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Protect your child – have your car seat checked

Moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas, sitters – anyone who transports children in car seats – will want to attend the free Child Car Seat Clinic planned Saturday morning in Flora.

A car seat that is not installed properly or is not the right size for the child will not offer the best protection in case of a crash. That's the reason Carroll County Farm Bureau Inc. initiated the clinic three years ago.

A key to car seat safety is finding a car seat that matches your vehicle and your child. If you can't easily install the car seat so that there is less than one inch of wiggle at the belt path, find a new car seat.

Car seats come with an expiration date, usually five or six years. Secondhand car seats should never be used if the crash history or recall history is unknown.

Often children can make messes in their car seats, but always check the instructions or call the manufacturer for help before cleaning. Buckles and other moving parts can be damaged by soaking or rough cleaning and straps wet down with cleaning products may not react the way they are supposed to.

Car seat accessories may claim that they meet all federal car seat safety standards, but federal standards only govern the car seats and latch system. Car seat safety experts say toy bars, neck rolls, fabric covers, seat belt ratchets and other after-market accessories should not be used. In other words, if it did not come with the car seat, don't use it.

A lot of car seat advice is outdated and dangerous. The best place to get correct information is from a trained qualified source - a certified child passenger safety technician. That source will be available from 8 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday at Flora Community Park. Helping Farm Bureau sponsor the event is the Carroll/White County SAFE KIDS Organization.

If you transport children in car seats, take a few minutes Saturday and let an expert check and see if they are as safe and protected as they should be.

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

Jessica R. Kingery was charged with illegal consumption.

The following were charged with check deception: James R. Hudson Jr., Luann Maxwell, Jacquelyn M. Vogt, Jennifer J. Holman, Jennifer D. Wireman (two counts).

Ernesto G. Hernandez was charged with public nudity and domestic battery.

Levi T. Dyer was charged with driving while suspended.

Desiree D. Stewart was charged with driving while suspended.

Deborah L. Spear was charged with public intoxication.

Marc S. Woodruff was charged with operating while intoxicated – endangering and failure to stop after an accident resulting in non-vehicle damage.

Ryan Houser was charged with residential entry.

Mark A. Clawson was charged with auto theft and possession of paraphernalia.

Michael L. Turner was charged with operating while intoxicated – endangering, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, false or fictitious registration, and no valid license.

Aaron M. Kirkpatrick was charged with operating a motorboat while intoxicated and operating a motorboat with an ACE of .08 or more.

Default judgements were entered for the plaintiff in the following cases: Wilcox Lumber Co. vs. Carl Koch in the amount of \$1,286.34; Horizon Veterinary Service vs. John and Laura Hullinger, \$204.65; Argent Healthcare Financial vs. Susan E. Field, \$2,359.45; and Horizon Veterinary Service vs. Kathy Mayhew, \$356.55.

In an agreed judgement, Shonda Welchman was ordered to pay \$2,375.02 to Lafayette Account Services.

Michael J. Burke IV, 45, of Monticello, pled guilty to criminal recklessness. He was sen-

tenced to one year in jail, all suspended, and one year unsupervised probation.

Jennifer Marbach, 31, of Flora, pled guilty to battery resulting in bodily injury. She was sentenced to one year in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Amanda Loy, 24, pled guilty to escape. She was sentenced to three years in jail, two years suspended, and two years supervised probation.

For convictions related to alcohol, the following were meted a combination of jail time, with some suspensions, probation with fees, community service, house arrest, participation in a court-approved drug and alcohol program, and suspended and/or probationary driving privileges: Justin S. Rogers, 26, of Burnettsville, operating a vehicle while intoxicated – endangering a person; John S. Kelly, 51, of Bringhurst, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more; Randy E. Francis, 38, of Middleburg, Fla., operating a vehicle while intoxicated – endangering a person; Joshua M. Corso, 27, of Logansport, operating while intoxicated – endangering a person and habitual substance offender; Eric L. Sterling, 36, of Flora, operating while intoxicated – endangering a person and habitual substance offender; and Greg A. Clawson, 44, of Burnettsville, operating while intoxicated.

Cindy A. Hartman, 36, of Bringhurst, pled guilty to domestic battery. She was sentenced to one year in jail, all but seven days suspended, and 355 days supervised probation.

Amanda James Shepherd, 24, of Logansport, pled guilty to driving while suspended. She was sentenced to one year in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Americo L. Gonzalez, 22, of Delphi, pled guilty to neglect of a dependent. He was sentenced to two years in jail, all suspended, and two years supervised probation.

Editor's note: Alan Shultz is on vacation this week. This column first ran in the *Comet* in August 2004.

Black plastic bags dotted the gravel shoulder of I-65 this morning as I pulled the car out onto the highway just past the town of Wolcott. The sun was busy at work burning off a thick white fog and the highway-scape included a decidedly moist looking gray pavement. The grass in the meridian and on the shoulders caught my eye. It was a healthy, pleasing green, far greener than I remember for late August, more trimmed and tended looking, too.

Years ago, coming upon a similar scene, I cursed the litterbug who had fiendishly tossed his garbage in bags left in groupings on the side of the road. I pictured this fellow with a big pick-up truck, maybe a helper or two in the back. In the dark of night they cruised slowly along the shoulder emptying their load for free, rather than paying the fee at the dump. But mine was the curse and imagination of a man ignorant of the pertinent facts. And I gladly accepted that label when someone clued me in to the actual truth of the situation. The black bags represented the work product of roadside cleaning efforts by either volunteer or hired workers. The final step in the clean-up process had yet to happen.

My perspective changed when I learned the truth about those black garbage bags seemingly scattered along the side of the road. And so now I look at the same scene, but I look with

Midwest Memo

by Alan Shultz



Roadside perspective

different eyes. The scene never altered, only my take on it did. In his book *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, author Steven Covey includes a great illustration of the power of perspective. A simple black and white pencil drawing fills the page of this particular illustration.

I used this illustration once in teaching an adult Sunday School class. Just as it was designed to do, the drawing created an immediate division among the members of the class. Upon first viewing, some saw the depiction of a beautiful lady with a feathered hat. This woman had an elegant aura to her. Other students immediately saw the close-up of an old woman with harsh features and a stern countenance. This woman's aura was that of being unapproachable.

The picture being viewed by each student was the same. Some saw one thing, some saw another. With time, some of the students saw both. Everyone at the table saw the power of perspective.

Years ago I attended a workshop at Purdue for writers. One session was devoted to how to form a writers group.

Early in this session the moderator had someone read an

essay they had written earlier. When the author was finished reading, the teacher posed the following question to the group: "What do you think?"

Somehow folks assumed that question meant we were to critique the essay just written. Now mind you, we didn't yet know each other, we didn't have common bonds other than attending this session.

The first person to speak tore into the piece. He was very critical of many things. He didn't understand this section, he didn't like that part. The next person to speak picked up where the first fellow left off. This word was wrong, that image was incomplete. The third person followed suit in the same critical tone.

It was brutal.

At this point the moderator interrupted us. To this day, I still wonder if the "tear it to pieces" critics were staged or spontaneous.

Now the moderator posed this question: "What if the author only wanted to know what you liked about the piece?"

Ouch.

The groups' perspective immediately changed and folks who had not yet spoken piped up with positive things they liked about the essay.

One simple question and our perspective changed from finding what was bad about something to finding what was good.

Oftentimes it is our perspective that colors how we see things. How fortunate then that we have the power to grow and change in that perspective.

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 small town

I am a newcomer to Flora, having moved here about seven years ago to be near family. I find Flora a very nice place to live with shops and businesses to meet every need, as well as friendly people, a variety of activities, and many churches.

One day last week I went out to my car in the driveway to unload eight or nine geranium plants from the trunk. I picked one up and put it on the driveway, realizing that it was much heavier than I expected. Just then two boys rode up on their bicycles and to my surprise said, "Would you like some help?"

Indeed, I would. They hopped off their bicycles and in no time had all the plants unloaded and placed where I wanted them. Before they left we exchanged names and I thanked them for their timely help.

So thank you again, Hunter and Xavier, for your offer to help. It was very much appreciated.

Jean Miller
Flora

Marriage Licenses

William Wesley Thompson, 37, and Angela Marie Dalton, 28, both of Monticello.

Aaron W. Reedy, 24, of Terre Haute, and Yolanda Carrie Hentzel, 23, of Monticello.

Charles William Schroeder Jr., 47, and Janet Faye Mullendore, 55, both of Delphi.

Joel Gordillo Castillejos, 21, and Janie Lynn Wright, 38, both of Brookston.

John Gregory Franklin, 18, and Mary Elizabeth Horn, 19, both of Flora.

Travis Michael Ayers, 21, of Anderson, and Amanda Jean Padgett, 20, of Rossville.

Lawrence Christian Haley, 20, of Lafayette, and Kayla Jo Gill, 20, of Delphi.



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.

In a default judgment, Shawn Dreadfulwater was ordered to pay \$20,075.63 to First National Bank & Trust.

Clifford L. Beard pled guilty to forgery. He was sentenced to two years in jail, all suspended, and two years probation.

The following cases were dismissed: Wells Fargo Bank vs. Paul E. Hunter and Joyce M. Hunter; Huntington National Bank vs. Juan M. Martinez; and Dorothy M. Johnson and David A. Johnson Sr. vs. Delphi Shell LLC and See USA LLC.

Latasha L. Duvall pled guilty to conspiracy to commit dealing in methamphetamine. She was sentenced to 12 years in prison. Three years of the sentence were suspended, two years were ordered to be served on work release, and one year on in-home detention.

A judgment for the plaintiff was entered in the case of Colonial Credit Corp. vs. Jean A. Heise.

GE Money Bank filed a complaint against Lisa Chafin. FIA Card Services filed an application to confirm arbitration award against Gregory G. Grove.

Wells Fargo Bank filed a complaint to foreclose mortgage against Jamie R. and Dawn A. Wells.

Bank of America NA filed a complaint of breach of contract against John L. Phalen.

David Jacobo Dominguez was charged with forgery, perjury (three counts), and false informing.

Unifund CCR Partners filed a complaint against Armando Najera.

Wells Fargo Bank filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage against Ronald Fritz and Catherine M. Fritz.

AFS filed a complaint against Donna M. Caldwell.

Phillip H. Shelton II was charged with three counts of

aiding, causing or inducing burglary.

Charles R. Roach was charged with three counts of aiding, causing or inducing burglary.

Phillip L. Stringer was charged with child exploitation and eight counts of child molesting.

The following cases were dismissed: Hartson Kennedy Cabinet Top Co. vs. Christian DeVos; Wells Fargo Bank vs. Dean A. Mote; and Lieselotte Wert vs. Jesse G. Elizalde et al;

Pablo Francisco pled guilty to forgery, identity deception (two counts), operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, and false and fictitious registration. He was sentenced to two years in jail, all but 62 days suspended, and one year, 10 months on probation.

Default judgements were entered for the plaintiff in the following cases: Citibank vs. P.D. Myers in the amount of \$1,859.16; and Capital One Bank vs. Goldie C. Ford, \$1,099.42.

Kristy L. Martin was ordered to spend 180 days in jail

for a probation violation.

Derrick A. German was ordered to serve 180 days of a previously suspended sentence on house arrest for a probation violation.

James A. Harvey Jr. was ordered to serve six days of a previously suspended sentence for a probation violation.

Dana L. Snowberger was ordered to spend three additional months on probation for failure to pay probation user fees and court costs.

Kyle Stout was ordered to serve the remainder of his sentence in jail for violation of and removal from home detention program.

A decree of dissolution was granted between the following: Melody Willoughby and James F. Willoughby Jr.; Marsha L. Breeden and Lloyd H. Breeden Jr.; and Charles W. Schroeder and Elizabeth J. Schroeder, with wife's former name of Wells restored.

The estate of the late Helen M. Harshbarger was admitted, probate will only.

Palisades Collection LLC filed a complaint against Nancy D. Brewer.

Web poll

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

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.

How do you support Carroll County Relay for Life?

- As a walker
- As a donor
- Both as a walker & donor
- Not at all

Last Weeks results

How often do you go to and purchase at thrift shops?

- 14% All the time! I never buy full retail anymore!
 - 64% Once in a while when I can find good stuff.
 - 22% Never! Wouldn't be caught dead in one.
- Total responses: 69

Because the public has a right to know...

In an effort to help our readers understand what government meetings are happening when and where, the *Comet* will now print upcoming meetings on a weekly basis.

Monday, Aug. 6

- ✓ Drainage Board: 8:30 a.m.
- ✓ Commissioners: 9 a.m.
- ✓ Delphi Board of Works: 5:30 p.m.
- ✓ Flora Town Council: 6 p.m.
- ✓ Delphi City Council: 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 7

- ✓ Carroll School Board: 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 9

- ✓ Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District: 7 p.m. -White County Gov. Building

Public Notices appearing in this issue of the Comet:

- Kubala Adoption5B
- Sheriff Sale-Alsop.....5B
- Sheriff Sale-Cunningham....5B
- Not of Suit-Yeagley.....5B
- Democrat TWP-Budget.....5B
- Monroe TWP-Budget.....3B
- Madison TWP-Budget.....3B
- Jefferson TWP-Budget.....3B
- Clay TWP-Budget.....3B
- Town of Flora-Budget.....4B
- Town of Burlington-Budget.....3B
- Delphi Lib.-Budget.....3B
- Bachelor Run Con-Budget.....3B
- Burlington TWP-Budget.....5B
- City of Delphi-Budget.....5B
- Town of Camden-Budget.....5B
- Delphi Ordinance 2007-4.....5B
- Delphi Ordinance 2007-5.....5B
- Adams TWP-Budget.....5B
- Camden Lib.-Budget.....3B
- Sheriff Sale-Lively.....5B
- Sheriff Sale-Suto.....3B
- BOT Sale-Land Auction.....2B
- Jackson TWP-Budget.....4B
- Deer Creek TWP-Budget.....4B
- Carroll School-Ann Rept.....4B
- Town of Yeoman-Budget.....4B
- Rock Creek TWP-Budget.....4B
- Highway Claims.....3B
- County Claims.....3B
- Liberty TWP-Budget.....4B

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.

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