

Jefferson Township ambulance calls go to Monticello

E-911 directed to dispatch

By Debbie Lowe
Staff writer

Carroll County Commissioners did an about face when they directed E-911 director Jay Dee Cree, who was not present, to dispatch all Jefferson Township ambulance calls to the Monticello Fire Department at their Monday morning meeting. Commissioners recently rejected two separate requests by township leaders to allow E-911 to dispatch the neighboring county service instead of the county service.

Jefferson Township Trustee Harold Erdmann told commissioners the township advisory board made an agreement with the Monticello Fire Department and the Monticello Board of Works to provide the service separate from Carroll County's service.

"Residents of Jefferson Township are overwhelmingly in favor of the contract with Monticello," Erdmann said. "You're looking at big differences in response times."

Commissioners president Loren Hylton voted in favor of the switch but noted that the decrease in income from ambulance runs could negatively impact future funding for the entire Carroll County ambulance service. He said Cree was not consulted directly about the possible change.

Other ambulance business

Emergency Medical Service director Mike Durr reported the Flora ambulance garage was flooded and could not be used until it is repaired. He said the Flora ambulance was moved to Burlington by agreement and recommended commissioners leave it there for the remainder of the year. He further recommended not making repairs to the Flora site because it floods at least twice each year.

Commissioners approved the plan to house the Flora ambulance in Burlington and use the Flora site for storage.

Highway department

Highway engineer Paul Coutts said flood damage costs have reached ap-

proximately \$84,821 and continue to mount. He said overtime for workers is \$32,935 to date.

Coutts said 39 locations suffered damage and many of those have been repaired. The repair to the Crooked Road to Flora/Delphi is expected to begin next week. Coutts said pipe from the highway department stock will be used for the repair which will allow the job to be completed earlier than waiting for delivery of less costly materials.

Coutts said work was completed on the stone arch bridge on N. Washington St. in Delphi. Weight limitations were lifted as a result of the repair. Coutts warned the repair would only last from five to seven years and would need to be monitored for safety during that time.

HHH overlay district

Commissioners approved the Hoosier Heartland Overlay District Outline as presented by zoning administrator Kathy Mylet and comprehensive land use plan steering

committee member Miriam Robeson. However, section 15, which regulates billboards, was excluded from the approved document for modifications.

Commissioners disagreed with restrictions the document placed on billboard placement. Robeson said given the recommended restrictions, approximately 20 signs will be allowed next to the new highway in Carroll County.

Bill Brown said he thought, although the restrictions would encourage the billboard industry to locate in the county, they would prohibit county businesses from owning a sign. He said local businesses would be forced to rent sign space from a larger concern, with headquarters located outside of the county.

Robeson said the language in the overlay is directed toward the billboard industry because it is expected local businesses will rent space from them. She further stated the document is meant to be modified as problems are discovered and solutions discussed.

"We don't expect this to be the last word in billboards," she said.

Robeson advised that property, which adjoined land controlled by the overlay and owned by the same property owner, would be under the same restrictions unless the section under the overlay is legally separated from the surrounding land.

Brown said businesses and the county tax base could suffer if the restrictions are adopted.

EDIT

County auditor Beth Myers announced additional tax from an economic development income tax increase will be approximately \$115,960 more than last year. Commissioners will meet June 9 at 8:30 a.m. to hear funding presentations to develop the 2008 plan.

4-H buildings

Resolution 2009-05, which prohibits skateboarding, roller skating, in-line skating and bicycling in the show arena and barns operated by 4-

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Canen, Springer lead DCHS Class of '09

Delphi Community High School's 2009 Valedictorian is Ali Canen. Salutatorian is Nicole Springer. They both gave addresses at commencement on Saturday.

Canen is the daughter of Tim and Beth Canen of Camden. She attained four years of perfect attendance and was on the distinguished honor roll all four years. She was a member of National Honor Society for two years including one year as treasurer. School activities include: Yearbook staff for three years and one year as editor; Key Club, two years; French Club, four years; Battle of the Books, four years; Fellowship of Christian Athletes; freshman mentor; Junior Rotarian and junior marshal.

She was on the tennis team for four years and was a 2008 regional qualifier.

Her other accomplishments include: 10-year 4-H member; American Cancer Society Dafodil Fundraiser volunteer; Carroll County Fair Clean-up; Pride Day; Carroll County Christmas Baskets and Toy Store; Blood Drive volunteer and three-time donor; Member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church;



Canen

Camden Community Vacation Bible School volunteer; Hoosier Girls State and Lugar Symposium Delegate and Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Nominee.

Awards and scholarships she received include: Excellence in French Award (four years); Outstanding Achievement in Math (four years); Air Force Math and Science Award; Bradshaw English Award (two years); Camden Woman's Literary Club Award; Excellence in Journalism Award; United States Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award; Hoosier Scholar Scholarship; Student Council Scholarship; Delphi Rotary Scholarship; Mike Van-Sickle Memorial Delphi Kiwanis Scholarship; and Psi Iota Xi

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Generations of fun at the parks

The Rudd family (l-r), Steve, Blaine, and Sheila of Galveston fished at Carroll County's Deer Creek Park pond May 30. Sheila Rudd said it is family tradition to fish at the pond each weekend with her son and grandson. "We don't miss many weekends," Steve Rudd said. "It's good family fun to come out here." Comet photo by Jenna Buehler

Rossville names top two

Rossville Middle/High School announces its valedictorian and salutatorian of the Class of 2009. They each spoke at the commencement ceremony May 30.

Valedictorian is Rebecca Leanne Shideler, and salutatorian is Nicholas Grady.

Shideler is the daughter of John and Pam Shideler of Lafayette. Her school activities included secretary of National Honor Society, varsity cheerleader, Primetime, fall plays and musicals, co-president of Sophisticated Ladies, and jazz band. She is a member of Dayton United Methodist Church and youth leader.

She received the Academic Honors Diploma. Her senior awards included top student in English, calculus award, and outstanding student in



Shideler

theatre production. She received the following scholarships: Hoosier Scholar, McClamroch Scholarship, Purdue University Presidential Scholarship, and Rossville Lions Club Community Service Scholarship.

Shideler plans to attend the Krannert School of Management at Purdue University and study marketing or finance.

Grady is the son of Tara and Maureen Grady of Lafayette. He played soccer and was a member of National Honor Society, concert choir, and FFA. Other activities have included Boy Scouts and a volunteer at St. James food pantry.

Grady graduated with the Academic Honors Diploma. He received an award in English and the following scholarships: McClamroch Scholarship, Rossville FFA/Jeff Eller Memorial Scholarship, and Rossville Lions Club Community Service Scholarship.

He plans to attend Purdue University and study general health sciences with a pre-medical concentration.

French Post Park gets new rules, prices

By Jenna Buehler
Contributing writer

Commissioners adopted new rules and camping prices for Carroll County French Post Park June 1. Carroll County Parks Board president Bob Burton said camping was not allowed at the park for approximately fifteen years. Changes were proposed to govern the use of camping space and bring a historic treasure back to the county.

The county owns two parks, French Post and Deer Creek. French Post Park is located on the south side of the Wabash River, between Delphi and Logansport at CR275W in Burrows. It is the only public access site for boating and includes a fishing area with a shelter on the Wabash River, picnic tables, playground equipment, water, portable toilet, and a concrete, handicap-accessible DNR boat ramp.

Burton said camping ac-

cess to the park was closed more than a decade ago, after trailers and buses set up to camp year-around and frequent vandalism brought damage to the quality of the park. Burton said rules were created to help ensure the quality of the parks.

Only tent camping will be allowed at the park. The cost is \$10 per campsite (three tents maximum), \$40 per week per campsite and an adult 21 years or older must be present.

Camping is by reservation only. Customers will receive park rules and a receipt. Campers are responsible for their pets. No alcohol is permitted. Patrons must stay on park grounds and are responsible for their visitors. All trash is to be removed by campers. No guns are to be discharged in the park.

"These parks were popular generations ago in the 30s and 40s," Burton said. "But people have forgotten where these

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Council grants tax abatement

Tax break less than requested

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A tax abatement request by The Andersons for an expansion project at the Delphi plant was granted by the Carroll County Council after the necessary public hearing Tuesday morning. Two residents, Galen and Carl Perry, objected to the tax break for the company.

The length of the abatement period granted, which is when the county coffers will receive less tax revenue than would be received without a deferment, was less than requested by The Andersons. Information requested at a previous meeting was supplied in written form by Car-

roll County Economic Development Director Daryl Smith and The Andersons representatives Bob Marlow and Russ Mitchell.

Estimates based on the 2007 (pay 2008) tax rate for Deer Creek Township of .02485, the anticipated full additional tax revenue from the project is \$31,957 per year. The abatement is only for the additional project; current property and real tax revenues will stay the same. In the first year of the abatement, no revenue from the project will be realized. The second year will produce an estimated total of \$5,322. Tax revenue will increase on a graduated scale until full tax is realized in seven years for

real property (the bin) and three years for personal property (the equipment).

The Perrys objected to the county's loss of revenue for the abatement period and the potential for an increase in requests for like-considerations.

Mitchell said the Delphi plant was established 35 years ago. Marlow said he began working there in 1975. Mitchell said although no new facility jobs will be created with the tax break, the measure holds the expectation of job security for the current workers.

He further explained local contractors will be solicited for construction, electrical and other work to be done as the new grain bin is built.

Marlow said some area contractors will not be able to handle the scope of the project, however he thought the electrical work will be done by workers from both Carroll and Tippecanoe counties.

Council member Ron Slavens added that the new grain bin will hold an additional 3/4 million bushels of corn, which will generate more county revenue. He said when all grain bins are full at a facility, the price for product drops.

"The tax line can make a difference in where you decide to make more investments," Mitchell said.

The next council meeting will be June 23 at 3:30 p.m.



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