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Nothing new here. I've been going in circles all my life.



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The roundabout at Embree Street and Brumfield Avenue shot from above the intersection aboard the Princeton Fire Territory ladder truck. At right is looking north on Embree Street. At the top is Brumfield Avenue heading toward the railroad overpass.

## New roundabout nearly finished

Sidewalk work also to start around courthouse square

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PRINCETON — After four years of planning, discussion,

dispute, waiting and working, the roundabout project at the intersection of Brumfield Avenue and North Embree Street is about to come full-circle.

Mayor Bob Hurst said the official date for the opening of the traffic circle is Labor Day, but it could possibly be accessible sometime this week.

"It's been a long time coming," Hurst said. "I'm looking forward to it."

Yield signs are being installed to direct motorists on how to navigate the roundabout, Hurst said.

It will still be several weeks before the circle's center landscaping project is finished, with plants, boulders and waterfall,

he said.

The landscaping will be done by well-known designer Dallas Foster.

Along with a drainage project done along the property adjacent to Brumfield Avenue, the total project cost roughly \$900,000, Hurst said.

Hurst said work for new sidewalks in and around the court-

house square begins this week, starting on East State Street. The sidewalks will be reddish in color and will be decoratively textured.

Employees of Toyota Logistic Services are providing the labor for that project, Hurst noted.

He anticipates the cost of materials at about \$90,000 for the sidewalks.

## Police investigating homicide in Griffin

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GRIFFIN — State police are investigating the death of a man discovered lying in a driveway Thursday morning near Griffin as a homicide.

Indiana State Police Sgt. Todd Ringle said the body was located outside a home at 12900 Campbell Road near Griffin.

Ringle said a friend of the man arrived at the house at approximately 7 a.m. Thursday and discovered the body along the driveway, approximately 100 feet from the home. He said it is too early in the investigation to determine the time of death, but the body was badly decomposed.

The person's identity will not be released until a positive identification can be made, said Ringle. An

autopsy was conducted Thursday and the manner of death has been ruled a homicide. Ringle said the investigation continues and police are withholding information about the cause of death at this time.

Ringle said anyone with information concerning the man's death should contact detectives at 1-800-852-3970 or 867-2079. Anyone with information can remain

anonymous.

The address given by police where the body was discovered is the same address Posey County authorities investigated the September 2008 death of Johnnie Ray Butts, Johnson. Homeowner Harold Koester, 56, found Butts dead of a possible overdose, police reported last September. Koester was arrested that day on drug charges.

### COUNTY LINES

#### Plan commission meets

PRINCETON—Princeton Plan Commission meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday for monthly business, which includes a conditional use request for oil drilling within the city's zoning jurisdiction, and a request for a setback variance for a room addition to a home at 523 N. Race St.

#### Health department closed

PRINCETON—The Gibson County Health Dept. will be closed Aug. 24 for training, but will reopen at 8 a.m. Aug. 25 for regular business.

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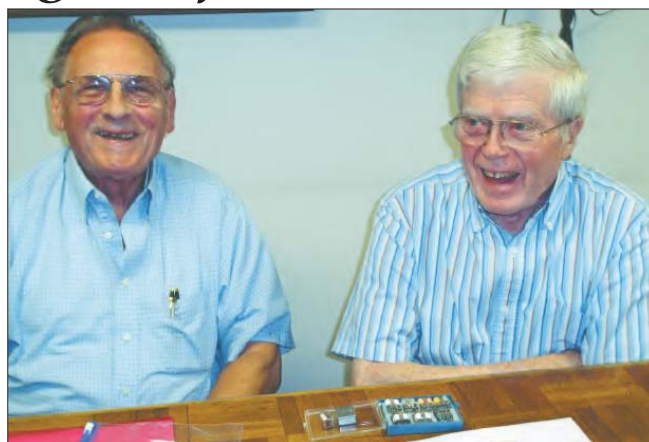
## Gibson Co. ingenuity led to monumental moment

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PRINCETON—In an era where the "Moonwalk" is remembered as a feat of the stage, it's worth revisiting a time when the nation was mesmerized by the July, 1969 giant leap for mankind.

A time where, in Princeton, perhaps 300 or more Potter & Brumfield employees watched the Apollo 11 moon landing with a sense of satisfaction, knowing it wouldn't have happened that day in July if not for their ingenuity.

It was common knowledge in the summer of 1969, headlines of The Daily Clarion reporting "Potter & Brumfield Relays on Moon Trip." The lead paragraph of the report noted "Tiny electro-magnetic relays, produced in the ultra-clean high performance area at the Potter & Brumfield Plant in Princeton, played important roles in making the unbelievable trip to



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Walter Richert (left) and Don Morrow have a laugh about old times at Potter & Brumfield, where the two were among local P&B teams responsible for developing a relay that played a critical role in the space program.

the moon and back possible." The "and back," says retired P&B engineering chief Walter

Richert, was a moment that caused him to hold his breath momentarily, quickly turning into

pride and relief that the relays envisioned, designed, manufactured, tested and delivered from Princeton performed to space-age requirements.

Richert and retired sales manager Don Morrow are among the approximately 300 people at the local plant who were responsible for contributing to the space mission. The local company became involved in the space program in the late 1950s, developing and producing small, crystal case relays that performed to exacting standards with dependability.

The P&B relays helped fire the Saturn V rocket during lift-off for the moon trip. Some 36 relays were used to control separate critical functions that had to work perfectly the first time or abort the mission before it left the ground, according to reports of the day.

Once in orbit, the P&B relays were a part of the circuitry that

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