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Lobby floor of library

to be replaced today

Construction crews will be replacing the lobby floor of the East Hills Library beginning today.

St. Joseph Public Library officials plan to keep the library open to the public while the floor is being replaced. However, there will be times during the replacement of the floor when the elevator, stairs or upstairs restrooms will be unavailable for use.

The floor has to be replaced because of faulty products supplied by the manufacturer, who is covering the costs of the replacement. The project is scheduled to be completed June 2.

Law to allow district

to elect new board

A new state law went into effect last week that will allow the South St. Joseph Drainage and Levee District to elect a new board.

The law, introduced by Sen. Charlie Shields, R-St. Joseph, and Rep. Martin Rucker, D-St. Joseph, gives limited voting rights to those who own property in a sewer district with fewer than five registered voters.

In most political subdivisions, voting is available only to registered voters living in the district, but there appear to be no such voters within the levee district's boundaries. The voting rights would only apply to electing a board, not to issuing bonds.

It's the second legislative fix in two years for the South St. Joseph district, which faced a problem last year when it discovered that its 50-year charter had expired and not been renewed. Legislators passed a law allowing it to reconstitute itself through a court order.

Gov. Matt Blunt signed the law Friday at Mr. Shields' request. A clause allows it to go into effect immediately, rather than Aug. 28 when most other new laws take effect.

Archaeological Society

to meet on Monday

The St. Joseph Archaeological Society will meet on Monday.

The society will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Pony Express Museum, 914 Penn St. The program will be on dinosaur excavations. Artifacts will be on display.