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To do list...register to vote

The May primary election is fast approaching and if you haven't registered to vote, you only have a few days left to do so. Voter registration deadline for the primary election is Monday.

It's not difficult to do. All you need is your driver's license, or if you don't have one, your Social Security number.

Stop in the circuit court clerk's office in the county courthouse or the BMV branch to register to vote. If you miss Monday's deadline you won't be able to vote in the Primary election. You will then have until Oct. 10 to register for the November general election.

There have been some changes made to Indiana's voting regulations. Voters must now provide a government-issued photo ID card before casting a ballot. A valid driver's license will work, as well as a state-ID card which is issued free at the license branch.

Individuals who come to vote without photo identification or with identification not matching their voting records will cast a "provisional ballot," which will permit voting on election day. However, a photo identification must be presented to the county election board within 13 days after election day for the provisional ballot to be counted.

Voters should also check with the county clerk's office (765-564-4485) if there is any question as to whether their name as it appears on their photo ID matches the name on their voter registration card. If they don't match, voters will be allowed to cast a provisional ballot, and again their identity must be verified.

One vote can make a difference. Be responsible. Be counted. Vote!

Guest commentary

Locked in the foreign language closet

By Chris Mayfield



Mayfield

Are your children getting the best second language education they can get? Many acclaimed linguistic experts say they're not!

The techniques used for teaching a second language often miss the mark because the criteria many schools use is outdated. Second language education usually starts in middle or high school. However, second grade is a more effective grade to begin learning a second language because the first language is well established and the child is very capable of learning another language.

Some people believe that there is actually a critical period for learning a second language and encourage teaching before school begins. New research indicates that there is not a definite critical period for learning a second language, but there is a critical period for a first language. The critical period for learning a first language starts at about the age of two and ends abruptly when puberty begins. During this time a child must hear and be around speech. If a child does not interact with others by speaking during this period, the child will never be able to comprehend anything beyond common phrases. A famous case that illustrates the Critical Period Hypothesis is the case of "Genie." She was locked in a small room by her father, who thought she was mentally disabled and never let her out. She was found by social services in her baby crib at the age of 13. Up until that age "Genie" had never experienced human contact. Doctors tried to teach her Basic English but were unsuccessful.

Research shows that learn-

ing a second language is easier at a young age but can be learned at any age. Learning a second language doesn't end at puberty but is easier before puberty. Dr. Bruer, author of *The Myth of the First Three Years*, said, "The time for learning a second language is not like a window that closes but a reservoir that dries up."

According to David Singleton, in *The Age Factor in Second Language Acquisition*, "younger = better in the long run." This doesn't mean that an adult can't learn a second language, but that a child will understand it more completely and will be more native in accent and more capable of comprehending it. Drs. Bialystok and Hakuta, co-authors of *In Other Words*, conclude that the ability to learn tense and other language factors goes down with age; but other factors like word order and syntax are kept throughout life. Dr. Hakuta said, "The amazing human ability to learn grammar remains with us as long as we are human."

According to a study by Dr. James Flege, a Professor of Physiology at the University of Alabama, second language phonological acquisition is subject to a sensitive period. He said "the decline in unaccented learning of a foreign language is progressive, and is not characterized by an abrupt change." He also said, "New sounds are easier to pronounce with native-like accuracy than sounds that are similar but not identical to those found in one's first language." Flege and his research team agreed that the sooner you start a second language the stronger you will be at it and the better you will learn it to start with.

"Younger = better in the long run," so teach your children a second language before high school. But, parents and adults, you are never locked in the foreign language closet, so learn a second language!

I had an errand to run at a stock brokerage house last week. This particular business is located in a huge, big city skyscraper with all the trappings and appearance of bustling commerce and unmistakable success.

The brokerage firm maintains suites on one of the highest floors of the building. First, you register with the visitor desk on the main floor and get a visitor badge. Then, you pass by two security guards. Next, you take an escalator to the second floor of the huge, soaring lobby. It is there you choose from a bank of elevators that will whisk you skyward.

Impressed yet? I certainly was. And up on the 50th floor a view awaited me that was nothing short of incredible, breathtaking.

The view was not the only thing that greeted me up on 50. There was also an empty waiting room, a locked entry door and a vacant desk with magazines and a phone with instructions to summons someone inside the offices. Oh yes, there was also a note for the UPS guy. Too much information, thank you.

So for all the appearance of grandeur, the trappings of success, the security and the view, what was missing from the equation was someone to greet the visitor.

What price do you put on hello?

I wasn't interested enough to ask the obvious. It wasn't my stock or financial interest that brought me to this particular door. But I wonder, even now in retrospect, if the big wigs at the firm know at what cost comes the lack of a greeting.

Maybe there's no greeter for security reasons. That doesn't really make sense to me. Maybe visitors are few and far between. I'd like to think my money was with someone popular! My guess is, it's plain, old cost savings. But wow, if the keeper of one's investments can't afford someone at the front desk, well, it gets an investor to thinking.

Midwest Memo

by Alan Shultz



Greetings

types think "howdy" has something to do with business success.

This is an area of society where small towns and rural communities shine. Greetings are aplenty. They tend to be shared with pleasure. I don't think there's a clerk, cashier, or counter person in Carroll County who needs his or her cash register for a reminder to offer a greeting.

Down in Indy, there might be a few.

Frankly, I'm always amazed when greetings are withheld. And I'm convinced that when they are withheld, it's for a particular purpose. They are withheld to distance, to discriminate, to dismiss. Greetings are rarely withheld for noble purposes.

I have a new favorite grocery store for food shopping when I'm doing my city stint. It's my favorite because of the checkout options. In addition to the traditional cashiers, there is self-check-out.

I choose self-checkout every time.

I choose to do the work of checking out myself to avoid the feeling of being invisible. I prefer to wrestle with those hard-to-open plastic grocery bags than have my cashier and the next one over talking over my head or beneath my chin about when they are getting off and how stupid "Phil" is for not...blah, blah, blah.

And one more thing, my self-checkout register, it always greets me with a flashing hello.

Now, about those clingy, little plastic grocery bags that I can't seem to pry, peel or plunder open...

Any suggestions?

Greetings, such a simple concept. And yet...

Have you ever noticed the flashing messages on the cash register at checkout counters all over?

"Greet the customer," the screen reads, then after the sale is rung up, "thank the customer."

Apparently some corporate business success.

Circuit Court Judge Donald Currie

New filings are from public records available in the Carroll County Clerk's office on the second floor of the courthouse, Delphi. Other information regarding judgments and marriage dissolutions is gathered from public records found in the clerk's office.

A complaint to foreclose mortgage was filed in Huntington National Bank vs. Georgia Ashlock and Norwood Ashlock As Guardian et al.

A complaint was filed in Neil Hurlock and Shannon Hurlock vs. Daniel Banas aka D&S Boat Lift Repair.

A complaint and change of venue from Clinton County was filed in Great Seneca Financial Corporation vs. Ellen Saylor.

A complaint was filed in American Acceptance Co., LLC vs. David C. Freeman.

A complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage was filed in Wells Fargo Minnesota vs. Michael L. Taber and Catressa K. Taber.

Margaret D. Delaplane was named administrator of the Charles K. Delaplane estate.

Gloria Rice was named administrator of the Albert T. Bates estate.

Restaurant Inspections

Oakdale Inn

Routine inspection: 3/13/06

Summary of violations:

1 critical, 2 non-critical

Critical

1. The refrigerator in the kitchen had a temperature of 48 degrees. Corrected

Non-Critical

There were no test strips to measure ppm's of the sanitizing solution. Correct by: 2 days

The ventilation system above the fryer had a dust accumulation. Correct by: 1 week

Carroll Elementary School

Routine inspection: 3/14/06

Summary of violations:

No violations noted

Carroll High School

Routine inspection: 3/14/06

Summary of violations:

No violations noted

The Landmark

Routine inspection: 3/16/06

Summary of violations:

No violations noted

Carroll Manor

Routine inspection: 3/16/06

Summary of violations:

1 non-critical

There was a wet wiping cloth on the food prep table not being stored in sanitizer. Correct by: 3/16/06

Bresnahan's

Routine inspection: 3/17/06

Summary of violations:

No violations noted.

China 1 Buffet

Routine inspection: 3/16/06

Summary of violations:

4 critical, 5 non-critical

Critical

The hot table with egg rolls and etc. had a temperature of 119 degrees. Corrected

The cold table had clams that had a temperature of 45 degrees. Correct by: 3/16/06

There was a food employee that was cleaning the skin off of the chicken with a towel. Corrected

4. There was a food employee that was not wearing gloves while handling raw chicken. Corrected

Non-critical

The sanitizing solution did not read any ppm's. Correct by: 3/16/06.

The equipment in the kitchen needs to be wiped down. Correct by: 1 week.

There was no thermometer in the chest freezer and upright freezers. Correct by: 2 days.

There was some chicken in the walk-in cooler being stored on the floor. Correct by: 3/16/06

The freezers had a heavy ice accumulation. Correct by: 1 week.

Marriage Licenses

Jason E. Watt, 30, and Jacqueline R. Richards, 46, both of Delphi.

Public Notices appearing in this issue of the Comet:

Summons -Smith 1113	4B
Sheriff Sale -Coomer 1113	4B
Sheriff Sale -Roberson 1113	4B
Sheriff Sale -Stahl 1113	4B
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Questions concerning Indiana's Open Door and Public Access Laws may be directed to the state's public access office, at 1-800-228-6013.	



Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Smith

Superior Court judgments are gathered from public records on file in the Carroll County Clerk's office on the second floor of the courthouse, Delphi.

A default judgment against the defendant was ordered in Discover Bank vs. Abigail Lue Renda Pearson.

In Max Thompson Jr. vs. Kendra Miller, the court ordered the defendant to pay \$282.66 to the plaintiff.

In Sisson and Son vs. Ed Underwood, a default judgment was ordered. The plaintiff will recover \$709.14 from the defendant.

In Linda L. Austin vs. Shannon M. Luse, the court ordered that the plaintiff recover \$50 plus court costs from the defendant, and the defendant was ordered to vacate the property on or before Feb. 19, 2006.

The following causes were dismissed: Mutual Hospital Services, Inc. as agent for St. Elizabeth Hospital vs. Robert Henderson; Risk Management Alternatives vs. Billy J. Ridgway and Cassie Ridgway; Mutual Hospital Services vs. Gail Thomas; and Carroll County Clerk vs. Roland Hinojosa.

A default judgment was ordered in Baldwin Automotive Supply vs. Dave Kauffman. The defendant was ordered to pay \$1,451.42 plus court costs.

In Jan Piercy and Marilyn Brown vs. Marsha Hickman, the court found for the plaintiff for \$500 plus interest.

A garnishment was ordered in Mutual Hospital Services as agent for Greater Lafayette

Health Services vs. Thomas D. Allen.

In Excel Co-op Inc. vs. Cristin N. Moore, both parties agreed that the plaintiff will recover from the defendant \$1,505.64 plus court costs.

A default judgment against the defendant was ordered in Mutual Hospital Services as agent for Greater Lafayette Health Services vs. Lori M. Graham. The plaintiff will recover \$226.28 plus attorney and court costs.

A default judgment against the defendant was ordered in Mutual Hospital Services as agent for Greater Lafayette Health Services vs. Sherri A. Hinton. The plaintiff will recover \$1,602.61.

A garnishment was ordered in Mutual Hospital Services as agent for Greater Lafayette Health Services vs. Robert D. Knott.

A default judgment and decree on foreclosure was ordered in U.S. Bank, N.A. vs. Jeffrey A. Clark and April L. Ayers.

Antonio Magallanes Alamo was charged with operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license.

Monica A. Cadwallader was charged with operating while intoxicated and endangering a person.

Darrell R. Hendrickson was charged with operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more.

Robert J. Knott was charged with Count I, driving while suspended; Count II, open container

violation.

Marc A. Chaney was charged with failure to procure a resident deer license.

Leslie Snapp was charged with driving while suspended.

Kimberly N. Brock was charged with illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

Kristina L. Helms was charged with check deception.

Dusty G. Hooper was charged with Count I, driving while intoxicated and endangering a person; Count II, failure to stop after an accident, resulting in non-vehicle damage; Count III, failure to stop after an accident, resulting in damage to an attended vehicle; Count IV, resisting law enforcement; Count V, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

Nicole S. McLeland was charged with Count I, driving while intoxicated and endangering a person; Count II, operating while intoxicated and endangering a person.

Brian E. Pickett was charged with public intoxication.

Joseph Trueblood was charged with check deception.

Alicia K. Langkop was charged with check deception.

Jennifer Wescott was charged with check deception.

Darrell L. Maxwell was charged with operating while intoxicated and endangering a person.

Pamela K. Kinsler was charged with operating while intoxicated and endangering a person.

Sherri J. Moore was charged with livestock at large.

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