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## Move to fall would motivate voters

Our position: *Moving school board elections from May to November would help voters to have more influence on education.*

Wonder if races for school board seats in Indiana should be moved from the primary period in May to the general election in November? Consider the spectacularly low voter turnout for the last round of school district elections in 2004.

Only 13 percent of voters cast ballots in races for seats on 10 Marion County school boards in May 2004, lower than the 19 percent turnout for the overall primary and four times smaller than for the general election six months later.

A mere 10,400 votes were cast in races for three seats on the board of Indianapolis Public Schools, slightly more than the total in the race for Franklin Township's two school district seats. Only 1,000 or so voters cast ballots in the race for four-at-large seats on Beech Grove's school board.

The fact that the elections take place during the primary in May, a time in which intraparty struggles are decided, means few voters who aren't registered as Democrats or Republicans will show up. The new media also tend to pay less attention to primary elections.

Moving school board elections from May to November would enable voters to receive more information on issues surrounding the races. They're also more likely to pay attention during the fall election cycle. And turnout is sure to be higher.

Given the importance of education, school board elections deserve a higher profile. A shift to November is overdue.

*The Indianapolis Star*

### Web poll results

Each week the *Comet* polls its readers on a different topic. Vote online at [carrollcountycomet.com](http://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 anonymously the following week.

Last Week's Results:

Should the public have an opportunity to have their questions and concerns addressed before the proposed mega dairy, a private enterprise, begins construction?

70%-Yes

30%-No

Total responses: 43

### Poll comment

To grant a building permit based on IDEM approval is short sighted. IDEM is not notified when a hog spill occurs, even when it covers 5 miles of Carroll County roads where the ditches feed directly into the Wildcat! Traffic was diverted courtesy of the hog farmer's staff. Not one Carroll County official was present. The spill was unreported.

Let them in, ya did the pigs. You will be able to hire more illegal aliens to fill up my hometown with too! Won't that just be wonderful, all the more meth dealers, pot dealers, and crack heads, to let in here in beautiful Delphi! Then we can also have our own little gang bangers running our quaint little town. I say YES to PROGRESS, even if it means giving up my sanity to gun toting punks who want to play their rap music so loud I can't even hear myself think! You better believe it, that all mighty buck always comes before the betterment of my grandchildren. Why in the world would I want to stop this kind of progress? Oh, expect to see your property taxes to go up, too! I cannot wait. Can you?????

— Kenneth DeWit

### Web poll question

Do you agree with the county council's decision to not increase the Economic Development Income Tax rate?

Tell us starting Thursday at our web site, [carrollcountycomet.com](http://carrollcountycomet.com)

"Indiana leads the nation" those were the beginning words of an Associated Press story reported last week dealing with federally funded college student aid.

In this particular case, however, being number one didn't turn out to be a very good thing.

According to federal government data released this month, since the year 2000 Indiana has led the nation in college student applicants denied student aid due to their disclosure on financial aid applications of felony or misdemeanor drug convictions.

The statistics revealed that one out of every 200 Hoosier student applicants was denied the aid. That puts Indiana at double the national average of one out of every 400 aid applicants turned down due to prior drug offenses.

The law limiting the aid was passed in 1998. It was authored by Representative Mark E. Souder, Congressman from Indiana's Third Congressional District.

According to USA Today, Indiana's dubious distinction makes no difference to our neighboring Congressman. "The principal remains the same," USA Today quoted Souder, "the American taxpayer should not be subsidizing the education of those students who are convicted or dealing or using illegal drugs."

Mind you, no other offenses make an applicant ineligible for student financial aid. Certainly not DUIs or underage drinking. No other felonies, no other misdemeanors are considered. No infractions of the Ten Commandments, no violations of the seven deadly sins, none of these count. Perhaps that's why the law's constitutionality is currently being challenged in federal court.

If you ask me, Souder's law seems pretty much aimed at kicking a very particular dog when it's down in a very particular way.

The Associated Press quoted Souder last Monday stating, "The principal behind drug-free

## Midwest Memo

by Alan Shultz



### Dubious distinction

question is simple - why?

Souder's rhetoric makes him sound quite beholden to the American taxpayer.

Hmmm.

In 1998 Congressman Souder had the time, interest and energy to advance and get passed his custom crafted, selectively punitive legislation. It sounds as though it was all done in the name of accountability to the taxpayer.

In 1998 the U.S. public debt was \$5.5 trillion dollars. That's \$5,500,000,000,000.

As of 4/21/06 the U.S. debt stands at \$8.3 trillion dollars - \$8,349,970,836,065.88 to be exact.

Accountability to the taxpayer. You've got to be kidding.

The U.S. debt grows at \$2.06 billion dollars a day.

The debt is all about unfunded Social Security and Medicare/Medicaid entitlements.

Accountability to the taxpayer!

Congress can't look the taxpayer in the eye. Meanwhile Congress has the nation living on a giant credit card.

In the period between passage of Souder's bill and today, Souder and his fellow Republicans passed the Medicare Prescription Drug Act of 2003. It is a daunting, unfunded entitlement with a guesstimated price tag of \$1.2 trillion borrowed dollars. This new entitlement program will threaten and challenge generations to come.

Accountability to the taxpayer! What a hoot!

Meanwhile, back at the Hoosier ranch, there's some trouble brewing with our college kids. I, for one, am worried.

student loans is accountability, so as to help ensure that taxpayer funds are not wasted."

I'm worried that he's not worried.

What's wrong back home in Indiana? Indiana leads the nation in students being denied aid due to drug offenses. That's what's wrong. The

## 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.

### Against CAFO

What are you all thinking up there in Carroll County? Didn't you all get burned the first time with Indiana Packers? Do you think this outfit from Europe is locating there out of the goodness of their hearts? It isn't just because they need the land, they can't afford the labor costs in Europe either.

Do you think flies and pesticide run-off will be the only legacy you'll be left with? Think again. An illegal alien work force will soon follow. This corporation has probably already littered the Mexican border with maps to Carroll County. Does the old movie line, "If you build it, they will come," ring a bell?

At one time, I thought about retiring back home, but why bother? By that time, Carroll County will look just like Laredo or El Paso.

Joe Justice  
(former Delphi resident)  
Kerrville, Texas

### Pesticide exposure linked to Parkinson's disease

During this week of Parkinson disease awareness, I think it behooves all of us in this area to take a serious look at new research into the cause of Parkinson's disease. Evidence since 1982 links pesticide use to Parkinson's disease, and recently suspicions that pesticides could cause Parkinson disease have been strengthened. Here in this agricultural community, farmers are exposed to pesticides and other toxic chemicals frequently. Scientists recently studying the disease have found that the more pesticide you are exposed to, the higher your risk of developing the disease. It has been shown that the combination of two widely used agricultural pesticides, the herbicide paraquat and the fungicide maneb, creates in mice the exact pattern of brain damage that doctors see in patients with Parkinson's disease. This research gives us the strongest evidence yet that everyday environmental factors may play a role in the development of the disease.

People with Parkinson's disease were more likely to have used pesticides regularly. Users with low exposure, such as amateur gardeners, were nine percent more likely than non-users to develop the disease, and high-exposure users, such as farmers, were 43 percent more likely. The results reinforce the need for amateur gardeners and farmers alike to wear protective equipment when spraying pesticides.

Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive disorder of the central nervous system that belongs to a group of conditions called motor system disorders. Parkinson's is the direct result of the loss of cells in a section of the brain called the substantia nigra. Those cells produce dopamine, a chemical messenger responsible for transmitting signals within the brain. Loss of dopamine causes critical nerve cells in the brain, or neurons, to fire out of control, leaving patients unable to direct or control their movement in a normal manner.

Much study is yet to be done, so please support the Parkinson's Disease Foundation ([www.pdf.org](http://www.pdf.org)) and insist on more comprehensive study by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1-800-621-8431).

Melverine Hufty  
Burlington

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## Marriage Licenses

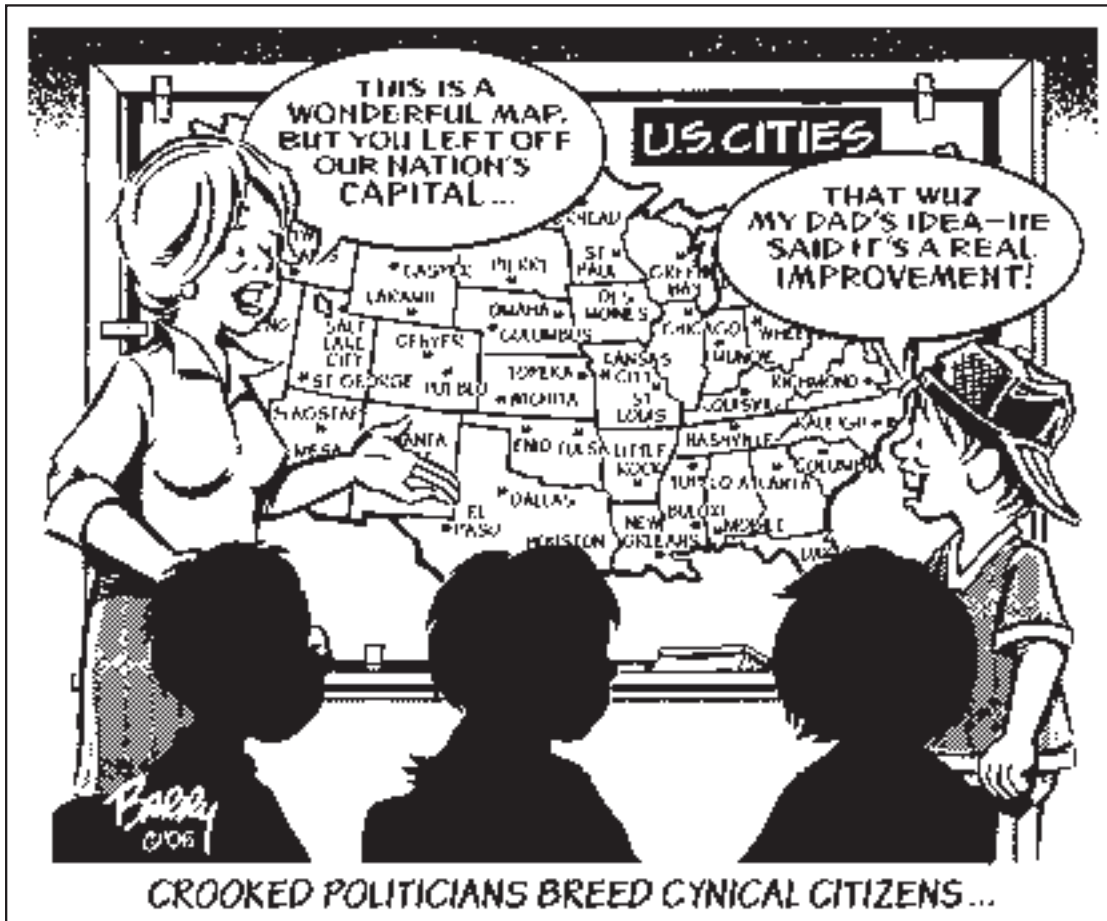
Warren E. Sorrell, 33, and Amanda J. Hiddle, 25, both of Delphi.

Cory S. Edwards, 20, and Danielle R. Gorman, 21, both of Monticello.

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

Proposed County Taxes 16t3	4B
Sheriff Sale - Jewell 15t3	5B
Sheriff Sale - Stout 16t3	5B
Bates - Estate 16t2d	5B
Sheriff Sale - Stephens 16t3	5B
Sheriff Sale - Stedman 15t3	5B
Monroe Twp. - Mtg. Notice 17t1	5B
Bousum - Estate 17t2d	5B
Rossville School - Request 17t2	5B
Sheriff Sale - Roth 17t3	5B
Highway Claims 17t1	5B
County Claims 17t1	5B
County Financial Statement 17t1	5B

Questions concerning Indiana's Open Door and Public Access Laws may be directed to the state's public access office, at 1-800-228-6013.



## 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.

Mary E. Haskins was found to be in arrears in the payment of child support in the sum of \$2,606.54

Robert Jewell was found to be in arrears in the payment of child support in the sum of \$4,115.62.

Dissolutions include:  
Mike W. Shanks and Dominique Meyer Shanks;  
Jessica Fincher and Damian

Fincher;  
Chandra A. Bradford and Cecil R. Bradford.

A petition for an automatic stay was filed in Gordon Pickering and Bertha Pickering vs. James Frommer and Board of Zoning Appeals.

A complaint was filed in Farm Credit Services of Mid-America, FLCA vs. Stephen M. Smith and Rita J. Smith et al.

A complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate was filed in PHH Mortgage Corp. f.k.a. Candant Mortgage Corp. vs. Jose L. Mendez and Teresa M.

Mendez et al.

A complaint for damage was filed in James M. Doris Jr. vs. Clyde O. Buchanan.

John Anderson and Bonnie J. Pelletier were named administrators of the Joey M. Bousum estate.

Eric R. Nelson was named administrator of the Joan B. Nelson estate. Paul Walker was named administrator of the Freda M. Walker estate.

A summary judgment and decree of foreclosure was ordered in Amerigest Mortgage Company vs. Christopher A. Burdine, Staci L. Davis f.k.a. Staci L. Burdine et al for the plaintiff for \$185,725.39.

## 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.

In State of Indiana vs. Garrett Chaffin, 28, Monticello, the defendant pleaded guilty to Count I, check deception. He was sentenced to three months, suspended, and one year of probation.

In State of Indiana vs. Frederick J. Heath, Jr., 52, Flora, the defendant pleaded guilty to Count I, battery. He was sentenced to six months, suspended, and one year of probation.

The following cases were dismissed: Terry E. Willoughby; Christy A. Horton.

In Industrial Federal Credit Union vs. Judith Gainey, a garnishment was ordered.

The plaintiff was awarded an order in garnishment for \$4,345.56, in Lafayette Accounts Service, Inc. vs. Robert M. Lucas.

In Argent Healthcare Financial Service vs. Brad Burkett, a garnishment was ordered. The plaintiff will recover \$716.15.

The plaintiff was awarded an order in garnishment for \$1,386.29 in Argent Healthcare Financial Service vs. Lynda Durham.

In Argent Healthcare Financial Service vs. Shawn D. Draper, a garnishment was ordered. The plaintiff will recover \$1,544.09.

In SCS Credit Corp. vs. Jennifer

C. Post, a default judgment order was awarded to the plaintiff in the amount of \$7,487.99.

John A. Beam and Trudy A. Beam filed a notice of bankruptcy.

An order to stay proceeding and cease garnishments of wages was awarded to the defendant in Brodar Chiropractic vs. Trudy A. Beam.

An order to stay proceeding and cease garnishments of wages was awarded to the defendant in Carroll County EMS vs. Trudy A. Beam.

A notice of bankruptcy filing and motion for automatic stay of wage garnishments was awarded to the defendant in Carroll County EMS vs. Trudy A. Beam.

An agreed order of judgment was filed for the plaintiff in Beneficial Indiana, Inc. vs. Doug Schrum, for \$18,335.59.

In Robert and Doris Lathrop vs. Benjamin Rowland, a garnishment was ordered. The plaintiff will recover \$2,215.16.

In Robert and Doris Lathrop vs. James Martin, a garnishment was ordered. The plaintiff will recover \$1,707.83

In Pearson's Gas vs. Stephen Darnell, the plaintiff will recover from the defendant the sum of \$106.44 together with court costs.

### New Filings

Eric W. Walden was charged with Counts I and II, operating while intoxicated, endangering; Count III, possession of marijuana; Count IV, possession of parapher-

nal; Count V, speeding, 57/40; Count VI, driving while suspended.

Cindy A. Hartman was charged with domestic battery.

Jerry R. Laswell was charged with Count I, resisting law enforcement; Count II, failure to yield.

James R. Francis was charged with Count I, failure to stop after an accident resulting in damage to an unattended vehicle; Count II, resisting law enforcement.

Ryan M. Lawson was charged with illegal consumption.

Blake A. Dukes was charged with illegal consumption.

Sabrina K. Duvall was charged with driving while suspended.

Lance N. Reynolds was charged with illegal consumption.

Crystal S. Trueblood was charged with Counts I and II, check deception.

Dennis Morris was charged with Count I, driving while suspended; Count II, false and fictitious registration.

Clint R. Rasler was charged with Counts I and II, operating while intoxicated, endangering; Count II, speeding 90/55; Count III, habitual substance offender.

Traci L. Draper was charged with operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more.

Daisy Dann was charged with

Count I, neglect of a dependent; Count II, failure to ensure school attendance.

Melissa M. Smith was charged with theft.

Benjamin A. Koontz was charged with operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more.

Kerk J. Kerkhoff was charged with check deception.

Tiffany Leuck was charged with check deception.

Harry A. Hartman was charged with failure to restrain a dog.

Jason W. Webb was charged with Count I, possession of marijuana; Count II, possession of paraphernalia.

Zachary Humbarger was charged with illegal consumption of alcohol.

Charles R. Gibbs was charged with illegal consumption of alcohol.

James E. Hall was charged with driving while suspended.

In State of Indiana vs. Misty D. Bailey, 26, Thorntown, the defendant pleaded guilty to Count II, disorderly conduct. She was sentenced to three months, suspended, and one year of probation.

In State of Indiana vs. Michael C. Brown, 44, Monticello, the defendant pleaded guilty to Counts I through XI, check deception. He was sentenced to four months, suspended, and one year of probation.

In State of Indiana vs. Peggy J.

Hernstine, 39, Delphi, the defendant pleaded guilty to Count I, harassment. She was sentenced to three months, suspended, and one year of probation.

In State of Indiana vs. Suzanne Callane, 37, Lafayette, the defendant pleaded guilty to Count I, non-support of a dependent child. She was sentenced to two years, suspended, and two years of probation.

In State of Indiana vs. Lance N. Reynolds, 20, Monticello, the defendant pleaded guilty to Count I, illegal consumption of alcohol. He was sentenced to two months, suspended and one year of probation.

In State of Indiana vs. Charles E. Fry, 20, Flora, the defendant pleaded guilty to Count II, possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to six months, suspended, and one year of probation.

The following cases were dismissed: Rebecca L. Slaughterbeck; Ben Johnson; Kenneth D. Lidy; Christopher A. Waller; Robert W. Wood; Marjorie L. Hobbs, Bank of New York vs. Norman Johnson; Horizon Veterinary Service, Inc. vs. Bay Ham Stables and Scott and Jill Hamilton.