstore. Vouchers are required for the donations. They can be obtained from library staff prior to the event or at the counter at the bookstore.

For information contact library director Kelly Curri, at kelly@carrollnet.org.



# Library

**Burlington Community**  
The Burlington Community Library will hold a six-week Toddler Story Time on Tuesdays, Oct. 2 through Nov. 6, from 10 to 10:30 a.m.

The story time is open to children ages 18 months through three years.

All children must have a caregiver present during the program.

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.

**Delphi Public**  
"Seasons and Apples!" will be the Story Hour theme for the week of Oct. 1 Fall is all around and apples abound in song, stories and games for children and their caregivers. Programs are offered every Thursday, with Baby Lap-sit at 9:30 a.m. Toddler time at 10 and Preschool at 11:30.

Faith Inspired Book Club will be Sept. 27 at 9 a.m. for a discussion of Christian author Ted Dekker's novel "Blink." The novel chronicles a desperate flight to the United States by Saudi Arabain princess Miriam al-Asamm, who seeks to escape an unwanted arranged marriage. Morning Book Club will discuss "The Brief History of the Dead" by Kevin Brockmeier Sept. 28 at 9 a.m. Coffee and refreshments are first followed by a discussion led by Kelly Currie.

Multiple copies of these book club selections are available at the library.

The Oct. 20 free Coffee Beat features Hoot and Annie. Lafayette musicians Kim Strother and Annie Hatke will begin festivities at 7 p.m. These talented musicians will bring their easy folk style as well as an assortment of instruments.

The Friends of the Delphi Public Library will host a Scavenger Hunt, Oct. 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the library. Rain date is Oct. 14. The public is invited to attend and enjoy family fun. Prizes will be awarded to the individual or team with the most correct answers to clues and the fastest response time. Children and teen activities plus food and entertainment will be provided provided out-

doors. The Scavenger Hunt is free. Hope to see you there!

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

**Flora-Monroe Township**  
Banned Books Week, an annual celebration of the freedom to read, is Sept. 29 through Oct. 6 with the theme, "Free People Read Freely."

Each year, librarians, booksellers, teachers and countless others take this opportunity to highlight the importance of intellectual freedom and remind us not to take this precious democratic freedom lightly. Look for special displays throughout the library during Banned Books Week. Upcoming programs for the Carroll County on the Same Page include "Outlasting Tough Times with Marion Hathaway and Phyllis Moore," Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Camden Library; and "Tell the Truth: The Glass Castle, the Media and You," Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. here at the Flora Library.

The Scrabble Scrimmage for Literacy will be Oct. 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Delphi Community High School Commons. Get a team together and have fun while you help a great cause. Registration forms are available at the main desk. Registration will close Sept. 28.

The next storytime theme is "Fall." Autumn has arrived, the leaves are falling, and the wind is blowing in a new season! Bring your child to the library for fun fall stories and a few surprises! Preschool storytime is Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. Dial-a Story is available 24 hours a day. Currently playing is "The Titans." On Friday the new story will be "Thumbelina." Call Dial-a-Story, 967-3814.

# PUBLIC NOTICES

"Because The People Must Know"

The following Highway Claims have been filed with the Auditor's Office and will be presented to the Board of Commissioners, Carroll County, IN on October 1, 2007.

1ST AYD CORPORATION	91.22
AYRES HARDWARE INC	81.61
BALDWIN AUTO SUPPLY	847.87
BRIM CONCRETE INC.	546.00
BROWN'S TIRE SERVICE	116.00
BUTLER, FAIRMAN & SEUFERT	2,300.00
CARDINAL OFFICE PRODUCTS	28.56
CARROLL COUNTY COMET	63.31
CARROLL COUNTY R.E.M.C.	14.00
CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERV	1,510.00
CENTRAL PAVING INC	457.14
CHRISTOPHER BURKE ENG	940.50
CINTAS LOCATION	1,697.06
DELPHI AUTO SUPPLY	414.49
DELPHI BODY WORKS INC	305.77
EMBLE CUSTOMS	40.00
EMBARQ	140.60
ESSERMAN TIRE SERVICE	253.24
EXCEL CO-OP	28,597.77
FAIRNET LLC	59.95
FIRST FINANCIAL BANK	9,716.61
FISHER ASSOC SIGN & POST	6,345.77
HERITAGE - CRYSTAL CLEAN LLC	119.98
HOLT EQUIPMENT CO LLC	400.00
INDIANA DEPT OF TRANSP	129,167.12
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYS	241.35
J & CRANE RENTAL INC	286.00
JA BARKER ENGINEERING INC	900.00
JACKSON LEE PEARSON	35.25
KIMBALL MIDWEST	607.00
KIRBY RISK ELECTRICAL SUPP	48.71
KOENIG EQUIPMENT INC.	129.97
LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	31.25
LEFFERT OIL COMPANY	205.20
LH INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES	233.11
LOWE'S	329.34
MACALLISTER MACH CO INC	2,246.00
MANN CHEVROLET-BUICK INC	301.10
MARATHON ASHLAND PETRO	93,664.00
MILESTONE CONTRACTORS L P	159,723.24
MOBILE RADIO OF KOKOMO	450.00
MTE Truck & Trailer Service	718.64
N.I. SPANOS PAINTING INC	9,600.00
NEXTEL	131.27
NIPSCO	46.33
POWER TRAIN COMPANIES	72.12
QWEST BUSINESS SERVICES	16.80
REED'S QUALITY TILE INC	48.40
REGIONS INTER BILLING SERV INC	240.18
RME INSURANCE	225.00
RON BOGAN	35.00
RUMSCHLAG TECHNICAL SERV	5,186.32
SEMMATERIALS LP	305.73
SOUTHEASTERN EQUIP CO	1,317.84
WASTE MANAGEMENT	88.54
WELDSTAR COMPANY	118.34
WILCOX LUMBER CO	8.58
WOLF MACHINE INC	30.95
YOUNG'S STITCHING LINE	747.00
ZEE MEDICAL INC	89.83
Grand Total	462,339.96

Witness my hand and seal of the Board of Commissioners, Carroll County IN, on September 21, 2007.

Beth L. Myers  
Auditor of Carroll County  
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IN THE CARROLL CIRCUIT COURT  
TO THE 2007 TERM  
CAUSE NO. 08CO1-0709-MF-66  
STATE OF INDIANA )  
) SS:  
CARROLL COUNTY )  
INDUSTRIAL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
TRACY L. BURGE, JOHN DOE, Tenant Whose True Name is Unknown; JANE DOE, Tenant Whose True Name is Unknown; and TREASURER OF CARROLL COUNTY, INDIANA, Defendants.

**SUMMONS**  
This summons is to Defendant Tracy L. Burge, and to any other person who may be concerned. It is made in connection with an attempt to collect from you a debt owed to Industrial Federal Credit Union. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Carroll Circuit Court of Carroll County, Indiana, in an action entitled Industrial Federal Credit Union v. Tracy L. Burge; John Doe, Tenant Whose True Name is Unknown; Jane Doe, Tenant Whose True Name is Unknown; and Treasurer of Carroll County, Indiana, Cause No. 08CO1-0709-MF-66, by the person named above as Plaintiff. This summons by publication is specifically directed to Defendant TRACY L. BURGE whose address and whereabouts are unknown.

The named Plaintiff is represented by James R. Schrier of the firm of REILING TEDER & SCHRIER, LLC, 415 Columbia Street, Suite 3000, P.O. Box 280, Lafayette, IN 47902-0280; Telephone: (765) 423-5333.

The nature of this suit against you is for foreclosure of a mortgage on real estate located in Carroll County, Indiana, in which you may have a claim or interest and for default of payment on a Promissory Note.

An answer or other response in writing to the Complaint must be filed either by you or your attorney within 30 days after the third notice of this action, and if you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded by the Plaintiff.

If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer or response.

Dated: Sept. 18, 2007.  
Laura Sterrett  
Clerk, Carroll Circuit Court  
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**NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION**  
In the Carroll Circuit Court of Carroll County, Indiana.

CAUSE NO. 08CO1-0709-EU-47  
In the Matter of the Estate of Mary E. Wise, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Fred L. Wise and Jane Ann Oylar were on the 10th day of September, 2007, appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the estate of Mary E. Wise, deceased, who died on the 24th day of August, 2007, and that they were authorized to administer said estate without court supervision.

All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Delphi, Indiana, this 10 day of September, 2007.

Laura Sterrett  
Clerk of the Carroll Circuit Court of Indiana

Ives and Ives  
113 West Franklin Street  
P.O. Box 6  
Delphi, Indiana 46923  
765-564-2078  
Attorney for the Personal Representatives  
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**NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Roanoke Consolidated School Corporation of Clinton/Carroll County, Indiana, that the Board of School Trustees has established a Capital Projects Fund and adopted a plan under I.C.21-2-15. The following is a general outline of the proposed plan:

CURRENT EXPENDITURES:	2008	2009	2010
1) Land Acquisition and Development	116,000	21,000	42,000
2) Professional Services	.....	1,200	.....
3) Education Specifications Development	.....	.....	.....
4) Building Acquisition, Construction, and Improvement	.....	165,000	270,000
5) Rental of Buildings, Grounds and Equipment	.....	5,000	6,000
6) Purchase of Mobile or Fixed Equipment	.....	109,400	85,300
7) Emergency Allocations	.....	50,000	75,000
8) Utility services	.....	155,000	155,000
9) Maintenance of Equipment	.....	93,300	90,400
10) School Sports Facility	.....	35,000	27,000
11) Property or casualty insurance	.....	12,900	12,900
12) Other Staff Services	.....	.....	.....
13) Technology	.....	264,200	278,100
SUB TOTAL CURRENT EXPENDITURES	.....	1,005,800	1,008,800
1,055,300	.....	.....	.....
14) Allocation for Future Projects	.....	150,000	150,000
15) Transfer to Repair & Replacement Fund	.....	.....	.....
16) Interest Transfer to General Fund	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL EXPENDITURES, ALLOC. & TRANSFERS	.....	1,155,800	1,158,800
1,205,300	.....	.....	.....

SOURCES AND ESTIMATES OF REVENUE

1) Projected January 1 Cash Balance	.....	19,788	.....
2) Less Encumbrances Carried Forward from Previous Year	.....	.....	.....
3) Estimated cash balance available for plan (line 1-line2)	.....	19,788	150,000
4) Property tax revenue	.....	1,057,452	1,057,452
1,057,452	.....	.....	.....
5) Auto Excise, CVET and FIT receipts	.....	78,560	78,560
6) Other revenue (Interest income)	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN (Add lines 3,4,5,6)	.....	1,155,800	1,286,012
1,286,012	.....	.....	.....
Estimated property tax rate to fund plan	.....	0.58	0.58
Based upon as assessed valuation of	.....	185,000,000	185,000,000

This notice includes allocations for the years 2008, 2009 and 2010 for the following construct/on projects:

Building	Allocation 2008	Allocation 2009	Allocation 2010
School Building Security Upgrade	.....	50,000	.....
School Building Door Upgrade	.....	100,000	.....
Allocations as specified above will duly subject to objection during the period stated in this Notice of Adoption.	.....	.....	.....

Ten or more taxpayers in the school corporation who win be affected by the plan may file a petition with the County Auditor of Clinton/Carroll County, not later than ten (10) days after the publication of this notice, setting forth their objections to the plan. Upon filing of the petition, the County Auditor shall immediately certify the same to the Department of Local Government Finance, which Department will fix a date and conduct a public hearing on the plan before issuing its approval or disapproval thereof.

BOARD PRESIDENT John Spear  
VICE PRESIDENT Billie Roth  
SECRETARY Phillip Burkle  
MEMBER Thomas Kulupka  
MEMBER Jon Jacoby  
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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**  
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Carroll Superior Court of Carroll County, Indiana, in Cause No. 08D01-0703-MF-5, wherein Deutsche Bank, was Plaintiff, and Gianna Garcia and Carlos R. Garcia, were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 1 day of November, 2007, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 310 W. Main Street, Delphi, Indiana, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Carroll County, Indiana.

Real estate situated in the City of Delphi, Township of Deer Creek, County of Carroll, and State of Indiana, to wit:

A FRACTIONAL PART OF THE EAST HALF (1/2) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION THIRTY-ONE (31), TOWNSHIP TWENTY-FIVE (25) NORTH, RANGE TWO (2) WEST, DEER CREEK TOWNSHIP, CARROLL COUNTY, INDIANA, MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
COMMENCING AT A R.R. SPIKE MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION THIRTY-ONE, SAID SPIKE LYING IN THE INTERSECTION OF COUNTY ROAD 800 WEST AND 100 NORTH AND MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF AN EXISTING 10.221 ACRE TRACT AS REFERRED TO IN DEED RECORD #163, PAGES 1533-1534, AS FOUND IN THE OFFICE OF THE CARROLL COUNTY RECORDER; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 35 SECONDS WEST, 392.68 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID EAST HALF AND ALONG SAID COUNTY ROAD 100 NORTH, BEING THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID DEED RECORD TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 35 SECONDS WEST, 232.32 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF SAID EAST HALF, BEING THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID DEED RECORD TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID DEED RECORD TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2.557 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

More commonly known as: 8101 W. 100 N., Delphi, IN 46923

Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.

Tony Burns  
Sheriff of Carroll County  
Deer Creek Township  
8101 W. 100 N., Delphi 46923  
Street Address

The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein

Phillip A. Norman, Esq.  
2110 Calumet Avenue  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
Telephone: (219) 462-5104  
Type of Service: Personal SERVICE DIRECTED TO:  
Gianna Garcia  
8101 W. 100 N.  
Delphi, IN 46923  
Carlos R. Garcia  
8101 W. 100 N.  
Delphi, IN 46923

**NOTICE**  
PHILLIP A. NORMAN, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 3913

**Public Notice**  
Effective January 1, 2008, Sierra Optima will no longer offer coverage of Medicare Advantage benefits to our Medicare members in Indiana. If you are a current member, you may remain enrolled until December 31, 2007.

For additional information, we suggest you call Sierra Optima at 1-888-274-2207; TTY: 1-800-349-3538. For help and information about Medicare, please call 1-800-Medicare (1-800-633-4227). Individuals that use a telephone device for the hearing impaired can call 1-877-486-2048.

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IN THE CARROLL CIRCUIT COURT  
TO THE 2007 TERM  
CAUSE NO. 08CO1-0708-EU-46  
STATE OF INDIANA )  
) SS:  
COUNTY OF CARROLL )  
IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED ESTATE OF MICHAEL S. COONEY  
**NOTICE OF SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION**

Notice is hereby given that Trisha A. Allin was, on the 29 day of Aug., 2007 appointed Executrix of the Estate of Michael S. Cooney, deceased, who died on the 8th day of July, 2007.

All persons who have claims against the Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the Office of the Clerk of the Carroll Circuit Court within three months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or those claims will be forever barred.

DATED at Delphi, Indiana, this 29 day of Aug., 2007.

Laura Sterrett  
CLERK, CARROLL CIRCUIT COURT  
R. Tod Groff, Esq., Atty.  
I.D. #8554-09  
MILLER, TOLBERT, MUEHLHAUSEN,  
MUEHLHAUSEN, GROFF & DAMM, P.C.  
216 Fourth Street  
Logansport, IN 46943  
Tel.: (574) 722-4343  
ATTORNEYS FOR ESTATE OF MICHAEL S. COONEY  
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The following County Claims have been filed with the Auditor's Office and will be presented to the Board of Commissioners, Carroll County, IN on October 1, 2007.

ACE FIRE PROTECTION	174.65
ACS	2,370.25
ADVANCED BUSINESS EQUIP	62.00
ADVANCED CORR & HEALTHC	2,945.72
AIT LABORATORIES	165.00
ALCO STORE #317	59.18
AMCO ELEVATORS INC	192.32
AMY SPARKS	44.00
AQUA SYSTEMS	120.00
ARNETT CLINIC INC	116.00
ARNETT CLINIC LLC	29.00
AYRES HARDWARE INC	13.99
BASSETT & TALBERT	46.89
BLUE PRINT SPECIALTIES	52.72
BOB BARKER COMPANY INC.	51.19
BRAD HOWELL INC	3,380.58
BROWN'S TIRE SERVICE	39.00
BUSINESS SYSTEM SO INC	240.00
CARROLL CO ADV FOR LIT	1,500.00
CARROLL CO EXHIBIT ASSC	868.20
CARROLL CO SVY	494.00
CARROLL COUNTY COMET	21.99
CARROLL COUNTY COMET	408.61
CARROLL COUNTY R.E.M.C.	2,126.74
CERTIFIED LABORATORIES	246.45
CHARLES MULLENBORY	1,000.00
CITY OF DELPHI	304.00
CLINTON CO DISPOSAL	33.00
COLLISIONS UNLIMITED	1,202.52
COMCAST	635.28
CORRECTIONAL PROG SERV	5,114.30
CRAFT MECHANICAL CONT	12,481.45
CRETE FURNERAL HOME	1,000.00
CREMSTAR	4,708.95
DAN ISLEY	161.83
DARICE SHEISS	20.00
DAVES COMPUTER WORLD	247.99
DEB BUFFENBARGER	101.32
DELPHI HARDWARE, INC.	169.09
DELPHI VETERINARY CLINIC	1,480.00
DELPHI-U-STORE	25.00
DONALD CURRIE	134.07
DUKE ENERGY	5,619.01
DYNA-LINC	2,884.57
ELIZABETH KIDWELL	