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The most substantial criticism to local government reform comes from township trustees and advisory board members who say they are closer to the people and therefore more able to serve them directly.

The problem with that line of reasoning is becoming apparent in Jefferson Township.

County government controls county services. County government is responsible to all county residents to provide the best services possible given the amount of tax dollars available.

More money brings more services – it is that simple.

Currently Jefferson Township leaders are earnestly hell-bent on providing ambulance service (to their residents) that they believe is not available from the Carroll County Ambulance Service. They do not believe there is a problem with the quality of the Carroll County service, just the amount of time it takes to respond to an emergency call. Monticello is offering to help for a fee.

Now all other outlying county areas, such as Clay and Washington townships, enjoy the benefits of “mutual aid” with their neighbors from adjoining counties. Those services are called in when there is no Carroll County ambulance available. Carroll County reciprocates with that same mutual aid.

Jefferson Township leaders find themselves in the position of being asked to pay “extortion” money. They would be paying for the same service that other parts of the county get for the cost of the ambulance run.

The move to provide the best ambulance service to the Jefferson Township residents seems like the right thing for township leaders to do.

But it is wrong for one township to have to pay an extra “fee” for what amounts to an honor creed in other townships among emergency response personnel.

And it is especially wrong for any resident to blame county leaders for not caring about whether they live or die, because that just is not the case in Carroll County.

## County dust control signup deadline is May 1

### Comet staff report

The Carroll County Highway Department is providing dust control for those living on a gravel road. Anyone wanting the calcium chloride application for 300 feet in

front of their house **must** register with the Highway Department by calling (574) 967-4244. Even hose who have had dust control applied in the past must register this year by May 1.

## 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.

PHH Mortgage Corp. was granted default judgment and a decree of foreclosure against Charles A. King and Kelly J. Cain in the amount of \$106,628.20 plus additional costs of collection, expenses and disbursements incurred from sheriff's sale.

The cause brought by Sandra H. Stevens and Richard C. Stevens against the Daniel Richard Crawn estate was dismissed with prejudice.

The state's cause against Dustin Terrell was dismissed and bond released.

In HSBC Bank Nevada N.A. vs. Paul R. Shank III, the court ordered the plaintiff will recover \$2,583.65 plus interest and costs.

An entry of dismissal was granted for Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company vs. Lanai R. Taylor, solely in the capacity as personal representative of the estate of Juanita E. Taylor, Rush Veterinary

Service, Lanai R. Taylor and Laura M. Forston, solely in the capacity of co-personal representative of the estate of Juanita E. Taylor.

LaSalle Bank National Association was granted a decree of foreclosure against Ronald E. Brown and Deborah Brown in the amount of \$110,405.45 plus interest and court costs.

Ross H. Malot has been charged with burglary and theft.

Arrow Financial Services LLC filed complaint against Regina Alder.

Capital One Bank filed complaint against Kenneth L. Partlow.

G.E. Money Bank filed complaint against Frederick H. Thomason.

HSBC Bank Nevada filed complaint against Robert O. Stapleton.

HSBC Bank filed complaint against Elaine Holderbaum.

Discover Bank filed complaint against Maria F. Denko.

Capital One Bank filed complaint against Sheila Ben-Lanai R. Taylor, solely in the capacity as personal representative of the estate of Juanita E. Taylor, Rush Veterinary

Sandifur.

I often work late at the office after quitting time. I get more work done, more tasks completed, when the phone stops ringing and the office chatter trails off.

No matter where I have worked, I've always known the night cleaning people. When you cross paths with someone night after night - well conversation naturally flows. Everyone, it turns out, has a history, a story, family doing well, and family with troubles.

The other night the guy who cleans the corridors mopped the floors as usual. It was about 10 p.m. He sang while he mopped, filling the corridor with his own brand of music. One of the doors to our office was propped open so the singing wafted its way over to my cubicle. It was a delightful surprise.

Last night the regular cleaning lady was back after a two-week medical leave. When she got around to the area of my desk, I popped my head up so she would know I was there.

We exchanged pleasantries. While she dusted and polished we talked. I asked her how she was feeling. From the sound of things her recovery is a slow go. She related how that afternoon her day had changed when she walked past a homeless man in the street.

“He didn't have any shoes on,” she said, “so I asked him where his shoes were and he said he didn't have any.”

The cleaning lady went on

## Midwest Memo

by Alan Shultz



### After hours

to explain to me that she had been feeling down about many things. “And then, here I am, going to my job and he's there with no shoes.” So she gave the man a dollar and promised to bring him shoes the next day.

“It made me feel so much better to be of help to someone,” she said.

The cleaning lady has a broad wide smile and talking about the experience made her absolutely beam.

And one thing led to another and suddenly the woman was sharing with me a private matter about a family member and his illness.

I listened, because I think that was what was needed at that moment.

Eventually we concluded our conversation and she bid me goodnight. She wheeled her cart out to the door and I heard it click behind me. I resumed my work. Then I heard the door click open.

And there she was again, the cleaning lady, her head appeared over the cubicle wall.

“I need to tell you,” she said, “what a relief it was to share that with you. I've not told anyone else. Just speaking it out loud was so helpful.”

It turns out we really do all need each other.

I heard a radio interview of humorist and author Joe Queenan last week. Queenan has written a memoir about his childhood growing up poor in Philadelphia. With a distant mother and an abusive, alcoholic father, Queenan's childhood sounded really tough.

Queenan writes about an uncle by marriage - a smooth guy with a convertible and a sense of style. This uncle would come around on Sundays and take Queenan and his three sisters out for pizza.

“We would drive for miles to this greasy pizza joint,” Queenan related, saying we thought the guy was crazy to go so far when great pizza was easily found closer to home.

But with age comes wisdom. And Queenan follows up with a profound observation about the uncle and the pizza and the drive.

To paraphrase Queenan describe the revelation - “in his own way, he was trying to save our lives by giving us something else.”

Queenan said it was obvious that he and his sisters were in horrid circumstances. And he recognizes that the uncle, in his own way, was finding a way to help.

Be it after hours, or passing on the sidewalk, or out on Sunday afternoons, it just keeps coming back to the fact - we need each other.

## 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.

### Letter to Carroll County's commissioners

Sorry you could not attend the meeting last week; I think you would have appreciated the attendance and thoughts of the Jefferson Township citizens.

It is our feeling that Carroll County is being unfair to Jefferson Township in regards to our ambulance service. As taxpayers we deserve the same coverage as those living closer to Delphi and Flora. To achieve that goal and stay within our financial confines we believe the best answer is to hire Monticello Ambulance to cover us.

At this point talking about mutual aid is not even a realistic discussion, we have nothing to offer Monticello or any of the other counties surrounding Carroll as we don't have enough ambulances or manpower to cover Carroll County.

The most important part of mutual aid is the word mutual. I realize that the surrounding counties have been helping us out but let's be realistic how long till they find out helping us is a one-way street? It is time to stop expecting charity from our neighbors and start paying our own way.

The numbers to pay Monticello compared to the cost of a chase vehicle are not even close. The lost revenue to Carroll County does not even come into play as you would have to spend more than you would make at this point. It is not worth one life to hold out for free service from someone. Let's pay our neighbor for their service now in the hope that in a year or two we can afford to provide Jefferson Township with the barn at Yeoman again.

Mayor Thompson of Monticello said he would be willing to work on a year-to-year contract, that would make it possible to go back to Carroll County service quickly if we become solvent enough to do that.

We would like to know why EDIT funds are not being looked at in this matter. If we understand them correctly, they can be used at the county's discretion to enhance the economic development of the county. An ambulance barn in Yeoman would make it a better area to live in, bringing more people into the area, filling some of the vacant homes and bringing in taxes. No one wants to move to an area where you are not afforded help in a medical emergency. It was proposed that the ambulance barn be tied in with a community center, that in itself would be economic development for this area.

Treena and Mike Milligan  
Monticello (Carroll County)

### 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, April 23

- ✓ Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District: 7 p.m., Administration Building
- ✓ Delphi Airport Board: 7 p.m.
- ✓ Jefferson Township Advisory Board: 7 p.m., Yeoman Golf Course Community Building

#### Tuesday, April 28

- ✓ Area Plan Commission: 7 p.m.

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

- Sheriff Sale-Stigers . . . . .6B
- Sheriff Sale-Perkins . . . . .6B
- Sheriff Sale-Grable . . . . .6B
- Sheriff Sale-Holt . . . . .6B
- Sheriff Sale-Sparks . . . . .6B
- Sheriff Sale-Mulkey . . . . .6B
- Sheriff Sale-Hall . . . . .6B
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- CCSC-Not. to Bidders . . . . .6B
- Not. of Suit-Curtis . . . . .6B
- Sheriff Sale-Barker . . . . .6B
- Flora Library . . . . .6B

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## 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

Brandon C. Kelly was charged with maintaining a common nuisance, two counts of possession of marijuana and habitual substance offender.

Adriana Ayon Alvares was charged with reckless driving. \*\*\*\*

Larry E. Farnier, 62, of Delphi was convicted of criminal confinement. He was sentenced to three years in the DOC, two years suspended and two years of supervised probation. He was further ordered to have no contact with the victim, waiver of fourth amendment rights against search and seizure and participation in a drug and alcohol program plus court costs.

Frederick R. Gavitt, 29, was convicted of domestic battery. He was sentenced to one and one-half years in the DOC, one year suspended and one year of supervised probation. The rest of his sentence is to be served on in-home detention. He was further ordered to pay restitution in the sum of \$268 to the First Brethren Church of Burlington.

Eder Rodriguez, 20, Logansport, was convicted of no valid license. He pled guilty and received a \$25 fine plus court costs.

Evelyn M. Czernik, 39, Delphi, was convicted of having no valid license. She pled guilty and received a \$10 fine plus court costs.

Edward Garza, 25, Lucerne, was convicted of operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail, suspended, and one year of unsupervised probation.

Jerica A. Martin, 19, Delphi, was convicted of driving while suspended and failure to use safety belt and was sentenced to one year in jail, suspended, and one year of supervised probation.

Gabriela Osornio, 28, Logansport, was convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated. She was sentenced to one year in jail, suspended, and one year of supervised probation.

Angelica M. Zavala, 21, Lo-

gansport, pled guilty to operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license and received a \$100 fine, suspended plus court costs.

Colton D. Creasy, 20, Flora, was convicted of possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail with all but eight days suspended, 355 days of supervised probation, and 16 hours of community service.

Larry E. Farnier, 62, Delphi, was convicted of operating while intoxicated. He was sentenced to three years in the Indiana Dept. of Correction with 129 days credited for time served.

Eduardo Navarro, 26, Lucerne, was convicted of operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license. He was fined \$50 and \$164.50 in court costs, sentenced to 60 days in jail, suspended, and one year of unsupervised probation. He will serve two days in the county jail.

## 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.

**If the only way to have increased ambulance service and law enforcement is to raise the tax rate, are you in favor of paying more taxes?**

Yes  
No

### Last Week's results

#### How will you celebrate Earth Day on April 22?

- 13% Save energy
- 06% Use less water
- 03% Volunteer in community Earth Day project
- 05% All of the above
- 73% Won't celebrate
- Total responses: 105

#### Reader's comments:

This is one of the most confusing and debated topics of recent times. No one has offered substantial evidence that the earth is warming or that its temperature is abnormal. There are many who still use the term “global warming” even in the face of whole continents reporting record cooling. Has anyone considered that the ice caps might cycle through regular melt downs due to ocean currents and localized temperature changes rather than general atmospheric warming?

Scientists all over the world, all equally credentialed and educated, come down on both sides of this issue. The fact is that no one can know what, if any impact, human beings really have on the global weather. Many scientists say that the world has cooled more in the last year than it has warmed in the previous 100 years. So who is right? Does it really matter?

A friend observed that human beings are such a minuscule part of the life on this earth that no matter what we do, the ultimate winner will be the earth. We don't have the power to destroy it—we can only make temporary ripples in its surface skin. Man can only move things around that are already here. God made the earth to withstand the dabbings of man. The biggest threat, outside of nuclear war, is the clearing of the world's rain forests. Do you hear anyone trying to stop that? Trees love carbon dioxide, and they give us oxygen in trade! God's nature is the perfect recycler.