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Motorists reminded to be alert

With students back in school, motorists need to slow down and watch out for school-age pedestrians.

"Children get caught up in the excitement of 'back-to-school' season and forget to look out for cars," said Greg Seiter with AAA Hoosier Motor Club. "Many youngsters have trouble making accurate judgments about traffic speed and distance, so drivers have to be particularly aware."

One-fifth of all children 14 years of age and younger who die in motor vehicle crashes are pedestrians, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. These pedestrian fatalities are more likely to happen in the afternoon hours, when school is letting out.

Drivers are reminded to look out for children who may dart out into the street near school zones, playgrounds, bus stops, and in neighborhoods. School-age children can be especially vulnerable in areas with heavy traffic volume, parked vehicles on the street, and higher posted speed limits.

AAA Hoosier Motor Club offers the following tips to drivers in order to help keep school children safe:

- *Studies show that more than one-third of motorists in school zones or neighborhoods just "roll through" intersections with a stop sign. Slow down in or near school and residential areas, and be sure to come to a complete stop in all intersections.

- *Drive with your headlights on, even during the day, so children and other drivers can see you.

- *Look for clues such as crossing guards, bicycles, and playgrounds which indicate children could be in the area.

- *Scan between parked cars and other objects for signs that children could dart into the road.

- *Practice extra caution in adverse weather conditions.

- *Pay particular attention near schools during the morning and afternoon hours.

- *Always stop for school buses that are loading and unloading students.

Remember that school is in session, so drive carefully.

Years back I had my law office at the end of a long, narrow, winding corridor in a quirky little office building I owned. Because I was at the end of the hall, and because it required conquering the labyrinth to find me, folks kind of burst into my office relieved to be at the end of the maze.

On one particular afternoon a client arrived on the scene flinging my office door wide open. He stepped into the waiting area, closed the door behind him and addressed me in a loud, resonant voice. This was a gentleman much my senior and for whom I had a great deal of respect. A world traveler, a lecturer with credentials, a big and reasoned thinker, he was someone I trusted and admired.

He was in my office for legal help.

But apparently, some kind of first things first was in order.

And so it was, that as he entered my office to solicit my advice, this greatly accomplished man announced to me precisely what I thought on a particular subject of controversy brewing at that time.

My visitor that afternoon did not ask me my opinion on the subject.

This client did not debate me on the subject.

He did not ask for my thoughts or opinion.

We did not venture or happen upon the subject matter in the course of other dialogue.

He simply walked into my office and told me, in not uncertain terms, precisely what I thought about a matter that I actually hadn't given thought to, a subject that was not really on my radar.

"I know you agree with me and support... blah, blah, blah."

And the fact of the matter was, when push came to shove, I did agree with his position on this particular controversy. But that wasn't the point, was

Midwest Memo

by Alan Shultz



Assumed?

relevant to the legal manner for which the client was consulting me. The subject wasn't a matter of contention between us. It wasn't even a previous source of conflict or discussion amongst us.

It was simply something about which this guy felt passionately.

And maybe he didn't want to think his advisor could possibly think differently.

I don't know.

What I do know is this: we assume, we presume... a lot.

I get a lot of mail, outrageously presumptive stuff from both the Republicans and from the Democrats. Surveys and solicitations, they send them all the time. And they pander and presume and assume. It's kind of embarrassing that folks are viewed by these people as so shallow, so one dimensional, so predictable.

If you recycle then you must think this way. If you support this charity that must mean you vote this way. And on and on it goes.

I haven't been in a good political debate in a long time. It's my fault. I play it too close to the vest and frankly, I don't see the point anymore. People think what they're going to think. But my posture is kind of passive, and a neutral canvas is one others feel the need to paint.

So, instead, I feel like I get lectured on politics - a lot.

But, what the matter? At least I can take great comfort in one thing. I know you agree with me.

Letters to the Editor

The Comet welcomes letters to the editor responding to articles and events in the news. They must include the author's name, address and telephone number. The letter writer's name and city/town will appear in the paper - no exceptions. Letters must be 400 words or less in length. Please send your letters to: editor@carrollcountycomet.com; Letters to the Editor, Comet, P.O. Box 26, Flora, IN 46929 or P.O. Box 179, Delphi, IN 46923; or fax 574-967-3384 or 765-564-2010. By submitting a letter or opinion article, the author grants the Comet the right to publish, distribute, archive or use the work in print, electronic, on-line or other format.

Appreciates support

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of the Carroll community who have and always will support our family. We know that this letter is a little late, however time has gotten away from us this past year. As hard as it was to leave a community that we raised our children in and lived in for nearly 20 years, it was time to move on. Despite what some people said, we were not forced to leave; we left by our choice.

A better opportunity was presented to John, both financially and for personal reasons, at Winamac. Doctors had given his father, Jack, who resided there, up to five years to live. As family has always been a main priority in our life, this opportunity was hard to pass up. Unfortunately, Jack died last spring from terminal cancer.

Big thanks go out to all of the people from the community who supported us through Jack's death, as well as all of you who helped Hallee make it through her senior year of high school.

John is happy at Winamac, despite the fact that he misses coaching. He was given a two-year contract as AD and received a 33% raise. Some day if the right opportunity is presented, John Hendryx will be back on the football field again, helping young men.

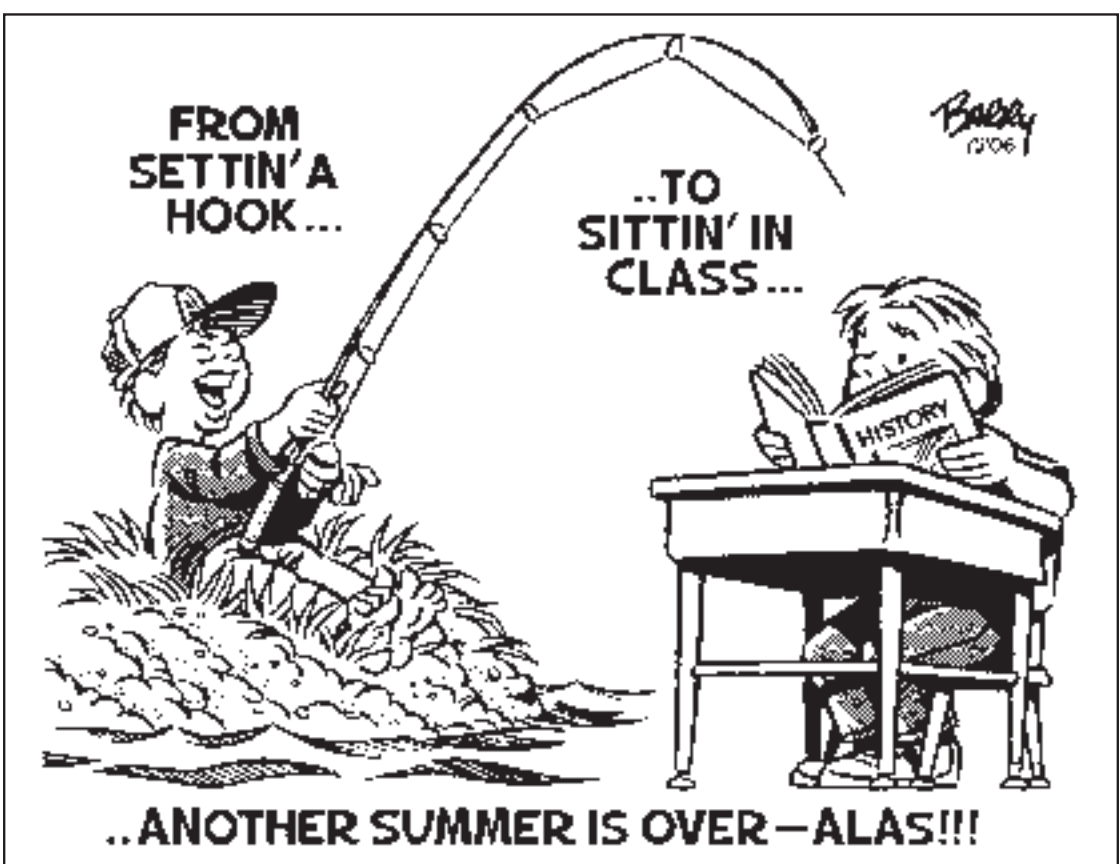
We appreciate his former players who still call us and tell us how much they appreciate everything he has done for them, not only as a coach, but as a friend.

John was asked to help with the football team at Winamac, but declined the opportunity at this time.

Again, big thanks to those of you who have supported us through the years.

Sherri Hendryx
Winamac

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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:

What should the county do with the Burlington ambulance service?

- % Do nothing and let Burlington solve the problem on its own.

- % Find or build a building between Flora and Burlington and move the Flora site to a more central location to provide service to a larger area with the same staff.

- % Assume financial responsibility for the Burlington service, rent the same building and staff it as needed.

Total responses:

Editor's note: Poll response regarding taxes

Concerned property owners should attend their township budget hearings. How many of you are aware of the new trending program that will be increasing your property taxes? Pile that on top of the fact that the county just petitioned the state to raise our tax rate to the max for the capitol project fund with the idea in mind of the jail project. Watch the paper for the hearing date on that when the county gets the approval back from the state which should be in the next couple of weeks. Budget hearings for the various townships, I believe, are next week. Better to take the time to go than bite the bullet.

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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.

New Filings

Erika Zamora was charged with failure to stop after an accident resulting in damage to an unattended vehicle.

William L. Rains was charged

with driving while suspended.

Brian S. Majors was charged with Count I, possession of marijuana; Count II, contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Kyle A. Johnston was charged with Count I, illegal possession of alcohol; Count II, criminal trespass; Count III, possession of marijuana.

Elizabeth C. Irwin was charged with driving while suspended.

Rosemary Lovvorn was charged with disorderly conduct.

Chris Savoldi was charged with Counts I through IV, check deception.

Samuel Munoz was charged with Count I, failure to stop after an accident resulting in damage; Count II, no financial responsibility.

Ricardo A. Rosario was charged with operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license.

Robert W. Guenther was charged with conversion.

Tina Y. Parker was charged

with operating while intoxicated, endangering a person.

Joseph B. O'Brien was charged with possession of marijuana greater than 30 grams.

Michelle S. Eads, was charged with public intoxica-

tion.

Ian Evans was charged with criminal trespass.

Jason A. Collier was charged with operating while intoxicated, endangering a person.

Steven S. Spurgeon was

charged with Counts I and II, operating while intoxicated, endangering a person.

Thomas L. Smith was charged with failure to return to the scene of an accident resulting in serious injury.

Amanda L. Duvall was charged with Count I, possession of controlled substance; Count II, public intoxication.

Adrian Jonathon Carreon was charged with failure to stop after an accident resulting in non-vehicle damage.

Jeffery S. Thompson was charged with battery resulting in bodily injury.

Chester L. Whitmore was charged with resisting law enforcement.

John E. Pine was charged with illegal consumption of alcohol.

Danielle M. Godbey was charged with Counts I and II, check deception.

Dana L. Faucett was charged with check deception. Jacob D. Pery was charged with public intoxication.

William S. Phillips was charged with Count I, theft; Count II, check fraud.

Cody A. Hufford was charged with Count I, invasion of privacy; Count II, disorderly conduct.

Steve A. Mattingley was charged with Count I, receiving stolen property; Count II, unlawful possession of a fire arm; habitual offender.

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 was filed in Lyon Financial Service vs. Doug Abdon Chrysler.

A complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate was filed in GMAC Mortgage Corp. vs. Jack A. and Dorothy J. Stover.

A complaint on notes, real estate mortgages and guaranty was filed in Regions Bank vs. Douglas R. Abdon and Felicia K. Abdon et al.

A complaint was filed in GE Money Bank vs. Roy Johnson.

A complaint for breach of contract was filed in Powell Heating and Cooling vs. Ralph A. Alsup.

Eduardo Lopez was charged with Count I, burglary; Count II, theft.

Julie C. Azpeitia was charged with Count I, burglary; Count II, theft.

Inmer E. Conner was charged with Count I, burglary; Count II, theft.

Ruby E. Fife was named administrator of the Mary R. Foster estate.

In State of Indiana vs. Nicholas A. Swindle, 20, the defendant pled guilty to Count I, burglary. He was sentenced to six years, with three years suspended, and two years of probation.

Restaurant Inspections

Printed from reports provided by Carroll County Health Department.

Little Bit Country

Routine inspection: 7/18/06
Summary of violations: No violations noted

McDonalds

Routine inspection: 7/18/06
Summary of violations: 1 non-critical
The sanitizing solution for the wet wiping clothes measured over 200 ppm. Corrected.

Burlington Mid-land Meals

Routine inspection: 7/20/06
Summary of violations: No violations noted

Burlington Locker Plant

Routine inspection: 7/20/06
Summary of violations: No violations noted

Gracie's Restaurant & Bakery

Routine inspection: 7/21/06
Summary of violations: 2 non-critical
The ice scoop was not being stored properly. Directed to correct by 7/21/06. The utensils for the fruit were not being stored properly. Directed to correct by 7/21/06.

Center Street Grill

Routine inspection: 7/21/06
Summary of violations: 1 non-critical
There was a bottle of degreaser that did not have a label with the common name. Corrected.

The Sandwich Shop

Routine inspection: 7/25/06
Summary of violations: 1 non-critical
There was not a thermometer in the upright freezer to measure the air temperature. Corrected.

Jenny's Restaurant

Routine inspection: 7/25/06
Summary of violations: No violations noted

Camden Grocery

Routine inspection: 7/25/06
Summary of violations: No violations noted

Stephan's IGA

Routine inspection: 7/24/06
Summary of violations: No violations noted

Jones' IGA

Routine inspection: 8/1/06
Summary of violations: 1 critical, 2 non-critical

1. There was an employee in the food prep area not wearing a hair restraint. Directed to correct by 8/1/06.
The small chest freezer had a heavy accumulation of ice. Directed to correct by 8/3/06.
Critical

1. The sanitizer for the wiping clothes measured over 200ppms. Corrected.

29 Mara Mart

Routine inspection: 8/1/06
Summary of violations: 1 critical, 3 non-critical

Non-critical
The small upright freezer did not have a thermometer to measure the air temper-

ature. Directed to correct by 8/3/06.
The small upright freezer in the prep area had a heavy ice accumulation. Directed to correct by 8/3/06.

There was a utensil in the food prep area not being stored properly. Directed to correct by 8/1/06.

Maple Leaf Country Store

Routine inspection: 8/3/06
Summary of violations: No violations noted

Flora Mara Mart

Routine inspection: 8/3/06
Summary of violations: 1 critical, 2 non-critical

Non-critical
The equipment by the fryer had an accumulation of residue. Directed to correct by 8/3/06.

The walk-in cooler had an accumulation of residue on it. Directed to correct by 8/3/06.

Critical
There was a food employee not wearing gloves when doing other tasks. Directed to correct by 8/3/06.

Hollow Acres Golf Center

Routine inspection: 8/2/06
Summary of violations: No violations noted

Marriage Licenses

David P. Quigney, 30, and Nancy M. Hailman, 25, both of Delphi.

Gregory L. Wilson, 22, of Delphi and Tara M. Hutsell, 22, of Westfield.

Charles R. Krahies Jr., 32, and Shannon M. Menk, 29, both of Delphi.

Kyle M. Long, 22, of Burnettsville, and Rebecca I. Weaver, 23, of Monticello.

Troy M. Helderman, 36, and Shelly L. Wiles, 24, both of Flora.

Brandon T. Vibbert, 33, and Patricia D. Lindsey, 42, both of Burlington.