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Representation is needed

It makes a great deal of sense for Carroll County to be represented by our own health department at the Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District board meetings. Our representative would be there to advise and answer questions of need or lack of.

Why? Because part of the duties of a county health department is to address issues of environmental health, including general community sanitation.

Who better than someone from our own health department to answer commissioner Bill Brown's question concerning how many septic systems are in need?

A major complaint of Carroll County residents who reside in Jefferson Township is the absence of Carroll County participation with the sewer district board.

GRW, design engineers for Phase 3 of the TLRSD project, estimates that 1,100 residences are involved in Carroll County.

The current hands-off approach of our county health department amounts to a disservice to our residents in the sewer district. Waiting until ground is broken to become involved puts Jefferson Township residents' futures in the hands of an "outside" group. That's too late.

Our county board of health needs to appoint a responsible representative to attend and participate in the TLRSD board meetings.

Guest Commentary

Learning differences

I am an adult who has been diagnosed with Adult ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) and mild dyslexia. I am also the mother of four children with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), two with dyslexia, all attending public schools.

Interacting with school administrators and teachers often involves anxiety and confusion on the parent's behalf. The situation gets worse when a child has a learning difference (often referred to as learning disability and/or learning deficiency). The student's rights, the parents' rights and the school's obligations to fulfill these rights are often confusing, ignored, not explained or jumbled between information that is irrelevant to the purpose of the meeting. The result is almost always the student in question being, in some manner, denied his/her right to a "Free Appropriate Public Education" (FAPE). Section 504, No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and Individuals with Disability Education Act 2004 (IDEA) along with FAPE guidelines are pieces of the puzzle for providing the FAPE to these students and requiring the school to provide the FAPE.

Often due to old myths and archaic attitudes and beliefs about certain learning differences, many parents are embarrassed about the situation and don't seek out the information needed to understand their child's educational needs and rights. Although there are some learning differences that are too obvious to ignore and parents and school administrators have no choice but to address them "head on," there are yet a large number of very common learning differences that fall under, what is referred to by Section 504, as "Other Health Impairments" and are required by federal law to be addressed by all schools receiving funding from the government. These learning differences include, but are not limited to: ADD, ADHD, dyslexia, epilepsy, diabetes, asthma; basically any health impairment that "adversely" affects the student's educational performance.

Most students with these differences are highly intelligent, but struggle to succeed in some areas (or all) because their learning environment does not provide for their specific needs. Often these same students excel in a specific area but are held back from achieving praise and personal success in that area because of their deficiency in another area. Learning difference students are not bad kids, they do not (as often assumed) come from bad homes and are not the result of bad parenting skills or poor maternal care during their developmental period. Many of these differences are genetic and have been inherited without any fault of a controllable source. Often these students with learning differences have inherited their difference from one or both of their parents. Unfortunately many of these parents were never aware of assistance availability or requirements outlined in federal and state education laws and consequently were never offered any specific needs to accommodate their assistance needs.

just labeled as lazy and/or incorrigible. The results of this happening to these parents are the same results that will happen to any learning difference student that is withheld from receiving the appropriate accommodations, resources and intervention. The results from lack of intervention can be a personal embarrassment about the existence of the learning difference, guilt because of their failure to perform academically, lower self-esteem which can evolve into depression and anxiety, and finally resulting in severe effects of the parent's/student's ability to achieve educational, vocational and/or social success.

Underachievers, social outcasts, financial train-wrecks and drug, alcohol and food addicts almost always exhibit some form of an undiagnosed and/or untreated learning difference. It might surprise you to know that Albert Einstein suffered from dyslexia and ADHD. Tom Cruise, Thomas Edison, Woodrow Wilson, Nelson Rockefeller, Winston Churchill, General George S. Patton, Cher, Greg Louganis, Walt Disney, George Washington; all suffered from specific learning differences that caused them to struggle academically and to have low self images and self esteem until resources were found and implemented. All things are possible, but we have to seek the answers and create the needed learning environment, otherwise, these unfortunate results will continue to exist.

When our children have an illness or broken limb, we are quick to secure medical advice and attention. Why when we or our children have a learning difference that might mean there is a difference in the way their brain functions, calculates, responds and/or processes information do we not act in the same manner? Is the brain not a part of our healthcare concerns? Are old beliefs preventing us from accepting what might be an issue or are we allowing our own misinformation (or lack of) to deny our children (and sometimes ourselves) the resources, healthcare and/or remediation that could assist us in our achievement levels? Why do we voluntarily hold our children (and ourselves) back from succeeding? Why can we not see that sending everyone over the same mountain in the same manner loses the opportunities to learn about and experience other areas of the mountain?

There are a number of websites and books available to all people and to all levels of learning styles, needs and/or preferences that will provide answers and resource information for nearly every aspect of learning differences diagnosis, medications, resources, alternative treatments, legal protection, educational opportunities, camps, conferences, court cases and so much more. My wish is to empower parents and students so that they are no longer feeling lost, tossed aside, ignored, ridiculed, bullied and/or vulnerable. The law requires that we all are given the same fair and appropriate opportunity to achieve success in all areas of our lives.

Candy Spence
Delphi

A smaller military. It seems like our nation has been sold on the general idea of a smaller military now for as far back as I can remember. Both sides, Republicans and Democrats alike, have been pushing and plotting, positioning and lobbying to close military bases, privatize operations, reduce the ranks.

Why, I wonder? It seems to me that the military keeps getting assigned bigger and broader duties while the global picture gets more complex, if not more dangerous.

The Reserves get sent to Iraq. The National Guard goes off to patrol the border with Mexico.

Meanwhile the Iran situation simmers. And let's not even get into the Korea discussion. And like every year, hurricane season is just around the corner.

I think we've been sold a bill of goods on both sides of the political aisle.

I've done no research whatsoever on the topic of a leaner military. But my ears perk up when I hear over and over that the troop levels in Iraq have been inadequate from day one. I wince when I read account after account that we are extending the stays of troops, or keeping folks on the line that otherwise would be eligible to retire. When new areas of conflict or need are discussed the word "overextended" surfaces immediately. And it's no wonder.

Other than cost, what's wrong with the idea of a robust military?

Export democracy, protect the oppressed, secure our national interests... it seems that no matter what the stated mission is, it takes people in uniform, lots of them, to do the job.

I don't like the sound of a lean military. I prefer the ring of ample, or able.

Sometime after Vietnam, it simply became fashionable to look at the military as something to



Midwest Memo

by Alan Shultz

Begging the obvious

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As a taxpayer, I think more military and less regulatory is the way to go.

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But first, before all this, before entitlement and before annoyance, shouldn't we be glad and grateful to write the first check out to our national defense?

reduce. I suppose in the short term it's all about the money. Corporations lobby Congress to sell the government the stealth and the sleek, the shiny and the silent of jets and bombs and things that go kaboom.

Only the brass lobby for filling the ranks.

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Restaurant Inspections

Flora Citgo
Routine inspection: 5/4/06
Summary of Violations:
No violations noted

Solano's Kitchen
Routine inspection: 5/4/06
Summary of violations:
1 critical, 1 non-critical
Non-critical

1. There was a food employee without a hair restraint. Directed to correct by 5/4/06.

Critical
There was a food employee who was not wearing gloves while handling ready to eat foods. Directed to correct by 5/4/06.

Flora Mara Mart
Routine inspection: 5/4/06
Summary of violations:
6 non-critical.

The pizza puffs and fries in the walk-in freezer were being stored on the floor. Directed to correct by 5/1/06. There was an accumulation of grease around and on the fryer. Directed to correct by 5/2/06. There was grease on the floor around the fryer. Directed to correct by 5/2/06.

The ceiling in the men's bathroom has moisture build-up, also needs covering. Directed to correct in one week.

There was a hairbrush on the counter. Directed to correct by 5/1/06. The lady's bathroom did not have a cover for the trash. Directed to correct by 5/3/06.

Hollow Acres Golf Course
Routine inspection: 4/27/06
Summary of violations:
No violations noted

Delphi Community High School
Routine inspection: 4/28/06
Summary of violations:
2 non-critical

The hand sink in the baking area leaks. Directed to correct by one week.
The ceiling cover on the food line needs to be replaced. Directed to correct by one week.

Delphi Community Middle School
Routine inspection: 4/28/06
Summary of violations:
No violations noted

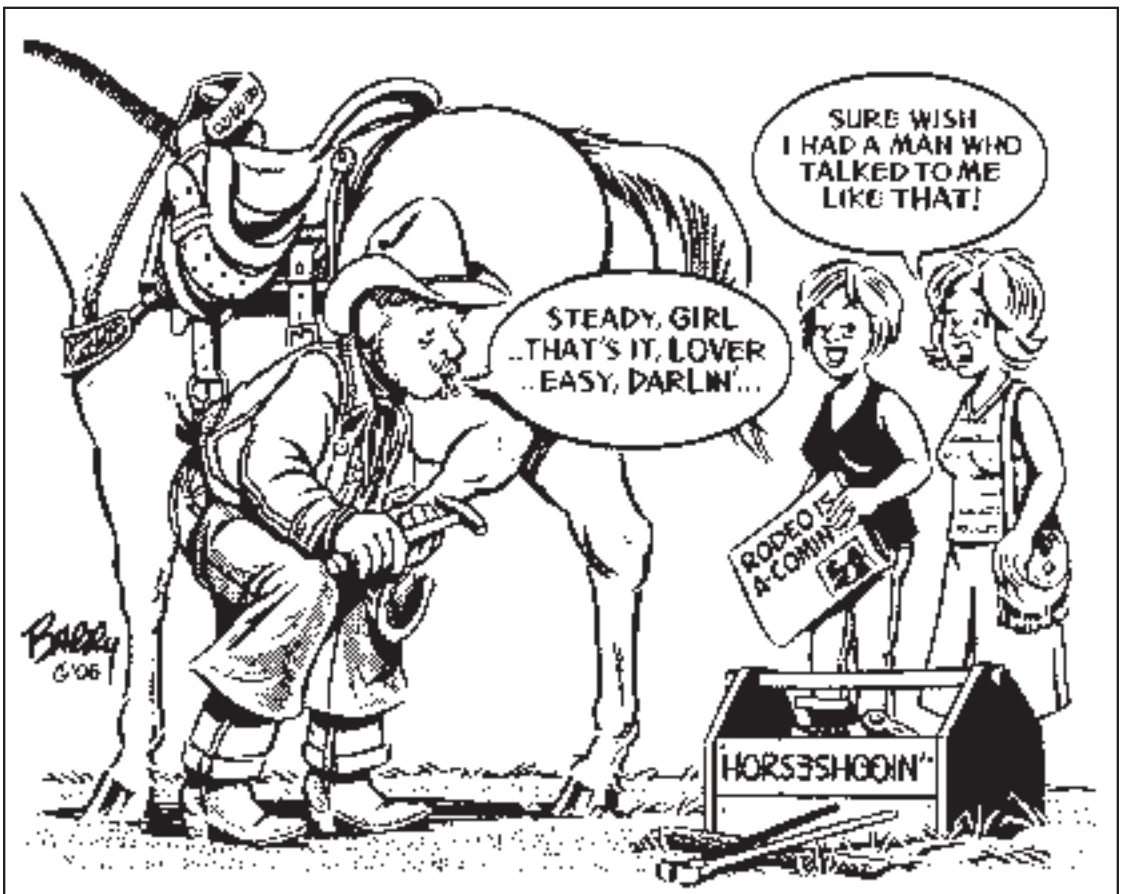
Marriage Licenses

Maurice E. Wolf, 58, Rossville and Regina R. Helmuth, 40, Delphi.

Public Notices appearing in this issue of the Comet:

Sheriff Sale-Cox 18t3	5B
Sheriff Sale-Ashlock 18t3	5B
Sheriff Sale-Roth 18t3	5B
Sheriff Sale-Rush 18t3	5B
Sheriff Sale-Burdine 18t3	5B
Kuszmaul -Estate 19t2d	5B
Flora -Estate 19t2d	5B
Sheriff Sale-Buchanan 19t3	5B
Area IV -Notice 20t1	5B
Reaves -Notice 20t1d	5B
Delphi School-Adv. for Bids 20t2 5B	
Parrett/Town of Flora-Not. 20t1	5B
Sheriff Sale-Kirkpatrick 20t3	5B
Sheriff Sale-Hunter 20t3	5B
Bushman-Estate 20t2d	5B
Orem-Estate 20t2d	5B
Hwy Dept.-Not. to Bid. 20t1	5B
Sheriff Sale-Hut 20t3	5B

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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.

Correction: In last week's issue of the Comet, part of the Circuit Court column was repeated from the week before. The Comet apologizes for the error.

A complaint for breach of contract

and foreclosure of land was filed in Deutsche Bank National Trust Company vs. Harley M. and Connie S. Bissell.

A complaint to reform mortgage was filed in Deutsche Bank vs. Stephen M. Smith.

A complaint was filed in Charles Mathew vs. Jon M. Provo and Tara A. Provo.

A complaint to foreclose mortgage was filed in Wells Fargo Bank NA vs. Paul E. Hunter and Joyce M.

Hunter.

A complaint was filed in Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Kimberly Gullion.

Hector A. Segouiano was charged with Count I, forgery; Count II, identity deception; Count III, contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Matthew J. Cline was charged with aggravated battery.

David C. Bushong was charged with operating a vehicle after forfeiture of a license for life.

Web poll question

Do you believe Carroll County's health department should play a part in the Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District process?

Yes
No
Need more information

Tell us starting Thursday at our web site, carrollcountycomet.com

Web poll results

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 anonymously the following week.

Last Week's Results:
How do you plan to honor your Mother for Mother's Day?
21%-Flowers
17%-Dinner Out
21%-Visit
8%-Phone Call
33%-Other
Total responses: 24

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.

In State of Indiana vs. Steven K. Maxwell, 53, Delphi, the defendant pleaded guilty to Count I, operating while intoxicated; Count II, habitual substance offender; Count II, possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to nine years, with two years suspended and two years of probation.

In State of Indiana vs. Tracy L. Nape, 33, Delphi, the defendant pleaded guilty to Count I, public intoxication. He was sentenced to three months, suspended, and one year of probation.

New Filings
Kevin C. Hammel was charged with Counts I and II, operating while intoxicated, endangering; Count III, failure to stop after an accident resulting in non-vehicle damage; Count IV, driving while suspended.

Bruce Clendeney was charged with operating a vehicle as a habitual traffic violator.

Courtnee P. Pearson was charged with public intoxication.

Dustin L. Prater was charged with illegal consumption of alcohol.

Wilma T. Johnson was charged with Count I, operating while intoxicated, endangering a person; Count II, illegal consumption of alcohol; Count III, reckless driving; Count IV, driving while suspended.

Juan T. Ovalle was charged with driving while intoxicated, endangering a person.

Stevie R. Zook was charged with Counts I and II, possession of a controlled substance.

Hector Bautista was charged with public intoxication.

David J. Jackson was charged with driving while suspended.

John J. Reiff was charged with Count I, illegal consumption of alcohol; Count II, disregarding a stop sign.

James Zopp was charged with illegal consumption of alcohol.

Tama Brown was charged with Counts I and II, operating while intoxicated, endangering; Count III, habitual traffic violator; Count IV, habitual substance offender; Count V, open container; Count VI, speeding, 71/55.

Darrell P. Williams was charged with Count I, auto theft; Count II, false informing.

William S. Belle was charged with operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license.

Peggy J. Hermstine was charged with invasion of privacy.

Christopher S. Ellington was charged with check deception.

Joshua D. Taylor was charged with Count I, operating while intoxicated, endangering; Count II, possession of controlled substance; Count III, failure to return to the scene of an accident, causing injury; Count IV, driving while suspended; Count V, habitual substance offender.

Steven M. Lively was charged with Counts I and II, operating while intoxicated, endangering; Count III, possession of a controlled substance; Count IV, habitual substance offender.

Joe Tristan Sr. was charged with failure to register as a sex offender.

Shawn T. Cranmer was charged with Count I, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more; Count II, possession of

marijuana; Count III, illegal consumption of alcohol.

Robert S. Clark was charged with Count I, operating a vehicle without ever receiving a license; Count II, resisting law enforcement.

Ronald K. Burkhalter was charged with Count I, operating while intoxicated, endangering; Count II, open alcoholic beverage container while operating a vehicle.

Gabino C. Mora, was charged with Count I, operating while intoxicated, endangering.

Timothy S. Loeffler was charged with Count I, possession of paraphernalia; Count II, possession of marijuana; Count III, driving while suspended.

Merranda A. Hillary was charged with check deception.

Kelly D. Anderson was charged with public intoxication.

Grover Alexander was charged with reckless driving.

Alan L. Sorenson was charged with public intoxication.

Omar Ruiz was charged with Count I, operating while intoxicated, endangering; Count II, possession of marijuana; Count III, possession of paraphernalia.

Kent R. Dixon was charged with public intoxication.

Dennell D. Davis was charged with public intoxication.

Julie D. Kramer was charged with public intoxication.

Victor S. Gonzalez was charged with public intoxication.

Linda L. Binder was charged with check deception.

Eusebio G. Bautista was charged with Count I, operating while intoxicated; Count II, open alcoholic beverage container; Count III, habitual substance offender.