

Delphi farmers market to open Wednesday and Saturday mornings

Comet staff report

The Delphi Main Street Committee recently announced that the Delphi Farmers Market will begin May 13 on Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. to noon on Market St. at the west side of the courthouse.

Teresa Daly will return on Wednesdays with bedding plants, herbs and fresh-cut

flower arrangements. New this year will be Hannah Hickman offering free-range eggs and selling soft drinks on both days. Other vendors will participate as produce becomes available.

"We are really excited at the opportunity of being open two days," Market Master Kathy Bell said. "The Saturday market is new for us this year and should give many more vendors and customers

a chance to experience the market. We are looking for craft vendors as well as produce vendors to join us."

The cost for booth space is \$45 for the season and vendors can rent space for \$10 for a single day. Craft items offered must be handcrafted by the vendor and judged acceptable by the market committee.

"We want to promote our local products and talent and

bring customers into the downtown to support our local retail businesses and services," Bell continued. "It would be great if we had musicians that wanted to participate by playing for free at the market."

For market rules and/or an application form contact Bell at (765) 564-9028 or at kbell21663@gmail.com. Information is also available at cityofdelphi.org/main.php.

Carroll accepts HVAC bid

By Jennifer Archibald
Staff writer

At an evening meeting April 29, Carroll School Board awarded the HVAC renovation contract to A. Hattersley & Sons. Bids on the project had been opened that morning.

The accepted bid, which includes five alternates, and equipment by Trane, was \$1,843,610. The project is for piping and air conditioning the junior-senior high school.

The corporation had gone through a re-bidding process, omitting a room addition for the chiller, and superintendent

John Sayers said he was happy to see that the bids came in lower.

The board followed the recommendation of superintendent John Sayers to do Alternates 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 now rather than later. It also followed the recommendation of Brian Walker of Barton-Coe-Vilamaa, Architects & Engineers, to omit Alternate 5, which included extended warranty for parts and labor. Walker said he thought \$39,000 was too much money for that alternate.

The alternates accepted include air conditioning the cafeteria, auxiliary gym, and

dry food storage, re-working domestic insulation in the old boiler room, and installing motion sensors in the ceiling. Walker explained that the sensors act as energy savers, cutting down on heating, cooling, and lights when no one is in the classroom.

The Hattersley bid was not the lowest bid. Sayers recommended Hattersley as the "best bid, in the best interest of the school corporation." He cited lack of experience on similar projects and technical non-compliance on the bid form as reasons for not accepting the low bid, \$1,825,870,

from Commercial Air.

Both Walker and school attorney Miriam Robeson had pointed out, before the superintendent's recommendation, that Commercial Air didn't complete a couple of things in the re-bid packet, resulting in technical non-compliance. Robeson said Hattersley's bid packet was complete.

Board president Sam Zook said there is benefit to Hattersley finishing the project since Hattersley also did the Phase I piping project at the school. Trane equipment also was used in Phase I.

HHC overlay district approved

By Rod Butcher
Contributing Writer

The public hearing for the Hoosier Heartland Corridor overlay district was held at the Area Plan Commission meeting on April 28.

Miriam Robeson, Carroll County Zoning Ordinance Update Project Steering Committee member, stated the purpose of the overlay is to protect the property, public safety, align land use, provide consistency, and prevent unplanned construction in the 1,000 foot buffer of the state right away along the corridor.

Newly appointed Delphi representative Kirk Germond

and members of the audience asked Robeson several questions.

Robeson said the steering committee used models from Boone and Hedricks counties to develop the overlay. She explained while some language may be general and ambiguous, the steering committee determined it was better to err on the side of flexibility. Robeson added if it did not allow for fair determinations committee members would take another look at it. They may find out later that there is a need to "tighten the ordinance up."

Robeson explained that parcels under three acres will be expected to conform with

the zoning policy unless the home is significantly altered. Homeowners who want to rebuild and the property is not on a minimum of three acres would be required to apply for a special exception from APC.

APC attorney Cynthia Harmon said there was "a good chance" of getting an exception for lots less than three acres.

Robeson added that farms zoned agriculture in the overlay district will be able to construct additional buildings which are used for agricultural purposes.

The HHC overlay received a unanimous favorable recommendation. It is expected

to be presented to the county commissioners May 18 for approval.

Robeson advised that steering committee meetings are open to the public. Meeting information and the HHC overlay district can be found at <http://www.carrollcountyzoning.wordpress.com>.

Other Business

Zoning administrator Kathy Mylet received permission to charge a \$50 fee to elevate properties that were flooded twice. Mylet said homes elevated in 2008 did not sustain flood damage in 2009.

The next meeting will be May 23 at 7 p.m.

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