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## DCSC board faces difficult decision

It takes courage to adhere to one's convictions. When someone believes a new course of action is better than an old one and steps up to the plate to suggest the change, there is sure to be criticism.

This is what happened to Delphi Community School Corporation Superintendent Ralph Walker this week.

Walker came to this community last fall from a successful stint in the Lebanon school district. He took a look at the two elementary schools in the Delphi district with different eyes than those used for the past 13 years. And he saw some things that could be changed to cut costs and enhance the educational experience of all elementary students.

Walker offered suggestions to the corporation board of school trustees, who answer to the voters. Those board members will ultimately decide if changes will be made.

Many patrons and residents in the Camden area are vehemently opposed to any change that involves relocating classes to Hillcrest Elementary.

And many from the Hillcrest area are just as in favor of a move as those in Camden are against it.

No matter how this issue is resolved, it is only right that the school community as a whole steps back, takes a breath and tries to understand all points of view before a decision is made.

## 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

Joseph B. O'Brien was charged with failure to stop after an accident resulting in damage to an unattended vehicle, driving while suspended and possession of paraphernalia.

Jonathan E. Williams was charged with illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

Christopher Clark-Wright was charged with operating while intoxicated - endangering and public intoxication.

Jarrett A. Houston was charged with hunting without consent.

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Zachery Savage, 25, of Lafayette, pled guilty to battery resulting in bodily injury. He was sentenced to one year in jail, 293 days suspended, and 293 days supervised probation including a no-contact order.

The following causes were dismissed: State of Indiana vs. Jose O. Gaeta; State of Indiana vs. James R. Sacha; State of Indiana vs. Lawson Cunningham; State of Indiana vs. Ryan M. Johnson; and State of Indiana vs. Joetta Howard.

The following cases were dismissed: Excel Co-op vs. Lance Spesard; Baldwin Automotive Supply vs. Kevin Cripe; Dr. D.J. Harmon vs. Luann Maxwell;

Raymond A. Wakefield was ordered to pay \$3,126.65 to Capital One Bank.

Mark Kirts was ordered to pay \$2,325.00 to Kathy K. Kelly.

Judgement was entered for the defendant in the cause of William F. Seward vs. Benny Redding.

In an agreed judgement, Jeff Bartlett was ordered to pay \$454.60 to Pearsons Gas.

In a default judgement, Philip W. Schrader, of Delphi, was ordered to pay \$5,258.54 to Discover Bank.

Jill W. Chapman, of Delphi, was ordered to pay \$1,791.13 to Target National Bank.

In an agreed judgement, Elisha Allen and Justin McCartney were ordered to pay \$1,055.00 to Joseph and Jodie Hendershot.

For alcohol-related convictions, the following were meted a combination of jail time, with some suspensions, probation with fees, community service, house arrest, participation in a court-approved drug and alcohol program, and suspended and/or probationary driving privileges: Cory M. Dunbar, 20, of Delphi; William T. Rodenbarger Jr., 33, of Delphi; Michael J. Mayhill, 27, of Delphi; William C. Stauffer, 20, of Delphi; Kyle E. Garrison, 20, of Delphi; and James A. Teel, 37, of Lafayette.

Causes of the State of Indiana against the following were dismissed: Robert M. Hyman; Zakry Gutierrez; Adam Myers; Paul B.A. Stout; Jennifer J. Johnston; Brian Ropes; and Jamie Moss.

## Web poll

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

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.

**Do you think community leaders would benefit from a public access training session led by the state's public access counselor?**

Yes - The more information the better for open government.

No - No one is going to change the way they do things.

Maybe - Only if they were required to attend.

### Last Weeks results

**Would you feel comfortable in making a cell phone donation to the sheriff office's new program to help someone in need?**

23% Yes  
44% No  
26% Maybe, if personal information is obliterated & not recoverable  
Total responses: 34

Well it finally happened. The State of Indiana went on daylight savings time and Hoosier cows throughout the land, every single one of them, managed to wake up at their same usual time, no matter what the clocks said.

I'd be lying if I told you I understand one wit about daylight savings time.

My wife, on the other hand, has theorized for years that it's our lawmakers golf tee time or a collaboration of secret agendas that yields this annual ritual. And so now, Congress and the President have tinkered with time to give us even more...exactly, what?

The last time I looked, we're still working with 24 hours.

The last time I looked, some of us are morning folks, and some aren't.

And as one of the morning folks, I feel robbed, more like fall, more like "lost an hour."

Right now my kitchen clock on the top of the stove says 7:03 a.m. That's because I fussed with it. At the very same time the clock on the microwave at the other side of the room is at 6:59. That discrepancy will have to do if I don't want to risk more "down time" with the microwave. The last time I changed the digital read on the microwave it went blank in protest for about a week. Then one day it just came back - on its own terms, on its own time.

It's now 7:06 a.m. in the

## Midwest Memo

by Alan Shultz



### Day fright savings time

kitchen. The little clock at the bottom of my screen on the computer begs to differ. The computer is supposedly the smartest machine in our house. While the kitchen reads 7:06, the computer reads 5:09 a.m. I'm not sure if the computer thought it was fall and "fell behind" or, that it's been off an hour for a whole long time and I never noticed.

Over in the living room, the digital clock on the VCR is no longer visible. I have once again pasted a yellow post-it note over the clock readout. This is the same wonderful machine I've written about in the past. It is the very same gadget that previously has changed time by itself. It "sprung forward" in the spring and "fell behind" in the fall, without any intervention or in reading of the instruction manual.

It's now 7:15 a.m. in the kitchen. One peek under the post-it note tells me that none of this is saving me any time. While the kitchen clock reads 7:15, the VCR says 12:14. The VCR has now weighed in on a.m. or p.m., so I don't know

how confused it really is. I guess clearly the cows are smarter than the VCR. If I had ever learned how to program the VCR to record my favorite shows, it would now be recording a late night infomercial instead.

None of my clocks agree with the current digital read out on the clock portion of my cell phone. The cell phone says its 7:19. Supposedly the cell phone is the most accurate of them all. It's definitely smarter than the cows or me or the microwave. The cell phone gets its time from some satellite watching overhead.

I do a lot of back and forth between Illinois and Indiana. Thanks to our lawmakers, these adjoining states are now one hour different in time, all the time. My cell phone time-keeper knows this and changes to the correct time when I cross the state line. In contrast, the clock on my dashboard in the car is a dumbbell by comparison. That clock gets covered by a yellow post-it depending on which side of the Illinois/Indiana boarder I'm traveling.

I guess I should write to my congressman in complaint over this nonsense. But I figure he's playing golf and wouldn't have time to read my letter anyway. Meanwhile, I owe a thank you note to whoever invented those sticky little yellow post-its. They sure come in handy this time of year.

## 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.

**Correction:** Beulah Gray was incorrectly identified as deceased in the March 7 *Comet* court news. The estate of her husband, the late Virgil Gray, was admitted, probate will only.

### Appreciates library

The Delphi Library is a great place to visit. They have an excellent selection of books and movies for adults and children. They also offer many activities including story time for younger children on Thursday mornings. They read books, play games, sing songs, and much more. They also have a castle in the children's room stocked with toys and puppets of all kinds for the kids to enjoy.

The staff at the library is very friendly and helpful. If you are researching a particular subject, they go out of their way to make sure you find what you need. (Even if that means getting materials from other libraries for you.)

We just wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you for giving this county such a great library for us to enjoy!

Jason & Jennifer Allen  
Delphi

## Marriage Licenses

Matthew James Anslover, 30, and Angela Dawn Luce, 31, both of Delphi.

Michael Shane Edwards, 39, of Kokomo, and Annie Dilts, 40, of Delphi.

Keenan Michael Smith, 18, of Logansport, and Amanda Nicole Bennett, 18, of Delphi.

Naaman Eugene Brubaker, 22, and Helen Renee Holsinger, 19, both of Rossville.

## 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.

Thomas Anthony Powell, 40, pled guilty to theft. He was sentenced to three years in prison, all but 32 days suspended, and unsupervised probation for the remainder of the sentence.

In a default judgement, a contract between The Martin R. Rinehart IRA account and Lynnette Baltazar was terminated.

Jack Brooks was ordered to pay Citimortgage Inc. \$45,300.34 through foreclosure of property.

A decree of dissolution was granted for the following: Angela Hart and William Hart; Jason Robinson and Jennifer Robinson; Julie Nichole McQuiston and Ryan Patrick McQuiston; Kevin L. Giddens and Mary Kay Giddens; and

Leslie D. Shay and Kathryn Shay.

An order on verified petition for change of name was granted to Michael Lee Voorhees, whose former name was Michael Lee Voorhees Lazarus.

A decree of name change was granted to Samuel Herbert Anderson, whose true name is now Samuel Herbert Anderson-Been.

The following were found in arrears in the payment of child support: Robert Wilson Jr. in the amount of \$7,780.71; Mark McLeland, \$8,105.00; Dale Babcock, \$15,326.00; Rondall Lee White Jr., \$22,649.58; Wayne Shirar, \$8,134; Jason Williamson, \$5,019; Mary Elizabeth Haskins, \$5,257.54; Dan Huddleston, \$802; Douglas Dirschell, \$2,804; David Colbert, \$5,163.52; Kevin J. Stout, \$8,873.35; Rhonda D. Blount, \$23,019.72; and Rex McCain, \$19,283.18.

Capital One Bank filed a complaint against Dana L. Knight.

Capital One Bank filed a complaint against Scott Knight.

JP Morgan Chase Bank filed a complaint on note and to reform and foreclose mortgage against Charles R. LaPlante and Mary A. LaPlante.

The Farmer's Bank filed a complaint on promissory notes and to foreclose mortgage against Curt Owen and Christie K. Owen.

Hawker Financial Corp. filed a complaint against Derek A. Geiken.

Countrywide Home Loans filed a complaint to foreclose mortgage against Matthew D. and Camille S. Lively.

The following cases were dismissed: FIA Card Services NA vs. Michael E. Miller and Kathleen E. Miller; Resurgence Financial LLC vs. Mamoun Hariri; WM Specialty Mortgage LLC vs. Carl D. Morrison, Gerald G. Ward and Carol S. Ward; Washington Mutual Bank vs. Bradford

A. Myers and Beth Schrader Myers; Washington Mutual Bank vs. Marc Daniel Macaluso and Aimee Renee Macaluso; and Washington Mutual Bank vs. Kenneth J. Slaybaugh.

Default judgements were entered for the plaintiff in the following cases: Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Candis Simons, \$1,022.75; Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Lucinda Sheets, \$7,608.20; and GE Money Bank vs. Ruth Isley, \$1,130.42.

Jennifer Watson was found to be in arrears in the payment of child support in the amount of \$1,488.39.

A decree of dissolution was granted between Edward A. Davis and Lisa E. Davis.

Gregory Lynn Jones, 42, of Monticello, was found guilty of dealing in methamphetamines. He was sentenced to 12 years in prison, to run consecutively with a Superior Court sentencing, six years suspended, and six years probation. Additional charges against Jones were dismissed.

Inmer E. Conner, 19, was found guilty of burglary. He was sentenced to six years in prison, three years suspended, and three years probation.

Kyle Brandon Stout, 18, pled guilty to criminal recklessness. He was sentenced to three years of electronically monitored in-home detention, one year suspended.

John D. Banes pled guilty to possession of methamphetamines. He was sentenced to eight years in prison, seven years suspended and one executed, and seven years probation.

The Carroll County auditor was ordered to issue a tax deed to Doug Hines.

Janice Rosenbarger and Donald Rosenbarger were ordered to pay \$62,496.30, in addition to foreclosure of property, to US Bank NA.

The court ordered Ralph Lynn Scott and Lola Linn

Scott to split proceeds from the selling of stored soybeans.

Joseph B. O'Brien was ordered to serve the remaining balance of his four-year sentence for violation of probation.

A complaint for damages was filed against Brain W. Wallace by Hudson and Keyse LLC.

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### 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 19**  
√Commissioners: 9 a.m.  
√Delphi Board of Works: 6:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday, March 20**  
√County Council: 6:30 p.m.  
√Carroll School Board: 1 p.m., CJSMS media center  
**Wednesday, March 21**  
√Delphi Board of Works: 5:30 p.m.  
**Thursday, March 22**  
√Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District: 7 p.m., White County Gov. Building

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