

## Business Briefs

**AREA IV AGENCY ON AGING AND COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS INC.** has been awarded a federal Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) to fund community services and activities.

CSBG funds are awarded to 24 Community Action Agencies that serve all 92 counties in the state. The services provided address issues including employment, education, housing, self-sufficiency, nutrition, youth, health, and emergency services.

Area IV serves White, Carroll, Tippecanoe and Clinton counties. The amount of the grant was \$380,522.

**JOYCE SIBBITT** will be honored at a retirement open house on Jan. 2 from 2 to 5 p.m. at RME Insurance, 45 South Center Street, Flora.

She is retiring after 30 years as an insurance agent and bookkeeper.

Her career started in 1978 at the Sullivan Agency in Camden, where she was a bookkeeper and agent.

She continued with the agency when it was purchased by the Michael Agency in 1986 and when

the Michael Agency merged into RME Insurance in 1991.

Sibbitt achieved the ACSR insurance customer service representative designation.

She enjoys vacationing in Gatlinburg, Tenn., and she's active in the Living Faith Church of the Brethren.

She and her husband, Jerry, live in rural Bringhurst. They have two children, Doug Sibbitt and Kris Seward, and six grandchildren.

## Institute prepares county leaders for change

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Seven representatives from Carroll County are participating in a Regional Leadership Institute sponsored by Indiana University Kokomo.

The institute is funded by an Indiana Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) grant.

Leaders from a 14-county region of northwestern Indiana have joined. Representing Carroll County are: Justin Darling, Delphi Police Chief; John MacOwan, Business Consultant, Director of Adult Education for Tecumseh Area Partnership and North White School Corporation; Eric Flora, owner of Bren-

### Comet staff report

Jerry Fife, associate vice chancellor for business services and research finance at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., will serve as the university's acting vice chancellor for administration, effective Feb. 1.

Fife is the son of Paul and Peggy Fife of Bringhurst. He graduated from Carroll High School in 1970 and from Purdue University with a degree in

management in 1974.

Fife began his career in research administration in 1975 at Purdue University. In 1985 he became director of sponsored programs administration at Mississippi State University and in 1990 he moved to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to become director of the Office of Contracts and Grants.

Fife came to Vanderbilt in 1998. There, Fife is responsible

for the Occupational Health Clinic, the Child and Family centers, the Employee Wellness Center, the Employee Assistance Program, the Opportunity Development Center, Payroll and Benefit Processing, International Services, the Office of Contract and Grant Accounting, the Office of Student Accounts, Student Loans, Cashier's Office and University of Compliance.

He previously served as the

interim associate vice chancellor for human resources and the assistant vice chancellor for information technology services.

Fife is a member of the Society of Research Administrators, has served as its treasurer and is on the board of directors of the Council on Governmental Relations. He is a past president of the National Council of University Research Administrators.

neco, Inc.; Anita Werling, Delphi Preservation Society member; Daryl Smith, Executive Director of Carroll County Economic Development Corporation; Sana Booker, Executive Director of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce; and Julia Leahy chamber assistant.

Candy Norman, Of IUK's Office of Business and Community Outreach, describes the nominees as citizens who are already leaders. The institute will not train them to be leaders. Norman said she worked through the community foundation and the EDC to find people who were active in the community.

The purpose of the institute is, "the development of a network of regional leaders who work on projects together across county boundaries," according to a press release from Norman. The 14 counties are Benton, Warren, Fountain, White, Tippecanoe, Montgomery, Carroll, Clinton, Tipton, Howard, Miami, Cass, Wabash and Fulton.

This region was chosen by the federal department of labor as an area in need of development, Norman said.

There has been one meeting of the new group. Their first assignment was to read a book called "Caught in The Middle:

America's Heartland in the Age of Globalism," by Richard Longworth. The book is the story of challenges faced by the Midwest such as the future of agriculture, immigration, education, and efficient working of government. Norman said participants also spent the day, "analyzing the strengths and challenges of the region and outlining an identity for the region."

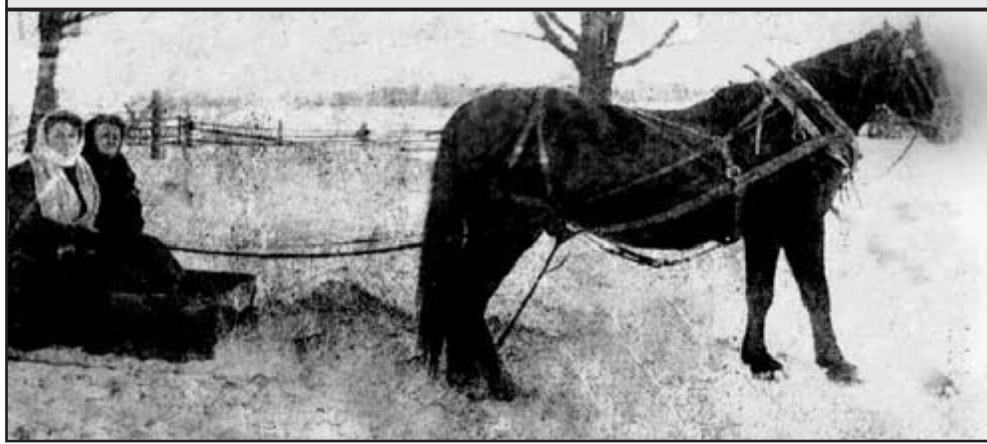
The next meeting is scheduled for March. In the meantime, participants will meet in smaller groups in their immediate areas

to "build coalitions and identify areas of common interest," she said. Participants will also visit areas of the country where the regional economy concept has already been successful.

Chief Darling said the Carroll, Clinton, White region has already held a good discussion about the region's global presence.

"I think it's going to be really good for the region. It helps us get connected with other counties. Getting connected opens up communication," he said.

## Looking Back



Anna Butz Bone and Marie Gard Wills, 1912

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### 10 YEARS AGO

Flora Police and Carroll county Sheriff's departments are investigating a break in and robbery at Jackson-Lee-Pearson John Deere in Flora which occurred sometime between Friday night and Saturday morning. Taken in the robbery were snowblowers,

space heaters, a toy pedal tractor and other miscellaneous items, according to Flora Police Chief Larry Tull. Stolen merchandise was estimated at \$7,000 to \$10,000.

The robbery was reported Saturday after the discovery of the southeast door of the business being broken out. Police dusted for fingerprints and the investigation continues.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Georganna Julius has announced the sale of Julius Clothing Store in Flora to Robert and Ann Brown of Bringhurst.

Robert Julius, who died in November 1982, opened the Flora store in June 1941. His father had been a clothier in Delphi for many years.

The store's name will be changed to "The Brown Suit."

Carroll County recorded its coldest Christmas in history when temperatures dipped Saturday and Sunday to a low of -20 degrees, with wind chills from -60 to -84 degrees. Blowing snow caused drifting on north and south roads and many Christmas gatherings had to be cancelled or postponed.

### 50 YEARS AGO

Carroll county is one of only 16 counties in the state to reduce its governmental expenditures and seek less property taxes in 1959 than were collected in 1958.

Hall's IGA Foodliner ad: bananas .05 lb., bacon .39 lb., 3 oz. Philadelphia Cream Cheese .10, Maxwell House coffee .69 lb., potatoes .69 for 25 lbs., Bread 2-20 oz loaves for .37.

Peace be with you and yours this day.

### 75 YEARS AGO

The 1934 Chevrolet is on the way, something new and startling. Features the most far-reaching improvement in 20 years. The cushion-rise with knee-action front wheels! A new discovery in engine design! A new development in frame construction! Many smart new ideas in appointments, style and equipment! And new wheel-base! New body size! New massiveness and weight! Faster getaway! Higher top speeds! Greater smoothness! Greater steadiness! Greater comfort! In addition 25 per cent less gas consumption-as a result we confidentially say to you-you'll never be satisfied with any other low-priced car.

### 100 YEARS AGO

Mrs. J.E. Glick of Mulberry a few days ago emptied a can of fermented fruit out in the yard where her chickens roamed. They ate it and half an hour later when she chanced to go out into the yard again the chickens were falling over each other, turning somersaults, staggering around the yard and acting in a queer manner generally. Some were lying on the ground as though dead. She noticed that the chickens had eaten the fruit and this explained their queer actions. All were drunk.

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