

If you plan to rebuild after the flood...here is the plan!

Comet staff report

Editor's note: The following was prepared by Dave McDowell, Carroll County EMA Director, with help from Anita Nance, Water Planner of DNR Floodplain Management Section.

Step 1:

Contact the Carroll County Assessor's office on the first floor of the county courthouse in Delphi, (765) 564-3444, for a copy of your home's *Pre-Flood* assessment.

If the estimated cost of repairing your home is less than 50 percent of the assessed value of the living structure only, all you need is a building permit from zoning administrator Kathy Mylet in the area plan office on the second floor of the courthouse. That telephone number is (765) 564-4468.

If the estimated cost of repair of your home is more than 50 percent of the assessed value of the structure only, you need to contact Mylet to see if your home is in the floodway. This is a technical description and your home's status will be shown on a map in the area plan office.

If the home is in the floodway, and is more than 50 percent damaged, it will require a DNR review to rebuild a home to the same square footage foundation.

If you wish to build a larger foundation, it will require a DNR

permit. (Note: If you keep the same footprint, but add an upstairs, it is still a review situation.)

DNR reviews and permits are two completely separate animals!! The review is a simple process, with about a 24-hour turnaround time. The permit process is a lengthy process, with public review, etc., which will take at least 45 days, minimum. (For fastest service, write "Flood Victim" at the top of the form.)

Step #2

If no DNR action is necessary, get a building permit from area plan and proceed. No further review or permits are required.

If DNR action is necessary:

a) Ask area plan or DNR's Floodplain Expert, Anita Nance, (317) 232-4160 for the proper forms;

b) Have a surveyor inspect your building plans, and compare them with the 100 year flood levels. (All living areas must be at least 2 feet above this level);

c) Take the plans, and surveyor's statement, to the area plan office and have them submitted to DNR;

d) Upon approval, build; and

e) Contact area plan to have an inspection of the new structure, and a Certificate of Elevation prepared.

You need to make three (3) copies of this form:

- One for your flood insurance, to get the best rates;
- One for DNR; and
- One for Area Plan.

Be sure the inspector fills out EACH box in the form, even if

only to put "N/A" (not applicable) in the ones which do not apply.

Step #3

Move back home, and pray we never face a flood like this again!

County fair is on

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"The Carroll County 4-H Fair is on despite rumors going around otherwise," said Joanne Lytton, Extension Educator/4-H Youth Development. "The fair will take place as usual on July 11-18. The rumors are wrong"

DCSC kindergarten round-up is next week

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Kindergarten Round-Up is approaching at Camden Early Childhood Center for the 2008-09 school year. Enrollment will be held April 22 and 23 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Parents must call the school office at (574) 686-2362 to schedule an appointment.

Parents should bring their child along with his or her birth certificate and immunization records.

The enrollment process will take approximately one hour. During that time, enrollment forms will be completed and screenings for speech, hearing and vision will be administered.

Parents will have the opportunity to talk with DCSC Transportation personnel to have questions answered. Community organizations will also be available to share information on the resources they offer.

Eligible students must reside in the Delphi Community School Corporation district and must be five years old on or before Aug. 1, 2008. If custodial issues are applicable, please bring the appropriate paperwork.

Parents unable to attend on either of those dates should call the

Lytton added that animal enrollment dates and judging are coming up soon.

Other upcoming 4-H events include the Share-the-Fun Contest on May 2. Registrations are due by April 21. Deadline to register for 4-H Camp, June 4-6, is April 25.

school office to make arrangements.

Channel 2

Programming for April 16-23 is listed below:

Wed., April 16 - 7 p.m., Flora Town Council meeting (taped 4/7); Faces of Carroll County, Chris Banks film.

Sun., April 20 - 10:15 a.m., live worship service, Flora Presbyterian Church; 7 p.m., worship service, St. Joseph Catholic Church (taped earlier that day).

Wed., April 23 - 7 p.m., Camden Town Council meeting (taped 4/10); various church music from past years, part 1.

What's Happening Elsewhere

STAMP COLLECTORS or philatelists are invited to a meeting Sunday at the Best Western Executive Plaza, 4343 SR 26 East, Lafayette. The event runs from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

'Empowering Choices' at Delphi Public Library

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Author, speaker, radio talk-show host and mother, Kendra Smiley will present "Empowering Choices" at Delphi Public Library April 22 at 7 p.m.

Live life intentionally! That describes Smiley's life and the message she brings to her audiences. According to Smiley, life is a wonderful smorgasbord of choices and everyone is responsible for and empowered by the choices they make.

Smiley makes that point by noting, "My mother always used to say, 'All we have to do is die and pay taxes.' Respectfully, I would say to mom, 'You're only half-right! Paying taxes is a choice (an intelligent, law-abid-

ing choice...yet a choice nevertheless)."

Smiley challenges and encourages listeners to become aware of the myriad of choices in life - and to make the next right choice. She has a unique, humorous approach that appeals to listeners of all ages. In each message she teaches Bible-based skills essential to move forward in life. She also provides the audience with the motivation to make positive life changes. Smiley's numerous books bring a practical and comical approach to ordinary problems that come along with parenting, toddler tantrums, teenage years, families and aging. Smiley's books include "Do Your Kids a Favor," "Love Your Spouse," "The One Year Life Verse Devotional," "Be the Parent: Seven Choices You Can make to Raise Great Kids," "Empowering Choices," "Aaron's Way: The Journey of the Strong Willed Child and High Wire Mom."

Seating is limited for the event. Call the library at (765) 564-2929 for reservations. The library is located at 222 E. Main St., Delphi.

dren will also have the opportunity to "plant and take" away a flower for their gardens at home.

Master Gardener interns will provide information and short presentations beginning at 10:30. Garden Club members will conduct a free raffle of plants and other garden goodies.

Admission to the fair is free.



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Sweet tooth, take note! This week is all about simple, yet delicious desserts. Easy Cheesy Lemon Bars are made from five simple ingredients. You'll love the combination of sweet and tart. Coconut Caramel Pie is to die for with its rich, decadent layers. And, you won't even need a mixer for Coconut Pineapple Cake. Happy eating!

Easy Cheesy Lemon Bars

1 pkg. lemon cake mix
1/2 cup butter, melted (don't substitute)
3 eggs
1 can lemon frosting
1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese

Combine cake mix, butter and 1 egg. Stir until moist. Pat into 13x9 inch pan that has been greased on the bottom only. Blend frosting into softened cream cheese, reserving half cup. Add 2 eggs to remaining frosting mixture. Beat 2 to 5 minutes. Spread over bars. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes. Cool. Frost and cut into bars.

Coconut Caramel Pie

1/2 C. margarine
7 oz. flaked coconut
1/2 C. chopped pecans
8-oz. pkg cream cheese, softened

1 can sweetened condensed milk
16 oz. non dairy whipped topping
2 baked (and cooled) 9-inch deep dish pie shells
1 12-oz. jar caramel ice cream topping

Melt margarine in large skillet. Add coconut and chopped pecans. Cook until golden brown, stirring frequently. Set aside. Combine cream cheese and sweetened condensed milk. Beat until smooth. Fold in whipped topping. Put one-fourth cream cheese mixture in each pie crust. Drizzle a fourth of the caramel topping on mixture. Add coconut mixture on pie, then repeat the three layers. Cover and freeze until firm. Slice. Leave at room temperature for five minutes before serving.

Coconut Pineapple Cake

1 box yellow cake mix
2 C. crushed pineapple with juice
1 1/2 C. coconut
1 C. pecans
2 sticks margarine, sliced in quarter inch squares

Preheat oven to 350. Pour Pineapple (with juice) into a 13X9 inch baking pan. Sprinkle with coconut and pecans. Spread dry cake mix over mixture. Place squares of margarine all over top of cake. Bake for 25 minutes or until golden brown. Serve with ice cream.

12th annual Garden Fair is April 26

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Carroll County Garden Club will host the 12th annual Carroll County Flower and Garden Fair on April 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Merchants' Building at Flora Community Park.

Vendors will have flower, herb, and vegetable plants, along with tropical plants, ornamental grasses,

alpine garden plants, hanging baskets, birdhouses, garden art, organic fertilizers, and much more for sale.

The Garden Club started the garden fair to promote local lawn and garden businesses and to encourage gardening at all ages.

Again this year there will be packets of flower seeds free to the first 50 children at the fair. Chil-

Announcements

FLORA PSI IOTA XI will meet at 6 p.m. May 7 in the fellowship hall of the First Christian Church. The meeting was moved up an hour to accommodate those wishing to attend the Kelly-Miller Circus in Flora.

Identify theft is something that can happen to anyone. In an effort to educate the community on this type of crime, Burlington Kiwanis Club is hosting a special seminar on **IDENTITY THEFT** to be held April 22 at 7 p.m. in the Burlington Park Community Building. Presenters will be Carroll County Sheriff Tony Burns and Carroll County Prosecutor Tricia Thompson. The event is free and open to the public.

Carroll County has been awarded federal funds for local agencies to assist families and individuals in need of emergency food and shelter. Local service organizations which provide those services may present requests for funds at the **EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM BOARD MEETING**, April 25 at 9 a.m. in the Area IV Agency Office, 700 N. Washington St., Delphi. Call Catherine Went at (800) 382-7556 for information.

Rossville Area Lions Club will sponsor a **GOLF OUTING** on June 7 at the Angel Hill Golf

Course in Rossville. The purpose of the outing is to help finance the Rossville Area Lions Club projects. Anyone interested in playing in the outing or participating by sponsoring a hole, donating a gift to be given as a door prize or to make a financial donation to help with the expenses should contact Charles Whitlock at 765-379-2318 or Maury Oglesby at 765-379-2470.

CARROLL COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN will meet April 21 at the Flora Senior Center at 7 p.m. Luke Puckett, 2nd district congressional candidate, will speak on campaign efforts and House Representative Rich McClain will give an update on House activities. A short business meeting will follow. Republican friends are welcome to attend and to join the club. Hostesses are Linda Parrett, Barb Chapman and Jane Brewington.

Ivy Tech Community College's Accounting program is looking for professionals who are currently active in accounting and related fields to serve on an **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**. If interested, contact Carrie Ray at (765) 269-5221 or Warren Smock (765) 269-5177.

CAMDEN TOWN COUNCIL will meet at 7 p.m. April 29 in the Community Building to re-

view lease offers and award the lease of the garage at the Community Building.

Enrollment is under way through May 3 for the math portion of the **GED CONNECTION** television series that will begin the week of May 4 on local public television stations throughout Indiana. The series includes 14 half-hour math programs designed for adults that will run twice weekly through the week of June 15. For more information or to register, call toll free 1-877-433-6688.

FREE AIRPLANE RIDES for youth ages 8 to 18 who want to explore the world of aviation will be offered Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at the Delphi Airport. Call (765) 491-8515 to register. Local EAA Chapter 256 is hosting the rides.

Carroll County's Deer Creek Park **CAMPING SEASON** is now open. The park offers primitive camping and modern hook-ups, clean restrooms and showers, a fishing pond, firewood and more. Call (574) 686-2958 for information.

Carroll County Focus on the Future, Inc., will host **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS** at 7 p.m. April 30 in the Community Center on South Division Street in Flora. This will be an opportunity to hear leaders tell about new ini-

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