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Kudos to our youth

Carroll County has a lot of reasons these days to be extremely proud of its youth.

The Delphi Community High School wrestling team has had a phenomenal season, with several team and individual honors being received. Two wrestlers – Donovan Alderman and Michael Atwood - placed in the top four in the state in their respective weight classes. Teammate Shane Evans was named to the First Team Academic All-State Wrestling Team.

As a team, DCHS won its first ever regional crown and five wrestlers advanced to semi-state competition – Alderman, Atwood, Bob Floyd, Aaron Back and Randy McIlrath.

Carroll also had a wrestler, Chase Meade, advance to semi-state competition.

Carroll girls won their first basketball sectional since 1998, under the direction of a new coach, Mike McCroskey. What this team lacked in height, they made up for in tenacity.

These honors did not come to these athletes without a lot of hard work and dedication. We commend them and their coaching staffs for jobs well done!

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.

In a default judgment, Robert W. Goris and Peggy L. Goris were ordered to pay \$9,555.67 to First Financial Bank f/k/a Sand Ridge Bank.

A request to suspend an order for support while Crystal J. Crider and Elmer J. Crider IV reside together was denied.

A decree of dissolution was granted between Jackie A. Woodhouse and Ed Lee Woodhouse, with wife's former name of Johns restored.

A count of child molesting against Terry Lee Ward was dismissed.

The following causes were dismissed: JP Morgan Chase Bank NA vs. Orville G. Brown and Diane Brown; and State of Indiana vs. Rene Polanco Magallanes.

Hubbard Auto Center Inc. was dismissed as a defendant in the cause of Alice M. Floyd vs. Gabriel Castillo-Tovar and Hubbard Auto Center Inc.

In a default judgment, Christopher Myers and Michelle Myers were ordered to pay \$13,856.62 to Fan Distributing.

A decree of dissolution was granted between Sarah Joann Harris and Phillip Lee Harris, with wife's former name of Woodward restored.

A decree of foreclosure ordered by the court in the cause of Deutsche Bank National

Trust Company vs. Michy A. Butcher and Andrea Butcher was set aside and dismissed.

An order vacating judgment and decree of foreclosure and an entry of dismissal was ordered in the cause of First Horizon Home Loans vs. Gary A. Snyder and Teresa L. Snyder, et al.

Shawn J. McKinley pled guilty to dealing in marijuana. He was sentenced to three years in prison, two and a half years suspended, and two and a half years probation.

The following causes were dismissed: Thomas Ping and Betty L. Ping vs. Gregory A. Clawson and Kimberly A. Clawson.

Jennifer L. James was ordered to pay \$11,967.45 to Communitywide Federal Credit Union.

John Provo was found to be in contempt of court for not abiding by an order to make monthly payments to J&K Watson Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Delphi Hardware and Paint, Rossville Hardware and Paint and Brookston Hardware and Paint. He was remanded to the Carroll County Jail until he purged himself of contempt by paying arrearage.

In a default judgment, Gary L. Bosley was ordered to pay \$1,094.63 to Midland Credit Management Inc.

A charge of dealing in methamphetamine having a weight of three grams or more against John J. Rieken was amended to dealing in methamphetamine, a class B felony.

I'm told that vinegar will take out the ugly salt lines that now crystalize on my favorite black dress shoes. I got that nugget in a little unsolicited advice thrown my way as I walked into the lobby of an office building yesterday. After I turned down the shoeshine guy for lack of time he yelled out his vinegar gem.

Granted, my shoes do look pretty pathetic. And I'm not sure vinegar or any form of polish or salad topping is going to restore my wingtips.

This turn of events comes despite the fact that I live in a fashion free zone when it comes to our grueling Midwest winters. I'm not too proud to don stocking cap or ski mask, tuck my hands into thick wool mittens and pull on a good pair of galoshes. I've got muffers that don't match anything, stretchy knit gloves for under the mittens and battery-powered socks for the very worst weather. I've got just about every inch of me covered, that is, if a good pair of galoshes could be had.

For years I've had a pair of Totes brand form fitting shoe rubbers for my dress shoes. These gems have apparently fallen from favor in the general public since one of the 20-somethings in my family said he had never seen such things.

Well, folks have heard me coming down the corridor in my Totes for years. They make a clomp, clomp, clump sound that's rather unique. Their other

Midwest Memo

by Alan Shultz



Boot scootin'

property is that they retain moisture in the grooved bottoms so that one is always sitting in a small melted puddle if they are left on inside.

Because my fashion form-fitting Totes are tight to pull on, they require an elaborate one-legged hopping dance to get them over my shoes. If I believed in such things, reflecting on this dance it appears to mimic tribal dances of old calling for rain. Perhaps, inadvertently, I have been dancing the snow dance all these years, calling on the skies to dump yet more of the white stuff down upon us.

Anyway, it was during one of my one-legged Totes dances last week that my right foot rubber split down the middle and I was left shoe naked to the slush and snow and puddles and drifts awaiting me outside.

A trip to the shoe store did not solve my problem.

Perhaps it was my choice of shoe stores. It was an enormous self-serve affair with boxes and boxes of other people's shoe sizes. The young folks who staffed the store all wore ear-phones for their I-pods. My interruptions asking for help and directions were terrible, unfor-

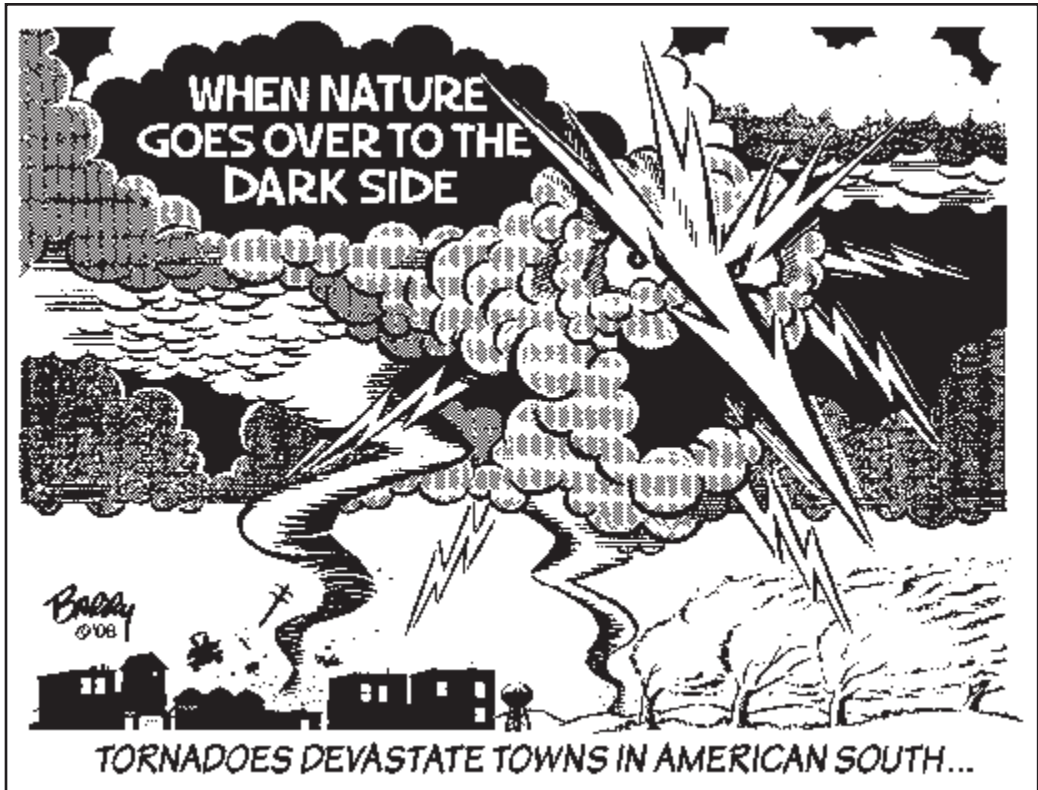
givable annoyances to these folks.

I was on my own. More than once I had to double check whether I was really in the winter section for shoe apparel. It does seem that folks have sacrificed function to style when it comes to snow protection. Most everything I looked at was good for a little dusting of snow. But the real stuff, the piles of snow and the frozen mounds of ice, well what I was looking at just didn't stand up.

I wound up with the extreme other end of my sought after Totes. These lumberjack boots are stiffer than plywood and cut the back of my legs like I've never experienced before. The lacing on these boots is similar to hockey skates with both holes for the laces and also those metal clips that one weaves in and out and across. No one-legged hopping to put these clod hoppers on. I've got to sit down on the floor to have a hope of getting both on and laced up properly.

The thing is, one can choose poorly in winter where to sit down on the floor to "lace up." If you're in a spot where some Totes wearing fellow has just been, well, you're sitting in a little pool of water and then you've moved on to a new problem.

Turn up your I-pods you young store clerks, the old crabby guy is now looking for snow pants.



Refusal to wear bracelet lands former county employee back in jail

By Debbie Lowe
Staff writer



Lohmiller

Rebecca Lohmiller, the former county employee who served as health nurse for more than five years and was later convicted of practicing medicine without a license and fraud, was re-arrested last weekend.

A no-bond warrant was issued for Rebecca Lohmiller's arrest Feb. 15 by Special Judge Linley Pearson after notification of probation violation by Carroll County Prosecutor Tricia Thompson. Lohmiller was incarcerated in the Carroll County Jail after the arrest.

Lohmiller was sentenced in September to four years at the Indiana Department of Correction, two years executed on home arrest with electronic monitoring and two years sus-

pending and four years on probation.

Carroll County In-Home Detention Coordinator Callie M. Schimmel filed a violation memorandum Jan. 25 in Carroll Circuit Court. Schimmel stated that Lohmiller removed the transmitter (electronic monitoring bracelet) on Nov. 18, Jan. 15 and Jan. 22, and failed to immediately notify the supervising officer. According to court documents, Lohmiller

also received a verbal warning against removal of the device Jan. 22, prior to the documented removal.

Thompson filed a motion for Lohmiller to spend the remainder of her time in the DOC. Lohmiller's attorney, Florence Anne Briggs, requested a hearing for the judge to make a decision about Lohmiller's fate. She could remain on in-home detention or serve time at DOC. According to court documents, Lohmiller "has information pertinent to this matter."

The hearing will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Carroll Circuit Court on the third floor of the courthouse.

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.

Dawn Roth, 41, of Lafayette, pled guilty to check deception. She was sentenced to 60 days in jail, all suspended, and one year unsupervised probation.

Joseph L. Shultz, 29, of Monticello, pled guilty to criminal recklessness with a deadly weapon. He was sentenced to one year in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation. In a separate cause, Shultz pled guilty to criminal trespass, for which he was sentenced to one year in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation. The convictions were set to run consecutively.

Marriage Licenses

Wayne Pace Shirar, 29, and Allison Kay Short, 20, both of Bringhurst.

Darrell D. Moore, 39, and Beulah J. Bailey, 52, both of Rossville.

Richard W. White, 30, and Tabitha R. Fultz, 21, both of Delphi.

Kathy E. Dunbar, 44, of Delphi, pled guilty to the amended charge of operating an off-road vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. She was sentenced to 180 days in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Daniel T. Longoria, 19, of Brookston, pled guilty to visiting a common nuisance. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Joseph P. Komas, 27, of Whiting, pled guilty to possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to one year in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Brent J. Ruemler, 27, of Elkhart, pled guilty to speeding. He was fined. A count of driving while suspended against him was dismissed.

Terry L. Robinson Sr., 37, of Flora, pled guilty to possession of cocaine, unlawful possession or use of a legend drug and habitual substance offender. He was sentenced to seven years in prison, three years suspended, and five years probation.

Darryl E. Brickey, 32, of Monticello, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance and habitual substance offender. He was sentenced to six years in prison, three years suspended, and three years supervised probation.

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.

Questions open government

Two weeks ago, the Comet poll asked if we would support increased funding to the Economic Development Corporation or EDC. This is an interesting question since the average person in Carroll County is kept in the dark as to the actual workings of this organization.

It seems very strange that the county is already supporting a corporation that is not open to public scrutiny with taxpayer's money. In other words, this is a secret organization that does not provide to the citizens open meetings, minutes of meetings, a budget, or how the county money is spent. So far, we have had this or a similarly named organization in place for over 20 years with little or no report to the public on their activities. Some people even believe that some members of this organization or their businesses are benefiting from their membership. Are benefits like brokering sales or providing products and services to the newly recruited business enriching any members of the EDC? It would seem that detailed information from EDC would make for a little transparency and make the taxes that already go to this corporation more palatable. So far, no detailed information from this group has been forthcoming.

Now, it is proposed to increase (double?) the amount of taxpayer's money going to this group. To what purpose? We have seen some effort from the EDC to bring in additional confined animal feeding operations (CAFO) to Carroll County. Apparently over 109 of these kinds of operations in the county are not enough. What's next, perhaps a toxic waste dump or landfill? Who knows since right now, the citizens of Carroll County will only find out after it is a done deal!

Jim Tarnowski
Camden

Delphi school renovation is much needed

Currently the Delphi School Board is having open community meetings regarding a possible remodeling project. Our high school was built almost 40 years ago with no major remodeling done since it opened.

The young adults of DCHS desire the opportunity to learn in an atmosphere of safety. An outdated heating system requires some to wear coats and gloves in some classrooms, while in others they need tee shirts and shorts. This does not provide an atmosphere conducive to learning.

I would like to list some of the major problems as I see them.

1. Science rooms outdated. Science is important, just sit and think of the great advances of the past 40 years. Many of us would not be here if not for the medical advances made in sciences.
2. Updated computer labs. Whether you like it or not, computers are here to stay. The present rooms were designed for typewriters, and presently need power sources updated and individual computer work space.
3. Over-crowded classrooms are a common occurrence.
4. Because of the location of the offices, people can enter the building site unseen, developing an unsafe environment for students and staff.
5. Student locker areas are unsafe because of many hidden areas thus allowing the potential for student bullying.
6. We live in an agricultural community. This area of our school needs serious attention. Teaching methods have changed over the past 40 years.

These are just a tip of the iceberg. I urge you to contact the school for a list of all proposed changes.

The school board has made every attempt, and with the help of consultants, has developed a plan that would cause no need for additional tax revenue, monies would come from a wrap-around bond. This community does an excellent job of preserving our history, let's not overlook one of our most valuable assets - OUR CHILDREN.

Please consider supporting this project, ask questions, take tours and study the proposal. Education is the foundation of a great society and community. I challenge you to take one hour of your already busy schedules to become informed, not for anyone, but for our future, the children.

Mike Hyman
Delphi

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 ready are you for spring?

Ready enough to move to make it happen earlier
I'll take it when it gets here...no hurry
I'm patiently looking at seed catalogs and polishing my garden tools

Last Weeks results

Do you remember your sweetheart on Valentine's Day?

57% Yes, it's a special day
12% Yes, I'll be in trouble if I don't
32% No, it's just another day
Total responses: 95

Reader's comments from February 6:

Absolutely!! The Open Door Law covers this, and regardless of the fact that these elected officials do not care to let the public in on all they do, the public has a right to know. It is their money that is being spent. It would be interesting to know just what they don't want us to know. HMMM.

It has come to the attention of some residents of Carroll County that there are some Carroll County officials who aren't pleased with some of the comments made in the Comet about where our money is going.

We, the people of Carroll County, think we do have the right to know where our money is going and it should be made known to us willingly.

Why don't they want us to know?

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, Feb. 21

√ Council/Commissioners Joint Meeting: 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 26

√ Area Plan Commission: 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 28

√ Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District: 7 p.m., White County Government Building

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| 1-800-228-6013. | |