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Filing deadline nears for homeowners

Homeowners have just a few days left to file for property tax credits and deductions with the county auditor.

Deductions and credits applied for before the June 12 deadline will be applied to 2007 tax bills for taxpayers who owned their homes as of March 1, 2006.

A law passed earlier this year moved the filing deadline from May 10 to June 10. Since June 10 is on a Saturday this year, taxpayers have until June 12 to file.

Eligibility information and application forms are available online at www.in.gov/dlgr or from the county auditor for:

- Homestead Deductions-Credits
- Mortgage Deductions
- Deductions for persons over age 65 or surviving spouses
- Deductions for blind or disabled
- Deductions for totally disabled veterans, or veterans with partial disability in wartime, WWI veterans or surviving spouses

Annually the state provides millions of dollars in credits and deductions to provide property tax relief for Hoosiers.

Homeowners will see a boost in that relief in their 2007 tax bills due to a law passed by the Indiana General Assembly earlier this year that increased the homestead deduction from \$35,000 to \$45,000.

If you haven't taken advantage of all the deductions and credits you are entitled to, perhaps now is the time.

Web poll question

As a cost-saving and resource-sharing move, should our county schools be under one administration, while retaining the same schools that exist today?

Yes

No

Need more information

Tell us starting Thursday at our web site, carrollcountycomet.com

Public Notices appearing in this issue of the Comet:

Sheriff Sale -Kinzer 2113	5B
Notice of Suit -Flora 2113	5B
Sheriff Sale - Bothof 2213	5B
Notice of Suit - Hyman 2313	5B
Notice of Suit 2313	5B
Flora-Monro Twp Library 231t	5B
County Claims 231t	5B
Highway Claims 231t	5B
Sheriff Sale - Clark 2312	5B
Nelson Estate 2312	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.

Midwest Memo

by Alan Shultz



Travel notes

According to the blank pages of my passport, and the cobwebs in my memory, it has been a long, long time since I've flown overseas.

And so it came to be two weeks back, my wife and I were Sweden bound to visit our friends of 20-plus years, Anna and Acki Fechner.

Our flight was Chicago to Stockholm direct, leaving at 2 p.m. on a Tuesday. The airlines tell you to check in two hours in advance for international travel. It felt like we needed most of that time to navigate the lines and the security. Suspicious looking guy that I am, I got pulled out of line in Chicago for the magic wand scan treatment. On the way home it was again, yours truly, being pulled from line. But this time it was for a much more personal "getting to know you" pat down.

Go figure.

For me, the whole flying experience takes a certain leap of faith these days due to technology. I picked our flight and bought our tickets online over the internet. There was no travel agent to consult, no ticket agent to chat with. I paid for the tickets with a credit card and chose our seat locations by clicking away with my computer mouse. There was no human interaction whatsoever.

Given that there's no personal contact in making all these arrangements, it kind of amazed me when the counter person looked us up on the computer and confirmed we were in the right line on the right day. Not only were we indeed both on the list, our names were spelled right, our paperwork correct and, in time, we were on our way.

The flight was packed and the big jet became a small environment. The group was peppered with an abundance of crying babies and vegetarian eating folks. The vegetarians get their meals so much earlier than the rest that it tempts one to join that minority.

I'm not a frequent flyer and I've never accumulated airline "miles." What that translates to is that the only world I know is coach. Having said that, it turns out I kind of forgot how small that coach seat

has gotten over the years. There was a bonus sized fellow seated in front of me. When he pushed that seat button to back up into my space it became a real intimate moment. A long eight-hour flight it was.

But I fly seldom enough to continue to be fascinated by the entire process. I still look forward to a bag of nuts and the complimentary drink. When the meal arrives, I still clean my plate. This SAS flight was equipped with forward and downward camera coverage of takeoff, landing and flight on the television screens in front of each passenger seat. That view was a first for me and I found it fascinating to watch the scenery, the clouds and upon decent, the looming runway.

I was seated next to a Russian engineer who talked politics and Swedish culture. Our conversation set the stage for the international experience to come.

Traveling abroad is sufficiently hard that it makes me appreciate the immigrant experience more and more. Certainly Sweden is pretty tame, as far as foreign destinations go. But still it's the jet lag and map reading, the food ordering, the currency and all the while the different languages swirling around your ears. The change for the pay toilet is always an adventure, as is marinated fish for breakfast and how to figure the tip, let alone a menu.

Our friends pampered us, picking us up at the airport, planning our days, lavishing us with food and goodies. We took long walks along the lake with their boxer, Rhonda, trotting along side. We stayed up late talking about old memories and future plans. A bright yellow painted guesthouse was our lodging when the days were done. The sun came up early and retired late through our windows. Lots of rain fell upon the gabled roof overhead.

New places and old friends form the perfect combination for a grand time away. That, and the right count of socks and underwear, of course.

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.

No safe schools

This letter is in response to a letter in the May 24 *Comet* from Mr. Kenworthy regarding equal treatment for students. As a graduate of Carroll High School, I'm shocked at what is happening there. Around the same time as the pipe incident at the high school, my nephew was also attacked at the elementary school by a fellow student with a pair of scissors. This happened in his own classroom.

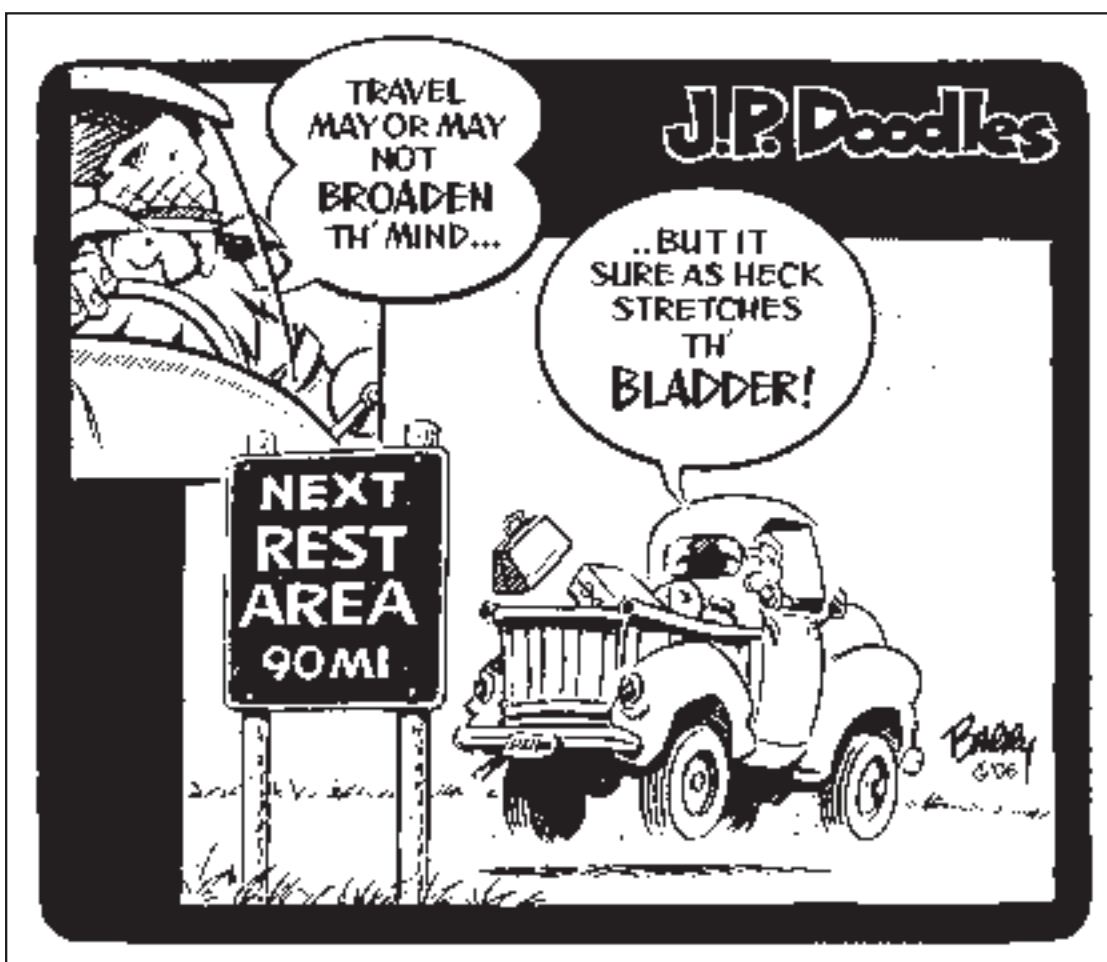
From what I understand, this child was put into in-school suspension for one day, his parents kept him home for one day, and the following day he was let back into the same classroom with my nephew. After all, the school year was almost over and this kid had never been in any trouble before.

I am appalled at the school's response to this matter, and I'm outraged to find out it happened not once, but twice in one week in the same school system. What has happened to the nice, safe school that I attended? My children are students of Lafayette School Corporation, and at first I feared sending them to a "big city" school because of all the "trouble" you hear about the bigger schools. I've come to realize in this day and age, trouble is in all schools, it's just that the bigger schools deal with the situation publicly, and the smaller schools choose to sweep it under the rug for fear they may tarnish their reputations.

You may hear about more problems in our school corporation, but I bet you don't hear of any being handled the way these two were. I am ashamed of a school board and administrators who would allow this go on in their school. If it's ok today to pull scissors or a pipe, tomorrow it may be a knife or a gun. There is no such thing as a safe school anymore. Don't wait until Carroll turns into Columbine to wake up and see what's happening around you!

Tammy Crum
Lafayette
formally from Carroll County

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Web poll results

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.

Last Week's Results:

With summer approaching, do you plan to take advantage of Carroll County's attractions, festivals, and recreational sites or do you intend to go out-of-county for your summer entertainment?

13% - Stay in county
33% - Go out-of-county
54% - Both
Total responses: 24

Lon Bohnstedt, a former Flora resident who now resides in Florida, offered these additional words of wisdom for graduates:

1. Use Vince Lombardi time, i.e. - If you're supposed to be there at 8 and you get there at 8, you're 10 minutes late.
2. Put 10% of every paycheck into mutual funds and don't touch them until you retire.
3. If you don't enjoy your job, find something you do enjoy and make that your life's work.
4. If you're standing in line in the grocery store and the person in front of you is a little short of money, give them what they need.
5. Do something good for your community or someone in it every week.

Marriage Licenses

Greg M. Ranous, 22, of South Bend and Krista M. Hensley, 22, of Flora.

William D. Green, 25, and Jennifer M. Davis, 23, both of Flora.

Anthony E. Liggett, 34, of Flora and Kathryn E. Anthrop, 38, of Lafayette.

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 following are in arrears of child support payments: John Montgomery Sr., \$13,257.77; Buck T. Brooks, \$2,881.50; Mary E. Haskins, \$3,053.54; Mark E. McLeland, \$11,739.43; Robert Wilson Jr., \$8,753.54; Russel Gaby, \$22,384.96; Brian Hartman, \$3,629.52; Gabriel Guerrero, to be determined;

Richard Ronk, \$4,907.23; Rick Brooks, \$10,759.53; Belinda Robinson, \$3,800.18; Mark A. Stephens, \$2,246.36; Nina M. Brower, \$15,194.32; Lorri Clawson, \$2,119; John H. Reed III, \$4,503.59.

A complaint was filed in Capital One vs. Goldie C. Ford. A complaint was filed in Capital One vs. Linda R. Trent.

A complaint on promissory note and to foreclose mortgage was filed in Alaska Eastern vs. Jeffrey L. Leslie.

A complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real

estate was filed in Deutsche Bank National Trust Company vs. Gary D. and Janet S. Richeson et al.

Rene Barradas Zavaleta was charged with Count I, forgery; Count II, identity deception.

The following cases were dismissed: PHH Mortgage Corp. vs. Steven D. Ogle, Ramona S. Ogle et al; Mortgage Electronic Registratin Systems, Inc. vs. Gregory D. Sproul and Latrisha L. Sproul et al; and Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Peter Wargo.

An agreed bank account gar-

nishment was ordered in GE Money Bank vs. Paula K. Bridge, in favor of the plaintiff for \$212.45.

Tiffney Bennington was found to be in arrears of child support in the amount of \$1,772.70.

In State of Indiana vs. Tammy Pancake, 40, the defendant pleaded guilty to Count I, dealing in Methamphetamine. She was sentenced to eight years, with five years suspended, and five years of probation.

In State of Indiana vs. Melissa S. Baird, 26, the defendant pleaded guilty to Count

III, resisting law enforcement. She was sentenced to one and one-half years, with 17 months suspended, and 17 months of probation.

In Capital One Bank vs. James Moore, Monticello, and supplemental defendant Demotte State Bank, the plaintiff shall recover from the supplemental defendant the sum of \$1,667.95.

A decree of foreclosure was filed in First Financial Bank, NA vs. John R. Snell and Esserman Tire Service et al.

Dissolutions: Kirk Burge and Clarissa Burge.

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

Ryan G. Sink was charged with Count I, operating while intoxicated; Count II, possession of marijuana; Count III, possession of paraphernalia.

Angela M. Rose was charged with Counts I and II, check deception.

Sally A. Vescovi was charged with Counts I and II, check deception.

Suzette J. Snider was charged with check deception.

Jesse L. Starkey was charged with illegal consumption of alcohol.

Jeffrey R. Hughes was charged with check deception.

Wade S. Myers was charged with check deception.

Mark L. Storey II was charged with driving while suspended.

Jane A. Hollenbeck was charged with check deception.

Vincenza R. Woodson was charged with Count I, operating while intoxicated, endangering; Count II, possession of marijuana; Count III, driving left of cen-

ter; Count IV, open container.

Richard L. McCullough was charged with Counts I and II, domestic battery.

Jose Torres was charged with operating a vehicle without ever receiving a license.

Richard Hernandez was charged with driving while suspended.

Aaron C. Fife was charged with public intoxication.

Jose Diego was charged with driving while suspended.

Castillo Nicacio was charged with operating a vehicle without ever receiving a license.

Kristen N. Parmeter was charged with operating a vehicle without ever receiving a license.

Randal J. Wireman was charged with Counts I and II, domestic battery.

The following cases were dismissed: Carroll County EMS vs. Larry W. Jenkins; Carroll County EMS vs. Leroy Perkins; Carroll County EMS vs. Elizabeth Sanders; Carroll County EMS vs. Gerardo Zamorano; Carroll County EMS vs. Freida Ash; Carroll County EMS vs. Manuel Perez; Carroll County EMS vs. Robert D. Baker; Michael and Pam Clawson vs. Angela

Clawson; Jerry Coble vs. Randy Coble; Culligan vs. Gary and Donna Short; Culligan vs. Shannon Jones; Delphi Hardware and Paint vs. Stacy R. Seele. Carol Donahue vs. Todd Michael and Shirley Michael; Esserman Tire vs. Robert Gunther, Esserman Tire vs. Nathaniel Flora, Esserman Tire vs. Don Kult, Esserman Tire vs. Mike Bennett, Esserman Tire vs. Crutch Trucking, Esserman Tire vs. Brian Hartman, Esserman Tire vs. Brandon McIlrath, Esserman Tire vs. Troy Miller, Esserman Tire vs. Terry Marshall, Esserman Tire vs. Chris Fisher, Esserman Tire vs. Edie Milsay, Esserman Tire vs. Stephanie Robertson, Mark Golliner vs. Bill Roberts, Ken Guge vs. John Montgomery, Graham's Saloon vs. Melissa Hicks, Willard Hall vs. Yolanda Castillo, Steve Hart vs. John and Sarah Coy, Joe Hildebrandt vs. Debra Roller, Hildebrandt vs. Jim Frances, Hildebrandt Electric vs. Marla Moore, Hildebrandt Electric vs. Ruth Mitchell, Hildebrandt Electric vs. Bob and Vickie Arvin, Hildebrandt Electric vs. Mrs. Lester Wilson, Hildebrandt Electric vs. Steve and Pam Strauce, Hildebrandt

Electric vs. Gerrit and Angela LaDague, Horizon vs. Scott Allbaugh, Horizon vs. Brian and Tena Fogarasi, Horizon vs. Robert and Sonya Hunt, Horizon vs. Joe and Cathy Crane, Horizon vs. Christopher Koebe, Hyman Property vs. Chad and Dawn Stout, Hyman Property vs. Juan Martinez, JKM Liquors vs. Rita Stout, Paula Johnson vs. Sara Schirer, David Knop vs. Chris Denham, Main Street Service vs. Kim Isley, Mann Chevrolet vs. Kenny Meesman, Mann Chevrolet vs. Debra Cottrell, Justin Lee vs. Beth and Scott Evans, M&M Rental vs. Dena Mann and Susan Duncan, Pearsons Gas vs. Thomas Henry, Paul Rider vs. Aaron Butler, Roger Ritchey vs. Jennifer Schrotz, Scott Roberts vs. Jack and Terri Hammond, T-N-T vs. Joey Minton /Broadrippe Shell, T-N-T vs. Town & Courtry BP, Joseph and Delores VanMeter vs. Scott Ford and Anna Stiles, William Veach vs. Ben and Barbara Johnson, Woodlawn Rentals vs. David and Betty Poff, Yeoman Telephone vs. Tim James, Yeoman Telephone vs. Kevin Bruner, Darrell Yoder vs. Sheila Best, Darrell Yoder vs.

Ryan Harter.

State of Indiana vs. Kerk J. Kerkhoff was dismissed.

In State of Indiana vs. James H. Nelson, 45, Walton, the defendant pleaded guilty to Count I, operating while intoxicated, endangering a person. He was sentenced to six months, suspended, and a year of probation.

In State of Indiana vs. Nick D. Snapp, 18, Lafayette, the defendant pleaded guilty to Count I, battery resulting in bodily injury. He was sentenced to six months, suspended, and a year of probation.

In State of Indiana vs. Todd J. Crider, 19, Delphi, the defendant pleaded guilty to Count I, theft. He was sentenced to two years, with one year suspended, and one year of probation.

In State of Indiana vs. Ryan Wardrip, 20, Flora, the defendant pleaded guilty to Count II, criminal mischief. He was sentenced to 90 days, suspended, and a year of probation.

In State of Indiana vs. Tyler B. Roberts, 21, Lafayette, the defendant pleaded guilty to Count II, harassment. He was sentenced to 90 days, suspended, and a year of probation.

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