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Memberships include:

Where is county headed?

What will the children of Carroll County citizens think in 20 years about how the county and their lives got to their present state? Will they say to the current county planners and leaders - their parents and grandparents - "Thank you for being able to make the tough decisions in 2008 to bring about a good quality of life for us now." Or will they ask, "What were you thinking?"

The Comprehensive Land Use Plan will present a vision for the future. It will serve as a "roadmap" for county growth and development for the next 20 years.

The plan has been awhile in coming. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan Steering Committee was named by the Area Plan Commission in early 2007 but did not meet for several months. It has not been smooth sailing.

When informed of problems with the firm hired to develop the plan, county leaders did not terminate their contract. The firm will be paid \$61,000 although it was determined they were not doing the job expected. The "official" planners will be paid for putting their name on a document so Carroll County will be able to say that "experts" did the work, when in fact the steering committee has done what needed to be done.

It is now time for the general public to weigh in on the draft of the plan - the plan that will direct where CAFOs and residential and industrial entities will be allowed to flourish.

In addition, the steering committee is now charged with the duty of developing new or amending old zoning ordinances - local ordinances that will give enforcement teeth to the land use plan.

Each and every Carroll County citizen is strongly encouraged to attend one or all of the comprehensive land use plan draft review meetings, beginning with tonight's meeting in Flora. Do not limit yourselves to going to one meeting - go to as many as you need to go to so that you understand what the plan says. Do not be afraid to say what you think about the future of Carroll County.

Feel free to look at a copy of the 85-page plan at a local library, in the courthouse or on the *Comet's* website at www.carrollcountycomet.com.

Register your comments in writing with the zoning administrator or any or all of the steering committee members (by Aug. 15.) Write letters to the editor to this newspaper to address issues in the plan.

But whatever you do, be ready to answer that question from your children and grandchildren in 20 years. Your voice is important!

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.

Marriage dissolutions were granted for the following: Veronica McCarty vs. Greg McCarty; David A. Carr vs. Patricia A. Carr; John B. Williams vs. Anita M. Williams; Constance Garri-

son vs. Steven John Shibish; Christina L. Christian vs. Kent E. Christian; Linda Renee Schrader vs. Phillip William Schrader; Monica D. Sandusky vs. Marti D. Sandusky.

Marissa N. Wampler, 19, Monticello, was found guilty of burglary and ordered to serve 10 years in the Department of Correction with seven years executed and three years on supervised probation.

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 be participating in one or more of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan public meetings?

Yes
No
Do not reside or own property in Carroll County

Last Weeks results

How many nights are you eating at the Carroll County 4-H Fair this week?

27% One or two nights
15% Several nights
7% Every night
51% Not at all
Total responses: 129

I was in the office supply store the other day. You know the type of place, the big box store with rows and rows of paper and plastic, furniture and electronics and stuff, stuff, stuff. With their tempting array of time saving and chaos organizing gizmos and what-knots, I get lost imagining how efficient I might be if only I possessed that certain, new, amazing, organizing thing-a-ma-bob.

On this particular mission I was checking out label makers. This time around I was working on the theory that if my various bits of miscellany were labeled, I could find stuff, file stuff and get things done with all that stuff. At this juncture I should mention that sitting on my desk, gathering dust, is a recently purchased book entitled: "Getting Things Done," by author David Allen. The tag line for the book is "The Art of Stress-Free Productivity." Frankly, it is stress enough just having Mr. Allen staring at me from his book cover every day. Maybe it's my imagination, but it seems Mr. Allen casts a disapproving look at the creative chaos strewn in every direction of his perch. For what it's worth, the clutter between Mr. Allen and me keeps him a comfortable distance from any chance he might thump me on the nog-



Label it, please

gin. On this particular shopping venture I returned to my car out in the parking lot without any items purchased. I didn't buy the label maker I had come for because I couldn't decide on the size of labels and the color of the label tape. The choices before me represented too many decisions and I figured that as soon as I swiped my charge card on a label maker, then I'd read from David Allen just which size and color would be most efficient.

The label makers came in several type sizes - kind of a big, bigger and biggest theme. And it was the contemplation of those type sizes that got me to thinking. Why not a huge, really enormous, sized label maker to label all those things out there in the world that we all wonder about.

Labels, big billboard sized labels could answer a lot of unasked questions. Like, what, exactly, is that place?

I regularly go past huge hulking steel mill plants and

tiny diminutive little houses, then past anonymous bunker-like warehouses and around quirky half buildings or skeleton structures only to wonder, what is that, or, just what was that?

Closed schools, churches that are houses, shuttered mills and glitzy spa-looking structures, I want to know them all, what they are, or, what they were. I want them labeled.

And while we've got the label maker warmed up, I'd like labels on all those double entry doors to public places where one door is always locked - that's the door I always push on first. I could save a little energy if it was labeled "not this one."

Since all houses seem to be universally known by the former owner's name, we might all just agree on labeling them accordingly. And we transplanted city folks who wound up out in the country would really appreciate some of that enormous farm equipment labeled so as to sort out the combines from the corn cribs.

OK, so I couldn't resist. I looked up labelers in my barely used "Getting Things Done." Mr. Allen recommends the Brother labeler with the AC adapter - black letters on white tape.

So, my question is, does that come in extra large?



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.

Gas prices - are they really that out of line?

The weekly poll implied (as have virtually all media and politicians, especially Democrats) that gasoline prices are a disaster. This is comparing apples and oranges as the old saying goes. Comparing real gas prices today versus 1966, they are still a bargain.

Median family income:
1966 - \$7,500
2008 - \$61,000
Average miles per year driven:
1966 - 10,000
2008 - 10,000

Average miles per gallon:
1966 - 13
2008 - 23
Average gallons used per year:
1966 - 769
2008 - 434

The average cost per gallon in 1966 was 32¢ per gallon causing an expenditure of \$246 per year, or 3.2% of the median family income.

In 2008 gas would have to cost \$4.50 per gallon to equal 3.2% of the median family income.

Since I got these figures from census and government sources, I believe them to be very accurate and they make the comparison of apples to apples rather than the apples to oranges that the media and politicians trumpet. It seems to me that people ought to be questioning why we have the built-in inflation that caused the median family income to increase by a factor of 8.13%.

Lon Bohnstedt
The Villages, Fla.

Pesticide responsibility lies with applicator

In the July 9 *Carroll County Comet*, an article by the Carroll County Agriculture Association (CCAA),

suggested action to take if one is contacted by pesticides drifting on to his/her property and person from airplanes spraying nearby fields. The article omitted some very important considerations.

1. Although it is important to shower immediately after exposure to pesticides, a person may not want to wash all the clothing. Because it is a violation of the Indiana Pesticide Use and Application Law section 14(2) to apply any pesticide/herbicide in a manner that contacts a human, it may be wise to retain some of the pesticide contacted clothing in a plastic bag. Accidental or careless application of pesticides that affect a citizen should be reported to the Office of the State Chemist (telephone 765-494-1942) if contact occurs. The Office will tell the affected person to retain some of the clothing he/she was wearing when contacted with the chemical for verification and analysis. It will then send a professional chemist to test the area and the clothing where the contact took place.

2. If, as the article from the CCAA suggests, a person should avoid contact with the spray drift, it may be wise to restrict children and pets from playing in areas that have been contaminated until the area is deemed safe.

Placing the burden of care and protection on the neighbor as the July 9 article infers, ignores the real source of responsibility.

Applicators should be held responsible for their actions. The right to farm does not include the right to contaminate a person or create a chemical hazard in a neighbor's yard.
Jim Tarnowski
Camden

Disagrees with EDIT supporting Chamber

I will readily admit, I am opposed to most tax increases unless they provide benefits to all county taxpayers and residents. I am not opposed to a tax increase if any and all funds are directed to and utilized by the general fund. Tax increases in that area could

be expended to restore vital, discontinued services such as sheriff and emergency medical.

Several months ago Dick Bradshaw approached the commissioners and requested "seed money" for the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. He stated with "seed money" the Chamber could become "self-supporting."

Three weeks ago Mr. Bradshaw returned to the commissioners to present EDIT funding recommendations, which included funding for the Chamber, a private, businesspersons organization. If the tax increase is approved, the Chamber will receive approximately 21 percent of the funds, totaling \$116,200 for the year 2009. In the year 2010, that figure increases to approximately 28 percent, totaling \$154,500. (Of the total, a portion set aside for operating expenses while the remainder is for joint Chamber-EDC projects.)

I resent this blatant attempt to subsidize the Chamber with our tax dollars. If you agree, contact your county council members prior to the July 28 County Council meeting.

Carl Perry
Rossville
(Carroll County)

County needs Carroll Manor

If you were unable to visit Carroll Manor on Open House day you missed a lot. This is a beautiful, peaceful country setting with a large yard and plenty of nice trees and colorful flowers for the residents to enjoy while outdoors or from their windows. Inside you have a lovely country décor and furnishings that give a warm and homey feeling for the residents. Also, an elevator is available for their convenience.

The staff is loving and caring for the residents. They also keep the place very clean at all times.

We all get older as the years go by and have no idea what the future may be. If we are alone maybe a home like

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.

Jeffery S. Marshall, 39, Logansport was found guilty of check deception and was sentenced to one year in jail, one year suspended and one year supervised probation.

Charles R. Davidson, 27, Logansport, was found guilty of failure to register as a sex offender and was sentenced to one and one-half years in the Department of Correction with one year suspended and one year supervised probation.

Jerry Kelly, 48, Frankfort, and Randy B. Snyder, 57, Frankfort were found guilty of illegal possession of undersize walleye.

Cameron R. Dockerty, 21, Kokomo, was found guilty of identity deception and was sentenced to one and one-half years in the Department of Correction, of which 180 days may be served on In-Home Detention, and one year supervised probation.

Levi T. Dyer, 23, Burlington, was found guilty of strangulation and was sentenced to two years in the Department of Correction with one year suspended and one year supervised probation.

Jessica A. Olds, 25, Logansport, was found guilty of OWI/endangering and was sentenced to one year in jail, one year suspended with one year supervised probation.

Adam B. Smith, 22, Delphi, was found guilty of driving while suspended and was sentenced to 180 days in jail with 180 days suspended and one year supervised probation.

James W. Zehring, 53, Logansport, was found guilty of OWI/endangering, possession of marijuana and being a habitual substance offender. He was sentenced on all counts to time in jail, all suspended, and probation.

Lisa D. Thieke, 39, Logansport, was found guilty of possession of marijuana and being a habitual substance offender. She was sentenced to the Department of Correction for four years with two years suspended and two years supervised probation.

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.

Wednesday, July 23

√ Comprehensive Land Use Plan meeting: 7 p.m., Flora First Christian Church

Monday, July 28

√ County Council: 8 a.m.

Tuesday, July 29

√ Comprehensive Land Use Plan meeting: 7 p.m., Wabash & Erie Canal Conference Center, Delphi

Public Notices appearing in this issue of the Comet:

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