

Looking Back

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10 YEARS AGO

A 123-year-old bridge over Paint Creek is tucked away southeast of Camden, out of sight from most people. It is on the property of Wilmer "Stub" Hodges, who has offered it to Wabash & Erie Canal, Inc. If relocation is successful, the bridge will be preserved over a portion of the canal and will become a feature on Delphi's historic trails. Dr. Jim Cooper, who is working with Carroll County's newly formed historic bridge coalition, plans to research the history of the Paint Creek bridge. When the time comes to move the historic bridge, help will be needed. The process will involve careful measurements and photographs. A blacksmith will be needed for the reassembling.

25 YEARS AGO

A lifelong resident of Delphi, 44-year-old Carolyn Talbert Wagner, was unanimously selected as Delphi mayor at a special caucus of precinct committeemen within the corporate limits of the city last night.

She replaces Wayne Van Sickle, who had served 15 years and resigned effective January 1 to become a public relations representative.

The farm of Jack and Betty Flora of Cutler has qualified for the state's Hoosier Homestead Award. The award recognizes those farms owned by the same family consecutively for 100 years or more. The farm has been in the Flora family since 1882.

50 YEARS AGO

In the pursuit of their duties on Saturday, the Delphi City police ran afoul of a dead skunk. The skunk, in the possession of several teenage boys, was being displayed prominently around town, including in a local restaurant where both boys insisted that they were merely being business-like and were attempting to sell the animal. As the market for dead skunks in Delphi is not what one might call brisk, the police took a dim view of the whole affair. After a severe lecture, the boys were dismissed and the skunk banished.

Police records probably show it as a case of juvenile "de-stink"-quency.

75 YEARS AGO

The Deer Creek township Home Economics club will meet at the Delphi library on Thursday for the regular meeting which was postponed because of the Agricultural conference at Purdue. A darn-ing contest will be held and each member is asked to bring a stocking or sock to darn.

Two basketball games will be played at the Delphi Armory Sunday afternoon. The first game, between the Delphi Aces and the Cutler Independents, will be called at 2 o'clock. The second game, at 3 o'clock, will bring together the Crosby Hotel five and the Economy Grocery Co. team of Logansport. Come and help support the local players.

100 YEARS AGO

Following are the deposits of the money of Carroll county allotted to the various banks by the Board of Commissioners: Yeoman Bank, \$10,000; Farmer's Bank of Flora, \$10,000; Burlington Bank, \$6,000; 1st. National Bank of Flora, \$15,000; Bright National Bank of Flora, \$18,000; E.W. Bowen & Co., Delphi, \$33,000; A.T. Bowen & Co., Delphi, \$33,000; Citizens Bank of Delphi, \$75,000. Total \$200,000.



Five generations in 1944 near Cutler: l-r, Laura Belle Smith Taylor, Clarence Taylor, Ola Taylor Harmon, Martha Belle Harmon Michael, holding Curtis Michael. Photo submitted by Ricky Michael, son of Martha Michael

Carroll County businesses...

Fill out those economic census forms!

Comet staff report

Carroll County's 220 businesses' census forms are due Feb. 12, 2008. Any business sent a form is required to complete and return it to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Many businesses may not realize how important the census is to local economy. Data collected once every five years supports public policy and business decisions, both national and local. Economic indicators such as gross domestic product, monthly retail sales and the producer price index depend on this census for continued accuracy. The data are used by businesses large and small and is indispensable to understand

America's economy.

For additional information about the Economic Census,

FAFSA help for seniors & parents

Comet staff report

A workshop to provide help with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for parents of seniors will be offered at Delphi Community High School. The workshop is open to parents and students from any school district.

DCHS will host a representative from the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association who will provide

contact Robert Marske at (877) 790-1876 or by e-mail at econ2007@census.gov.

an overview of the financial aid process as well as go over the FAFSA in detail. The representative will also be available for questions.

The workshop will be held tonight, Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 6:45 p.m. in the DCHS C Pod.

Those who cannot attend the workshop, can still get help. Call toll-free, 1-800-433-3243 or call the financial aid office of the college which the student plans to attend.

The Department of Education is recommending online FAFSA application. The web site is www.fafsa.ed.gov.



Democrat Central committee

Democrat Central Committee will meet Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. at the Stone Barn on N. Washington Street in Delphi.

Announces candidacy

Richard "Rick" Eller of Galveston has announced he will file candidacy papers for Indiana House Seat 24 today, Jan. 23, the first day to file for the 2008 Primary Election. Seven-term incumbent Rich McClain of rural Logans-



Eller

port currently holds that seat.

Both men are Republicans and have faced off before in the 2006 Republican Primary when McClain defeated Eller. The Indiana House Republicans lost majority control of the Indiana House later that fall.

Eller, 40, is the past president of the Cass County Commissioners board. Previously, he served as the chairman of Jackson Township Advisory Board, Cass County.

For nearly 16 years he has been employed at Chrysler Corporation in Kokomo. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Indiana University Kokomo. As a veteran, he served as a paratrooper in the Army's 82nd Airborne and later as a sergeant in the Indiana National Guard 38th Infantry.

2007 property tax assessment notifications mailed

By Debbie Lowe
Staff writer

Carroll County Assessor Doris McLeland announced form 11s, notification of 2007 assessments, are being sent out this week. The forms will inform property owners what property tax will be owed in 2008. McLeland emphasized the assessments do not address 2008 flood-damaged properties. The assessments mailed this week are for 2007, pay in 2008.

McLeland said flood-damaged assessments will be re-

Know your deputies... it could save your life

Alert deputy foils fake cop



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Carroll County is subject to the same type of crime found in larger cities. Most residents would like to believe "that kind of thing doesn't happen here," but in fact, sometimes it does.

Local law enforcement officials have to be keenly aware of all that is around them all the time, as one deputy proved Dec. 22. While enroute to a juvenile problem in the county, Carroll County Sheriff's Deputy Jason Dunning, who has only been on the force for approximately six months, observed a vehicle using emergency vehicle-type lights to stop another vehicle. Dunning noticed the "emergency vehicle" only had red and white lights. All actual police cars are also equipped with blue lights.

"It's been a busy six months for me since I joined the department," he said.

According to a press release, Dunning witnessed the driver of the vehicle apparently attempting to stop a lawfully operated truck containing two juvenile girls at the Marathon station on

South Washington St. in Delphi. He discovered the person driving the vehicle, a red Chevrolet, was not certified as a law enforcement official.

Dunning said the intended victims apparently recognized the suspect was not a law enforcement officer and left the scene. He said they reported the incident to a parent when they arrived at the residence of one of the girls. The father contacted the sheriff's department and the intended victims gave a statement to Dunning later that night.

The suspect, James Pope, 21, Delphi, was charged with impersonating a police officer, illegal display of a red light, and no proof of insurance.

Dunning said he considered this a "fairly isolated incident," but urged all drivers to be alert when they see the unwelcome flashing lights behind them while driving.

He said citizens should be aware that law enforcement officers will be in fully marked police cars or wearing a uniform. Officers, when driving police cars off-duty, carry identifying clothes such as vests and tee shirts with the word "sheriff"

clearly displayed on them, which will clearly demonstrate they are bona-fide police officers.

Legitimate officers carry photo identification and two-piece badges. Dunning recommended if stopped, motorists should request to look at the identification. Any true officer will gladly produce the document. He said anyone could visit the sheriff's department at 301 W. Main St. in Delphi and ask to see an example of a badge and identification card.

Dunning recommended if there is doubt about those flashing lights in the rear-view mirror, a motorist should call 911, obey all traffic laws and drive to the nearest police agency in a populated area.

He said one thing all residents can do is to become familiar with deputies' faces. Dunning recommended readers visit the department's Web site to view photos of all deputies, the sheriff as well as Carroll County's Most Wanted. For additional information, contact the department at (765) 564-2413. The Web site address is www.cacoshrf.com.



Schimmel Thomas Davidson Liggett Hall Dunning

Police & Fire Calls

Police reports are gathered from available records on file at local police departments. This information is a matter of public record and does not imply guilt or innocence. Information for fire reports is also gathered from reports on file with local fire departments.

Delphi Police Dept.

Jan. 14, 6 p.m. - Information, police headquarters. Juvenile witnessed shoes taken from another juvenile which were later recovered. Officer Chuck Kent responded.

Jan. 17, 8:20 p.m. - Criminal mischief, Tally Ho Ct. Paintballs shot at a yield sign by juvenile. Officer Justice Wilson responded.

Jan. 18, 11:36 p.m. - Assorted drug charges, Kerlin Ave. Chester Whitmore Sr. arrested on suspicion of public intoxication, maintaining a common nuisance and possession of marijuana. Chester Whitmore Jr. arrested on suspicion of OWI, possession of marijuana and visiting a common nuisance. Wilson investigated.

Jan. 20, 2:18 a.m. - Minor possession, Main and Market streets. Juvenile arrested during a traffic stop. Kent investigated.

Sheriff's Dept.

Criminal/non-criminal reports
Jan. 11, 8 a.m. - Fraud, 300 block of W. CR700S. Rural Cutler resident reported the theft of a debit card later used in stores in Lafayette. Deputy Grant Davidson responded.

Jan. 15, 2 p.m. - Non-criminal information, 4100 block of US421. Animal report between a child and a dog. Thomas responded.

Jan. 16, 9 a.m. - Invasion of privacy, 100 block of W. Main St. Report of illegal activity at the courthouse. Davidson responded.

Property damage reports
Jan. 2, 5:04 p.m. - CR225E. at CR550N. Malinda L. Hanson, 46, Camden, and Michael E. Blackburn, 46, Camden. Hanson was treated at the scene by EMS. Thomas re-

sponded.
Jan. 9, 11:46 p.m. - Water St. near James St., Camden. Jayme R. Folmar, 27, Delphi, was cited for an infraction. Deputy Jay Schimmel responded.
Jan. 17, 8 a.m. - SR18 near CR600E. Kimberly A. Worl, 38, Flora. Leazenby responded.

Deer reports
Jan. 16, 7:32 a.m. - SR29 at CR425N. Pedro Bautista, 37, Frankfort. Davidson responded.
Jan. 17, 5:46 a.m. - SR29 at CR500N. Davidson responded.

Jan. 20, 12:55 a.m. - SR75 near CR800S. Jason C. Miller, 23, Rossville. Schimmel responded.

Flora Police Dept.

Jan. 8, 9:17 a.m. - Property damage accident, Matthew Devore, backed into an unoccupied vehicle at 815 W. Columbia St. Officer Josh Disinger responded.

Jan. 9, 8:04 p.m. - A juvenile delinquency report was taken in the 300 block of S. Wayne St. Sgt. James Bishop and Det. Kevin Hammond responded. Chief Paul Redmon, Sgt. Dennis Randle, Deputies Grant Davidson and Zach Hall, Indiana State Police and Carroll County EMS assisted.

Jan. 9, 12:30 p.m. - A juvenile complaint was taken at 105S 125E. Redmon responded.

Jan. 13, 1:57 a.m. - Following a traffic stop, Michael L. Gallimore, 48, Camden was arrested on suspicion of operating a vehicle while intoxicated. Disinger responded.

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