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## We disagree

Carroll County Commissioners constantly say at public meetings that they do not make spending decisions.

Bill Brown said it again at the Monday morning special meeting in response to an employee's statement that employees did not make bad spending decisions but they had to now pay for them. Brown looked at her and said the commissioners did not make the bad spending decisions either.

But wait a minute...don't the commissioners approve claims for payment every month? Isn't that deciding to spend the county's money? The county council is obligated to pay the claims after the claims are approved by the commissioners, but the commissioners are not obligated to approve the claims.

And what about the health insurance debacle? Rather than get the best price available by putting the service out to bid, the commissioners chose to put off making a decision for nearly nine months. (April is the annual renewal date. The council requested quotes for last summer's budget discussions and the budget was developed, shared with local government entities, and submitted to the Department of Local Government Finance by the end of September.) Isn't that making spending choices?

Before the department budget requests for the next year are given to the council, they are reviewed by the commissioners. The commissioners also make specific salary recommendations that are forwarded to the council. The commissioners sent the council a budget this year (2008) worth more than \$8 million, but the county only had a little more than \$5 million to spend. Isn't that a spending decision? The commissioners were told for months that there was not money for an \$8 million budget. But they approved it anyway.

Isn't it a spending decision to lease a space in the courthouse to the historical society for \$5 for five years and pay \$14,000 per year to house the county extension office?

Isn't it a spending decision to put the courthouse custodian, assistant custodian, and assistant Carroll Manor superintendent under contract for one year and the Carroll Manor superintendent for four years when budget reduction will have to be done? Those employee hours cannot be reduced...but deputies can be laid off...all spending decisions.

We think the commissioners have a lot more to do with spending than they want to take credit for.

## In poor taste

The editorial cartoon that appeared in last week's issue was in poor taste and the Comet apologizes for running it. It is never our intention to call anyone names. We believe a better approach is to offer suggestions that can foster dialogue and solutions.

## 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.

Shannon Heath pled guilty to forgery. He was sentenced to six years in prison, four and a half years suspended, and four and a half years of probation.

A complaint filed by Crop Production Services Inc. against Brent O'Farrell was transferred to White County Circuit Court.

A request by Joyce A. Sullivan Murphy to changer her name to Joyce A. Sullivan was granted.

Nancy Dietrich was ordered to pay \$15,203.25 to Discover Bank.

A petition for the creation of the Jefferson Township Conservancy District June 11 was denied. The matter was dismissed by the court and referred to the Natural Resources Commission.

Perry W. Gipson was ordered to pay \$3,152.20 to RJM Acquisitions LLC.

In a summary judgement, Sergio A. Hernandez was ordered to pay \$1,827.60 to Capital One Bank.

Ronald D. Scowden was ordered to pay \$3,516.51 to Arrow Financial Services LLC.

Brandon C. Kelly pled guilty to battery resulting in serious bodily injury. He was sentenced to four years in prison, three years suspended, and three years of probation.

A decree of dissolution was granted between the following:

Harmony Jane Caldwell and Adam Lee Caldwell; Scott A. Ridge and Tamaira K. Ridge; and Mark A. Altic and Phyllis A. Altic.

A motion filed by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company to reinstate note and mortgage, vacate judgement and dismiss cause was granted to Paul E. Lucas, Sandra Lucas and all unknown occupants and tenants.

Nicholas J. Wertz, 19, pled guilty to burglary. He was sentenced to six years in prison, three years suspended, and three years of probation.

FIA Card Services filed an application to confirm arbitration award against Edward A. Holderly.

FIA Card Services filed an application to confirm arbitration award against Aimee R. Macaluso.

Shana J. Chilcott filed a complaint against Dennis J. Hardin and Jessica Hardin.

Donna Lucille Engle was named executor of the estate of the late Loren R. Oakley.

Dana Smith was named executor of the estate of the late Bobby Ray Cupp.

Countrywide Home Loans Inc. filed a complaint to foreclose mortgage against Konetta Upton and Alvin Upton.

North Star Acquisitions filed a complaint against Fred J. Ford.

LVNV Funding LLC filed a complaint against Gerald Gibbs.

FIA Card Services NA filed a complaint against Brian D. Wagoner DDS.

It sure seems like folks who can't make up their minds get a lot of attention around election time. I'm not sure why a voter who waits until he or she is in the voting booth to decide their vote merits all that much attention.

At a restaurant table the person who can't make up his or her mind is mildly annoying.

At the traffic intersection the indecisive person behind the wheel is dangerous.

At the ice cream counter the person who can't pick one of the 30 or so ice cream selections is frustrating.

And... In politics, the person who can't make up his or her mind is influential. Only in politics does this make sense. Go figure.

This year the buzz word seems to be change. The momentum is growing for the candidate who promises change. Exactly what gets changed, well, you don't really need to get into that, I guess. The undecideds will have to take that matter up a little later.

Change for changes sake, I suppose that could be exciting. Except, I don't think I want our government to make life exciting. It's exciting enough to keep up with all the laws that get passed and all the uncertainty of the tax code. Government regulates and enforces, people change. Let's leave excitement to fate.

## Midwest Memo

by Alan Shultz



## Undecided

I think the whole phenomenon of what's gone on with cigarette smoking during the past couple decades is an interesting study in change.

Change in this arena came from inside cars and houses and families and society. Government lagged behind. "No smoking" came about because the people wanted it, not because it earned any politician a vote.

Now it would seem that government and all sorts of politicians want to take a good idea and beat it to death. Laws get passed to ban smoking outdoors, and to prohibit smoking in bars where folks congregate to smoke.

But still, check the farm bill for the nice tobacco subsidy. It's still there. And check the tax code as it applies to the sale of tobacco products. The tax on cigarettes, also known as a "sin tax" is astronomical. A lot of government budgets depend on the revenue from cigarette tax to get those numbers balanced.

So government has only been pesky and inconsistent and intrusive where it comes to smoking. People brought about the change in society as far as what is now acceptable and what is

not. Government followed, never led the change.

Right now it looks like our government is going to bless the sale of products from cloned animals. Gee, the idea doesn't appeal to me and so, government blessing or not, I'll take a pass - thank you. We give government too much credit, too much responsibility, too much power. And now, folks want government to change things but they're not sure what change is desired.

Get ready for more laws and bigger taxes! That's no change. **PERKS**

Recently a box arrived at the Flora office of the Comet. It was addressed to me. Said box caused a lot of speculation over in Flora. It was a slow news day. A mysterious box can cause raised eyebrows on a slow news day.

Anyway, the box was a delightful surprise from the people at Quaker Oats who noticed when I mentioned in this space that I love their instant oatmeal for breakfast.

I suggested to my editor that we at the Comet have missed the idea of "product placement." Product placement - it's on television, in the movies, why not in the paper?

I should hasten to add that I also mentioned to said editor how much I admire the new 2008 Chevrolet Malibu - I mean what a great design!

Then again, maybe this column simply rates a pack of Camels from the Governor.

## 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.

## Congratulations

Admiration and congratulations are in order to the management and staff of the Carroll County Comet. I was absolutely amazed that Tuesday's flood coverage was in my Comet by U.S. Mail on Wednesday morning.

I know there must have been a lot of very creative shuffling of stories already prepared for publication to make room for the very timely story and photo coverage of the disastrous event that visited this and our neighboring counties.

Congratulations to all!

Dieter Hantschel  
Delphi

## Restaurant Inspections

### The Schoolhouse Auction

Routine inspection: 12/4/07  
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

### Flora Mid-Land Meals

Routine inspection: 12/6/07  
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

### JC's Bar and Grill

Routine inspection: 12/7/07  
Summary of violations: 1 Non-Critical

There was a wet wiping cloth not being stored in sanitizing solution on the condiment table. Directed to correct by one day.

### Main Street Pizza King

Routine inspection: 12/7/07  
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

### Camden Auction Barn

Routine inspection: 12/7/07  
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

### Wildcat Creek Bed and Breakfast

Routine inspection: 12/12/07  
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

### The Stonehouse

Routine inspection: 12/10/07  
Summary of violations: 1 Critical, 4 Non-Critical

Critical  
The drink on the food prep table was not covered. Directed to correct by one day.

Non-Critical

There was a wet wiping cloth on the food prep table not being stored in the sanitizing solution. Directed to correct by one day.  
The ventilation system had a heavy dust and grease accumulation. Directed to correct by one week.  
There was a frost accumulation in the freezer in the baking area. Directed to correct by three days.  
In the kitchen around the walls and windows was an accumulation of dust. Direct to correct by one week.

### Willoughby's Food and Spirit

Routine inspection: 12/13/07  
Summary of violations: 1 Non-Critical

There was a food employee in the food prep area without a hair restraint. Directed to correct by one day.

### Bresnahan's

Routine inspection: 12/14/07  
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

### Camden Early Childhood Center

Routine inspection: 12/19/07  
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

### Delphi Community Elementary School

Routine inspection: 12/20/07  
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

### Custom Select Meats

Routine inspection: 1/3/08  
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

### Flora's Family Restaurant

Routine inspection: 12/31/07  
Summary of violations: No Violations Noted

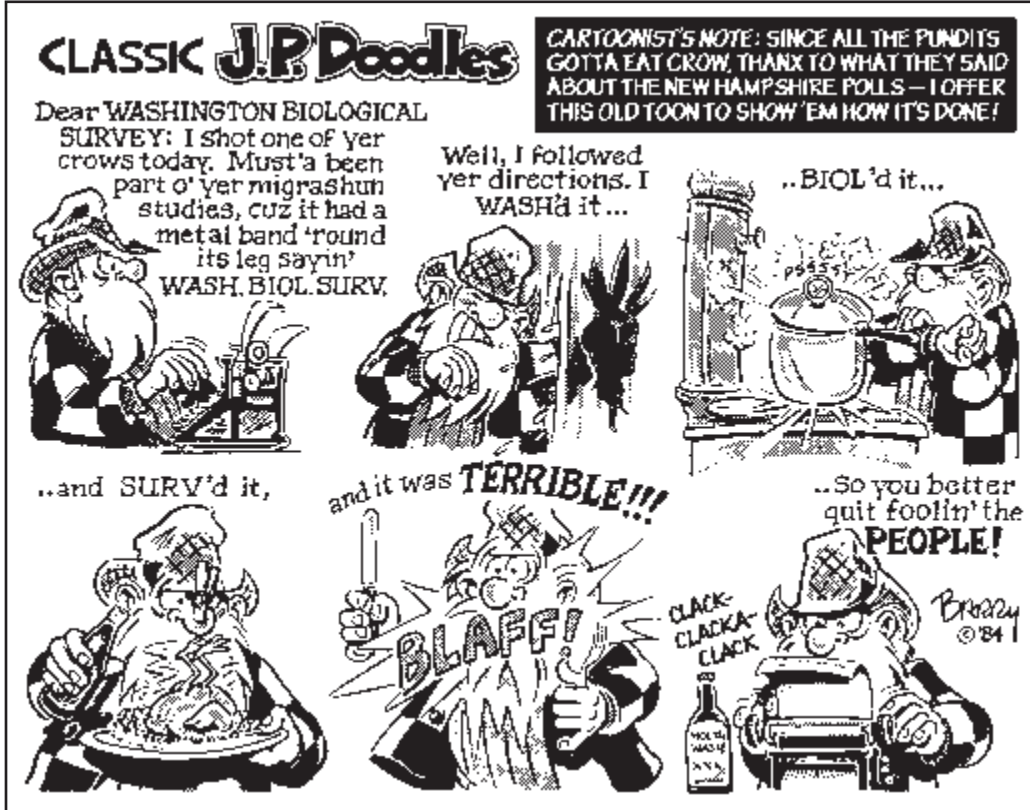
## Marriage Licenses

Chamino Carabantes, 30, and Erica Astudillo, 26, both of Monticello.

Lucas Ryan Wilkerson, 25, and Sara Elizabeth Way, 23, both of Monticello.

James Michael Cory Martin, 26, of Delphi, and Jennifer Jean Wallace, 31, of Lafayette.

Andrew Wayne Geiser, 30, and Chandra Ann Profitt, 31, both of Logansport.



## 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

James W. Zehring was charged with operating while intoxicated - endangering, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

Matthew F. Nickels was charged with public intoxication.

William M. Kirby was charged with operating while intoxicated - endangering.

Mark J. Batchelor was charged with operating while intoxicated - endangering and no seatbelt.

Robert L. Lucas was charged with theft.

Cassie Jo Smith was charged with maintaining a common nuisance and possession of marijuana.

Kayla M. Clark was charged with possession of marijuana, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of paraphernalia, false informing and operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license.

Travis L. Ellison was charged with possession of paraphernalia.

Nicholas F. Martin was charged with carrying a handgun without a license and illegal possession of an alcoholic beverage.

David E. Cowgill was charged with maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana, illegal possession of an alcoholic beverage and disregarding a stop sign.

Deborah L. Spears was charged with public intoxication. \*\*\*\*

Shannon C. Heath, 35, of Demotte, pled guilty to intimidation and possession of marijuana. She was sentenced to three years in prison, two and a half years suspended, and two and a half years supervised probation.

Jason J. Endress of Camden pled guilty to nine counts of check deception. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail, all suspended, and 180 days unsupervised probation.

Christopher G. Manis, 23, of Monticello, pled guilty to possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to one year in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

The following cases were dismissed: Delphi Auto Diagnostics vs. Peggy Garth; State of Indiana vs. Homer D. Stingley; State of Indiana vs. Brian S. Majors; and State of Indiana vs. Suzette T. Snider.

Phillip K. Clifford, 27, of Monticello, pled guilty to driving while suspended. He was sentenced to one year in jail, all but 60 days suspended, and 300 days supervised probation.

Katrina L. Boughton of Delphi pled guilty to check deception. She was sentenced to one year in

prison, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Christina Carls, of Lafayette, pled guilty to check deception. She was sentenced to 90 days in jail, all suspended, and 180 days unsupervised probation.

For convictions related to alcohol, 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: Saul Alvarez, 36, of Lafayette, operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangering a person; Garrett L. Terryberry, 21, of Burlington, operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangering a person; Douglas D. Anderson, 28, of South Bend, operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangering a person; and Todd W. Prosser, 37, of Monticello, public intoxication.

## 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.

**Should the Commissioners go through a bidding process for county employees' health insurance?**

Yes  
No

### Last Weeks results

**What do you do to escape the winter doldrums?**

18% Read books  
33% Work on hobbies or LVJN's  
10% Go out to eat  
08% Outdoor sports  
31% TV and movies  
Total responses: 39

Monday, Jan. 21

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✓ Delphi Board of Works: 4:30 p.m.  
✓ Delphi School Corp.: Work Session: 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 22

✓ Area Plan Commission: 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 24

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

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Wagoner Estate.....7B  
Notice of Suit-Dobyn.....7B  
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Rock Creek Twp-Ann Rpt...5B  
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**Because the public has a right to know...**

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