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## R-E-S-P-E-C-T

Disagreements between members of the taxpaying public and entities which utilize tax money can easily cause tension to surface. When it does, how the stress is handled can make a difference not only in the issue's outcome but in the mindsets of those watching.

As was reported in last week's *Comet*, a public meeting was held May 24 at Camden Elementary School. Delphi Community School Corporation Superintendent Ralph Walker said he called the meeting to clear up misconceptions and provide detailed information regarding re-alignment of the district's elementary schools.

Many patrons who attended the meeting seemed less concerned with learning more of the school board's current plans and more with how the re-alignment decision could be reversed and replaced with a different plan.

In and of itself, there was nothing inherently wrong with the public taking the opportunity to let the school board know the plan was not well-received. It's not new information that re-alignment is not favored by all, and understandable that some minds won't be changed.

However, the manner in which public opinion was conveyed was highly questionable. Moreover, responses by the board were less than appropriate.

During the course of the two hour meeting, at least two allegations were made by certain residents that the board performed illegal acts during the re-alignment process. Board members staunchly denied the accusations. So staunchly, in fact, that one board member loudly demanded that the riled crowd "shut up" and let him finish his explanation.

Also, information provided by both patrons and school representatives during the meeting regarding comments by another board member were not accurate.

Unfortunately, adults who said they represent the interests of students on both community and educational levels did not treat each other with respect during talks.

The point the *Comet* would like to make is that no matter what situation arises between the people of Carroll County, respect should be of utmost importance in all cases.

Children keep a watchful eye on many things, especially behavior. A great deal of what they learn in life will come through watching and listening.

How can we as parents or school officials expect positive changes to take place in students' lives and our communities if we treat each other so poorly when we try to solve problems?

Education is a broad-based word. It affects many aspects of peoples' lives both young and old. Whether right or wrong, a decision has been made and a plan put in motion with the intent of helping all students perform as well as possible. No matter what stance we take, we should always be mindful that we are being watched by the children.

What we do and say today affects how this community, county, nation and world works tomorrow. It should be paramount to us to attack issues, not people.

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### Web poll

Tell us starting Wednesday at our web site,  
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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.

#### How do you plan to celebrate Father's Day?

- With a family dinner
- By attending or running in the Carroll County Hog Jog in Flora
- By attending the Heritage Transportation Festival in Delphi
- Other

#### Last Weeks results

Do you believe that county government would run more efficiently and economically with the hiring of a county manager?

50% Yes  
43% No  
07% Undecided  
Total responses: 42

#### Reader's comments:

The fate of the county in the hands of one? WOW

I'm quite fond of a certain couple, a minister and his wife. I got to know them over a real estate deal a while back. Not long ago I toured the newly remodeled edifice they now call their church home.

We walked the building together, four floors including a little nursery tucked up at the top. When we descended down to the basement level, the minister beamed as though St. Peter was going to make an unannounced appearance. Instead, it was the basement floor over which the minister could barely contain his enthusiasm.

A volunteer from the congregation was the agent of transformation for what had once been a tired, dull, red floor with wear marks and flaking paint. The new floor was a shiny gray with a whirlwind of little confetti looking pieces in a multitude of bright cheerful colors. The effect was bright and zesty, a visual without plan or order but instead, with motion and energy.

The minister told me the painting process uses a splatter technique towards the end when the confetti is applied. That's when the painter must take a leap of faith that, without plan or template, the color can be tossed and splattered about with a pleasing appearance when it comes to rest. No "do overs" are allowed here.

I like symmetry. I like matching ends and even corners and finding the center and balance. The splatter method sounded risky to me. A painter with no plan, no ruler, instead, a bucket of color tossed to the wind like me salting the sidewalk to get

## Midwest Memo

by Alan Shultz



### Splatter

rid of the ice.

Yet there it was before us, splatter in the most artful presentation possible. There on the basement floor it seemed a little like one of the faithful captured a bit of the wonder of the universe. For without plan and without template, color and energy and the wonder of random had been captured for all those walking upon to enjoy.

Isn't it odd that a walk in the basement can teach hints of the wonder of creation?

#### Alone

Our friends, Jean and John, have a swimming pool out in their back yard. They've had this pool for almost 30 years. It has been the source of many a story. I remember many years back when they woke in the middle of the night to noises in their back yard. A harmless group of teens had found their way into the yard and they were having an impromptu swim. Imagine!

These days a sole duck has taken up residence in the pool. Jean describes how this fellow defends his turf when other ducks come to visit. He's been doing this for a couple years now.

The duck lets the owners have their time in the pool, lets them maintain it, too. He goes off in the wooded corners of the yard to keep out of their way.

I wonder about this fellow's aloneness. What makes him want this solitary existence, defending a little bit of turf intended for purposes other than him.

#### White bread

I have a business deal going these days with a lady whose last name is Whitebread- one word.

I've not asked Mrs. Whitebread the history behind her name. It's certainly one of those names easy to remember.

Other than Mrs. Whitebread, I don't run into white bread very often. We are a wheat and whole grain kind of family and the white bread doesn't make it to our table.

Recently we got the taste for barbeque and I ventured off to a place called Porky's on old Rt 12. Except for the pink pig painted on the side of the building, the folks at Porky's don't spend a lot of money on fancy. That's true on the inside, as well as the outside of the place. But they do know barbeque as the smell surrounding the building amply testifies.

My wife and I lugged two beach chairs and our two pork sandwiches down to the beach that evening. The sun was low in the sky and the clouds were mountains of fluff piled one upon the other. A prettier picture one could not imagine.

My wife laughed aloud as we unwrapped our Porky sandwiches to find them on simple white bread. Then the sun slid down into the lake and we feasted like royalty with Mother Nature at our beck and call. White bread never tasted so good.

## 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.

Palisades Collection LLC filed a complaint against Katie Anderson.

Midland Credit Management Inc. filed a complaint against David Nethercutt.

Washington Mutual Bank filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage against Jeffrey Eugene Wheatley and Kay J. Wheatley.

Chase Home Finance LLC filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate against Thomas F. Delaney and Kristie J. Delaney.

Midland Credit Management filed a complaint against Angela Roberts.

HSBC Bank filed a complaint against Teresa L. Snyder.

State of Indiana charged Shannon C. Heath with forgery.

The estate of the late Helen I. Kinzie was admitted, probate will only.

Jeffrey B. Gray was named executor of the estate of the late Stephen V. Gray.

Marian J. Smith was named executor of the estate of the late Herschel C. Smith.

Larry D. Hartzler was named executor of the estate of the late Esther C. Shumaker.

Columbia Credit Services Inc. filed a complaint to confirm arbitration award against Bernadine Alspaugh.

Wells Fargo Bank NA filed a complaint to foreclose mortgage against Jeffrey L. Leslie.

Crystal Laughlin filed a complaint for damages against The Ohio Casualty Insurance Co.

Capital One Bank filed a complaint against Sherri A. Moore.

Kathy L. Veach filed a complaint against Clay A. Whitlock, Dena Whitlock and Randy Whitlock.

Hudson and Keyse LLC filed a complaint for damages against Casey Harmon.

Yolanda Castillo and Ricardo Canchola filed a complaint against Matt Sutter, Robert J. Lathrop and Doris A. Lathrop.

Patrick J. O'Donnell and Joseph A. O'Donnell were named executors of the estate of the late Patrick J. O'Donnell.

LNV Funding LLC filed a new complaint against Brad Ocker.

Bank of America NA filed a complaint against Jerry L. Pickett.

Bank of New York Trust Co. NA filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage against Barbara Eller.

Wells Fargo Bank filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate against Neal C. and Elizabeth McTigue.

Citimortgage Inc. filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate against Linda and John L. Gadiant.

GE Money Bank filed a complaint against Linda Buita.

Capital One Bank filed a complaint against Russell E. Snider.

The estate of the late Rebecca L. Ervin was admitted, probate will only.

A decree of dissolution was entered between the following:

Robin E. Maxwell II and April Maxwell;

Nancy L. Land and Kenneth E. Land;



## 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

Jessica L. Perry was charged with battery resulting in bodily injury, resisting law enforcement, public intoxication and battery.

Alexander L. Hess was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

Daisy E. Dann was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting law enforcement.

Phillip K. Clifford was charged with driving while suspended.

Justin D. Walker was charged with operating while intoxicated - endangering.

Sheila S. Maloney was charged with operating while intoxicated - endangering and reckless driving.

James S. Prater was charged with driving while suspended.

Ruben Zamora was charged with illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage and disorderly conduct.

Andrew J. Ball was charged with failure to stop after accident resulting in non-vehicle damage and criminal mischief.

Ronnie J. Hunt was charged with maintaining a common nuisance.

Robert D. Perry was charged with public intoxication.

Jody L. Hedges was charged with check deception.

Hector F. Bautista was charged with illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

Dakota J. Horn was charged with check deception.

Tina J. May was charged with check deception.

Erika Zamora was charged with disorderly conduct.

Patricia A. Evans was charged with check deception.

Marjorie B. Spray was charged with check deception.

Diana L. Loeffler was charged with public intoxication.

Joshua B. Webster was charged with conversion.

Michael T. Stone was charged with visiting a common nuisance.

Rachel N. Wheeler was charged with criminal mischief.

Christina R. Nicholas was charged with operating while intoxicated - endangering.

Monica C. Overmyer was

charged with domestic battery.

Jose A. Zamora was charged with illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

Joshua R. Sales was charged with two counts operating while intoxicated - endangering.

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Blaine M. McLeland, 19, of Brookston, pled guilty to possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to one year in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

The following cases were dismissed: Kara L. Collier; Rosemary Lovvorn; Zachary R. Humbarger; Ernesto Pardes; and KeyBank NA vs. Chad and Amy Wrightsman.

Traci L. Hahn, of Lafayette, pled guilty to check deception. She was sentenced to 180 days in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

The following cases were entered for the plaintiff: Michael A. Lucy vs. Sarah Rubeck in the amount of \$779.78; Donald F. Connelly vs. Katrina Davis Leger, \$311.88; and Carl Treece vs. Rodney W. Ward, \$3,290.00.

In an agreed judgement, Douglas E. Lowe was ordered to pay \$3,385 to the State of Indiana.

Default judgements were entered for the plaintiff in the following cases: Consumer Portfolio Services Inc. vs. Mark K. Kirts, \$6,861.75; and American General Financial Services Inc. vs. Christopher L. Lauderdale, \$5,333.12.

The following cases were dismissed: Baldwin Auto Supply vs. Welker Farm; Indiana Packers Corp. vs. Hartford Fire Insurance Co.; and Horizon Veterinary Service Inc. vs. David and Michelle Wilson.

The following cases were entered for the plaintiff: Atlantic Credit & Finance Inc. vs. Gregory S. French, \$2,042.32; Capital One Bank vs. Rick L. Robertson, \$1,065.96; Linda Austin vs. Chuck Nutt, \$1,302.25; Target National Bank vs. Ruth E. Isley, \$3,887.87; and Joseph D. Bartlett vs. Thomas Preston and Leann Marvell, \$1,231.41

Rodney D. Snow, 35, of Indi-

anapolis, pled guilty to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated - endangering. He was sentenced to three years in jail, two and one half years suspended, and two and one half years supervised probation.

Eric M. Belford, 24, of Idaville, pled guilty to possession of paraphernalia. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Jose V. Aguirre-Munoz, 23, of Chicago, pled guilty to operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license and speeding. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail, all suspended, and one year unsupervised probation.

Jeremy D. Houser, 19, of Delphi, pled guilty to possession of paraphernalia. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, all suspended, and 180 days supervised probation.

## Marriage Licenses

Dennis Lee Shockey, 59, and Deborah Jean Goris, 50, both of Delphi.

Roman Blake Griese, 24, of Lafayette, and Kyla Norene Ross, 25, of Flora.

Benjamin Levi Geiser, 29, of Caneyville, Ky., and Elizabeth Ellen Etter, 27, of Delphi.

Gary Lee Davidson II, 30, and Sabrina J. Beauchamp, 29, both of Flora.

Joseph A. Rehwinkel Jr., 43, and Tamzen Sue Mikels, 47, both of Delphi.

Rick D. Morris, 46, and Ella D. Norris, 49, both of Monticello.

Kyle James Bruton, 25, and Carol Christine Cox, 24, both of Atlanta, Ga.

Kelly Richard Anglemeyer, 26, and Valerie Ann Christner, 22, of Delphi.

Timothy T. Spratt, 42, and Penny L. Wimsatt, 48, both of Monticello.

Benjamin Scott Pritts, 45, and Durina Salte Sarino, 19, both of Monticello.

### 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, June 7

√County council special budget meeting: 8:30 a.m. **Thursday, June 14**  
√ Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District: 7 p.m.-  
White County Gov. Building

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