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## Congratulations, Mary

Today is an anniversary of sorts for Camden correspondent Mary Whitfield. She has been writing Camden news for the *Comet* for 30 years.

She said she remembers the day that former *Comet* owner, the late Al Moss, came to her back door to talk to her about the job. She was taken aback that he came to the back door, but her next thought was "backdoor friends are our best friends."

"I'm looking forward to many more years with you (the *Comet*)," said Mary. "Wouldn't 20 more be neat? Oh well, however many will be wonderful."

Yes, Mary, we'd be happy with another 20!

## 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

Scott H. Wagoner was charged with operating while intoxicated - endangering, failure to signal a turn and driving left of center.

Tony L. Barden was charged with resisting law enforcement and disorderly conduct.

Kevin W. Hinton was charged with domestic battery and battery resulting in bodily injury.

Robert S. Hite was charged with resisting law enforcement and disregarding an automatic signal.

Cassie B. Walker was charged with operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license.

Mark A. Westlake was charged with public intoxication.

Eric L. Sterling was charged with operating while intoxicated, operating a motor vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, improper exhaust and expired driver's license.

Emmanuel H. Rios was charged with operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license and following too close.

James E. Teel was charged with public intoxication.

Maria J. Villagrana, 34, of Delphi, pled guilty to driving while suspended. She was sentenced to 180 days in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Gabriel Rodriguez, 26, of Monticello, pled guilty to driving while suspended. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

In an agreed judgement, Darwin Kam was ordered to pay \$3,494 plus court costs to Carol Gilbert.

In an agreed judgement, Romney Soper was ordered to pay Industrial Federal Credit Union \$2,106.35.

Amanda Duvall was ordered to pay \$545.30 plus court costs and Bill Williams was ordered to pay \$3,272.11 plus court costs to Valerie Duvall.

Wayne Hughes and Geneva Hughes were ordered to pay \$616.02 to Ronald Hughes.

The following cases were dismissed: Technology Investment Partners LLC vs. Fairmet LLC and Carroll County Rural Electric Membership Corporation; Horizon Veterinary Service Inc. vs. Jan and Linda Phillips; Amanda Duvall vs. Dan Fassnacht; Carroll County Clerk vs. Paul W. Johnson; and Lloyd M. Shell vs. TK Constructors.

The following judgements were entered for the plaintiff: First Financial Bank f/k/a Sand Ridge Bank vs. Stacy L. Wilcox and Bradley L. Brown in the amount of \$5,907.31; Kyle Loy M.D. vs. James W. Gates in the amount of \$906.26; Mike Bunnell and Kalene Bunnell vs. William Walters and Bonnie Walters in the amount of \$6,000; Jim Huffer and Doug Hodson vs. Michael Fletcher and Ann Fletcher in the amount of \$1,500 plus costs; and Barbara Dobyne vs. Danny Kirkpatrick and Vonda Kirkpatrick in the amount of \$2,500.

The following judgements were entered for the defendant: Steve Barnard d/b/a Steve's Auto and Wrecker Service vs. Barbara Crain Caldwell.

Default judgements were entered for the plaintiff in the following: Pat and Connie Dandino vs. Richard G. Malott in the amount of \$3,560.00; Randy D. Franscoviak vs. Tracy Rush in the amount of \$2,660.00; Citibank South Dakota NA vs. Phillip F. Irwin in the amount of \$9,043.47; Eric Stevenson and Pam Stevenson vs. James Hottum and Robin Hottum in the amount of \$710.00; Erie Insurance Company as subrogee of Hector and Eloisa Bautista vs. Ronald L. Tedrow in the amount of \$17,311.97; Beneficial Indiana Inc. vs. Jeffrey Daily and Amy Daily in the amount of \$9,679.30; Co-Alliance LLP vs. Kevin Fingerle in the amount of \$515.80; Argent Healthcare Financial Service vs. Donald Thatcher in the amount of \$771.88; and Industrial Federal Credit Union vs. Brian Endress in the amount of \$5,613.94.

## 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.

### Do exemptions to the county personnel policy manual render policies ineffective?

- Yes - there need to be clear and concise guidelines
- No - every situation is unique and must be examined

### Last Weeks results

#### If you are giving up something for Lent, what is it?

- 3% Coffee
- 23% Soda Pop
- 20% Chocolate/Candy
- 0% Piecing between meals
- 53% Other
- Total responses: 30

#### Reader's comments:

I think if you raise cigarette prices sky high that children will not be able to afford to get them - great prevention method. Also, people who smoke won't be giving them out so freely because of the high cost of them. Cigarette smoking is awful in all aspects.

On any given day life is like the game of dodge ball and you just best keep moving to stay ahead of what's coming at you.

Consider, for instance: This fellow Scooter Libby in big hot water down in some D.C. federal court. Scooter's on trial for leaking the identity of some CIA agent that everyone knew was a CIA agent. What I'd like to know is how a guy with a name like Scooter ever gets trusted with state secrets in the first place. I mean... Scooter - it's cute, it's fun, but should our Vice President count on a main man with a grammar school nick name?

I don't know how things went for Scooter in his trial. I do know the jury is deliberating the case. One of the 12 jurors was dismissed for being tainted by news reports. The juror who was dismissed was described as a former museum curator from New York.

Everyone reporting the story of the dismissed juror has included one odd fact. The dismissed juror was the only juror who "did not wear a red T-shirt as part of the jury's Valentine's Day greeting to the court." (Denver Post on-line).

Ok, let's stop there. If I was Scooter, I would wonder what the heck was going on with a jury that had time to coordinate Valentine's Day garb? Did they come as Santas in December? If deliberations run into Easter will they come as rabbits?

Good luck, Scooter, dodging whatever these folks throw at

## Midwest Memo

by Alan Shultz



### Dodge ball

you. What would you do? We got to the movie theater early for the 9:30 show Friday night. The first row of the second section seats was totally open and we took the very middle. These are the best seats in the house, if you ask me.

As other folks strolled in and found seats they kept an empty seat here and there. One was empty to my left but two seats were empty to my wife's right. Then walked in Mr. Nervy.

Although his companions were not with him, Mr. Nervy needed three seats. He sized up the front row and did a little mental rearranging.

"I need three seats together," he announced. "Could you two move over one?"

The question was directed at my wife and me and we obliged but had second thoughts for doing so.

Our reward for moving over was delivered by the one gal of the threesome who sat next to us. She put her feet up on the bar in front of us - just to annoy, I suppose.

What would you have done?

**Return to sender.** I remember seeing a movie once where the tenacious nature of one of the characters was depicted,

among other things, in how she received her mail. She would go to the mailbox, review all her mail and then put the items she refused back in the hands of the mailman.

"Refused," she would say. For the last year or so I have marked "refused" on a bank statement envelope addressed to a former client that comes to me monthly. But the statement comes and comes and even the envelopes on which I mark refused come back like a boomerang.

Can't you refuse mail these days?

**Raccoon mask.** I've got a problem with certain fabric finishes, they turn me red and blotchy, an unpleasant look. I get excused from any shopping trips to the linen store, the fabric store, that kind of stuff.

The other day I slipped on a sweater I hadn't worn in a long time. I don't know what company this sweater has been keeping, but I suggest it's been spending time with new, never washed, sheets or something similar.

Once I had the sweater on, my face assumed the oddest cast. I turned a mustard yellow color everywhere except around my eyes. It was, to say the least, an odd look.

I took the sweater off, washed my face and rinsed with lots of cold water, but to no avail. My raccoon mask was on permanently for the day.

I got plenty of odd looks. Some balls you just can't dodge. Next week: Pilates.

## Marriage Licenses

William Richard Marks Jr., 42, and Michelle Elizabeth Hinds, 30, both of Monticello.

Curtis Alan Draper, 39, and Valerie Ann Jernagan, 39, both of Delphi.

Danny Allen Freeman, 22, and Rachael Marie Hettmansperger, 26, both of Flora.

Jeremy Dean Robinson, 28, and Shalyn Rene Wilson, 22, both of Delphi.

Barton Leon Webb, 24, and Jennifer Lee Yeck, 25, both of Delphi.

Dewayne Edward Brake Jr., 21, of Des Moines, Iowa, and Ashley Marie Knopf, 19, of Frankfort.

Jeremy Edward Savage, 29, and Melissa Sue Taylor, 30, both of Bringhurst.

## Restaurant Inspections

**Main Street Pizza King**  
Routine inspection: 2/15/07  
Summary of Violations: No Violations Noted

**Wallmann's Quality Foods**  
Routine inspection: 2/15/07  
Summary of Violations: 1 non-critical

1) There was a case of Ritz chips being stored on floor in the back room. Directed to correct by 2/15/07.

## 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.*

Default judgements were entered for the plaintiff in the following cases: Elite Recovery Systems Inc. vs. Brian Wallace in the amount of \$2,523.08; and Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Evelyn L. Smith in the amount of \$4,219.48.

A decree of dissolution was granted for Joshua D. Smith and Charity N. Smith.

Fan Distributing LLC filed a complaint on contract against Christopher Myers and Michelle Myers.

Midland Funding Management Inc filed a complaint against Michael W. Brafford.



## 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.

### Urges county leaders and citizens to protect elderly

It seems that Carroll County Commissioners and community leaders, elected or employed, should, by their position of trust, be committed to the care and protection of all county citizens, including the elderly, as a priority interest of more significance than expanding IPC's specialty business interests.

It would certainly appear by statements and actions of county leaders that it is their desired intent to convey the county-owned land to IPC regardless of the detrimental quality of life which Carroll Manor residents will be subjected to! I ask our county leaders, are these

### 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, March 5
  - √County Drainage Board: 8:30 a.m.
  - √Commissioners: 9 a.m.
  - √Flora Town Council: 6 p.m.
  - √Delphi City Council: 7 p.m.
  - √Delphi Board of Works: 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 6
  - √Carroll school board: 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 7
  - √Burlington Town Council: 7 p.m.
- Thursday, March 8
  - √Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District: 7 p.m., White County Gov. Building

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

- Notice of Suit-Myers .....4B
- Davis Estate.....4B
- Minnix Estate.....4B
- McNally Estate.....5B
- Town of Camden .....4B
- Miller Estate.....4B
- County Claims.....3B
- Comm-Not. to Bidders .....4B
- Highway Claims .....4B
- TL School-Sealed Quotes ...4B
- Laffayette Sailing Club .....4B
- Laswell Estate .....4B
- 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.

people really so unimportant as you so display by even considering such a proposal? In all mention of this land sale, I have not once heard mention of NEGOTIATION.

County leaders have within their power the capability to outright refuse sale of this land.

At the very least, a contract can be negotiated to protect Carroll Manor residents and better a more favorable agreement for county citizens.

At the Feb. 19 commissioners' meeting I proposed the following context:

- IPC acquire a suitably located land parcel and build a replacement facility to protect our elderly and their caretakers from stench and industrial noise;
- Require with open records, any future employee hiring be certified as here in our country legally and a minimum of no less than 60 percent verified residents of Carroll County;
- No new construction on presently owned Carroll County land will be permitted until Carroll Manor residents are safely relocated at the new facility;
- Negotiations will be open to the public at a time convenient to the majority of county citizens and not held behind closed doors.

This is the county taxpayers' land and the people have a right to provide their input and wishes into this matter.

I find it shameful that normally caring county citizens mutely allow county leaders to pursue an agenda leading toward predictable county elderly life-quality abuse.

Do you citizens approve this agenda, or will "YOU" finally come forth, use your voice, phone and compassionate influence to halt this enigma NOW!

Galen Perry  
Delphi

### What is the concern?

The proposed dairy CAFO made headlines last spring for Democrat Township, and I have researched on-line off and on since. I have more thoughts and questions than ever. What sites do I concentrate on? I look at universities, government, health, and agricultural sites. The *Journal & Courier* had

an article on Feb. 19, 2007, "Purdue Forms Setback Models for CAFOs." They are presently involved in an air emissions (air pollutants) study. The air pollutants listed in descending order of importance were: odor, ammonia, hydrogen sulfide, particulate matter, greenhouse gases, and volatile organic compounds.

The three lagoons at this proposed dairy CAFO total approximately 15.75 acres. At the Jan. 31, 2007, IDEM informational meeting, we were told that these lagoons would seep approximately 380 gallons per acre per day, which is actually one-third less than required. Does this approximate 5,985 gallons of lagoon waste mixture become purified as it goes through the ground? Or is it a continual saturation of "waste" going down to the aquifer?

I glanced back at the *Carroll County Comet's* front page article from June 21, 2006, "Commissioners hold debate on mega-dairy," and found that nothing is really different. We've talked, the county commissioners are to be thanked for giving us that forum. But, dialogue that needed to really go on - that sit down with a cup of coffee and really talk - has happened with only a few. In that article from 2006, there was this quoted statement, "suggested those who are planning to purchase land and build the dairy should be available to county residents to provide answers to their questions. The people who own this and are going to run this need to come into this room."

I went to the fair but found an empty booth with pamphlets. I've attended many of the commissioners meetings and was there when the Vreba-Hoff spokesperson and the North Point engineer were there. It was not a situation for true give and take. At another commissioners meeting I understand that the Arendsens were there, and it was more of "meeting them" than true dialogue.

Another quoted statement in that 2006 article was, "There is a lot of emotion around dairy CAFOs. We want to take the emotion out of this and get the facts." It has been an emotional

rollercoaster to obtain the facts. Emotion has certainly not been one-sided.

The concern is everyone's clean air, clean water, health, and livelihood.

Helen Stoops  
Cutler

### Who serves who?

I have been scheduled twice for jury duty in the last two months and have been called both times that the trial has been cancelled. This last time, I got less than 24 hours notice of my cancellation and was given a new date to serve. Will the third time be the charm? Do any of the courthouse employees care about the inconvenience this puts those who choose to be on the right side of the law? Why are potential jurors jerked around to serve on a jury while the defendants get continual delays to their trials? How much money is lost by the average juror for serving?

We law abiding citizens go to work everyday to earn a living and we are told we must show up for jury duty to get paid a few dollars for our service. Many people depend on a 40-hour paycheck to make ends meet, only to come up short when they have to serve on a jury. Some employers compensate their employees for lost wages when they serve on a jury but why should employers have to shoulder the burden when it should be on the convicted criminals?

How much less would the case loads of courts all across this country be if they actually picked a date for a trial and stuck to it? We have hearings in court to decide when there will be another hearing. Can I call the court and cancel because I have something else I'd rather be doing that day? Twice now, I've had to tell my boss that I will be missing a day of work because I have jury duty and then come to work because it was cancelled. How is my boss supposed to plan a work schedule around this?

It is obvious that the government institution is not at all concerned about customer service. They forget that they serve us, not the other way around.

Darren Pullen  
Bringhurst