

Burlington will not house ambulance after December 31

Comet staff report

Burlington Town Council discussed the county emergency ambulance service at its Dec. 9 meeting.

Council President Stan Moore read a report from Burlington Volunteer Fire Department Chief Mark Miller explaining that due to the budget cuts the county council has placed on the Emergency Medical Service there will be no ambulance in Burlington or paramedic chase vehicle effective Jan. 1. The VFD will respond to EMS calls as First Responders and a First Responder or an EMT will be on the fire truck when it responds to emergency calls. Initial

medical treatment will be started while waiting for the ambulance to arrive. The VFD will not transport to the hospital.

Councilman Teddy Huffer suggested that township trustees be approached about helping with this critical issue. "They have contracts for fire service, why not ambulance service," he said.

Concern was raised that not everyone in town will know about the change in emergency ambulance service. Ways to get the word out were discussed.

Milt Rodgers reported that the park department wants to purchase replacement fencing for the ball diamond and sow grass on the hill. He said that

park board elections will be the first week in January.

There will be vacancies on the board, which is a voluntary position. Anyone interested in representing the town should contact the town office.

The Jake Brake Ordinance 2008-06 was passed on third and final reading. Violators will be subject to fines. Signs will be posted warning drivers of the town's ordinance prohibiting use of the brakes in town. Burlington Town Court will have jurisdiction over violations.

Sheriff Tony Buns said he would be willing to work with the town and Marshal Jill Hammond on a Crime Watch program sometime after the

first of the year.

Marshal Hammond reported 3 case reports filed, 23 tickets issued, 4 assists to other agencies, 4 warnings, and 20 calls for service in November.

The street work at Haun Drive and Mill Road is complete. During the work Milestone Contractors stored equipment at the park and scrapped some seal off the parking lot that needs to be redone.

The Christmas Walk was a huge success, said Moore. "The Christmas Walk brought Christmas back to town," he said. "We thank all the people who helped fund and organize the event."

The council adopted the res-

olution for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Residents were reminded that the town has a burn ordinance that includes no burning of leaves.

Town officials will hold an open house at the town hall on

Jan. 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This will be an opportunity to speak with council members about concerns and other areas of interest. Snacks will be provided.

The next regular meeting will be Jan. 8 at 7 p.m.

Camden Town Council weighs medical office future

Comet staff report

Camden Town Council members considered the future of Dr. Thomas Anderson's Medical Office and the community at the Thursday night meeting. When Anderson died recently, the town was left without a doctor. Council president Pete Wagoner said the office would close at the end of December.

"We had a tragic loss in the community," Wagoner said. "Our sympathy goes out to the Anderson family."

Wagoner said he met with the chief executive officer of Unity Healthcare to discuss another doctor moving into the area.

"I made the case as strongly as I could that they put someone

here," Wagoner said. "However, no promises have been made."

Wagoner said Unity would consider staffing an office with a part-time doctor and a full-time nurse practitioner.

Wagoner reported the council voted to purchase a polishing reactor for the wastewater upgrade project in an additional appropriation meeting Dec. 8. The \$45,000 purchase was necessary to comply with an Indiana Department of Environmental Management requirement. Wagoner said the expenditure would come from Rainy Day funds.

The council also approved the 2009 salary ordinance at the Dec. 8 meeting. A 1.5 percent pay increase was allowed for 2009. The \$350 clothing allowance

was moved from a budget line item to the superintendent's and assistant superintendent's regular salary.

Grant writer Ken Smith reported the IDEM permit for wastewater upgrade construction was approved. Contracts are expected to be signed Dec. 22 and work will begin in January.

The Employee Policy & Procedure Manual, which goes into effect Jan. 1, and Ordinance 2008-8, for employee benefits were passed. The town will continue the healthcare and insurance the same in 2009 as 2008.

"Although the price continues to go up, we can afford to cover it for 2009," Wagoner said.

The council discussed an on-

going issue with vandalism at the town park and sewer pond. The gate to the sewer pond area will now be locked on nights and weekends. Anyone wanting to put items on the burn pile will need to contact a town official.

Wagoner reminded citizens to purchase tags for dogs and cats. The tags are \$3 if the animal is spayed and/or neutered and or \$5 for intact animals.

The council approved a rental agreement for the use of the library reading room for meetings. Rent will be \$250 a year.

Wagoner encouraged people to attend the meetings and appreciate the library accommodations.

The next meeting will be Dec. 30 at 5:30 p.m.

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Camden

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Camden American Legion will meet Monday evening in the Legion Home.

Students at the Camden Early Childhood Center will

be caroling throughout town on Friday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. They will make stops at the Senior Citizens Center and at the Community Building.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at the Baptist Church will begin at 11 p.m.

Burlington

Cheryl Milburn
Burlington 566-3453

Kiwanis Club will meet at 7:30 a.m. Saturday for breakfast and meeting at the fire station. Shelley Jones will tell about her book, "Healing of a Violated Spirit."

Oakland Christmas Church Crossfire Youth Group will meet at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Game Night for adults at Faith Church of Christ will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Burlington Church of Christ Christmas Cantata will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Church members will go caroling at 4:40 p.m.

Crossroads Community

Christian Church will have a Candlelight Christmas Service Sunday evening at 7. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Faith Church of Christ Choir will present the cantata, "Christmas Is Forever," Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and again at 6 p.m. Dress rehearsal will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

A Christmas Candlelight Service will be held at the First Brethren Church at 7 p.m. Sunday.

- United Methodist Church – 11 p.m.
- Church of Christ – 8 p.m.
- Faith Church of Christ – 8 p.m.

Washington Twp.

Marilyn Hile
Deer Creek 859-4871

Members of the Deer Creek Presbyterian Church went caroling recently to four nursing homes in Logansport - Chase, Millers, Woodbridge and McKinney House.

Faith Lutheran is requesting members who have a report for the end of the year to submit them as soon as possible.

Deer Creek Presbyterian Church will have choir practice Thursday evening at 6 p.m.

A birthday party was held

recently at Betty's Stop & Shop for the owner, Betty Smith. There was a good turn out to help her celebrate.

Don and Betty Bell had a family get-together recently with their son, Terry Bell, from Florida. Those attending were Matt and Tara and Brianna Lundy of Osceola, Tom and Theresa and James Bell of Mishawaka, Diana Jones of Burlington and Mike Bell and Connie of Deer Creek.

Remember shut-ins and friends in nursing homes with cards and visits.

Police & Fire Calls

Police reports are gathered from available records on file at local police departments. This information is a matter of public record and does not imply guilt or innocence. Information for fire reports is also gathered from reports on file with local fire departments.

Delphi Police Dept.

Dec. 6, 7:55 a.m. – Property damage, SR25 south of Davis Ln. Jeffrey J. Sanson, 36, Lafayette, struck a guardrail on icy roads. Officer Shane Bernhardt responded.

Dec. 6, 11 a.m. – Property damage, SR25. Jessie V. Reyes, 49, Lafayette, lost control on icy roads. Bernhardt responded.

Dec. 6, 2 p.m. – Property damage, Ohio St. Zachary Condon, 17 and Hipolito Ramirez, 20 both of Delphi collided due to icy roads. Bernhardt responded.

Dec. 12, 5:25 p.m. – Property damage, US421 and Front St. Desiree A. Nipple, 25, Rockfield, and Jerry L. McKinley, 50, Delphi. Sgt. Brook McCain responded.

Sheriff's Dept. Criminal/non-criminal

Dec. 4, 12:04 p.m. – Theft, 8789N. US421, Monticello. Inappropriate credit card activity on an account owned by Don's TV Inc. Maj. Tobe Leazenby investigated.

Dec. 8, 2:02 p.m. – Domestic disturbance, 240E. 300N., Camden. Deputy John Chapman responded.

Dec. 10, 9:11 p.m. – Residen-

tial entry, 12384W. Sleepy Hollow Rd., Monticello. Unknown persons suspected of being in the home of Teresa Wright as she entered the residence. K-9 Deputy Mike Thomas investigated.

Property damage
Dec. 6, 9:32 a.m. – SR25 near CR500W. Joseph S. Britt, 17, Burrows. Sgt. Dennis Randle responded.

Dec. 6, 10 a.m. – SR25 near CR750N. Elisa V. Cruz, 25, Logansport. Det. Steve Mullin responded.

Dec. 6, 11:25 a.m. – US421 at CR500W. Nichole M. Pearson, 29, Camden. Randle responded.

Dec. 6, 2:48 p.m. – CR300N. near CR400W. A vehicle registered to Timothy J. Valenta, Lafayette, and a vehicle registered to Robert J. Van Voorst, Delphi, collided after sliding together while stopped. Mullin responded.

Deer reports
Dec. 8, 6:45 p.m. – CR200N. near CR550W. Melinda B. Diehl, 17, Delphi. K-9 Deputy Tony Liggitt responded.

Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m. – SR75 near CR400S. Madeline M. Wilson, 31, Cutler. Liggitt responded.

Library News

Burlington

Burlington Community Library will present its second annual Christmas Kid's Night Out on Friday, from 6-10 p.m.

This event is open to all children preschool (potty-trained) and older. There will be food, crafts, Christmas stories, movies and tons of fun. Special guest will be Santa!

A \$3 donation is appreciated, but not required. All donations go directly for purchasing food for an area food bank.

This is a great time for parents to finish last minute shopping or to have the night off.

Pre-registration is appreciated by calling 765-566-3166 and leaving a message stating ages and names of children who will be attending. There are 25 openings available.

Flora-Monroe Twp.

A favorite holiday novel is "The Christmas Box" by Richard Paul Evans. He originally wrote the book as an expression of love for his two daughters, never intending for it to be published. Many Christmas seasons later, this touching tale relates the meaning of Christmas in a profound but simple way.

The library has free copies of this wonderful Christmas story to give to our patrons this holiday season. Come in soon, quantities are limited.

The library's book club met this morning to discuss "The Thirteenth Tale" by Diane Setterfield. Brew a cup of tea and prepare to lose yourself in one of the most engrossing reads in a long while — an expertly rendered modern-day gothic novel, complete with richly drawn characters, hulking houses in the English countryside, and an

irresistible mystery.

The book is still available at the library to check out. The book club meets in the Flora Senior Center on the third Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. New members are always welcome.

Storytime is on Christmas vacation break. It will return on Jan. 6, filled with stories, fingerplays and more to enrich, educate and entertain your preschoolers. Until then the library's Dial-a-Story phone line is available day and night with a new story every Friday.

Currently playing is "The Visit to Santa Claus Land." Another favorite Christmas story will begin on Friday, "Snowball's Christmas Eve." Call Dial-a-Story at 967-3814.

Delphi Public

The library will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 31, Jan. 1. and will close at 6 p.m. Dec. 29 remain closed on Dec. 30. The library will reopen Jan. 2 at 10 a.m.

Dec. 18 Cinema Night will feature "Vitus" at 7 p.m. The movie is about a boy whose extraordinary musical talent makes life unbearable. Refreshments and discussion will follow.

Morning Book Club will meet Dec. 19 at 9 a.m. Guests should bring a small plate of Christmas treats and recommendations for book picks from the year.

In Stitches Fiber Arts Circle will meet Dec. 22 at 6:30 p.m. Bring a project to complete and a treat to share.

Call (765) 564-2929 for information.

Reunions & Get-togethers

Carter family

A pre-Christmas party was held at the Rockfield Community Building on Dec. 14 for the Dorothy Carter family.

Those attending were: Douglas and Wannetta Roskuski, Tim, Melissa and Braden Oliver, Ashton Mitchell, Michelle, Kaylee and Aspen Riley, and Kenneth Randle, all of Delphi; Doris Dickey, Jason, Denyse and J.D. Ricci, Riley Luff, Donavan Luff, Rod, Pam and Cameron Berning, Mike, Lori, Tyler and Sydnee De Vault, Lafayette; Eric, Shannell and Ethan Randle, Rockfield; Russell (Jr.) Carter and Dorothy Carter, Flora.

Chapman family

The Chapman family Christmas dinner was held recently at Faith Lutheran Church with 33 in attendance. Hosting the dinner were Ted Sidenbender, Lois Wallace family and Sandy Brown family.

Also attending were Al Brown, Jason, Kaitlyn and Levi Brown, George Wallace, Alan, Beth, Corey and Bryant

Liming, Jeane Riley, Jane Myers, Wayne and Juanita Myers, Mike Myers, Scott Myers, Tom and Sherry Strauss and Amber Wolf, Gary, Susan and Katie Landes, Ed and Patty Rhine, Jalene Rhine, Mary Crary, Neil, Tonya, Hannah and Tyler Myers, and Karlene Boyer.

The dinner next year will be the second Sunday in December and will be hosted by the Myers family at Faith Lutheran Church.

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