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What we expect from an elected official - protection

Kudos to Carroll County Surveyor Wayne Chapman! Chapman did what we wish all of our local (state and national) leaders would do while performing his with the county. Chapman looked ahead at two different projects and saw what might become a problem for the county and its taxpayers. He spoke to protect both.

Chapman understands how drains work in the county. During drainage board meetings, he many times talks about swill and drain-cuts and flow and all sorts of things that most of us do not understand.

But he does. He understands what can cause a problem in a drain. And he understands what a "problem" in a drain can mean to those who pay to have the drain maintained.

Chapman was forthcoming with his concerns at the drainage board meeting Monday morning. He informed the board of the potential issues with both projects so they would be aware if action is needed. He informed the public as well. That's what we like all our elected leaders to do.

Chapman deserves our gratitude for doing something with honesty and forthrightness - his job.

Years ago I was given a small recording device. The gift was meant for dictation. The idea was that I could carry the recorder in my pocket and when inspiration struck I could quickly dictate said inspiration for transcribing later.

I never used the thing. I'm a note taker. I write things down. The gift went unused.

However, one day the recording devise landed on the piano bench.

Now, before I go further I must establish that I've always had a nice singing voice. No one ever told me that specifically, I just instinctively knew it. I love singing hymns, I read music, I know timing. All of that talent and ability combined must yield a good singer. It's only logical.

Since I've always known that I was a good singer, I've never held back when singing in a group. Confident, and unrestrained, that's me, somewhere in the midst. Some talent goes unrecognized and my singing ability has never been recognized - so I've done all this singing amongst others, never solo.

And even though in school, I knew I was a good singer, I never tried out for choir or for the musical. At this late date, I can't really explain why. But



Sing out

by not showing up for those auditions I suppose I went undiscovered. That might explain why it was never established that I have a nice voice.

And American Idol? Well, let's just say I've never had the need for that kind of validation.

So there I was, one day, alone playing hymns on the piano and singing out like the audience was calling for more. Granted, there was no audience, but let's overlook that detail. And there was the little recording devise that I had never put to use. And, well, what the heck.

So I turned on the recorder, and filled the room.

Now, no crystal was shattered that day. But I suspect some area wildlife relocated and the cows on the next farm over winced a bit. Anyway, the singing was recorded for posterity. Then the tape was quickly hidden away.

I'd like to think that the quality of the recording device was inferior. I'd also like to think that maybe I made

some mistake in operating the thing. Anyway, it seemed to record the piano just fine - a little flat maybe, but my voice, well it's hard to describe how it sounded to me.

Let's just say that up until that point I thought I was a good singer.

The funny thing is that hearing how awful I sounded on that recorder. well it didn't change anything.

That's how much I like to sing. I like it enough to ignore my own shortcomings.

These days, I've decided that I simply like to sing. And so I still do. When the hymn number is announced, and the intro has been played, I sing out, because I love the doing.

When we sing with others, there's something magic that goes on. All anyone does there in that moment is contribute, compliment, support, lend, join in. Maybe later in the review or the critique there is a determination that something can be better or different, but that is after the fact. When we sing together there is a moment and it is powerful.

And when I go solo, it's harmless. And if the cows go trotting away in the other direction, well maybe they were too close to the property line to begin with.

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.

What's up with trash pick up?

Sometimes the City of Delphi makes no sense to me...

Let's start with the \$10 increase on our water bill to pay for trash pick up. If we are paying this, then why should we still have to buy additional trash bag stickers for 50 cents each? (I hate that they rip in half when you try to peel them off). How did they approve this without letting everyone know this increase was coming? Why didn't we receive a letter along with our water bill at least once? That would make sense.

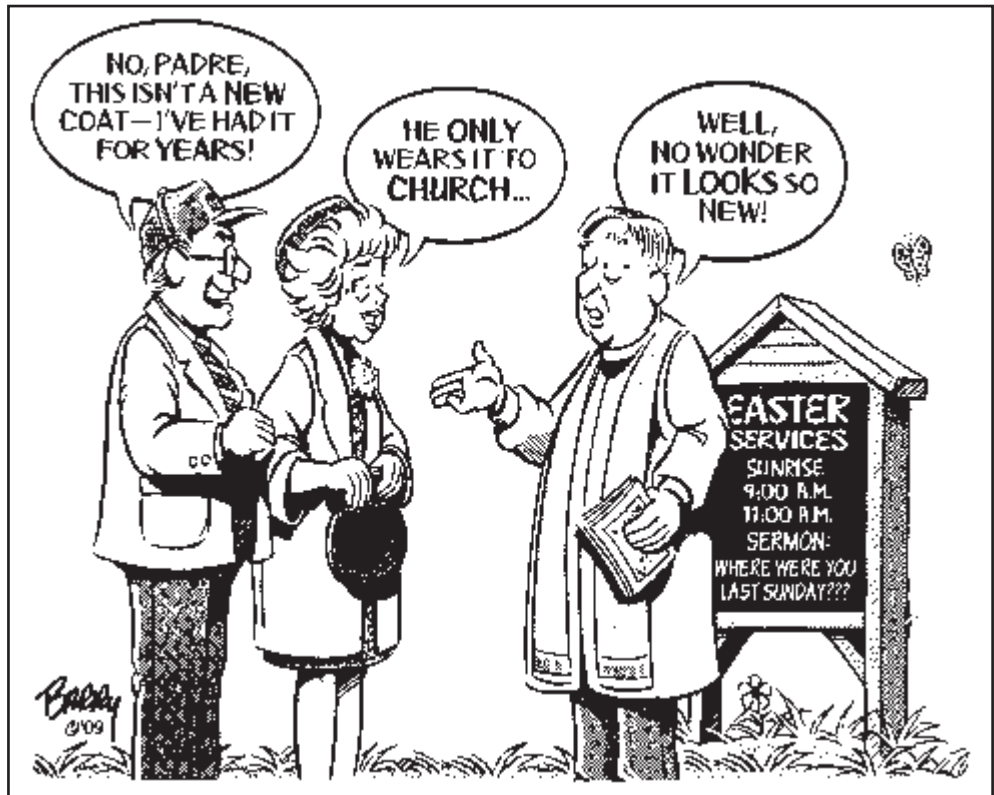
Now let's talk about spring clean up. I remember when there were two pick ups a year, then later it was one, I haven't received any information this year on it, probably because nobody has got a calendar from the city.

The other day I took all of my junk to the transfer station (county dump). I considered my stuff trash, but others might find it useful. However, driving around and picking up other people's discarded stuff to keep for yourself is a good way of recycling.

On a recent Saturday I went to the dump. It was 11:45 a.m. which happens to be closing time at the only place around here that will take your junk and trash (for a fee of course). I was told I was lucky because the transfer station operator closed the gate behind me. While I waited my turn in line he told three other drivers of trash loaded trucks that they were closed and would not be open until Monday. This is when most people work. What are we supposed to do?

We just have to accept all of this... but hey, at least our taxes didn't go up. Yeah!

Kevin Wright
Delphi (for now)



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 matter of Teachers Credit Union vs. Ronald C. Warf was dismissed without prejudice.

In the matter of Wells Fargo Bank N.A. vs. Leanna Reece, David Reece, Nancy K. Huff, the plaintiff's complaint to foreclose mortgage was dismissed without prejudice.

Judgment was entered for the plaintiff in: Citibank N.A. vs. P.D. Myers, Flora, in the amount of \$1,260.91 plus interest and costs; Palisades Acquisition XVI LLC vs. Derek A. Geiken, Delphi, \$2,291.50 plus interest and costs.

Midfirst Bank filed complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate against Louis D. Curtis, Arvaline Curtis, John Doe and Jane Doe.

Hoby A. and Rita M. Hays filed complaint against David C. Reiff and John T. Reiff.

Bank of New York Mellon aka Bank of New York filed complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate against Homer L. and Carolyn Owens.

PHH Mortgage Corp. filed complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate against Shane L. Haygood.

In State of Indiana vs. Dustin Terrell, 25, two counts were dismissed - aiding, inducing or causing armed robbery and assisting a criminal, while receiving stolen property remains. Terrell was remanded to the custody of the Carroll County sheriff for trial.

Dysi M. Lopez-Quintero, 24, was found guilty of identity deception. She was sentenced to 364 days in the Department of Correction with the executed portion of the sentence to be served on in-home detention.

In the matter of Rafael Ramirez and Claudia Ramirez vs. Roth Park Grove

Cottage Owners Association Inc., the court's order of Feb. 5 is vacated and the order of Jan. 20 is certified to allow an immediate appeal pursuant to the Indiana Court of Appeals. Proceedings in circuit court will be stayed pending final appellate review.

Marriage dissolutions granted included: Samantha K. Fontes and John P. Fontes; Amy J. Miller and Travis D. Miller; Jonathon J. Jenkinson Jr. and Sonia M. Jenkinson; and David L. Greer and Sarah J. Greer.

The following causes were dismissed: American Acceptance Company LLC vs. Adam D. Nichols; Capital One Bank USA vs. Lance Wainscott; American Acceptance Co. LLC vs. Keith V. Rhoades; Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Phyllis Warf; Capital One Bank vs. Reid Sales and Kimberly Sales; Wells Fargo Bank N.A. vs. Carl T. Hanaway (deceased); State of Indiana, Dept. of Revenue, and unknown occupant; and North Star Capital Acquisitions vs. Connie K. Cauble.

An agreed order approving petition for transfer of lottery payment rights with attached waiver of service was granted the plaintiff in Settlement Funding LLC and Structured Settlement Funding LLC vs. John Chorrushi Jr.

Arthur F. Dumas, 45, Delphi, violated the terms of his probation by committing the offense of operating while intoxicated. The court modified the conditions of his probation to include that he perform 80 hours of community service within 90 days.

An order granting summary judgment for foreclosure of real estate and enforcement of assignment of rent was entered for the plaintiff in First Financial Bank N.A. vs. Elmer L. Noe.

An agreed judgment and decree of foreclosure was entered for the plaintiff in U.S. Bank National Association vs. Gregory A. Clawson, Kimberly A. Clawson, First Financial Bank N.A. and unknown occupants.

In Finance Center Federal Credit Union vs. Blackburn Hauling LLC, Bradley E. Blackburn, judgment was entered for the plaintiff in the amount of \$10,016.90 plus interest and court costs.

In Finance Center Federal Credit Union vs. Blackburn Hauling LLC and Bradley E. Blackburn, judgment was entered for the plaintiff in the amount of \$27,041.64 plus interest and court costs.

Stephen McLeLend has been charged with burglary, possession of marijuana, habitual substance offender and three counts of arson.

Jill Sheagley and Jay Sparks have been named administrators of the Annabelle Sparks estate.

Monty Sink, Darryl Sink and Myron Sink have been named administrators of the Martha J. Sink estate.

Charles Maxwell has been named the administrator of the Jack L. Maxwell estate.

Discover Bank filed complaint against Jean A. Randle.

PHH Mortgage Corporation filed complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage against Robert T. Kinzer and Hope Kinzer.

PHH Mortgage Corporation filed complaint on note to foreclose mortgage on real estate against Rick J. Randel "Rickie" and Sheryl S. Randal.

Arrow Financial Services, LLC filed complaint against Brewster R. Parsons and Jana M. Parsons.

Capital One Bank filed complaint against Curt R. Eikenberry.

PHH Mortgage Corporation filed complaint on note to foreclose mortgage on real estate against Daniel R. Boone Sr., Linda Kay Boone, Richard O. Bovey, William M Stine and Unknown tenant.

Wells Fargo Bank filed complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate against Charles Sledge and Michael K. Parke.

American Acceptance Co. LLC filed for change of venue from Tippecanoe County against Jeffrey L. Ward.

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

Brandy A. McCoy was charged with public intoxication.

Larry D. Hunt was charged with possession of marijuana, OWI, failure to use safety belt and habitual substance offender.

Courtney J. Davis was charged with OWI, failure to dim headlights, failure to signal for turn or lane change and improper or no stop lamp.

John D. Reed, Jr. was charged with public intoxication.

Juan M. Salazar was charged with battery resulting in bodily injury.

Tyrel East was charged with neglect of a vertebrate.

Clarissa D. Burge was charged with domestic battery.

Trevor W. Wilken was charged with OWI-endangering and operating with an ACE of .08 or more.

John D. Reed, Jr. was charged with public intoxication.

Joseph M. Wood was charged with battery resulting in bodily injury.

Alphonso McDuffy was charged with reckless operation of tractor-trailer combo.

Amanda L. DuVall was charged with driving while suspended, operating a motor vehicle without financial responsibility, failure to stop after accident resulting in non-vehicle damage.

Colton D. Creasy was charged with criminal mischief.

Jordan O. Stewart was charged with four counts of dealing in marijuana.

Robert E. Perry of Cutler was found not guilty of six counts of check deception.

Scott A. Walters, 26, of Rockfield was convicted of two counts of check deception. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, 178 days suspended and 178 days supervised probation.

The following causes have been dismissed with prejudice against Theresa L. Harshman of Delphi.

The following causes have been dismissed without prejudice and arrest warrant, if any, recalled against: Bradley E. Hugill, 29, of Wildwood, Mo.; Frederick Adams, 59, of Delphi and Robert Draper of Bringhurst.

Cami J. Busch, 23, of Delphi was convicted of two counts of check deception. She was sentenced to 60 days in jail, 60 days suspended and one year of supervised probation for each count.

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.

Do you wear your seat belt?

Yes, always
Yes, but under my arm
Sometimes
Never

Last Week's results

What do you think about the possibility of a maximum-security prison being built on the shovel-ready ground south of Delphi?

24% Yes, will bring in tax dollars.
13% No, could be dangerous and risky to our county.
63% Can't fool me - this is an April Fool's joke. (correct answer)
Total responses: 187

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.

- Wednesday, April 8**
√ Jefferson Township Advisory Board: 7 p.m., Yeoman golf course.
- Thursday, April 9**
√ Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District: 7 p.m., Administration building.
√ Camden Town Council: 7 p.m.
- Monday, April 13**
√ Delphi School Corp. Board of School Trustees: 7 p.m., Corporation office.

Public Notices appearing in this issue of the Comet:

- Summons-Engles6B
- Sheriff Sale-Noe6B
- Sheriff Sale-Cook6B
- Sheriff Sale-Akers6B
- Sheriff Sale-Ogle6B
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- Summons-Sparks6B
- Sheriff Sale-Stigers6B
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- Area Plan Comm-HHH .5B
- CC Council-Addl. Appro .6B

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Marriage Licenses

Blake Michael Miller, 21, and Amanda Jo Glick, 21, both of Delphi.
Clayton Howard Julian, 37, and Terry Lynn Krummreich, 28, both of Delphi.
Shain Anthony Loveland, 26, of Delphi, and Molly Erin Comte, 28, of Brookston.
Kyle Ray Hammel, 21, of Delphi, and Lana Leigh Wood, 21, of Ceres, Calif.