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## A lesson learned

Carroll County Commissioners took a page from the recent county history book and studied it for its lesson Monday morning.

Remember back in 2000 when the then sitting commissioners invited the Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District into the county to provide what was determined to be a needed service at the time? Is there anyone who does not know how that has turned out so far?

The county drainage board, i.e. commissioners, were faced with a similar situation Monday morning when surveyor Wayne Chapman asked them to sign an agreement with Howard County, containing a waiver for participation to provide drain work on a shared drain. Howard County would in turn assess Carroll County property owners for the cost of the portion of the work done in Carroll County.

Until about two years ago, the commissioners probably wouldn't have thought twice about the agreement. They would have thought it was needed service and would have dispensed with the paperwork in short order. They might not have questioned the need for representation at the decision-making level for the project.

However, times being what they are and all that proverbial water under the bridge has no doubt changed some thought patterns of our county leaders. They questioned the action Monday morning. They sought the advise of their legal council. And in the end, they decided they needed to be more involved. They decided to host a public meeting to ensure all property owners know about the proposed work and know what they might be getting into.

Sometimes there really is a silver lining after all!

## Basic math 101

Commissioners signed an agreement with a firm to examine communication records, such as telephone charges and cellular phone charges and plans, to find instances where valuable tax dollars could be saved by making a change. And when the change is made, the firm hired to do the work will keep a portion of the savings as payment for their work.

A savings is nice, but half-a-savings is bittersweet and shouldn't be confused with proper money management.

Commissioners' president Loren Hylton made a point to emphasize at the Monday morning meeting the contract with the firm was "at no cost to the county." But we take issue with that statement.

For the past year-and-a-half, county council member Steve Ashby has been pouring over cell phone records and working diligently to reduce the number of cell phones, the number of minutes where possible and consolidate plans to save the county money. He has saved several hundreds of dollars each month at the sheriff's department alone. And all money saved stayed in the county.

Savings is good and it is better to save a dollar than not, but hiring a firm to take a portion of the savings should not be viewed as "at no cost to the county."

Call it what it is...paying for a service. Just as over-spending costs the county money, so does relinquishing a portion of savings.

### 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, Nov. 8

√ Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District: 7 p.m.-White County Gov. Building

Tuesday, Nov. 13

√ Camden Town Council: 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 14

√ Commissioners/Council joint meeting to discuss county finances: 7 p.m.

### Public Notices appearing in this issue of the Comet:

- Sheriff Sale-Daily .....5B
- Vanvoorst Vs.....5B
- Raber Adoption.....5B
- Sheriff Sale-Lucas .....5B
- Sheriff Sale-Conde.....5B
- Grant Estate .....5B
- CCSC Addl. Approp.....5B
- Sheriff Sale-Vaughn.....5B
- Clay Twp-Tax Rate.....5B
- IDEM-L&S Peters.....5B
- Sheriff Sale-Sheets.....5B
- County Tax Rates.....3B
- Sheriff Sale-Northern.....5B
- Co. Council-Add'l Appro.....5B

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## 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.

### If expenses are more than income at Carroll Manor, what should be done?

Reduce the expenses to match income  
Increase income by charging residents more  
Close the facility.

### Last Weeks results

Now that it has been a year, what are your feelings about Daylight Saving Time?

- 20% Love it
- 64% Hate it
- 44% Getting used to it
- 5% Have no opinion
- Total responses: 132

### Reader's comments:

We should go back to the Central Time Zone! On "Daylight Savings Time" we're two hours ahead of the sun now!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Still think they should have left it alone.

Word out of Hollywood is that the writers are on strike. Horrors, that means reruns on Letterman!

Given that the writers' strike is officially up and running you would think that the writers here at the *Comet* might get a call or at least an e-mail to join our brothers and sisters in California. So far, I think we've been ignored.

If *Comet* writers joined in the strike we'd have to get more organized than we currently are. Given that the paper has two locations and that both locations have a front and back door, well, I'm not sure we have enough folks to man the doors so that we could shut the place down.

Then there's the whole matter of burning barrels. I think a real strike requires burning barrels to keep the image going. I can't see the Flora Town Council letting me stoke a burning barrel out front. Given my lack of talent in the fire building arena I'd be better off doing a little Weber grill. But that would confuse the passerby - and, I'd probably have to get a food license to boot. Do I do hot dogs and hamburgers? Where do you put the condiments? Do you share with management? You see how complicated it can get. I understand the strike is

## Midwest Memo

by Alan Shultz



### Picket line

mostly over DVD and Internet rights. I guess I'm not even sure what we should be demanding from management here in Carroll County.

Actually, I really like the idea of picketing and going on strike. I mean, it would make such interesting news. The headlines, the pictures, the hair pulling - oh, it would be great. Then again, there wouldn't be anyone to cover the story - and my clothes would smell like smoke. **How are you?**

The state of my health is quite good, yet I must look pretty awful. I say that because I get asked how I am feeling from approximately 200-300 people per day.

I don't know when the pendulum shifted, but "how are you" has replaced just about every greeting ever previously used by human kind.

I don't like it. And despite that, I've fallen into the habit myself.

The other day my answering machine had three messages

from three different telemarketers. The window replacement guy, the public radio guy and the lady from the car dealership all called on the same day. Each one of the callers started out their greeting the same way with the same pressing question..

"Hello Mr. Shultz, how are you? This is blah, blah, blah."

Given that I wasn't home, I don't think they really were going to wait around for an answer as to the state of my health.

Here's a little secret. No one cares. Practically no one, anyway. And trust me, they don't want an answer. Good grief, our society as we know it would grind to a halt if we all had to wait around for an answer to the "how are you" question.

I think I resent the phrase because it has become such an overused throw away line. I'm tired of it being thrown my way. And, truly, I wince when I toss it out myself. Yet toss it I do.

I supposed there's no one capable of turning back this annoying phrase. But there is one group, a group of seven needing increased funding to carry on. Yes, I'm thinking a "how are you" greeting tax.

Memo to the file: get scheduled on the next County Council meeting agenda.

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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.

Chase Bank USA filed a complaint against Joel C. Levon.

American Acceptance filed a complaint against Travis Draper.

JP Morgan Chase Bank NA filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate against Orville G. Brown and Diane Brown.

Robert J. Vanvoorst filed a complaint against Delores Delenbach, Diane Roberson and Deborah Altamirano, all of the heirs at law of Roger O. Ross, now deceased, and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the property described in the complaint adverse to petitioner's ownership, or any cloud on petitioner's title.

Palisades Collection LLC filed a transfer against Cheryl A. Green aka Warner.

ArrowFin Service filed a complaint against Gerry E. Gibbs.

John J. Rieken was charged with dealing in methamphetamines, possession of methamphetamines, possession of chemical reagents or precursors with intent to manufacture a controlled substance and illegal possession of anhydrous ammonia or ammonia solution.

PHH Mortgage Corporation filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate against Johnathan J. Blake.

NPB Mortgage UC filed a complaint on a promissory note against Tom D. Huse and Carroll County Treasurer.

GE Money Bank filed a complaint against Ralph Hankins and Brenda L. Hankins.

LVNV Funding LLC filed a complaint against Kimberly Scroggs.

Bank of New York filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate against Travis L. Davis and unknown tenant.

HSBC Bank USA filed an in rem complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage against Paula Anna Johnson, Gerald McCloskey and unknown tenant.

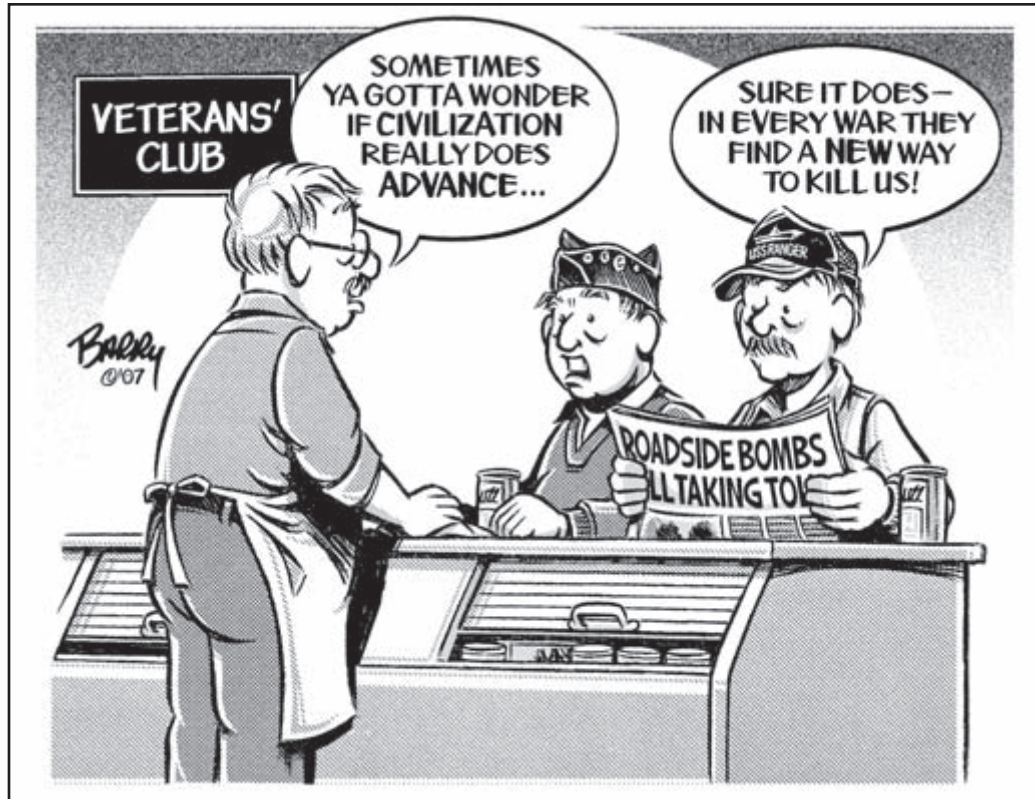
Citimortgage Inc. filed a complaint on note against Patrick Busch and State of Indiana.

Bank of New York filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage against Albert W. Downhour, Pioneer Regional School Corporation, American General Finance and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems.

American Acceptance Company LLC filed a complaint against Adam J. Tracy.

Lydal Hood filed a complaint on promissory note against Donald R. Bennett and Susan M. Bennett.

Deradee Remaly was charged with theft and four counts of forgery.



## 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.

Capital One Bank vs. Marla J. Stark, a case formerly dismissed, was reinstated to the court's active docket.

Trina Stewart was ordered to pay \$1,187.09 to Asset Acceptance LLC.

The following cases were dismissed: State of Indiana vs. Aaron Tyner; State of Indiana vs. Victor Gonzalez; Mann Chevrolet-Buick Inc. vs. Roger Rush; Harry W. Jones DDS vs. Winifred Peek; and Lucas Family Dentistry vs. Michael Atwood.

In a default judgment, Chris McTigue was ordered to pay \$8,707.10 to Beneficial Indiana.

For convictions related to alcohol, the following were meted a combination of jail time, with some suspensions, probation with fees, community service, house arrest, participation in a court-approved drug and alcohol program, and suspended and/or probationary driving privileges: Aaron M. Kirkpatrick, 28, of Lexington, Ky., operating a motor boat while intoxicated; Amber N. Morgeson, 26, of Hoopston, Ill., public intoxication; Jason B. Stockment, 26, of Brookston, operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangering a person; Anthony C. Smeltzer, 41, of Sharpville, operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangering a person and disregarding a stop sign; Jere Hill, 20, of Lafayette, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage; Eric A. Christensen, 20, of Delphi, operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangering a person and possession of marijuana; and Jose S. Linares-Ordonez, 44, of Delphi, operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Kelli L. Kelly, of Flora, pled guilty to check deception. She was sentenced to 90 days in jail, all suspended, and one year unsupervised probation.

Michael P. Godlove, 22, of Monticello, pled guilty to visiting a common nuisance. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, all suspended, and one year unsupervised probation.

Brianna Lucas, 22, of Delphi,

pled guilty to criminal mischief. She was sentenced to 90 days in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Marcia A. Maxwell, of Forrest, pled guilty to check deception. She was sentenced to 180 days in jail, all suspended, and one year unsupervised probation.

Monica Overmyer, 53, of Delphi, pled guilty to disorderly conduct. She was sentenced to 180 days in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Jacob A. Wright, 24, of Delphi, pled guilty to receiving stolen property, conversion and driving while suspended. He was sentenced to three years in jail, all suspended, and three years supervised probation.

The following cases were dismissed: State of Indiana vs. James R. Hudson Jr.; State of Indiana vs. Amanda L. Westbrook; State of Indiana vs. Lisa D. Atkinson; Harry W. Jones DDS vs. Nolan Wood and Sara Wood; Harry W. Jones DDS vs. Kelly Stokes; Young's Culligan vs. Sarah Kissell; Brad Cable d/b/a Brad Cable Leasing LLC vs. Peek Trucking Company Inc.; Enesco LLC vs. Mary Jo L. Meek d/b/a CJ's Hallmark Shop; Delphi Hardware and Paint vs. Dean May; and Harry W. Jones DDS vs. Joey Englekling.

In an agreed judgment, Susie Mummert was ordered to pay \$144 to Harry W. Jones.

Default judgments were entered for the plaintiff in the following cases: Harry W. Jones vs. Thomas Reneau and Sarah Reneau; Capital One Bank vs. Mindy N. Thompson; and Citibank (S. Dak.) NA vs. Jamie D. Houser.

Jacob Murphy was ordered to pay \$259.43 to Tara Wilson.

Tanya L. Harper was charged with operating while intoxicated - endangering (two counts), habitual substance offender and expired registration.

Sherri A. Hinton was charged with driving while suspended.

Joseph R. Kornas was charged with possession of marijuana and visiting a common nuisance.

Ryan McKenzie was charged with public intoxication.

Georgianna L. Rush was charged with public intoxication.

Delia M. Northern was charged with theft and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Todd Joseph Crider was charged with theft.

David Rubio was charged with operating while intoxicated - endangering, open container and speeding.

Curtis E. Hawk was charged with possession of marijuana and furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Jose R. Martinez was charged with possession of cocaine and operating while intoxicated - endangering.

Erika L. O'dore was charged with illegal consumption.

Kyle Hughes was charged with driving while suspended and speeding.

Lauren B. Bowman was charged with aiding, inducing or causing fraud.

Amber N. North was charged with operating while intoxicated - endangering, unsafe lane movement and license plate requirement.

The following were charged with check deception: James E. Hall; Tricia K. Baker (three counts); Aja J. Hiatt Mallory (three counts); Jason L. Bush; Rachel L. Lucas; John J. Reiken (four counts); Dale M. Michael (two counts); Michael L. Taber (two counts); Kristin S. Whitworth (two counts); Misty Mulkey; Jennifer Haskin; Bill Ruhge; Jeffery S. Marshall; Jason J. Endress (four counts);

Timothy M. Mounts was charged with battery resulting in bodily injury.

Joseph L. Shultz was charged with criminal recklessness.

Shannon Saylor was charged with maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana and illegal consumption.

Jason J. Schroeder was charged with operating while intoxicated - endangering, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and failure to dim headlights.

Marc A. Sperry was charged with illegal taking of fish.

Sonja M. Reeves was charged with false informing.

Larry D. Peterson was charged with public intoxication.

Robert J. Brown was charged with public intoxication.

Ashley B. Ireland was