

Interactive map to focus on Indiana Wetlands

One of Indiana's most overlooked natural resources are wetland ecosystems, and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has created a new Web site to offer a glimpse into the state's varied wetland ecosystems. The newest In-

ternet offering, a Wetlands virtual tour, can be found at www.wetlands.IN.gov.

Wetlands, which store rainwater and slow the movement of floodwater, can be affected by construction projects. IDEM administers several permits regarding construction, ex-

cavation, and dredging projects that propose to impact Indiana's wetlands, streams, rivers, and lakes.

"This Web-based educational component highlights just a few of the vibrant wetlands across the state of Indiana," said Thomas East-

erly, IDEM commissioner. "Our goal is to help children and adults learn about the significance and beauty of these important natural resources."

The interactive map features short videos about 15 unique wetland sites located

around the state of Indiana. Topics covered in the videos include information about each property and its history, as well as the wetland plants, trees and wildlife that can be found at the site. In addition to interesting facts about each property,

the map also offers information on the activities and amenities that are available.

Hoosiers planning construction projects should contact IDEM's Wetlands program at (800) 451-6027 or visit the IDEM Web site at www.wetlands.IN.gov.

Service News

Assigned to Lafayette recruiting station

A veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom has recently been assigned to the U.S. Army's Lafayette recruiting station, which serves Tippecanoe, Carroll, Clinton, Benton, White, and southern Newton counties.

Staff Sgt. Channon Green comes to northwest Indiana from Fort Bragg, N.C., where he had been serving since 2006 with headquarters company, 82nd Support Battalion, as operations noncommissioned officer (NCO). He was deployed with this unit to Talil, Iraq, from Aug., 2006, to Nov., 2007.

During his military career, he has also been stationed at Camp Arifjon, Kuwait, from Nov., 2004-May, 2006, where he trained Iraqi forces; at Fort Bragg from 2003-04 as a dispatcher with the 3/21st Field Artillery; and at Forts Gordon, Ga., and Lewis, Wash., from 1998-2003, working in the warehouses of the 54th Signal

Battalion and 24th Quartermaster Battalion.

A native of Aiken, S.C., Green and his wife, Karen, have two children, Kira and Xyler.

Complete training

Air Force Airman Daniel L. Howard has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, core values, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate in applied science degree relating through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Anita Dewitt of Delphi and a 2003 graduate of Delphi Community High School.

Many openings remain for Indiana teachers interested in a teaching and cultural exchange with Taiwan.

Donnelly rejects pay raise

Comet staff report

U.S. Congressman Joe Donnelly announced Friday his plan to return his \$4,700 pay raise, effective Jan. 1, to the United States Treasury.

"It wouldn't be right for me to accept this raise while the country faces such a difficult economic situation," quoted Donnelly in a press release. "I will be sending my pay increase back to the Treasury."

Members of Congress automatically receive a pay increase each year unless they act to block the raise. The annual increase is based on a Treasury Department formula used for federal employees.

Donnelly has opposed all three pay increases since being sworn into office in January 2007.

Participating Indiana teachers are hired by elementary or middle schools in Taiwan to teach English and work with the Taiwanese educators to develop curriculum and prepare lesson plans and teaching materials. The exchange also allows Indiana schools to hire Taiwanese teachers as visiting educators

to come to Indiana and teach Chinese language and culture. The program helps children in both countries have a greater knowledge of different cultures, history, language, interests and lifestyles.

Application deadline for the 2009-2010 school year is Jan. 30. The opportunity is also

open to students graduating from college prior to the start of the school year who want an early teaching experience abroad.

Interested teachers and schools should visit www.doe.in.gov/internationaleducation to apply online or call 317-234-2375 for more information.

Channel 2

Programming for Jan. 15-21 is listed below:

Thurs., Jan. 15 - 7:30 p.m., Live audio of Delphi vs. Clinton Central girls basketball game.

Sat., Jan. 17 - 2:30 p.m., Live audio of Delphi vs. Lafayette Faith Christian girls basketball game; 8 p.m., live audio of Frankfort vs. Rossville boys basketball game broadcast.

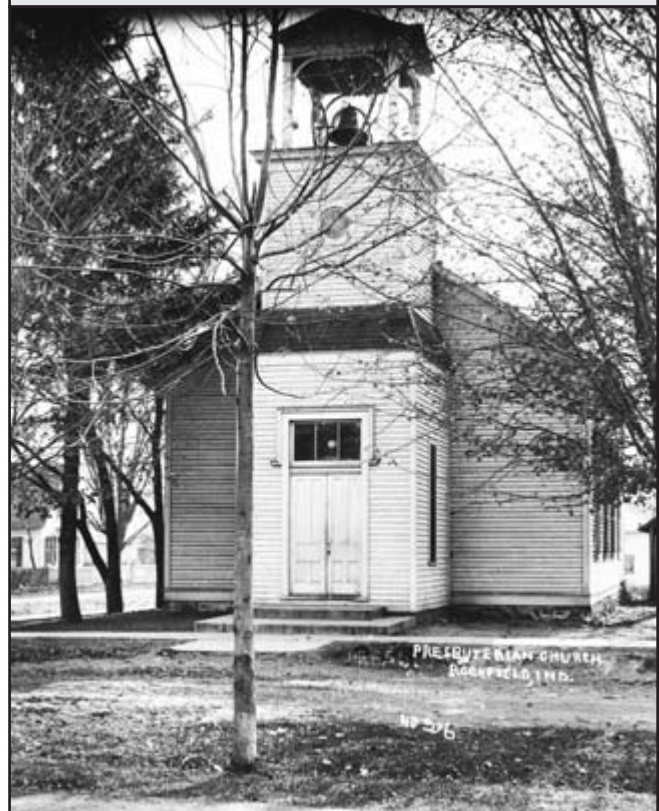
Sun., Jan. 18 - 10:30 a.m., Live worship service from Flora Grace Brethren Church.

Mon., Jan. 19 - 7 p.m., Worship service from St. Joseph Catholic Church, Delphi (taped 1/18); followed by first half of Delphi City Council meeting (taped 1/5).

Tues., Jan. 20 - 7:30 p.m., Live audio of Delphi vs. Rossville girls basketball game.

Wed., Jan. 21 - 7 p.m., Delphi vs. Clinton Central girls basketball game.

Looking Back



Presbyterian Church, Rockfield, circa 1900

From the files of Hoosier Democrat, Delphi Journal, Journal-Citizen and Carroll County Comet. Photo provided by Carroll County Historical Museum.

10 YEARS AGO

Mann's 76 Pit Stop was the scene of a fire Thursday night.

The single story cement block building at the Junction of St. Rds. 29 and 22 housing Papa Louie's Restaurant and convenience store was destroyed.

Volunteer firemen from 10 departments were on the scene until after 8 a.m. Friday.

The state fire marshal was called to investigate the fire. Unofficial reports said the fire was accidental and originated in the cooking area.

Flora Town Council voted to proceed with plans to upgrade and improve the town's water system at the first meeting of the new year. The \$1,552,000 project is expected to increase water bills by 63%.

25 YEARS AGO

Smith Construction Co., Inc. of Flora has received the Quality Pavement Award-Reconstruction City for 1983.

Meeting yesterday afternoon, the board of trustees of Carroll School Corporation approved a 7-period school day at Carroll Senior High School.

Mrs. Pat Duff of rural Delphi, a caterer, thought she was preparing food to serve at a wedding reception on Sat., only to find when she arrived at the Moose Lodge at Logansport that the "wedding reception" was really a surprise 25th anniversary party for her and her husband Bob. Bob had been told to be at the "reception" to help clean up. So, the party was a surprise for him too!

50 YEARS AGO

Eleven families residing along a road in the South Delphi area met on Friday and made a New Year's resolution that they would combine forces to establish "Riley Road" as the official

name of their highway. "Riley Road" follows the meandering of Deer Creek from the Prince William Road at the Robert Wood home, eastward to the John Walker home. It is an area where several new homes have been built and is regarded as a most favorable building site section. In the past it has generally been referred to as "Bluff Road". It is claimed to be the first road in Carroll county and a name signifying that fact as well as a significant Indian name were considered with others, but the secret voting strongly favored Riley Road".

75 YEARS AGO
Instead of being told that prosperity is just around the corner, we are now informed that it is right ahead of us. But as yet these better times have not come to many people. It has arrived for some, they are few and far between. Whether these better times are in store for us during the new year or whether it will be many more years before prosperity again arrives is still the question that is making the American people stop and think.

President Roosevelt has initiated many plans and many enterprises which he feels will bring back prosperity. Some of these have proved fairly successful while others have been lagging far behind in doing good.

100 YEARS AGO
Dr. J.N. Hurty proposes to make it a penal offense for one man to take a bite out of the chewing tobacco of another man. He cites as a basis for this legislation that the teeth often carry remnants of victuals, beverages and other things that are sporting ground for bacteria and that the borrowed chew may be an humble instrument of death. As the information comes from Hurty's office the bill will be so drafted that man may still borrow a chew of tobacco, but compels him to cut it off with a knife.

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