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## Stand up and face your reflection

Delphi City Clerk-Treasurer Janice Roe is to be commended for undergoing what had to be a terribly uncomfortable interview about problems in her department as cited by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

She has been in office for four years and this is the first time she has been directly questioned by the media about bookkeeping issues in her office. But she did not hesitate to agree to an interview.

Roe did not express concern that the report was made public. She did not refuse to be interviewed. Roe knew what had to be done and displayed the courage to do it.

City council members should read the audit report. They too must understand the financial workings of the city because they are responsible for them. They must all know the level of long-term debt, and how that financial liability is taken care of before any more money is borrowed and any more staff is added to the city employment rolls.

They should foremost stand up and face their reflection. Only then will they gain the admiration and the respect of those who pay the bills. Mrs. Roe has already done just that.

## 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.

Ashanti Amanda Cooper's name was changed to Ashanti Amanda Isley.

Brandon L. Dail, 35, was sentenced to the Department of Correction for eight years for three counts of burglary.

Will N. Bishop, 31, was found guilty of burglary and possession of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to eight years for the first offense and three years for the second.

The following causes were dismissed: The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Co. et al vs. Dorsha A. Cobbs and Ralph B. Cobbs; Capital One Bank vs. Alan DeVault; Arrow Financial Services vs. Ronald D. Scowden and Jon C. Scowden; Red Rock Lake Financial vs. Valerie L. Stout; Arrow Financial Services vs. Nina Emmett and James R. Emmett; Arrow Financial Services vs. Nina Emmett and James Emmett; Theresa L. Harshman vs. Whitney K. George; Standard Fire Insurance Co. et al vs. Alan Coghill et al; Brandi Welker vs. Brian Welker; Richard S. Rakos vs. Sherri Cupp and Sherri Cupp vs. Richard Rakos; Sherri Cupp

vs. Richard Rakos; and the court ruled lack of jurisdiction in petition for writ of habeas corpus filed by Susan Sturdivant.

The following complaints were filed: U.S. Bank National Association vs. Pamela S. Dillon; Midland Credit Management Inc. as serving agent for Midland Funding LLC as assignee of Providian vs. Tricia L. Thompson; American Acceptance Co. LLC as assignee of Providian vs. Steven A. Fultz; Arrow Financial Services LLC vs. Shelly R. Brafford; Arrow Financial Services LLC vs. Kimberly Alioto; Pinnacle Credit Services LLC vs. Monica Underwood a/k/a Monica James; Daimler Chrysler Financial vs. Lisa C. Martin and Timothy M. Martin.

The following complaints on note and to foreclose mortgage were filed: Wells Fargo Bank N.A. vs. Shannon N. Johnston a/k/a Shannon N. Francis; Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. vs. Jose L. Reyes and Samantha K. Reyes; JPMorgan Chase Bank vs. Jason T. Wright and Lisa M. Wright; Countrywide Home Loans Inc. vs. Matthew C. McClain; HSBC Bank vs. Sean M. Mulkey, Jacob and Layla Amberger, John and Jane Doe; First Financial Bank vs. Shelly and Michael Alderman.

## 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.

### Should the government bailout the big three automakers?

Yes, we must not let the industry collapse  
No, we would be better off if they go into bankruptcy  
Have no opinion

### Last Week's results

For greater efficiencies, is it time to consolidate and/or eliminate certain areas of local government?

84% Yes, it's long overdue  
09% No, do not change a thing  
08% Undecided

Total responses: 116  
Reader's comments:

It is very important that if the positions are consolidated that it be done with the public able to vote on the new officials... It should not become the way appointments can be made by local political folks who can take over like the old license branch system was.

My cell phone has a folding lounge chair on which to sit on the top of my desk. The little chair has a wooden frame that folds and a striped canvas sling on which the phone can perch. The cell phone lounge chair is a promotional piece given as gifts by one division of the company where I work.

The cell phone folding lounge chair might be described as clever or cute or quirky. It might be described in those terms. But it should be described for what it truly is: ridiculous and a squander of resources.

How did we come to produce and possess all this stuff?

Last week I went to a condominium apartment to estimate its market value. The apartment is about 1200 square feet with two bedrooms, two baths and a big great room. In addition to the interior living space the unit has a balcony, a garage space and a storage locker.

A family of four lives in the unit. I met the wife and the two small children.

As I toured the apartment it became evident that these folks outgrew this space a long time ago. There was stuff everywhere, mostly toys and children's play equipment. All the stuff around dictated that the furniture was positioned in a scattered, awkward manner.

To put it kindly, the place was a mess.

The wife shared with me



## Stuff

that she and her husband pay for storage lockers at a nearby facility. Those storage lockers house a lot of the kids toys and other possessions they can no longer fit in the apartment. She then shared the real reason for the sale of the apartment. It turns out that the couple are delinquent on their mortgage and that the apartment is no longer worth what they originally paid for it.

I had all this information before we got to the master bedroom. And it was there, beyond the king size bed and past the chaotic, overflowing closet, past lots of stuff, there it was - the Christmas corner. Towering over all the chaos of things and possessions were brightly wrapped boxes, dozens of them. Each box, one bigger than the next, was covered with festive paper and ribbon and frills and they balanced on each other like a jigsaw puzzle come to life.

Back in the great room the two little children watched some nameless DVD on some name brand big screen plasma TV.

It didn't feel a lot like Christmas.

The family was drowning in stuff, stuff for which there

is no room and that they can't afford.

Recently, a family member of ours was burglarized. The burglars broke in through the kitchen door. From the look of things, they made their way throughout the entire house. But when an inventory was taken, there was just a laptop and some jewelry missing.

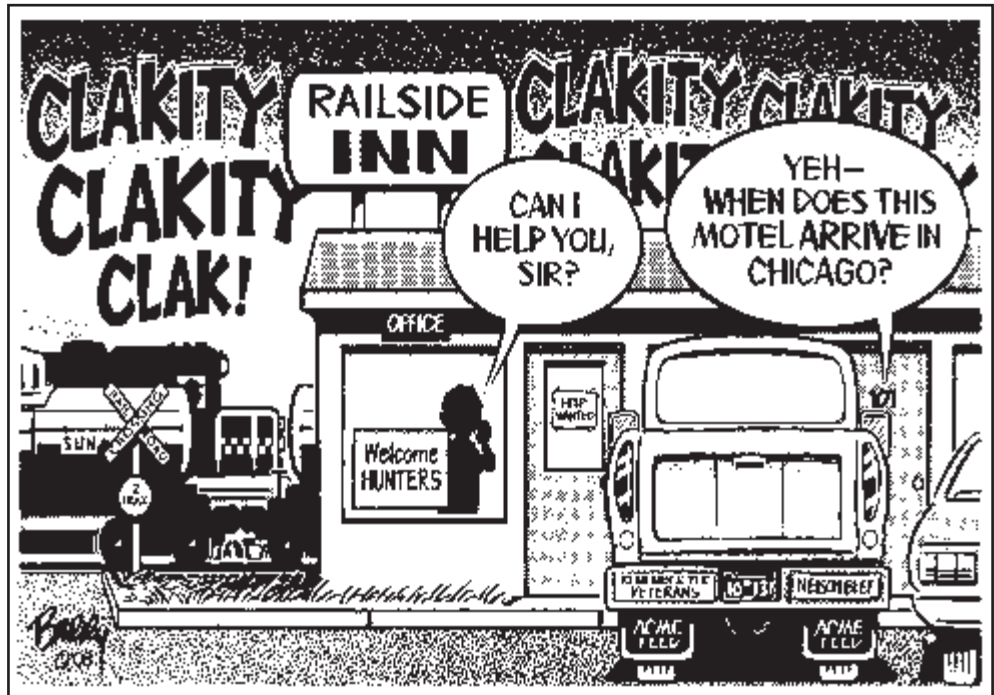
According to the police, used electronics are common and not worth much. Silverware is passe. It's gold that is in high demand. For the most part, it would seem the burglar's job has gotten tougher. There's too much stuff out there, and there's not much of a market for anything less than brand new.

Over the weekend I was in a conversation with several fellows and a young dad. "Everything my kids do costs money," the young dad said, and then he listed music lessons, and organized sports activities and on and on. Indeed, all the activities required equipment and instruction - stuff and money.

"Does anyone play kick the can anymore," asked one of us older ones?

A poll was taken and the answer was no.

As the economic recession becomes undeniable, perhaps a blessing in disguise will be revealed. Perhaps we can exchange the notion of possessing for the act of doing and in that way fill lives, instead of filling shelves.



## 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.

### The time is now

Monday, the Carroll County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) recommended the sale of 30 acres of county land next to Indiana Packers to the Indiana Packers. Why? Because it makes good sense. The transaction could benefit Carroll County, Carroll Manor, and Indiana Packers (IPC).

The county has struggled with the budget all year. The sale of this land could generate much-needed funds for the county budget. Thirty acres of land would be put on the tax rolls. An expansion at Indiana Packers could generate new jobs, more income tax, and the potential of new support businesses.

The sale of the land could help ensure Carroll Manor's continuation. Additional tax revenue from increased property taxes and/or income taxes could be dedicated to maintain the Manor. That could be a great asset in the county's current financial situation. The proposal sets aside 20 acres around the Manor for landscaping to screen and beautify the area.

The #1 rule of economic development is to support present businesses. The county has an opportunity to do just that. Indiana Packers is exploring new product lines. They will need space for new products such as ready-to-eat meats and other value-added products. If we don't help IPC, one of our own Carroll County businesses, IPC will take its expansion and its increased taxes elsewhere to benefit another county.

IPC is a good neighbor. They support over 100 local organizations and fundraisers each year. They regularly donate food to Carroll Manor. They are a good steward of their resources. They are aggressive recyclers of their waste products, and have a preliminary treatment facility to handle discharge wastewater before it enters the Delphi septic system. We believe this sale is good for Carroll County, Carroll Manor,

and Indiana Packers. A fair, agreed upon amount can be reached for this land. Issues and concerns can be a focus of negotiation and agreement.

It is the right thing at the right time for the County Commissioners and the County Council to begin negotiations with IPC regarding this land. This economic development opportunity is at our fingertips. It is for the benefit of taxpayers, Carroll Manor, and IPC. It's time to act.

Daryl Smith, director, Carroll County Economic Development Corporation

### Clarifies intent of referendum

I am writing in response to the editorial in the Nov. 5 issue of the *Comet*.

My sincere apology goes out to anyone who felt ambushed. That was not the intention of the township board or myself. We were simply trying to get feedback from the Deer Creek Township residents and taxpayers. The polling places were the perfect place for us to talk to people who live in Deer Creek Township.

I also apologize for any confusion in the wording that was used. However, our township attorney prepared it and we rely on his expertise.

I did not feel this was something that needed to be written about in the paper. These issues have been discussed in several issues of the *Comet*. Most people have already formed an opinion and that's what we wanted to identify.

Everyone who went to the polls was a resident of Deer Creek Township. If they do not own their own home, then they are probably renting or leasing. I'm confident that the landlord had included the taxes, insurance and all other expenses when determining what to charge per month for rent or lease. Therefore I would consider voters taxpayers.

The township board is and has been prudent. That is how they accumulated this money to administer the township government. There are six funds: township, recreation, township assistance, fire fighting, cumulative fire, and rainy day. The money for each fund is kept separate.

Overseeing the administration of township government, facilitating culture and recreation, su-

pervising the fire contract and cumulative fire fund, lending a hand to people who need assistance are just a few of the township board's duties. They are the eyes and ears of the township. They are the closest government to the people.

The Carroll County Historical Museum brings culture and recreation to Deer Creek Township. Carroll Manor can provide food, shelter and a home to those in need.

We do and have been giving to the Carroll County Council on Aging. We pay the fire contract each year and have a cumulative fire fund. We used to give to the food pantry until the State Board of Accounts advised against it.

The township board was elected to govern township business. The voters chose these three people to make decisions in their best interest. That is what the board tried to do. Several people wrote notes and made suggestions. They had the opportunity to vote yes or no. The vote for the museum was 387 yes and 74 no votes. The vote for Carroll Manor was 521 yes and 29 no votes.

Deciding how to spend taxpayer money is an open process with discussion and feedback. If the township board decides to proceed with these issues, the meeting will be posted and advertised like we always have.

Neda K. Duff  
Deer Creek Twp. Trustee  
Delphi

### Eel Tribe purchases Early Warning System

Today is a proud day for the Eel River Tribe of Indiana. Not because we were able to deliver the main financial payment being used to purchase the Early Warning System and Codespear System for more than \$82,000, but because this is a huge step in saving lives and insuring the safety of the many friends and people along the Tippecanoe River in Carroll County.

We hope to finish this project with additional printed information to be distributed to all of those directly in the warning system area.

It is our tribe who is thankful and happy to have helped.

Mike Floyd, Ogema  
Eel River Tribe of Indiana  
Logansport

## 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

Christina D. Palmer, Delphi, was charged with domestic battery.

Misty D. Joselyn was charged with battery resulting in bodily injury.

William Williams was charged with operating while intoxicated.

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Daniel R. Woolever, Flora, was found guilty of check deception.

Timothy A. Taylor, 53, Cutler, was found guilty of public intoxication and was sentenced to 90 days in jail suspended, one year supervised probation, plus court costs.

Anthony Pasquarosa, 21, West Lafayette, was fined \$25 plus court costs for driving while suspended.

For fishing violations, Eleuterio Lucas, 38, Frankfort, and Miguel Hernandez, 48, Frankfort, were each sentenced to 10 days in jail suspended, one year unsupervised probation, \$25 fine, plus court costs.

For false informing, Richard P. Ruhlander, 22, Lafayette, was sentenced to 20 days in jail plus court costs.

Felix Flores, 34, Logansport, was found guilty of operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license and speeding. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail suspended, one year unsupervised probation, \$25 fine for first offense and \$10 fine for second, plus court costs.

Jessica M. Greiner, 23, Indianapolis, was fined \$25 for speeding, plus court costs.

Abbie D. Morgeson, 28, Idaville, was sentenced for OWI/endangering and false informing to one year in jail suspended, one year supervised probation for the first offense and the same for the second, plus court costs.

The following causes were dismissed: Robert A. Lucas DDS vs. Antonio Aquilar, Bradley Brown; Prairie Farms vs. David Strong; Pearson's Gas vs. Robert Howard, Lisa Martin, Tom Stephens; RTS Industries Inc. vs. Shirley B. Marcum, vs. Robert L. King; Ruth M. Thompson vs. Richard L. Stout; Earthscapes Inc. vs. Farris B. Fisher.

Judgment and foreclosure was entered for the plaintiff in Countrywide Home Loans Inc. vs. Irene Donovan and William Donovan a/k/a William B. Donovan et al, \$119,360.72.

Default judgments were entered for the plaintiff: Capital One Bank vs. Kirsten Delong, \$2,589.36, Carol A. Green, \$1,833.12; Pearson's Gas vs. Andrew Draper, \$712.43; Brian Bricker and Marilyn Bricker vs. Larry Brooks and Suzann Brooks, \$3,875; Atlantic Credit and Finance Inc vs. Rose M. Rogers, \$1,239.01; Michael Nipple vs. Doug Welch and Tracy Welch, \$1,000 plus vacation of property; Robert A. Lucas DDS vs. Roger Morgan, \$70.06, Daniel Basco, \$877.98; and Harry W. Jones DDS vs. John MacCurdy and Beverly MacCurdy, \$938.

### 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, Nov. 20**  
√ County Council budget discussion: 8:30 a.m.  
√ Delphi Community School Corporation Special Board meeting: 7 p.m., corporation office building  
√ Delphi Airport Board meeting: 7 p.m., airport administration building  
**Monday, Nov. 24**  
√ County Council budget adoption: 8:30 a.m.  
**Tuesday, Nov. 25**  
√ Area Plan Commission: 7 p.m.

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

Sheriff Sale-Watson . . . .7B  
Sheriff Sale-Gray . . . . .5B  
Sheriff Sale-Troy Cook . . .6B  
Suit-Charles Cook . . . . .6B  
Sheriff Sale-Spray . . . . .6B  
CCSC-Obligation Not . . .5B  
Serv. by Publication . . .5B  
Hwy. Dept.-Bids . . . . .5B  
IURC-Hearing . . . . .5B  
Hufty's Lien Sale . . . . .5B  
Butcher Estate . . . . .5B  
Sheriff's Sale-Edwards . .6B

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