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We love our independence

It has been a difficult first six months of 2008 for the citizens of Carroll County - budget cuts, police and emergency cuts, floods and more.

But residents should not lose sight of what is good...we live in a country where it is the right of every citizen to stand up and say their piece. They get to leave their jobs if they don't like what is going on. They get to complain if they think the people they elected to protect their tax dollars haven't.

Those who do not agree with a hog operation or a cattle factory being located near their home have a right to object in public.

Those who do not want a boat house in their neighborhood have a right to complain.

That is what we do in this country.

And it would be contrary to what we stand for to take that right away from our citizens, from those who make this great nation what it is.

When you get together with your family and friends this weekend to celebrate the holiday, remember just what holiday this is... Independence Day.

Our forefathers of long ago fought to achieve our independence from England, so we can express our opinions and make our own decisions.

So as you celebrate the 4th of July, remember that we have public meetings for citizens to become informed about the county, city, etc. We are allowed at many of these meetings to express our opinions about whatever subject matter is on the agenda. We have a right to our opinions...and so do those who don't agree with us!

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.

Discover Bank filed a complaint against Darrell L. Maxwell.

Ameri Credit Financial Services filed a complaint against Harry J. Smith III and Kimberly K. Smith.

PHH Mortgage Corp. filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage against Ryan Sink aka Ryan G. Sink.

Arrow Financial Services, Inc., filed a complaint against Nina Emmett and James R. Emmett.

Capital One Bank filed a complaint against Kirsten DeLong.

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Arrow Financial Services, LLC filed complaint against Jerry J. Johnston.

Arrow Financial Services filed complaint against Rob McKinney.

Option One Mortgage filed complaint on note and to foreclose on mortgage against Rick D. Delk and Cindy L. Delk.

LaSalle Bank National Assn. filed complaint on promissary note and to foreclose mortgage against Edmond L. and Joyce Trussel, Cecil L. and Patricia A. Click and unknown occupants.

U.S. Bank National Assn. filed complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate against B. Michael Atwood and Melinda S. Atwood.

HSBC Bank Nevada filed complaint against Gregory D. Sproul.

American Acceptance Co. LLC filed complaint against Nancy Dee Brewer.

The Bank of New York filed complaint on note to foreclose mortgage on real estate against Stacy Holguin.

Citimortgage, Inc. filed complaint against Garan Smith.

Bennett Boehing and Clary LLP, filed suit on account against Mary E. McKinney.

Marilyn Sue O'Farrell was named personal representative of the estate of Thomas W. O'Farrell.

Jane E. Rinehart was named personal representative of the estate of Kenneth S. Gascho.

Blaine M. McLeland, 21, was found guilty of two counts of burglary, a class B felony. He was sentenced to 12 years and 10 years in the Department of Correction with sentence to run concurrently with previous sentence. Three years of the 12-year sentence were suspended and McLeland will serve two years supervised probation.

Guest commentary

Management distrust cited as reason for failed consolidation

By Keith Mullin

The recent vote against consolidation of Carroll County REMC with White County sent a message of no confidence to the management from the membership.

It was not so much a matter of distrusting mergers but rather distrusting management who have become out of touch with the general membership, at least from a fiduciary standpoint.

Obviously, immediate and urgent corrective action is required:

- Increase the size of the board for better membership contact.
- The directors must learn to ask a lot of hard questions.

I made myself at home in the magazine section of the bookstore the other day. I claimed a part of the wide varnished wooden ledge in the front window where the sun beamed in making a cozy little reading spot.

My wife and I are looking at kitchen designs these days and we're in the dreaming mode, not the buying mode. With decorating magazines running \$5.95 a pop, it pays to thumb through an issue to see if the ideas outweigh the ads. That's what I was up to on this particular weekday afternoon.

I'd felt the eyes of the security guard on me as soon as I walked in the store. I figured she didn't have much to do and I was as good as anyone else to keep watch over. But still, was I really that suspicious looking?

After getting lost in thought over countertops and kitchen faucets, I looked up from a centerfold of shiny stainless steel dishwashers only to see the security guard was headed in my direction. I wondered to myself if I had overstayed my welcome.

"Do you know who you look like," the security guard asked?

"Well no," I replied.

"You look just like John McCain," she said, "you could be his double."



Mistaken identity

Hmmmmmm, I'm thinking to myself, respected statesman, war hero, and then (insert trademark music from the movie Psycho) 70+ years old.

Now I'll grant you that 70 is certainly the new 55 and that "old" is more and more in the eyes of the beholder. I'm also all for waiting until one hits 100 before he or she is considered really old. But McCain is a decade and a half older than me, so if his 70+ is really the new 55+, then I got lost in the translation somewhere. Or, hard truth here, I just look a decade and a half older than I am.

Or, was it simply a case of mistaken identity and the security guard needing a new prescription on her eyeglasses? Of course, it has me wondering what a good eyebrow lift costs these days? That and the abs workout tape I'll be ordering off some late night infomercial. Finally, I think considering a red convertible for my bruised ego might be in order.

Mistaken identity, it can

wind up being a compliment or simply ruining your day. It turns our mistaken identity can happen with mere sloppy typing, too. Let me explain.

I've been e-mailing a potential client on the East Coast about a real estate transaction here in the Midwest. This fellow and I have never spoken and we know very little about each other. One day recently the client, in a very round about way, asked me if I was originally from the Middle East.

It turns out that I consistently have misspelled my name in the several e-mails I've sent to this gentleman. The confusion is rooted in the fact that on the typing keyboard the letter "k" is right next to "l" and that the letter "b" is right next to "n." It turns out that when I'm in a hurry, or when I sit at the keyboard a little crooked, well, the guide keys can elude me. That's why Alan has wound up being Akab in many cases.

If the secret service ever comes knocking at my door I'll know it's for one of two very different possibilities. Either they are looking for a body double for John McCain or they want to see a current visitor's visa for this Akab fellow.

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.

REMC merger vote

The comment made by a White County REMC board member that "Carroll County REMC members are not business people" is why the merger got voted down. After Carroll County residents got the sewer district shoved down their throats, who in White County do they think anyone can trust?

Kenny Brovont Jr
Delphi

Marriage Licenses

Shayne Doyle Record, 33, Flora, and Brandi Kae Handley, 31, Flora.

Jeffrey Lee Perry, 41, Cutler, and Laura Anne Jones, 43, Rossville.

Joshua Lawrence Sollars, 28, Camden, and Karry Nichols Scott, 29, 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

Joseph A. Wolfe was charged with public intoxication.

Garry R. Shell, Idaville was charged with OWI/endangering, speeding and open container of an alcoholic beverage during operation of a motor vehicle.

Marco A. Lopez, Frankfort, was charged with operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license.

Richard D. Daniels, Delphi, was charged with OWI/endangering and failure to stop after an accident resulting in non-vehicle damage.

Alan L. Lovvorn was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

Deborah Rosa McCarty was charged with battery.

Anthony P. Pasquarosa was charged with driving while suspended.

Jason R. Asselin was charged with theft.

Kayla L. Wood was charged with theft.

Cipriano Naranjo, 25, pled guilty to operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail, all suspended, and one year unsupervised probation.

James M. Lanum, 31, of Delphi, pled guilty to domestic battery and resisting law enforcement. He was sentenced to one year in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

David Boughton, 39, of Delphi, pled guilty to battery. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, 174 days suspended, and 359 days supervised probation.

Ramon Pena, 20, pled guilty to operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license and speeding. He was fined.

The following causes were dismissed: Christopher Guise and Jodi Guise vs. Darin Blackburn; Robert A. Lucas vs. Dana and Jane Faucett; First Farmers Bank & Trust vs. Frances E. Titus; CACH LLC vs. Gary Snyder Sr.; US Bank NA vs. Cary D. McCarty, et al.; Jerry Barnsfather and Mary Barnsfather; Robert A. Lucas DDS vs. Gary Kauffman; and Robert D. Lucas DDS vs. Brian Fogars.

In an agreed judgment, Jeremy D. Gist was ordered to pay \$19,445.37 to Beneficial Indiana Inc.

In a default judgment, David W. Ashenfelter was ordered to pay \$497.37 to Beck's Superior Hybrids.

In an agreed judgment, April Boggs was ordered to pay \$1,994 to Capital One Bank USA NA.

The following were ordered to pay Robert A. Lucas DDS in default judgments: Cathy Chaffin Mayhew; Vicki Reed; Patricia Piggott; John Reed; Kris Hicks; Bob Goodnight; Michelle Goodnight; Mitzie Dulin; Steve Ogle; Stacey McPheeters and Mark McPheeters; and John Corbin and Tamera Corbin.

In a default judgment, Jeffrey M. Hayes and Sandra M. Hayes were ordered to pay \$24,173.95 to Beneficial Indiana Inc.

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.

Where do you like to watch fireworks?

- In-county community celebration
- Out-of-county celebration
- At friends' and/or relatives'
- My own yard
- Don't stay up for them

Last Weeks results

How are you finding ways to cut expenses?

- 4% Using alternate means of transportation
 - 6% Carpooling/sharing rides
 - 1% Using oil company credit cards
 - 79% Staying home
 - 11% All the above
- Total responses: 127

Reader's comments:

I know it is difficult to create simple multiple choice survey questions that address the possibilities that people experience. I have tried a number of times.

Your options on this week's question are really limited, though.

What about ideas like:

- Combine multiple trips into one
- Plan the shortest most efficient routes
- Raise prices (if driving for a business)
- Buy groceries for longer periods of time
- Drive only the vehicle with the best mileage
- Shut off the engine when waiting in lines
- Share grocery shopping trip with a neighbor
- Make up shopping lists and only go when really necessary
- Always drive less than the speed limit
- Accelerate slowly from stops
- Don't pass other cars and trucks on the road
- Make sure your engine is well tuned and tire pressures correct

Kris Brower