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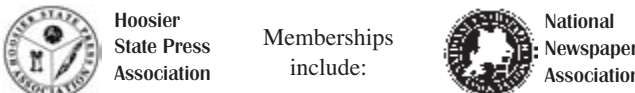
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Thoughtfully consider running for elected office

Leadership Carroll County provided an excellent training session for first-time candidates last week. The basic nuts and bolts were covered by a panel of those who know the ropes. All presenters were kind and descriptive about the pitfalls and the rewards of serving the masses.

There is a little more for first-timers to understand initially.

Public officials should - and will - be held accountable for their actions. They should - and will - be questioned about the decisions they make. Those individuals charged with serving the public must be open for discussion about a wide variety of topics.

Public officials must be available to answer questions from those who they serve and the media. And remember - do so in a manner that invites conversation. The public is not obligated to talk to you if you make that activity uncomfortable for them. They can and will go elsewhere to ask questions and make comments.

Future candidates...if you do not want to be held accountable, if you do not want to be questioned about decisions you make, if your mind is not open for discussion to help you make the most informed decision - do not run for public office.

Because if you do and you are elected you will struggle throughout your term. You will encounter resistance and distrust by those who elected you into office. You will not be satisfied with your performance and neither will anyone else.

It is a privilege to be elected by the voters and be given the opportunity to serve them. Remember how you arrived as an elected official...you did not do it alone and you should not serve alone. No one really is served when a public official forgets to remember his/her constituents.

Newspapers still deliver - for YOU

What do Gov. Mitch Daniels, Senators Evan Bayh and Richard Lugar, Colts owner Jim Irsay, screenwriter Angelo Pizzo ("Hoosiers" and "Rudy"); IU President Michael McRobbie; Purdue President France Cordova; Butler President Bobby Fong; TV personality Dick Wolf; "Garfield" creator Jim Davis; and a number of other well-known Hoosiers have in common?

They believe that Newspapers Still Deliver, the theme of an eight-week campaign just winding up on behalf of Indiana newspapers to remind folks of that important fact and have appeared in ads stating their beliefs about newspapers.

Why the campaign? Because it's no secret that newspapers have taken some hits lately that have seen some big-city papers close or file bankruptcy, cut back delivery and trim staffs. While certainly the terrible economic times have caused some of this, the advent of the Internet is also to blame.

But while these difficulties are real, the *Carroll County Comet* along with 175 other daily and weekly newspapers in Indiana would like to reassure you we are here to stay - providing the news, information, advertising and entertainment you've come to depend on.

Haven't thought about life without newspapers? Well, hopefully you never will.

That's because most newspapers in Indiana, while suffering through the same economic tough times that nearly all businesses are experiencing, are still hard at it.

We are covering city council and town board meetings, attending school board meetings, reporting from the police and sheriff's stations, covering high school sports, printing honor rolls, tromping around the county fair grounds counting blue ribbons, publishing obituaries, birth and engagement announcements and 50th anniversary and wedding stories.

And lots, lots, lots more.

Think what our community would be like without a newspaper - we could all just blog ourselves to death - but about what? Newspapers, it's been said, write the first draft of history - bloggers, Googlers, Bingers and all the other news "aggregators" feed off that.

So, despite all the changes in how we can receive news and information these days - we still need newspapers.

And, Newspapers Still Deliver.
Thanks for reading the *Comet*.

Thanks for patronizing advertisers choosing the *Comet* to run their ads.

Thanks for caring that an important part of our democracy - that part guaranteed by The First Amendment - remains a part of the future.

Yes, Newspapers *Still* Deliver - for YOU.

When the sweet potatoes get passed around our Thanksgiving Day table this Thursday, they will make their way served in a clear glass casserole with little fanfare and aided by a couple of well worn pot holders. The potatoes will be homegrown from the rich earth of the family farm. They will be a familiar muted burnt orange color and cut up in tried and true little wedges. They will be swimming in a sweet sugar coating, the taste of which I can conjure up from memory.

Our sweet potatoes will not come seared off the grill. They will not emerge from the kitchen in the company of marshmallows. No novelty, or newness or aggrandizement will confuse or complicate our Thanksgiving sweet potatoes. No, our sweet potatoes will arrive at the feast in the most welcome of manners: familiar and plain.

This is how I like things, I like things plain.

A hot chocolate is a nice warming drink when cold hol-



Holidays on the plain

iday weather arrives. If one must, a dollop of whipped cream can top off my hot chocolate anytime. I will not object. But please, keep the peppermint stick out of the drink. And hold any form of sprinkle you might be tempted to add. Do not confuse me, or your humble assignment, with the option of soy or of nutmeg. And sorry, once again, for consistency sake - icksney to the marshmallows.

One plain hot chocolate will due just fine.

If hot apple cider is more your liking, then let's put a little heat under some apple cider. That will do the trick. No cinnamon sticks need complicate the flavor, and

please, no sugary crust on the rim of the glasses. Whoever came up with that option has never been assigned to dish washing detail.

Plain apple cider, heated a little bit, how nice and how plain that would be.

I never thought I'd have to state the obvious when it comes to Thanksgiving turkey. Turkeys should be baked, in an oven - for a long, long time. Turkeys should not be fried in a deep fryer; they should not be grilled like a common hamburger in the back yard. They should turn wonderfully brown in an oven with a window and a light and an adoring crowd checking on them.

And it should be obvious to all, said turkey should not be glazed or drizzled or dabbled with anything other than butter. And for clarity sake, and so there is no misunderstanding by anyone, no form of marshmallow melted, puréed, whipped or otherwise transformed should come near the turkey.

A turkey baked in an oven for Thanksgiving, how familiar, how traditional, how delightfully plain

Somewhere along the line, folks have confused good cooking with fancy, schmancy complex cooking. I blame this on all these cooking shows on television. If these celebrity chefs kept their recipes and instruction to the basics, well, they would be in reruns after a month or two. But if they shun the good and plain and keep cooking complicated - well there's job security for you.

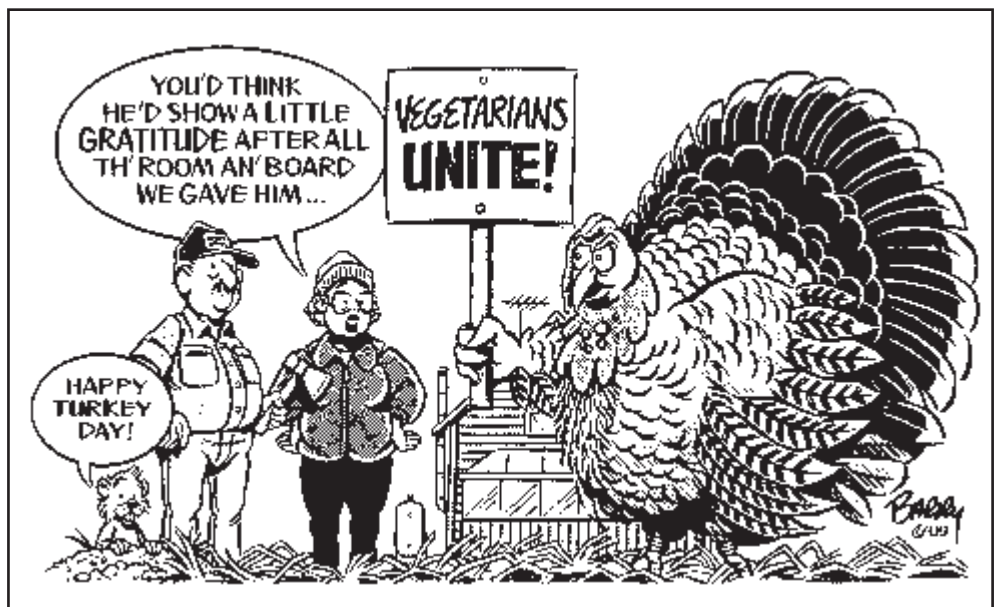
And then there's the whole marshmallow conspiracy thing. I mean marshmallows, if they belong on earth at all; they belong on the end of a stick, in a fire. So, I ask, from where springs the conspiracy to inject these odd puff white concoctions into salads and Jell-O's, or into hot drinks and desserts? I don't know who or what is behind this marshmallow promotion plot, but they're mighty good at what they do.

The exception that proves the rule is the simplest, the most perfect and plain dessert ever concocted. Of course, I speak of the Rice Crispy Treat. The foundational element of this most perfect dessert is the melted marshmallow. Dare I say it is the glue that holds it all together?

But, to be consistent, I would ask that my Rice Crispy Treat be served plain, without the adornment of M&Ms, for consistency sake.

As I said, I like things plain.

And to put it plainly: Best Thanksgiving wishes to all our readers.



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

Dustin S. Peglow was charged with disorderly conduct.

Juan Alberto was charged with operating motor vehicle without ever receiving a license.

Stephanie L. Hicks was charged with theft.

Matthew R. Shanks was charged with reckless driving and speeding.

Joseph Collins, Jr. was charged with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Justin E. Ellars was charged with OWI-endangering and operating w/an ACE of .15 or more.

Chad M. Abbott was charged with OWI-endangering, operating w/an ACE of .15 or more and failure to stop after accident resulting in non-vehicle damage.

Jason R. Asselin was charged with battery resulting in bodily injury.

The following cause was found in favor of the defendant: Northern Indiana Public Service vs. Doug Crume.

The following cause has been dismissed without prejudice: Beneficial Indiana vs. Bradley and Julie Barbour.

Default judgment was granted to the plaintiff in: Discover Bank vs. William Baum, \$2,388.59, and Discover Bank vs. Kevin Forrest, \$5,802.62.

Default and summary judgment entry and decree of foreclosure was granted to the plaintiff in Countrywide Home Loans vs. Alan and Beth McCracken, \$62,886.16.

Juan P. Hernandez, 27, Indianapolis, was convicted of driving while suspended. He

was sentenced to 180 days in jail, suspended, and one year of supervised probation.

Gloria K. Duran, 32, Monticello, was convicted of operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license. She was sentenced to 60 days in jail, suspended, and one year of supervised probation.

Stephen S. Thompson, 37, Lafayette, was convicted of operating a motorboat while intoxicated. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail, suspended, and 360 days of supervised probation.

Christopher J. Meyers, 33, Lafayette, was convicted of driving while suspended. He was sentenced to 68 days in jail.

The following causes brought by the State of Indiana were dismissed with prejudice: vs. Derrick E. Flex; vs. Ryan D. Kelly; vs. Percy L. Parkevich; vs. Courtney J. Kingery and vs. Chase Z. Brummett.

Dustin E. Lindsey was ordered to pay a deer replacement fee of \$500.

Samuel D. Parker, 18, Lafayette, was convicted of criminal mischief. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail, suspended, and one year of supervised probation.

The following were meted a combination of jail time, suspensions, probation and other penalties for convictions related to alcohol or illegal substances: Curtis D. Etter, 18, Athens, Wisc.; Tamara S. Hembree, 34, Delphi; Jessica E. Hullinger, 18, Lafayette; and Jeremiah A. Combs, 19, of Delphi.

Karl A. Leydet, 27, was convicted of attempted interfering with drug and alcohol screening test. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Cecelia E. Smith, 27,

Lafayette, was convicted of driving while suspended and speeding. She was sentenced to one year in jail, suspended, and one year of supervised probation.

Judgment was granted to the plaintiff in the following: LVNV Funding LLC vs. Joseph L. Troutman, \$333,72; and CACH LLC vs. Belinda S. Pearson, \$4,435.83.

Attorney Patrick F. Manahan was appointed judge pro tempore of the court on Oct. 30.

Default judgment was granted to the plaintiff in the following causes: Capital One Bank vs. Zachary D. Platt, \$863.92; and Citibank vs. David C. Wooten, \$2,929.48.

Summary judgment was granted to the plaintiff in Citibank vs. Gretchen N. Longfellow, \$3,587.24.

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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.

Midland Funding filed complaint against Teri Walker.

Midland Funding filed complaint against Frederick J. Weis.

Household Bank filed complaint against Aleisha Williams.

Arrow Financial Service filed complaint against Brian Carrico.

Wells Fargo Bank NA filed complaint against Terry A. White.

Discover Bank filed complaint against Mark R. Roth.

Judgment was granted to the plaintiff in the following causes: Asset Acceptance LLC vs. Michael Wood, \$1,515.61 and Capital Financial Credit vs. Dean May, \$6,236.23.

The following cause has been dismissed without prejudice: The Bank of New York Trust vs. Michael J. Kissingner.

Dissolution of marriage was granted to Rhonda Kaye Forgey and Jason Sheagley Forgey.

Default judgment was granted to the plaintiff in First Financial Bank vs. Shelly A. Amich, \$7,692.97.

Marriage Licenses

Dustin Allen Stone, 20, and Janelle Delaine Morgan, 21, both of Delphi.

Because the public has a right to know...

The *Comet* publishes government meetings weekly to provide understanding of which government meetings are happening, when and where.

Wednesday, November 25
√ County Council Special Meeting: 8:30 a.m.
Monday, November 30
√ Open Door Law Training Seminar: 5 p.m., Delphi Library
√ Carroll School Board: 7:30 p.m., administration office

Public Notices appearing in this issue of the Comet:
Notice of Suit-MelladyB4
Flood estateB4
McCormick estateB4
Summons-SmithB4
Carroll School-add'l-rainyB4
Carroll School-add'l-general .B4
Huftys-lienB4
Town of Camden-noticeB4
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.

Will your Thanksgiving entrée feature...

- Turkey
- Chicken
- Beef
- Pork
- Combination of the above
- None of the above

Last Week's results

What do you believe is the top criteria that the EMS committee should use to decide the location for the third ambulance?

- 16% Population
- 18% Number of calls
- 66% Distance between ambulance garages
- 0% Community incentives
- 131 Total Votes**