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## FEMA to hold public assistance briefing

Comet staff report

Public assistance applicants are notified to attend an applicant briefing to be eligible for funding. Applicants may include:

- Highway and city/town street departments;
- County surveyors;
- Publicly owned water treatment plants;
- Publicly owned sewer systems;
- County/city wells, water supplies;
- County/city waste management;
- Public buildings, schools, libraries;
- County courthouse;
- County/city fire departments;
- County/city infrastructure
- Private non-profits; and
- Non-profits ditch districts.

A representative from each entity will need to be present to sign the Request for Public As-

sistance at the Applicant Briefing. (If the request is not submitted, the entity will not be eligible for funding).

Also, the person who will be doing the applicant's paperwork should attend the Applicant Briefing. Bring telephone and fax numbers along with other contact numbers to the meeting. (If FEMA cannot locate or contact the recipient, funding will not be forthcoming).

Instructions and forms will be available at the Applicant Briefing. Those with documentation of completed costs are asked to bring them along. Kick-off meetings can immediately follow the Applicant Briefing.

FEMA inspectors will be present to start scheduling appointments.

For additional information contact, Carmen L. Spencer, Public Assistance Program Coordinator, Indiana Department of Homeland Security Emergency Response & Recovery Division, Indiana Government Center

S. 302 W Washington St. W-046, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or call (317) 233-4626 or by E-mail at cspencer@dhs.in.gov.

## Rural Flora child severely injured in mowing mishap



A three-year-old rural Flora boy, identified as Shelbee Wolf, son of Rodney and Patty Wolf, was flown by PHI Air Medical to Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis after he suffered severe leg and foot injuries last Wednesday afternoon. Carroll County EMS, Jackson Township Volunteer Fire and Rescue and Carroll County Sheriff's Department were dispatched at 4:19 p.m. to 2064N. CR175W. in response to a report the young boy had been struck and run over by a riding mower. When police and EMS personnel arrived, they began medical treatment to the youth. Preliminary assessment by EMS staff indicated the boy suffered severe lacerations, fractures, partial amputation and loss of blood from the right leg. The child was conscious and alert when emergency workers arrived. Sheriff officers learned the child was walking behind a riding lawn mower, operated by his mother, and she backed the mower, not realizing he was behind it. His mother is seen being comforted by a neighbor as emergency workers prepare him for transport. Shelbee remains a patient in Riley Hospital. Comet photo

## Matching donation to YMCA



Excel Co-op gave \$2,500 to the Carroll County YMCA's "What It Takes" campaign, and that amount was matched 100% by the Land O'Lakes Foundation. Pictured l-r are Jim Payne, YMCA treasurer, and George Green, Excel general manager. The fundraising campaign was officially announced in March. The goal is \$90,000, and to date, \$69,400 has been donated or pledged over the next three years. Pd. Adv.

## Looking Back



Carroll County baseball champions, Burlington, 1928; bat boy, Johnny Barber

From the files of Hoosier Democrat, Delphi Journal, Journal-Citizen and Carroll County Comet. Photo provided by Carroll County Historical Museum.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Rock climbing is no longer allowed at France Park in Logansport. The Cass County Parks & Recreation Board made the decision due to concern with the lack of certification for a climber's ability.

Over 500 tires, old furniture and appliances, rusted barrels, and wire fencing are among the items that have been dumped over the past twenty years near the Wildcat Creek, on CR575W. Indiana Department of Environmental Management and Carroll County officials will be working toward getting the dumpsite cleaned up.

Mushroom season is here and Walter Hoagland of Delphi, can vouch for that. Hoagland found a giant-sized mushroom near the Carrollton Bridge area. The 6 1/2-ounce mushroom was nine inches tall and four inches wide. Hoagland works full time at the Delphi Body Works in Delphi, but hunting mushrooms is a favorite pastime.

### 25 YEARS AGO

A joint park board composed of members of the Town of Burlington and Burlington Township has announced plans for a new 17 1/2-acre Burlington Park.

Located on SR 22, the park will bound Old Sycamore Road on the north at the east edge of the town limits.

Heavy rains and flooding caused cancellations of classes by the Carroll and Delphi school corporations on Monday.

The skies came tumbling down with torrential downpours dumping up to four inches of rain within a 36-hour period.

Tom Sholty, 7-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sholty, Rt. 3, Delphi, is the first day camper registered at Camp Tecumseh this year.

### 50 YEARS AGO

In this age of moon-bound missiles you can never be certain when you see a strange object in the sky. Friday, such an object appeared high in the atmosphere above the city and attracted considerable atten-

tion and speculation with its silvery appearance and variously described shapes. However when observed through Jack Brown's binoculars or Bill Bradshaw's telescope, it was agreed that it was a high-flying weather balloon.

A joy ride in a 1958 Chevrolet Impala came to a joyless end for three Delphi youths. They took the car from the Clawson Chevrolet Sales according to their confession and were apprehended by Miami Florida officials a short eight days later.

John Miller had previously alerted the Miami police after one of the boys phoned home for money.

### 75 YEARS AGO

Yesterday was the deadline for use of old automobile drivers' licenses and Indiana motorists will be required to have 1933 licenses beginning today.

Motorists caught without the new licenses will be given seventy-two hours in which to comply with the law. Those failing to buy licenses within that period will be subject to arrest.

The stickers include a postcard addressed to the state police. On the reverse side is a space which must be filled out showing that the motorist receiving the warning has complied. The same sticker applies to minor infractions of motor laws, such as driving with one headlight, tail light out of order, various mechanical defects, dimming lights, and similar violations.

They cost 50 cents, which includes the notary public fee in connection with application for licenses.

### 100 YEARS AGO

Saturday evening, a gentleman of Owasco, was in Delphi and according to reports joined a Mr. Hopkins in the religious services being held on the public square. He joined the circle and when a hymn book was handed to him he tried immediately to sing. Evidently his singing was not appreciated by those interested as he was finally arrested for disturbing a meeting. He had been drinking gin and had two bottles on his person when arrested. Monday he was fined \$5 and costs.

## CARROLL COUNTY: YOU BE THE JUDGE

**Fiction:** Judge Smith and Judge Currie are using the power of mandate just because they can.

**Fact:** Unless we are successful in restoring funding, the court reporting staff of each court will be cut in half. There will be times during vacations and illness when a court will have no court reporter. The court offices will be unmanned and closed during jury trials and during the bailiff's vacation. The number of cases scheduled for hearing each week will be cut in half. This will result in delays in bringing criminal defendants to trial, resolving custody disputes, resolving small claims, and many other matters. **Fact:** The funds for the public defender will be gone well before the end of the year. Public defender cases cannot be prosecuted if there is no public defender. Delays resulting from the unavailability of public defenders and lack of staff may result in the dismissal of criminal cases. **Fact:** Our efforts are to secure essential funds for the courts and not for personal gain. The county portion of our salary was among the first items eliminated by the county council. We do not seek the reinstatement of our salary. Our concern is for the judicial system in Carroll County and access to the courts for the citizens of the County. The Indiana Supreme Court has stated: "The efficient administration of justice which is the duty of the courts, cannot be made to depend upon the discretion or whim of the county council." **Fact:** Under the Indiana Constitution, the county council is required to provide the Carroll County Courts with sufficient funds to operate the courts. If the judges believe the funds are not sufficient, they may initiate an action called a "mandate." The Order of Mandate gives the county council notice of what the judges are requesting. If the Council resists the request, then, based upon evidence presented at a trial, both a special judge and the Indiana Supreme Court must find that the request for funds is reasonable and necessary for the operation of the courts. Then and only then does the mandate become effective.

**Fiction:** The Carroll County Courts have not done their share and are to blame for the fiscal crisis facing the county. **Fact:** The County Council failed to distinguish between income and

investments (savings) in determining the budgets in 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007. The Council was slow in recognizing the problem, in determining the cause of the problem, and now in correcting the problem. **Fact:** At the request of the Council, both the Courts reduced their budgets to or below the 2003 budgets. To do so, \$90,000 was removed from the 2008 court budgets. Some other departments are still not below their 2003 budgets. **Fact:** The \$90,000 in dispute is an additional \$90,000 that the Council arbitrarily removed from the court budgets. The Council needed to reduce the overall budget by \$90,000, and the courts were an easy target. The additional \$90,000 reduces the joint court budget for 2008 to 44% below the budget approved by the Council for 2007 and the Circuit and Superior Court budgets by 30% and 27.7% respectively.

**Fiction:** The judges of Carroll County refuse to cooperate and/or work with the Council in an attempt to help fix the county fiscal problems.

**Fact:** The Courts initiated meetings and attempted to work with the Council in an effort to reconcile budgetary issues so that more costly alternatives might be avoided. **Fact:** Although informed by the judges that the courts would be unable to function without their present staff and an adequate public defender budget, the Council approved the current budget and "dared" us to file a mandate. Statements made by council members indicate they believe the judges will be successful in a mandate action.

**Questions:** Why would the County Council adopt a budget knowing it can be successfully contested by the judges? Why would the Council adopt a budget that cripples the courts and prevents the judges from fulfilling their requirements of office? Is it to deflect the heat away from the judges and put the courts in an awkward position?

As Judges of Carroll County, we believe that it is important that the citizens of the county receive the full and uneditorialized truth; we therefore paid for the publication of the above information with money from our own pockets.

Judge Don Currie  
Judge Jeff Smith

More information, including charts showing financial information and a video interview of the Judges, can be found at:

[www.carrollcountycourts.blogspot.com](http://www.carrollcountycourts.blogspot.com)

Paid for by Don Currie and Jeff Smith