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Board of Works members get it right

It is refreshing to hear members of the Delphi Board of Works, Bob Conner and Brian Garrison, being so connected to their fiscal and community duties that they ask questions about claims, spending in general and other city concerns during board of works meetings.

Since January these two individuals have performed their duty to protect taxpayer dollars. They understand how the system should work and they are not stymied by ignorance on their respective parts. If they do not understand a situation, they kindly ask about it. And if they don't understand the answer, they continue to ask about it until they do. Many times they have city clerk-treasurer Janice Roe rifling through boxes of claims to find the answer to their specific spending questions.

We congratulate them and others who conscientiously serve the taxpayers. For their efforts we say a hearty "job well-done."

I read in the paper yesterday that only ten percent of children walk to school each day. I couldn't believe it.

I guess the neighborhood school is a thing of the past. I know here in rural country that school consolidation has been the progressive and economical way for decades. I don't think anyone has proven school consolidation is better - just bigger.

I never took a bus to school - not once. From kindergarten to 8th grade I walked a mile to and from Esmond School each and every school day. We went home for lunch on most days so I logged four miles each day. Frankly nobody thought much about my walk, including me.

My walk to school was part of my education. Because I walked the furthest, it was kind of a pied piper experience. I picked up friends along the way. We walked, we talked, and we compared notes about every part of growing up, on every possible subject. We grew together just by walking together.

I don't want to glamorize my walk to school. But as I think about it, the walk was an extension of my education. We lived in a neighborhood rich with every kind of architecture imaginable. It was on my walk to school that I learned how a city worked, how traffic flowed, how people related. I always thought that when I grew up I would live in a white frame center entrance Colonial. That was my pick from the house styles on my walk to school.

My walk to school included a shortcut through the alley



To school and back

where Hermosa and Prospect streets came together. That shortcut saved a block and a half additional walking. To get to the alley I had to pass the house of a grumpy old man, an immigrant from another country who spoke little English. I remember that his house was more than immaculate; it was spotless, perfect, manicured. The old man did not like folks walking past his house, walking on his sidewalk, or getting near his lawn.

I walked past that grumpy old man's house for a total of nine years. At four passes per day past the house that's about 720 times a year or 6,000-plus passes during elementary school. You get to know a person when you feel their eyes watching you as you pass their house that many times.

The grumpy old man grew less grumpy over the years. He and I even exchanged pleasant greetings somewhere along my grammar school years. I remember that eventually I sensed his absence. Then I sensed the house was no longer so pristine. These changes were subtle, the absence of the watchful eyes, the sweeping of the sidewalk stopped, the perfect blades of closely cropped grass disappeared.

I never knew the name of the grumpy old man. I never knew what country he came from or what it was that brought him to the corner property where the alley met the street. I know, though, that he was somehow part of my education about immigration and property rights and territory and boundaries.

Ninety percent of all our school children take a bus to school. What a hole there is in our education system. The walk to school is full of lessons.

A word about the bailout

The most frustrating real estate deal of my legal career didn't close thanks to the involvement of the Federal government in real estate lending.

It was a little Cape Cod, a modest starter home. The owners got over their head and stopped making payments. Eventually they moved out and the bank started foreclosure proceedings.

But the real estate agent found a buyer and the buyer got a loan and a closing got scheduled. At the closing table the numbers didn't work. And so we squeezed. The buyers gave a little more; the brokers and the lawyers took a little less. And we got within \$800 of closing the deal. It was the bank's turn to give. \$800 dollars on an \$80,000 deal. One percent.

The bank wouldn't budge. The loan was FHA insured. It was more profitable to board that house up and let it go to the sheriff's sale. That way the bank didn't lose their \$800 because they had a government insured loan.

Restaurant Inspections

Hot Diggity Dog

Routine inspection: 8/07/08
Violations: None

JC Bar & Grill

Routine inspection: 8/12/08
Violations: None

Dairy Queen

Routine inspection & complaint: 8/18/08
Violations: None. No findings on complaint.

The Dinner Bell

Routine inspection & complaint: 8/18/08
Violations: None. No findings on complaint.

China 1 Buffet

Routine inspection: 9/04/08
Violations: Critical 0. Non-Critical 5:
1) Floor around buffet table had sticky residue, 2) Heavy accumulation of ice in chest and upright freezers, 3) Small piece of carpet in doorway in front prep area, 4) Several containers in reach-in cooler did not have covers, and 5) Several items without a common name in reach-in cooler.

Delphi Elementary School

Routine inspection: 9/15/08
Violations: None

Delphi Middle School

Routine inspection: 9/15/08
Violations: None

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, Oct. 13

√ Delphi School Corporation: Public 1028 Hearing, 7 p.m., business meeting to follow - High School Commons
Tuesday, Oct. 14

√ Burlington Town Council: 7 p.m.

Public Notices appearing in this issue of the Comet:

- Sheriff Sale-James6B
- Sheriff Sale-Carlson6B
- Sheriff Sale-Youngs5B
- Sheriff Sale-Criswell6B
- Not. of Suit-Eason6B
- Sheriff Sale-Kissinger6B
- Sheriff Sale-Humphrey6B
- Deer Creek TWP-Budget .5B
- TLSC-Notice to Bidders .5B
- Flickinger Estate5B
- Area Plan-Pub. Hearing .5B
- T. Stonebraker Estate . . .5B
- McCormick Estate5B
- G. Stonebraker Estate . . .5B
- Notice of Suit-Fletcher . .5B
- Notice of Intent5B
- Sheriff Sale-Hicks5B
- CCSC-1028 Hearing5B
- Fred Estate5B

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.

For Superior Court see page 7A

Real Estate Transfers

Catherine J. Combs to Byron L. Miller and Rebecca L. Miller. W.D.
Marietta M. Jensen and Charles C. Jensen Estate to Nancy Johnson Trust. W.D.
Nancy Johnson to Douglas Mulhaupt and Cynthia D. Mulhaupt. W.D. and Trustee Deed
Sandra L. Johnson to Jack L. Johnson and Suzanne J. Johnson. Quit Claim
Cynthia L. Duff to Kimberly J. Bilskie. W.D.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Carroll County to Joseph L. Rehwinkel and Merrily Rehwinkel. W.D.
Nancy B. Longwith to Donald R. Longwith Trusts and Nancy B. Longwith Trusts. Quit Claim
Vincent Tye and Janine T. Tye to Dustin J. Hufty and Nicole M. Hufty. W.D.
Dorothy Justice to Leo C. Rider and Clara E. Rider. Warranty Ded



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.

Andrew R. Swinford, 21, was convicted of child molesting and was sentenced to eight years in the Department of Correction with seven years on supervised probation and one year executed to be served on house arrest.

The following were found to be in arrears in the payment of child support: Nina M. Valentine, \$14,492.89; Kimberly A. German, \$5,665.92; Lori L. (Garth) Hinton \$8,371; Ronnie L. Pearson, \$27,480; John Graves, \$2,941.52; Michael

L. Turner, \$2,355.73; Robert W. Campbell, \$3,852.71; David Busch, \$6,592 and \$1,134 medical expenses; Mark McLeland, \$7,767.24; Mark McLeland, \$5,895.16; Trisha Wargo, \$12,653; Wade McCarty, \$6,520; Robert Henderson, \$11,217.83; John P. Hunkler, \$3,140.22; Michael Taber, \$1,907; Brad Rossetter, \$28,511.06; Susie Jenkins, \$1,855; Donald Mull Jr., \$4,408.88; and Lisa D. Hill, \$2,416.53.

Complaints to foreclose mortgage were filed by Huntington National Bank vs. David W. VotEAU; Wells Fargo Bank NA vs. John H. Haynes and Tina S. Haynes; and Wells Fargo Bank vs. Clinton A. Fletcher, Christie D. Landgrave and State of Indiana.

Complaint on notes and to

foreclose mortgages were entered for: Deutsche National Bank and Trust Co. vs. Michael E and Julie E. Blackburn; PHH Mortgage Corp. vs. Bradford Redding and Purdue Employees Federal Credit Union (and to reform); First Financial Bank vs. Mike and Shelly Alderman; and Wells Fargo Financial Indiana Inc vs. John L. Phalen and Wells Fargo Financial Bank.

Complaints on notes and to enforce assignment of rents were entered for the plaintiff in: First Financial Bank vs. Elmer L. Noe, Patricia Calhoun d/b/a Cut & Curl, Beth Myers (Carroll County Auditor) and Jane Brewington (Carroll County Treasurer).

HSBC Bank Nevada NA filed a complaint against Paul R. Shank III.

Midland Funding filed complaint against Judith A. Corns.

Midland Credit Management Inc. filed a complaint against Richard W. Smith.

HSBC Bank of Nevada filed a complaint against Belinda S. Pearson.

Ellen Horn filed a complaint for damages against Robert Kenworthy.

Citizens Equity Federal Credit Union d/b/a CEFCU filed a complaint against David D. Ringer.

Regions Bank d/b/a Regions Mortgage filed a complaint on contract and note for declaratory judgment against Leslie R. Leap.

Douglas Spitzer and Amy Spitzer have filed a complaint for damages against Levi Nice and Northland Insurance Co.

Midland Credit Management Inc. has filed a complaint against Richard L. Johnson.

Capital One Bank filed a complaint against Dave W. Ashenfelter.

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.

No arts left behind

North Central Health Services (NCHS) in partnership with the Tippecanoe Arts Federation recently awarded its one-millionth dollar of capital support to arts organizations serving Benton, Carroll, Clinton, Fountain, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Warren, and White for projects that relate to health and healthy communities.

It's important to bring the arts front and center at a time when their reach and impact is often overshadowed by challenges and calamities in health care, education, and the economy, three areas in which the arts have profound proven effects.

Studies have shown that stroke victims given rhythmic stimulation improved walking, individual keyboard lessons decreased anxiety and depression, and group keyboard lessons increased human growth hormones.

A longitudinal study of 25,000 high school students confirmed that consistent high levels of involvement in the arts resulted in "significantly higher levels of mathematical proficiency by grade 12" regardless of their socioeconomic status. Another study provided evidence those students who drew before they wrote scored significantly higher in writing. In Los Angeles County, a study concluded the more arts work a high school student takes,

the higher his or her SAT scores are.

In Indianapolis the arts employ more and have audiences larger than the three professional sports teams combined. Every year the arts provide 10,412 full-time jobs, create \$230.8 million in household income, generate \$294.4 million in local economic development activity, deliver \$32 million in local and state government revenue, serve audiences comprised of 4.6 million, and receive 452,201 support hours from 13,476 volunteers valued at \$6.9 million.

The connectional, creative and critical thinking that the arts foster and ignite are needed in today's society. Thanks to NCHS, our community is better equipped to reap arts dividends and positioned to have no arts left behind.

Therese Eutsler, PT, Chair
2008 NCHS Capital Grant Program Advisory Committee

Yes, your recyclables are being recycled

We would like to respond to the letter that was in last week's Comet titled "Why bother?"

On behalf of Carroll Communities Recycling Cooperative (CCRC), we want to assure the residents of Carroll County that whether it is curbside pick up or at the drop off center, the recyclables being picked up are in fact being taken to be recycled.

Three years ago, CCRC had to make a decision. We had two recycle trucks that were getting old and were becoming very costly to maintain, so we elected to buy one new truck and co-mingle everything together in an at-

tempt to keep costs down as well as continuing this service. The center where the recyclables are taken will then sort and process the various materials.

We would like to invite anyone with any questions or concerns to please contact Aaron Lyons at (765) 564-2353 or Joretta Tinsman at (574) 967-4844.

Aaron Lyons & Joretta Tinsman,
CCRC board members

My daughter's well being

My daughter has been the subject of some vicious gossip and out-right lies this last couple of weeks due to the unfortunate accident that happened at the east end of Carroll County on Sept. 20.

This is just to set the record straight, my daughter was in no way, shape or form involved in this tragic accident. She was not riding in the truck involved in the accident. She did not walk away from the scene of the accident (she was not even there until after it happened.) She was at home with her parents when she received the phone call telling her about the accident. I feel she is being unfairly judged and treated due to her friendship with the guy involved in this accident.

I am asking people to please not be so judgmental on a young girl just starting her adult life. Instead of spreading gossip and lies, let us put our energy into praying for the families involved in this tragic accident and help make Carroll County a safe and proud place to live, not one that you are scared to walk out your front door because people are pointing and whispering about you.

Tracy Claiborne
Delphi

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.

This week (Oct. 5-12) is Fire Prevention Week. Do you...

- Have working smoke detectors
- Have a working fire extinguisher
- Have a fire escape plan
- All of the above
- Have good intentions

Last Week's results

With local needs greater and money tighter, will you support local charity projects?

- 15% Yes, at current or higher levels
- 33% Yes, but not as much
- 16% No
- 36% Would like to, but can't
- Total responses: 87

Reader's comments:

We all need to share the sacrifices of the area. Even if it is only \$1 it is a help. "Give and it will return to you"