

Around the corner



Indiana may take manure from Ohio

Indiana may soon be taking "stuff" from Ohio, literally.

Grand Lake St. Marys in western Ohio has been overrun with blue-green algae from animal manure in the lake's watershed. Because of the health risks from the algae, people have been cautioned to not eat fish from the lake, let alone boat there or even touch the water.

Ohio officials hope that the Indiana counties of Wayne, Jay, Randolph, Delaware, Henry, Blackford and Adams, because of large farms there that produce manure to be used for fertilizer, will be possible destinations for their manure.

Inmate sues after glass found in arm

An inmate at the Nebraska State Penitentiary is suing a hospital and doctor for allegedly failing to remove a shard of glass from his forearm 14 years ago.

David Dieguez Alfonso, 35, was treated in 1996 after he put his right arm through a window. He claims that no X-ray was taken and his wound was sewn closed with the glass still embedded in his arm.

According to his suit, Alfonso has suffered varying degrees of inflammation in his arm, and the glass was discovered in July after a prison doctor took an X-ray of his arm where a lump had formed.

Alfonso, in prison for violation of the Nebraska Sex Offender Registration Act, is eligible for parole in December.



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Ed Troncin, left, with his wife, Dorothy, daughter, Jean Ann, and dog, Missie, points to the west side of his 88-acre property near the sign declaring the property a part of the Harrison County Conservation Program. The property is located between S.R. 64 and Oak Park Road northeast of New Salisbury.

Conservation program finalizes 2nd easement

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When Ed Troncin laid eyes on the county's future plan for the area northeast of the four-way stop in New Salisbury, including his 88-acre property, the hair on the back of his neck stood up.

If the plans were implemented, the Troncins could have struck a lucrative deal by selling most of their property for residential growth. But that wasn't the reason for Troncin's nervousness.

"I didn't want this thing full of houses," he said.

So, Ed, his wife, Dorothy, and daughter, Jean Ann, tried to find a way to preserve the farm land. The family took their concern to a lawyer, who at first said there's nothing that could be done to keep the land preserved forever.

However, the lawyer eventually found the perfect program for the Troncins: The Harrison County Land Conservation Program.

The Troncins worked closely with county planner and conservation committee secretary Eric Wise to secure the land in the program.

With the start of the Farm, Forest and Open Space Preservation Task Force about six years ago, the foundation of the program the Troncins are now a

part of was built.

The FFOSP Task Force studied the issue of how to preserve farm land in Harrison County and eventually gave way to the Harrison County Land Conservation Committee. The program provides financial assistance to landowners interested in voluntarily conserving their land. It is the first, and only, such program in the state of Indiana.

The Troncins still own the property; they just can't make any significant changes on it without the permission of the conservation committee.

"We're just giving away the rights to build on it, forever," Jean Ann said.

The only overriding force of the conservation easement is eminent domain.

The majority of the property is farmed by New Salisbury resident Tim Book.

The Troncins had nothing but good things to say about the program, which requires a minimum of 20 acres to apply.

"Anybody that has the property needs to consider it," Dorothy Troncin said.

She said the urban sprawl effect is real and continual.

"This is the only thing that will stop that," she said.

Ed Troncin said the farm is important to not only him,

but children in the area who have worked on the land, just like any other farm throughout the county. Troncin has also allowed students from area schools on the property for field trips or other agriculturally educational programs.

The Troncins' property is the second to join the conservation program. The first, known as Pfrimmer Farm, is located between Corydon and Lanesville and was donated by Samuel P. Hays of Boulder, Colo., formerly of Corydon.

The program is a branch of county government dedicated to conserving agricultural land, forest land and open spaces in order to maintain a long-term business environment for agriculture and forestry in the county, to protect the rural character of the county and to maintain the quality of life of its residents.

The program is funded by the Harrison County Community Foundation.

For anyone interested in learning about conservation easements or to make a donation, the conservation committee is available for presentation to either groups or individuals. For more information, visit harrisonfarmland.org or call Wise at 738-8927.

Community Calendar

Saturday, Sept. 11

- New Middletown Town Council, 9 a.m., town hall.

Monday, Sept. 13

- LifeSpan Resources Inc. board, 11:45 a.m., YMCA building, 33 State St., third-floor board room, New Albany.
- American Red Cross blood drive, 3 to 7 p.m., Pleasant Ridge United Methodist Church, 3080 S.R. 337 South, Corydon. For more information, call 267-6681.
- Crawford County Solid Waste Management District advisory board, 3:45 p.m., district office, English.
- Crawford County Local Emergency Planning Committee, 4:30 p.m., emergency management office, English.
- Georgetown Town Council, 6:30 p.m., town hall.
- Boys & Girls Club of Harrison County board, 7 p.m., at the club (Gerdon Youth Center), Corydon.
- Greenville Town Council, 7 p.m., town hall.
- Harrison County Council, 7 p.m., courthouse, Corydon.
- Lanesville Town Council, 7 p.m., town hall.
- Leavenworth Town Council, 7 p.m., town hall.
- Milltown Town Council, 7 p.m., town hall.
- New Amsterdam Town Council, 7 p.m., town hall.
- Corydon Town Council, 7:30 p.m., town hall.
- Marengo Town Council, 7:30 p.m., town hall.

Tuesday, Sept. 14

- Crawford County Council, 7 p.m., judicial complex, English.
- Harrison County Solid Waste Management District, 7:30 p.m., recycling facility, Corydon.

Wednesday, Sept. 15

- Harrison County Regional Sewer District, 8:30 a.m., Harrison County Community Foundation building, Corydon.
- Crawford County Tourism Board of Commissioners, 9 a.m., tourism office, Carefree.
- Crawford County Sheriff's Merit board, 7 p.m., judicial complex, English.
- Harrison County Hospital Board of Trustees, 7 p.m., hospital, Corydon.
- Harrison County Lifelong Learning board, 7 p.m., 101 S.R. 62 W suite 104, Corydon.
- Blue River Commission, 7:30 p.m., Community First Bank, Corydon.

Thursday, Sept. 16

- South Harrison Advisory Board, 7 p.m., South Harrison Park, Elizabeth.

Public meetings and events of general interest appear in the Community Calendar. (Notices of meetings, activities at lodges, clubs, etc., appear in Looking Ahead in the Community section.) Call 738-2211 by 1 p.m. Tuesday to include item in Community Calendar.

Sheriff's case continued

The case against Harrison County Sheriff G. Michael Deatrick was continued last week.

Special judge Vicki L. Carmichael said special prosecutor Nancy Jacobs and Deatrick's attorney, Bart M. Betteau, agreed Friday to continue the case for a later date that, as of press

time, had not been determined.

Deatrick has been charged with two counts of criminal deviate conduct, six counts of sexual battery, two counts of intimidation and single counts of obstruction of justice and insurance fraud.

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