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Actions are louder than words

The Carroll County Council needs to be commended for its proactive approach to learning that the county may have a significant shortfall in reserve funds.

Rather than point fingers, the council formed a three-person committee of its own members to learn the facts. After meeting numerous times, the committee reported last week that it determined that the county employs an insufficient accounting system. Upon recommendation of the finance committee, the council approved requesting from the State Board of Accounts a cost estimate for an audit.

Ann Brown chairs the committee. She told the council that since 2002 county expenses have increased significantly while revenues have decreased significantly.

Consistent covering of budget shortfalls from county reserves would eventually deplete the fund. But getting a handle on the situation now with the State Board of Accounts help and taking corrective measures to implement better accounting procedures should go a long way in rectifying the situation.

Kudos again for having the determination and courage, despite the potential sticky situation, to pursue the matter.

Tradition to continue

Long-time contributor to the *Comet's* church page, Wayne Sheagley, died last week.

Mr. Sheagley had been providing a Bible verse each week in the *Comet* and its predecessor, the *Hoosier Democrat*, for over 50 years. Wayne's brother, George, did not want to see his brother's tradition end, so he will continue to supply the weekly Bible verse in memory of his brother.

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

David E. MacIntire was charged with possession of controlled substance, operating while intoxicated – endangering and false informing.

Kenneth Willis was charged with two counts operating while intoxicated – endangering and speeding.

Kyle L. Stacy was charged with operating a vehicle as a habitual traffic violator and possession of paraphernalia.

David A. Goff Jr. was charged with two counts operating while intoxicated – endangering.

Cassie B. Walker was charged with maintaining a common nuisance and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Troy A. Clendenen was charged with driving while suspended.

Ernesto S. Chaples was charged with driving while suspended and disregarding a school bus stop arm.

Joshua Lytle was charged with possession of marijuana and visiting a common nuisance.

Deysi P. Martinez was charged with driving while suspended.

Michael L. Fischer was charged with domestic battery.

Ava D. Willis was charged with public intoxication.

Dustin J. Gangwer was charged with theft and carrying a handgun without a license.

Deivin A. Montono was charged with public intoxication.

Linda R. Peterson was charged with reckless possession of paraphernalia.

Jessica Tankersley was

charged with criminal mischief and false informing.

Randy A. Miller was charged with operating while intoxicated – endangering and habitual substance offender.

Phillip M. White was charged with driving while suspended.

Gregory S. French was charged with operating while intoxicated – endangering, operating a vehicle with ACE of .15 or more and possession of marijuana.

Guadalupe Sandoval, 34, of Lafayette, pled guilty to operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license. She was sentenced to 60 days in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation including two days in jail and participation in a drug and alcohol program.

Joseph P. Mackey, 25, of Delphi, pled guilty to driving while suspended. He was sentenced to one year in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Douglas LaPlante, 47, of Kokomo, pled guilty to intimidation. He was sentenced to three years in jail, all but 142 days suspended, and two and a half years supervised probation.

Scott A. Barnhart was ordered to serve 150 days in-home detention as part of a previously suspended sentence.

Elizabeth Uvalle, 16, of Logansport, pled guilty to operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license. She was sentenced to 30 days in jail, all suspended, 12 hours of community service and one year supervised probation.

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.

Would you feel comfortable in making a cell phone donation to the sheriff office's new program to help someone in need?

Yes
No

Maybe, if personal information is obliterated & not recoverable

Last Weeks results

Do exemptions to the county personnel policy manual render policies ineffective?

68% Yes – there need to be clear and concise guidelines

32% No – every situation is unique and must be examined
Total responses: 19

My venture into the Pilates form of exercise was more of a stumble than the kind of precise and fluid movement that the popular physical fitness system teaches.

I think I was struggling with some sit-ups when Jerry, the instructor at the gym, said, "I think you'd like Pilates." Without any idea of what I was getting into, I was on the floor of the basketball court lying on my back, focusing on my navel and splashing imaginary water with my arms outstretched and to my side.

That first exercise is called "100s" and if the Pilates written quiz asked me why the water splashing sans water is called "100s," well, Jerry's not saying.

Pilates was developed in the early 1900s by Joseph Pilates - and that's the extent of my knowledge of its history. But these days Pilates is hot, hot, hot and Tuesday at 7a.m. is my date with Jerry, the floor mat and a routine of 24 exercises that I'm trying to learn.

Breathing is a big part of the Pilates routine, and it's one of my biggest problems. I often inhale when I should exhale and when I get confused I tend to not breathe at all. This poses its own problem. I came to Pilates thinking I knew how to breathe. This turned out to be an incorrect assumption.

When I breathe deeply my shoulders go up and down. This is incorrect. Instead my rib cage is supposed to go in

Midwest Memo

by Alan Shultz



Child pose, please

and out. Yea, right.

I'm working on the breathing.

I'm working on a lot of things.

My wife says I can't get the Pilates gear, the sleek athletic exercise wear popular with the Pilates crowd, until I actually master some of the routine. That means I show up on Tuesdays in maroon Wilson tennis shorts, circa 1982 and a white t-shirt I got free from Kerfin Home Inspections. Cap that off with white gym socks and tennis shoes. It's a look, but not a "Pilates" look.

Early on in my Pilates experience I thought I could cheat and cut down on the learning curve. I snuck out and bought the DVD "Pilates for Dummies." Unfortunately I think I got the advanced Dummies version because the lady instructor moves so fast I've not splashed any imaginary water before she's on to the next exercise.

A big part of the routine is that the various exercises are supposed to flow together and compliment each other. It's not to be a stop-start venture,

but rather a seamless one into another. Jerry can see that seamless is not going to happen with me, not without a 911 call, anyway. When I look like I'm going to explode, he detours me to what's called "child pose."

Child pose is more Yoga than Pilates. Head on the floor, butt up in the air, child pose is a great back relaxing position and is my temporary refuge before going into exercises with names like: the saw, the bicycle and the teaser.

One exercise right at the end of the floor Pilates routine has thus far stumped me. It's called the seal. Frankly, I'll have to get back to you on why it's called that. Head off the floor, legs extended, look at your navel, put your arms out and grab the inner part of your calf - that's how I think we start the seal. Now inhale, roll backwards, legs up and stop mid-air. Tap your feet together three times. At this point inertia sets in on me and I am in a stopped position. Jerry, on the other hand, is exhaling and rolling back down. I have not found the stomach muscle that triggers that movement - another point on which I'll have to get back to you.

Meanwhile, I'll not be shopping for my Pilates outfit anytime soon.

Heck, you can't see much of me when I'm in child pose. Then again, you do get a lot of maroon Wilson shorts.

Marriage Licenses

Adam Joseph Tracy, 23, of Flora, and Chelsie Leigh Johnson, 18, of Camden.

Robert Earle Brown Jr., 40, of Muscleshools, Ala., and Sabrina Michelle Plunkett, 24, of Delphi.

Louis Michael Fassnacht, 49, and Gloria Lynn Hammel, 42, both of Delphi.

Bernie Howard Bentler, 45, and Dawn Louise Scowden, 35, both of Delphi.

Leslie Dean Shay, 40, and Lisa Gail Pearson, 44, both of Delphi.

Restaurant Inspections

Jones' IGA

Routine inspection: 2/23/07
Summary of violations: 1 non-critical

1) There was a food employee in the food prep area with no hair restraint. Directed to correct by 3/4/07.

29 Mara Mart

Routine inspection
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

The Sandwich Shop

Routine inspection: 2/22/07
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

Carroll High School

Pre-Operational inspection: 2/22/07
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

Carroll Elementary School

Routine inspection: 2/22/07
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

The Corner Cafe

Routine inspection: 2/20/07
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

Parrett's Meat Processing

Routine inspection: 2/20/07
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

Delphi Mid-Land Meals

Routine inspection: 2/19/07
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

Flora Citgo

Routine inspection: 2/16/07
Summary of violations: 1 non-critical

1) There was some Italian Sausage in the walk in cooler not labeled with the common name. Corrected.

Fisher's Restaurant

Routine inspection: 2/16/07
Summary of violations: 1 non-critical

1) The men's restroom is missing a vent cover on the ventilation. Directed to correct by 3/1/07.

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.

Asset Acceptance filed a complaint against Bonnie Short.

Brookville Acquisition filed a complaint against Robert Hoskins Jr.

The State of Indiana charged Michael B. Bradbury with criminal confinement, intimidation and two counts of sexual misconduct with a minor.

The State of Indiana charged Saul Madrigal with forgery and identity deception.

The State of Indiana charged Domingo Miguel Sebastian with forgery and identity deception.

Jeffrey Blaine Thayer and Gayle L. Kampan were named executors of the estate of the late Donabelle May McNally.

The estate of the late Beulah N. Gray was admitted, probate will only.

Melody Runkle was named executor of the estate of the late Jerry Robert Lyn Laswell. New filings

A complaint to foreclose on mortgage was filed by First Financial Bank NA against Charles D. Gossett and Brenda Hekking.

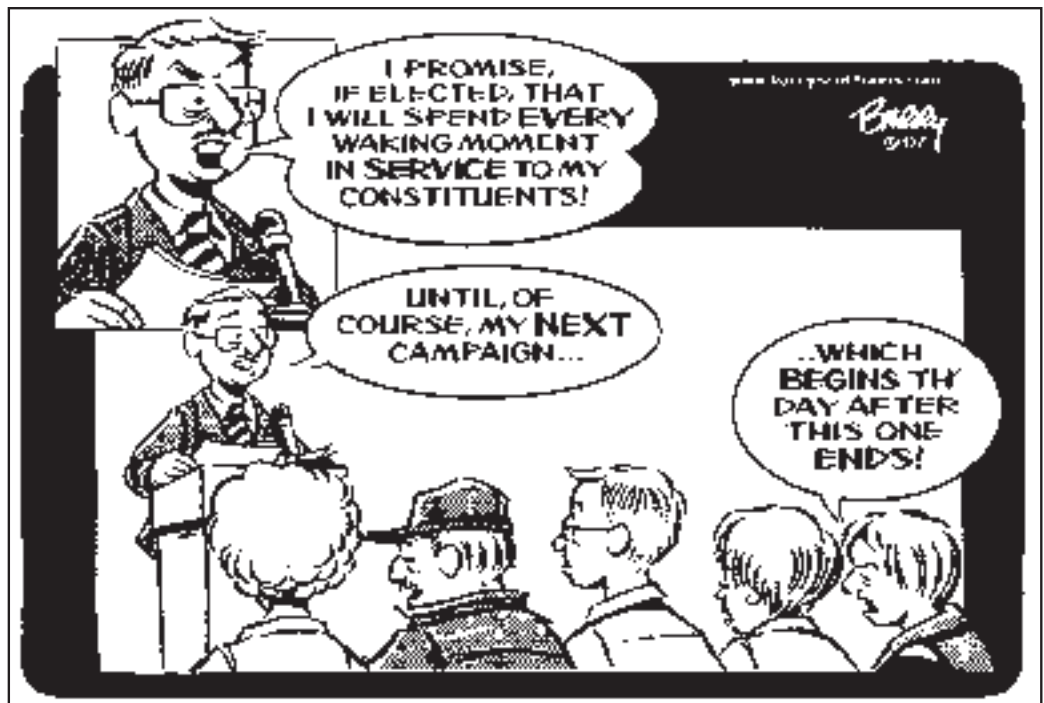
James T. Shelley Jr. was charged with burglary.

Christopher L. Robertson was charged with burglary.

Karen Kay Vaughn and Carroll Ray Miller were named executors of the estate of the late Berenice Miller.

Elizabeth J. Rudd and C. Patrick Burke were named executors of the estate of the late Michael J. Burke.

The following cases were dismissed: Capital One Bank vs. Kristen Birge; Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Deborah Combs; Capital One Bank vs. Donald Hutsell; Capital One Bank vs. Gregory E. Williams; Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company vs. Kasey A. Schnepf; and State of Indiana vs. Viola Campbell.



Letters to the Editor

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Alert deputy

Who is watching out for you? Could it be a passerby, a previous firefighter, or an off-duty Carroll County sheriff's deputy?

Yes, it was all three – Mike Thomas of Flora, a county deputy. He was on his way to a Purdue girls' basketball game when he saw black smoke coming from the west gable of the barn at the Rick and Connie Brown property on SR 18 West.

Thomas stopped to check on the smoke and found flames about eight feet high inside the barn. After calling 911 to alert the Delphi Tri-Township Volunteer Fire Department, Thomas began throwing snow on the fire. By the time Brown got home and the fire department arrived, Thomas nearly had the fire out.

The deputy was a little

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.

Thursday, March 8
√Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District: 7 p.m.-White County Gov. Building
Tuesday, March 13
√Camden Town Council: 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 14
√Burlington Town Council: 7 p.m.
Thursday, March 8
√County Council special meeting for Yeoman grant funding: 8 a.m.

Public Notices appearing in this issue of the Comet:

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Washington TWP-Hearing ...4B
Sheriff Sale-Kepner.....4B
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"smoky" but he made it to the ball game, only a few minutes late.

You just never know who is watching out for you – on or off duty! Isn't Carroll County a special place to live!!

Pat Wisler-Meade
Flora

Takes exception with remark

At the Feb. 19 commissioner's meeting a noted Carroll County business person stated retired persons do not contribute to the economy.

As a retired county resident (taxpaying for 45 years), I deem this remark a blatant, absurd, disrespectful attack directed toward retired senior citizens.

I also maintain retired property owners, receiving income from pensions, annuities, financial investments, and other sources, provide more to the county economy through their tax payments and in-county purchases than persons employed in the county whose residences are located in adjacent counties.

Although my residence is in Carroll County, it is located nearer business districts in Clinton and Tippecanoe counties. Regardless of this proximity, I have purchased the following merchandise in Carroll County – autos, tires, gasoline, groceries, major appliances, auto and property maintenance, etc. It should be noted, in many instances in-county costs exceeded those available in the other business communities.

I purchased from county merchants with the belief my purchases helped the local (county) economy and would be appreciated. In view of this person's statement, it didn't and wasn't.

In the absence of a public apology to all retired persons, perhaps I will direct my purchases to surrounding business districts.

Perhaps this person should review his perspective and consider the positive aspects and attributes retired persons offer our community.

Other counties actively solicit and encourage retirees to locate in their respective counties. Monthly I receive pamphlets extolling their services and virtues, requesting I relocate.

Perhaps our county and business leaders should pursue an agenda welcoming retirees, via establishment of facilities and services tailored to their needs. This would be beneficial, adding diversity to the economy and providing an addition to our tax base.

I apologize to the businesses that the removal of my support will affect, I am sorry, but I refuse to provide unappreciated support.

C.E. Perry
Rossville

Clean-up after your dog

This has bothered me for a while now and I feel that something should be done about it. First, let me ask you one question - would you take your dog to potty on your family's grave stones? I would hope everyone would answer no.

I pass the Camden Cemetery almost every day. All of my family are buried here; my Mother and Father, my sister, my uncles and cousins, a lot of the people who I love are resting there.

Almost every time I drive by there is someone walking their dog, letting them relieve themselves on someone's stone. I think this is very disrespectful and in poor taste. I know there is no law that tells you not to do this but don't you even feel somewhat bad for allowing your dog to do this? You have your own yard for that.

Think about this the next time you go to a cemetery - you walk up to your mother's grave stone and find a pile of dog waste. Now isn't that a lovely gift for someone to leave. I feel there should be a law against this. Does anyone else agree?

Linda Endress
Camden