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## Thanks are in order

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Pastors Retreat Network shares the following 11 ideas for saying thanks:

1. Write a note of appreciation
2. Pray for your pastor regularly
3. Stop the rumor mill
4. Invite him or her out to lunch, golfing, or some other shared interest, without an agenda
5. Offer to babysit the kids so the pastor and spouse can have an evening together, even better, offer them a gift certificate to a restaurant they enjoy
6. Honor his or her day off – allow time for rest, personal renewal and family time
7. In times of loss, offer sympathy, care, practical help
8. Consider holidays and other family days – if the pastor is far from their family of origin, invite them to your celebration – no strings attached
9. Ask him or her how you can help and then follow through
10. Tell him or her what you've learned from their sermon
11. Consider a sabbatical time for your pastor and find a way to provide one as needed.

Clergy are real people. They have families, hopes and dreams, gifts, and needs. And like all of us, they shine best in situations where they are appreciated and supported.

## 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

State of Indiana vs. Dennis L. Blackman, Count I, identity deception, and Count II, driving while suspended.

State of Indiana vs. Cipriano Naranjo, operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license.

State of Indiana vs. Kenneth G. Couch, Count I, resisting law enforcement, and Count II, reckless driving.

State of Indiana vs. Deradee Renaly, Counts I thru VIII, check deception.

State of Indiana vs. Jerry L. Burton, Count I, operating while intoxicated, endangering, and Count II, disregarding a stop sign.

State of Indiana vs. Anthony C. Smeltzer, Count I, operating while intoxicated, endangering; Count II, disregarding a stop sign; and Count III, open alcoholic beverage container.

State of Indiana vs. Richard L. Enyeart, check deception.

State of Indiana vs. Robert E. Erwin, Counts I thru III, check deception.

State of Indiana vs. Bill Ruhge, Counts I & II, check deception.

State of Indiana vs. Tamera K. Bickett, check deception.

State of Indiana vs. Christina

Cares, check deception.

Laura L. Selke is charged with Count I operating while intoxicated, endangering, and Count II, possession of a controlled substance.

Maria G. Villagram is charged with operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license.

Ernesto G. Hernandez, Count I, is charged with operating while intoxicated, endangering, and Count II, driving left of center.

Johnathan Nieves-Estevae, Count I, is charged with operating while intoxicated, endangering; Count II, driving while suspended; and Count III, driving left of center.

Shara L. Perry is charged with operating while intoxicated endangering.

Thomas L. Marchand is charged with public intoxication.

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In State of Indiana vs. Steven L. Casey, 33, Delphi, the defendant pleaded guilty to battery resulting in bodily injury. He was sentenced to one year, suspended, and a year probation.

In State of Indiana vs. Stephanie R. Anderson, 18, West Lafayette, the defendant pleaded guilty to illegal consumption of alcohol. She was sentenced to 60 days, suspended and a year of probation.

In State of Indiana vs. David T. Busch, 38, Burrows, the defendant pleaded guilty to domestic battery. He was sentenced to one year, suspended and a year of probation.

In State of Indiana vs. Christopher S. Ellington, 31, Muncie, the defendant pleaded guilty to check deception. He was sentenced to 90 days, with all but four days suspended and a year probation.

A default judgment was ordered in:

-WM Specialty Mortgage LLC vs. John E. Veach.

## 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 the following week.

Last Week's Results:

The Old Order Amish in Pennsylvania say they have forgiven Charles Carl Roberts IV for the shooting deaths last week of young girls at an Amish school. Could you forgive the person who killed your child?

10% Yes  
90% No

Total responses: 40

## Midwest Memo

by Alan Shultz



## This just in....

A recent piece on National Public Radio discussed the perils of electronic voting machines. It turns out that when a voting system totally lacks any back-up paper ballot such a system leaves no actual means of authenticating voting results.

This is serious stuff folks. It's on the level of an insider threat to a democracy.

The radio program turned out to be a chilling discussion of how monumental the scale of glitches and the scope of fraud that can occur with strict electronic voting. It made the famous butterfly ballot and hanging chads problems in Florida's famous voting mess sound like mere goofs and gaffs compared to absolute electronic voting.

At the end of the radio program the frustrated sounding host asked the expert being interviewed what voting system was the best. The answer he gave described a hybrid system with an actual paper ballot that is counted electronically. The voting system described as the best was the voting system we use right here in Carroll County.

I thought back to the days when the Carroll County Election Board was trying to sell the County Council on our current voting machines. Back then I covered the Council and the Commissioners for this paper. I recall well that the voting machine purchase represented both a lot of money and a hard sell.

And so... a belated round of applause and thanks to those on the Election Board back then who did the homework and research to get us our easy to use and easy to verify voting system now considered the very best in the business of voting. The public face of that campaign and the person arguing for the system was Beth Myer. I remember her persistence and her persuasion in the face of a lot of skepticism over the cost.

In retrospect...a job VERY well done.

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Speaking of voting...

The National voter turnout hit a 40-year low this September when extremely small numbers of registered voters headed to the polls to decide the various primary contests. Experts are divided about

what this trend portends for the November election or what it says about the American electorate in general.

I'll offer one take. The level of Congress' pandering of the electorate is making a mockery of the process.

I don't care for politics much. I do believe that special interests and big money have way too much influence and that the big picture, the greater good, is often compromised. That being said, corruption and influence buying and both the art and awful of politics all go back centuries. There's not much new under the sun when it comes to politics - it doesn't pay to get too worked up about this stuff.

But what happens when we reach the point where absolutely nothing can be expected of the citizenry? Where are we when government promises to make everything better, even though the promise is empty, laughable even?

The Pet Evacuation and Transportation Standards (PETS) Act of 2006 passed on a vote of 349-24.

Three hundred forty-nine members of Congress looked the voters in the eye and seeing a sea of pet owners, they blinked. They couldn't speak the truth: "Fido is your concern."

They couldn't state the obvious: "We can't even rescue all the people, let alone Fluffy."

Instead, they cast their vote to yet another promise that said they'd make everything ok.

Reacting to passage of the PETS bill, Humane Society president Wayne Pacelle summed up a view of the fictional altered universe that congressional pandering produces.

"Americans will never again be forced to leave their best friends behind to face imminent danger." Wow, with a stroke of a pen, Fluffy and Fido are safe forever.

Then again, thousands of years after he took them two-by-two, Noah still gets great free press for his evacuation efforts back in the Old Testament. Who am I to doubt the miracle powers of Uncle Sam?

## 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.

### Chairman to step down

I will be stepping down as Carroll County Republican chairman shortly after the Nov. 7 election. A caucus of precinct committeemen will be held in December to elect a new chairman. I reveal this decision in advance to avoid any correlation to the Nov. 7 election results.

I decided earlier this year that I would not run again for a third term. New party rules have shifted the next reorganization into a municipal election year. In 2007, Carroll County has five communities with municipal elections, beginning with the May 8 primary for the City of Delphi. Candidate filings for that primary will begin in early 2007.

I have always believed a priority of the chairman should be candidate recruitment. In fact, when you go to the polls this fall you'll see several new names on the ballot for township offices as a result of an aggressive recruitment effort. This same effort must be done in 2007 for all five municipalities in Carroll County. By stepping down early, I will be giving a new leadership team time to organize and strategize for the 2007 May primary.

I would like to thank those who have supported me in my role as chairman and even those friendly critics who kept me focused on the task at hands...winning elections!

Proud to be a Republican,  
Tom Gray  
Camden

### Supports Jackson

Burlington has had a beautiful park since the day it began. Many people have worked long and hard to build it and to keep it the great park that it is. We would like to thank those who have toiled all of these many years to maintain and expand the community's park.

The park was built and maintained in a spirit of cooperation between all of the entities involved. The park has always thrived with funding and cooperation between the township trustee and the Town of Burlington. Our current township trustee, Alan Jackson, understands this cooperation. Our current town council does not.

Alan Jackson has done a great job as township trustee, and we desperately need to re-elect him for another term. This is the first of two very important elections for Burlington Township and the Town of Burlington. Please let your voice be heard on Election Day, Nov. 7.

Stan and Deb Moore  
Burlington

### Not interested in COPT

I received a mailing from COPT (Citizens Opposing Phase Three), thanking me for my past interest and support. I am writing to set the record straight.

I have not and will not support COPT or any action to stop the sewer project! I hope my name does not appear on any petition that they have. If so, it is not valid. Why did they mail this to me? Was this a mass mailing?

I urge anyone who received a letter and wants no part of COPT to protest and let them know! They have letterheads and impressive mailing. They must not have all the money they need, as they are asking for a \$100 donation.

I believe that their actions are going to drive up the cost of the sewer project for all. The sewer district's lawyer has to defend against them and that is taking money that could be used for sewers.

The petition that I signed in the past was to the previous Commissioners, asking to be included in the sewer project, and another one went to the Carroll County Council and current Commissioners, asking for their help financially with the project. Both of those had between 400 and 500 signatures. I believe more effort should be placed on our representatives to help with grants and assistance.

COPT asks for a \$100 donation to pay costs. No thanks. I will use my \$100 to pay for my sewer hook-up!

Ron Kleckner  
Jefferson Township



## 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.

A summary and default judgment and decree of foreclosure were ordered in WM Specialty Mortgage LLC vs. Julie A. Gardiner and Cavalry Portfolio Services LLC et al.

The following are in arrears of child support: Stacey L. Hardin, \$11,400; Rebecca L. Floyd, \$7,978.12.

A default judgment was ordered in Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Jason Endress. The plaintiff shall recover \$1,062.34.

In State of Indiana vs. Hector A. Segoviano, 42, the defendant pleaded guilty to Count I, forgery. He was sentenced to two years.

A default judgment and decree of foreclosure were ordered in Wells Fargo Bank vs. Craig A. Rupp and Carol L. Crispin Rupp. In Gordon Pickering and Bertha Pickering vs. James Pfrommer and Board of Zoning Appeals of Carroll County, the court denied the plaintiff's petition and the stay was lifted.

A default judgment and decree of foreclosure were ordered in US Bank NA vs. Danny R. Harshbarger and Jody L. Harshbarger.

Bankruptcy was granted to Stephen Darnell.

An agreed and default judgment and decree of foreclosure were ordered in Deutsche Bank National Trust Company vs. Harley M. Bissell and Connie S. Bissell et al.

Marriage dissolutions: Nancy L. Bogan and Michael D. Bogan, Ann M. Webb and John A. Webb.

A complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate was filed in Countywide Home Loans Inc. vs. Robert L. Davis.

A complaint was filed in American Acceptance vs. Brad Ocker.

A petition for approval of

transfer of structured settlement was filed for Thomas C. Parker.

A complaint on installment note was filed in State of Indiana Unemployment Insurance Board vs. Debra K. Allbaugh.

A complaint on account was filed in Dye Lumber Inc. vs. Stephen E. Hinkle.

A complaint was filed in Midland Credit Management vs. Deborah Combs.

A complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage was filed in Regions Bank vs. Robert P. Carpenter.

Virgil S. Spencer Sr. was charged with Count I, burglary; Count II, III and IV, theft.

D. Michael Cannady was named administrator of the Rebecca G. Weiland estate.

Neal Q. Clem was named administrator of the Dorothy I. Clem estate.

The following cases were dismissed: Discover Bank vs. Wendy R. Haynes; American Acceptance Co. LLC vs. Keith V. Rhoades; Stacey L. Shoaf vs. Michael A. Acebedo.

A default judgment was ordered in Ford Motor Credit Company vs. Russell E. Snider. The plaintiff shall recover \$9,799.96.

A default judgment was ordered in Centurion Capital Corp. vs. Carolyn S. Gerard. The plaintiff shall recover \$7,834.88.

A default judgment was

ordered in Capital One Bank vs. Mary E. Miller. The plaintiff shall recover \$15,389.13.

The court grants the defendant's motion for summary judgment in Suzette D. Taylor vs. Michael E. Harville and Shana L. Harville.

The court denies the defendant's motion for partial summary judgment in Robin D. Anker vs. Dale E. Freimuth and Vicki K. Freimuth.

A judgment of foreclosure was ordered in Countrywide Home Loans Inc. vs. Samuel S. Smith and Daniel W. Kelly.

A default judgment and decree of foreclosure were ordered in Industrial Federal Credit Union vs. Gregory S. Chinn and Tammy M. Chinn et al.

In State of Indiana vs. Bibiana Martinez, 26, Lafayette, the defendant pleaded guilty to Count I, forgery, and was sentenced to three years, suspended, and three years probation.

In State of Indiana vs. Gerardo H. Gonzalez the defendant pleaded guilty to Count I, forgery, and was sentenced to three years with all but 30 days suspended, and probation.

Marriage dissolutions: Margaret Straight and Lyle Straight, Dawn L. Scowden and Jason P. Scowden, Constance S. Floyd and Robert L. Floyd.

### 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.

#### Monday, Oct. 23

Carroll County Commissioners' special meeting, 8:30 a.m., county courthouse  
Delphi School Corp., 7 p.m., administration building

#### Tuesday, Oct. 24

Area Plan Commission, 7 p.m., county courthouse

#### Thursday, Oct. 26

Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District, 7 p.m., White County Government Building

## Marriage Licenses

Luke A. Eaker, 19, Walton, and Audrey B. Wisler, 18, Delphi.

Ronald L. Tedrow, 38, Delphi, and Lisa D. Thompson, 28, Flora.

Troy A. Brown, 41, and Tina M. Huddleston, 41, both of Delphi.

Stephen E. Hinkle II, 38, Delphi, and Lesley N. Marshall, 31, Monticello.

John E. Wines, 57, and Maria J. Mackovic, 50, both of Flora.