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## Time to vote

Voters in the Delphi Community School Corporation district, it is time for you to vote. The public question at hand is whether to allow the school corporation to borrow more money than allowed by state statute for a building project.

Everyone seems to agree the repairs and renovations are needed. However, some have alleged the repairs are a result of deferred maintenance. The science wing has not had running water and adequate electrical service for at least 10 years. In that time, while many of the current school board members have served and made decisions about corporation needs, the science wing and other building needs have gone without. However an athletic track that cost close to \$1 million was built.

The Delphi \$13 million building renovation project will likely cost \$21 million over 20 years.

Making repairs and improvements as monies are available is short-term but doable. Taxpayers appreciate it when their tax rates are kept low. In these precarious economic times, long-term building projects have too much uncertainty. If the school corporation's tax base shrinks, a higher tax rate could be needed to pay off those bonds.

Absentee voting will be June 4, 5 and 11 and 12 in the Carroll County Clerk's office in the courthouse from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Voting day will be June 16 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. one polling place, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, across from the high school.

We urge voters to not be swayed by sentiment for this vote. We urge you to consider the concrete facts in this matter before casting your vote. You must decide for yourselves if you would be "hurting the children" by not voting for the project or if the children would be better served by modeling behavior of sound financial planning that does not involve a debt for more than 20 years for one project.

## Circuit Court Judge Donald Currie

Tracy L. Nape has been named special administrator for the Judith Adams estate.

Barbara Jean Leahy has been named the administrator of the Peter Leahy estate.

Capital One Bank filed complaints against Jamie Raisor, Angie Kelly, Paula J. Packard, and Holly C. Wisinski.

Ford Motor Credit Company filed complaint against Lee W. Peek.

Arrow Financial Services filed complaint against David Hubbard.

Discover Bank filed complaint against Charles A. King.

Wells Fargo Bank filed complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate against Eddie J. Greear and Michelle L. Greear.

PHH Mortgage Corporation filed complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate against Mark W. Harmon.

Rochelle S. Harmon, Beneficial Indiana and HSBC Bank Nevada.

Evelyn and Edwin McCall filed complaint against Larry Dowell.

Marriage dissolutions were granted the following: Beatrice (Marvin) Bennett and Michael L. Bennett; Tara Dawn Hammel and Kyle Ray Hammel; Nancy L. Bogan and Timothy R. Goltz; Penny J. Blackman and Brian K. Blackman.

Royce K. Tharp II, 36, was granted the option of serving the reminder of his sentence in a work release program (if accepted) after serving at least one year of his sentence in prison.

Shawn J. McKinley, 23, violated of the terms of his probation. The court ordered him to serve the remainder of his one and one-half year sentence on work release.

An agreed findings and final judgment was entered in White County vs. Terrence M. Pickens and Peoples Savings and Loan Association of Monticello. White County holds the title to the real estate described in this suit and will have permanent easement.

Pickens will be compensated the sum of \$215,608 from the plaintiff. The real estate mortgages of Peoples Savings and Loan Association were ordered released.

Judgment and decree of foreclosure was entered for the plaintiff in the following: JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A. vs. Harold E. Bishop, Patricia C. Bishop, Lafayette Bank & Trust Co., General Nutrition Corp., and GNC Franchising LLC, in the amount of \$74,576.33 plus interest and late charges; Midfirst Bank vs. Asa William Cohee, Kari Ann Cohee, JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A., in the amount of \$111,429.46 plus interest; Citimortgage Inc. vs. Jeffrey Mark Hayes, Sandra Marie Hayes, Beneficial Indiana Inc. and Bush Veterinary Clinic, \$71,993.09 plus interest.

In Capital One Bank U.S.A. vs. Laura L. Sheets, the cause was transferred to Tippecanoe Superior Court 4.

The following causes were dismissed without prejudice: Beneficial Indiana Inc. vs. Mark L. Storey, Debra J. Storey, Beneficial Indiana Inc. and Indiana Dept. of Revenue; Capital One Bank N.A. vs. Tommie L. Bowman; Wells Fargo Bank N.A. vs. Kathy Fehrholz, American General Financial Services Inc.; HSBC Bank Nevada N.A. vs. Donald W. Leslie; HSBC Bank Nevada N.A. vs. Carol A. Renick a/k/a Leslie.

Steven Ray Fields, 38, violated the terms of his probation. The court revoked 68 days of his previously suspended sentence and placed him on house arrest with the Howard County Community Corrections Program.

The previous judgment and decree of foreclosure was set aside and the previously ordered foreclosure was dismissed without prejudice in the following: First Financial Bank N.A. vs. Peggy Garth, and PHH Mortgage Corp. vs. Jeremy D. Gist, Kirsten S. Delong, Beneficial Indiana Inc. and Capital One Bank N.A.

My friends Maggie and Paul have a small brown wooden plaque hanging on the wall in the hallway of their apartment. I've walked by that plaque many a time but only recently took the time to read its message.

In small lettering that took a steady hand, the message reads: "There is nothing more important than today."

The day I read that message was a bright, crisp Tuesday in early May. Maggie had the windows thrown wide open and the apartment was chilly. Change was decidedly in the air. Maggie and Paul and their two children are moving to England. The apartment was pulled all apart with boxes everywhere. Theirs was a household with one foot already out the door.

And so, standing there with that moment tied so much to the future, their move, what living abroad will bring, the message on the wall was saying that today, that moment right there was more important than all of the worrying or anticipating, planning or hoping.

This message to appreciate the present can be found in passages in the Bible. It gets restated in different form from generation to generation. Today we hear it in the call to "be present in the moment."

My Mom once said that the



Welcome little one

happiest moment in one's life does not come with warning or label. And so it seems it is left to each of us to decide if we show up each day to the life that unfolds before us.

Notes from my life: Monday, June 1, 2009.

The fun thing about my grandchildren is that they seem to have granted me a second license on wonder.

On this stormy Monday, Phoebe Rose Kimball entered the world about 2:30 in the afternoon. I was in a line of slow moving traffic at that moment headed for the hospital. Phoebe was welcomed into the world surrounded by folks who had managed their schedules much better than me: mother Liz, dad Jake, two-year-old sister Julia and grandmother Debbie.

When I finally arrived at the designated hospital room, Phoebe was off having a bath and Julia was ready for a distraction. The two of us went off for a walk. Down immaculate hospital corridors light with warm but dim illumination, we stopped to look at

balloons and bulletin boards with baby pictures and animal cut outs. Julia, long past her nap time, needed holding and then freedom and then chasing.

Around the corner we ran to a darkened alcove with a window at waist high level, beyond the window, the nursery bathed in white and light "Julia," I said, "let's look at the babies."

I scooped Julia in my arms and raised her to get a good view. And in that incredible moment as wonder fused with awe, there she was - the only little customer in the place.

Phoebe, all pink and pretty laid on her back snoozing by herself under a warming lamp. Naked, except for the tiniest of diapers, she was perfectly still but for her little belly moving up and down. Phoebe was the exact two-hour-old version of the two-year-old pointing at her through the window.

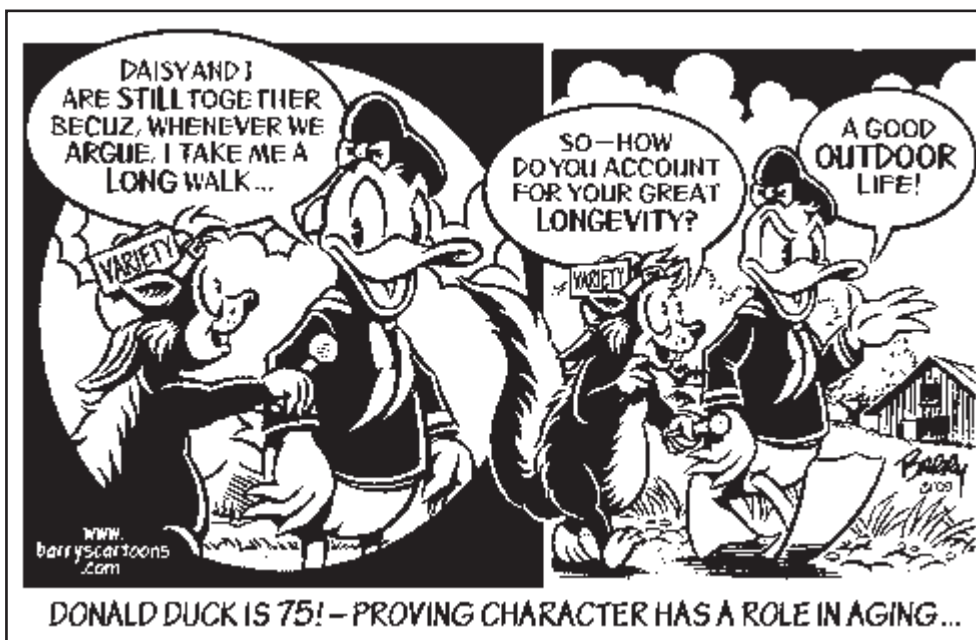
For a moment, Julia and I just looked, watched and breathed along with Phoebe.

Even awe and wonder have a time limit. Julia and I were soon off running down other corridors and counting butterflies on other bulletin boards. Formal introductions with Phoebe, in person, would have to wait.

Life interrupts itself.

Wonder persists.

Welcome little one.



DONALD DUCK IS 75! - PROVING CHARACTER HAS A ROLE IN AGING...

## 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

Adam M. Lawson was charged with resisting law enforcement, public intoxication and illegal consumption.

Troy M. Goris was charged with OWI-endangering person, OWI-endangering person and habitual substance offender.

Matthew W. Burton was charged with OWI-endangering, operating w/an ACE of .08% or more and driving while suspended.

Janice L. Fultz and Ted Hatfield were charged with check deception.

Cesar Cervantes was charged with battery resulting in bodily injury.

Ricky D. Young and Isidro Santos, Jr. were charged with operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license.

Lorenzo N. Virves was charged with operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license and speeding.

Gino Salinas was charged with operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license and failure of occupant to use safety belt.

Jeffrey K. Leach was charged with operating as an habitual traffic offender, OWI-endangering, OWI-endangering, and habitual substance offender.

Robert J. Hudson, Jr. was charged with false reporting.

Jesus Alex Villagrana and Jarrod K. Hisey were charged with criminal mischief.

Lisa D. Brooks and Larry M. Brooks were charged with maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana, taking a minor to a nuisance, and possession of paraphernalia.

Thomas J. Fagel and Benjamin W. Bennington have been charged with illegal consumption.

Tyson J. Lawson was charged with driving while suspended.

Dale L. Bothof was charged with OWI-endangering, operating vehicle w/ACE .15% or more, and no valid operating license.

Joseph Perez was charged with attempted residential entry, public intoxication, and disorderly conduct.

Buck T. Brooks was charged with possession of

marijuana and visiting a common nuisance.

Robert J. Call was charged with battery and criminal mischief.

James D. Roberts was charged with OWI-endangering, operating w/an ACE of .15% or more, OWI-endangering, speeding, driving left of center, and open alcoholic beverage container.

Erika L. O'Dore, 21, Rossville, was convicted of operating while intoxicated endangering a person. She was sentenced to one year in jail, suspended, and one year of supervised probation.

Michael R. Bell, 20, Logansport, was convicted of reckless driving. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$200

plus court costs.

Joseph D. Olvera, 26, Logansport, was convicted of driving while suspended. He was sentenced to one year in jail, suspended, and one year of supervised probation.

Fernando Murillo, 36, Lafayette, was granted permission to travel outside of Indiana.

Gregory E. Hernandez, 19, Logansport, 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.

Maria A. Lupercio, 25, Logansport, was convicted of operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license. She was sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended, and one year of unsupervised probation.

Trevor W. Wilken, 29, Delphi was convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person. He was sentenced to one year in jail, one year suspended and one year of supervised probation.

Sheena M. Baker, 19, of Bedford was convicted of illegal possession of an alcoholic beverage, operating a vehicle with at least .02ACE but less than .08 BAC, and throwing burning material from a moving motor vehicle. She was sentenced to 60 days in jail, suspended, and one year of supervised probation for the first count. She was fined \$10 each for the second and third count.

### Because the public has a right to know...

The Comet will publish upcoming meetings weekly to help readers understand what government meetings are happening, when and where.

- Monday, June 8**
  - ✓ Rockfield Sewer District: 6:30 p.m.
  - ✓ Delphi Community School Corporation Board of School Trustees: 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 9**
  - ✓ Commissioners, EDIT Plan: 8:30 a.m.
  - ✓ Burlington Town Council: 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 10**
  - ✓ Carroll County Board of Health: 7 p.m., Courthouse Lounge
- Thursday, June 11**
  - ✓ Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District: 7 p.m., Administration Building
  - ✓ Camden Town Council: 7 p.m.
  - ✓ Northwest Solid Waste District: 7 p.m.

- Public Notices appearing in this issue of the Comet:**
- Sunnons-Adoption . . . . .4B
  - Miller estate . . . . .4B
  - Sheriff Sale-Hampton . . .4B
  - Sheriff Sale-McClain . . . .4B
  - Summons-Riegle . . . . .4B
  - IDEM-Town of Mulberry .4B
  - Sheriff Sale-Caldwell . . . .4B
  - Camden Library-notice . .4B
  - Sheriff Sale-Johnston . . .4B

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## 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.

### Renovations are greatly needed

We continue to hear folks question the need for a renovation of the science wing. We often hear that DCHS wants to spend money on frivolous items and that we only need a little repair. Let us put it simply and directly: the science department at DCHS is falling apart. There have been no renovations or significant repairs or upgrades, since the school was built (circa 1970).

We could easily make a list of things concerning safety, lighting, electricity, HVAC, inadequate and unsafe chemical and materials storage, greenhouse deterioration, space and equipment for lab preparation and student work, and equipment for teaching modern biology and chemistry, but allow us to give you a little information about conditions regarding only the casework and related furnishings.

The original casework served the school well for about 25 years of daily student use. This is the expected lifetime of such furnishings. Now, at 40 years, the cabinetry is literally disintegrating. Drawers stick, locks are inoperable, and doors and hinges are broken. Chemicals have eaten through shelving. Sliding glass doors (installed before OSHA safety glass requirements) no longer slide, nor are they able to be secured. Counter tops are pulling free of deteriorating bases. Cabinetry for storage of chemicals and tools is aged and damaged and fails to meet required safety standards.

Few lab sinks hold water or have a working drain. One lab has no sinks. Another classroom has only two faucets that work out of 12. Water and gas lines have been cut and capped to prevent leakage. These systems can only be replaced from lines underneath the concrete floor. The water faucets have no replacement parts available. Gas for most of the science wing has been shut off for 10 years, due to disintegration of an outside gas line, failure of the jets, and because of numerous gas leaks in copper tubing under the tables and the concrete floor.

As surroundings and equipment fail around us, we have chosen to drop curriculum for the sake of safety. This means we simply cannot have authentic experiences in the classroom that we need to keep our students competitive and to create the next generation of critically thinking and scientifically literate adults.

DCHS Science Department: Kirk A. Janowiak, chair; Jessica Berger, Kathy Davis, and Michael Lewis

## Channel 2

Programming for June 3 - June 8 is listed below:

Wed. June 3 - Live Program - In Studio - Carroll County Master Gardeners with guest Sue Burge and Jennifer Loeper. Followed by highlights of 600 CC Micro Sprint US24 Speedway Races.

Sun. June 7 - 10:30 a.m. - Live Worship Service - Flora First Brethren Church.

Mon. June 8 - 7 p.m. - Worship Service - Delphi First Assembly of God (Taped June 7.) Followed by last year's Flora Hog Jog.

## 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.

**Is Gov. Daniels on track with his proposed state budget, increasing education funding 2%, but cutting overall spending 2.5%?**  
Yes  
No

### Last Week's results

**Do you think standardized dress and/or uniforms would enhance the educational environment of K-12 students?**  
62% Yes  
38% No  
Total responses: 167

### Reader's comments:

There is toooooooo much peer pressure in our schools. Uniforms would help the students focus on what they are in school for...an education.