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Commissioner Bill Brown said. Hylton noted the space is in a convenient location for farmers in that they do not have to go upstairs or downstairs to avail themselves of the service.

Funding Request

Appearing on behalf of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, county heritage tourism committee member Brian Stirm asked for a \$10,000 appropriation from the 2008 Economic Development Income Tax budget for signage into the county. He said signs would draw tourists into the county during the upcoming transportation festival organized by the Delphi Main Street group.

Stirm said approximately 22 signs were needed. Each sign costs \$1,000. He said some donations have been received.

Stirm, representing the transportation festival organizers, asked commissioners to appoint someone to coordinate activities on June 15 at the Carrollton Bridge. A bridge dedication ceremony will be held at that time.

The two-day festival will be June 14 and 15. Stirm said the Main Street group is coordinating activities in the downtown area on June 14.

Highway fee schedule adopted

Commissioners adopted increased fees for highway department services as recommended by highway superintendent Ron Francis. Francis said he did not know how much additional revenue would be realized from the increased fees but he recommended the increases based on fees charged in Tippecanoe County.

Driveways:
Residential - \$25;
Farm field - \$25;
Existing drive - \$20;
Commercial drive - \$100;
Minor subdivision - \$100; and
Major subdivision - \$200.
Road cuts:
Gravel - \$7.50/ft./depth/lane, min. \$50; and
Hard surface - \$15/ft./depth/lane, min. \$100.

Boring under roadway

- \$25/bore.
Plowing in cable - .05 /linear ft.
Trenching - up to 24" wide, \$0.25/linear ft. with \$30/min. Over 24", charge as an excavation.
Excavation - Measure max depth times max length times \$0.25/sq.ft., \$30/min.
Pole lines - \$100/mile or \$0.02/ft. less than 1 mile.

For questions or additional information, patrons are urged to call the county highway department at (574) 967-4244.

Francis said he is tracking expenses associated with debris removal from the recent flood damage. He reported the highway department has hauled 70 loads to landfills since the clean-up began. He said the City of Delphi helped hauling efforts at Tippecanoe Ranch Estates. Francis said some roads and culverts were damaged and would have to be repaired.

Daryl Johns of the Shafer Freeman Lakes Environmental Group asked about plans to continue with work on the Tioga Bridge. He said the environmental group pledged \$17,000 for the project and was unclear about the direction the county was taking in the project. The county council recently denied an encumbrance for work on the bridge.

Commissioner Brown turned to the two council members present and asked what course the council planned to take in a discussion that was held prior to the treasurer's report.

"We have to use our money wisely," Ashby responded. "We're down to essential services."

"I thought we agreed to do this," Mears said. "The money has sort of been robbed from us." "It feels like we're throwing money out the window on this thing," Bill Brown said.

Appointments

Carroll County Redevelopment Authority: Ralph Hughes; Pat Clawson; and Jay Bush.

Redevelopment Commission: Larry Trapp; Marshall McCamrack; Dale Zinn; Raymond Zink; and Milton Rodgers.

Board of Health: Dr. Lawrence Stauffer and Dr. Marilyn Wagner.

Northwest Indiana Solid Waste - board of directors: Ron Slavens; (alternate) Nancy Cripe; Kyle Germond; (A) Randy Strasser; Loren Hylton; and (A) Bill Brown and citizens' advisory committee: Mears; Melissa Keown; and Joe O'Donnell.

Obituaries

Nora M. Wetzel



Services for Nora Marie Wetzel, 91, formerly of Flora, were held Monday at Baker Funeral Home, Flora. Pastor Bill Godbey officiated. Burial was at Maple Lawn Cemetery, Flora.

She died at 11:33 a.m. Thurs., Jan. 17, 2008, at Lafayette Home Hospital.

Born Oct. 9, 1916, in Uniontown, she was the daughter of Other and Myrtle Sandage Brown.

Mrs. Wetzel retired from Essex Wire in Logansport in 1978.

She had resided at Milner Community Health Care Center in Rossville for the past three years.

She was an avid NASCAR fan and her favorite driver was Jeff Gordon.

Surviving are three sons, George Wetzel Jr. of Milan, Robert Wetzel (wife: Anna) of Young America, and Charles Wetzel (wife: Gail) of Aurora; four daughters, Sue Hartman (husband: Larry) of Camden, Joyce Lambert (husband: Bud) of Flora, Linda Snowberger and Shirley Linder (husband: Vern), all of Lafayette; two sisters, Nancy Evans of Florida and Fonda Decanto of Tennessee; 19 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

A brother, Arthur Brown, and three grandsons preceded her in death.

Baker Funeral Home, Flora, (www.bakerfh.com) was in charge of arrangements.

Other Death Notices

Susan Feller, 68, of Lafayette, died Jan. 17, 2008, at Regency Place, after a brief illness. She was born in Dayton, Ohio, and taught elementary education in the public schools. Miss Feller and Wm. Baugh established the Feast of the Hunters' Moon. She was a member of Carroll County Wabash and Erie Canal Inc., developing its outreach program for school children, hosting at the Interpretive Center, and serving on the association's board of directors. She is survived by a brother and sister. Services were held Jan. 19 in Lafayette.

Becky Sue Stuber, 34, of Marion, died Jan. 16, 2008, at 9:15 p.m. in Aventura Hospital in Miami, Fla. She suddenly became ill while on vacation. She was born July 2, 1973, in Marion to Jerry and Sue Ann Ringer Losure. Her marriage was to John Adam Stuber on July 3, 1993, at Van Buren. Survivors include her maternal grandfather, Raymond Ringer of Camden. Services were Jan. 22 at Van Buren United Methodist Church. Burial was at Van Buren Cemetery.

Thomas L. Pullen



Thomas Lee Pullen, 60, of rural Clinton County, passed away Jan. 20, 2008, at 8:20 p.m. at Home Hospital, Lafayette. He had been a patient there since Jan. 16 and in ill health since October.

He was born April 2, 1947, in Kokomo, to Helen Ebersol Pullen and the late Morton Pullen Jr. His marriage was on June 12, 1970, in Bringham, to Kay Funkhouser and she survives.

Mr. Pullen was a 1965 graduate of Carroll High School. He retired as a pipe fitter from Delco Electronics in Kokomo in 1999, working 34 years. He was an auxiliary member of the 379th Bomber Group Association and enjoyed collecting pocket watches.

Surviving are his wife of Frankfort; his mother of Cutler; two sons, Duane Pullen (wife: Kristie) of Indianapolis and Darren Pullen (wife: Janelle) of Bringham; and four grandchildren, Ashlyn, Reagan, Paige and Lincoln Pullen.

Mr. Pullen was preceded in death by a brother, Ronald Pullen.

He loved his family and grandchildren very much and enjoyed each minute he spent with them all.

Friends may call today, Wednesday, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Baker Funeral Home in Flora. Services will be held there Thursday at 10 a.m. and will be officiated by Pastor Steve Cole. Burial will be at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Flora.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Association. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at www.bakerfh.com.

Robin Clawson Porter

Robin Lin Clawson Porter, 52, formerly of Delphi, passed away on Jan. 16, 2008, from a very rare and incurable cancer of the brain after a 10-day hospitalization in Tacoma General Hospital, Wash.

Born June 22, 1955, in Bad Canstadt, Germany, she was the daughter of James R. and Charlotte M. Ridgway Clawson. Her marriage was in 1978 to Peter Porter.

Mrs. Porter had been employed for many years by the Clallum County, Wash., prosecuting attorney's office as a legal assistant. Her most recent employment was by the Thurston County, Wash., prosecuting attorney's office in child protective services.

She attended schools in Germany, Indiana, Missouri, Col-

orado, San Francisco and Alaska before graduating from Delphi Community High School in 1973.

She leaves behind her only daughter, Hollie Hutton; two beautiful granddaughters, Hallie and Taylor, her every loving joy; her father, James Clawson of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; four sisters, Sandy of La Otto, Ind., and Brenda, Toni and June of the Olympic Peninsular, Wash.; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her mother.

A memorial service will be held Saturday in Port Angeles, Wash. She was cremated.

Condolences/memorials may be sent to Mrs. Hollie Hutton, 14008 136th St., Court KPN, Gig Harbor, WA 98329.

Zarita A. Morris



Zarita A. McCurry Morris, 74, of Delphi, passed away Jan. 15, 2008, at 1:36 a.m. in St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Lafayette. She had been ill the past four months and was a patient there since the morning before.

She was born April 30, 1933, in Lake Village to the late Lawrence and Mattie Reagan McCurry. Her marriage was to Delmar K. Morris in Illinois on July 12, 1951, and he survives.

Mrs. Morris attended school in Newton County and received her GED later in life. She worked in housekeeping at the former Brethren Home in Flora for over 20 years and was a homemaker.

She was a member of Radnor United Methodist Church, Monticello Moose Lodge #906, and Navy Club USA Ship #12

Auxiliary of Lafayette. Her hobbies were crossword puzzles and reading health books.

Surviving are her husband in Delphi; a daughter, Annette Keen (husband: Mark) of Burlington; two sons, James C. Morris and Archie Gainey (wife: Judith), all of Delphi; a sister, Flossie Hohman of Tell City; a son-in-law, Bert Stevens of Delphi; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Morris was preceded in death by a daughter, Debra Stevens, three sisters, and two brothers.

Services were held Jan. 21 at 11 a.m. at Abbott Funeral Home, Delphi. The Rev. Ed Selvidge officiated. Burial was at I.O.O.F. Memorial Gardens in Pittsburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to Radnor United Methodist Church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at abbottfuneral-home@verizon.net.

Colleen J. Forrest

Colleen Jeanette Forrest, 74 of Talcott, W. Va., died Jan. 19, 2008, after battling cancer for the past 12 months.

Born March 8, 1933, near Battle Ground, she was the daughter of Elmer F. Johnson Sr. and Georgia B. "Pittser" Dunk.

She was employed for several years at Amelia Island Plantation, Fernandina Beach, Fla.

Surviving are four daughters, Carolyn Curnett of Talcott, Connie Cruz of Hinton, W. Va., Mar-

ilyn Eby of Calahan, Fla., and Bonnie Lou Lee of Yulee, Fla.; two sons, Don Collins of Rockfield and John Slay of Littleville, Ala.; two brothers, Charles T. Johnson of Rockfield and Harold Eugene Johnson of Folkston, Ga.; one sister, Sharon Lee Cook of Jumping Branch, W. Va.; 15 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Her ashes will be placed at Maple Lawn Cemetery at 2 p.m. Friday.

Questions

are available as well, but the first step in receiving a grant is to complete the SBA application.

Jasmund advised that applications for individual assistance and public assistance would need to be completed for FEMA to release funds for individual property owners and for the county to recoup funds utilized for clean-up efforts.

Congressman Joe Donnelly visited the county Sunday afternoon in an effort to fully understand the situation. With that information, he plans to provide assistance to the governor to reach the most acceptable solution for county residents affected. The meeting was announced in an E-mail from Donnelly's office to the Comet office Friday afternoon.

Donnelly met with commissioners Loren Hylton, Bill Brown and George Mears along with county council member Steve Ashby, Delphi Mayor Randy Strasser, McDowell and three Tecumseh Bend property owners at Camp Tecumseh's Schumann Lodge. County leaders asked questions and provided information about county and community-based activities currently underway for those in need.

"Hopefully, he (Donnelly) will help get some help for the people in the area," Hylton said prior to the meeting. "My concern is that some property owners will walk away from their properties, which will become a burden to the county. I want to take care of those affected and provide some relief to those people."

Donnelly said one goal for the meeting was to sit down with leaders and discuss the situation for him to fully understand the scope of county issues surrounding the flood. He said he was already talking to Daniels and a FEMA request was under way.

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"The idea is that we all work together for the best possible outcome for Carroll County," he said. "Our only goal is to try and make sure Carroll County's needs are met. But we have many issues to work through."

Delphi United Methodist Church Outreach Minister Sherry Rohr described a volunteer-based organization that will help residents rebuild or repair when the time comes for those activities.

Donnelly also heard criticism of NIPSCO at the Norway Dam and how the extra water emanating from the Winamac area was mishandled and allowed water to rise too suddenly for those living downstream to evacuate with much more than the clothes they were wearing.

"Mother Nature was not the cause of our problems," resident Dave Hamilton explained. "This is a bitter pill to accept."

Resident Wayne Turner, along with wife Wilma, agreed.

"Everything's a mess," he said.

Donnelly said he would address the issue of devalued property producing less property taxes with state officials after a remark by Ashby. The council member suggested that "tax-based implications could have a negative effect on school funding" as well as funding for county services.

Donnelly said his goal was for everyone to know what everyone was doing to be able to coordinate efforts. To that end, a link on his Web site will be operational Jan. 25 to connect visitors to the most up-to-date flood relief information and to allow them to request information. The Web site address is .

Inquiries can also be made by calling Donnelly's South Bend office at (574) 288-2780 or his Logansport office at (574) 753-2671.

and pick-up site for items including clothing, small furniture, toys, dishes, canned goods and toiletries. Store hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The store will also be open Saturday.

Manager Denise Barnett said the store could use volunteers during this busy time. Those interested in helping or in need of more information can call her at (765) 564-4410.

Battle Ground Lions Club at 101 N. Main Street in Battle Ground has food vouchers, water and cleaning supplies for victims.

Industrial Federal Credit Union in Monticello, Delphi and all Lafayette branches are drop-off sites for new and slightly used clothing, bedding, water, children's toys and other relief items. The items will be sent to the American Red Cross or Salvation Army for distribution.

Those who wish to **donate to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund**, which enables the Red Cross to provide shelter, food, counseling and other assistance to victims of disaster, can call (800) 733-2767. Internet users can make a secure online contribution by visiting www.redcross.org. The Red Cross honors donor intent. Those who wish to designate their donation to a specific disaster should do so at the time of the donation.

Births

Josh and Krystal (Fultz) Tull, Monticello, are parents of a 6-pound, 4-ounce son, James Keith, born Jan. 15 at St. Vincent Women's Hospital in Indianapolis. Grandparents are Mark and Jan Fultz of Delphi and Doug and Mary Tull of Monticello. Great-grandparents are Eugene and Carolyn Fultz of Lafayette and Mary Wild of Monticello.

Paul and Carrie (Johnston) Langford of Cheltenham, England, are parents of an 8-pound, 2 1/2-ounce daughter, Chloe Elizabeth, born Dec. 5 at Cheltenham General. Maternal grandparents are Tom and Rhonda Dillon of Flora. Paternal grandparents are Mike and Cristine Langford of Burghill, England, and Janet Langford of Moreton-on-Lugg, England. Maternal great-grandparents are Jean Laflen and Roger Impson, both of Frankfort. Paternal great-grandparents are Audrey Langford and Muriel Williams, both of Stonehouse, England.

Ryan and Trudie (Brubaker) Miller of Rossville are parents of a 4-pound, 11-ounce son, Owen Steven, born Jan. 9 at Home Hospital in Lafayette. Grandparents are Dennis and Bonnie Miller of Rossville and Steve and Linda Brubaker of Delphi. Great-grandparents are Harley and Gladys Miller and Raymond and Marilyn Gascho, all of Rossville, and Donald and Alma Brubaker of Delphi.

Marcus and Michelle (Miller) Bowman of Flora are parents of a 6-pound, 12-ounce son, Asher Duane, born Jan. 14 at Howard Community Hospital in Kokomo. Grandparents are Roger and Renita Miller and Duane and Lisa Bowman, all of Rossville. Maternal great-grandparents are Everett and Alberta Crumpacker and Harley and Gladys Miller, all of Rossville. Paternal great-grandparents are George and Edis Brovont of Pymont and Shirley Bowman of Tipp City, Ohio.

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