

Looking Back

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10 YEARS AGO

Carroll County Church Ministries will have its new Released Time Religious Education classroom on display next week at the Carroll County 4-H Fair. The converted 33-passenger bus will be parked across the road from Carroll Elementary School and be used as the religious education classroom for third and fourth graders.

Efforts to develop affordable, quality housing for Carroll County residents with disabilities recently received a boost when the ARC of Carroll County and CDC Resources learned that the project had been awarded \$66,000 in grant funds. The grant was from the Federal Housing Loan Bank through an application with Lafayette Bank and Trust.

25 YEARS AGO

A public hearing was held last Wednesday by the Indiana Department of Highways in the basement of the Deer Creek United Presbyterian Church on preliminary design plans for a new bridge and roadway on St. Rd. 29 around the Sycamores.

The new roadway and proposed bridge will be constructed to the east of the present roadway bypassing the Sycamore trees lining St. Rd. 29. The proposed construction project will affect the pond owned by Tom Modiset.

Although the construction on the Jr.-Sr. high school building is progressing very slowly, school will not be delayed. Targeted structures have not met their proposed deadlines due to striking construction workers and poor management by the architect. The superintendent also noted that no date has been set for food service since the cafeteria and kitchen will not be in operation by the first day of school.

50 YEARS AGO

During Monday's mid-day rain storm, the Journal's front door burst open and in bounced two young boys,



J.H. Johnson & G.P. Club, Delphi, 1883. Anyone know what G.P. stands for? Contact the Comet.

soaking wet and shaking off water drops like drenched puppies. In no uncertain terms, they asked that we grab our camera and rush out into the storm to take their pictures standing in the rain. We showed a natural reluctance to comply. The boys gave up hard. Three different times we were entreated, giving in to the point of writing down their names and those of their girlfriends. With the appearance of the sun, in the late afternoon, the boys paid us a last visit. Now, they were dry and nattily dressed and extremely nervous. "No publicity!" they begged. No doubt their mamas had interfered with their plans and we had the feeling that if we had taken a picture we could have sold them the negative for their whole week's allowance.

75 YEARS AGO

An order restoring the 2-cent local rate on first class postage on July 1 was signed today by Postmaster General Farley.

The reduction from the present 3-cent rate is being made under a recently enacted law, and Farley hopes the volume of business will be increased to a point where work will be provided for thousands of employees who otherwise might be fur-

loughed without pay.

On July 1, postage on letters and other first-class matter, except postal cards and private mailing or post cards, mailed for local delivery at post offices having city, village or rural letter carriers service, will be at the rate of 2 cents for each ounce or fraction thereof. The rate on letters mailed to other cities or villages remains at 1 cent.

100 YEARS AGO

Bringhurst fire continued from last week-

The fire spread to the hardware store of W.B. Hinkle, a two-story frame building and it was soon a mass of blackened ruins, the building and the entire stock being lost, it being impossible to save any of the goods. Mr. Hinkle estimates his loss at \$500 with \$2,200 insurance in the Hardware Mutual. The building was owned by Dr. Tidrick, who had his office adjoining the store. The office and its contents were lost in the fire, the doctor being unable to save any of his books, instruments or furniture. The two buildings were worth \$1,500. *More next week.*

Weather sirens warn of impending dangerous conditions

By Dave McDowell
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Carroll County has 11 weather or emergency sirens that can be activated individually or simultaneously. Sirens will be activated whenever conditions dangerous to safety are confirmed, (including hazardous material spills, or other threats) or in the event of a tornado warning. When citizens hear a siren, they should seek shelter and tune in to weather radios or local news for specifics of storm movement.

County sirens make a long, slow wail, last approximately three minutes, and are tested the first Saturday of each month.

Additionally residents along the Tippecanoe River may hear sirens operated by Camp Tecumseh. These sirens emit a high/low tone, are tested each Monday morning at 9 a.m. and are activated only for tornado

WARNINGS.

Citizens are encouraged to become informed about severe weather, and report sightings to the Carroll County Sheriff's Department at (765) 564-2413 as well as National Weather Service at (317) 856-0360. I also strongly encourage every county resident to own and know how to operate a NOAA all-hazards radio.

The National Weather Service promotes the Skywarn Program to train individuals to spot and properly report severe weather conditions to <http://www.weather.gov/skywarn/Indianapolis>. NWS representative David Tucek recently presented a Skywarn program

in Delphi. He can be reached at David.Tucek@NOAA.GOV.

Free in-depth courses on severe weather are offered online at: <https://www.meted.ucar.edu/loginForm.php?urlPath=hazwx#>, and <http://www.srh.weather.gov/jetstream>. These courses explain weather patterns, limitations in forecasting and potential dangers. The first listing is the course taught by FEMA, under course #IS-271.

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Delphi library throwing waterblast party

Comet staff report

The first event to take place at the "Waterblast" party, sponsored by Family Time Entertainment at the Delphi Public Library on Wednesday, will be librarian Marcia Sledd eating a big, bug.

All children who participated in the summer reading program were challenged to read books for a total of 5,500 hours and if the students reached the goal, Sledd

would eat a chocolate-covered cricket.

All of the children will be encouraged to participate in a drawing. The five winners will also be allowed to eat a bug - if they choose. A water show where everyone is "guaranteed to get wet" will follow.

Buttons will be handed out at the end of the event to all participating "bug eaters," to make them an official member of the "I Ate the Bug" club.

Master Naturalist workshop is being offered

Comet staff report

The Indiana Master Naturalist Program provides many hands-on opportunities to learn about Hoosier natural resources. It also provides a way for participants to share that knowledge, along with life experiences, through volunteer service.

The Greater Wabash River RC&D Council and Clinton, Carroll, Tippecanoe, Howard and Benton County Soil and Water Conservation Districts are sponsoring an Indiana Master Naturalist (IMN) Workshop.

The eight-week IMN Workshop will be held once weekly beginning Sept. 8 and continue through Oct. 27 from 6-9 p.m. at Camp George C. Cullom near Frankfort.

Core curriculum topics will include zoology, botany, geology/soils, water quality, people and natural resources and astronomy. Class size is limited to 30.

For more information including fee or to register, contact Leah Harden, Clinton County SWCD at 765-659-1223 extension 3 or the local Soil and Water Conservation District.

Purdue Garden Calendar

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JULY HOME (Indoor plants and activities)

Watch closely houseplants that have been set outdoors. They need more water than they did indoors. They can dry out rapidly in hot, summer breezes.

Propagate houseplants by taking cuttings from vigorously growing plants. Place cut end in rooting media, such as perlite, vermiculite or peat moss soil mix. Enclose in plastic, and keep out of direct sunlight.

YARD (Lawns, woody ornamentals and fruits)

Keep newly established plants watered during dry weather. Allow water to penetrate deeply into soil rather than sprinkling frequently and lightly.

Apply mulch around young plants to help conserve soil moisture and control weeds.

Do not plant bare-root or ball-and-burlap stock at this time of year. Container-grown plants still may be planted, but only if you can keep them well watered.

Continue a fruit tree spray program to keep diseases and insects under control.

Remove water sprouts (sprouts from the trunk) and suckers (sprouts from the roots) from fruit trees.

Prop up fruit tree branches that are heavily loaded with fruit.

Pinch off faded rose blossoms. Continue rose spray program to control insects and diseases.

Many Indiana trees are plagued by "lawn-mower blight." Be careful to avoid nicking tree trunks while mowing.

When watering lawns, apply 1 to 1.5 inches of water in a single application per week. Frequent, light sprinklings will encourage roots to stay shallow, making them more susceptible to drought.

Bluegrass is a cool-season plant and is under great stress during hot, dry summers. If water is not applied, the bluegrass will become dormant and will turn brown until more favorable conditions arrive in autumn.

Mow grass one-half inch higher than usual during the dry, summer months to help conserve soil moisture.

Don't remove clippings from the lawn unless grass is excessively tall or weedy. Clippings return some nutrients to the soil and do not add to thatch buildup.

GARDEN (Flowers, vegetables and small fruits)

Supplement natural rainfall, if any, to supply 1 to 1.5 inches of water per week in a single application.

Start seeds of broccoli, cabbage and Brussels sprouts to transplant later for a fall harvest. Harvest crops such as tomatoes, squash, okra, peppers, beans and cucumbers frequently to encourage further production.

Complete succession planting of bush beans and sweet corn.

Harvest summer squash while small and tender for best quality.

Standard sweet corn is at its peak for only a day or so. The supersweet corn maintains its peak quality for a longer period. Harvest when silks begin to dry and kernels exude a milky, rather than watery or doughy, juice when punctured.

Broccoli will form edible side shoots after the main head is removed.

Mulch garden to control weeds and conserve soil moisture.

Make sure potato tubers, carrot shoulders and onion bulbs are covered with soil to prevent development of green color and off flavors. Applying a layer of mulch will help keep them covered.

Allow blossoms on newly planted everbearing strawberry plants to develop for a fall crop.

July is a good time to fertilize strawberries with .5 pound of actual nitrogen per 100 feet of row.

Harvest raspberries when fully colored and easily separated from stem. After harvest is complete, prune out the fruiting canes to make room for new growth.

Remove faded blossoms from annual and perennial flowers to prevent seed formation.

Condition flowers cut from the garden for arranging by removing lower leaves, placing cut stem ends in warm water and storing overnight in a cool location.

The foliage of spring-flowering bulbs can be removed safely after it fades. This also is a good time to lift the bulbs for transplanting or propagation.



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