

# Work on wastewater project expected to begin this week in Camden

## Comet staff report

Ken Smith of Municipal Civil Corporation reported at last Thursday's meeting of the Camden Town Council that digging for the wastewater upgrade project should begin by April 15.

"Everything they need is in place," he said.

This will be a project that is out of the public's view for the most part, commented council president Pete Wagoner.

Smith announced that the town has received a Small Cities and Towns Community Development Block Grant in the amount

of \$29,700.

The monies will be used for the planning study for the downtown revitalization project. Smith said he will apply for additional grants for the work phase of the project.

He said that a June 15 goal has been set to have the two public hearings completed.

"That should get you (Camden) in good shape to get some of Obama's stimulus money," he said.

The town has received a REMC Operation Round-Up Grant in the amount of \$4,000 for the Community Building/emergency shelter restrooms and showers.

"We're going to keep looking for grant money for the Community Building, more specifically for the emergency shelter project," said Wagoner.

**Aggressive dogs**  
"The guys (police and utilities) are having problems with aggressive dogs," reported clerk-treasurer Pat Casserly.

Casserly said that she had contacted clerk-treasurers in other county communities who relayed that their communities are not having problems with dogs and cats with the elimination of small

animal control in the county.

Town attorney Anne Briggs reminded the council that the state has statutes and the town has ordinances that address animal problems. The problem is enforcement, she said.

"Maybe we'll have to brainstorm," said Wagoner, "and see what we can do on our own about the problem. It's going to take a homegrown solution."

**Utilities department**  
The purchase of new radio controls for the town's water system was approved at a cost of \$3,556 including installation. Utilities superintendent Jerry

Snavelly said that there have been problems with the current system for the past five years that require manual control and repeated repairs.

The town will be working on cooperative purchasing through the Indiana Association of Cities & Towns to purchase salt for next winter. Snavelly said that seven to eight tons of salt remain from last winter's purchase of 27 tons. He was authorized to purchase 30 tons of salt, but the town is only committed to purchase 80% of that amount.

## Town banners

Jeff Sieber of the Camden Preservation Society reported that he and Casserly have selected three different style banners that will work for spring and summer at a cost of about \$100 each. Funds are needed to purchase six of the 12 banners needed to hang along Main Street. With leftover funds from the town's 175th celebration, the Preservation Society will purchase four of the banners and another organization has agreed to purchase two banners. Churches, organizations and individuals interested in providing financial support for the remaining banners are asked to contact Sieber or Casserly. The banners have a three-year warranty, said Sieber.

## Town clean up

Town-wide spring clean-up will be May 21. All items must be at the curb by 7 that Thursday morning. Waste Management will not accept batteries of any kind, antifreeze, tires, liquid paint, leaves, or appliances that contain Freon. If Freon has been removed, then the appliance should be tagged and certified by a qualified contractor to be picked up.

Waste Management will only pick up items at residences that pay water bills. Those who do not pay water bills may leave their items at dumpsters located at the park, cemetery and downtown.

## Other business

To raise money for park equipment, the township will be collecting scrap metal items in a dumpster in the town lot from May 15 to 26. All metals will be accepted except paint cans, items with Freon, and propane tanks without large holes.

The next household hazardous waste and tire collection will be held July 25 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the county fairgrounds in Flora. The Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District performs this service.

Residents who need bagged leaves, limbs, sticks and brush picked up should call the town office.

Camden Woman's Literary Club will pick up litter along streets on May 16.

Flowers along Main Street will be planted May 2 by 4-H members.

Wagoner said that compliance with the town's nuisance and junk vehicle ordinances will be enforced after town-wide clean-up efforts are completed in late May.

Casserly reported that the town is required by law to participate in the 2010 census.

"It's important to complete the census accurately and in a timely manner," she said. "Some of our tax dollars are based on the information received in the census."

Casserly has put together severe weather information brochures that are available for pick up in the town office.

A decision on a pre-season service agreement with Goodrich Quality Mechanical in the amount of \$245 for both heating and cooling was tabled until the May meeting.

The Camden Youth Parade will be at 10 a.m. June 6.

The Community Club's annual perch/smelt fry will be June 13.

The next meeting will be May 14 at 7 p.m. in the Reading Room at the Camden library.

## Looking Back



Flora Kid Band, 1905

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

## 10 YEARS AGO

Spring and fall at the Lavys will be quieter now that their orchard is gone. Trees had to be pruned in the spring, and in the fall up to 1,500 bushels of apples had to be picked. The front porch of their home was their store, and their barn was the storage area. In the spring time, fragrance of apple blossoms filled the air. The Lavys produced apples for are residents for 40 years, but changing times, age and health were factors in their decision to retire from the apple business.

In March they cut down the orchard, keeping 10 trees for family use.

Last Friday, an unusual semi-truck was diverted through downtown Delphi. The semi was taken off I-65 at the SR 18 exit because of construction work being done on the interstate.

The semi is referred to as a superload. The truck and trailer together measure a total of 148-feet with a gross weight of 354,000 pounds. It is equipped with six gooseneck swivel connectors, 19 sets of axels and 75 tires.

## 25 YEARS AGO

Redistricting of the Hillcrest and Camden Elementary School student areas was approved by the board of Delphi Community School Corporation meeting.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Delphi had its mortgage burning service Sunday afternoon after paying the mortgage off a few days short of 20 years.

Margaret Brovont of Rt. 2, Camden was seen with the 119-year-old loom which was first used by her husband's great-grandmother. The loom was threaded with enough warp to make twenty 54x28 rugs.

Children gathered at the Flora-Monroe Library to send up 45 balloons in celebration of national Library Week.

Sheila Wilimitis correctly spelled candidacy to become the champion speller among 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the Carroll School Corporation. Heather Beck was the runner-up. Both girls are 8<sup>th</sup> graders and were the top spellers last year only in reverse order.

## 50 YEARS AGO

Army Specialist Four Larry E. Pressler of Flora received congratulations from Capt. Richard C. Leslie, detachment commander of the U.S. Army Security Agency, Caribbean, after being selected Soldier of the Month for the agency's

headquarters at Fort Kobbe, Canal Zone. A communications operator in headquarters, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Pressler of Flora.

Carroll county schools are making arrangements for commencement exercises. They are as follows: Adams Twp. May 6, at the school; Burrows May 8 at the Burrows Christian church; Camden May 16 at the Camden gym; Burlington May 19 at the Burlington gym; Flora May 22 at the school auditorium; Carrollton May 22 at the school.

Not scheduling commencement exercises are the Cutler, Pittsburg and Yeoman schools.

**75 YEARS AGO**  
Due to the decrease in time of all post office employees, hours of service to the local public will be shortened. According to the new plan worked out the office window will now open at 7:30 in the morning and will close at 6:00 p.m. Under the old system the office opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 7:00 p.m.

Rural carriers will leave the office at 7:30 now instead of 7:00 as in the past.

## 100 YEARS AGO

What came near being a sad chapter in the history of the old mill dam at Bishop's mill, occurred Wednesday. Geo. Wattenberger and wife and a young man by the of Harmon were fishing on the east side of the dam and in attempting to cross to their home, one of the flat boats which they were pushing with a pole, came very nearly going to a watery grave. The recent heavy rains had so swollen the stream which at this place is very swift, that Mr. Wattenberger lost control of the craft and it was pitched and tossed by the raging waters. It was finally overturned in a tree top which had fallen in the stream about one-half mile below. The three people were left in the water that was too deep to wade and none of the party could swim and they kept their heads above water only by grasping the boughs of the tree. Finally Mr. Wattenberger succeeded in reaching shore and notified Chas. Adams, the miller and John Julius, who then plunged in the water and pulled them ashore after having been in the cold water for about one and one-half hours.

## Making Cutler safer



Carroll County Sheriff Tony Burns and Cutler Neighborhood Watch organizer Mary Blue orchestrated the installation of signs Wednesday to warn criminals there is an active watch group in the area. Burns said the goal is to establish programs and post signs in 10 to 12 neighborhoods in the county. Photo provided

## What's Happening Elsewhere

**KOKOMO COIN AND COLLECTIBLES SHOW**  
will be held Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Kokomo Event Center (formerly Johanning Civic Center), 1500 N. US 31, Kokomo. Admission is free.

**FIRED UP TO QUIT: HELPING PATIENTS BEAT TABACCO ADDICTION**  
will be presented at 7:30 a.m. on April 22 at the Kathryn Weil Center for Education in Lafayette by Indiana State Health Commissioner Judith A. Monroe, M.D., FAAFP. Dr. Monroe's program is for health care providers including physicians, nurse practitioners, social workers, nurses, pharmacists, dentists and medical/nursing/pharmacy students. The program is free, but registration is required and can be made by calling the center at (765) 449-5133.

The St. Elizabeth Diabetes Center will present **IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO PREVENT DIABETES** at

6:30 p.m. on April 21. This program is for young and growing families, as well as mothers who had gestational diabetes or those with a family history. The program will be at the Kathryn Weil Center for Education, Lafayette. The program is free, but registration is required and can be made by calling (765) 449-5180.

**WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION'S** mid-year rally will be April 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Harris Chapel Church of the Nazarene in Selma. For information, contact Shirley Richardson at (765) 345-2683 or e-mail her at RicShir7@aol.com.

**SUSAN WITTIG ALBERT**, author of the China Bayles Mysteries will be speak April 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Monticello Public Library located at 321 W. Broadway St. The event sponsored by the Friends of the Library is free and open to the public.

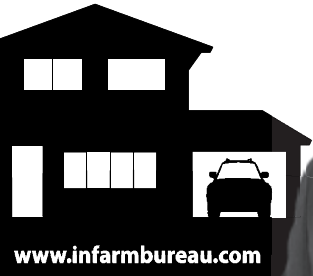
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