

Flora will see increased water rates beginning in '09

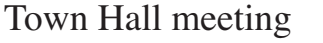
Comet staff report

Ordinance 2008-5 setting water rates for 2009 through 2012 passed on first reading at town night's Flora Town Council meeting.

The total increase will be 27.61% with a 9.31% increase in '09 and a 6.1% increase the next three years (2010-2012).

Based on an average use of 5,000 gallons, the current charge is \$25.57. With the 9.1% increase, the charge on 5,000 gallons will be \$28, an increase of \$2.43. After the full increase is implemented, residents will see a \$7.08 increase on usage of 5,000 gallons.

The average increase by



Banter to host

Town Hall meeting

Candidate for State Representative District 24 Timothy Banter will hold a Town Hall meeting Friday at 1 p.m. at the Stone Barn in Delphi. Banter will be available for people to ask questions and for him to explain his outline for the district and state.

The Town Hall meeting is open to the public.

2012 should be \$5 by household, said council president Josh Ayres.

Copies of the ordinance are available at the town office.

The council recently clarified trash contract specifications that will be advertised for bids this month. Bids will be accepted until 5 p.m. Nov. 3.

Councilmember Vince Seaward said that the town is currently paying Clinton County Disposal \$98,000 for the '08 contract and the town expects a 25% to 30% increase for 2009.

Leaf pickup schedule will be the west side of the railroad tracks in the morning and the east side in the afternoon unless the volume is

light in the morning then the east side will get picked up in the morning, too.

Residents were reminded to keep sticks out of leaf piles as they plug up the leaf vacuum.

To help keep expenses down due to the price of salt, leftover salt from last year was mixed with sand and beet juice to make a winter mix for snow.

Wastewater employees helped T-Bird install two flow meters in two manholes in suspected infiltration areas.

Clear skylights were added to the town's maintenance buildings to help save on lighting costs.

The town received a letter

Monday advising that "no further action" is needed by the town on the buried tank at the airport.

The September statistic report for the police department included: 107 calls for service, 13 arrests/misdemeanors, 10 felonies, 22 citations, 59 warnings, 5 accidents, and 5 warrants served.

Three building permits were issued in September: John Filbrun, wrecking of garage; Dustin Hufty, fence; and Dollar General, new store.

Trick-or-Treat Night was set Oct. 31 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Lions Club chili supper and costume judging will be Oct. 30 at the 4-H Com-

munity Building. Serving will begin at 4:30 p.m.

The town office will be closed Monday in observance of Columbus Day.

A public hearing and final adoption of the new water rates will be held at the next meeting, Nov. 3 a 6 p.m. The regular meeting will follow.

Legions to host candidate debates

By Theresa Replogle
Contributing Writer

Camden and Delphi American Legion posts will host Carroll County candidate debates Oct. 21, from 7 to 9 p.m. The event will be held at the Camden Community Building.

Dr. Thomas Brodar will be the moderator. Questions will be posed by a three-person panel. No candidate will be allowed to view questions before the debate,

according to Brodar. Only the people on the panel will have access to them.

"It's all about how they think on their feet," Brodar said. "How do their brains work?"

The debates will be free and open to the public. The public can E-mail questions to Brodar prior to the event. His E-mail address is brodar@ffni.com. The panel will then screen the questions and choose whether to present them to the candidates. Audience comments will not be accepted during the debate.

Brodar said the American

Legions are sponsoring the discussions in order to educate the public.

"It is commonly thought that an educated electorate is a qualified electorate," Brodar said. "In a democracy, we get the government we deserve. In theory, the better educated the electorate, the better the government."

According to Brodar, Legion members hope people will come early, stay late, interact and discuss the issues at length.

The Legion Auxiliary will offer light refreshments.

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Engagements

Cossairt-Turrill



Terry and Bonnie Cossairt of Camden announce the engagement of their daughter, Leann Jean, to Eric Cade Turrill. He is the son of Gary and Susan Turrill of Galveston.

The bride-elect is a 2007 graduate of Carroll High School. She is currently employed at Ad Valorem Solutions in Kokomo.

Her fiancé is a 2005 graduate of Carroll High School and is employed at Caterpillar in Lafayette.

A July 11, 2009, wedding is being planned.

Announcements

DELPHI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE is asking for donations of candy, toy prizes and other fun items for the Fall Carnival at Canal Park, Oct. 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. The event will be hosted by the Delphi United Methodist Church. Games, hayrides, hot dogs and drinks will be available. The carnival is open to children ages pre-school through fifth-grade. Costumes are optional. Donations will be collected from local businesses Oct. 13. Contact the chamber office at (765) 564-3034 for information.

DELPHI TEACHER PARENT-CONFERENCE will be Oct. 22 and 23. Teachers will send home dates and times with students. If no schedule is received, call the child's school for a conference appointment.

Delphi Presbyterian Church will host its **SENIOR CITIZENS' MONTHLY LUNCHEON** Oct. 15 at noon in the church Fellowship Hall. An elevator is available for those in need. Call Susan at (765) 564-2371 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to request a ride or information.

CARROLL COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE NETWORK will meet Oct. 20 from 12 to 1 p.m. at the Brooks Center Conference Room. Note change of date, place and time. There will be no lunch. RSVP to (765) 564-6466 by Oct. 15.

Youth 8 to 17 are invited to take to the skies above Carroll County and participate in EAA's **YOUNG EAGLE PROGRAM** Oct. 18 beginning at 8 a.m. at the Delphi Airport on Division Line Rd. The program is hosted by local EAA Chapter 256 and will introduce youth interested in aviation to the joys of flying an airplane. Participants will learn how an airplane flies and will be given an opportunity to take the controls to experience how maneuvering an airplane feels with a qualified pilot sitting next to them. For questions or to register call Debbie at (765) 564-6073.

Carroll County Antique Tractor Club will have a **PLOW DAY** on Saturday starting at 9 a.m. at the Rinehart farm, located north of

Burlington on SR 29 (north of Heinhold Hog Market). The public is invited.

Prior to its opening on Oct. 15, **CLARIAN ARNETT HOSPITAL** will host a "sneak preview" open house on Sunday. Free health screenings and tours of the new hospital will be available from 1 to 5. During the open house, guests will be able to tour the 400,000-square-foot hospital, including diagnostic, treatment, and patient care areas. The hospital is located at 5165 McCarty Lane, at the corner of C.R. 500 E and McCarty Lane in Lafayette.

FLORA AND DELPHI HOMEMAKER CLUBS will meet this month to learn about the importance of eating whole grains. Flora Homemakers will meet Oct. 9 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the 4-H Building in Flora. Delphi Homemakers will meet Oct. 21 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Delphi. The lesson will include: baking tips on how to add whole grains to the diet and how to use sugar substitutes. Homemakers should bring their cookbooks and knitting. Marge Peterson will demonstrate how to make pumpkin decorations. Christmas will be quickly approaching. Homemakers are encouraged to attend the October and November meetings so they can participate in the Holiday Party.

CARROLL COUNTY NURSES ASSOCIATION will meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 13 at Stephanie Lambert's house in Flora. She will speak on heart disease in women. All RNs, LPNs, and student nurses are welcome. For more information and directions, call Stephanie Lambert at (574) 967-4887 or (765) 202-4887.

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