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Everyone must buckle up: It's the law July 1

Beginning July 1, there will be no exceptions to Indiana's seat-belt law. All occupants of passenger vehicles, including pickup trucks, will be required to buckle up in all seating positions.

Currently, state law does not require backseat passengers over the age of 16 to buckle up nor does it require occupants in pickup trucks, or those in vehicles registered as trucks to wear their seat-belts.

Indiana's General Assembly adopted House Bill 1237 on April 29 after several years of public and political debate. Governor Daniels signed the bill into law on May 10.

Indiana was one of just two states with a truck registration exemption. Beginning July 1, the only primary seatbelt law state with the exception will be Georgia.

Of the 897 people killed in motor vehicle crashes in Indiana during 2006, approximately 46% were known to be unrestrained at the time of their crash. The Governor's Council on Impaired & Dangerous driving, a division of Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI), estimates that potentially 269 lives would have been saved if those killed would have been wearing their safety belts.

"It doesn't matter what type of car you ride in or where you are sitting, you are still vulnerable in a crash," said Ryan Klitzsch, Traffic Safety division director of ICJI. "A seat belt is the most effective way of saving your life and others."

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.

Barbara Ann Caldwell, Ronald L. Crain and Marilyn R. Wells were named co-executors of the estate of the late Bessie R. Crain.

Taxes were paid in the amount of \$56,617.63 on the gross value (\$4,653,261.88) of the following estates: Joey Bousum, Ida Ann Boller, Ruby J. Hinkle, Jimmy Harold Arion, Ray E. Garrison, Fay Hodge, Eugene Weaver, Christina Landes, Herscheld D. Williams, Calvin D. Kessler, Fay A. Fan-

nin, Tobert L. Stephan, Johnnie Holman, Myra Snowberger, Maxine Hurlay, David Hanna, Mary Foster, Goldie Bowman, Kenneth Orem and Marvin Julien.

The following cases were dismissed: Sara Stump and Sue McCormick vs. Tim R. McCormick; Countrywide Home Loans Inc. vs. Elmer J. Crider IV; National City Mortgage Inc. vs. Dwayne T. Wetzell and Kelly J. Williams; Robert L. Miller vs.

David Tackett and Patty Tackett; Chase Home Finance LLC vs. David C. Freeman; Bonnie J. Walker vs. Combined Insurance Co. of America and Don Fenstermaker; Carter Oil Supply Inc. vs. Zimpfer Development Corp.; and Wayne C. Anderson and Mary Lou Anderson vs. Resort Park Investments Inc.

Aaron R. Tyner was ordered to be held without bond for violation of terms and conditions of probation.

Julio C. Azpeitia, 18, pled guilty to theft and criminal trespass. He was sentenced to four years in prison, two years suspended, and supervised probation.

Eduardo Lopez, 18, pled guilty to theft and criminal trespass. He was sentenced to four years in prison, two years suspended, and supervised probation.

Romney Soper was ordered to pay \$2,207.29 to Personal Finance Co.

If you live, work or play in the State of Indiana you regularly come into contact with aspects of the generosity of generations of the Eli Lilly family and the company founded by patriarch Eli Lilly. Whereas many of today's rich and famous gather attention for what they spend on themselves, the Lilly family made much of its mark by what they gave and what they continue to give away.

Lilly money makes its way into libraries, community foundations, scholarships, universities, gifts and grants. Lilly generosity somehow finds its way to every county in the Hoosier State - and beyond. Gifts come from the Lilly and Company Foundation incorporated in 1968 and from the Lilly Endowment that goes back to 1937. Over the years gifts have also come from individual family members.

Now word comes from the *Chicago Sun-Times* that some of the Lilly money has made its way to the Windy City and to the corner of Dearborn and Superior over on the near north side. It is at this corner where The Poetry Foundation has paid \$6.7 million dollars for a lovely piece of ground in an area known as the Cathedral District. Shady tree-lined streets, stately row houses and a lovely park can be found in this neighborhood which is just a couple blocks off the Magnificent Mile. Why Oprah's apartment will be in walking distance. Think: location, location, location.

The land purchase by The Poetry Foundation was made

Midwest Memo

by Alan Shultz



The poet's life

possible by a gift from Ruth Lilly, the sole surviving grandchild of Eli Lilly. The money is paid to the poetry group in the form of an annuity which is valued at \$175 million dollars. Presumably, that money will also pay the bill for the proposed ecologically friendly glass and steel building the poets have in mind.

One can only imagine the marble selection choices that now face the poets.

Actually, I first heard news of The Poetry Foundation's real estate acquisition on a segment of Chicago Public Radio. The price and location of the lot and the future plans for the building were all discussed. Remarkably, the Lilly name, and specifically Ruth Lilly and her remarkable gift, never were mentioned in the radio piece.

For those familiar with the Newberry Library, the new poetry digs are also in walking distance to that lovely, venerable institution. That's familiar turf for the poets since prior to Ruth Lilly's gift, the entire organization operated in a niche behind book stacks at the Newberry

Money changes everything. In the movie "Wall Street" about insider trading and greed gone wild, the moral voice played by Hal Holbrook says,

"The one thing about money is it makes you do things you don't want to do."

Some years back I served as president of the Indiana Library Trustees Association. At that time the group had applied for a grant from the Lilly Foundation. It was during that grant application process I learned that Lilly money is tied directly to stock in the Eli Lilly Corporation. Thus, Lilly gifts emanate from a pool of assets that rise and fall with the value of the company's stock. Total gifts and grants have the potential of being greater in size or number when the stock is high, fewer and less when the stock price is down.

It turns out poets prefer diversified holdings. In 2002 Chicago-based Poetry Foundation and co-trust beneficiary, the Washington D.C.-based America for the Art, sued Ruth Lilly's trustee, National City Bank of Indianapolis. Their claim was that diversification of trust assets would have yielded the non-profits more dollars.

The trial court disagreed. The poets and artists persisted.

The appellate court disagreed. The poets and artists persisted.

The Indiana Supreme Court declined to hear the case.

I don't know much about poetry. But I do recognize poetic justice when I see it.

Here's what Indiana Court of Appeals Judge John Baker told the litigants:

"If you have a gift horse, you keep your mouth shut."

Ah - poetry to my ears.

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.

Leave historical societies monies alone

Carroll County is in a state of financial crisis. It appears that at least one member of the Carroll County Council believes that picking up the donations given to the Carroll County Historical Society could be part of the solution.

Aside from the fact that this would probably be illegal, since the historical society is a 501-c-3 non-profit corporation whose funds cannot be given to another type of entity; it is ridiculous to think that the \$10 to \$20 per month that the society collects would help solve the county's problems.

Since it is obvious that the council is inept when it comes to solving the financial problems of the county, perhaps a better idea would be that the county not pay them their salaries until the problem is solved. Maybe then they would take it seriously; not in trivial manners like wanting to infringe into the operations of a private non-profit society.

Michael G. Griffey
Delphi

Marriage Licenses

Richard Eugene Weitzel, 33, and Yvonne Nadine Tygart, 33, both of Flora.

Eric C. Bane Sr., 23, and Rita L. Bailey, 27, both of Flora.

Anthony Albert Puller, 49, Delphi, and Sharon Marie Swanson, 63, Michigan City.

Derek Thomas Schermer, 25, Kokomo, and Heather Leann Haggard, 23, Rossville.

Restaurant Inspections

The Summer Kitchen
Routine inspection: 5/1/07
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

Because the public has a right to know...

In an effort to help our readers know when and where government meetings are being held, the *Comet* is publishing upcoming meetings on a weekly basis.

Monday, May 21

✓Commissioners: 9 a.m.
✓Delphi Board of Works: 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 22

✓Area Plan Commission: 7 p.m.

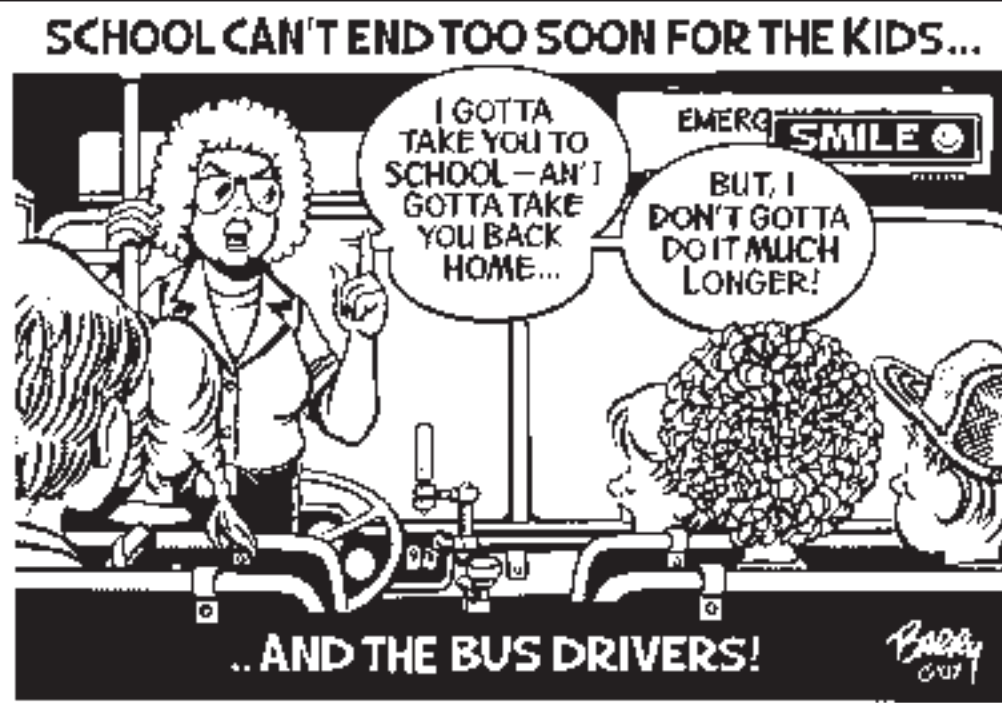
Thursday, May 24

✓Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District: 7 p.m.-
White County Gov. Building

Public Notices appearing in this issue of the Comet:

Sheriff Sale-Veach5B
Sheriff Sale-Mote5B
Sheriff Sale-Flint5B
Sheriff Sale-Little5B
Sheriff Sale-Woodhams.....5B
Crain Estate.....6B
Carroll Sch-Not to Bidders..5B
Camden Ord. 2007-15B
Gray Estate.....5B
Sheriff Sale-Denton.....5B
Sheriff Sale-Richeson.....5B
DCSC-Ad. for bids.....6B

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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

Eric M. Belford was charged with intimidation and possession of paraphernalia.

Lisa L. Harper was charged with possession of cocaine and possession of paraphernalia.

Adam C. Barker was charged with maintaining a

common nuisance, neglect of a dependent, operating a vehicle with a schedule 1 or 2 controlled substance in the body, operating a vehicle with a schedule 1 or 2 controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia

and taking a minor to a nuisance.

Molly J. Isom was charged with operating a vehicle with a schedule 1 or 2 controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, possession of methamphetamine and possession of paraphernalia.

Opinion: Urges creative problem-solving for road problems

I attended the meeting of the Carroll County Commissioners on May 7, and I left there feeling very disheartened about how our local government functions. First I want to clarify a statement that was written in the May 9, edition of the *Carroll County Comet*. The statement said, "Amid verbal protests from local residents, which at times included shouting ..." the shouting did not come from me. There was some shouting from a commissioner with some gentlemen in the crowd.

I went to the meeting because the road that I live on has been taken back to gravel. This is a road, which has been blacktopped for 45 years. The list of roads to be resurfaced was presented. County Road 100 South was not on the list. I know that numerous people who live on 100 South and others who travel this road frequently called the commissioners requesting that it be resurfaced. The "lip service" of the commissioners doesn't match their actions. The current road supervisor told me that the roads to be resurfaced would be determined by the commissioners at this meeting, but it was just a "rubber stamping" of what was presented by the former engineer. The bulk of the money (\$609,000) will be spent on five roads using cold mix asphalt and HAC. Nine roads are scheduled for chip and seal at a cost of \$208,250. These figures do not include the money that will be spent to make 600 S. a heavy-duty road nor the \$475,000 that will be saved for CR 225E. I noticed in the poll

of citizens in this newspaper about whether to restore by rebuilding or by chip and sealing that 60% of the people voted for chip and sealing and 40% voted for rebuilding. My question to you is this, "Are your county highway supervisor and the commissioners doing what their constituents want?"

After the former supervisor's presentation, I asked him why 42% of the hard surface roads that have been returned to gravel are in just two townships. The list that I got from the county highway garage had 19 roads scheduled to be ground. Four of them were in Carrollton Township and four of them were in Burlington Township. I found this a little inequitable since there are 14 townships in Carroll County. Mr. Awwad didn't give me a direct answer, but told me they didn't do things by townships. The new highway head stated that the reason the roads are being turned back to gravel is because they are unsafe. I ask those of you who are living on gravel roads, or who have lived on gravel roads, to reflect on how safe you think they are. I still have scars from bicycle wrecks that I incurred as a child. I lost a sister in an accident at the intersection of two gravel roads when the two vehicles couldn't stop and collided. Three people were killed in this accident. Human error along with loose gravel were the factors. I have had other citizens relate to me accidents that they have had on gravel roads because of loose gravel.

The plan that was presented, and the one that our officials are

following, calls for just a few blacktopped roads in the county, and turning the rest of them back to gravel. Perhaps your road will be on the list next year! If you have been apathetic, as I have been through the years, about getting involved, now is the time to become proactive! We were also told that in the long run these thick, very fine roads would be cheaper overall. My response to this is, "Won't a Rolls Royce deteriorate if it doesn't have proper maintenance?" Perhaps the rationale for the plan that has been proposed is faulty. When we used to have a sequential pattern for chipping and sealing the roads by townships, our hard surfaced roads were maintained. It has been many years since 100 South has had any maintenance other than filling potholes. It was when we began the idea of having just a few main artery roads, that the roads deteriorated all over the county. At this meeting it was also stated that the highway department's goal was to "build a transportation network to move goods and services." The important factor that has been omitted is PEOPLE. Our politicians and public service workers seem to forget their job is to serve people as well as provide necessary services.

When you talk with the commissioners, the only thing you hear is that they don't have the money to keep up the hard-surfaced roads. It's easy to cry we have no money, but why don't they try some creative problem solving? Maybe they should do a self-analysis of where the errors happened that allowed the

roads to become so deplorable. Have we always spent the road money available wisely? When we chip and seal a road, do we do it the cheapest way possible or do we put a heavy enough coat on it so it will last a few years? Have we always used our manpower efficiently or did we have our employees fill one pothole and leave three unfilled? (When we did this, we had to use more gasoline and labor hours to send them back several times on just one road.) Did we cut back the ditches to save the blacktops? This took money for gasoline and labor hours. (100 South was one of the first roads to have the ditches cut deeper. If this procedure really worked, why was the road ground three years later?) Each commissioner needs to look at what has been done since he was elected and determine if the roads are better than when he was elected. If they are, you deserve a pat on the back. If not, you should be held accountable.

I have been told that since we don't have enough money that we should have the County Council enact a new tax for the roads. Any new taxes should be based on previous performance. So why would we enact another tax just to make a few fine artery roads and turn everything else back to gravel?

One commissioner in a telephone conversation told me that the gravel roads were some of the best in Carroll County. I concluded from this that since we all learn best by example, why don't the commissioners and road superintendent set an example for us and have their

roads ground into gravel? If gravel roads are so wonderful, the commissioners and road superintendent should set the standard for us all and be first. When all of their roads are gravel, then, and only then, will their rationale be believable!

I ask you to call your commissioners, keep calling them, and tell them how you feel about having your road turned to gravel. Let them know what you want done. If your road hasn't been ground yet, how will you feel when it happens?

Frances Flora
Flora

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.

Editor's note: Because last week's web poll question did not get changed on the *Comet* website until Monday, it will remain up until the May 23 iss of the *Comet*.

When there is no county primary election, do you think county government employees should be given the day off as a paid holiday?

Yes
No
Undecided

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