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## Guest commentary

# Never forget!

A long time ago my grandparents would gather with their friends and talk about the economy, their jobs, how hard it was to save a dime, etc. Whenever Dec. 7, 1941, came up for discussion everyone had something to say. I saw their tears rolling down their faces as they talked of America's only tragedy. I did not know how to feel emotionally as they chatted.

When Sept. 11, 2001, came about, I was minding my own business and someone asked me if I knew we were under attack.

"You have got to be kidding," I said to my client. I turned on the TV just in time to watch the second plane go through the second building. The horror it caused. My heart sank; my tears could not stop. Lost loved ones left in a blink of an eye.

I understand now the sadness my grandparents had when discussing their terrible day. I still can't watch the history of 9-11 without tears running down my cheeks.

We have felt the terrorist blow. How could they do that to us? Why would they do this to us? I know we live in a world where some people cannot accept us and our way of government and our way of life.

Sept. 11 will never leave my mind or heart. The phrase, "Let's Roll" will echo in my mind for years to come. It has taught me to be more pro-active instead of doing nothing - Carpe-Diem - seize the day. In other words, act now before it is too late.

If I am around when my country is ever threatened again or my friends and family, I will stand up and fight. It is called Freedom! I live in a country that protects my freedoms. I say to one and all, never forget the price our country has paid for freedom. It is mighty costly.

Forget for a moment that we are Democrats and Republicans and let's just be Americans, standing in unison under one flag, united in our efforts to do good and protect the domestic tranquility that all men are created equal under the eyes of God.

God Bless America!

Richard T. McQuinn  
Lafayette

## 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.

Brandon Lane, 20, was ordered to serve six years in the Department of Correction with three years suspended and 402 days credit for failure to serve one year on electronically monitored home detention.

Complaints on note and foreclosures filed were: Bank of New York Mellon Trust Co. vs. Dorsha A. Cobbs and Ralph B. Cobbs; PHH Mort-

gage Corp. vs. Timothy Martin aka Timothy M. Martin, Lisa Martin aka Lisa C. Martin aka Lisa C. Brown and First Financial Bank NA Communitywide Federal Credit Union; and Bank of New York vs. Charles E. Gerlach et al, Deborah S. Gerlach and Geraldine Cook aka Doris Geraldine Cook and Associates.

Capital One Bank filed a complaint against Albert J. Demko.

LVNV Funding LLC filed a complaint against Diane Brown.

Friendly Finance Corp. filed a complaint against Jon Scowden.

## 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 agree with Carroll Co. REMC directors' decision to bring in the White Co. executive to lead both utilities?

Yes  
No

### Last Weeks results

#### What do you think of John McCain's selection of Governor Sarah Palin as his running mate?

51% Excited  
11% Cautious  
08% Undecided  
30% Will be voting O'Bama/Biden  
Total responses: 213

#### Reader's comments:

This selection has added a lot of interest to the campaign in general from what was looking like a dull, same old stuff campaign season.

I've been handed more than my share of religious articles to read over the years. These inspirational pieces come to me with "read this" or "terrific" or "thought you'd enjoy" marked at the top of the page. Some articles have been more memorable than others. One such article handed to me decades ago had a message so timeless I still remember many of the details. The story goes something like this:

...and so the young man of the family appeared with his future bride at the family home. Introductions were made. A meal was served and shared. Congratulations were offered. After the meal was done, the young man's father, mother and sister visited with the two lovebirds and then everyone retired for the evening.

Once the household had quieted, the sister of the young man slipped into her parent's bedroom

"Well, what do you think?" the sister asked, plopping down on her parents bed, hugging a pillow to her and opening the conversation for a potentially long evening of chit-chat about any number of newly gleaned details concerning this new future family member.

As I recall details of the story, I think the potential points of the conversation were the future daughter-in-law's long, long hair, her odd attire, and her politics. It could have been so many things, almost anything per-



## A rush to gossip

ceived different or annoying or nutty.

"I think," the father said replying to his daughter's invitation to gossip and judge, "I think we are going to love her." He then proceeded to pull up the covers and turn off the light on the nightstand on his side of the bed.

What?  
Can you imagine being cut off so quickly from such a rich opportunity to get down and dirty in gossip, judgment and potential fun at the expense of another?

"I think we are going to love her," quieted that need to gossip and moved the focus from judging the young lady to supporting the future married couple. It also actually created a pause, and opened up the opportunity for the family to get to know the future family member.

I thought of this particular article amidst the roar of the national rush to gossip last week when Republican Presidential candidate John McCain introduced Sarah Palin as his running mate.

Oh my, one couldn't escape chatter and opinion, attack and lauding over subjects concerning Sarah Palin and

her family, ranging from trivial to extremely personal to legitimate.

A lot of news coverage of McCain's choice of Governor Palin framed the debate in terms of this moment being a test of Sarah Palin. I think that approach begs the obvious. This event turned out to be a surprise quiz of the nation - and we flunked.

"Well, what do you think?" Somebody asked the question and everyone wanted to scream their answer aloud.

Some folks wanted to laud Palin for being so incredibly remarkable - so outstanding, this ridiculous coronation long before the supporting story or facts were known.

Other folks wanted to immediately dislike her so much, dismiss and minimize her that the "what did she ever do to you?" question seemed appropriate.

It doesn't seem that many voters want to listen these days. Instead, everyone wants his or her turn to give an opinion.

I'm not impressed. Barack Obama says we need change.

John McCain says things are going to change.

They both promise change, forgetting that change always starts from within.

Last week the nation appeared to be millions of gossipers with nothing better to do than jabber about people rather than debate ideas.

I hope that if change is on the horizon, maybe this is one thing we might try changing.



## 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

Evelyn M. Czernik was charged with driving while suspended.

Emmitt J. Hooper, Cutler, was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor and furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Donald A. Felty, Indianapolis, was charged with OWI/endangering and speeding.

Robert L. Wells, Delphi, was charged with public intoxication and false informing.

Daniel A. Myers was charged with OWI/endangering and open alcoholic beverage container during operation of a motor vehicle.

Eldon E. Tyler and Billy R. Davis have been charged with theft.

Bryan J. Fuentes-Garcia was charged with operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license and expired plates.

Gregory J. Merz was charged with OWI/endangering, illegal consumption and speeding.

The following have been charged with check deception: Jeffery Heckathorne; Elizabeth Heckathorne; Gregory D. Dunfee; Eric S. Isley (14 counts); Alan R. Bowen Jr. (nine counts); Tammy Welch (two counts); Susan Remaly; Jonie Radke; Kenneth W. Floyd; Grinna D. Garcia; Robert L. Ingram; Michelle L. Riley; Sarah D. Matthews, (two counts).

Miguel Hernandez and Eleuterio Lucas were charged with over limit of fish.

Heriberto Anastacio aka Heriberto Hanastacio aka Rosalio Hilario was charged with OWI/endangering and operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license.

Phillip M. Ratcliff, Frank-

fort, was charged with two counts of possession of a schedule four controlled substance and speeding.

Charles Pendleton, Lafayette, was charged with OWI/endangering, driving while suspended and driving left of center.

Madonna M. Neff, Frankfort, Alexander T. Archibecue, Delphi, and Timothy J. Conner were charged with public intoxication.

Willard G. Merkel was charged with criminal mischief.

Sarah L. Howard was charged with failure to stop after an accident resulting in damage to an unattended vehicle.

Ryan C. Platt, Lafayette, was charged with reckless driving and speeding.

Jared J. Pine, Flora, was charged with driving while suspended.

Gabriela Osornio, Logansport, was charged with OWI/endangering and driving left of center.

James L. Watkins, Lafayette, was charged with OWI/endangering, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, and speeding.

Anthony D. Houser, Delphi, was charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated/endangering, speeding and habitual substance offender.

Norberto Patlan was charged with driving while suspended.

Christopher S. Engels was charged with disorderly conduct.

Jesse O'Campo was charged with residential entry, criminal mischief and illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

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Chester L. Whitmore, 47, Americus, was sentenced to 180 days in the Carroll County Jail after failure to successfully complete the In-Home Detention Program

through Tippecanoe County Community Corrections.

Jeffrey L. Hiner, 18, Camden, was convicted of theft and was sentenced to one and one-half years suspended and one and one-half years on supervised probation.

Brent A. Martin, 24, Delphi, was convicted of domestic battery and was sentenced to one year suspended and one year supervised probation.

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, Sept. 11

√ County Council: 8:30 a.m.-budget discussion

√ Camden Town Council: 7 p.m.

### Friday, Sept. 12

√ County Council: 8:30 a.m.-budget discussion

### Monday, Sept. 15

√ County Council: 1 p.m.-budget discussion and 4 p.m.-hiring resolution

### Tuesday, Sept. 16

√ Carroll School Board: 7:30 p.m.

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

- Sheriff Sale-Cunningham .3B
- Sheriff Sale-West . . . . .4B
- Sheriff Sale-Poe/Wine . . .4B
- Sheriff Sale-Wiles . . . . .4B
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- Sheriff Sale-Daily . . . . .3B
- Sheriff Sale-Jones . . . . .3B
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- Sanders-Zoning . . . . .3B
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- Not-Compliance Waiver .4B

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## Letters to the Editor

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### EMA director deserving praise

Carroll County's EMA Director Dave McDowell has, to say the least, been a busy man since taking over that agency's top spot at the beginning of 2008. Through my profession and community involvement, I have known Dave for quite some time. This educated and dedicated man gives tirelessly of himself to his profession and his community.

Once again, involving two separate issues, Dave recently gave back to his community. In one instance, he played a major role in coordinating and organizing efforts to bring Purdue resident assistants (RAs) to the Oakdale/Tippecanoe River area of Carroll County to assist in continuing efforts to clean up the river area. The other and most recent matter was that of securing a grant to have additional flood warning systems installed along the Tippecanoe River below Oakdale Dam.

This county has many assets and "forward thinkers." Dave McDowell is one of many.

I want to pass along a deserving compliment to our EMA director for his positive influence on the clean-up efforts and all other programs that he works unselfishly to obtain for our community. Keep up the great job, Dave. I, along with many others, appreciate what you are doing.

Tony Burns  
Carroll County Sheriff

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Thomas E. Francis, 30, Flora, was convicted of battery resulting in bodily injury and domestic battery. He was sentenced to one and one-half years suspended and one and one-half years supervised probation for the first offense and one year suspended and one year supervised probation for the second offense.

## Marriage Licenses

Cory M. Heckathorn, 32, and Jessica D. Kelly, 21, both of Delphi.

Michael Shane Chapman, 35, and Melissa Ann RedElk, 32, both of Camden.

Brett A. Zook, 27, and Cuong Kim Vi, 25, both of Cutler.

David A. Kallenberger, 40, and Valerie D. McCutcheon, 38, both of Monticello.

Mark J. Enoch, 23, Carmel, and Ariel N. Miller, 22, Lafayette.

Francisco A. Estudillo V, 19, and Brooke N. Anderson, 20, both of Delphi.

Jose L. Turner, 24, and Laura M. Cediell, 21, both of Delphi.

Carlos Serrano, 28, and Wendy G. Pech-Tun, 33, both of Delphi.

Bradley P. Sprengel 19, Covington, Ohio, and Kristina J. Bowman, 19, Rossville.

Marion S. Barbour Jr., 33, and Latricia A. Babcock, 33, both of Delphi.

Alan R. Dye, 60, and Rhonda J. Hayden, 50, both of Monticello.

Timothy E. Nelson, 29, and Sarah J. Parker, 29, both of Delphi.

David W. Peacock, 49, and Janelle M. Champion, 49, both of Brookston.

Gale W. Skaggs, 29, and Michelle L. King, 33, both of Flora.

Larry D. Cates Sr., 67, and Marleen L. Bowman, 64, both of Burlington.