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Daryl Smith said. Audience member Carl Perry said there was a question of how advantageous county money has been spent in the past. He suggested money from the county tax on vehicles used exclusively for road repair was wasted. He compared county road conditions to those in third-world countries. Brown exploded at the comment.

"You are such a fool," he shouted at Perry in response to Perry's observation.

Highway superintendent Ron Francis explained that the "wheel tax" money could not be used last fall because the county council would not allow the highway department to spend the funds until they were received into the county.

"We could have done it last fall, but the council wanted to hold that money over," Commissioner Brown said. "That's not our fault."

Brown said no money from the county's general fund was utilized for road repairs in the past two years. He said the current budget crunch was a direct result of lack of county economic development.

"How many potholes can you fill with nothing?" he asked.

Smith was asked by resident Daryl Johns what research was done before EDC encouraged the three dairies to locate in the county.

Smith responded that research was done but was unable to name what source was consulted when Johns pursued the question. Smith conceded EDIT funds were not expended for research. Johns said he was against an increase in EDIT.

Accused by another audience member of keeping EDC activities out of the public view, Smith said "the EDC is open and transparent."

Johns formally requested, by citing the Indiana Code, a list of 29 people with "contractual relations" to the dairies who were treated to a meal last week at the Sportsman Inn on the south shore of Lake Freeman in Carroll County. He further requested to know through documentation the cost of the meal, paid for by EDC.

Johns reported his department spent \$192,691.14 in flood-related activities. He said expected FEMA reimbursement to be approximately \$154,000.

The county stopped collecting flood-related trash and debris along the roads.

"People have to start helping themselves rather than relying on the county for trash removal," he said.

"The roads are literally falling apart," he said to explain the need to stop trash hauling.

He reported that 350 road miles have been added to the county inventory system in the past 20 years and most of those roads were chip and seal over unprepared gravel. Francis said those roads are disintegrating due to water saturation and then freezing and thawing.

Commissioners temporarily amended the personnel policy

until June 1 to allow workers in the highway department to work 10-hour days, four days/week. Francis requested the amendment to allow workers to use longer daylight hours to accomplish more road work.

"We are taking care of emergencies first," he said. "There's no way we can keep up in a timely fashion."

Commissioner Brown, calling himself a "dumb Cutler boy," reported that the county saved nearly \$5.6 million on the Carrollton Bridge project when the decision to rehabilitate rather than replace it was made. Francis reported the bridge project was nearly complete.

Brown asked Francis how the cost to rehabilitate the Tioga Bridge would compare to the cost of demolishing it. He said he thought engineering costs could be applied to the 20 percent grant match for rehabilitation.

Francis said because of the agreement with White County, Carroll County would only pay approximately \$43,000 for rehabilitation of the structure, which is jointly owned by the two counties. He said demolition would cost approximately \$1 million. He added engineering costs could not be applied to the match.

Francis maintained funds are available for the work.

"It's a no-brainer," he said.

Other business
A proposal from Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele & Associates, INC. to write a new personnel policy manual, including utilization forms for department heads, was approved. The new document will be current with state and federal employment laws.

Spike Shepler of PMSInc presented an updated jail master plan. He said the objectives of the plan were achieved. He applauded sheriff Tony Burns for building repair accomplishments.

"You now have some sense of where you need to go," he said.

An ordinance establishing a \$5 fee for vehicle inspections was adopted.

A resolution allowing the county to use jail inmates for county maintenance was approved.

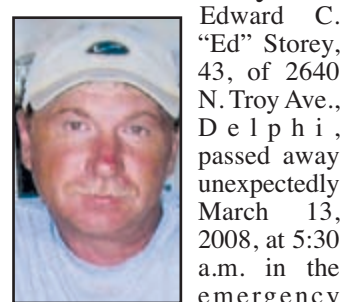
Commissioner Brown reported the courthouse security committee met. They determined the courthouse "has some real deficiencies." He said the group would meet next quarter to continue to evaluate the situation and develop recommendations.

Eighteen primary election voting places were approved. The YMCA will use the 4-H building in Flora March 19 from 3 to 10 p.m.

Delphi Mayor Randy Strasser requested commissioners make a formal declaration to say the county was no longer going to provide animal control services. He said the declaration was necessary for the city to develop a plan for Delphi.

The next regular meeting will be April 7 at 9 a.m. Commissioners will meet in special session March 20 at 3 p.m. to discuss Carroll Manor resident rates, custodian contracts, health insurance premium and Deer Creek Park.

Edward C. Storey



Edward C. "Ed" Storey, 43, of 2640 N. Troy Ave., Delphi, passed away unexpectedly March 13, 2008, at 5:30 a.m. in the emergency

room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lafayette. He was born Aug. 19, 1964, in Lafayette, to David and L. Janie Boone Storey, who survive and reside in Delphi. He was married to Marcella L. Gray in Pittsburg on July 3, 2006, and she survives.

Mr. Storey was a 1983 graduate of Delphi Community High School. He worked for Tate & Lyle South Plant in Lafayette for the past five years, and previously worked at Peters-Revington Furniture in Delphi for 17 years.

His hobbies were mushroom hunting, fishing, golfing, NASCAR and driver Dale Earnhardt Jr., Purdue University men's sports, and riding his Harley.

Surviving are his wife in Delphi; two sons, Nicholas A. Storey and Steven E. Storey, both of Monticello; a stepdaughter, Amanda Johnson (husband: Jason) of Delphi; a stepson, Matthew D. Peters of Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister, Sherri Chutney (husband: Edward) of Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif.; his maternal grandmother, Geneva F. Storey of Delphi; in-laws Raymond and Rosalie Gray of Delphi; and two grandchildren, Jaylynn and Jayce Johnson.

Services were held March 16 at Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi, and were officiated by the Rev. Tim Stewart. Burial was at I.O.O.F. Memorial Gardens in Pittsburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to abbottfuneralhome@verizon.net.

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Chamber of Commerce and the historical society. He said there was no documentation that Moore was given approval to be paid for hours worked at the festival. He further maintained that she was directed in August and September to take as much accumulated time off as possible, which she neglected to do.

"She had ample time to get rid of at least some of the time," Slavens said.

He suggested council obtain a legal opinion from an attorney about the county obligation for the claim.

Superior court judge Jeffrey Smith was granted a \$5,000 additional appropriation from adult probation user fees to purchase law books.

An ordinance to charge \$5 for vehicle inspections by the sheriffs department was approved.

A proposal by R. Kent Irwin of Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele & Associates to develop a new personnel policy manual for no more than \$16,000, including mileage and expenses, was approved.

"We're (could be) paying \$6,000 just because we didn't have it (a clear policy)," Ashby noted referring to the compensation claim by former employee Moore.

The next council meeting will be March 31 at 8:30 a.m. Council members will be present at the special commissioners meeting March 20 at 3 p.m.

Rita Funkhouser



Rita Marie Funkhouser, 76, of Cutler, died unexpectedly Monday, March 17, 2008, at Lafayette Home Hospital.

Born June 16, 1931, in Walton, she was the daughter of Virgil and Marie Baber Turner. She graduated from Walton High School in 1949.

On June 19, 1949, in Walton, she married Ray Funkhouser, who survives. They resided in the Deer Creek area until moving to Cutler in 1958.

Mrs. Funkhouser was a homemaker who helped her husband with farming.

She was a member of the Shiloh Lutheran Church in Walton and Euchre Club.

She was an avid reader and solitaire player.

Surviving are her husband and two daughters, Nancy Kay Pullen of Frankfort and Julie Funkhouser of Cutler; three sons, Dennis Funkhouser of Lafayette, Gary Funkhouser (wife: Vicki) of Wingate, and Thomas Funkhouser (wife: Margie) of Georgetown, Texas; a sister, Diamond Townsend (husband: Lemon) of Kokomo; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Baker Funeral Home, Flora (www.bakerfh.com). Pastor William Art Maloney will officiate and burial will be at Maple Lawn Cemetery, Flora. Calling will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Lions Club International Vision Services, 300 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842.

Surviving are her daughter, Joyce Kenworthy (husband: Bob) of Delphi; two sons, Larry J. Felix (wife: Mitzi) of Greenfield and George W. Felix of Kershaw, S.C.; two sisters, Sue Sanders of Lafayette and Mildred Messick of Winter Haven, Fla.; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Felix was preceded in death by four brothers, two sisters and a grandson.

Services were March 16 at Davidson Funeral Home in Delphi, and were officiated by Pastor Andy Paris. Burial was at I.O.O.F. Memorial Gardens in Pittsburg.

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Abbott Funeral Home, Delphi, is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to abbottfuneralhome@verizon.net.

Roberta J. Quinn

Roberta J. Shafer Quinn, 83, of West Lafayette, passed away March 9, 2008, at 7:04 p.m. at George Davis Manor in West Lafayette.

She was born Aug. 2, 1924, in Carroll County, to the J. Lloyd and Grace Burton Shaffer. She graduated from Delphi High School in 1942.

Her marriage was to William R. "Bill" Quinn in Delphi on March 24, 1946, and he survives. They were Delphi residents for many years before moving to West Lafayette.

Mrs. Quinn was a bookkeeper for Delphi Body Works and Select Seed Hybrids of Camden.

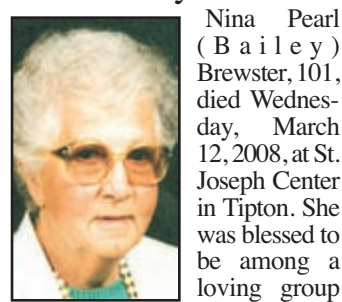
She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Delphi and enjoyed sewing, hiking, and bicycle riding.

Surviving are her husband in West Lafayette; two sons, Joseph Quinn (wife: Nancy) of West Lafayette and David M. Quinn of Costa Mesa, Calif.; and two grandchildren, Mindy and Zachary Quinn, both of West Lafayette.

Mrs. Quinn was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and a brother.

Obituaries

Nina Bailey Brewster



Nina Pearl (Bailey) Brewster, 101, died Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at St. Joseph Center in Tipton. She was blessed to be among a loving group of women who cared for her for the past five years. The staff in Camilla Hall offered her comfort daily, and the women who shared their home with her gave her words of encouragement and constant prayer.

Nina was born to Lillie (Fisher) and Walter Bailey on June 24, 1906, in Howard County. Her parents and her baby sister, Isabel, preceded her in death. She was married to Munson Pratt Brewster in 1928, who preceded her in death on Sept. 28, 1960.

Her two sons, Edward (married to Carol Johnson) and David (married to Bridget Bonner), still reside in Burlington. Nina was grandmother to seven children and great-grandmother to four. Her close-knit family will miss her great wisdom, her deep faith and her dry wit.

While Nina never moved from her hometown of Burlington, her life was filled with a century of memories only a small town can bestow. She was respected by all who met her and loved by those who knew her.

Her sons remember a mother who loved them and was there for them through thick and thin. They consider themselves fortunate to have shared her numerous stories of life in another era. She knew life before the automobile and life after technology. Nina enjoyed long conversations about her past as well as her walk with God.

Her grandchildren hold fond memories of quiet times in her warm and comfortable home...home-cooked meals and card games around her dining room table. Their Nana loved them but didn't spoil them. She encouraged them to work hard and take pride in their work...and all of them do.

The greatest blessing is knowing Nina has received her reward for a life of faith. She rests now in the arms of a loving God...no more pain, no more tears. The angels are rejoicing along with her family.

Funeral service was held March 15 at Neptune Funeral Home, Burlington, with Dr. Peter Roussakis officiating. Burial followed in South Union Cemetery, near Burlington.

Memorials may be made to First Brethren Church, Burlington, or St. Joseph Center, Tipton. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Women's Fellowship. She was a Bible School teacher for many years and was also a Cub Scout leader.

Mrs. Felix enjoyed crafts, knitting, gardening and fishing.

Surviving are: her daughter, Joyce Kenworthy (husband: Bob) of Delphi; two sons, Larry J. Felix (wife: Mitzi) of Greenfield and George W. Felix of Kershaw, S.C.; two sisters, Sue Sanders of Lafayette and Mildred Messick of Winter Haven, Fla.; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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Local artist to speak in Fort Wayne

Carroll County artist Terry Lacy will give a lecture April 6 in Fort Wayne on the topic, "The Artist as Historian: Painting the Wabash and Erie Canal."

He will speak as part of the Allen County/Fort Wayne Historical Society's George R. Mather Lecture Series.

The lecture will begin at 2 p.m. in the Freimann Room at 302 East Berry Street, Fort Wayne. It is free to the public.

Lacy has degrees from the Herron School of Art (BFA) and Indiana University (MFA).

He was the artist for the series of large-scale oil paintings in the Wabash & Erie Canal Interpretive Center in Delphi. The paintings depict historic scenes on the Wabash & Erie Canal extending from Toledo, Ohio, through Fort Wayne, Wabash, Logansport, Delphi, Lafayette, Attica, Terre Haute, and south to Evansville

on the Ohio River. The mural circles the entire lobby of the Interpretive Center, and most of the paintings measure between six and eleven feet in length.

Lacy had to imagine what certain sites may have looked like long after they had been altered by the intrusion of a modern world. Through extensive research and a keen eye for telling details, he created a sense of time and space from a bygone era.

Lacy's highly visual presentation will demonstrate how historic clues can contribute to a more faithful artistic expression.

Zion Cemetery Has Lots For Sale

NOTICE TO LOT OWNERS

Please remove all flowers and/or arrangements which you want to save.

Everything left after March 24 will be discarded.

DO NOT place new flowers and/or arrangements at the cemetery until after May 15.

NOTICE TO LOT OWNERS AT ROCKFIELD CEMETERY

Please remove all flowers and/or arrangements that have been placed on the grass which you want to save.

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