

# Looking Back

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## 10 YEARS AGO

Wilson Bridge on 300N was closed Thursday, ending preservation's hopes of possibly rehabilitating the 100-year-old iron truss structure. The closing was the result of an on-site investigation by Fred Peterson, Carroll County engineer, and Tom Schnetzer of Beam, Longest and Neff, consulting engineers. The bridge was closed because of stress cracks in the tension members, rusted areas in the top and lower cord connections, and end post deterioration at the bearings, according to Peterson. The only things preservation can hope for now are to convince the Commissioners to not radically change the approaches to the proposed replacement bridge, which will sacrifice three acres of woodland, and/or to possibly keep the old bridge for pedestrian use only.

## 25 YEARS AGO

Although the rooms lack ceiling tiles and the paint is fresh, Carroll Jr. Sr. High School students moved from their portable classrooms into the Jr. Sr. High wing this past week. The kitchen and cafeteria will remain closed until the beginning of the fall semester when it is anticipated that the renovation and addition will be completed.

Because the board of the Carroll consolidated School Corporation did not want construction work done while classes were in session, workers placed steel in the courtyard area in the middle of the building Saturday and Sunday, both cold, snowy days. The approximate 75x85 area will encompass classroom, media center, work and conference rooms.

## 50 YEARS AGO

Camden captured a three-way track meet last Thursday from Burlington and Flora. The score was Camden 62, Burlington 48, Flora 27.

Beginning his duties as Carroll county deputy clerk was Jack Voorhees, a resident of Carroll county.

The senior class of the Flora high school will present its class play, "The Man Who Came To Dinner", in the Flora high school auditorium.

Merlin Berkey will portray the title role supported by a cast which includes: Fred Collins, Nancy Eller, Jane Ann Jones, Sally Wason, Kenneth Flora, Jeanette Skiles, Don Craft, Judy Northcutt,



Swatts Livery, NE corner of Franklin & Market, Delphi, circa 1900

Ned Parrett, Max Young, Joyce Stayer, Ronnie Brower, Runella Blocher, Gary Mullendore, Rebecca Smith, Harold Whitefield, Rodney Lee Flora.

Other parts are played by Jerry Burns, Jerry Ensinger, Keith Wilson, Carl Wagoner, Pat Lyon, Bonnie Landes, Geraldine Moore and Sue Landis.

Mrs. Effie Douglas is directing the production.

## 75 YEARS AGO

The Auto Hotel garage has taken the agency for the celebrated Dunlap tires and tubes. This is the tire that holds the world's speed record, recently made at Daytona Beach, Florida, by Campbell's Bluebird automobile, and is the oldest tire manufactured. The prices are even lower than mail order houses. See Mr. Caldwell before ordering your new tires.

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The New Crosby hotel will be headquarters for the Dare Coach bus lines between Chicago and Indianapolis and any information desired regarding the bus lines will be cheerfully furnished by phoning 66.

## 100 YEARS AGO

S.R. Long, proprietor of the Commercial hotel in this city, has purchased a fine, new, five-passenger Buick automobile livery. At all times arrangements will be made to take care of the traffic, as he has several other machines at his disposal. The rates will be made very reasonable, so that all who desire to do so can travel via the new auto route.

Deer Creek has organized a base ball team with Harry Wright as

captain and Frank Lenon, manager. The team is a strong one and they are now ready to play any team in the county.

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## Dear Voters of Liberty, Rock Creek, and Madison Township

We are currently your Delphi Community School Board representatives and we are running for re-election. The past four years has not been easy, but significant accomplishments have been realized. School Administration, the financial condition, academic programs, and finally addressing the school needs with a renovation project are re-energizing the staff and students within the Corporation.

Three of the four top Administrators have been changed over the past two years and the addition of a new Superintendent with a new focus for researched based curriculum. Our new Superintendent brought a career's worth of financial experience with ideas for turning around our past financial performance and in two years changed our near zero cash balance at the years end to \$1.7 million cash balance in 2007. A new multiyear teacher's contract with better compensation was also negotiated in 2007. The elementary re-organization was a cornerstone in turning around the financial condition. All of this was achieved during a time of declining enrollment and reductions of State funding.

Some of the academic improvements include changing to block scheduling in the high school, adding vocational education programs almost doubling the number of student participants, adding high technology graphics and commercial photography, and new elementary literacy software and computers. New classes in biomedical science, food science, building trades, television studio production, and criminal forensic science are under consideration or in early stages of development. We will re-institute the gifted and talented program next year to help challenge our brightest students. The school implemented full day Kindergarten two years ahead of the State mandate.

The high school's building age is approaching 40 years and while there have been many improvements accomplished over the past four years at the corporation's property including new fire alarms at high school and middle school, new roofs at Delphi Elementary and Camden Early Childhood buildings, resurfaced parking lot and driveways, new track without bonding or financing, new high school gym floor and seating, and new middle school student lockers, but there remains a long list of needs. Over a year ago, the school's needs were identified, organized, and prioritized with a series of public meetings and tours. It became very apparent the scope of changes to meet State building codes and curriculum needs required a multiyear building project and includes all Corporation buildings. The main items to be addressed are student and staff security, academic improvements, and asset preservation. There is a crucial need to organize the project such that we limit disruptions in the learning environment and completing the work as quickly as possible. The project maximums have been approved with the legal restriction of not raising property taxes for the citizens residing within the Corporation boundaries.

As the State continues to pursue changes to school funding and local property tax reform, a skilled and experienced School Board will be required to analyze and react with action. We need your support and vote to continue representing you and your children for the next four years. Please contact Mike Shoemaker at 574-652-3342 or [mashoema46917@yahoo.com](mailto:mashoema46917@yahoo.com), Dr. Paul Brown- Purdue Professor 574-686-3267 or Robert Resler 765-564-5222 or if you would like a letter with additional details about the past changes and future plans.

Paid for by Mike Shoemaker, Dr. Paul Brown, & Robert Resler

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