

## Carroll Manor, not just a facility - a home

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Much has changed for the Carroll County-owned Carroll Manor Residential Care Facility since it was established in 1853 on CR100N. The home was always managed by a superintendent who lived on-site with family members.

According to *Comet* records, Jack Burkhalter was the superintendent in the 1960s and 70s, and James Coghill, with his wife Neda, assumed the post in 1972. The family quarters were maintained during those years and the grounds were used as a working farm and garden to help support the home.

When current superintendent Martha Lewis, daughter of the Coghills, was appointed to the position by Carroll County Commissioners in 1998, the



Lewis

family area was converted into resident living quarters. There was no longer farm ground managed by the superintendent and due to state constraints, gardening done by residents to preserve food for later use was prohibited.

Much has been discussed about the future of the facility by the county council and commissioners in the past several months. An "independence plan," proposed by the council to commissioners two weeks ago, would set the Manor on a path of self-sufficiency. The plan would liberate the Manor appropriation from the general fund and allow it to exist as a stand-alone entity which would subsist upon income from resident-generated fees.

A \$50,000 line item in the com-



**Carroll Manor sits in a picturesque landscape on CR100N. Not only does the Manor support residents with services but also has a large community room for group meetings and family activities. There is no set fee for use of the room, but donations are accepted. Comet file photo**

missioner's budget would be used to pay the Manor for the care of Carroll County indigent residents as prescribed by state statute. Another \$50,000 in the county leaders' budget as "seed money" for the Manor to be able to pay bills until the first month's income is utilized. The decision to

implement the "independence plan" will be made when the 2010 budget is developed.

That idea is not an unwelcome one to Lewis.

"I don't have a problem with the plan," she said. "Our census is increasing. If we keep going like this, we'll be money ahead."

A sub-recommendation by the council is for the Manor to rent unused space to help make ends meet in 2010, however Lewis said that measure will not be necessary. She said she prefers to reserve any extra space for future residents. Lewis said county homes across the state are closing and she believes the Manor has an appeal other facilities do not.

"This is a home," she emphasized. "I tell people the Manor is like a bed

and breakfast. We do not have private baths like other facilities, but we are in a beautiful building, in a rural area and it is homey here."

Lewis belongs to the Indiana County Home Association which meets every other month. She said she participates in the group so she can understand what is happening state-wide and to keep current about mandatory regulations the Manor is required to follow.

She explained the budget reductions in the past two years were a difficult adjustment for her and the staff. The Manor employed 10 full-time staff which was reduced to seven after the reductions. Lewis said the number of part-time workers stayed the same at six.

She said there have been many food and dry goods donations which are welcomed. She has also taken advantage of the National Able Network, which is a state-sponsored Senior Community Service Employ-

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Staying within the budget...

## High school science wing issues addressed

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The Delphi Community School Board of School Trustees learned about work being done to repair the high school science and business wings at a Monday night meeting. Principal Barry Stone said that the condition of the labs and equipment in both wings is not as bad as he believed they were before the defeated public vote to allow the corporation to undertake a renovation project.

"Things are in better shape than I thought they were," he said.

Stone reported new science

teacher Dennis Conner has been cleaning the labs, eliminating unused or worn out equipment.

"We are going to fix the things that can be fixed and throw out those that can't," he said.

Stone said although it was thought there was no gas for any of the science laboratories, in fact the chemistry lab did have working gas. He said the gas company will visit the school to evaluate the lack of service to the other two labs, which he explained was disrupted by crushed gas lines outside of the building that were never

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## Carroll board accepts 12 transfer students

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Carroll School Board had a full agenda at its July 7 meeting.

Twelve students will transfer to Carroll schools from outside the district, paying an estimated cash tuition of about \$400 each. Superintendent John Sayers said the transfer tuition will not be officially known until the state approves a new formula for calculating the cost. In previous years the cost has been more than \$2,000 per student.

Students approved for transfer are Samantha Pickens, Benjamin Pickens, Caitlin Pickens, Casey Crume, Cameron Crume, Shelbi Fisher, Sidney Fisher, Scott Ashby, Megan Ashby, Kayvan Record, Krysta Record, and Morgan Justice.



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The board approved a facility use request from elder Donald Peters on behalf of the Old German Baptist Brethren Church (New Conference). The request was for use of the Carroll Elementary gym and kitchen for church service and carry-in meal from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., beginning Sunday, July 12.

Other facility use requests were approved for Carroll Youth Football and Flora Softball Summer League.

This was the organizational meeting for 2009-2010, and board officers were elected. Sam Zook will be president, Dave Lambert, vice president, and Michelle Simmons, secretary. Leslie Allen will continue as corporation treasurer, and Miriam Robeson as corporation attorney. The annual Conflict of Interest Statements were acknowledged. Meeting dates and times will continue as the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

The board created the position of school nurse at Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School for 2009-2010, with the salary to be the same as the school nurse at the elementary school.

Extracurricular assignments for next school year were approved for the two schools, as recommended by the principals. The approval of fall coaches at the junior-

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## County 4-H queen and her court



Miss Carroll County 2009 is Haley Richardson, seated. She is surrounded by her court. They are (l to r): Alisha Hedrick, 2nd runner-up; Denise Kendall, third runner-up and Miss Congeniality; and Aubree Herron, 1st runner-up. Comet photo

## 2009 DCHS graduate is Miss Carroll County

Comet staff report

Eighteen-year-old Haley Alise Richardson of Flora is Miss Carroll County 2009.

She was crowned Saturday night at the 52nd annual pageant held in the show arena at the 4-H fairgrounds in Flora.

Her court includes first runner-up Aubree Rene Herron, 19, of Cutler; second runner-up Alisha Nicole Hedrick, 18, of Bringham; and third runner-up and Miss Congeniality Denise Rachel Kendall, 19, of Camden.

During fair week, the queen and her court attend all livestock shows, participate in the 4-H Parade, help at the livestock auction, and work all week to support the fair.

Miss Richardson will compete in August for the title of Miss Indiana State Fair Queen. She is the youngest of three daughters of Steve and Bethellen Richardson.

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A 2009 graduate of Delphi Community High School, Miss Richardson will

be attending Purdue University in the fall. Because of her broad range of interests, she has decided to wait to declare a major.

During high school, she participated in Key Club, French Club, FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes), and Battle of the Books. This past year she served as president of National Honor Society and as treasurer of Student Council.

She was a member of the DCHS volleyball and tennis teams and began diving two winters ago.

She is completing her tenth year in 4-H and is exhibiting beef and swine projects.

This summer Miss Richardson is working as a lifeguard at the Tropicana Cove in Lafayette. She is also volunteering as a tennis instructor at a community tennis camp for children.

As winner, the queen receives an array of gifts including tiara, Baker Funeral Home; trophy, Reinke Funeral Home; diamond necklace, Sisson & Son Jewelers; \$100 savings bond, Wise & Wise Farms; \$50 savings bond, Carroll

County Extension Homemakers; cash, Farm Bureau Insurance, Fisher's Restaurant, Wise & Wise Farms, Ives & Ives Attorneys, and Harry D. Jones, D.D.S.; gift certificate, The Stone House Restaurant; Longaberger basket, Pam Michael, independent Longaberger national sales leader; video of pageant, Channel 2; magnetic sign, queen committee; 11x14 picture and complimentary session, Portraits by Lori; gift basket, Tan Line & Balloons; and five mega tan visits, Sand Tones.

First runner-up Aubree Herron is the daughter of Tom and Sarina Herron. She is a 2008 graduate of Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School and will be a sophomore this fall at Ball State University where she is majoring in early childhood education and elementary education. After obtaining her bachelor's degree, she wants to teach third grade.

At Ball State, Miss Herron is an active member of "B-Stud," a women's Bible study that is a branch of Campus Crusade for Christ. She is also involved with Educators in Action and College Mentors for Kids.

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