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County denies sewer funds

Proposal aimed to lower Orland area sewer rates

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ANGOLA — Steuben County Commissioners basically denied a request for funding to help pay for the Steuben Lakes Regional Waste District's expansion to Orland and Brown and Wall lakes.

The commissioners took no action on a request for \$497,792 made by Tim Frederick, superin-

tendent with SLRWD.

Commissioners assumed the request was for funding from its Major Moves Transportation Fund. Money from that fund has been fully tapped for this year, said Commissioner Jim Crowl.

"At the present time, with our investments and interest down, I don't see how we can come up with that amount of money," Crowl said.

Frederick said the intent for the funds, along with about \$280,000 that's been requested from LaGrange, would be to help lower the cost of sewer bills for those in the Orland area. The project in Orland just got started in September.

"That's what we're trying to do, get it below that \$70 mark," Frederick said. Currently it is

estimated Orland users will pay \$75.50 a month for sewer service. With help from Steuben and LaGrange counties, the bill for Orland area users would be about \$69 a month.

Frederick also said the county had helped with another environmental issue this year — allocating \$1 million for the cleanup of the former Dana-Weatherhead facility. He said the sewer was an environmental project that would serve a

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Miss Talent

Janelle Troyer, Prairie Heights High School senior and daughter of Mike and Kathy Troyer of LaGrange, was the winner of the Miss Talent portion of the LaGrange County Corn School Queen contest Wednesday night. She performed an original number on the guitar and sang. The final Corn School Queen contest begins at 8 p.m. today at the LaGrange courthouse gazebo.

Permission forms available for Friday's influenza clinic

ANGOLA — The Steuben County Health Department has permission forms available for parents to fill out if a parent is unable to attend the H1N1 flu nasal mist immunization clinic on Friday but would like to have a family member bring their child in.

These forms must be completed and brought in with the family member bringing in the child, public health nurse Renee Broughton said.

These forms do not guarantee a dose will be available for their child, given the limited number of vaccine available. These forms are being made available as a way to assist working parents.

The clinic is from 12:30-4:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the Steuben Com-munity Center, 317 S. Wayne St., Angola. The clinic is intended for children ages 2-9.

Wind power advocate to visit Steuben next month

ANGOLA — Jimmy Bricker, Purdue University Extension Agent from Benton County and advocate for wind energy in the state, will be making an appearance in Steuben County to talk about wind energy Nov. 2.

Benton County, which is in the central part of the state on the Illinois line, has become a major producer of wind energy in the state, and is being used as a model for efforts to bring wind farms to Steuben County.

Bricker is tentatively scheduled to make a presentation on wind power at the Steuben Community Center at 5 p.m.



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Angola High School juniors Meghan Neff, left, and Kendra Tracey load Boomerang Backpacks Wednesday at Angola Middle School. The backpacks, stuffed with nutritious breakfast

foods, will be given to students involved in the Steuben County Literacy Coalition's Full Speed Ahead program. In the background is Kelsy Tracey.

Backpacks heading out today

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ANGOLA — Steuben County's version of the Boomerang Backpack program is getting started this week.

Students from Angola High School and volunteers took turns Wednesday stuffing the bags with food items, including cereal, pies and drinks. They will be distributed today to approximately 70 students in the Steuben County Literacy Coalition's Full Speed Ahead program.

Kara Conrad, the manager for the program and eighth-grade special education teacher at Angola Middle School, said she expects that number to grow once other students see what's going on.

Bill Stockberger of the Steuben County Community Foundation said he's grateful to finally get the project under way.

"It's been about eight weeks of work and processes to get it going. It feels good to be able to get started," Stockberger said. "It will be interesting to see the reactions of the kids Monday when the backpacks come back."

The program used an activity room at Angola Middle School to stuff bags this week. However, Stockberger said a new, permanent location for the effort, the building west of Piggy's on North Wayne Street, had been donated by owner Jim Ingledue.

Other area businesses are also

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Chuck Walker of Univertical Corp. in Angola helps fill Boomerang Backpacks Wednesday at Angola Middle School. Business people who are sponsoring the program joined Angola High School students in stuffing the backpacks, which provide weekend meals to students involved in the Steuben County Literacy Coalition's Full Speed Ahead program.

YMCA's annual meeting will have significant announcement

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ANGOLA — A significant announcement regarding the future operation of the Breeden YMCA is expected to be made today during the YMCA's annual meeting, said Jeff Peters, chief executive officer.

The YMCA's annual meeting will take place today at 6 p.m. Breeden YMCA is located at 500 E. Harcourt Road, Angola.

Peters said YMCA officials have been working for the better part of a year on the change that will be announced to the public today.

All YMCA members are encouraged to attend the meeting. The public is also invited and will be allowed in after the meeting closes. The meeting isn't expected to last long.

The event will be a celebration

of sorts, with cake, balloons and free T-shirts.

The YMCA currently serves over 1,400 families representing more than 3,200 people in Steuben County, Michigan and Ohio. In addition to typical YMCA offerings, Breeden YMCA also operates a child care center.

The facility on Harcourt Road has been open since 2000.

County narrows park plan choices

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ANGOLA — Steuben County Commissioners on Oct. 26 will interview three finalists that are vying to be the consultants that will provide engineering and design services for the county park.

On Wednesday commissioners selected three finalists from a group of about a dozen firms that answered a request for qualifications put out during the summer.

The successful firm will work with the county on designing a makeover of the Steuben County Park at Crooked Lake.

"If you look down at all of those applications any one of them could do the job," said F. Mayo Sanders, president of the commissioners.

The three firms that will give half-hour presentations on Oct. 26 are Troyer Group, Mishawaka; Design Collaborative, Fort Wayne; and Earth Source, Fort Wayne.

"I do believe those three are the ones we should have in," said Commissioner Ron Smith, who chairs the county's park committee.

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