

## **Lucas Oil Purchases the LNA&C Railroad**

The LNA&C Railroad has been operating since late 1883 and due to a significant reduction in traffic in the past two years, this rich history was threatened. The Lucas Oil Company, now the biggest railroad user in the county, has purchased the railroad insuring a future for the freight train that serves the Harrison County Industrial Park area and interconnects with the Norfolk-Southern Railway seven miles north of Corydon.

Lucas is a California based company that moved an oil and fuel additives production facility to Corydon in 2002 and recently announced that it will be expanding the Corydon facility. Rapidly becoming a household name in Indiana, Lucas purchased the naming rights to the Indiana Stadium that will be the home to the Indianapolis Colts. Lucas Oil Stadium will open in 2008.

“We are committed to the economic vitality of this area,” said Forrest Lucas, Founder and CEO of Lucas Oil Products. Our purchase of the railroad will keep our company in Corydon as well as several other companies and it will make it possible for still additional companies to locate here that would need the service of a railroad.”

The manufacturing sector in Harrison County has been under stress in recent years, with the closing of Keller Furniture and Tower Automotive. Darrell Voelker, Economic Development Director said “the exciting news of Lucas Oil expanding and now a new life for the railroad offers a true sign of encouragement for future growth.”