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Underhanded tactics

When Carroll County REMC members voted at the annual meeting to not merge with White County REMC, the *Comet* reported it. We presented statements from representatives from both sides of the issue.

REMC board president Tom Flora told the *Comet* for its June 25 issue that the cooperative's options included: pursue a merger, wait for a year or longer to pursue, or do nothing.

Carroll County REMC members did not have to wait long to learn the answer.

The board of directors announced in late August that they were replacing outgoing Chief Executive Officer Ron Kennedy with Randy Price, the CEO of the White County REMC, as a move toward eventual consolidation of the two rural cooperatives.

Last week we ran a simple question on our Web poll asking if our readers were in favor of the new hire. It seemed like a legitimate question since the membership had just recently voted the merger down due to unanswered questions.

Shortly after last week's issue came out, the White County member services director sent out a mass e-mail in an effort to influence the outcome of the *Comet's* Web poll question. The e-mail was forwarded to the *Comet* by a concerned White County resident and it follows:

"I need your help on an issue. For those of you not familiar with White County REMC, our board of directors and the neighboring co-op board of directors reached a management agreement to share our CEO in an effort to curb rising costs. I support this effort and feel it is important to continue looking at shared services as we go down this road with energy costs.

"The local newspaper in the other community has been against our working together printing the negative side to items the two cooperatives have proposed recently. Today on the left hand column of their front page our CEO is the "Poll Question." I would like to ask all of you to take a moment and go to www.carrollcountycomet.com and vote "Yes" in support of the board's decision. I would like you all to do this as often as possible so that the vote is overwhelming in support of this. Please forward this to all of your friends and colleagues.

"It may only count your vote once per day, I'm not sure, but let's get out the vote on this. It is very important to us here that there is in support. Thanks everyone!"

Casey Crabb
White County REMC

So the results of this week's Web poll are undoubtedly skewed.

Kennedy pointed out to the *Comet* last week that only 220 of the REMC's 6800 members voted down the merger. (On the other hand, only 199 out of the 6800 voted for the merger) Apparently that was the justification for the runaround. Majority vote be damned.

It appears what Carroll County REMC members want does not matter to either its board of directors, nor to its neighboring cooperative. What a great way to start a merger.

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.

Would you attend a real debate of contenders for the three county council seats if one was offered?

Absolutely! I want them all to explain their differences
I would rather see a nice orderly forum
No

Last Weeks results
Do you agree with Carroll Co. REMC directors' decision to bring in the White Co. executive to lead both utilities?

64% Yes
36% No
Total responses: 272
Reader's comments:

I don't think the *Comet* should be involved in the matter one way or the other! It's a for the board and it's members to decide. This is like asking the question: Should IN Packers be allowed to sell out to another company, or should so and so be allowed to manage IN Packers? Try to report the news (accurately) and not promote controversy!

Are you aware that White County REMC has sent out an e-mail to urge people from White County to pack the vote. I assume your poll is for Carroll County REMC members. In the e-mail, members are urged to

vote early and often. It seems to me that your poll will be null and void.

Do you even have the technology to separate the White County customers from the Carroll County REMC members? I really believe for your poll to mean anything, only Carroll County REMC members should vote.

Whenever possible, all companies need to make the right choice for its customers and cut overhead. With the cost of energy everything needs to be done to reduce costs. Consolidation of management is a great way to do this.

A Carroll County resident

What is not to like about lowering utility expense. Yes, Yes, Yes.

White County REMC is a customer of Faimet, owned by Carroll County REMC. Could such a move result in a conflict of interest? Do the White County REMC and Carroll County

My friend Lindsay and I got to talking about comfort food the other day. It must have been the chill in the air that morning that somehow steered our conversation in the direction of flannel shirts, wool underwear and finally, comfort food.

Across the aisle that separates our desks we tossed the classics back and forth. Hot cider, then hot chocolate. Cream-of-wheat, then oatmeal. Tomato soup, then chili. At one point, I lobbed out chicken and noodles on mashed potatoes.

Wow, time out. Lindsey had never heard of our regional staple - that church dinner to beat all others. And there I was, tempting the young lady with the ultimate comfort food, yet ignorant of the origin of this marvelous carbohydrate celebration and, unable to give her a recipe for the dish.

Who was it that first crowned a pile of fluffy white mashed potatoes with a mound of boiled chicken swimming in a stew of lovely, ivory colored noodles? And, why has this succulent meal stayed regional in its popularity?

I'll confess that I have done zero research on this important subject. The only manner in which I really wish to tackle the subject of chicken and noodles is with a fork in my hand and a napkin in my lap.

If I had to write a book on the subject it most likely would be a picture book. The reason being, there isn't a prettier sight than that medley of white and off



Serving comfort

white and yellow and cream that colors the tower that is chicken and noodles on mashed potatoes. The book's title would have to be borrowed somewhat from author Robert Fulghum - something on the order of "All I Really Need to Know About Chicken and Noodles I Learned in a Church Basement."

So, I'm sending out a plea for some information.

It sounds like one must master a lot of cooking disciplines in order to crank out this particular meal. Noodle making, potato mashing, chicken boning, broth concocting, that's a tall order for some of us used to staying on the serving side of the meal line.

Is there a recipe for this meal? My wife describes the process of the meal to me and I glaze over for lack of background on each element.

I'm looking for something on the order of: "first you take a chicken..."

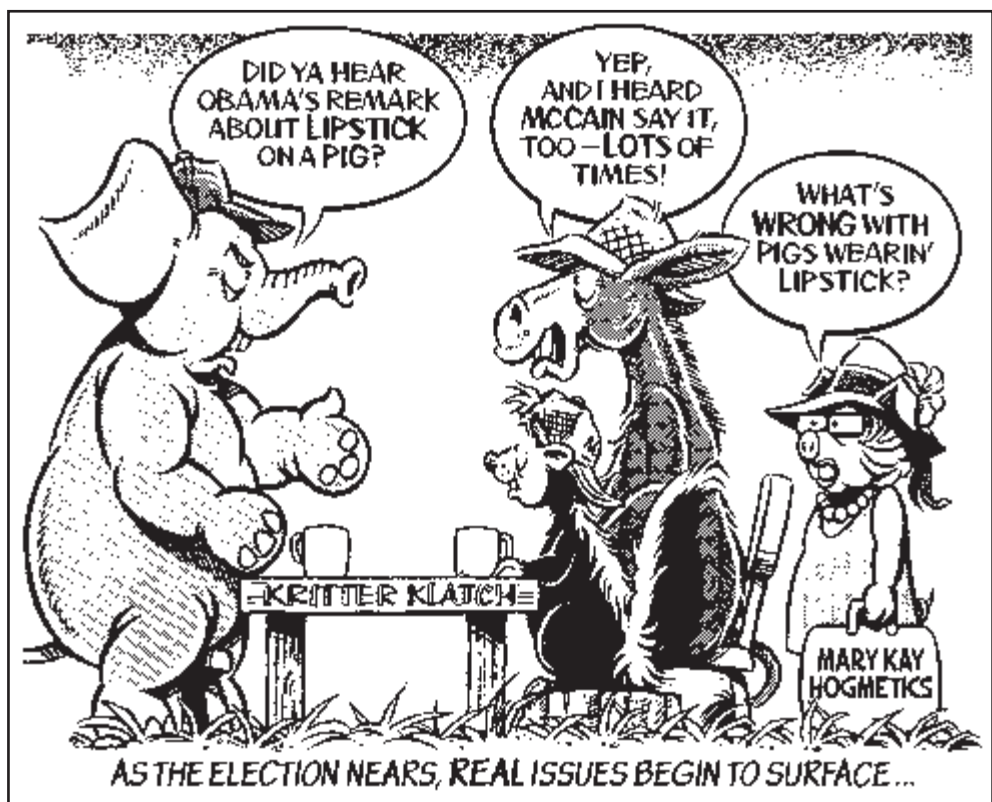
And then it's simply curiosity that has me wondering if this meal has its roots in some religious denomination. Did it have its start in some church base-

ment kitchen somewhere? What inspired the combination? Let's give credit where credit is due. Then there is the question of the Presbyterians in Delphi who seem to prefer dumplings over noodles - and what's that all about?

I have my own theory about the inevitable pairing of the Hoosier version of green beans with the delightful chicken and noodles on mashed potatoes. Some minister somewhere saw to it to keep the flock grounded. It is the contrast of the heavenly with what must be considered, well, the opposite. I mean, to take a perfectly innocent crisp, nutrient rich green bean and put it through whatever is done in Indiana to render it that lifeless, droopy green blob, well it certainly inspires one to lead a virtuous life.

So attention to our recipe collecting readers. In some little tin container in the pantry, or stuffed in a cardboard box under assorted layers in the cedar chest, somewhere in Carroll County there is an actual recipe for chicken and noodles on mashed potatoes.

Will you share it? And as the chill in the air sends us scurrying to our closets for sweaters and outside to hang storm windows, I know it also is sending church ladies to kitchens all over. Fall is coming, church bazaars are in the works and grocery lists are being penned for the ultimate in comfort food.



Restaurant Inspections

All-BBQ's
Type of Inspection: Routine 2/4/08
Summary of Violations: 1 Critical, 3 Non-Critical
Critical
There was no permanent water supply to the facility. Correct by: 6 months.
Non-Critical
The grates on the cooker had a build up of heavy residue. Correct by: 2/5/08
The rafters are not constructed as a smooth and easy cleanable surface. Correct by: 60 days
A carpet piece had been laid in the food prep area. Correct by: 1 week

Wallmann's Quality Foods
Type of Inspection: Routine 2/7/08
Summary of Violations: 1 Critical
There was a package of ready to eat burritos being stored with the raw packaged foods. Corrected

Carroll County VFW
Type of Inspection: Routine 2/5/08
Summary of Violations: 1 Non-Critical
There was not a thermometer to measure the air temperature in the upright freezer. Correct by: 2/7/08

All-BBQ's (Commissary)
Type of Inspection: Routine 2/4/08
Summary of Violations: 2 Critical
There was food debris in the bottom of the

food prep hand sink. Correct by: 2/4/08
There was a can of unapproved bug spray stored underneath the hand sink. Correct by: 2/4/08

China 1 Buffet
Type of Inspections: Routine 2/5/08
Summary of Violations: 4 Critical, 9 Non-Critical
Critical
There was a pan in the mop sink with food debris. Correct by: 2/5/08
There was a lid being stored in the hand washing sink. Correct by: 2/5/08
The sanitizer for the wet wiping clothes was not strong enough (under 10 ppm). Correct by: 2/5/08
The chicken wings were being held (hot) at a temperature of 113 degrees. Correct by: 2/5/08
Non-Critical
There were a couple of containers in the walk in cooler that were not covered. Correct by: 2/5/08
The hand washing sink in the food prep area did not have paper towel available. Correct by 2/5/08
The freezers in the food prep area did not have a thermometer to measure the air temperature. Correct by: 2/7/08
There was a piece of carpet in the doorway in the food prep area. Correct by 2/5/08
The ceiling in the food prep area was missing an attachment. Correct by: 2

Country Candies & Confections
Type of Inspection: Routine 7/29/08
Critical Violations: None
Non-Critical Violations: None

Carroll County Ag Association
Type of Inspection: Routine & Temporary 7/14/08
Critical Violations: None
Non-Critical Violations: None

CVS Pharmacy
Type of Inspection: Routine 6/24/08
Critical Violations: None
Non-Critical Violations: None

Arbys
Type of Inspection: Routine 8/15/08
Critical Violations: None
Non-Critical Violations: None

CVS Pharmacy
The ventilation system is missing a filter. Correct by: 1 Weeks
The floor in the buffet area had a sticky residue. Correct by: 2/5/08
The upright freezer and chest freezer had a heavy accumulation of frost. Correct by: 2/8/08
The area around the dumpster needs to be maintained. Correct by: 2/9/08

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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.

Former REMC director speaks out

I am very proud to have previously served on the board of directors of the Carroll County REMC for five terms. But, what is happening now bothers me tremendously.

I understand that we have a \$2 million indebtedness now. Why, would we want to consolidate with White County REMC which has a \$6 million indebtedness? Also, since the White County REMC thinks that the people of Carroll County do not have any business sense, why would we hire their manager to manage our REMC?

According to a recent article in the *Comet*, Tom Flora believes that the desires of the members are not important. Didn't the members vote against consolidation with White County? Evidently, what the members want is not what the directors want. So, if the directors are not working for the members, WHO ARE THEY WORKING FOR?

Gordon Flora
Delphi

Preserve Burnett's Creek Culvert

Please allow me to weigh in in favor of preserving the Burnett's Creek Culvert.

The culvert is a tidy piece of construction which allows a major watery means of transportation to be transported over a major neighborhood creek, and never the twain shall meet.

This was an engineering miracle in days prior to internal combustion engines.

According to Allen County Historian Tom Castaldi's website entitled "Lock 28 - Wabash and Erie Canal's forgotten Lock 28," the culvert was constructed during what was a rather nasty period of time in the state's history - the Trail of Death. It is generally acknowledged that the arch was built during 1839 and 1840 and the Canal opened in Delphi in August of 1840. A lifting lock was constructed west of the arch. Mercuric chloride was used to inhibit decay of the walnut planks, and there was no mortar used in the construction of the arch itself.

Earlier days saw two mills constructed by the Barnes family on the same body of water.

The road which passes over this masterpiece was probably constructed in 1887, according to bridge expert and professor of history Dr. James Cooper.

An artistic rendition accomplished by commercial artist Terry Lacy of this same piece of tangible history is visible in the Canal Interpretive Center at Canal Park at Delphi.

Mark A. Smith
Brookston
Canal board member

Marriage Licenses

Michael A. Ford, 37, and Christa A. Mullin, 38, both of Delphi.

Marvin L. Graybill, 21, Flora, and Helen K. Brumbaugh, 27, Camden.

Thomas S. Breimhorst, 57, and Sherry L. Darvell, 58, both of Horseshoe Bend.

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.

Monday, Sept. 22
√ Delphi School Board: 6 p.m., work session; 7 p.m., board meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 23
√ Area Plan Commission: 7 p.m.

Public Notices appearing in this issue of the Comet:

Sheriff Sale-Brown6B
Sheriff Sale-Daily6B
Sheriff Sale-Jones6B
Crane Estate6B
Delphi-Budget6B
Elher Estate5B
Democrat TWP-Adpt Appr . . .5B
Scott Name Change5B
Delphi-Ord. 2008-85B
Sheriff Sale-R. Martinez . . .5B
Sheriff Sae-J. Martinez . . .5B
TLSC-Not of Adopt5B
Deer Creek TWP-Budget . . .5B
Not of Suit-Shockley5B
Sheriff Sale-Snyder5B
Camden-Esternation5B
Martman Estate5B
DCSC-Spec. Mtg5B

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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

Heather A. Williamson was charged with public indecency and illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

Charged with illegal consumption were Coltan L. Marcum and Brandon L. Gaylor (two counts).

Teresa L. Fraser was charged with check deception.

Charged with OWI/endangering were Arthur F. Dumas; Tracey L. Moore (2 counts); Bryan E. Cunningham, was charged with residential entry, public indecency and illegal consumption of alcohol.

Richard M. Galuoppo was charged with invasion of privacy.

Maria E. Gonzalez was charged with identity deception.

The following were charged with possession of marijuana and reckless pos-

session of paraphernalia: David T. Swain, Raymond C. Fuller, and Bradley C. Ice.

Angela M. Rodgers, was charged with identity deception, OWI/endangering, possession of marijuana, false informing, driving while suspended and habitual substance offender.

Jared E. Filbrun was charged with domestic battery, strangulation and unlawful possession of a firearm by a domestic batterer.

George E. Trapp was charged with OWI/endangering and speeding.

Troy A. Wagoner was charged with illegal consumption of alcohol and illegal possession of alcohol.

Jeffrey A. Manny was charged with criminal mischief.

Lester L. Bagwell Jr., was charged with failure to stop after an accident resulting in non-vehicular damage.

Alesha A. Reamer was charged with operating a vehicle as an habitual traffic violator.