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Consequences of false reporting

Last week Carroll County and surrounding communities experienced a situation with far-reaching reverberations that continue to be felt.

A local youth reported to authorities she had been abducted when she had not. She did not tell the truth. But before it was all over that day, dozens of police, along with the Indiana State Police helicopter, five K-9 units, conservation officers and even some jailers from the county jail were on the scene when the youth was "found."

But the damage did not end there. Campers at Camp Tecumseh were locked down, which must have been scary for those little kids. Some of them had to know something was amiss.

Workers on site at the camp were also prevented from doing their jobs for hours.

Most community members understand this young lady must be a troubled youth. However, many believe there have to be consequences for this young person to face. When you do something wrong, you pay the price.

But there is someone else at risk for paying a price for what this one youth did. That person is the next youngster who makes a similar call.

The next time a child calls for help, will the community respond in the same way to that call as they did to the last one?

Residents of Carroll County and surrounding counties are urged to not let this one incident taint every child in the community. We must always do the right thing, and the right thing is to respond.

Nothing to fear, but fear itself

I sat in a confined, musty courthouse room June 7, prepared to hear the county council budget review. Surprisingly, only three out of 20,000 Carroll County residents were interested in discovering where and how their money was spent this year.

I am an amateur when it comes to county government. Words like budget, tax and fund, and acronyms like CAGIT and COIT previously caused me to suffer slight narcolepsy. County government can be intimidating to younger adults like me. But through recent experience, I have found that perhaps even elders fear council and commissioner meetings.

In all honesty there is nothing to fear. Attending a council or commissioners' meeting is like eavesdropping on a soft-spoken, family brunch. All members are seated around a table, separated from the audience by a thick wooden barricade and discuss what financial "knit-picking" can be done to compensate for the sum spent over county budget.

This week, member tension seemed to increase with arguments concerning council rules and powers, but was relieved when discussion turned to yesterday's softball game. Members eventually reverted back to discussing what was essential, like copiers and prison cooks, and what was not essential, like local parks and animal control officers. In conclusion, the audience left overwhelmingly educated after the relatively painless, four-hour meeting.

It is not necessary to live with the suspense of not knowing what is going on in our area. We may have to crane our neck, read lips and face the backs of elected county officials to find out, but it is worth being informed. I have learned how the county resolves issues, what kind of financial crisis the community seems to be in and what little response comes from the community as result.

It may be that we fear these meetings, but I hope we have not given-up on the power of the people. I encourage the 19,997 residents who chose not to attend the recent special council meeting to take advantage of all public county meetings. After all, the whispers that take place at that table impact our entire community. And we all deserve a piece of our rightful brunch.

By Jenna Buehler, Comet writer-intern

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
John P. Fontes was charged with illegal possession of an alcoholic beverage.
Dustin W. Bowers was charged with driving while suspended.
Saul Franco was charged with operating a vehicle without ever receiving a license.
Robert D. Perry was charged with aiding, causing or inducing theft, six counts of theft, theft, theft and receiving stolen property.

"This is church?" That was the question posed on an enormous billboard I saw from my train seat the other day. On the billboard gymnasts leaped through mid air, dancers twirled and musicians appeared to fill the otherwise silent space.

Implied in the handsome graphics depicting dance and music and entertainment was a clear message. There's something new in store for the congregant who chooses to attend this mega-church starting a new branch congregation.

The competition to the gymnasts, dancers and musicians showed up in living color on advertising plastered to the side of a bus, make that many buses, pushing through traffic jams over the weekend.

The co-pastors depicted in the ad appear to be a young married couple. Their twin hair colors are golden, California sun golden in a contemporary coif with plenty of gel. In this particular photo their hands are not holding the Starbucks coffee cups they've sported in previous newspaper ads.

"This is church?" The question from the leaping and twirling ad campaign seemed to echo, but now the question was in reply to the slick invitation from the good looking youngsters making the direct pitch to come and worship with them.

I don't presume to have much of an opinion on all this advertising for church. The path to faith and worship is decidedly an individual one. I

Midwest Memo

by Alan Shultz



That old-time religion

suppose the Madison Avenue approach to filling the pews is as fair as the threats of fire and brimstone of yesteryear.

Faith, no matter how one comes by it, makes its mark.

At the Presbyterian Home for senior citizens in Evanston, Ill., a special worship service is designed for patients suffering from different forms of dementia. The leaders of this worship program have found that dementia patients often respond to familiar hymns, familiar Bible passages. A person who may not remember their own name still may be able to sing the words to a familiar hymn or recite the 23rd Psalm.

Our religious training can plant deep roots.

Religion served with coffee and well coifed hair.

Religion served with entertainment, twirling and toe tapping music.

Is there indeed "anything new under the sun?"

The other day I found the thinnest of volumes on the desk of a friend who passed away almost a year ago. The relatives had all long come and gone taking from the house all they wanted. The house sale ladies had come and gone,

gone too were the crowds of buyers of antiques and collectibles who had lined up early in the morning to get first chance at all the valuables.

After all that rummaging, after all that toting and carting away, the thin little volume 3 inches by 5 inches remained.

"The Bible, when you want it," was first printed in 1932 by Lewis Gaston Leary. Leary went on to reprint his work at least 24 more times.

Leary's work is the equivalent of a paper contraption of inspiration. It invites the reader to "Search the Scriptures" when confronted with a certain situation. In an intricate form of paper folding and indexing, a helpful Bible verse for "doubting," or "perplexed" can be found by flipping that section over to find Bible passages applicable to doubting or perplexed.

Other topics include: happy, thankful, prosperous, in love, confident, critical, angry, sorrowing, sinful, and tempted. Today's headlines borrow from other topics covered like ill-treated, lonely, bereaved, repentant and self-satisfied.

It seems that the scenery and colors on the path to faith may change with time. Brimstone may yield to tumbling and dance. Suit and tie may yield to shorts and a latte in the pews. But it also seems that today's challenges are clearly also those of yesterday. And the faith and inspiration to meet those challenges, well that proves to be a true constant.

Restaurant Inspections

Wildcat Creek

Bed & Breakfast

Routine inspection: 5/10/07
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

Main Street Pizza King

Routine inspection: 5/10/07
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

Stonehouse Restaurant

Routine inspection: 5/11/07
Summary of violations: 4 non-critical

There was not a thermometer in the chest freezer to measure the air temperature. Corrected.

There was an accumulation of dust in the kitchen area. Directed to correct by 5/14/07.

There was an accumulation of grease on the ventilation system above the stove. Directed to correct by 5/18/07.

The tubs in the baking area had an accumulation of residue on them. Directed to correct by 5/12/07.

Fisher's Restaurant

Routine inspection: 5/17/07
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

Parrett's

Routine inspection: 5/18/07
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

Jenny's Restaurant

Routine inspection: 5/21/07
Summary of violations: 1 Critical, 4 non-critical

Critical
The sanitizer for wet wiping clothes measured over 200 ppm.

Non-Critical

1) There were some chicken strips and sausage links in the freezer not covered. Directed to correct by 5/21/07.

2) There was not a thermometer in the refrigerator in the front room to measure the air temperature. Directed to correct by 5/23/07.

3) There was not any hand soap available at the hand washing sinks. Directed to correct by 5/21/07.

4) There was not any paper towel available at the hand washing sinks. Directed to correct by 5/21/07.

Jones IGA

Routine inspection: 5/21/07
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

Burlington Locker Plant

Routine inspection: 5/21/07
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

The Corner Cafe

Routine inspection: 5/25/07
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

JC's Bar and Grill

Routine inspection: 5/30/07
Summary of violations: 2 non-critical

1) The ventilation system had an accumulation of grease. Directed to correct by 1 week.

2) The chest freezer had an accumulation of ice. Directed to correct by 6/1/07.

Camden Midland Meals

Routine inspection: 5/31/07
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

Flora Midland Meals

Routine inspection: 6/1/07
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, June 14
√ Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District: 7 p.m.-White County Gov. Building

Monday, June 18
√ Commissioners: 6 p.m.
√ Delphi Board of Works: 5:30 p.m.
√ Comprehensive Land Use Plan Public Meeting: 7 p.m. Camden Community Building
Tuesday, June 19
√ Carroll School Board: 7:30 p.m., administration office

Public Notices appearing in this issue of the Comet:

Sheriff Sale-Cade	5B
Not of Suit-Erb	5B
Alcohol & Tobacco Comm...5B	
Murray Estate	5B
Sheriff Sale-Owen	5B
Smith Estate	5B
Hwy Dept-Bridge 36	5B
Proposed Tax Rates	4B
Flora Estate	5B
Rossville Schl-Warrants	5B
Lewis Estate	5B
Wells Estate	5B
Archibald Estate	5B
Syers Estate	5B
Pearson Estate	5B
Randle-Zoning	5B
Cty Council-Add'l App	5B
Tarvin-Zoning	5B
Jefferson Twp-Notice	5B
Moore-Zoning	5B

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Guest commentary:

Why are we so nuts about transportation in Delphi

By Brian Stirm

With the upcoming Delphi Area Heritage Transportation Festival, June 16 and 17, maybe we should explain to all why we are so into transportation in our fair city. We consider it more than just a way to go to the store, travel back and forth to work or for shipping that manufactured good far away. You see in Delphi transportation is our heritage, the way we were, the way we are now and how we'll be viewed in the future. Our forefathers and mothers used transportation as a tool to better their lives. Passed down from them, we are doing the same and we'll instill our children with the same need to keep a keen eye on transportation to mold their future.

A little history lesson is in order because we have many reminders left in our community of how it was. These sites and remembrances are very unique because many areas of the United States have destroyed things in the name of progress and in doing so have expunged the history lesson that they afford. It has been said that to forget history is an assurance that you will repeat the mistakes made before. As a society, we have done this with armed conflicts, human achievements and even the simpler pleasures of life. These sites and remembrances are still alive in Delphi and Carroll County, so as we embark on a new chapter of transportation development (the Hoosier Heartland Highway) let's go back into history to appreciate the accomplishments of our forbearers. And while we're at it, let's have some fun too!

First, a brief history lesson of early transportation in Delphi and keep in mind that we were always at the forefront in the development of the next mode of transportation on the horizon. I can only imagine the discussions that they had in times past about looking forward. The real difference be-

tween Delphi and other communities was that we put these discussed plans into action, a trait that we continue to this day. Delphi/Carroll County is not where we just talk, talk, talk but where things get done and rather quickly I might add.

Our first settlers came to the area in the 1820s when the young State of Indiana (1816) was just opening up to settlement. Crawfordsville, a very early town, had been established as the area land office and these early pioneers had moved up the Wabash River in keel boats and across road-less land by horseback. They knew that to be successful they would have to grow the land and move their produce to distant markets. Conversely, they knew that to work the land they would need tools from the East and thus the need for transportation.

Certainly the rivers and streams would make a good route for transportation. They were already here and did not require labor to construct, but a very serious problem loomed in that they only flowed one direction, downstream. This required a creative solution. It

took many weeks to walk back from New Orleans after having taken the annual harvest that way on a self constructed flat-bottomed river boat. The creative solution found? A level hand dug ditch called a canal. And this was only the beginning of finding a better, faster way of transportation. We still have the canal, the Wabash and Erie, here in Delphi, and it still has water in it!

But hot on the heels of the canal was the next mode of transportation, the steam powered railroads. What! travel at 20 miles an hour instead of 4, even the medical profession of the time was against it!

And doing like we do here in Delphi, our forward-looking citizens looked into it and endorsed its development while still profiting on the canal shipments. It has been this way with every new transportation scheme down through time. This is what we are celebrating with our annual Heritage Transportation Festival. Why not join us in the fun and learn about our history!

Stirm is manager of the Delphi Airport.

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.

As a cost-cutting measure, should the county eliminate animal control?

Yes
No
Undecided

Last Weeks results

How do you plan to celebrate Father's Day?

45% With a family dinner
0% By attending or running in the Carroll County Hog Jog in Flora
6% By attending the Heritage Transportation Festival in Delphi
48% Other
Total responses: 33