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## Time to go on

Beginning today, county leaders – council members and commissioners - will begin to reduce the county budget appropriations for 2008 based on recommendations from the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

It is important to remember that county employment is not an entitlement program. County employees are paid to WORK. Employment, overtime, compensatory time and a nice health insurance program are all classified as extra job benefits.

Many people in this county have suffered cutbacks and/or layoffs at their jobs at one time or another. Some have lost jobs due to overspending on the part of employers. It happens and people live through it.

Personnel who will no longer be employed by Carroll County when the final word is said will live through it as well. How they handle it, be it with grace or with rage, is an indication of their character and has nothing to do with those who must make the tough decisions necessary to right the wrong in Carroll County finances.

## Clinton County judge gets it

Last week, Clinton County Judge Linley Pearson was in Carroll Circuit Court as a special judge to decide if the former county employee, who served as the county health nurse for more than five years before being criminally charged, should go to jail for several probation violations. Pearson, not a resident of Carroll County, seemed to be sympathetic to the financial plight of the county when he ordered jail time for the criminal to be served in the Indiana Department of Correction (DOC).

That move meant that, although the prisoner would likely be housed in the local jail, Carroll County would be reimbursed for costs associated with housing her until her release.

Judge Pearson could have just as easily remanded the prisoner to the Carroll County Jail to serve her 90-day sentence. His tax dollars were not being used for her upkeep and maintenance. When DOC picks up the tab, our state tax dollars are spent...so in essence the judge will now share the cost of incarceration.

We expect our own Carroll County judges to make similar fiscal decisions. Any cost saving to the county at this particular juncture in time is a step in the right direction.

## 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.

In a default judgment, John S. Dietrich was ordered to pay \$10,491.41 to Discover Bank.

Guy M. Studebaker filed a motion for and was granted summary judgment in his favor in the cause of Richard Baxter and Connie Watts vs. Gricelda Valdez, et al.

Capital One Bank filed a complaint against Wamsher d/b/a Bringham Repair.

Ford Motor Credit filed a complaint against Henry L. Ivey.

Regions Bank d/b/a Regions Mortgage Union Planters Bank filed a complaint to and to foreclose mortgage on real estate against Susan E. Remaly and Culligan of Delphi.

Capital One Bank filed a complaint against Pamela French.

Capital One Bank filed a complaint against Shirley J. Stiles.

GE Money Bank filed a complaint against Peggy Anderson a/k/a Knopf.

Washington Mutual Bank filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate against Marc D. Macaluso.

US Bank National Association filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate against William Adams.

GMAC filed a complaint against Danielle K. Wharff and Chad W. Wharff.

GE Money Bank filed a complaint against Shain Swils.

Capital One Bank filed a complaint against John L. Gill.

HSBC Bank Nevada NA filed a complaint against Kimberly A. Dillman.

Capital One Bank filed a complaint against Lawrence J. Herron.

Capital One Bank filed a complaint against Sarah Maxwell.

Jeffrey A. Keck and Michelle L. Keck filed a complaint for damages against Diane E. Clifford.

## 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.

**Are you interested in attending debates for those seeking positions on local school boards?**

Yes  
No

### Last Weeks results

**How ready are you for spring?**

60% Ready enough to move to make it happen earlier  
22% I'll take it when it gets here...no hurry  
18% I'm patiently looking at seed catalogs and polishing my garden tools  
Total responses: 68

I was out showing real estate the week before last to a delightful family of four. We met for the first time just that very day. Due to the frigid weather we got to know each other only very briefly as we scurried from building to building.

As a salesman, I know to keep away from politics and religion in casual conversation. That was easy this particular day as I kept to the topic of the weather. The wind chill was -10 and that thermometer reading made us literally run down the sidewalk and across busy streets only to shiver together as we waited for doormen to buzz us through locked lobby doors.

It's funny what you learn about folks while house hunting. Usually the decision maker in the group shows himself or herself early in the search. Also, you find out quickly if folks are comfortable with the occasional quiet moment or need constant small talk. I talk a little too much and I speak to the traffic around me when I drive. The people I work with learn that about me real early on.

On our second property stop we huddled in front of our destination when I heard the electronic click of the front door even before the buzzer went off. We five dashed inside the warm confines of the lobby lickety-split. As we thawed, one of the family members broke the prevailing silence.

"Well, first off, that will have to go."

## Midwest Memo

by Alan Shultz



### Duly noted

I looked in the direction the speaker was motioning and was surprised to see the red, white and blue of the United States flag standing alone in the corner.

I said nothing, but duly noted that politics had unexpectedly entered the scene and suddenly I was now more informed on the beliefs of the folks with whom I was working.

No comment was called for from me, no debate was appropriate and we proceeded on with our appointments, the statement about the flag, duly noted.

Flash forward a few days.

On the campaign trail stumping for husband Senator Barack Obama, who is seeking to be the Democratic party presidential nominee, Michele Obama shared the following observation in two different speeches given in Wisconsin:

"For the first time in my adult life, I am really proud of my country. Not just because Barack is doing well, but I think people are hungry for change."

Let me be the first to point out that the statement is taken out of context. Mrs. Obama was giving a political speech to supporters at a campaign rally. Whatever her words meant, they were spoken in that context for that audience.

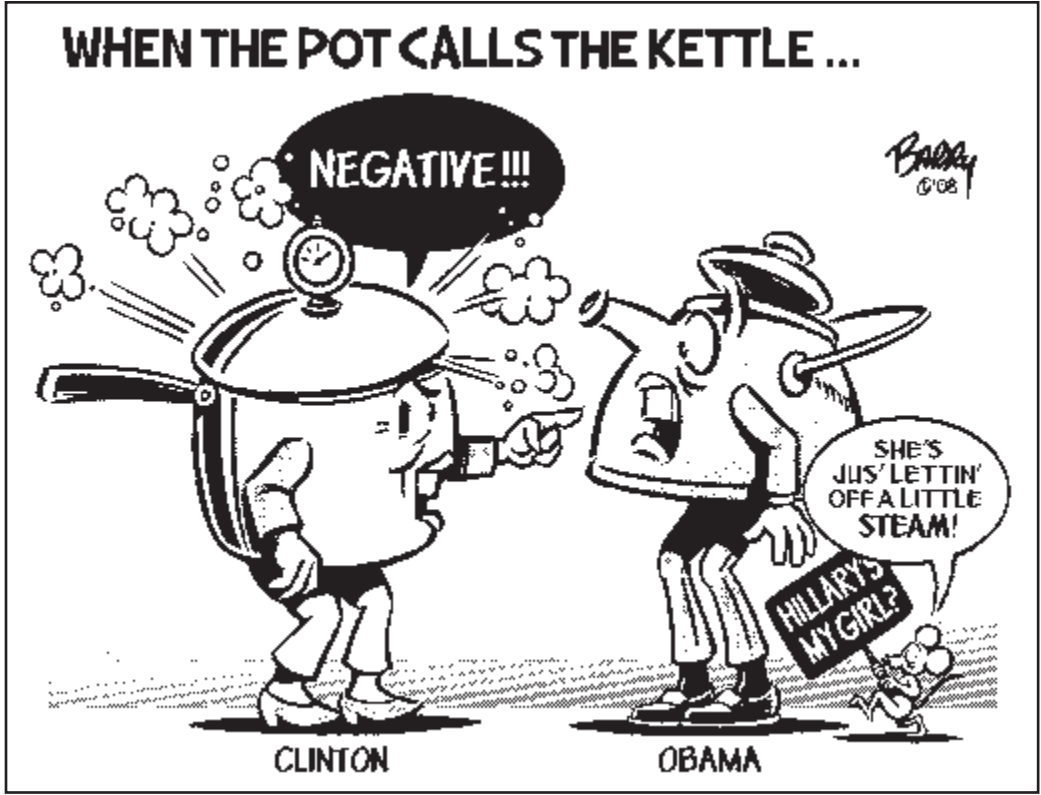
But second, let me point out that Mrs. Obama was not responding to a question here. She had volunteered this observation about pride and country, whatever it meant... twice.

I've said plenty of things over time that I wished I could restate. I've yearned for a "do over" so to speak. I've even written things in this column that, given the opportunity, I would make clearer. Sometimes you get that chance and sometimes you don't.

Well, Mrs. Obama got more than a passing opportunity for her "do over." The *Chicago Sun Times* devoted the entire front page of its 2/21/08 edition and an entire page inside to reporting what Mrs. Obama really meant. The headline "WHAT I REALLY SAID" was in one inch bold caps. But the *Times* got the headline wrong since the rehash and re-statement equalled the reporting of a "WHAT I REALLY MEANT."

For days Mrs. Obama's critics were all over her statement with their own rhetoric while her supporters twisted nouns and verbs to make sense of it all. Cindy McCain, wife of Republican nominee frontrunner Senator John McCain, jumped in with what seemed like an awkward profession of pride in country. The entire affair proved to be an interesting tempest in a teapot.

In this case regarding Mrs. Obama's observation of pride and country, "duly noted," also works quite well for me.



## 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

Daniel J. Crowe was charged with operating while intoxicated – endangering a person, disregarding a stop sign and expired plates.

Adam B. Smith was charged with driving while suspended.

Patricia Flores was charged with operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license.

Dagoberto Flores was charged with public intoxication.

Miguel F. Leiva was charged with operating while intoxicated – endangering a person and disregarding a stop sign.

Seth A. Scales was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

Sarah E. Pinkerton was charged with public intoxication.

Karl A. Leyolet was charged with driving while suspended.

Brandon A. Davis was charged with operating while intoxicated – endangering (two counts), operating a motor vehicle with a Schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Nathan A. Drain was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Cameron R. Dockerty was charged with identity deception.

Gregory D. Hall was charged with illegal consumption and open container.

Brady Sorrells was charged with public intoxication, criminal mischief and criminal recklessness.

Chad A. Bottoms was charged with two counts of theft.

Leshawn D. Justice was charged with operating while intoxicated.

Troy A. Clendenen was charged with driving while sus-

pending and disregarding a stop sign.

The following were charged with check deception: Michael A. Cadwallader (three counts); Tori C. King (two counts); Justin A. Lund; Kenneth N. Patterson (two counts); Janie L. Radke (two counts); Scott A. Roth; Jessica L. Tharp; Marcella Van Sickle (two counts); Jason W. Webb; and Malfrey Paul Williams (two counts).

Alan L. Sorenson was charged with public intoxication.

Derek J. Wagoner was charged with operating while intoxicated – endangering a person, possession of paraphernalia and driving left of center.

Antonio Delgado-Zarate, 19, of Flora, pled guilty to operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Krystal M. Phenis, 23, of Gas City, pled guilty to possession of marijuana. She was sentenced to one year in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Default judgements were entered for the plaintiff in the following causes: First Financial Bank NA vs. Gary L. Ennis and Pamela S. Ennis, in the amount of \$11,508.44; First Financial Bank NA f/k/a Sand Ridge Bank vs. Shelly A. Amich, \$5,427.54; and Rondi M. Wireman vs. Erin Baughman, \$400.

Jerry Johnston was ordered to pay \$6,559.80 to Chase Manhattan Bank USA NA.

In an agreed judgement, Natasha Roller was ordered to pay \$2,287.78 to Argent Healthcare Financial Service.

The following were meted a combination of jail time, suspensions, probation and other convictions for alcohol-related offenses: Kristie N. Martin, 24, of Whiting, operating a vehicle while intoxicated – endangering a person; and Michael L. Galimore, 47, of Camden, operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated – en-

dangering a person.

The cause of Westlake Financial vs. Jeremy Butler and Nicole Spangler was dismissed.

The following were meted a combination of jail time, suspensions, probation and other convictions for alcohol-related offenses: Chester L. Whitmore Jr., 22, of Yuma, Ariz., operating a vehicle while intoxicated – endangering a person and operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more; Gary D. Robinson, 30, of Camden, operating a vehicle while intoxicated – endangering a person; Dennis E. Warren, 65, of Monticello, operating a vehicle while intoxicated – endangering a person; and Kristin N. Wendling, 25, of Lafayette, public intoxication.

Ronald R. Bell, 52, of Lafayette, pled guilty to six counts of check deception. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

David L. Kelly, 49, of Flora, pled guilty to domestic battery and disorderly conduct. He was sentenced to two years in jail, one year suspended, and one year supervised probation.

The following causes were dismissed: State of Indiana vs. Chad D. Shinneman; and State of Indiana vs. Mark E. McLeland.

Tyson Lawson, 25, of Monticello, pled guilty to driving while suspended and admitted a speeding violation. He was sentenced to one year in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

The following were meted a combination of jail time, suspensions, probation and other penalties for convictions related to alcohol or illegal substances: Tanya L. Harper, 30, of Monticello, operating while intoxicated – endangering a person and habitual substance offender; Russell G. Stout Jr., 20, of Monticello, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage; and James F. Pritchett, 42, of Brookston, operating while intoxicated – endangering a person.

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**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.

### Wednesday, Feb. 27

✓ Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District Special Meeting to discuss right-of-way permits: 8:30 a.m. White County Government Building, Monticello  
✓ County Council Special Meeting to discuss budget reductions: 8 a.m.

### Thursday, Feb. 28

✓ Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District: 7 p.m., White County Government Building

### Friday, Feb. 29

✓ County Council: 8:30 a.m.

### Monday, March 3

✓ Carroll County Drainage Board: 8:30 a.m.  
✓ Carroll County Commissioners: 9 a.m.  
✓ Flora Town Council: 6 p.m.  
✓ Delphi Board of Works: 6:30 p.m.  
✓ Delphi City Council: 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, March 4

✓ Carroll School Board: 7:30 p.m.

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## Marriage Licenses

Wilfredo Sepulveda Jr., 31, and Crystal Lynn Altman, 25, both of Monticello.

Steve Lynn Daniels, 39, and Melissa Dawn Hicks, 31, both of Delphi.

Robert Wayne Campbell, 33, and Rebecca Mae Brooks, 28, both of Flora.

Joshua Lee Hensel, 25, and Sara Jeanne Storey, 24, both of Delphi.

Daniel Lee McCarty, 33, and Deborah Rosa Purcell, 36, both of Bringham.

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