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Historic Bostick Road Bridge dismantled
116-year-old span taken apart so rusting pieces can be replaced or repaired
The News-Sentinel
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After 116 years, the Bostick Road Bridge no longer spans the St. Marys River in southeastern Allen County. Soon it will be in pieces – many of them eaten by rust – and hauled away. All so it can be restored. At a cost of about \$1.1 million, the narrow 176-foot bridge is being disassembled so its parts can more easily be replaced or repaired. The project began this month when a crane lifted the span from its stone supports and moved it to the river's western bank, where workers with Camden Construction Co. of Pierceton have been using wrenches, torches, lifts and other equipment to separate the often-fragile parts. The pieces will be taken to Pierceton for restoration, then reassembled at the bridge's original location in late summer or fall. Because of its poor condition, the bridge was closed to traffic in 2004. But because the bridge is considered historic, county officials were not allowed to replace it with a new structure. A new bridge will be built on a realigned section of road – at a cost of about \$1.8 million – but the restored original bridge will be incorporated into a still-to-come network of trails. <http://www.news-sentinel.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20100624/NEWS/6240338>

Keystone opens Saturday
The Indianapolis Star
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Relief is on the way: Carmel will open Keystone Parkway on Saturday. The city closed the heavily traveled thoroughfare between 126th and 136th streets May 10 to speed up work and save money on construction of the roundabout-style interchange at Main Street. The closure saved the city 45 days of construction and \$530,000 in labor and other costs. Though all lanes of Keystone will be open to traffic, work will continue on the interchange into August. Carmel officials estimate Main Street will open over Keystone on Aug. 9. <http://www.indystar.com/article/20100625/LOCAL01/6250339/1015/LOCAL01/Part-of-heavily-traveled-Keystone-will-open-on-Saturday>

Round and round we go
The NWI Times
Keith Benman
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The Indiana Department of Transportation will construct a roundabout at Dickey and Riley roads as part of a \$93 million permanent detour it is building to get cars and trucks around the condemned Cline Avenue bridge. The intersection of the two roads in East Chicago is one of the region's most heavily traveled local truck routes, with large flatbeds making their way in and out of steel mills and other trucks going to the BP Refinery. Work will begin on the roundabout in 2011. The roundabout was not a part of earlier plans released by INDOT as part of its "Cline Avenue Solution," although city engineers had questioned if the intersection would experience congestion when large number of trucks were passing through. http://www.nwitimes.com/business/local/article_357dd980-36d4-55c9-96a4-368fb9b159b9.html

Cline Avenue project bids opened
Post-Tribune
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The Indiana Department of Transportation has opened bids for the second Cline Avenue project. The bids previously received were above engineering estimates, so INDOT will readvertise the project for bids on July 7. INDOT is seeking the bids to rehabilitate the Riley Road ramp to westbound Cline. "In mid-April INDOT announced a multi-project traffic solution designed to address the displaced traffic due to the closure of the Cline Avenue bridge," according to INDOT's Chief of Staff Bob Zier in a news release. "Opening bids today for the Riley Road ramp rehabilitation project reaffirms INDOT's commitment to implementing a traffic solution by the end of 2013 under Gov. Mitch Daniels' administration." Resurface work at the Michigan Avenue ramp to Cline Avenue has already been awarded and is under construction. INDOT is also in the process of signing an agreement with East Chicago to relinquish Riley Road and Dickey Road to the state. <http://www.post-trib.com/news/2430678,cline-0625.article>

Porter Gateway to the Dunes project to launch with ceremonial groundbreaking
Chesterton Tribune
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The town of Porter is going to kick off the first project in its planned \$30 million Gateway to the Dunes initiative with a ceremonial groundbreaking July 1. Several federal, regional, state and local officials are invited to the 10 a.m. ceremony and the Porter Redevelopment Commission authorized spending up to \$2,000 for a tent, chair rental and refreshments for the event. Pending resolution of a labor strike by union teamsters, the Indiana Department of Transportation plans to begin work soon on bridge enhancements that will beautify bridges along Indiana 49 over U.S. 20 and 12. The work is part of several projects Porter has proposed to revitalize those corridors for economic development and to lure Indiana dunes tourists into local communities.

http://chestertontribune.com/Town%20of%20Porter/624109%20porter_gateway_to_the_dunes_proj.htm

County covers Maplecrest cost hikes
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
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The Allen County commissioners have approved \$1.5 million in additional expenses for the Maplecrest Road extension project and cautioned that more cost changes are likely. Highway Director Bill Hartman told the commissioners Friday he hoped this was the worst of the change orders. But Commissioner Linda Bloom, who focuses on highway work, said to expect more cost increases. Allen County is known for its unpredictable soil conditions, a problem that has plagued other road projects and the construction of the Allen County Juvenile Center, she said. The county also has never built a bridge the size that will span the Maumee River. She told the other commissioners to be prepared for

more change orders especially as crews begin to dig pilings into the river bottom. Construction was supposed to cost \$28.7 million, well below the engineer's estimates of \$44 million. When finished, Maplecrest will be extended from Lake Avenue to Adams Center Road in New Haven.

<http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20100626/LOCAL/306269972>

Airport to build \$4.4 million road

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

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Fort Wayne International Airport will spend \$4.4 million in mostly federal money on a road project to help keep heavy machinery away from airplanes. The Fort Wayne-Alen County Airport Authority on Thursday awarded the construction contract for the airport's northwest perimeter road to Primco Inc. for \$4.4 million. The award is contingent on receiving a federal grant that will cover 95 percent of the costs, said Tory Richardson, airport executive director. He said he expects the airport to receive the grant. Richardson said the road is needed to meet federal safety requirements to reduce the need to have vehicles sitting on aircraft runways and taxiways. That includes fuel vehicles and those used to plow the runways of snow. The road is not used by the general public, Richardson said. The construction will follow a temporary road installed years ago that loops around Runway 14-32. The existing road is not built to handle heavy machinery, Richardson said. It's about a mile long. Richardson said construction will likely take one season and could be completed by late this year, depending on weather and when the federal grant is approved.

<http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20100625/LOCAL/306259980/1002/LOCAL>

Margaret Ave. project ready to go — almost

The Tribune-Star

Arthur Foulkes

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After years of delays, the city appears to have laid all of the groundwork necessary to begin widening and upgrading Margaret Avenue between South Third and South Seventh streets. The last of the property acquisitions needed to allow the project to move forward is expected to take place very soon, said Chou-il Lee, the city attorney. Once the final property purchase is complete, state officials then must give their OK, which could take several more months. But Terre Haute officials believe the project could be placed up for bid as early as September. <http://tribstar.com/news/x1703940750/Margaret-Ave-project-ready-to-go-almost>

Teamsters reach tentative settlement in 18-day strike

The NWI Times

Lu Ann Franklin

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Gary-based Teamsters Local 142 has reached a tentative collective bargaining agreement with the Four County Highway Group to end the union's 18-day strike against the group's heavy machinery and highway members. The ratification vote will be held next week, although a date wasn't available at press time. As a sign of good faith, all picketing against most group members ... has ended, according to a news release issued Friday by Local 142 President Mitch Sawochka and Secretary-Treasurer Richard Knipp. The picketing has ended subject to ratification by the union's membership.

http://www.nwitimes.com/business/local/article_9f904200-59bc-57bb-8d54-e7e83ff9d2cb.html

Clarksville, state talk about removing Lewis & Clark Parkway overpass

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David Mann
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Negotiations between the state of Indiana and the town of Clarksville are ongoing on a project aimed at replacing a bridge on Lewis and Clark Parkway, which passes over Brown's Station Way. Save for the bridge and another small area nearby, the town is responsible for maintenance on nearly all of Lewis and Clark Parkway, according to Jorge Lanz, of the engineering firm Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz. At one point, representatives from the state and the town had an agreement wherein the state would hand off maintenance responsibilities for the road along with \$3 million for the town to put toward a construction project aimed at doing away with the bridge and replacing it with an intersection. The Clarksville Town Council had approved and signed the agreement, but were told during a meeting earlier this month that when it was sent back to the state for signatures, the Indiana Department of Transportation, commonly called INDOT, backed off, saying it did not have the money.

<http://newsandtribune.com/local/x1703940742/Clarksville-state-talk-about-removing-Lewis-Clark-Parkway-overpass>

Cross traffic at the Muncie Bypass and Centennial to be cut off
The Star Press
Seth Slabaugh
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The state has accepted a locally recommended solution to all of the injuries, fatalities and damage that have occurred from motorists trying to cross the Muncie Bypass on Centennial Avenue. Because of local opposition, the Indiana Department of Transportation has agreed to abandon its \$4 million overpass that would have carried Centennial over the bypass. Instead, the state will convert the intersection to a grassy median and add acceleration and deceleration lanes to allow right turns onto and off of the bypass, as advocated by Delaware County Commissioner Todd Donati.

<http://www.thestarpress.com/article/20100625/NEWS01/6250301/Cross-traffic-at-the-Muncie-Bypass-and-Centennial-to-be-cut-off>

Major Moves project to close county road
Evansville Courier & Press
John Lucas
6/26/10

The Indiana Department of Transportation will close County Road 1000 North at its intersection with U.S. 231 near Chrisney beginning July 5 as work continues on the Major Moves project from Chrisney to Gentryville. This closure will allow crews to build CR 1000 N to the new elevation and connect with the new U.S. 231. The roadway will remain closed through mid-August although inclement weather may postpone the scheduled opening date. <http://www.courierpress.com/news/2010/jun/25/no-headline---26a03chrisney-brf/>

Also, http://www.post-trib.com/news/2438448_new-majormoves0627.article

3-month target for Olio Road bridge
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Crews expect to finish most construction on the Olio Road bridge over I-69 within the next three months. The bridge will connect Noblesville and Fishers just north of Exit 10. The county is paying Boggstown-based Beaty Construction about \$8.5 million for the project. Officials hope the bridge will attract economic development to open parcels along Olio within Noblesville city limits -- as has been the case at Exit 10. Developments in that area include the Hamilton Town Center mall, the \$42 million St. Vincent Northeast Medical Center and the Saxony commercial/residential development.

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20106280335>

Work to close part of Hazel Dell for 45 days
The Indianapolis Star
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The city plans to close a section of Hazel Dell Parkway today for a \$1 million project to widen the thoroughfare to four lanes near Cherry Creek Elementary and to add a roundabout at the intersection with Cherry Creek Boulevard. The road will be closed for 45 days from about 131st Street to Cherry Creek Boulevard. The project also will include updating the roundabouts at 126th and 131st streets, as well as a \$1.5 million federally funded project to resurface sections of the road and the adjacent multiuse paths, modify curbs, stripe the road and add signs.

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20106280334>

Work on two bridges depends on funding
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The problem: Both bridges need major structural repairs. A concrete barricade has blocked an opening on the east side of the Meridian Street Bridge for more than a year. A vehicle broke through the railing on the north side of the 56th Street Bridge in the winter of 2009; barricades have blocked the opening since then. Both bridges are the subject of frequent complaints to Star Watch. Who's responsible: Department of Public Works spokeswoman Molly Deuberry said rehabilitation of the Meridian Street Bridge will cost \$2.6 million and bridge deck replacement for the 56th Street Bridge \$2 million. They are among Public Works' top five most expensive projects that could be funded by profits from the sale of the city's water and sewer utilities to Citizens Energy Group. Approval is needed by the Board of Waterworks and the City-County Council. Deuberry said each bridge would require six to nine months to design and award construction contracts. Construction is expected to take 12 to 18 months. If the deal is approved, work could begin as soon as this fall.

http://blogs.indystar.com/starwatch/2010/06/work_on_two_bridges_depends_on.html

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