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Saving county money... one dime at a time

Carroll County Commissioners must be reading the *Comet*. Not too long ago we ran an editorial pointing out to them that they do, in fact, make spending decisions. We gave them examples to support our thesis. They must have taken that to heart and we are glad that they are listening.

And they responded! Okay, they did not insist that the Area Plan Commission immediately increase the building permit fees nor did they decide to back out of the ill-fated Yeoman/EMS garage grant now that the county really cannot afford ambulance service in that area. (We won't even talk about what could have been done with the museum space or Carroll Manor.)

They did approve an increase in highway department fees and for that they should be applauded. But they took another measure about which readers might not be aware.

They decided to advertise the county's unapproved claims and personnel wage scale in paragraph form rather than in line form. You will notice in this week's paper, the county wage chart is printed in paragraph form which, we think, is difficult to read. It is on page 5B. We dare you to read it without a ruler and magnifying glass.

You might remember in the *Comet* two weeks ago, the unapproved claims were printed in the same style. (You do read the claims don't you? They are a wealth of information about who the county might be paying and how much.)

These public notices are run as advertisements in the *Comet*. The State of Indiana dictates to the publisher how large the font is to be and how much to charge for them.

The new paragraph style for public notices may be difficult to read, but hey, it does save the county a little bit of money.

Congratulations, commissioners, on your spending decision.

When I stay over in the city, I often frequent a rather tired independent grocery store. It's a place that's long on expiration dates and short on reliable refrigeration. Items on the shelves are sometimes dusty, other times missing and often seem overpriced compared to the big chains. Freezer burn is not a stranger to the frozen food section. More than once I've chickened out on the food item I originally came in for, walking out instead with an over-priced roll of paper towels - just to make a speedy exit.

There are other shoppers at the same store who complain out loud about the place. They make their noise just outside of earshot of the owner. The high prices, the lousy lighting, the dirty, cracked tile floors - what's there to like? And since misery loves company, I've been known to chime in when the complaints get listed and categorized.

You name it, it's been said. Yet my fellow shoppers and I, we keep coming back. I frequent this particular grocery store for the same reason that everyone else does. It's convenient. And, truth be told, there are bargains sprinkled in amongst the fully priced items.

I was in line to pay for a very non-essential ice cream bar the other evening. It was almost closing time. I thought it was just me and the grocer in the place as I approached the counter. But out of nowhere a fellow scooted right beside me

Midwest Memo

by Alan Shultz



Impressions

at the cash register. I smelled my fellow shopper before I actually saw him. When I turned towards the man I was greeted by an older fellow with a toothy grin and many layers of clothing. He had at least a couple stocking caps on. The man was clearly homeless, everything about his appearance attested to his unfortunate situation.

The owner of the grocery was at the register this particular evening.

"Let me see what you've got there," the grocer said to the homeless man.

I wondered to myself how I had suddenly lost my place in line.

The homeless man showed the grocer his items. There was a box of crackers, some canned meat, an apple and some cookies.

"OK," said the grocer. And that was that.

And suddenly, out into the cold, cold night the homeless man made his exit shouting back towards the grocer a long litany of thanks.

The cash register remained remarkably silent.

Note, no cash passed hands on the transaction I

just described.

No money. No legal tender.

This is the part of the story where the noise in the background should sound like the needle being drug scratching across the phonograph record.

In an instant, my entire impression of the entrepreneur standing in front of me changed radically.

The grocer, the one with the dingy lighting and the tired produce, it turns out this man feeds the homeless. He does it with little fanfare and even less credit. I would not know this had I not been chasing after my ice cream on that particular night, at that given time. In retrospect, I think I interrupted what must be some sort of routine between the grocer and the homeless man.

Late at night, about quitting time, when others are gone and opinions and observers are few, charity takes place. The charity is done in secret, in a formula and in a manner that finds roots in the text of the Bible.

It is humbling to me to know that even now there is so much I do not know. It gives me a chance to put down some of the heavy burden of criticism and judgment I carry and cling to so desperately.

We are admonished to feed the hungry. I can attest that this act of charity is sometimes done in secret by those who do so in secret.

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.

Shake off winter blahs

With the tensions put upon us all by Mother Nature, everyone could use a break. A great escape to somewhere with sunshine, white beaches and recreation would be nice, but the majority of us are unable to make such a pleasure trip.

I would like to offer a suggestion for a night out, closer to home. Carroll High School Drama Club has been hard at work on a new production. Hold open one of the following dates - the evening of March 14 or March 15 or the afternoon of March 16. Why? Carroll Drama Club will present the play, "High School Musical."

This play is one to be enjoyed by the entire family. Call the school for ticket information. Seats are reserved.

The cast is working hard and will give you a wonderful night out. Go, enjoy!

Helen Clements
Cutler

Lowering lakes may help

We've all heard from NIPSCO that their dams are not at fault with the latest flooding. And that their dams are run-of-the-river dams. But they can control the level of the water that is in the lakes.

It seems to me and some others that I have spoken with that if the lakes were lowered during the winter, the flooding might not have been as bad as it was, especially those on Lake Freeman, who have developed a false sense of security because they are located on a lake and not a river.

NIPSCO or whoever is responsible for lake levels should be lowering the levels in winter because hardly anyone uses the lakes in the winter. Maybe it will help in the future. It sure won't hurt.

William Madden
Monticello

Reaching out to flood victims

After the severe flooding in north central Indiana last month, I set up a link on my website to important information for victims of the flooding. With a second round of flooding now affecting our area, I want to remind my constituents that my office stands ready to help. I will continue to post important information for victims of the floods on the flooding resources page of my website at <http://donnelly.house.gov>, and I invite any constituent in need of assistance to contact my office.

I also want to remind flood victims that in order to receive aid from the federal government, you need to register for assistance within 60 days of the issuance of the disaster declaration, which was on Jan. 31. Any new flooding that occurs during the 60-day period will be covered by the existing disaster declaration. Residents of Carroll, Cass, Elkhart, Fulton, Jasper, Marshall, Pulaski, Tippecanoe, and White Counties who wish to register for assistance should call (800) 621-FEMA.

Congressman Joe Donnelly
D-Granger

Marriage Licenses

James B. Supples II, 28, and Shelley Kay Smith, 22, both of Delphi.

Robert Eugene James III, 17, and Kisa Diane Wood, 18, both of Delphi.

Richard H. Veach, 22, of Lafayette, and Jessica Elizabeth Clawson, 21, of Delphi.

Chad A. Gipson, 27, and Brandon Nicole Hibbs, 20, both of Flora.

Dale Allen James Jr., 19, and Michelle Ann Ward, 19, both 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.

Ruth I. Anderson was named executor of the estate of the late Lloyd L. Anderson.

Robert M. Ritchie was named executor of the estate of the late Mary Eileen Ritchie.

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

The following were charged with check deception: April L. Forrest; Richard Haworth; Virgil Spencer Jr.; Elizabeth C. Irwin; and Donald F. Richardson (four counts).

James F. Pritchett was charged with operating while intoxicated - endangering a person and disregarding a stop sign.

Elizabeth Ann Nicholson was charged with driving while suspended.

Nicholas F. Martin was charged with operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving

a license and speeding.

Jose D. Munoz was charged with operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license and no headlights.

James W. Miller was charged with operating while intoxicated - endangering a person, battery, criminal recklessness, criminal mischief and open container violation.

William M. Bray was charged with public intoxication and battery.

Marcus S. McGowan was charged with operating while intoxicated - endangering, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, disregarding a stop sign and expired license.

Lavina Gaiser, 51, of Rockford, Mich., pled guilty to false

informing. She was sentenced to 60 days in jail, 40 days suspended, and 180 days supervised probation.

Delia M. Northern, 23, of Delphi, pled guilty to theft. She was sentenced to one and a half years in prison, all suspended, and one and a half years supervised probation.

Kathy J. Townsend, 47, of Bringhurst, pled guilty to possession of a Schedule II controlled substance and possession of marijuana. She was sentenced to one and a half years in prison, all suspended, and one and a half years supervised probation.

Bladimir Martinez, 22, of Frankfort, pled guilty to possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to 165 days in jail.

Jose F. Reyes, 21, of Rantoul, Ill., pled guilty to operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail, all suspended, and one year unsupervised probation.

Bryon M. Townsend, 51, of Bringhurst, pled guilty to possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to one year in jail, 355 days suspended, and 355 days supervised probation.

Daniel K. Wethington, 54, of

Delphi, pled guilty to driving while suspended. He was sentenced to one year in jail, 185 days suspended, and 185 days supervised probation.

Mathew A. Burkhart, 39, of Delphi, pled guilty to conversion. He was sentenced to one year in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

In a cause against Michael R. Long, the court found that the State of Indiana failed to prove beyond a reasonable doubt the defendant's knowledge of the presence of marijuana. Long was found to be not guilty of a related charge.

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, Feb. 14

√TLRSD: 7 p.m., White County Government Building

Monday, Feb. 18

√ Delphi Board of Works: 6:30 p.m.

√ Commissioners: 6 p.m.

√ Delphi School Corp. Forum: 6:30 p.m.

√ Delphi School Corp. Board Meeting: 7:30, High School Commons

Tuesday, Feb. 19

√ Carroll School Board: 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 21

√ County Council and Commissioners Joint Meeting: 6 p.m.

Public Notices appearing in this issue of the Comet:

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Cty Wage Report	5B
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.	

Restaurant Inspections

Betty's Stop and Shop

Routine inspection: 1/25/08
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

Fisher's Restaurant

Routine inspection: 1/25/08
Summary of violations: 2 Critical
The sanitizer for the wet wiping clothes in the food prep area was too strong (over 200 ppm). Corrected.

There was Mr. Clean in spray bottles without the label. Corrected.

Maple Leaf Country Store

Routine inspection: 1/24/08
Summary of violations: 1 Non-Critical
There was Windex being stored on the table by the gloves and the deli wrap in the food prep area. Corrected.

Smitty's Tacos

Routine inspection: 1/22/08
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

Delphi Community High School

Routine inspection: 1/17/08
Summary of violations: 1 Non-Critical
There was not a thermometer in the milk cooler to measure the air temperature. Corrected.

Delphi Community Middle School

Routine inspection: 1/17/08
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

Little Bit Country

Routine inspection: 1/18/08
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

Subway

Routine inspection: 1/16/08
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

Cleaver Family Farms

Routine inspection: 1/15/08
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

Pizza King Burlington

Routine inspection: 1/11/08
Summary of violations: 2 Non-Critical
There was an employee in the food prep area not wearing a hair restraint. Directed to correct by one day.

Camden Grocery

Routine inspection: 1/11/08
Summary of violations: 1 Non-Critical

The hand sink in the food prep area did not have paper towel available. Corrected.

The Corner Cafe

Routine inspection: 1/11/08
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

The Sandwich Shop

Routine inspection: 1/10/08
Summary of violations: 1 Non-Critical

1) There was some sugar in a container not labeled with the common name. Corrected.

Save A Lot

Routine inspection: 1/9/08
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

Stephan's IGA

Routine inspection: 1/8/08
Summary of violations: 1 Critical, 2 Non-Critical

Some bottles of cleaner in the back room by the walk-in freezer did not have the common name. Directed to correct by one day.

Non-Critical
There was not a thermometer in the Eckrich frozen display case to measure the air temperature. Directed to correct by 2 days.

The ceiling in the storage area in the deli was leaking. Directed to correct by one month.

Indiana Packers Corporation

Routine inspection: 1/8/08
Summary of violations: 1 Non-Critical

There was a ceiling attachment missing by the ventilation system on the kill floor side. Directed to correct by one day.

Solomon's Grill

Routine inspection: 1/8/08
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

Carroll Manor
Routine inspection: 1/4/08

Summary of violations: 1 Critical
There was some raw chicken being stored above the ready to eat foods. Corrected.

Delphi Dairy Queen

Routine inspection: 1/10/08
Summary of violations: 2 Non-Critical

The freezers in the cooking area did not have thermometers. Corrected.

The utensils in the cake area were not stored properly in between use. Directed to correct by one day.

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.

Do you remember your sweetheart on Valentine's Day?

Yes, it's a special day

Yes, I'll be in trouble if I don't

No, it's just another day

Last Weeks results

Are you willing to pay more economic development income tax to support EDC's five-year plan?

35% Yes, that's what they are there for.

56% No, the county financial and taxing situations are already out of control.

09% Maybe, but their financial information would have to be made public first.

Total responses: 97

Reader's comments:

We need to look for ways to "branch out" and look for additional ways for our citizens to stay local and work. We also need to have ways for the "outside world" want to come to our area. It's time to get our heads out of the sand and look for ways to add income and jobs to our area and we have to have the funds to do the research required.

It's easy to be small minded, but it takes trust in goal oriented leaders to be "like" minded. Why do we find it necessary to micro manage a business structure (EDC) that has the goal of sustaining Carroll County's economic base for future generations? For those that refuse to let change happen here, I will be hurt and disappointed along with you when we lose out on opportunity after opportunity to grow our community in positive and familiar ways.