

Canal

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Painted with murals that depict the inside where goods would have been loaded. These murals can be seen from the towpath trail across the canal or from the new boat as it passes.

The warehouse is being built strictly under federal contract by INDOT and this doesn't involve the volunteer crew normally associated with projects along the canal and trails.

McCain pointed out that the canal is dry to allow for the construction work.

"We started with improvements to the canal by dredging sections from 1996 through 2004. When the warehouse is finished and the replica boat arrives in June 2009 the venue for the public will ply the mile-long reconstructed waters of the old canal as it passes under Washington Street between Canal Park and Canal Park Annex," McCain said.



Canal warehouse site

Work has begun on pouring the foundation for the warehouse that will be the nightly and winter home of the Canal Association's future replica canal boat. The location is in the canal turning basin in the Canal Annex. The outside of the structure will look like an 1850s canal warehouse. Outside panels with murals will depict the inside, where goods would have been loaded. Both the boat and warehouse are slated for completion in June 2009. These two projects, plus a future dock project in 2012, are all funded largely with federal grants, administered by INDOT, for historic transportation projects. Photo provided

Smiths

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this year was "Connections Count."

According to Family Services, children live better lives when their families are strong and live in communities that connect them to support networks. By providing guidance and unconditional love, parents shape the character of their children. The Smiths embody the attributes of a strong family.

"The family, we're all active members of the Delphi United Methodist Church," Janet Smith said.

"I am a member of Rotary, Psi Iota Xi, the Delphi Library Board and Educational Foundation Board for Delphi Community Schools."

"Gil is a member of the Election Board, Lions Club and other civic groups. Both of us serve on the Board of Directors for the Family Health Clinic. We are also active foster parents."

Janet said the family knew ahead of time about the award because they were notified through a letter.

"We received notification by mail in October, but we did not know what to expect."

"Jan Mullen of Frankfort, a former co-worker of Gil's, nominated us for the award," Janet continued.

"The application asks for about a paragraph of written information, but Jan wrote four pages. It was very humbling."

Bradshaws

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to the Delphi Community and Delphi Lions Club in 2006. In 2007, he was inducted into the Carroll County Agriculture Hall of Fame. Dick enjoys golfing, fishing and motorcycles.

"Dick has done a lot for the Lions Club, Carroll County and for Delphi," said fellow Lion Ed Sholty. "His wife has done a lot too, (such as) helping to judge past parades."

Sholty said other Lions were very pleased with the selection of the Bradshaws. He describes Dick as a "go getter," and said he always encourages

them and keeps them going.

According to Sholty, Dick was instrumental in replacing the suspension bridge in Riley Park after floods damaged it.

"He does it because he wants to, not for public relations," Sholty said.

Karen is a member of Kappa Kappa Sorority, a board member of the Wabash and Erie Canal Association, and treasurer of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. She organizes volunteers for the Canal Interpretive Center, helps with the Fourth of July Celebration and Christmas event, and manages the gift shop. If she cannot find anyone to volunteer, Karen goes in herself. She says she enjoys meeting many different people from many states.

She worked for dentists Tom Fouts and Robert Lucas and also for the Delphi Community School Corporation.

Karen said she enjoys spinning and reading. She said that she reads all of the children's books that are in the Interpretive Center gift shop before she buys them. She also likes gardening, quilting and traveling.

Together, the Bradshaws are members of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Camp Tecumseh Trailblazer Society and Junto Club.

"She's a busy gal," said Mary Cray who works with Karen in the Canal Center. "She is a pleasure to work with and will do anything asked of her," she said.

"It's really an honor to have people ask you to do this," Karen said. "There are lots of other people who are just as worthy, I think Delphi is a great town, and I'd like people to come and see it," she said.

The parade theme this year is, "An Old Fashioned Christmas," and will wind its way through town on Dec. 6 at 1 p.m.

Budget

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Nancy Cripe said. "Property tax reform created a huge roadblock for us. The extension gave us more time to process information to make more informed decisions."

LOIT
For the council to be able to arrive at final funding decisions, members were forced to decide what the additional local option income tax rate (LOIT) would be for county residents. Council member Steve Ashby explained the county expected \$590,000 less from 2009 property tax than was received in 2008.

Ordinances were written and submitted for advertisement for an increase of .3 percent income tax hike for 2009, which sets the overall income tax at 1.45 percent for county residents. County residents pay property tax, economic development income tax, county adjusted gross income tax (CAGIT) and LOIT, for property tax relief. The final LOIT adoption meeting will be Dec. 9 at 9 a.m.

Cripe said 14 out of Indiana's 92 counties adopted LOIT in 2007 for 2008. Due to property tax reform, it is expected more counties will adopt a tax hike for 2009. She said Carroll County was being "very conservative" with the overall tax rate. Tax rates across the state range from 1.50 percent in Gibson County to 3.13 percent in Pulaski.

According to Brown, the council could have imposed a 2.25 percent increase in income taxes, bringing the combined tax rates to 3.4 percent. She said in the best interest of county taxpayers, the tax rate should never exceed a full 2 percent for county residents.

The plan developed by Carroll County allows for a 31 percent tax relief for residences, 46 percent for farm land and rental properties, and 23 percent for commercial and/or business properties.

Other business

Transfers approved at the Nov. 20 council meeting included:

- Courthouse custodian - \$1,500 from building repair to equipment repair;
- Extension/4-H building - \$225 from part-time clerk to custodian;
- Soil and Water - \$14.19 from copier maintenance and \$25.24 from education materials to office supplies;
- Commissioners - \$15,000 from social security to unemployment;
- Veterans' office - \$19.50 from copier supplies to office supplies;

Supplies;

- Treasurer - \$40 from printing paper/toner to office supplies; and
- Highway - \$10,200.06 from trucks to repair parts.

A highway department transfer of \$17,268.15 from trucks to other road equipment for a balloon payment for a road grader was tabled Thursday.

Acting highway superintendent Keith Barnes reported Monday the transfer was no longer needed. He said former superintendent Ron Francis arranged to refinance the road grader for three years to avoid the balloon payment. The action was done without council knowledge.

Commissioners' president Loren Hylton said commissioners were also not aware of the refinancing.

The council also approved budgets for townships, cities, towns and libraries at Monday's meeting.

Hospital Notes

Richard "Nub" Welsh of Flora suffered a heart attack Nov. 14 and was taken to the Heart Center of Indiana in Carmel. He was released Nov. 20 following angioplasty.

Births

Wade Claiborne and Kelsie Marcum are parents of an 8-pound, 5-ounce daughter, Madisyn Grace Claiborne, born Nov. 4 at Home Hospital in Lafayette. Grandparents are Tony and Tracy Claiborne of Camden and Bobbie and Bonny Marcum of Brookston. Great-grandparents are Bobbie Sr. and Vera Marcum, John and Nancy Little and Carolyn Claiborne, all of Delphi.

Jean B. Schrader



L. Jean Best Schrader, 69, of Delphi, died unexpectedly at 11:21 a.m. Monday, Nov. 24, 2008, at Home Hospital in Lafayette.

Born Sept. 19, 1939, in Rockville, Md., she was the daughter of the late John and Isabelle Harvey Best. Her marriage was on June 17, 1961, in Delphi to Larry L. Schrader, who survives.

Mrs. Schrader attended Camden High School and the Lockport Church.

She worked for the Delphi Community School Corporation for over 20 years.

Mrs. Schrader enjoyed crossword and word search puzzles, flower gardening, nature and birds.

She was an avid New York Yankees baseball fan. She dearly loved her family and enjoyed being with them all.

Also surviving are two sons, Phil W. Schrader of Delphi and Troy Schrader (wife: Julie) of Monticello; two daughters, Stephanie Wilson (husband: Paul) of Camden and Shelly Will (husband: Harry) of Delphi; three sisters, Freda Everett, Lorraine Cockrum and Shirley Goyer (husband: Don), all of Delphi; and six grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were an infant grandchild, three brothers and two sisters.

Visitation will be today, Wednesday, at 1 p.m. until funeral services at 2 p.m. at Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi. The Rev. Andy Glass and the Rev. Nord Zootman will officiate. Burial will follow at IOOF Cemetery in Delphi.

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

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

James N. Lones



James Newton "Pete" Lones, 79, of Chandler, Ariz., died Nov. 17, 2008, in Chandler.

Born Feb. 16, 1929, in Rader, Tenn., he was the son of Ivan Clay and Maxie Lee Burns Lones. His marriage was on May 14, 1955, in Flora, to Ruth Rader, who survives.

Mr. Lones served in the U.S. Army from 1947 to 1948 and the U.S. Air Force from 1951 to 1953.

He was a power plant operator for General Motors (Allison) in Speedway from 1954 to 1973 and at the Salt River Project in Tempe, Ariz.

Mr. Lones was a member of the First Baptist Church in Chandler.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jeannie Lones-Shultz (husband: Marty) of Gilbert, Ariz.; two sisters, Ginger Hudson of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Brenda

Betty J. Spitznagle

Betty Jo Draper Spitznagle, 78, of Delphi, died at 8:55 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2008, at Home Hospital in Lafayette. She had been a patient for seven days.

Born July 21, 1930, in Carroll County, she was the daughter of the late Donald and Myrtle Mae Sibray Draper. Her marriage was on Aug. 25, 1956, in Monticello to Joseph Spitznagle Jr., who preceded her in death Sept. 19, 2000.

Mrs. Spitznagle graduated from Delphi High School in 1948.

She was a homemaker and helped her husband on their farm. She enjoyed bowling, bird watching and outdoor activities around her pond.

Surviving are three daughters, Susan Brown (husband: Curt), Laura Jo Duff (husband: Greg) and Jane Replogle (husband: Rodger), all of Delphi; three sons, David Spitznagle (wife: Terri) of Delphi, Donald Spitznagle (wife: Lora) of Logansport, and Daniel Spitznagle (wife: Carla) of Camden; two sisters, Jean Ann Summers (husband: Don) of Idaville and Judy Mullin (husband: Bill) of Linn; four brothers, Billy Draper (wife: Pat) and Bob Draper (wife: Marge), both of Delphi, Wayne Draper (wife: Linda) of Brookston, and Fred Draper (wife: Linda) of Delphi; 14 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Preceding her in death were a sister and a brother.

Services were held Nov. 21 at Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi. Pastor Dan Gottschalk officiated. Burial followed at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Delphi.

Memorials may be made to the Carroll County Cancer Association or to the American Heart Association. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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Other Death Notices

Joy Walker of Nashville, Tenn.; four granddaughters; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were Nov. 22 in Delphi. Burial followed at Musselman Cemetery in Camden.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix, AZ 85014.

Other Death Notices

Spyke A. Rice, 49, of Lafayette, died Nov. 17, 2008, at his son's residence. Among the survivors is a sister, Tessa Perdue (husband: Lou) of Delphi. Services were held in Brookston.

Beatrice Mae Sheets-Hunt, 76, of Rossville died Nov. 17, 2008, at her residence. Among the survivors are a son, Sherman Sheets, and a brother Sambo Marchand, both of Delphi. Services were held Nov. 20 in Rossville.

Letters to the Editor

Continued

Recommendations by the Kernan-Shepard report could be going to legislation for a vote for adoption at the next session. The full report of Indiana Commission on Local Government is on the internet at www.ingov.kernan-shepard.com and has several more recommendations. The full report is 46 pages with too many changes to list them all here.

This is something that should have been put on the ballot as a referendum in the November elections so that the people of Indiana would have a say in the way the government is run not dictated by our Legislators that are being pressured into passing this bill. It wasn't done that way and now it is up to us as citizens of Indiana to voice our opinion.

All concerned residents of Indiana should contact their State Representatives, Legislators and anyone else that will listen to how you feel about this.

I for one am not pleased with the aspect of this change. It would not only effect my position as Jackson Township Trustee but it would affect me personally. I don't want one person deciding what my tax base will be or which fire departments will close and which ones stay open. I don't want them telling me I have to go to a central library in the county.

A Website with resource information and to express voter opinion can be found at www.hoosiersfordemocracy.org.

Robert W. Dittman Jr.
Jackson Township trustee

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