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## New laws

New state laws take effect on Sunday; in fact, 230 of them. Some of these new laws will have more of an impact on our lives than others. New laws include:

- All back seat passengers and occupants of trucks will now have to buckle up. The new law no longer allows police to use check points to enforce seat belt compliance.
- Create a database of meth lab locations.
- The cigarette tax will go up from 55.5 cents per pack to 99.5 cents.
- Landlords will be required to give their tenants reasonable notice before entering a rental unit, except in the case of an emergency.
- Require law enforcement to notify school administrators if a student is arrested or convicted of a crime.
- All high schools will be required to include study in U.S. history classes about the Holocaust.
- New teachers will be required to be certified in CPR.
- Once a semester, schools must hold a tornado drill and manmade disaster drill.
- Allow certain relatives of activated soldiers about to be deployed overseas ten days of unpaid leave so that they can spend time with their families.
- Coroners will be required to use one of four methods to identify a dead person: fingerprints, DNA analysis, dental records, or positive identification by an immediate family member.
- Prohibit serial meetings or separate gatherings by less than a quorum of a government board, to discuss the same subject with the purpose of conducting official business.

## 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

Terry S. Marcum was charged with attempted theft, public intoxication and unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle.

Joshua S. Lytle was charged with domestic battery.

Rodney L. Mangas was charged with domestic battery.

Brandon D. Bulington was charged with illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

Cherie K. Brummett was charged with operating while intoxicated – endangering.

Cassie B. Walker, 19, of Delphi, pled guilty to maintaining a common nuisance. She was sentenced to two years in jail, one and a half years suspended, and one and a half years supervised probation.

Kyle Lee Stacy, 26, of Kokomo, pled guilty to operating a vehicle as an habitual traffic offender. He was sentenced to three years in jail, two and a half years suspended, and two and a half years supervised probation.

Dan Bozeman, 28, of Kokomo, pled guilty to check deception. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Robert S. Hite, 41, of Wini-mac, pled guilty to resisting law enforcement. He was sentenced to one and a half years in jail, all but 12 days suspended, and one year plus 180 days supervised probation.

Lowell S. Sturdivant, 28, of Camden, pled guilty to driving while suspended. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Thomas G. Parker, 29, of Delphi, pled guilty to driving while suspended. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, all but 10 days suspended, suspension of driving privileges for two years and 355 days probation.

Richard L. Dulin, 18, of Delphi, pled guilty to possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail to be served consecutive with a current sentence.

Alexander L. Hess, 25, of Lafayette, pled guilty to possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. He was sentenced to one year in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Sayra Bravo-Ocampo, 24, of West Lafayette, pled guilty to operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license. She

was sentenced to 60 days in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Patrick T. Ruby, 19, of Flora, pled guilty to contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, all suspended, and 180 days supervised probation.

Ross H. Malott, 19, of Delphi, pled guilty to auto theft and battery resulting in bodily injury. He was sentenced to two years and 288 days in jail, one and a half years suspended, and one and a half years supervised probation.

Jason L. Bush, 29, of Flora, pled guilty to criminal mischief. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, all suspended, and 180 days supervised probation.

Causes of the State of Indiana against the following were dismissed: Norma Tapia; Jesus G. Arizmendi; Robert Guenther; Michelle M. Pratt; Max E. Miller II; April Studebaker; David T. Busch; Jonathan Blake; and Donald E. Fritts.

The following cases were dismissed: Your Computer Shop vs. Anthony Ovalle; Flora Chiropractic Center vs. Debbie S. Kendall; and Federal Home Mortgage Corp. vs. Thomas L. Harrison and First Federal Savings Bank.

The following cases were entered for the plaintiff: Beneficial Indiana Inc. vs. Shawn Dreadfulwater; Toby and Linda Cedarquist vs. Derrick Westbrook and Angie Keller; Teachers Credit Union vs. Corey Colagrossie; Judy Ayers vs. Sara Shirar; Liberty Point Corp. vs. Teresa L. Bulington; Velocity Investments LLC vs. Jason L. Byers; Pearson Gas vs. Kenton Kiger; Westlake Financial Services vs. Elizabeth and Terry Irwin; Worldwide Asset Purchasing vs. Aly L. Flint; Richard Dean Wilken vs. Wayne Hayden.

The following cases were entered for the defendant: Charles M. Kelly vs. Marilyn Clark; and Donald E. Myers vs. Pat Dandino.

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Lauren E. Bowman, 20, of Delphi, pled guilty to operating while intoxicated – endangering a person. She was sentenced to 180 days in jail, 180 days suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Jose D. Sanchez, 21, pled guilty to driving while suspended. He was sentenced to one year in jail, all but 60 days suspended, and 305 days supervised probation.

The cousins were in from California over the weekend and the visiting included a picnic set for Sunday afternoon. Weather was consulted, desserts were assigned, an activity was planned, and a time and meeting place established.

When food and family finally assembled in the late afternoon we had a true entourage of 16 or so, and a span of several city blocks between us and our destination. Off we headed with two large coolers on wheels, pillows and blankets in tow, picnic baskets in hand and one little bitty baby in stroller. We qualified as a parade just shy an official permit.

I don't know what it is about food outdoors and far removed from the counters on which it was made. All I know is that a picnic lunch takes on its own special flavor. Be it a fancy feast of great preparation or a baloney sandwich with a tad of mayo, food hauled "off-site" so to speak is just something in its own culinary category.

We were prepared to eat on the ground this particular venture out, but earlier in the week I had spied some picnic tables with huge potential. How does one reserve two adjacent tables in a busy public park? Well, one doesn't. But when we arrived one was empty and we grabbed it without hesitation. Seeing our size, and I suppose our potential volume, the folks at the adjoining table make a quick exit headed to their next stop. We were lucky, we were timely, we were set.

Only a short week before, my

## Midwest Memo

by Alan Shultz



### Picnic lunch

wife and her friend Mary had headed off to a park with lunch in hand for a smaller version of our Sunday activity. On that particular afternoon they were joined by little stinging bees, tiny biting ants and humidity that hung in the air like wet laundry that refuses to dry. Picnics rarely come with the guarantee of a good time.

For whatever reason, this past Sunday afternoon, in this particular corner of the park, at these particular picnic tables, at our assembled time, well, the bugs took flight, the squirrels headed elsewhere and that "guy" we've all encountered at some time, the one with the loud boom box, well he was absent- possibly off buying batteries for his well used music machine.

It was perfect, all of it, the food, the visiting, the setting. Pleasant folks strolling by stopped to admire the baby. A band played off in the distance to add an element of festivity. A man on stilts walked by to entertain. The cameras all seemed to work. Two homeless guys who stopped to "chat" enjoyed a little dessert we shared with them, but made their timely departure.

The cousins came, the food got made, the weather cooper-

ated and a good time was had by all.

### This just in

Have you ever listened to the story of a friend or family member wishing they'd speed up to the point or the punch line? In some of the writing classes I've taken they make you cut and prune to the bare bones of the story. Edit, edit, edit, they say. Cut to the action.

I once wrote a story for submission to a collection of short stories. Just prior to the deadline for submissions I reread the submission guidelines. My story was twice as long as they were looking for. In a frantic chopping of words and editing of sentences I lopped off here and there to get to the recommended word count. My story, lean as it seemed, was better than before and actually got published.

But it's hard to do, being efficient with words and succinct with speech.

And what about those voice mail messages from callers who go on and on?

Well now there's CallWave - a voice recognition software that listens to your voice mail for you, edits what it hears and gives you the short essential message. (Callwave.com) Imagine the possibilities, the savings in time. Can we bring it to Thanksgiving dinner? Will it work with the chatty guy on the plane seated next to you?

Oh, I have my misgivings. What if they invent a scanner for this column?

"Shultz went on picnic, no bugs."

## 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.

### Property taxes are illegal!

There is a law in our Constitution about double taxation, I am sure all are aware of this fact. I know that when I purchased my home in April of last year, I was taxed by the state and county. Every year after that, I must pay a tax for fear of losing my home! Why is this? I first paid the seller his due, then I paid the taxes for purchase of that home. Why then, do I have to pay on something I have already paid for?

Double tax is not even the word for it! Does the word legal theft have a ring to it? Ask my grandfather, who was completely ripped off by this tax of all his earthly possessions, (antiques, vehicles, home, three-car garage, travel trailer, etc., not including his bricklayers pension and Social Security that was to pay for his last days stay on this earth. What did the family get? A great big zero!

I went to pay for my taxes recently, and asked the lady who works there if there was any way I can pay ahead on my taxes, say like, ten years at a time?" The answer I got was NO. Why do you think that is? Well, maybe then, if you could afford to, you might be able to actually keep your home for your family's inheritance!

I thought when I went to Vietnam it was to protect our rights! I was terribly fooled!

Kenneth DeWit Jr.  
Delphi

### New law makes work zones safer

Thanks to Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels' innovative Major Moves initiative, Hoosier highways are being built and repaired at an unprecedented pace. Major Moves is fueling economic growth and providing jobs across Indiana. Unfortunately, some of the workers benefiting from Major Moves are also put in harm's way when drivers act carelessly in highway work zones.

On July 1, a new law will take effect that lays out tougher penalties for motorists who drive recklessly through our highway work zones. The first time a driver is cited for speeding in a work zone, they'll face a \$300 dollar fine. If drivers still don't get the message to slow down, they'll be fined \$500 for a second offense and \$1,000 for a third offense. Motorists who drive recklessly or aggressively through a work zone face fines up to \$5,000. Drivers who injure or kill a highway worker may find themselves paying a \$10,000 fine, or even serving time behind bars.

This law isn't only about protecting our highway workers. It's about protecting you and your loved ones as well. Four out of five people killed in highway work zones are motorists. Just last year, 14 people were killed and 636 were injured in Indiana's highway work zones. Most of those were motorists.

Let's thank our Indiana legislators for making your safety and the safety of our Hoosier highways a top priority. And, thank you for driving safely through our highway work zones as Indiana makes Major Moves by building roads and creating jobs.

Mike Monahan,  
INDOT LaPorte District  
Deputy Commissioner

## Marriage Licenses

Todd Anthony Baker, 22, of Bringhurst, and Sara Jean Crist, 20, of Flora.

Joseph Paul Storey, 25, and Heather Nicole Hoagland, 24, both of Delphi.

Brandon Joseph, 23, and Jenna Sue Henderson, 21, both of Flora.

Jeffrey Edward Murphy, 27, and Amanda May Stotler, 27, both of Delphi.

John H. Hayes, 63, and Ruby Lucille Harris, 73, both of Bringhurst.

James Edward Slaughterbeck, 49, and Bonita Sue Slaughterbeck, 48, both of Delphi.



## 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.

Patricia Boyd filed a complaint for damages against Lela Street.

Midland Credit filed a complaint against Patricia Tabor.

Harris NA filed a complaint against Robert and

Norma Carpenter.

Discover Bank filed a complaint against Elizabeth A. Hill.

PHH Mortgage Corp. filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate against

Jeffrey and Kimberly Jenkins.

Washington Mutual Bank filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate against Skip and Michelle Singley.

Capital One Bank filed a request for change of venue from Hamilton County in a case against Curt Dittmaier.

Robert W. Campbell was charged by the State of Indiana with two counts battery by means of a deadly weapon, criminal recklessness, battery resulting in bodily injury and disorderly conduct.

## 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.

### How often do you go out to eat?

Every day  
Once or twice a week  
Once or twice a month  
Hardly ever

### Last Weeks results

Do you think the commissioners should sell Deer Creek Park?

36% Yes-we have to cut non-essential services  
47% No-we should hold on to county land  
17% No-but we should eliminate all costs associated with it  
Total responses: 81

#### Reader's comments:

I feel that Deer Creek Park, like French Post Park, could be a money maker or at least self sustaining like the Canal Park is if it were properly managed. Those and any other parks should be managed by a county employee (IE) fairgrounds caretaker.

The selling of the parks of Carroll County is not the answer to solving the county's financial crisis. At present, it is only Deer Creek Park, which is the only park in that area of the county for our residents to use. If the sale is complete, these residents (who pay personal and property tax to the county government) will have to drive to Burlington, Flora or Delphi to enjoy a county park. But it will be their (the residents of Deer Creek) burden and that seems to be fine with some of our elected officials, just as long as it doesn't effect those that sit on the council. Perhaps increasing (or implementing) park usage fees is an option. How many park employees does the county employ? Perhaps using the residents at the county jail is a way of providing rehabilitation and easing a wage burden. The selling of the county's natural resources is not the answer. Other options need to be explored further before a decision is made.

Selling our park is not a way to dig out of a problem. Why not consider using county inmates to maintain the park? I would think there are other county expenses that could be taken care of by using inmate labor, too.

Revenue from a park sale is a one time thing. I say take away insurance benefits from the council and commissioners who are part-time.

### 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.

- Thursday, June 28
  - ✓ Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District: 7 p.m., White County Gov. Building
- Monday, July 2
  - ✓ Drainage Board: 8:30 a.m.
  - ✓ Commissioners: 9 a.m.
  - ✓ Flora Town Council: 6 p.m.
  - ✓ Delphi Board of Works: 6:30 p.m.
  - ✓ Delphi City Council: 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 3
  - ✓Carroll School Board: 4 p.m., elementary conference room
- Thursday, July 5
  - ✓Camden Town Council: 7 p.m., town office

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

- Jefferson Twp-Notice .....5B
- TL Sch-Bakey Bid .....5B
- TL Sch-Milk & Dairy Bids .....5B
- Sheriff Sale-Alsip .....5B
- Daniels estate .....5B
- Sheriff Sale-Alsip .....5B
- Sheriff Sale-Sandifur .....5B
- Sheriff Sale-Herron .....5B
- Sheriff Sale-Sorrells .....5B
- Flora Library-Capital Proj.....5B
- Smith estate .....5B
- Town of Camden-Pot. Cont .....5B
- Town of Camden-Int. Cont .....5B
- Highway Claims .....5B
- Oyler Estate .....5B
- County Claims.....5B

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