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## Is merger right for Carroll County REMC?

Carroll County REMC customers will be asked to weigh in on the proposed merger with White County at the annual meeting June 21. The board of directors for the two cooperatives voted in November to proceed with a plan to merge. They believe that this will be good for both counties.

However in the end, it will be the members of both cooperatives who will decide at the upcoming annual meetings just how their respective county should proceed in the potential transaction. Members in each county must cast a majority vote for the merger to go forward.

Carroll County REMC customers are urged to review and compare as much financial information as possible about the two cooperatives before casting a long-lasting and financially-binding vote.

Financial information was provided by the board of directors at several meetings in the past few months that would indicate Carroll County REMC is in sounder financial condition than White County REMC. That information can be obtained by contacting your director or the main office in Delphi.

In reviewing the information, Carroll County is approximately \$5.5 million in debt and has nearly 6,800 meters, which means each meter carries roughly \$800 in debt in Carroll County. White County REMC is nearly \$12.5 million in debt and has approximately 7,900 meters, which gives each meter a debt of nearly \$1,580.

It stands to reason that when the debt is consolidated, each meter will carry approximately \$1,220 in debt, which means Carroll County residents will assume more debt.

In addition, Carroll County customers pay \$20/month for a meter and White County customers pay \$25. Carroll County REMC workers are unionized while White County workers are not.

It is not known how those details will be resolved. Although the current boards voted to proceed with the merger, details about critical decisions concerning rates and facility charges and other related issues will be made by the new cooperative, called the Tioga Rural Electric Cooperative.

It is essential for customers to do their homework before allowing the merger to proceed. The informed voter should have the answer to these and other questions to protect their investment.

## 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 Barbara L. Ritchey was admitted, probate will only.

A decree of dissolution of marriage was granted between Mark A. Westlake and Livia M. Westlake.

A decree of dissolution of marriage was granted between Rita M. Heady and Howard P. Heady.

Cheryl A. Green f/k/a Warner was ordered to pay \$1,479.71 to Palisades Collection LLC.

An order setting aside judgment and decree of foreclosure and of dismissal was granted to Glenn B. Stonebraker and Jennifer L. Stonebraker.

The following were dismissed: Palisades Acquisition XVI LLC vs. Elizabeth Hill; Midland Credit Management vs. Jeffrey H. Ragan a/k/a Jeffery Ragan; Palisades Collection LLC vs. Nancy D. a/k/a Dee Brewer; Midland Credit Management vs. Lisa Gromley; Sienna Financial LP vs. Betty Hensley; Midland Credit Management vs. Andrew Griffin; and Douglas M. Willy and Stephanie M. Willy vs. Bradford A. Myers, Dan Isley and Steven R. Isley.

Anthony L. Hall, 44, pled guilty to burglary. He was sentenced to 14 years in prison, two years suspended, and supervised probation.

The following were found to be in arrears in the payment of child support as of May 7: Stacy Lee (Heath) Roe, \$7,007.26; Brian L. Burge, \$9,701.77; Michale McK-

inney, \$14,411; Timothy Rodenbarger, \$5,320; Jennie Lynn Endress, \$1,572; and Russell Scott Gaby, \$22,047.60.

A petition to restore previous name filed by Lindsey Marie McCarty was granted. Her last name of Simpson was restored to her.

Dane H. Fife, 24, pled guilty to obtaining a controlled substance by fraud or deceit. He was sentenced to three years in prison, all but 12 days suspended, supervised probation for one year and unsupervised probation for two years.

## Marriage Licenses

Aron Allen Waltz, 24, Delphi, and Starr Amber Nicole Price, 18, Delphi.

Kenneth A. Holzer, 21, Sheridan, and Sara L. Hensley, 22, Flora.

Gregory N. Coghill, 39, Delphi, and Lisa A. Rowland, 37, Delphi.

Benjamin A. Luper, 20, Flora, and Kelsi J. Gill, 20, Delphi.

Derek J. Rector, 19, Delphi, and Elizabeth M. King, 19, Delphi.

Caleb D. Pavey, 22, Monticello, and Allyson M. Sparks, 20, Monticello.

Michael O. Cobb Jr., 41, Burlington, and Jessica M. Fincher, 31, Burlington.

I get my hair cut at a place called Jerry's Barber Shop. I've never met Jerry and I think he actually dates back several owners ago. From what I can tell only his name remains these days. I figure Jerry is somewhere down in Florida playing shuffleboard.

But if Jerry ever decides to return and check out the old shop, I think he'll notice that not much has changed since he handed over the keys. The tile on the floor looks back to the 50s. The floor is so faded and worn that it actually defies a place on the color chart. So, too, do the worn barber chairs as well as the chrome and leather chairs in which the customers wait. There are even big chrome ashtray stands still stationed in the waiting area - thankfully, there are no takers. It's a comfy place and you know for a certain fact that you aren't paying for any glitz.

Carol buzz cuts my hair and she always remembers 1.5 on the sides and 2 on the top. As part of our routine she shows me the clippers before she starts.

"See," Carol says pointing to the numeric marking on the clippers.

Carol makes the world a better place because with us older guys she tackles the eyebrows, the nose and the ears. No discussion, it's an unspoken ritual. She just whips out her scissors and snips, snips and viola - you're decent. Carol's scissors cost over \$200. She told me this once when they were missing.

At those franchise hair places

## Midwest Memo

by Alan Shultz



### Snip, snip, snip

the gals don't stray off the "hair on your head" hairline. They leave all other hairs, ears, eyebrows, etc. to be fruitful and multiply.

When Carol cuts her hair she doesn't spin the chair around, she does a little spin herself. It's cute, she keeps things lively. In the background she has an oldies station playing on a little yellow plastic radio that sits in the front window.

For yours truly, an appointment with Carol doesn't take more than ten minutes. There's no pretense here, no stretching the experience out. You know you're almost done when Carol hits the shave cream dispenser and gets out the razor. This is a real haircut here. I don't think the franchise gals are even allowed to use a razor.

The other day Carol and I traded favorite lunch places. She told me about a place that roasts 300 chickens a day. Pita bread and a piece of chicken runs \$5. Carol was so convincing I drove by the place to check it out. The chickens are on spits turning in the window. The place looked like it had been there forever - just like Jerry's.

With a barber shop its either a fit or it isn't. I don't think guys ever complain about their barber - we just leave. We vote

with our feet.

For a long time I went to a barbershop that was a little more swank than I needed. Then they added neck massage to the routine. I wasn't interested in making a hair cut that complicated. I excused the neck business the first time, but the second time...I was out of there.

I used to have a favorite barber. Jimmy was Italian and all business. He was an excellent barber. I followed Jimmy where ever his chair took us. But it was complicated. The places where Jimmy worked always had drama. There would be a cast of characters starting with the gum chewing receptionist, the flirtatious manicurist and the oh so critical shoeshine guy. Add to that group the prima dona stylist and the loudmouth owner fighting with his wife or his supplier. The drama got exhausting and it made an ordinary hair cut into an intense experience.

I hated leaving Jimmy, but I voted with my feet.

So for now I'm happy and contented, in good hands with Carol over at Jerry's. But the day I notice color swatches up on the wall or the floor man in for an estimate, I'm going to raise my newly trimmed eyebrow.

All I want is 1.5 on the sides, 2 on the top and snip, snip, snip.

## 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.

### Goodbyes are hard

This letter is to the employees of Peters-Revington Furniture:

I would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU for a job well done. At no point in time has it ever been your fault that Peters-Revington Furniture decided to close its doors as a manufacturing facility and become a distribution center. It is with much sadness that I had to tell all of you goodbye on May 30. My heart and prayers go out to each of you as you begin this new chapter in your lives.

For those of you who are staying on I would like to offer you my prayers and continued support as you strive to make this a success. I, too, will be leaving Peters-Revington Furniture on June 27 after 28 1/2 years of service and will be opening a new chapter in my life as most of you have. It is very hard to say goodbye since most of you I may never see again, and most of you I have formed a family bond with over the years.

I would like to say a special thank you to the management of Peters-Revington Furniture for your continued support and all the time, effort and sleepless nights that you have put into this transition as the doors became closed on a landmark of Carroll County.

Peters-Revington Furniture was a great place to work. They cared about their employees just like they were their own family members.

Bruce Hankins  
Delphi

### Opposes variance

We are writing on behalf of Camden residents and other members of the Deer Creek Coalition, citizens of Carroll County and neighboring counties interested in safeguarding the integrity of our watershed and its historical heritage. While we are not against the development of the hog industry in Carroll County per se, we are strongly opposed to a proposal to locate a 4000-hog CAFO in extremely close proximity to a sensitive environmental area on Deer Creek.

The site being proposed on Deer Creek is approximately 1 and 1/2 miles upstream of downtown Camden. It is clearly inappropriate for both environmental and historical reasons. It is not only very close to the creek but immediately adjacent to the floodplain. We believe it represents an unacceptable environmental risk and even the possibility of a public health issue since, unfortunately, Deer Creek is well known to overflow its banks all to often onto adjacent properties and homes downstream.

The proposed CAFO site also directly adjoins two historically significant properties on Deer Creek just outside Camden. Immediately to the west of the proposed site, the Martin's Hoosier Homestead Farm has been in the family since 1834 - for fully six generations. Immediately to the east of the proposed CAFO site is another historically significant property: the Musselman homestead settled in 1841, a stately brick dwelling with its old-time brick summer kitchen and spring house. In addition, the nearby Lower Deer Creek Church of the Brethren was established in 1828. Such properties are an important part of our community's historical legacy and clearly represent a heritage worth preserving.

We encourage everyone concerned with safeguarding the integrity of Deer Creek and the historical heritage of Carroll County to attend next week's meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals. The meeting will be held in the Carroll County Courthouse in Delphi at 7 p.m. on June 24. Please help us to speak out against the developer's request for a variance that would excuse this ill-advised project from existing zoning ordinances that are meant to protect neighboring property owners. We encourage everyone concerned with protecting Deer Creek - as well as preserving historically significant properties such as the Martin and Musselman homesteads of 1834 and 1841 - to attend the meeting and oppose the CAFO being proposed on this site.

Christian & Julie Knoeller  
Camden



## 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

The following were charged with check deception: Gienna D. Garcia, Don E. Spray, Mitzie Dulin, Kari N. Lee (4 counts), Kendal L. Koontz, Alisa Thompkins, Jennifer R. Groleau, Mark K. Kirts.

Matthew A. Scoggin, Monticello was charged with maintaining a common nuisance.

Julie Rodriguez was charged with operating a vehicle without ever receiving a license and no valid operating license.

Joshua Wayne Biddle, Lafayette, ws charged with illegal possession of an alcoholic beverage.

Jimmy Lee Adams was charged with OWI-endangering.

Melchor Agumaga, Lafayette, was charged with driving while suspended, driving left of center, and no insurance.

Robert Scroggs, Jr., was charged with invasion of privacy and intimidation.

Kenneth P. Davis, Delphi, was charged with OWI-endangering and driving while suspended.

Alfredo Morales was charged with using more than three fishing poles.

Kyle T. O'Brien was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

Ryan A. Frey was charged with possession of marijuana.

Jose M. Cervantes-Hernandez was charged with public intoxication.

Craig L. Chatfield was charged with OWI-endangering, operating a vehicle with BAC of .15 or more, driving while suspended, open alcoholic container, no registration plate, no insurance, and failure to signal.

Robert L. Lucas, 19, of Flora, pled guilty to theft. He was sentenced to one and a half years in prison, one year suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Blake M. Miller, 20, of Delphi, pled guilty to invasion of privacy. He was sentenced to one year in jail, all suspended, and one year unsupervised probation.

William M. Bray, 27, of

Mulberry, pled guilty to residential entry. He was sentenced to three years in prison, two years suspended, and two years supervised probation.

The following were meted a combination of jail time, suspensions, probation and other penalties for convictions related to alcohol or illegal substances: Crystal Altman, 25, of Monticello, possession of marijuana; Michelle J. Wright, 46, of Bringham, public intoxication; Alison R. Sommers, 19, of Burnettsville, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage; and Wilfredo Sepulveda, 25, of Monticello, possession of marijuana.

### 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 19**  
√ County Council Special Meeting to discuss budget reductions: 2 p.m.  
**Tuesday, June 24**  
√ Area Plan Commission: 7 p.m.

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

- Sheriff Sale-Dance .....5B
- Sheriff Sale-Morris .....5B
- Notice of Suit-Conners .....5B
- Area Plan Comm-Permit .....5B
- Sheriff Sale-Goltz .....5B
- Sheriff Sale-Wentzel .....6B
- RCSC-Warrants .....6B
- Sheriff Sale-Burge/Lawson .....5B
- TLSC-Notice to Bidders .....6B
- O'Farrell Estate .....6B
- Cooper-Name Change .....5B
- Notice of Suit-Adams .....5B
- Sheriff Sale-Rice .....5B
- Alcohol Permit Renewals .....5B
- Lewis-Rescinds .....5B
- Twn of Camden-Ord. 2008-1 .....5B
- Tbird-Special Exceptions .....5B
- DCSC-Addl Approp .....5B
- Questions concerning Indiana's Open Door and Public Access Laws may be directed to the state's public access office, at 1-800-228-6013.

## 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.

### Would it be better for the Delphi Transportation Festival to be limited to one day?

Yes  
No  
Undecided

### Last Weeks results

**Do you like lots of activities going on throughout the county on the same weekend?**  
21% Yes, the more the better  
79% No, I prefer events spread out on different weekends  
Total responses: 66