

Year End Review 2008

Editor's note: This week's year end review highlights the last six months of 2008 from stories printed in the Comet. The first half of 2008 appeared in last week's issue.

July 2 – Bill and Sue Penn will serve as Delphi's Independence Day Parade marshals...Flora Fire Department is celebrating its 100-year anniversary with an open house...Delphi Forestry Commission has published the City of Delphi Manual for the Care of Trees. The manuals are available free to Delphi residents and businesses...Delphi Municipal Airport will be closed to air traffic for five weeks starting July 7...Friends of Carroll County Parks hold a workday at Deer Creek Park to do repair work, trim trees and plant flowers...Five members of the TMD Hill-climbing Team place at Goshen's Iron Horseman motorcycle competition...Delphi Youth Baseball Senior Division All-Stars win county tournament championship game...Canal Days pack a weekend of fun into two days with crafts, food, open houses, and special treats for children and adults.

July 9 - Carroll County Commissioners and opponents of the Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District meet with IDEM to discuss why commissioners are not allowed to govern portion of own county...Carroll County Economic Development Director Daryl Smith asks Commissioners for permission to have private party survey land surrounding Carroll Manor... Sam Zook is re-elected as Carroll School Board president.

July 16 – The county council is critical of the 2008 EDIT spending plan...Kayleigh Morgan of Delphi is crowned Miss Carroll County 2008...Ella Foreman receives the Librarian's Award for Camden Library's "Catch the Reading Bug" summer reading program...Camden Town Council wants the extension of SR75 to be a priority...Five-year-olds Jilian Herron and Caleb Wolfe are crowned Carroll County's Little Miss and Mister...Work is completed on log jam north of Burlington and will receive 75 percent reimbursement from FEMA.

July 23 – Larry Leach of Rock Creek Township is named the new Veterans Service Administrator...Volunteers stuff envelopes to help county treasurer Jane Brewington put tax bills in the mail...Lt. Governor Becky Skillman and the ISDA announce the statewide launch of the Certified Livestock Producer Program...The National Extended Family Program offers resources and support to Carroll County residents who have loved ones in jail...Mark Smith conducts an historical walk in Ball Hill Cemetery in southeastern Carroll County...Susan Freeman retires after 38 years of teaching in the Delphi Community School Corporation...Twenty-four members of Delphi United Methodist Church recently spent a week in the Appalachian Mountain Region of White Oak, Tenn., on a mission trip...DSCS will host its first annual Community Prayer Breakfast at the DCHS Little Theatre on Aug. 13.

July 30 – Sam Deiwert announces his resignation as the Carroll County Republican Party chair effective Aug. 1...Gerrit and Janet Arendsen of Cutler break ground for a new 4,400-head dairy farm...Mayor Randy Strasser and the Delphi City Council face the challenge of reducing the 2009 budget by 12 to 15 percent...Four women from the Flora First Christian Church are making quilts for an orphanage in Fujian, China...Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School principal Charles Huckstep and guidance director Kris Seward attended a Model Schools Conference in Florida on how to improve education...Area 4-H members represented Indiana at the National 4-H Forestry Invitational...The Eel River Tribe of Indiana will hold a canoe-a-thon to benefit Riley Hospital for Children...Delphi Community High School junior



Kadie McVay took junior showmanship honors in the llama/alpaca show at the Carroll County 4-H Fair.

Braden Atwood earned All-American wrestling honors...Delphi resident Kevin Hathaway and son Brenton Hathaway are promoted to eighth degree black belt in Jujitsu and Kenpo Karate...Members of the 687th Land Clearing Company serving during the Vietnam War put a new roof and siding on a home and garage for an Army buddy's widow in Deer Creek.

Aug. 6 - County leaders are urged to proceed with the sale of county-owned land to the north and west of Carroll Manor to Indiana Packers Corp...First reading of the 2009 budget is delayed by the Delphi City Council president, who is not comfortable with the creation of one of the administrative assistant positions...The Department of Local Government Finance has extended its deadline for the 2009 budget adoption from Sept. 30 to Dec. 1...An Elkhart police officer falls to his death at the Flora Municipal Airport while making his 18th skydiving jump...Neil Snoeberger, Tanner Cripe and Austin Hawn, members of Delphi's Sectional-winning baseball team, play for a team in the 2008 Colt World series in Lafayette...Flora Heat girls softball team won the Tri County Jr. Miss B League Championship...Megan Rossetter, daughter of Melinda and Troy Rossetter of Delphi, took first place in the 5A obedience class with her dog at the 2008 State Fair 4-H Dog Show...Carroll County Old Settlers celebrates its 153rd year.

Aug. 13 – Carroll County Council begins the task of paring down 2009 budget requests...Delphi Board of School Trustees halt a deal to purchase 15 acres of land south of the school campus due to the appraisal of land is lower than the asking price...Flora Town Council decides to phase in a 27.61 percent water rate increase over the next four years...Carroll County Wabash & Erie Canal, Inc., won recognition for its restoration of a 1905 wrought iron bridge it saved from demolition...
Aug. 20 - Carroll Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Smith is not willing to negotiate line item increases for the 2009 budget... Brooks Center opened for business Aug. 6

and houses a new Family Health Clinic...Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Director Sana Booker explains the new Business Partner Program to the county council...Melissa McVay and her children work on their new Habitat for Humanity home in Delphi... Sheriff Tony Burns receives Department of Correction reimbursements from 2002 and 2006 in the amount of \$184,330...Burlington holds clean-up days for property owners.



Habitat for Humanity volunteers are building a home northwest of Camden.

Aug. 27 – Due to budget cuts, the Carroll County Extension Office will lose two employees and will assume the annual \$14,500 rent obligation...Property owner Ted Ratcliff believes Burnett's Creek Arch restoration is a needless expense...Lt. Richard "Hawk" Hawkins resumes duties of the Delphi Tri-Township Fire Dept. Fire Safety Program...Rossville holds its Summers' End Festival with a car show, food, crafts, competitions, parade, and lots more.

Sept. 3 – Carroll County Emergency Management Director Dave McDowell applies for grants to purchase three towers and sirens for an early flood warning system along the Tippecanoe River...An early morning fire destroys the Wabash & Erie Canal playground boat. Arson is suspected...Retiring CEO of Carroll County REMC Ron Kennedy is being replaced by Randy Price, CEO of White County REMC...Carroll County Historical Society will sponsor

its second Appraisal Fair on Sept. 14 in the courthouse rotunda...Carroll Elementary School took precautionary measures and locked down the school for half a day due to a potential situation involving a member of the school population...Delphi Middle School students participated in a Triathlon Aug 27 at Superintendent Ralph Walker's Lake Shafer home...Delphi Rotary Club sponsored a school supply drive to benefit Delphi Community Elementary School

land for \$15,500 per acre from Delphi United Methodist Church...Sherri Cripe's kindergarten class at the Camden Early Childhood Center sold bags of popcorn to fellow students to raise money to help rebuild the burned playground canal boat... Larry E. Farmer of Delphi was arrested Sept. 3 on suspicion of arson for setting fire to the playground canal boat...Dick Hawkins represented eight neighbors on Armory Road at Delphi City Council meeting to voice



Friends of Deer Creek Parks have been making improvements at the park.

Sept. 10 – Delphi school board president Bob Resler casts the deciding vote to proceed with the purchase of

MOP Squad to help families in the community...Friends of the Carroll County Parks have made improvements to Deer Creek Park prior to its "Party in the Park" event set for Sept. 13.

concerns over chipping and sealing of the road instead of paving it...Flora Town Council held a work session to discuss the 2009 trash contract and get public input...Former Carroll graduate Sterling

Carter joined the Peace Corps and is working as an agriculture volunteer in Niger, West Africa...Carroll and Cass county law enforcement officers charge two suspects involved in convenience store burglaries in August...Carroll varsity soccer team won the Hoosier Heartland Conference championship with a victory over Central Catholic...Flora Touch-A-Fleet Day was sponsored by the Flora Community Club KICK Team. The event's highlights were the Lifeline helicopter and a parachute drop.

Sept. 17 – Carroll County Commissioners voted to hire Troyer Group Inc. to determine relinquishment of state road miles when the Hoosier Heartland Highway is completed...Stephan's IGA of Flora celebrated 50 years of business with a customer ap-

preciation day on Saturday...The Town of Camden delays taking bids for wastewater improvements until Sept. 25 to enable more contractors to place a bid...Flora Rotary Club donates \$2,100 to a Rotary district project called the Mexico Initiative to purchase old but good fire trucks for Mexico...Six members of the First Brethren Church of Burlington travel to Europe to visit sites connected with the church's roots.

Sept. 24 – Delphi Community Board of School Trustees held a 1028 public hearing to allow comments on a proposed \$13 million renovation project...Ron Francis will resign as county highway superintendent...Jim and Jan Neptune are grand marshals of the Burlington Fall Festival parade...Delphi residents John and Rachel Chorrush win \$2 million in the Hoosier Lottery Scratch-off game Poker Showdown...Carroll School Board sets goals for the corporation, discuss school enrollment, budget and personnel at a Sept. 16 meeting...Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge No. 211 in Camden held a rededication ceremony...Carroll County special deputy Marion Riggles suffers the loss of K-9 dog, Annie...Madison Winningham and Will Eldridge are crowned Little Princess and Prince of the Burlington Fall Festival...Carroll's varsity soccer team won the Caston Tournament for the third time in four years...Camden Volunteer Fire Dept. demonstrated rescue equipment and techniques at the Deer Creek Park party...Larry Hayes and Missy Harris open Painted Pony Antiques in an 1880 building in Burlington.

Oct. 1 – Carroll County Commissioners signed an acceptance letter for \$475,000 in federal grant money to install a four-channel "Intelligence" in Flora...Delphi resident Judy Conner received an award for "Clown of the Year of 2008"...Helping Hand Fund in Flora has been making a difference in the lives of families since 1977...Delphi Lions Club sponsored a Peace Poster Contest in the schools for students ages 11 to 13...Approximately 600 people turned out for a pork chop benefit dinner for Carroll Manor...Kindergarten Cynthia Rossi was presented with a look-alike American Girl doll purchased by Stephen Siwinski of Flora after she donated her savings to help rebuild the canal playground boat...Fourteen state and local environmental organizations came together Sept. 17 to discuss ways to conserve, manage, enhance and protect the Tippecanoe River Watershed...Hannah Brewster was crowned Burlington Fall Festival Queen...Randy Price is named Carroll County REMC CEO and will begin his new duties Nov. 1.

Oct. 8 – Rossville Volunteer Fire Department held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new fire station...DCSC held a public meeting Oct. 13 to allow residents and taxpayers an opportunity to question school board members about the renovation project...Presidential candidate Barack Obama has ties to Flora through the late Parker Dunham, a relative who taught at Flora Elementary School in the 1960. Both men are descendants of an early Tipton County settler...Carroll's soccer team finishes its best regular season ever with a win at Western Boone...Lafayette Habitat for Humanity and area veteran groups will build a house together in the fall of 2009 to honor veterans for their service to the country...Mt. Zion Independent Baptist Church of Delphi closed its doors after almost 20 years of ministry.

Oct. 22 – Carroll County Commissioners adopt an ordinance to add a mid-step payment rate between state reimbursement and private pay for Carroll Manor residents, made retroactive May 1...Historic Wilson Bridge on County Road 300N, over Deer Creek is restored, painted and has a new approach added...Carroll County Sheriff's deputies received two automatic external



Delphi Preservation Society member Andy Cougill serves up root beer and old-fashioned hard candy at Carroll County Old Settlers.