

Flora renews contract with Carroll County EDC

Comet staff report

The Town of Flora entered into another four-year agreement with the Carroll County Economic Development Corporation at Monday night's November meeting.

CCEDC Executive Director Daryl Smith said the corporation is in its 20th year. He explained a few minor changes to the contract, including the contract would cease to be if the majority of its members pull out, instead of just one as

was originally written.

Sana Booker, the director of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce for the past five months, said she has secured 18 new memberships.

"I'm learning what it takes to make this county work," she said. "We are here to support the businesses that are here. We need to work together and be very active in promoting this county."

After checking with the Department of Natural Resources, the town can remove

the sand volleyball court because it will continue to be used for park purposes. The court was originally installed with a grant through the DNR.

Final payment will be issued to Milestone Contractors following satisfactory medication of curb complaints on North Center Street.

Leaf pickup schedule will be the west side of town in the morning and the east side in the afternoon, unless pickup on the west side is light, then the east side will begin in late

morning.

Residents are asked to bundle limbs and brush in four-foot lengths and tie them together when possible for easier pickup.

Sludge totaling 95,700 gallons was hauled and land applied to the Maurice Robeson farm

Chief Paul Redmon reported the "best Halloween we've ever had. There were no crimes committed."

The October report included: 15 arrests/misdemeanors, 3 felony arrests, 14 citations issued, 2 parking citations, 14 warnings issued, 110 calls for service, 5 accidents investigated, and 3 war-

rants served.

A group of firemen recently completed training on seven different tactical rescues and the entire department was updated on CPR.

Proposals from five architects are expected to be reviewed by the Dec. 3 Council meeting.

The town plan commission approved: Raymon Stephens, storage shed; DK Construction/Briggs Plumbing, fire protection business renovation; and Larry DeVos, new residence.

Christmas decorations are being put up this week but will not be lighted until Thanksgiving.

All the wastewater staff recently attended a safety meeting on bucket truck rescue. Greg Barnes and Rob Buttice also attended a training seminar in West Lafayette where they gained continuing education credit.

The council approved closing the town office all day on Dec. 24. Town employees have the option of taking the day as a vacation or no-pay day.

The town office will be closed Monday for Veteran's Day and again Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22, and Friday, Nov. 23.

The next council meeting will be Dec. 3 at 6 p.m.

Permit required for tree activity in Delphi

By Debbie Lowe
Staff writer

Delphi City Council learned something new about trees and the city from grant coordinator Jean Howell at the Monday night meeting. They learned there is a tree permit requirement for residents who plan to initiate a change involving a tree within city limits, on or near city property.

Howell explained before a tree located on city property or a city right-of-way can be pruned, removed or planted, a permit must be issued. She advised permit applications could be obtained at the clerk-treasurer's office in the city building.

Street department

Street commissioner Aaron Lyons announced a plan to stop erosion from further damaging 500 feet of the shoulder along Prince William Rd. He said a barrier, positioned between two and three feet from the edge of the road, should be installed to stop erosion.

Lyons said an estimated cost would be \$52,600. He said currently there is \$45,000 in the street department budget for the work. He suggested transferring funds from other line items in the budget to offset the difference. He was granted permission to proceed with the project.

Grants

Grants coordinator Jean Howell announced the city was awarded an Indiana Homeland Security Foundation Grant for a small diameter fire hose, the Main Street Downtown En-

hancement Grant for façade improvement and an REMC Round-up Grant for defibrillators for firefighters. She also announced Delphi Forestry Commission received the Outstanding Tree Board of the Year Award.

Delphi Municipal Airport

Airport manager Brian Stirm announced the start-up of Carroll County Swift Development Inc. He explained the new corporation is the marketing and development wing of a corporate extension of the Purdue Research Park. Stirm said he serves as a board member for the newly developed group.

Police department

Chief Ed Chapman said his department has "beefed up patrols" in Riley Park to answer the increased amount of vandalism at the location.

"The vandalism just shouldn't be happening all the time," council president Carolyn Pearson said.

The department issued 76 traffic warnings, seven parking tickets, three abandoned vehicle citations, two weed-control citations and three skateboard violations in October.

Parks department

Superintendent Richard Farrer reported he met with the baseball association to discuss the possibility of Pony League Baseball at Riley Park Annex.

He said parks workers removed graffiti from the softball dugouts at Riley Park and temporarily disconnected lights to the Riley Annex Baseball Field to prevent skateboarders from turning off electricity to the maintenance

building.

Other business

The 2008 Elected Officials Salary Ordinance, 2007-05, was adopted on third and final reading.

Ordinance 2007-09, to increase fees for accident reports from \$5 to \$8, was passed on first reading.

A four-year contract with Carroll County Economic Development Corporation was approved.

Three units that transmit alerts for power failure and high water at the wastewater treatment plant will be upgraded from analog to digital.

Mayor's report

Mayor Lee Hoard reported the Indiana Canal Association is interested in using all or part of the Delphi City logo. Because the image is copyrighted, city attorney Miriam Robeson is researching how to share without promoting a copyright infringement.

The next meeting will be Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. Board of works will meet at 6:30 p.m. the same evening.

The next board of works meeting will be Nov. 21 at 5:30 p.m.

Tax expert to speak in Delphi

Carroll County residents will have an opportunity tonight (Nov. 7) to hear an expert on Indiana's tax system.



Larry DeBoer, Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University, will speak at the Wabash & Erie Canal Interpretive Center, Delphi, from 7 to 9 p.m. The title of his presentation is "How is

local government financed?"

DeBoer's presentation will include:

√ Various tax options in Carroll County – what they are and how they are used

√ How Carroll County's taxes compare to other rural counties

√ Current hot topics such as the new local income tax option and others.

DeBoer is a specialist in state and local government budget and taxing options, issues of property tax assessment, local government revenue options and the fiscal impact of economic development. He consults with the Indiana

Legislative Services Agency about tax and finance issues, including the annual state revenue forecasts. He also wrote a monthly newspaper column called "Capital Comments."

The program is being sponsored by Leadership Carroll County (LCC). It was originally planned as a continuing education program for the two LCC graduating classes, but because of the timeliness of DeBoer's topic, LCC decided to open up the program to the entire community.

There will be no charge to attend. Refreshments will be served.



C.C. Republican Women to meet

The Carroll County Republican Women's holiday meeting will be Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Bresnahan's in Pittsburg. Directions are: From Delphi take US 421, turn left after the bridge at Pittsburg, go to stop

sign, Bresnahan's is on the right. Dinner will be \$9. Reservations need to be made to Beth Myers (574-686-2635) or Tammy Dyer (765-566-3917) by Nov. 13.

Installation of new officers will be held. A small program of "Christmas Traditions" will be presented by outgoing pres-

ident Beth Myers.

In lieu of a gift exchange, members will be making "goody bags" for Carroll Manor. Members not registering to provide bags, but wishing to participate, may donate \$2-\$3 to the gift card being presented to Carroll Manor for resident's personal items.

Looking Back

From the files of Hoosier Democrat, Delphi Journal, Journal-Citizen and Carroll County Comet. Photo provided by Carroll County Historical Museum.

10 YEARS AGO

Ground was broken recently on a 16-foot addition to the back of the Scout Cabin at Flora Community Park. Improvements to the Cabin will include a small kitchen, utility room, ADA accessible bathroom, and Scoutmaster office/storage room.

The project is being overseen by Flora Rotary Club. The present building has no plumbing, only electricity and a very old furnace.

Residents continuing to use Pittsburg Spring as a source of drinking water should reconsider their action. Carroll County Health Department

closed the spring last July. With the assistance of the Highway Department, a warning sign was posted and a cap was placed over the spring's pipe yet use of the spring continues. Water sample tests still indicate presence of total coliform, bacteria.

25 YEARS AGO

Due to a record corn harvest, Yeager and Sullivan is building a half million-bushel storage warehouse for the excess grain according to Bruce Buckmaster, director of marketing.

Presently Yeager and Sullivan is drying the corn with an air system that blows the grain 400 feet with a 40 foot rise with a mixture of an ag lime base as explained by Buckmaster. "We're anticipating a two to three percent loss of grain when we move the corn into the building from



Blanche Balsler (on right) with friends on the swinging bridge over Deer Creek, Delphi, 1910

the outside temporary storage," noted Buckmaster.

"None of the corn stored outside will be used for customer feed. "We'll use that corn for our own animals," he added.

50 YEARS AGO

Vital statistics of the class of 1957 include the following facts:

Twelve young men and two young women of the 63 members of the graduating class of 1957 have enrolled in college this fall. This is better than 25 percent of last year's seniors.

Four girls and two boys have married since graduation last spring. Twelve of the 37 boys have entered military service. Thirty-one members of the class are living at home and they are either working at home or are employed in Delphi and vicinity.

Friday night the Camden varsity will oppose the Oracles. Camden has been going like a house afire in the two games

played thus far and the general opinion in the neighboring village is that they have the best team that has represented them for a number of years. The more enthusiastic say it is the best team that they have ever had and is one that will give a world of trouble in the coming sectional. They are larger than usual, are fast, shifty, and can hit with the best of them. Furthermore they are full of confidence which is a necessary attribute of a good team.

100 YEARS AGO

Tuesday, Camden voted for incorporation, the majority being 31. There were 135 votes cast, 83 for and 52 against. The election board chosen was made up of J.M. Harrison, U.E. Tesh and O.W. Wyatt, three of the most prominent citizens of the town. At the next meeting of the board of commissioners the town will be declared incorporated and a town election will be called.

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