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Deer Creek Township voters ambushed

Voters in Deer Creek Township were met outside the polls yesterday by Township Trustee Neda Kay Duff or one of her volunteers. They were presenting voters with two "Referendums" which they were asking them to vote yes or no to and sign.

The first referendum stated, "It has been proposed that the governing body of Deer Creek Township transfer the sum of \$60,000 to The Carroll County Historical Museum, a local tax-supported organization."

The second referendum stated, "It has been proposed that the governing body of Deer Creek Township transfer the sum of \$10,000 to Carroll Manor, a local tax-supported institution for the support and maintenance of the elderly."

Both referendums concluded with, "By my signature and my indication of approval or disapproval, I provide my opinion on the issue to the Deer Creek Township governing body."

Several things seem wrong with this process.

- Calling this a referendum sounds official, when the trustee herself said that they were just gathering opinions. Why not call it a public survey?
- Why was this the first time voters learned of these proposals? Duff told the *Comet* that she and her advisory board had been discussing this since September.
- A voter is not necessarily a taxpayer. Is it appropriate for "voters" to decide how to spend "taxpayer" money? Are they going to check their "voter" list against a list of "taxpayers?"
- It would be prudent at this time with unknown economic circumstances to hold on to surplus funds that could be used to take care of indigent seniors who cannot pay their taxes if this country realizes a prolonged economic downturn.

According to the "Here's Your Indiana Government" book, the township is chiefly responsible for financing and administration of poor relief and helping to provide fire assistance.

Both the Carroll County Historical Museum, a 501(c)(3) organization (not tax supported), and Carroll Manor, a government entity, are worthy causes, but neither organization fits the above criteria.

Organizations with more closely related purposes would be the Carroll County Council on Aging and the Carroll County Food Pantry, not to mention the Delphi Tri-Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Deciding how to spend leftover taxpayer money should be an open process with discussion and feedback, not a two-choice ambush on voters on Election Day.

Taxpayers can be assured though, that any proposed use of the funds will have to be approved at a public hearing after being advertised in the newspaper. Taxpayers in Deer Creek Township will have a heads-up next time.

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
Victor Gonzalez was charged with residential entry and criminal mischief.

Marco Perez-Sanchez was charged with OWI endangering, operating a vehicle with ACE of 15% or more, and driving left of center.

Russell Chandler was charged with OWI endangering, open alcoholic beverage container, and speeding.

Douglas V. Mangus was charged with theft.

Montana R. Delgado was charged with operating a motor vehicle without ever having received a license.

Rodrigo Hernandez was charged with operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license and speeding.

Gordon D. Ford, Jr., Monticello, was charged with criminal trespass.

Cameron W. Miller was charged with furnishing alcohol

hol to a minor.

Patricia A. Willoughby, Russell D. Chapman, and Rebecca Enoch were each charged with check deception.

Larry E. Farner was charged with OWI endangering.

Dustin W. Dowden was charged with battery resulting in bodily injury, resisting law enforcement, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, public intoxication, and criminal mischief.

James M. Lanum was charged with attempted bodily injury, resisting law enforcement.

Thomas L. Miles was charged with criminal confinement and criminal recklessness.

Richard V. Allen was charged with criminal confinement.

Roseann K. Manza, Martinsville, was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, and visiting a common nuisance.

Daisy E. Dann was charged with false informing.

Well, that's over now, the election that is, and we're going to have ourselves some change.

That's what it was all about, right? Both sides promised us some variation of change, change, change.

But I got to thinking, what if we all say we want change, but that's not what we really mean? What if, when we say we want change, that means what we want is for other people to change - and for us to stay the same? Where does that leave us?

I drove up to Wisconsin the other day. It was a long trip with lots of road construction and slow moving traffic. And fate put me, over and over, next to an enormous fire engine red Dodge RAM 3500 heavy-duty pickup from Moores Hill, Indiana. The Dodge was pulling a long flat bed trailer with a huge sign strapped upright on it. The Dodge looked like new but was blowing a cloud of blue exhaust all over. I couldn't escape the Dodge nor could I escape its foul smelling pollution.

So the change I wanted was from the decision maker in the Dodge. I wanted the guy in charge to tune his truck or pick the right capacity truck to pull the load he was pulling.

I wanted some change - from the other guy.

But then I got thinking, was my trip avoidable? Could I have forfeited some shut-eye, gotten up earlier and beat all the traffic and congestion?



Pretend

Could I have saved the gas and my own pollution by not taking the job assignment? With better planning could I have done my work long distance?

I don't know. But while I pointed at my finger at the blue smoke belching from the Dodge, I wondered if my indignation was all pretend, a cover up for my own behavior which I could change but which I didn't want to change.

The drive to Wisconsin got me thinking about my carbon footprint. I'm a little confused about my carbon footprint. To be honest, up until recently, I didn't really know I had one.

I keep looking at my feet to figure it out. I guess that's the wrong place to start.

I looked up "carbon footprint" on the Internet. The first site that pops up on search engine "Goggle" doesn't do so by accident. Companies spend a lot of time, money and energy getting their sites to be the first ones up. One expends a lot of energy to be #1.

Anyway, the first site informed me that "every time we drive, fly, heat or cool our house, and run appliances we emit carbon dioxide." But the advice I got was not to turn the heat down, the a/c off or

to stay home. I was not told to change my behavior.

The site explained that in order for me to be part of the solution I have to offset my carbon footprint by paying someone else to plant trees and let those trees do their thing for the atmosphere.

The trading of carbon offsets is reported to currently be a 21.5 billion industry. There are two trading exchanges competing to be the dominant market for carbon offsets. In this arena companies are buying and selling the rights to give off emissions. In other words, you can buy off your carbon footprint.

Confused? I am.

First, this carbon offset market is unregulated. When I think of billions and unregulated I think of Credit Default Swaps. We had a whole sector of the financial industry investing in mortgage backed securities insured by credit default swaps. And it turns out, it was all pretend, it was not insurance at all.

Now we talk climate change and carbon footprint and pollution offsets. We talk change but half of it is talk and half of it is pretend. "Offset" sure doesn't sound like change to me.

I read somewhere that the door to change only opens from the inside. The flip side is that the door to pretend can be flung open quite dramatically from the outside.

Does anyone out there feel a draft?

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 574-967-3394 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.

Make a difference in the life of a child

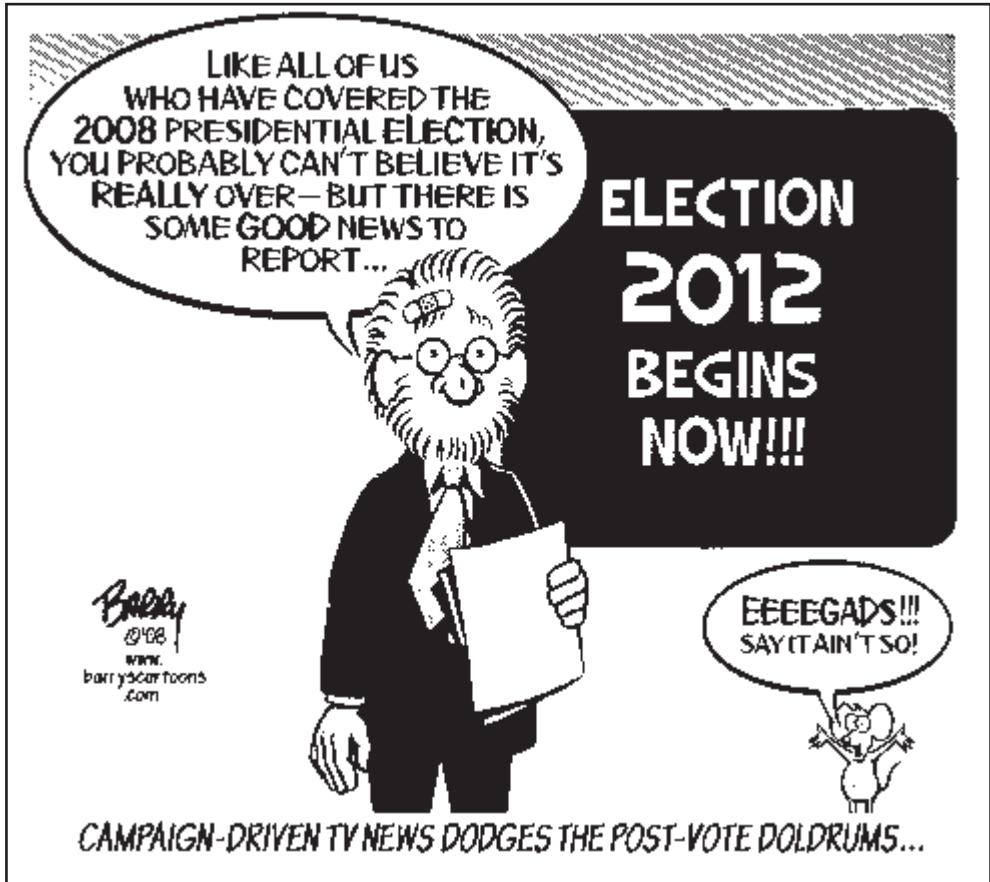
November marks National Adoption Month. The purpose of this month is to bring awareness to the thousands of children who are in the foster care, domestic and international adoption systems.

There are a number of ways for you to get involved in the lives of these children. A great way to start locally is to check with your local Department of Children and Families to find out about fostering a child. There are also children who are available for adoption both domestically and internationally. A good way to find out about what countries are open for adoption and the different adoption agencies working in those countries is through the Internet.

If adoption or fostering are not an option for you, then think about the possibility of assisting a family that would like to adopt a child.

We can all make a difference in the lives of these children if we make the effort. The difference begins with bringing awareness to adoption and fostering.

Justin Darling
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.

Complaints on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate were filed by: LaSalle Bank National Assoc. vs. Kristen Rohrman; PHH Mortgage Corp. vs. Michael James Port and Lacey Lynn Port; First Financial Bank NA vs. Peggy Garth aka Peggy M. Garth; PHH Mortgage Corp. vs. Jeremy D. Gist, Kersten S. Delong, Beneficial Indiana, Discover; Bank of America NA vs. Brian C. Mathias, Dorothy I. Mathias, First Financial Bank NA f/k/a Sand Ridge Bank; Wells Fargo Bank NA vs. Randy J. Pickett and Karen L. Pickett; HSBC Bank USA NA vs. Michael D. Perkins, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

James W. Riley Jr. filed complaint for breach of trust and petition to docket trust and remove trustee against Marjorie Riley Potts, James Todd Riley, Janell Sue Riley Lucas, and Eric Tedd Riley.

Judith A. Huse estate was appointed, probate will only.

Judgments were entered for the plaintiff in the following causes: Arrow Financial Services LLC as assignee of GE Money Bank as issuer of HH Gregg vs. Jerry J. Johnston in the amount of \$2,029.48; Lafayette Accounts Service Inc. vs. Tracy L. Myers, \$6,477.42; Chase Bank USA N.A. vs. Curtis R. Eikenberry, \$20,063.79; HSBC Bank Nevada N.A. vs. Gregory D. Sproul, \$2,841.97; LTD Acquisitions LLC as assignee of Chase Bank National Assoc. vs. Christopher A. Burdine, \$27,592.34; Capital One Bank N.A. vs. Kirsten Delong \$1,138.04; Arrow Financial

Services LLC vs. Gary Ennis, \$3,426.43; Capital One Bank N.A. vs. Holly Draper \$1,176.72; Capital One Bank N.A. vs. Jennifer L. Lind, \$1,520.47; LVNV Funding LLC as assignee of Sears vs. Phyllis Myers, \$1,683.60; LTD Acquisitions LLC vs. Dale A. Harber, \$37,184.79; Arrow Financial Services LLC vs. Misty Benge \$2,680.82; Arrow Financial Services vs. Rob McKinney, \$1,669.72; Capital One Bank N.A. vs. Aldona R. Peracki \$1,036.60; Capital One Bank N.A. vs. Maria J. Mackovic \$2,371.34; GE Money Bank vs. Cecil Shinneman \$8,631.16.

Default judgments and decrees of foreclosure were entered for the plaintiff in: PHH Mortgage Corp. vs. Roland L. Hall; Chase Home Finance LLC vs. Michael R. Heckard; Option One Mortgage Corp. vs. Rick G. Delk and Cindy L. Delk; PHH Mortgage Corp. vs. Ryan Sink.

The court approved the name change of Ella Marie Hornberger to Ella Marie Marley.

Brandon Leroy Dail, 35, was found guilty of three counts of burglary, Class C felonies.

The cause of LVNV Funding LLC vs. Kathryn Hariri was dismissed without prejudice, as was the cause of HSBC Bank USA vs. Ronald E. Pierce and Brandy Sibray.

In a jury trial, David Colbert, 40, was acquitted of three felony counts of child molesting.

Angel Flores-Sanchez, 20, was found guilty of dealing in marijuana, a Class C felony. The defendant will serve 4 years in the Department of Correction, two years suspended, and will make restitution in the amount of \$1,014.55 to the Carroll County Sheriff's Dept. plus

court costs of \$364.

Marriage dissolutions granted: Rebecca Ann Enoch and James T. Enoch; Jose J. Morales and Mindy Morales; Susan Robertson and David Robertson;

The following were found to be in arrears of child support payments: Melinda Hartman, \$3,919.51; Frank Cavazos, \$14,245.65; Richard Gray, \$2,476.72; Rex McCain, \$4,649.89; Janice Daniels Bell, \$4,088.76; Belinda Smith, \$1,660.18; Dawn Roth, \$2,025.22; Timothy Scott Rodenbarger, \$5,752; Russell Gaby, \$21,609.82; Jeremy Robinson, \$2,971.04.

Glenis Lovett petitioned the court for driving privilege.

Jean Howell was appointed executor of the Opal J. Flickinger estate.

Mary M. McCormick was appointed personal representative for the John B. McCormick estate.

Marriage Licenses

Robert B. Yerkes, 58, and Mary E. Jones, 32, both of Camden.

Kristian M. Johns, 27, and Brenda J. Hollon, 24, both of Delphi.

Timothy R. Goltz, 38, and Nancy L. Bogan, both of Delphi.

Alan W. Unger, 27, and Erika S. Walker, both of Bringham.

Austin L. Mattern, 23, and Hannah K. Whiteleather, 23, both of Delphi.

Antonio Landeros, 30, and Jessica L. Morris, 23, both of Delphi.

Nicholas K. Jenkins, 27, and Erika J. Lamb, 23, both of Delphi.

Martin E. Clendenen, 37, and Lisa M. Keller, 31, both of Bringham.

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.

Tuesday, Nov. 11
√ Burlington Town Council: 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 13
√ Camden Town Council: 7 p.m.

Public Notices appearing in this issue of the Comet:

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| Sheriff Sale-Dobyns | ..6B |
| Sheriff Sale-Grable |6B |
| Sheriff Sale-Windler |5B |
| Sheriff Sale-Rider-Mont | ..6B |
| Sheriff Sale-Rider-Win | ..5B |
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| Sheriff Sale-Shrock |5B |
| Sheriff Sale-Smith |5B |
| Sheriff Sale-Stigers |5B |
| Sheriff Sale-Holguin |6B |
| Sheriff Sale-Trussell |6B |
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| Sheriff Sale-Gray |5B |
| Sheriff Sale-Cook |5B |
| IDEM-Ritchey |5B |
| Zoning-Koekenberg |5B |
| Suit-Charles Cook |5B |
| IN. Reg. Commission | ..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.

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 agree with Deer Creek Township's method for seeking input on spending surplus funds?

Yes, at the polling place is OK
No, Election Day is not appropriate
Advance information would have been helpful
Have no opinion

Last Week's results

Would you like to see calorie information added to restaurant menus and menu boards?

59% Yes, we need to make better eating choices
17% No, I'd rather not know
24% Don't care
Total responses: 84
Reader's comments:
Other: I would like more modest (realistic) portion sizes.