



Mansfield files for treasurer

Pamela J. Mansfield has recently filed for Carroll County Treasurer on the Democratic ballot. A Carroll County resident most of her life, she has been treasurer of Delphi Community Middle School for 11 years.

Mansfield graduated from Delphi High School and Indiana Business College. Her family includes her husband of 37 years, Barry, three children: Jerome, of Colorado, Jill Mansfield-Busch of Brookston, Jacob of Indianapolis and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yates of Brookston. Mansfield is a member of the First Baptist Church of Delphi.

"Carroll County has been a wonderful place to live and raise children," she said. "I have met so many wonderful people in my church and through my employment at Delphi Middle School. I look

forward to serving these same people as well as all of Carroll County as treasurer for the next four years."

Zirkle seeks Congressional seat

Republican Tony Zirkle has announced his primary campaign for the U.S. House of Representatives, District 2.

Zirkle, a Republican, ran for the U.S. Congress and was defeated in 2004. He will continue to endorse many of the issues he raised in that campaign. Some of those issues include: new energy sources; establishing a United States Civil Service Academy; having neutral rules for drawing congressional districts; a tough approach on drug crime; continue to object to the continued rise and expansion of gambling in all its forms; make health care insurance affordable by taking the catastrophic claims, i.e. over \$50,000 a year, out of the system through a universal single-payor system; legitimize judicial review, which is of questionable authority in the Constitution, by formalizing it in an amendment; and continue to support the idea that social security may be delayed until age 70 for those who do not need it.

His expanded issues for 2006 include porn-prostitution and how they relate to the War on Terror.

Zirkle is an attorney in South Bend.

For more information on Zirkle's campaign visit his website at www.TonyZirkle.com under "About Tony."

Third House session set in Monticello

The Monticello Kiwanis Club will host a Third House Session at the Brandywine Convention Center March 4 at 9:30 a.m. Participating in the event will be Senator Brandt Hershman and Representatives Don Lehe, Eric Gutwein and Richard McClain. Senator Hershman and McClain both represent the residents of Carroll County.

Third House provides local citizens an opportunity to learn about legislation being considered during the legislative session. Attendees will be given an opportunity to ask questions about issues of interest to them.

For information call (574) 583-5518 or (574) 583-7704

Myer to run for school board

Steve Myer has announced his candidacy for trustee of Delphi Community School Corporation, representing District 1, Deer Creek Township Precinct 1.

Myer is a graduate of Vincennes University with degrees in surveying and architectural drafting. He is employed

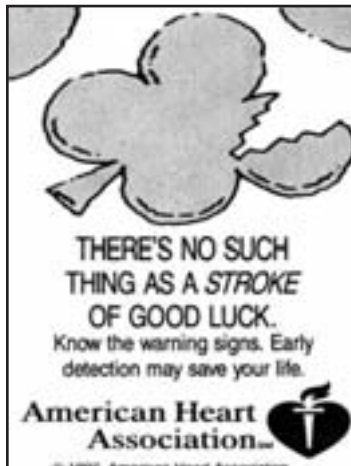
at Seiler Instrument.

"I am very interested in our school's educational programs, administration and staff," he said. "I also believe we need to maintain our current facilities in order to support our athletic programs."

"I will work hard and base decisions on what is best for our students, staff and community. I will always be open to community input. I believe that 'average' is not good enough for Delphi schools. My goal is for Delphi to be above average in academics and athletics."

Myer and his wife, Connie, are the parents of three sons, two of whom attend Hillcrest Elementary School. They attend Delphi United Methodist Church. Myer is serving his second term as president of the Delphi Youth Baseball League.

He will be contesting incumbent Jim Garrison.



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Purdue Garden Calendar

All-America flower and vegetable selections named for 2006

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This year brought a bumper crop of 11 new All-America Selections (AAS) garden flowers and vegetables judged to be superior based on their performance in test gardens all over the country.

Dianthus 'Supra Purple' was selected for its early and prolific blooming and improved heat tolerance. The 1.5-inch, fringed, purple blooms literally cover the 12-inch plants. 'Supra Purple' also makes excellent cut flowers and performs best in full sun.

Diascia integrerrima 'Diamante Coral Rose' was selected for early flowering, branching habit and long bloom season. This relatively unknown plant reaches just 8-10 inches tall with a 18-inch spreading habit, making it ideal for container gardening or as an edging plant. Diascia is related to snapdragons but is much larger in flower. The 1-inch blooms continue opening all season in full sun.

Nicotiana 'Perfume Deep Purple' was selected for the delicately fragrant, deep purple blooms. The single, 2-inch

star-shaped flowers are produced on plants reaching 20 inches tall with a spread of 15-18 inches. This plant performs best in full sun but also adapts to part shade.

Salvia farinacea 'Evolution' was chosen for the 6-7-inch flower spikes that are distinctly violet, rather than the traditional blue. 'Evolution' is a medium-height annual reaching 16-24 inches tall.

Viola cornuta 'Skipto XL Red-Gold' won over the judges on its flower size, color and continuous bloom. The large, 1.5-inch, round flowers are ruby red with violet-red shading below the golden-yellow face containing penciling or whiskers. 'Skipto XL Red-Gold' promises heat tolerance combined with winter hardiness in protected locations. The compact habit reaches about 6 inches tall, spreading about 8 inches.

Zinnia 'Zowie! Yellow Flame' was selected for its unique bicolor pattern. The 3-4-inch semi-double bloom contains a scarlet/rose center with yellow petal edges, reminiscent of a yellow flame. Expect flowering plants in about 8-10 weeks from sowing seed. Plants will reach 24-29 inches tall, spreading 26-27 inches in full sun.

Ornamental Pepper 'Black Pearl' produces shiny, pearl-like, black peppers against a striking backdrop of black foliage when grown in full sun. The vigorous, compact plants reach just 18 inches tall and are quite heat tolerant. The peppers turn red as they mature and are edible, if you like fiery hot!

In the vegetable department, Carrot 'Purple Haze' is the first purple imperator-type carrot, reaching 10-12 inches long and tapering to a point. The purple beauty is only skin deep - the sliced, raw roots reveal a bright-orange center and cooking will dissolve the purple color. 'Purple Haze' can be harvested in about 70 days from sowing seed.

Cilantro 'Delfino' is an improved selection with decorative fern-like foliage, ready to harvest in about 4-5 weeks from seed. Mature plants reach about 20 inches tall when grown in full sun. 'Delfino' can also be grown for its flavorful seed, known as coriander.

'Carmen' is an improved Italian-type sweet pepper selected for early production of the distinctive horn-shaped peppers with wide shoulders, tapering to a smooth point. An excellent choice for container gardening, the upright plant

reaches only 28 inches tall. Expect ripe peppers about 75 days from transplanting.

Chile Pepper 'Mariachi' was chosen for superior fruit size, early production, high yield and mildly hot flavor (500 to 600 Scoville heat units). The colorful fruit ripen from yellow to red, and flavor can become more pungent when plants are under heat or drought stress. 'Mariachi' produces an abundance of 3-4 inch peppers beginning about 65-68 days from transplanting.

AAS winners are selected from many new cultivars, based on performance in the garden as well as in the greenhouse. Although no plant offers a guarantee of success in an individual garden, AAS winners have proven themselves worthy over a broad range of growing conditions. Try these new selections alongside your old standbys so you'll have a means of comparison. AAS winners should be available through local garden centers and mail-order catalogs next spring. For more information about these and previous years' winners, point your Web browser to <http://www.all-americaelections.org/>.

Hickory Grove to begin Lenten series

Hickory Grove Church will host a ministry series titled the "I Am's" of Jesus, beginning March 5 and continuing through Easter Sunday, April 16. Jesus said, "I Am: The Alpha and Omega, The Bread of Life, The Good Shepherd, The Light of the World, The Resurrection and The Life, The True Vine, The Way."

One "I Am" will be the sermon topic each Sunday.

A Maundy Thursday Service will be held at 7 p.m. and a Good Friday Service at 12 noon.

The community is invited to any and all services. For more information, call the church at 574-965-2731 or Pastor Ken Smith at 574-826-4307.

Candidates filed for local offices

Carol R. Bordner (R) filed for the office of Democrat Township advisory board. The Comet inadvertently left his name off the list of candidates in last week's issue.

Tom Hesler (R) was reported as having filed for Democrat Township advisory board. He actually filed for Deer Creek Township advisory board.

Compton serves on TV Council

Last week the Comet published a story on the 25th anniversary of Channel 2, Flora's public access TV station. Due to incomplete information given to the newspaper, one person was omitted from the list of members of the Channel 2 TV Council. Charles Compton is the additional member.

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Entertainment:

Local Band "Justin Tyme", featuring Delphi Mayor Lee Hoard, will be playing classic rock from the 60's, 70's and 80's.

Come with your family and friends for a fun time to meet Sheriff Candidate Tony Burns. Refreshments and door prizes will be provided.



(Paid For By Committee To Elect Tony Burns)

TWIN LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT PHASE III PROJECT

Any owner of a vacant lot and/or parcel of real estate, in the upcoming Phase III project, who has not been in contact with the District or its engineering firm, GRW, that would like to have his/her lot and/or parcel included in the project, will need to contact the District before 3:00 PM, March 17, 2006 and complete and sign all pertinent forms. Any owner that wants to change the placement (staking) of their grinder unit will need to contact the District's engineer, GRW before 3:00 PM, March 17, 2006 to discuss any proposed changes. After 3:00 PM, March 17, 2006, any vacant lot and/or parcel of real estate or grinder unit changes, within the Phase III, will be considered a "tap-on" and will be charged all associated costs and fees.

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