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Hits and misses

Thank you Delphi Community Middle School cross country team for giving back to your community. The team often practices at the park and recently performed a community-work project there and at the Park Annex and along the banks of Deer Creek.

Congratulations Carroll Consolidated School Corporation's Guidance Department for qualifying for the Indiana Gold Star School Counseling Award.

Shame on you, County Council and Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District, for being impatient and in some cases rude to attendees at your meetings.

Swell idea Delphi Tri-Township Fire Department for hosting community-wide fire prevention activities. Keep up the good work.

Come on, county leaders, try to put differences aside and work together.

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.

New Filings

Anne E. Douglas was charged with Count I, OWI endangering; Count II, possession of marijuana.

James D. Payne was charged with check deception.

Marion Wright was charged with Count I and II, check deception.

Americo L. Gonzalez was charged with neglect of a dependent.

Jason L. Bush was charged with invasion of privacy.

Athina L. Dulin was charged with Count I, OWI endangering; Count II, false or fictitious registration; and Count III, driving

while suspended.

In State of Indiana vs. Juana L. Valadez, 35, Kokomo, the defendant pleaded guilty to operating while never receiving a license. She was sentenced to 60 days, suspended and a year of probation.

In State of Indiana vs. Joshua Bosquez, 25, Marion, the defendant pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to one year, suspended, and a year of probation.

In State of Indiana vs. Lorenzo Coloa, 18, Frankfort, the defendant pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle without ever receiving a license and to failure to stop after an accident resulting in non-vehicle damage. He was sentenced to eight months, suspended and two years probation.

Opinion: Responds to dairy fears

I am writing in response to Grace and Tony Woodruff's Sept. 13 column questioning the Boerman Carroll dairy development. I would like to balance the ongoing conversation so readers can draw conclusions about large-scale dairy farms with information from both sides of the debate. Close attention to the debate is important to the future of the region. But close attention to the facts about large-scale dairy farming is more important.

As is the case with all the dairies our company develops, the family that operates the Boerman-Carroll farm, the Arendsens, will live on or near it and become part of the community's fabric. The Arendsens will send their children to the local schools, shop at the local stores and do business with local vendors. The suggestion that the Boerman farm will be controlled by outsiders who have less

responsibility to the community is just plain wrong.

In recent years, many farmers have sold their land to pursue alternative occupations, or for commercial or residential development, because of unpredictable crop returns and expanding development from urban centers. When our company establishes a dairy, one of the first things our farmers do is seek cooperative working agreements with other area farmers. Our farmers want the peace of mind of knowing they have a regular supplier of feed for their herd, just as crop farmers like the peace of mind that comes from knowing unpredictable grain markets will not affect their income. The farmers also help

each other recycle manure; its nutrients make it a marketable product which crop farmers like to use as fertilizer. These cooperative relationships demonstrate the ongoing cycle of production and consumption, the profits from which are reinvested in the local economy.

Some people believe large farms have driven smaller farms out of business. The fact is the large farms are filling a void created as smaller farms sell their operations. The large farms actually strengthen the dairy infrastructure for the remaining small farms, creating a level of service availability that has diminished over the last 30-40 years. Independent businesses that specialize in nutrient application, heifer raising, crop harvesting and hay making, as well as veterinary care, breeding services and equipment suppliers, all flourish in proportion to the total number of cows they service in a region, not the number of farms.

Studies conducted in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania show that every cow generates \$13,000 of economic activity per year. It is estimated that our farmers spend a combined \$125 million each year to purchase the goods and services required to operate their farms. The combined property taxes our farmers generate currently exceed \$1 million each year. In the states where our farmers operate, the combined farms employ nearly 370 people who earn in excess of \$14 million. Rather than be a drain on the community, we expect to contribute to it significantly.

The Arendsens will draw their drinking, cooking and bathing water from the same aquifers that service the farm's operations. Quality groundwater is essential to our operations, because the cows need clean, fresh water to sustain milk production. Dairy is one of the most regulated and inspected industries in agriculture, and as such, our farmers must follow strict state and local water quality regulations. Government agencies regularly inspect and test the water to make sure our farmers are doing

Midwest Memo

by Alan Shultz



Enunciate!

We, the grandmother in the big floppy hat and I, were each seated on black vinyl sofas opposite one another. We were waiting for the same charter bus and it was decidedly late. Her two lanky grandsons towered over her, one on either side. Teenage brothers, I'm just sure of it. The boys' mouths were moving, but nothing discernible was coming out.

I didn't know the trio, but I found them interesting. She was obviously a strong woman. They were, I'm thinking, embarrassed, intimidated, insecure, some combination of the three.

"Speak, so I can understand you," she said in a loud voice. She spoke slowly and clearly. Her mouth formed the words in exaggerated pronouncements of clarity.

It didn't help. The brothers mumbled and murmured and talked in the direction of the floor, much to the consternation of their grandmother.

"Well, it mustn't be important enough for me to hear then," she said. She looked straight over to me as if to dare me to disagree.

But I was with her, I just wasn't showing it.

What's with all the mumbling? The subject of mumbling, or enunciating, you pick, was front stage and center this week. It came up when advanced computer software was used to analyze a historically significant and quite famous compound sentence. The speaker of that sentence was none other than Astronaut Neal Armstrong, the first man to set foot on the moon. The sentence undergoing analysis was one we all know. In fact, said words comprise the first words ever spoken on the moon.

"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." That's the sentence everyone thought they heard back in July of 1969 when Armstrong's words made their way back through space to earth.

The grammar experts amongst us immediately took exception to his choice of words.

Turns out, Armstrong mumbled a bit that historic day. He actually said, and has maintained all along that he said:

"That's one small step for a man, one giant leap

for mankind."

The "a" before man, made sense out of what he said but was lost in space - so to speak.

And all of us earthlings would have gotten it, if only he had enunciated!

I'm a real fan of enunciation.

When it comes to renting a movie, our family can usually agree on a pick. The exception is when someone suggests a flick starring comedian Adam

Sandler. Given his success, I'm sure the problem is me, not him, but honestly, I can't understand a word the guy says. He's managed to make his way to the top of the ladder without ever once enunciating a single syllable. Sure, maybe he's a comic genius, but one would have to understand what he was saying to appreciate that...right?

Mumbling, or mispronunciation can be a handy tool for some. Politicians are known to run for cover under the shield that their words were somehow misunderstood. Senator George Allen of Virginia recently used the pronunciation defense in a controversy over his use of a racially offensive slip. I suppose since clarity is not a politician's friend, neither would be enunciation.

I love hearing different accents and the different sound of regional dialogue. But the appreciation of these differences only goes as far as my understanding of what's being said. I heard a teachers' union official from Louisiana interviewed on the radio the other day. While her dialect was charming, the lady routinely dropped whole syllables from the words she used to convey her message. A teacher spokesperson who won't enunciate- geeepers!

Which reminds me, the next time we're renting movies, I've got new terms when the Adam Sandler flicks are suggested. They will require a double feature viewing with the best enunciation film of all time. It's the one starring our dear Professor Higgins teaching poor Eliza Doolittle just how the English language really works. "My Fair Lady."

Now repeat after me: "the rain in Spain falls mainly on the plain."

I think you've got it.



Letters to the Editor

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Extended duty is nothing new

I meet with mixed emotions how everyone is concerned about the soldiers being extended overseas by 35 to 40 days. There is no one more concerned about the morale of the military than me. I am a retired Army officer with over 20 years in the military. We were taught to receive orders from our leaders without complaint, so we did.

In 1961, we were told that all of us stationed overseas would have our overseas duty extended one year by President Kennedy. His thinking was that there was such an outflow of gold from the United States that he had a plan to stop the flow. He figured that everyone who had already been overseas for a long time had already bought all the overseas trinkets that they wanted and had quit spending money and would thereby keep their money in their pocket. I had to stay an extra year.

I was also in Korea for Truman's war.

You can look this up and you will find that I am right.

Gordon L. Stevens
Delphi

Restaurant Inspections

Smokin Dog Saloon

Routine inspection: 9/8/06
Summary of Violations: No violations noted

Graham's Saloon

Routine inspection: 9/8/06
Summary of Violations: 1 critical, 4 non-critical

1) The equipment and the pans had an accumulation of soil residue. Correct by 9/8/06.

2) There was not a test kit available to measure the sanitizing solution. Correct by 9/10/06.

3) The hand washing sink in the kitchen did not have hand cleanser. Directed to correct by 9/8/06.

4) The mop was being stored in the mop bucket (not hanging to air dry). Correct by 9/8/06.

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Web poll

Tell us starting Wednesday at our web site, carrollcountycomet.com

What would encourage you to attend more county council meetings?

Have night meetings

Have agendas posted on the Internet 5 days prior

Nothing, I would never attend

Public Notices appearing in this issue of the Comet:

Sheriff Sale-Burlington	5B	3813
Sheriff Sale-Pattengale	5B	3813
Sheriff Sale-Wrightsmen	5B	3813
Sheriff Sale-Brower	5B	3913
Notice of Suit-Merlin	5B	3911
Clem estate	5B	3912
Smith Name Change	5B	3913
Sheriff Sale-Slaybaugh	5B	4013
Sheriff Sale-Richeson	5B	4013
Sheriff Sale-Miller	5B	4013
Town of Yeoman-Notice	5B	4011
Alcoholic Bev Brd-Renew	6B	4012
Summons-Nethercutt	5B	4013
Sheriff Sale-Remaly	5B	4013
Sheriff Sale-Flora	5B	4013
Sheriff Sale-Smith/Kelly	5B	4013
Sheriff Sale-Engle	5B	4013

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Web poll results

Each week the Comet polls its readers on a different topic. Vote online at carrollcountycomet.com starting each Thursday, and then click the Comments link to send us an email voicing your opinion. The best responses will be printed the following week.

Last Week's Results:

Do you think the recent drop in gas prices is market driven or politically motivated?

34% Market driven
66% Politically motivated
Total responses: 44

Reader comments:

Think about it — Katrina oilfield catastrophe, pipeline break/shutdown in Alaska, undeclared war in Iraq, conflict ongoing in Middle East — all used as reasons for continued rising fuel prices. But election looming in Nov, those in power extremely worried, those in power tightly connected to OIL, WAR, MILITARISM — just a guess it may be tied to politics/greed/power. Only a guess, though.