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Can we count on you?

Carroll County residents have a great opportunity tonight (April 25) to participate in creating opportunities for economic development in this county.

A community forum to address "Marketing Carroll County for Economic Development" will be held in the Wabash & Erie Canal Conference Room in Delphi from 7 to 9 p.m.

The forum is a continuation of the visioning process for the county that began in 2004 with Carroll County at the Crossroads. From the visioning process several critical issues were identified and task forces were formed to address those issues. A few of the results of that process are the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Carroll County, and a full-time county economic development director.

At Wednesday's forum, presentations will be given by Richard Heupel, senior project director for the Office of Building Better Communities at Ball State University, and Bob St. Claire, president and CEO of the St. Claire Group, an Indianapolis firm specializing in strategic planning and marketing.

We think of ourselves as a rural, ag-based county, but we are more than that. We have history and heritage and some wonderful natural assets that we can share with visitors.

But our citizens need to participate in this process if we, as a county, are to be successful. Our welcome signs at the edges of the county boast that Carroll County is the land of endless opportunities. A little help in marketing those opportunities is needed. So plan to attend tonight's forum and be a part of an exciting new beginning for Carroll County.

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.

Tony J. Isom Jr., 28, of Delphi, pled guilty to possession of methamphetamine. He was sentenced to three years in jail, one year suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Doug S. Dirschell, 39, of Indianapolis, pled guilty to four counts of theft. He was sentenced to eight years in the department of correction, seven years suspended and one year to be served on in-home detention, and seven years supervised probation.

A judgement was entered for the plaintiff in the case of J&K Watson Enterprises Inc. vs. John Provo d/b/a Pro Builders Inc. in the amount of \$7,258.95.

The following were found to be in arrears in the payment of child support: Melinda Hartman, \$3,293.16; Prentiss Johnston, \$3,671.85; Kimberly A. German, \$2,270; Lorri Clawson, \$5,247; Javier Picino, \$1,462; Kristina Helms, \$257; and Bob Henderson, \$12,857.83.

A decree of dissolution was granted between the following: Shayne Record and Ashley Record, whose name was restored to Ashley Gundrum; Catressa Kay Taber and Michael Lynn Taber, with wife's former name of Carman restored; Marion H. Wright and Rachel N. Wright; Terri L. Lester and Kenneth E. Lester; and Monica Dawn Bogue and Wayne Kevin Bogue.

Bonnie J. Walker and Combined Insurance Co. agreed to attend mediation. American General Financial Services Inc. filed a complaint to foreclose mortgage against Lonnie C. Pope Sr.

Everhome Mortgage Co. filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage against Beth Frazier. American Trust Federal Savings Bank filed a complaint on promissory note and to foreclose mortgage against Shawn Dreadfulwater.

Centurion Capital Corp. filed a complaint against Casey Harmon. Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC filed a complaint against Goldie C. Ford. Midland Credit Management Inc. filed a complaint against Marisol M. Phillippo.

First National Bank and Trust filed a complaint against Shawn Dreadfulwater. Maricela Saucedo-Romero was charged with forgery and

no valid operator's license.

Benjamin Isom was charged with dealing in methamphetamine, possession of chemical reagents or precursors with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of paraphernalia, receiving stolen property and illegal possession of anhydrous ammonia or ammonia solution.

Brenda Isom was charged with dealing in methamphetamine, possession of chemical reagents or precursors with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of paraphernalia, receiving stolen property and illegal possession of anhydrous ammonia or ammonia solution.

Jarrett A. Embrey was charged with burglary. Linda M. Austin and Ronald P. Austin were named executors of the estate of the late Paul S. Austin.

Centurion Capital Corp. filed an application to confirm arbitration award against Jeffery Leslie.

US Bank NA filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage against Gerlinde L. Conde and Rogelio Conde.

Carter Oil Supply filed a complaint to foreclose judgement lien against Zimpfer Development Corp.

Standard Fire Insurance filed a complaint against Alan Coghill.

American Acceptance Co. LLC filed a complaint against Tracy Lynn Claiborne.

Jon W. Sullivan, as trustee of Ralph D. Sullivan Living Trust, filed a complaint to quiet title to real estate against Linda M. Schache.

Sienna Financial LP filed a complaint against Betty Hensley.

Michael D. Bogan filed a breach of contract against Nancy L. Goltz. Shawn Heath filed a complaint against Rhonda E. Giffin.

Hartson Kennedy Cabinet Top Co. filed a complaint against Christian DeVos d/b/a DeVos Wood Products.

The State of Indiana filed charges of battery resulting in serious bodily injury and resisting law enforcement against Joshua T. Johnson.

I dabbled in conservation over the weekend by attending a green festival held in conjunction with Earth Day.

Those of us in attendance gathered in a huge convention center. It was a warm day. Outside the breeze was pleasant. Inside the air conditioning was cranked up high. The air conditioner compressors whirled away, pumping the artificial cool inside.

We sat in big rooms with no windows. The lights overhead were all turned on. The electric meter was running big time. Unlike the Girl Scouts, we didn't bring our homemade sit-ups for this gathering. We sat in theater seats of synthetic upholstery or on plastic chairs.

From what I could tell, none of us brought a sack lunch to eat.

There were vendors to take care of meals. They dished up a wide menu array served on plastic plates. Plastic utensils were provided. Little individual salts and peppers in little paper packages spiced things up. The trash generated was huge.

Few of us drank from the water fountain. Maybe one percent of the crowd took their H2O the old fashioned way.

But there was bottled water to buy by the pint and the quart. The water came in one-time use plastic containers.

Given the subject matter and the vast numbers of us, we weren't asked to do anything while we gathered together. We weren't asked to plant a tree, dig a ditch or even break a sweat. Instead, shopping seemed the big activity.

Midwest Memo

by Alan Shultz



Green friendly?

Rows and rows of vendors hawked every "natural" product imaginable and lots of us had the plastic credit cards out buying environmentally friendly stuff.

At one seminar I attended the presenter was very evasive. She described the cooperative where she lives. They use very little water, hardly any electricity. They don't "flush" much.

Someone in the audience asked how large the cooperative was.

"Very small," she answered. Another person asked if she could join the cooperative.

"Oh it's very, very small," she expounded. "No room," she added. The presenter seemed, well, suspicious like she lived alone or with one other person and that she had elevated that life style to something it wasn't. It seemed she took credit for it just a tad too much.

A Washington lobbyist spoke to us after the suspicious young lady. He said political action is the only way to go. "These individual efforts are nice," he said, but the politics and the economic factor - that's where the action and the potential for change is, according to him.

The lobbyist let his hair down at one point and his can-

dor got him into trouble with the audience.

"Imagine there is a little balloon over your conservative Congressperson's head," the lobbyist said. He was referring to the balloon in the comic strips that tells you what the character is thinking.

"If you are talking to the Congressperson about doing without power or water or radical life style changes, well that little balloon says one thing only," he explained.

"It says....nut case." Boos and indignation rose up out of the audience.

It was less than inspiring. I'm all for conservation. And I'd like to be educated on what makes a difference and what is a waste of time.

I don't like silly.

For Earth Day, Oprah was on television hawking cloth bags to use to buy produce from the grocery. She sells them on her web site. The washable bags are supposed to replace disposable paper or plastic bags.

Nothing was said, however, about the comparable energy use of washing that reusable bag compared to disposing of a paper bag.

User friendly facts that would be helpful.

If Oprah forgoes just one spur-of-the-moment private jet flight to Paris to shop, would that allow us to retire our disposable cloth produce bags?

Like Kermit the frog says - "It's not easy being green," to which I might add, "but it sure is easy to act righteous and look silly."

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.

Praises co-workers

I have a comment to make about the teenage boys I work with at Pizza King in Delphi. It's nice to know there are boys who respect older people. They are great and their parents should be proud of them.

Bonnie Bishop
Monticello

Praises Awwad

I have meant to write this letter for a long time. Now it seems to be too late. For many months I have corresponded with Ramzi Awwad, the county highway supervisor who just announced his resignation from the job.

During these many enlightening communications I have come to conclude that I surely wouldn't want this man's job - not given the complexity of Carroll County's road problems. He tried to maintain roads that never had a proper road base. He tried to maintain hard surface roads for us when he wasn't given the funds to do it with. Yet I, probably just like every other county resident, wanted the smoothest roads all over the county. With his hands tied by the lopsided state laws that allocate funds based on passenger cars, not all registered vehicles, he didn't have the funds he needed to satisfy our modern expectations.

I also feel that Mr. Awwad was hamstrung by the apparently ludicrous separation of responsibilities in county government, that of having a council and then commissioners. Having lived in many other states, I learned that a single set of county commissioners, totally responsible to the citizenry, is all that it takes and then there wouldn't be the shouting matches we read about between those two bodies and there would only be one place where the buck ultimately stops.

My wife and I regret that Ramzi is leaving Carroll County for "greater challenges" because I think he really had the challenges here. His work was just not properly funded and his efforts were not recognized or rewarded. We also wish him well in the pursuit of his aspirations. His leaving makes Carroll County the loser.

Dieter Hantschel
Delphi



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

Janelle D. Morgan was charged with illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

Holly M. Bloomquist was charged with illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

Justin S. Rogers was charged with operating while intoxicated - endangering, operating a vehicle with ACE of .15 or more and failure to yield to an emergency vehicle.

Brandon E. Allen was charged with operating while intoxicated - endangering and operating a vehicle with ACE of .08 or more.

Eligio Paz Cruz was charged with operating while intoxicated - endangering, driving left of center and speeding.

Sayra Bravo-Ocampo was charged with operating a motor vehicle without ever re-

ceiving a license.

Tina J. May was charged with check deception.

Gary Hibbetts was charged with check deception.

Donna S. Snapp was charged with three counts of check deception.

Antonio Landeros was charged with intimidation, resisting law enforcement, public intoxication and false informing.

Patricia A. McLeland, 47, of Brookston, pled guilty to possession of marijuana and maintaining a common nuisance. She was sentenced to one and a half years in jail, all but 60 days suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Amy L. Swanke, 26, of Burlington, pled guilty to residential entry. She was sentenced to one year in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Joshua R. Hinton, 23, of Delphi, pled guilty to operating while intoxicated, resisting law enforcement, possession of marijuana and

violation of probation. He was meted a combination of jail time, some suspended, suspension of driving privileges, supervised probation which will resume after his release from incarceration, restitution to victims and participation in a drug and alcohol program.

The following cases were dismissed: State of Indiana vs. Oliver F. Wade II; and State of Indiana vs. Brandon M. McCain.

Restaurant Inspections

Flora's Bar and Grill

Routine inspection: 4/3/07
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

Subway

Routine inspection: 4/3/07
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

Custom Select Meats

Routine inspection: 4/2/07
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

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.

Thursday, April 26

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

Friday, April 27

√County council: 8 a.m.

Tuesday, May 1

√Carroll school board: 7:30 p.m.

Public notices appearing in this issue of the Comet:

Sheriff Sale-Merlin5B
Sheriff Sale-Rosenbarger.....5B
Sheriff Sale-Tyra5B
Sheriff Sale-Thatcher.....5B
Sheriff Sale-Marchand.....5B
Sheriff Sale-Powers5B
T.L. Schl-Not. to Bidders5B
Sheriff Sale-Myers.....5B
Delphi Schl-Add'l Appro.....5B
Austin Estate5B
Sheriff Sale-Smith.....5B
Sheriff Sale-Gallaber5B

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.

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.

Will you visit one or both of the county parks this summer?

(See related story on page 8A)

Yes, I'm excited to check them out!
No, I will not be visiting the county parks.
Not sure...what are those directions again?

Last Weeks results

Should the commissioners hire a certified engineer as the next county highway supervisor?

62% Yes
38% No
Total responses: 58

Reader's comments:

With hopes of the wheel tax creating more revenue, this is the time to look for a certified engineer. This is also the time of year to remind the farmers to not till up the land near the roadway, the easement is there for a reason. The county has talked about enforcing this for years, but has never taken action.

Marriage Licenses

Kevin Wayne Hinton, 31, and Lorri Love Clawson, 37, both of Delphi.

Bradly Dale Allen, 29, of Delphi, and Devona Marie Ziese, 32, of Rensselaer.