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Time to step up the pace in treasurer's office

Carroll County Treasurer Jane Brewington told council members at last Thursday's meeting she may not have enough help to do the work needed to produce tax bills two times this year. She said due to the loss of appropriations for part-time help, it would take her and her first deputy between eight and 12 weeks to complete the task. And that clock doesn't start ticking until the auditor provides her with the necessary paperwork and after which the two put their heads together to determine a collection date.

Taxpayers will pay the price for this delay in interest payments on loans needed for taxing entities such as schools, libraries, and county general to merely operate until the tax settlement is completed. It is imperative for Carroll County government to receive tax money as soon as humanly possible to help stave off the ever-increasing debt incurred for county general. This is a serious situation and must be treated as such.

No offer of help should be rejected by the treasurer's office. It is expected treasurer's office workers and other courthouse employees with an extra half-hour on their hands would be preparing for the first mailing by readying and stamping envelopes and doing other clerical chores to pave the way for the bills to be sent. No one should be reading a library book during working time in the courthouse. No one should be using the Internet for personal aspirations while they are being paid to work for the county.

It is understood that there are times in every job when there is a lag in time between chores. And we all know that there are times when we work a little slower when the pressure isn't on. Workers in all offices are encouraged to pitch in to help the treasurer's office.

Brewington is expected to develop a plan to accept the help offered and utilize the manpower to make the best of an already bad situation. The budget situation is not going to blow over in a few months, but what county leaders do now can affect what happens later. Private citizens might be willing to volunteer clerical services and Brewington should be ready and able to use them both before and after the collection date is set.

This is a test for the county treasurer to prove the voters did not misplace their trust.

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.

Gloria Lopez-Angeles was charged with forgery, identity deception and false informing.

Eddie A. Hanna was charged with burglary and two counts of theft.

Glen J. Berry filed a verified petition for reinstatement of driving permit against the commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Carroll County Commissioners and Carroll County Sheriff.

Arrow Financial Services filed a complaint against Nina Emmett.

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The Bank of New York Trust Company NA filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate against Michael J. Kissinger.

Regions Bank filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate against Douglas K. Abdon, Felicia K. Abdon and Daimler Chrysler Financial Services.

Pinnacle Credit Services filed a complaint against Alan Davis.

The estate of the late Elmo J. Everett was admitted, probate will only.

Midland Credit Management filed a complaint against

Catherine Fritz.

Capital One Bank filed a complaint against Charles Fry.

Capital One Bank filed a complaint against Shelly R. Brafford.

Citimortgage Inc. filed a complaint on note and to reform and foreclose mortgage on real estate against Rick L. Schrock.

The Bank of New York filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage against Donald E. Spray Jr., Marjorie B. Spray and Harold M. Larimore.

Vance Larimer dba B&L Construction filed a complaint against Jamie P. Rough.

Arrow Financial Services filed a complaint against Gary Ennis.

Ford Motor Credit Co., filed a complaint against Barbara A. Foster.

GMAC Mortgage LLC filed a complaint on note and to reform and foreclose mortgage against Raymon McGinn aka Raymon E. McGinn.

Marriage Licenses

Raymond C. Proper, 55, Delphi, and Maylana Wertz, 49, Delphi.

Jeremy A. Crume, 32, Burlington and Kelli L. Johnston, 22, Russiaville.

If you notice a little spring in my step or a little two-step shuffle in my walk, well it's all due to the Father's Day gift I scored this year.

The silver wrapped box seemed far too light to hold anything of substance, yet, there it was. It's silver and wafer thin, seemingly light as a feather, and yet powerfully loud. I've got a new Apple ipod music player.

Knowing my frustration with too much technology, my family elected for the simple model, a music player that shuffles around all the tunes down loaded onto the play. All I have to do is clip the gizmo to my shirt, place the earpieces, one in each ear, and hit "on."

The quality of the sound is incredible and the rest of the world seemingly melts away when you up the volume.

I think the family thinks I'll get myself on the treadmill more with a little background music. If I did that I could fit back into many Father's Day gifts of the past now having collars too small and waistbands too snug. Oh the possibilities!

For some time now I've been fascinated with the grant of immunity a guy or gal claims with a little pair of earplugs. And I've wondered, is it the music they're really all after, or is it the seeming impenetrable cocoon that the earplugs grant?

Stock boys with earphones don't need to tell you where the jelly is.

Midwest Memo

by Alan Shultz



In tune

Shoppers with earphones can whisk by the Salvation Army bell ringer with abandon.

With earphones you don't get asked for directions.

The panhandler on the street might as well get a job rather than depend on the earphone crowd to "spare a little change."

Normal pleasantries, the little "good mornings" and the "excuse me," all of those can be dispensed with if one wears earphones.

And oh the production, the interruption, the downright inconvenience when those of needing to communicate must ask the audio cocooned person for their attention. The earphoned wearer makes this huge production of taking the earphones off, all the while giving this perplexed, astounded look of bewilderment as to what it could possibly be that you need.

I'm eager to see how the grant of invincibility works. Clearly the earplug wearers I observe act like they are immune to the perils that plague the rest of us. The joggers that go off with their soundtracks blaring don't seem to be concerned with the traffic buzzing

around them. An elderly lady walking her two dogs crossed against the traffic signal in front of me the other day. No rules applied to her since the soundtrack in her ears apparently warded off us evil motorists.

I suppose I'm pretty safe on the treadmill with my new earphones. I'll probably still be able to hear that inner voice saying, "let's quit this and go get a donut."

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In the office where I work they keep the temperature at a balmy 65 degrees during normal business hours. Then at 6 p.m. the air conditioning goes off and a warm stillness prevails until the next morning. The windows don't open by design so us worker bees are stuck with blowing cold or warm stillness.

Sometimes I wonder if air conditioning keeps us from being "in tune" with a season intended for a slower pace.

Sunday afternoon I got to pull the little red wagon holding two delightful youngsters. The five-year-old, a little girl with pretty dark curls, was recounting her summer thus far.

"The best part was throwing rocks in the lake," she exclaimed.

"Food for thought," I noted to myself, that the best time can be the most of ordinary times, when we are truly "in tune" with the here and with the now.

Happy summer!

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.

County's future at stake

I would like to speak on behalf of the forward thinking citizens of Carroll County. I say forward thinking because we believe in the future. We believe we live in one of God's favorite places on this earth.

Four years ago a call went out for people who loved this county and wanted to chart its bright future. That call was answered by hundreds of very dedicated people who are ready, willing and very committed to making things happen. Over 200 county residents participated in "Carroll County at the Crossroads."

It is undeniable that our county is struggling with serious financial issues. It is vital that we understand how we arrived here, but more importantly, how do we solve it and move forward.

It is too late to point fingers or invest in the past. Our choice is simple. It begins today and it begins this hour. It involves investing our human and fiscal resources in the future. We need to put our collective heads together and get behind a plan.

Four years ago Carroll County at the Crossroads began this planning process. We had no idea that 2007/2008 would clearly define how important and difficult that task would be. In late 2007 the newly formed Carroll County Chamber and the Carroll County Economic Development Corp. put together a plan to improve our county's economic future. That plan contains 12 major points.

We believe this is the only plan being proposed. Like any plan for the future it will require constant adjusting to accomplish its goals. It will take dozens of volunteers and several professionals. It will require a commitment from our elected leaders, both financial and mental. It will never end and will look dramatically different in 10 years. In 10 years most county residents will have forgotten our 2007/2008 financial crisis. If we plan our work and work our plan those same residents will be the beneficiaries of our efforts today.

We call on our county leaders to join the forward thinking residents of Carroll County and begin the process of providing resources needed to finance this plan. As important as your decisions of the past several months have been, more important decisions lie ahead. What course of action or in-action will we choose?

Dick Bradshaw
Delphi

Typical 'not in my back yard' mentality

I graduated from Delphi High School in 1962 and joined the military and after that obligation left the Delphi area. My mother, Deloris Harris, has maintained a yearly subscription to the *Carroll County Comet* uninterrupted since 1962 for me.

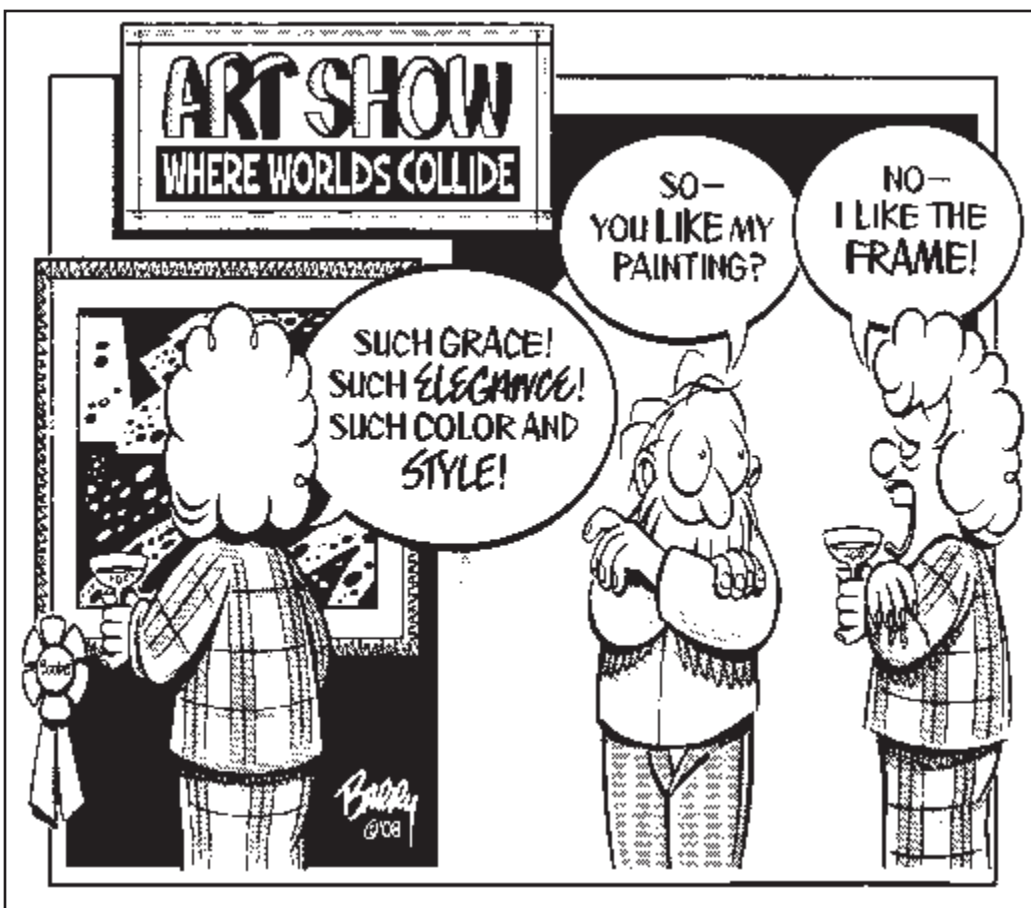
I eagerly await my weekly edition of the "Delphi" news each week and these past several months weekly editions have absolutely been cliff hangers. The unbelievable weekly series concerning the fiscal missteps by the county's spending of money that is not "real" is "not real!"

I remember going to school and participating in sports with Ron Slavens and am reassured with his steady hand with other members of council (is that right) in putting the brakes on this fiscal travesty sucking the life blood out of all the necessary county departments. It makes sense that if you don't have the money, you can't spend it!

Carroll County voters must look closely at the qualifications of elected officials or even the qualifications of citizens seeking elected offices. Are the people running for offices that do the books (auditors, treasurers) actually qualified? Do the commissioners understand the laws that govern the state of Indiana? The days of good old boys running for elective offices is in the past and today electors need to look a lot deeper in the qualifications of all citizens asking to be elected to the important jobs of the county and cities of Carroll County.

I may live many miles away, however in my mind I still live in Delphi and Carroll County.

Bill Harris
N. Ridgeville, Ohio



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

Jerry Kelly and Randy B. Snyder were both charged with illegal possession of walleye.

The following were charged with illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage: Anthony J. Crary, Lindsey M. Winningham, Sarah E. Hopkins, Tabitha G. Casto, Stephenson T. Mattmuller, Margaret R. Reisman, Kristine J. Carmichael, Lisa Naville, Stephen M. Smith.

Billie Ann Brown was charged with furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Jonathan P. Senesac was charged with furnishing alcohol to a minor, operating motor boat with occupant on gunwhales or bow decking and not enough personal floatation devices on boat.

Collin H. MacDonald was charged with furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Traci L. Hahn was charged with check deception.

Anthony J. Keeton was charged with driving while suspended and speeding.

Timothy A. Taylor was charged with public intoxication.

Linda L. Tiller was charged with possession of marijuana.

Mary K. Giddens was charged with invasion of privacy.

Felix Flores was charged with operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license and speeding.

Cuevas Gerardo Carlos was charged with operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license.

Michael A. Doyle was charged with driving while suspended.

Shawnee A. Carter, 19, of Flora, pled guilty to conversion. She was sentenced to one year in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Michael B. Smith, 53, of Rossville, pled guilty to battery resulting in bodily injury. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, all suspended, and 364 days supervised probation.

Richard L. Dulin, 19, of Delphi, pled guilty to battery. He was sentenced to time served as of April 24, 2008. He also pled guilty to theft. For that he was sentenced to 180 days in jail.

The following were meted a combination of jail time, suspensions, probation and other penalties for convictions re-

lated to alcohol or illegal substances: Roger D. Burks, 45, of Frankfort, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, operating a vehicle as an habitual traffic violator and habitual substance offender; William M. Kirby, 59, of Delphi, operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangering a person; Charles E. Herman, 62, of Delphi, operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangering a person; Benjamin P. Johnson, 18, of Monticello, possession of a controlled substance; Brian C. Shively, 23, of Flora, possession of a controlled substance and possession of paraphernalia; and Stacey A. Britton, 42, of Delphi, operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangering a person.

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.

Tuesday, July 1

√Carroll County Commissioners special meeting to discuss EDIT and 2009 budget requests: 1 p.m.
√Carroll School Board: 7:30 p.m.

Public Notices appearing in this issue of the Comet:

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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.

How are you finding ways to cut expenses?

Using alternate means of transportation
Carpooling/sharing rides
Using oil company credit cards
Staying home
All the above

Last Weeks results

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

48% Yes
33% No
19% Undecided
Total responses: 67