

## New window showroom



MB Discounts on US421 in Delphi has expanded its display of custom windows with the addition of a pole building at the rear of the existing storefront. Jim and Marianne Bowyer own and operate the discount hardware center. He said the showroom, completed earlier this year, is currently stocked with about 400 windows, with as many more in the main facility. Bowyer said a list of some available sizes and styles is on the store's Web site, <http://mbdiscounts1.com>. Comet photo

## APC issues 31 permits

### Comet staff report

Thirty-one permits were issued recently by Carroll County Area Plan Commission, for improvements amounting to \$2,337,203.

Residential permits with \$547,000 value were issued to persons in the following townships:

Adams – Halvin and Rebecca Clements, residence; Burlington – Jeremy and Yolanda Mote, residence; Clay – Steven and Rosa Uhrin, residence; Jefferson – Marilyn Mann, residence; Tippecanoe – John and Teresa Riehle, residence.

Permits for remodeling and accessories were issued to persons in:

Adams – Kenneth & Angelina Suiter, tool shed; Delphi – Calvin Hummel, storage; John and Leann Tool, sunroom; Jeffrey and Krista Watson, storage; Woodlawn Rentals Inc., stor-

age; Democrat – Aaron Davis, storage; Randall and Kimberly Sparks, tool shed;

Jackson – Steven and Sharon Ashby, storage; Brent Matthews, porch; Dennis and Debra Martin, sunroom;

Jefferson – Jeffrey and Susan Braun, storage; Robert and Helen Kendig, storage;

Liberty – Jerry Sparks, addition; Madison – David Crume, garage;

Monroe – Thomas Etter, storage; Rock Creek – Wesley Fassnacht, storage;

Tippecanoe – Kenneth Brovont Jr., additions; Kenneth Brovont Jr., storage;

William and Linda Collier, garage; Dennis Littleton, storage;

Washington – Dale and Heather Hurlock, windmill; Thomas Mylet, addition.

**Commercial**  
Democrat – Filbrun-Fisher,

hog barn; Harry and Debbie Jones, hog barn;

Monroe – Raymon Eickenberry Farms, grain bin;

Washington – M&H Forgey Farms Inc., grain bin.

The total collected from permits issued was \$2,056, plus:

• Nicholas Clark, special exception, \$30.

Total collected from permits in April was \$2,086. Total collected to date was \$4,146.

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## 'Click It or Ticket' returns with focus on all unbuckled motorists

### Comet staff report

In an effort to save lives while increasing seat belt use across the state, the Governor's Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving and the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) is joining with more than 250 state and local law enforcement agencies to launch Indiana's "Click It or Ticket" enforcement campaign.

The statewide "Click It or Ticket" seat belt mobilization will take place from May 16 - June 1. With an emphasis this year on convincing more motorists to buckle up day and night, law enforcement officers will be on the look out for unrestrained motorists around the clock. Through high-visibility enforcement efforts, all drivers and passengers in the Hoosier state will be reminded to buckle up every trip, every time or face

a fine.

According to the 2007 Annual Observational Survey, Indiana's overall observed seat belt usage rate increased from 62.1 percent in 2000 to a record high of 88.4 percent in 2007. The survey also reported a 22 point increase of seat belt usage among pickup truck drivers - jumping from 49.5 percent in 2005 to 71.5 percent in 2007.

"Although Indiana's numbers are encouraging, these high-visibility enforcement efforts are still essential to increasing seat belt usage among those who are notorious for not buckling up. That is, male (pickup) truck drivers between the ages 18-34 who tend to live in rural areas of the state," said ICJI Executive Director, Neil Moore. "We remain committed to building on the successes that we have gained and supporting enforcement ef-

forts that work to save lives," Moore added.

Further studies conducted by NHTSA show that in addition to nighttime motorists, men - particularly young men and young people ages 16 to 24 are among those less likely to buckle up. In 2006, 73 percent of male passenger vehicle occupants between the ages of 18 and 34 who were killed in crashes were not wearing seat belts. Sixty four percent of teenage passenger vehicle occupants killed in fatal crashes in 2006 were not buckled up at the time of the crashes.

"Research shows us that there is a problem with drivers and passengers not buckling up at night which is when the risk of a fatal crash is greatest. Clearly this is an indication that these individuals are not taking the law seriously," said Ryan Klitzsch, Traffic Safety division director at ICJI.

Additional data, derived from the 2007 Indiana Occupant Protection Fact sheet, found on <http://www.in.gov/cji/2572.htm> indicates that 54 percent of the individuals killed in car crashes in 2006 (where restraint usage was known) were unrestrained. While nearly 80 percent of individuals killed in pickup trucks, also in 2006 (where restraint usage was known) were unrestrained.

"Click It or Ticket" is a national campaign that supported by federal funding allocated to Indiana from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Indiana's enforcement mobilization is reinforced by a statewide paid advertising buy and additional public outreach efforts aimed at comprehensively promoting the life-saving benefits of regular seat belt use to all motorists.

## BMV enhances online help to customers

### Comet staff report

Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles is offering more online services for BMV customers. Customers can now create a myBMV virtual account and avoid visiting, mailing or calling the BMV for help.

The myBMV feature also allows customers, for the first time, to receive a reminder from the BMV that their driver's licenses are about to expire, one of ten new services added to the popular online license plate renewal option that has been available for many years. To date, more than 25,400 customers have opened a myBMV account, according to Stiver.

Customers who establish a secure myBMV account will have access to the following services:

- Renewing registrations and receiving \$5 discount.
- Checking the status of a registration renewal.\*
- Selecting and reserving a personalized license plate.\*
- Viewing and purchasing official driving records.\*
- Signing up for email registration (license plate) renewal reminders.\*
- Signing up for email driver's license renewal reminders.\*
- Viewing current title information and ordering duplicate titles.\*
- Updating and managing mailing address.\*
- Updating insurance information.\*
- Signing up for other informational e-alerts.

\*Denotes services not previously offered online.

In the coming months, customers will also be able to select a different license plate design and research requirements for driver's license reinstatement online. Although driver's license renewal is the most requested online service, and available in 25 other states, Indiana law currently prohibits this service. The BMV sought that authority in the last session of the General Assembly and plans to seek approval again in the 2009 legislative session.

In addition, more than 18,000 customers (on average) contact the BMV each week to inquire about a variety of issues ranging from checking the status of a title request or online license plate renewal to requesting a copy of a driving record or a duplicate title. With a myBMV account, many of these customers can re-

ceive the information or service they need in a fraction of the time it currently takes to process such a request.

Setting up a myBMV account through the BMV Web site to access online services takes only a few minutes and requires an Indiana driver's license or identification card number and a Social Security number. For those

transactions that require fees, the fees are the same as in a license branch (with the exception of online registration renewals) and can be paid online using VISA or MasterCard.

BMV Commissioner Stiver explained that in addition to the new online features, BMV customers have seen many other service improvements, including

150 auto dealerships and three AAA Hoosier Motor Club offices offering BMV services, branch appointments offered at 73 of the largest license branches, electronic filing of insurance forms, and average branch visit times falling to just over 8 minutes in May 2008 compared to over 13 minutes in May 2007.

## Funds are secured for clean-up of Lakes Shafer, Freeman

### Comet staff report

The state has approved \$850,000 in funding to complete the dredging Lakes Shafer and Freeman.

"Area residents and officials have worked diligently toward the project's completion," said State Senator Brandt Hershman (R-Wheatfield), a State

Budget Committee member. "Helping to secure these funds was essential to maintaining our tourism revenue and protecting our local environment."

Hershman said the funds will be used to design, repair and improve retention ponds.

Shafer and Freeman Lakes Environmental Conservation Corporation initiated the proj-

ect to clean and deepen the lakes' bottoms. Dredging began in 1997 on Lake Shafer and has since included Lake Freeman.

Officials with the Shafer and Freeman Lakes Environmental Corporation hope the dredging project will be complete in 2009.

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