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Guest commentary

Working together and a cup of coffee

By Sana G. Booker

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce and the Carroll County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) have been working together on a "Community Connections-Economic Development Plan." This plan is designed to encourage the growth and financial stability of Carroll County. The 12 projects proposed by this plan will require a committed mind-set and dedicated resources to help retain current businesses, bring in new businesses, and to increase a diverse and healthy economic tax base within the county.

The EDC and Chamber have done more than just talk about a change; we are taking the steps in moving forward. We have consulted with our neighboring Chambers and economic development corporations to solicit their thoughts and ideas about the proposed projects. Many areas have already developed a strong economic base and we can learn from their experience. Carroll County also recently concluded a strategic plan by consultants Dick Heupel and Bob St. Claire that offered guidance in the strengthening of our economy.

As we talk about how to pay for these projects we have asked Dr. Larry DeBoer, an expert in discussing local tax information to speak at our June Business-to-Business meeting on June 25 at 11 a.m., at the Wabash & Eric Canal Conference Center. This is an open meeting to the public.

We concentrated our efforts on attainable goals in the design of our project list. There is cost associated with moving things forward, but we are working to be good stewards and use the funding wisely. Would you pay the cost of a cup of coffee to help this county move forward? We will request the EDIT tax increase of 00.15% that will amount to less than \$1 per wage earner per week to support these projects. Is it worth a dollar to see the county advance and produce?

Carroll County is known for its beauty and strong family values. We want families to stay here and for this county to become a great place for commerce. Only as a united group can we hope to encourage and support economic development and retention of our local businesses. We can make a positive difference in the community by working together, moving forward, and all for a cup of coffee.

Sana G. Booker is executive director of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce.

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.

The estate of the late Roger William Wine was admitted, probate will only.

Diane Ford was named executor of the estate of the late Herbert D. Ford.

Shirleen Dimmitt was named executor of the estate of the late Margaret Oberender.

Daimler Chrysler Financial Services filed a complaint against Johnny F. Ovalle.

American Acceptance Co. filed a complaint against Joyce A. Barker a/k/a Seifert.

Capital One Bank filed a complaint against Cindy M. Welch.

Keith D. Munson filed a petition for post-conviction relief against the State of Indiana.

Wendy M. Seibert was charged with dealing in marijuana, possession of marijuana, maintaining a common nuisance and possession of paraphernalia.

Dennis B. Meadows was charged with burglary and theft.

Mark Peters was charged with theft and aiding, inducing or causing burglary.

Jeremy W. Wilkerson-Hubble was charged with theft and aiding, inducing or causing burglary.

Taxes in the amount of \$106,024.21 were paid on the gross value (\$11,193,522.74) of the following estates: Rod-

ney P. Flora, Paul S. Austin, Gerald W. Nipple, Lieselotte Wert, Sharon Alberts, Thomas I. Forgey, Patrick J. O'Donnell, Cleone Gruber, Lee Jay Kuns, Dorothy Jones, Ruthina Forgey, James C. Archibald, Bonita Stephen, Mary Kay Jones, Herschel Smith, Esther Flora, Mary E. Oyler, Caren Burton, Opal T. Miller and Donna B. Nance.

Deysi M. Lopez-Quintero was charged with forgery and identity deception.

Jason R. Elliot was charged with sexual misconduct with a minor.

Donald E. Fritts filed a complaint against PHH Mortgage Corporation and First Financial Bank.

First Financial Bank NA filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate against William J. Yeager and Beneficial Indiana Inc.

Atlas Distributing Inc. filed a complaint against Reid Sales Music Company Inc.

Midland Credit Management filed a complaint against Carolyn Barnes.

Midland Credit Management Inc. filed a complaint against Dusty Davis.

Wells Fargo Financial Bank filed a complaint against Paul R. Shank and April Shank.

Richard D. Newell was named executor of the estate of the late Kenneth P. Newell.

It must have been a longer, harder winter than I recall. That's what I'm left to think as I survey the faded rags and shrunken garments that only last year comprised my entire summer wardrobe.

What happened here?

Last week's warm weather prompted me to pry open the bottom drawer of my dresser. That's the storage spot where only eight months ago I said "see you later" to a few favorite T-shirts, tennis shorts and a pair or two of swim trunks.

I didn't think long or hard about my wardrobe choices when hot weather beamed. After all, these wardrobe items were my old regular, time tested, hot weather favorites that recycle from year-to-year. I grabbed a familiar pair of green cargo shorts, a favorite gray poly-silk pull over and a pair of white socks to head off on a walk. But as my walking partners gathered downstairs, upstairs I was hopping around on one foot trying to get the fly to zip and the waist to button on what appeared to be last year's Bermudas.

Do shorts shrink if left on their own? And the pull-over, oh, it pulled over just fine, it just didn't make it down far enough to meet the waist band of the shorts that would not button. Like an accordion blind where the strings have gone bad, the shirt stayed stuck about 3/4 of the way of where it needed to land to hide the view, so to speak.

And the socks, like puddles pooling around my ankles, they yielded to gravity without put-

Midwest Memo

by Alan Shultz



Draw string

ting up any fight whatsoever. There was no "lasting" left in last year's elastic.

I went ahead with the scheduled walk, sporting blue jeans and a cotton, long-sleeved blue shirt. "In case of bugs," I told my walking partners.

But back at the dresser drawers, I did an honest inventory of what I formerly thought of as my summer attire.

While some shirts had shrunk to mini lengths, others had grown sideways to form large tents where shirts once had been. And the swim trunks, well there was only one reasonable contender. That pair even seemed roomy when I tried them on only to find the elastic lacking and the drawstring missing. Clearly no diving allowed in these poor excuse for trunks.

As I say, it must have been a longer, harder winter than I recall, what with the havoc that went on with my summer clothes. And just to add insult to injury, the bathroom scale seems to have gone haywire.

What next? * * *

Shop local

How nice it is to return home from Lafayette and see the new Arby's in Delphi bustling with activity. What a welcome addition to the city. With gas prices

what they are, I'm particularly appreciative of our local businesses that call Carroll County home.

I used to think that the "shop local" reminders in the paper were kind of corny. Of course I've come to understand that nothing could be further from the truth. It's the local businesses that pay the taxes, provide the jobs, render the services and donate to the causes that make and complete our communities. * * *

Spotted in pairs

On the same train ride the other day I saw two pairs coupled together that made me smile and got me thinking.

The first pair - two dogs - junk yard dogs, fenced in but with a huge expanse of acreage on which to run and play and explore. The dogs, however, laid in the sun on a cement expanse. They were like bookends, touching nose-to-nose, needing to be together, not apart.

The second pair - two sisters, it was obvious. They were gentle ladies, dressed to go, pressing 80 years I would say. They stood together on a bus corner, the sun out, but the summer rain falling nonetheless. One sister hid from the rain, she crouched and held her newspaper in the shape of a makeshift umbrella. The other sister, her smile as big as a crescent moon, she held her hands outstretched, welcoming the rain, as she tasted the drops as they fell from the sky.

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 514-967-3384 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.

Proud Oracle

I want to express how very proud I am of the Delphi baseball players for the hard work they put in to obtain a successful season and win a sectional championship. I know we came up shorter than what we wanted, but I am very proud to be associated with you guys!!

And to the seniors, you are a special group. No one can ever say that they did what you did and I appreciate being a part of that experience. Best of luck in whatever you do and I hope you come back and visit.

Coach Ryan Finn
Delphi

Marriage Licenses

Ian Campbell Clift, 28, and Liddia Dawn White, 26, both of Rochester.

Santiago Lopez-Gonzalez, 33, and Maria Alba Martinez-Hernandez, 27, both of Flora.

Herbert Eugene Lantz III, 28, and Amber Nicole Shanks, 27, both of Delphi.

Benjamin Nord Zootman, 31, and Beth Ann Logan, 27, both of Bringham.

Matthew Scott McIntosh, 34, and Lana Grace Mackovic, 25, both of Flora.

Robert Lewis Yard II, 46, and Christy Ann Plunkett, 47, both of Brookston.

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 12

√ Delphi Municipal Airport Special Board Meeting: 6 p.m. City Council Chambers

Monday, June 16

√ Carroll County Commissioners: 6 p.m.

√ Delphi Board of Works: 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 17

√ County Council: 8 a.m.

√ Carroll School Board: 7:30 p.m.

Public Notices appearing in this issue of the Comet:

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- IDEM-Huffer.....6B
- Sheriff Sale-Rice.....5B

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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

Sabrina Hughes was charged with battery resulting in bodily injury.

Kathleen M. Martin was charged with criminal trespass. Jessica M. Greiner was charged with driving while suspended and speeding.

Kyle D. Brower was charged with illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

Jake A. Johns was charged with disorderly conduct.

Jeffrey A. Seramur was charged with disorderly conduct.

Donnis Lowry was charged with public intoxication and illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

Alexis N. Flynn was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

Heather Ellen was charged with possession of marijuana, seatbelt violation and possession of paraphernalia.

Virginia Payne was charged with possession of marijuana.

Edwardo Mendez was charged with maintaining a common nuisance and possession of marijuana.

Luis A. Iracheta was charged with operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license.

Robert Scroggs Jr. was charged with domestic battery.

Brandon Williamson, 27, Burnettsville, was charged with criminal mischief. ****

James D. Pope II, 22, of Frankfort, pled guilty to impersonation of a public servant. He was sentenced to one and a half years in prison, one year suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Daniel D. Pearson, 20, pled guilty to domestic battery and

theft. He was sentenced to two and a half years in prison, all suspended, and one and a half years plus 363 days supervised probation.

The following were meted a combination of jail time, suspensions, probation and other penalties for convictions related to alcohol or illegal substances: Donna L. Wilson, 57, of Flora, public intoxication and disorderly conduct; Joshua A. Stevens, 20, of Delphi, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage; James W. Miller, 31, of Delphi, operating while intoxicated - endangering a person and criminal recklessness; Jose R. Martinez, 40, of Delphi, possession of cocaine and operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangering a person; Marcelo Martinez-Lopez, 32, of Flora, operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated - endangering a person; Terry Duff, 53, of Flora, operating while intoxicated - endangering a person; Delia M. Northern, 25, of Delphi, public intoxication; David E. Cowgill, 20, of New Carlisle, possession of marijuana; and Thomas L. Brower, 59, of Flora, operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangering a person.

Caleb J. Brubaker, 20, of Lafayette, pled guilty to visiting a common nuisance. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Causes of the State of Indiana against the following were dismissed: Christina R. Haberland; Tiffany S. Martinez; Kerry J. Montalvo; Rachel M. Brown; Aundria L. Stout; Jessie Tankersley; Randal K. Livingston; Wendy M. Siebert;

Sandy L. Schneidt, 20, of Lafayette, pled guilty to check deception. She was sentenced to one year in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Chester L. Whitmore, 47, of Delphi, pled guilty to possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to 180 days on in-home detention or in jail.

Bryon K. Meoak, 20, of Kokomo, pled guilty to maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. He was sentenced to one year in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Dustin K. Serie was found guilty by bench trial of driving while suspended. He was sentenced to one year in jail, all but 60 days suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Jonathon W. Graves, 25, of Delphi, pled guilty to theft. He was sentenced to one and a half years in prison, all suspended, and one and a half years supervised probation.

Guadalupe Flores, 30, of Rantoul, Ill., pled guilty to operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license and false or fictitious registration. He was fined.

A charge of driving while suspended against Jeffery A. Boles was amended from a misdemeanor to an infraction. He was fined.

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 like lots of activities going on throughout the county on the same weekend?

Yes, the more the better
No, I prefer events spread out on different weekends

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

40% Yes, it will be a big hit for business and residents
29% Yes, but more for Delphi than the county in general
27% Perhaps, if residents support it regularly
05% No, it won't help at all
Total responses: 63