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Faithful servant retires

As the saying goes, all good things must come to an end. Such is the case with the retirement of the veterans service officer.

Carroll County Commissioners must have thought Bob Morrow was not serious about leaving the post he has held for nearly 60 years as Carroll County's veterans service officer. Even though his last day was Monday for which he gave notice several weeks ago, they did not advertise for his replacement until he turned his key in.

They not only honored him with a special resolution and a plaque, they spent some time trying to figure out what kind of person it will take to fill his shoes.

Monday's recognition of Bob Morrow's work is not the first time he has been honored. At Carroll County's Veterans Day service in 1999 his friends took the opportunity to publicly recognize the man who traditionally shuns publicity.

An excerpt from the Nov. 17, 1999, issue of the *Comet* reads:

"Last Thursday, there were more people gathered at the Veterans Day service than usual. Morrow gave the commands to the firing squad for the salute to veterans, as he has always done. He picked up the spent shells from the courthouse lawn, and then he prepared to leave. But, he was quickly escorted to a position closer to the monument where Katie Wolf (former state senator) was about to speak. And lest he should try to make a quick get-away, fellow veterans stood on each side, gently holding his arm.

"They needn't have worried what his reaction would be. Morrow humbly and graciously accepted the highest award that the Governor bestows - the Sagamore of the Wabash."

Bob Morrow is a veteran himself. He entered the Army on Sept. 30, 1943, at age 19. A little over a year later he was shot in the leg while in action in Germany. He was hospitalized for several weeks before being sent home.

On Jan. 1, 1949, he was appointed to a one-year term as Carroll County's veteran service officer. He has faithfully served the office ever since, working full-time (until recently) and on-call 24 hours a day.

Helping veterans - any way he could - was more than a job for Bob Morrow; it was his life. He performed his services over and above the call of duty.

According to wording in the resolution adopted at the Monday morning commissioners meeting, Morrow will be deeply missed in his employment position by his clients and fellow employees of Carroll County. He served the veterans of Carroll County with the utmost dignity and gave his clients the utmost respect. He performed his duties with integrity, compassion and a demeanor that exemplified his professionalism and civility.

Bob Morrow has been there for veterans and all residents of Carroll County and beyond for as long as most people remember. It is hard to think about someone else occupying that office. But it is the difficult task of the commissioners to find his replacement.

We salute Bob Morrow for a job well done.

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 5

✓ Camden Town Council special meeting: 6:30 p.m.

Monday, June 9

✓ Flora Town Council: 6 p.m.
✓ Delphi Community School Corporation Board of Trustees, 7 p.m., DCSC conference room
Tuesday, June 10
✓ Burlington Town Council: 7 p.m.

Public Notices appearing in this issue of the Comet:

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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.

Capital One Bank filed a complaint against Catherine A. Bennett.

Capital One Bank filed a complaint against Shelly Brafford.

Capital One Bank filed a complaint against Susan Lucas.

Beneficial Indiana Inc. d/b/a Beneficial Mortgage Co. filed a complaint on note and foreclosure of mortgage against Michael Carlson a/k/a Michael P. Carlson Jr. and Lisa Carlson a/k/a Lisa M. Carlson a/k/a Lisa M. Downham.

Portfolio Recovery Assoc. filed a complaint against Nancy A. Bowman.

Wells Fargo Bank NA filed a complaint to foreclose mortgage against Jesse W. Snider.

Doris Jeane Harter was named executor of the estate of the late Robert Eugene Harter.

The estate of the late Beverly L. Hinkle was admitted, probate will only.

Jean Hildebrandt was named executor of the estate of the late Paul E. Hedderich.

I was stuck in an elevator a couple weeks back. It was early on a Sunday morning and I was alone in the elevator. I hit the floor 10 button and the cab started its ascent. Midway on the trip up the elevator lurched a little and then the lights on the selector panel went dark.

"Uh oh."

I hit floor #10 again. Nothing. I hit the "doors open" button. Nothing.

"Ok, calm down."
I hit the alarm button. Nothing.

I always feel bad when I'm on terra firma when I hear the brrring, brrring, brrring, of an elevator alarm bell.

"Poor guys," I think to myself, imagining a single sole or a packed group of folks trapped up in an elevator not knowing if anyone can hear them.

This time it was just me suspended up there. I pictured someone in the lobby looking up towards the direction of the alarm noise. I pictured them pausing, then shrugging their shoulders and moving on.

"Come back," I called out to the imaginary passerby.

I hit the alarm button again. This time a voice came on over a speaker system.

"May I help you."

"Yes," I replied, "I'm stuck."

My link to the outside world was a fellow named George. After introductions were made, George and I proceeded to

Midwest Memo

by Alan Shultz



Floor please

maintain a running conversation. We started out with him very subtly accusing me of breaking his elevator.

I realized that if the crime lab ever dusted for prints they would see that at one point I had tried to force the doors open. I kept this little detail from George. Why complicate things this early on in our relationship? Although George's voice boomed over the speaker inside the elevator, he had quite a bit of trouble hearing me. I had to stand on my tiptoes and shout into the upper corner of the elevator cab. It was an odd sensation, but I shouted away, nonetheless.

My cell phone didn't work in the elevator so I had no choice but to make friends with George. He was my only link to the outside world. After a little small talk, I asked George to make a couple phone calls for me. One was to the fellow at the airport waiting for me to pick him up curbside at United Airlines.

George was very helpful.

Twenty minutes into the experience, George and I had com-

pared notes about work and weather and life's little inconveniences. Now the fun was to begin. The elevator repair folks were on the premises.

First I was advised to stand away from the elevator door.

That was easy.

Next I was advised to "hold on" to the railings inside the elevator cab.

"Hmmm."

What proceeded was a kind of free form drifting of the elevator cab up and down, up and down. I wasn't stopping at floors, I wasn't crashing or free falling, I was kind of floating. It was creepy and clearly I had left my stomach on a different floor from where we were traveling to. The indicator lights on the control panel were blinking on and off and floor numbers appeared on the screen that had no corresponding buttons on the panel.

When I finally "landed" and the doors opened there were two official fellows in suits holding note pads to greet me. They did what I would call a little "exit interview" for insurance purposes.

George and I never actually met. I didn't get to put a face with the voice. No matter. If we ever do encounter each other it certainly won't be over an elevator emergency intercom.

Say, I wonder if George handles folks who pass out taking the stairs.

Letters to the Editor

The Comet welcomes letters to the editor responding to articles and events in the news. They must include the author's name, address and telephone number. The letter writer's name and city/town will appear in the paper - no exceptions. Letters must be 400 words or less in length. Please send your letters to editor@carrollcountycomet.com; Letters to the Editor, Comet, P.O. Box 26, Flora, IN 46929 or P.O. Box 179, Delphi, IN 46923; or fax 574-967-3384 or 765-564-2010. By submitting a letter or opinion article, the author grants the Comet the right to publish, distribute, archive or use the work in print, electronic, on-line or other format.

Help Carroll Manor remain open

Home - a small word with a big meaning. The dictionary defines the word as akin to a village, a family's place of residence, or a social unit formed by a family living together.

Some even say "Home is where the heart is."

Carroll Manor is definitely a home and it is full of heart.

Just ask any of the current residents. They will tell you they are one big, happy family.

Carroll County is in a financial crisis and unfortunately the elderly are the ones paying the price. The county can no longer subsidize the facility. The budget has been cut to 1990 figures and as you know, the cost of food and utilities has risen significantly over the last 18 years. The staff has even taken a \$2 an hour pay cut. That dedication shows how much they care for the residents.

I believe the Manor can stand on its own, if only given a chance. The first objective is to increase residents, hopefully to maximum capacity of 36. The elevator that is now working enables second floor accessibility. The updated central air and heat should run more efficiently. The large activity room could be rented out to generate extra revenue. The goal is to be self-sufficient within one year and continue to be an asset to Carroll County.

But to do that, your help is needed. In order to keep staff, the Manor needs help with supplies, volunteer work, and/or monetary donations.

The county commissioners established Ordinance 2008-04 that will allow donations for the operation of Carroll Manor to be received to the county auditor. The auditor's office will continue to pay the claims, but the donated money will only be used for the Manor.

There are approximately 9,138 taxpayers in Carroll County. The commissioners approved a budget of \$461,884 for the Manor while the county council approved a budget of \$261,700. That's a difference of \$200,184. By dividing \$200,184 by the number of taxpayers in this county (9,138), you get \$21.91. If every taxpayer would donate \$21.91, that would allow Manor staff to work to the end of the year and give them a chance to fill to capacity.

The goal is to raise \$50,000. Breaking it down that would be 50 donations of \$1000, 100 of \$500, 500 of \$100, or 1000 of \$50. If one out of every five families could give \$50, we could make our goal.

If possible, send donations to Carroll Manor so they can keep track of the donations received and can give thanks to the appropriate person or organization.

The staff invites each one of you to take a tour, talk to the staff, and chat with residents. See for yourself that Carroll Manor is one of Carroll County's hidden treasures and we need to keep this jewel intact.

Neda K. Duff
Delphi

Marriage Licenses

Craig Francis Padgett, 24, and Amanda Marie Waltz, 22, both of Rossville.

Jamie Scott Downey, 36, and Trisha Laine Emrich, 30, both of Delphi.

Jonathon Phillip Carter, 27, of Jansenville, Ill., and Grace Evangeline Banks, 27, of Camden.

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.

Do you think a Delphi Farmer's Market will benefit Carroll County?

Yes, it will be a big hit for business and residents
Yes, but more for Delphi than the county in general
Perhaps, if residents support it regularly
No, it won't help at all

Last Weeks results

How would you improve Carroll County finances?

38% Reduce appropriations even more to reach the level less than expected income and build a surplus.
13% Increase income by raising taxes.
49% Both, because it cannot be done with one or the other.
Total responses: 76

Reader's comments:

I suggest that we begin enforcing fines for junk vehicles, junk on property, etc., and lien property for uncollectible fines and issue warrants. We are also badly in need of updating our ordinances in this county.



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

Kristy L. Martin was charged with battery resulting in bodily injury.

Brandon Williamson was charged with criminal mischief.

Derrick A. German was charged with theft and illegal possession of anhydrous ammonia or ammonia solution.

Billy R. Davis was charged with residential entry and criminal trespass.

Terry S. Marcum was charged with residential entry and criminal trespass.

Lance E. Spikes was charged with theft.

Eleuterio B. Castillo was charged with operating while intoxicated - endangering a person and speeding.

The following were charged with illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage: Donovan R. Alderman; Scott Dunn; Adam C. Redding; Matthew S. Leighty; Alyssa M. Smith; Brant E. Smith; Courtney L. Smith; Jacob W. Bledsoe; Andrew M. Evans; Chase A. Simmons; and Samuel D. Jordan.

Francisco Regaldo-Guijosa was charged with operating while intoxicated - endangering a person (two counts), driving while suspended, expired license plates and habitual substance offender.

Chery D. Webster was charged with battery resulting in bodily injury.

Nicholas L. Johnson, 22, pled guilty to driving while suspended. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Tamara D. Johnson was found not guilty of check deception.

The following were meted a combination of jail time, suspensions, probation and other penalties for convictions related to alcohol or illegal substances: William M. Bray, 27, of Mulberry, public intoxication and battery; Derek J. Waggoner, 18, of Logansport, operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangering a per-

son; Carrel D. Asbury, 50, of Lafayette, public intoxication; Timothy S. Loeffler, 22, of Delphi, possession of marijuana, public intoxication and possession of paraphernalia; Bryan L. Terrell, 38, of Delphi, operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangering a person; Miguel F. Leiva, 40, of Delphi, operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangering a person; Victor Gonzalez, 32, of Delphi, operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangering a person; and Randy L. Cheeseman, 35, of Otterbein, operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangering a person.

Donald M. Fultz, 51, of Lafayette, pled guilty to driving while suspended. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Kayla M. Clark, 24, of Logansport, pled guilty to possession of marijuana. She was sentenced to one and a half years in prison, all suspended, and one and a half years supervised probation.

Joshua A. Lovvorn, 22, of Delphi, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance and driving while suspended. He was sentenced to three years in prison, two years suspended, and two years supervised probation.

Austin C. Harmon, 23, of Kokomo, pled guilty to theft. He was sentenced to three years in prison, all but 180 days suspended, and two and a half years supervised probation.

Virgil S. Spencer Jr., 23, of Flora, pled guilty to pointing a firearm. He was sentenced to one year in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

The following causes were dismissed: State of Indiana vs. Jennifer D. Wireman; State of Indiana vs. September C. Caracheo; State of Indiana vs. Eric P. Akers; State of Indiana vs. Stacy L. Dunham; State of Indiana vs. Jessica Humphreys; Wilcox Lumber vs. Jon Morrow; Deutsche Bank National Trust Company vs. Chad A. Johnston and Jessica M. Johnston; Discover Bank vs. Joel C. Levon; Jodi Strasser Rhoades vs. Gary Ennis and Pam Ennis; Mary Smothers vs. Susie Hill-

man; and Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota NA vs. Robert L. Floyd and Constance S. Floyd.

In a summary judgement, John C. James was ordered to pay \$9,404.14 to Beneficial Indiana Inc.

In a default judgement, Derrick Westbrook was ordered to pay \$2,062.50 to Cindy Lesh.

A judgement and decree of foreclosure was ordered in US Bank National Association vs. Rebecca M. Burge, Jeremy Lawson, et al.

An In Rem judgement and decree of foreclosure was ordered in Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas vs. Barbara Dobyne, et al.

Patricia K. Cunningham was ordered to pay \$20,573.48 to Chase Manhattan Bank USA.

The court found for the defendants in the cause of Robert E. Warfield and Vera L. Warfield vs. Larry Jenkins.

Default judgements were entered in the following causes: M&G Investments Inc. vs. Tim Robbins; American General Financial Services Inc. vs. Daniel L. McCarty; and Capital One Bank vs. Byard J. Beaver.

Angel Lynette Fuller, a/k/a Theri K. Allio, 46, pled guilty to identity deception. She was sentenced to six months in prison. Two other counts against her were dismissed.