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New filings

Jim M. Davidson has been charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

Kiersten M. Dirbas has been charged with illegal consumption.

Joseph L. Garza has been charged with criminal recklessness, public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Tracy A. Welch has been charged with two counts of check deception.

Michael X. Urick has been charged with driving while suspended.

Manuel F. Cabello has been charged with illegal possession of an alcoholic beverage and speeding.

Nikki L. Applegate has been charged with OWI-endangering.

Angelica Alcoser has been charged with operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license.

Ryan D. Kelly has been charged with public intoxication.

Felecia R. Shephard has been charged with illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

Dena L. Markle has been charged with OWI-endangering, operating a vehicle w/an ACE of .15% or more and speeding.

Lee N. Xiong has been charged with three counts of over limit of fish. Count 2 and 3 dismissed.

Dustin E. Lindsey has been charged with illegal possession of a deer.

Carey L. Huff has been charged with battery resulting in bodily injury and battery.

Kevin R. Rentfrow and Robert K. Rentfrow have been charged with using private land without consent.

Jonathan S. Rivers has been charged with OWI-endangering, driving while suspended, speeding and littering.

Joshua Hensel has been charged with six counts of check deception.

Misty M. Brown has been charged with check deception up

Default judgment is granted for the plaintiff in the following cases: MKR Farms LP vs. Edward McKenzie for possession; Pearson's Gas vs. Mark Louthen in the amount of \$530.37 plus court costs; Rolland Breece vs. Eric Isley in the amount of \$1,845 plus \$106 in court costs and ordered to vacate premise; BioTown Seeds vs. Rob Appleton in the amount of \$5,245.07 plus court costs; Capital Alliance Financial LLC vs. Colton D. Creasy in the amount of \$1,258.13 plus interest and court costs; Pat Jr. Dandino and Connie Dandino vs. Connie Bunger, Cranston Bunger and David Bunger in the amount of \$4,000 plus court costs and defendants are ordered to vacate the premise located at 702 W. Columbia St., Flora; Citibank (South Dakota) N.A. vs. Jennifer M. Villarreal in the amount of \$9,632.61; State of Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company vs. Joseph B. O'Brien in the amount of \$7,317.29; Donald F. Connelly vs. Dale K. Stern in the amount of \$785 plus court costs and ordered to vacate the property at 322 E. Franklin St., Apt. #4, Delphi; Robert A. Lucas, DDS vs. Pam Donaldson in the amount of \$49.45 plus court costs; Max Thompson vs. Stacy Spencer in the amount \$911 plus court costs; Flora Allen Arion vs. Kelly Anderson in the amount \$189.93 plus

court costs; Lafayette Accounts Service Inc. vs. John Harshbarger and Karey Harshbarger in the amount of \$1,257.18 plus court costs; Robert A. Lucas, DDS vs. James Supples in the amount of \$698.32 plus court costs; Michael Cruz vs. Michael Simpson in the amount of \$1,100 plus court costs; Harry W. Jones, DDS vs. J. Allison Popejoy in the amount of \$149.20 plus court costs; Harry W. Jones, DDS vs. Jason McDonald in the amount of \$266.05 plus court costs and Harry W. Jones, DDS vs. Michelle Gonzales in the amount of \$1,499 plus court costs.

The following cases have been dismissed: Robert A. Lucas, DDS vs. Sandra Monroy; The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association FKA The Bank of New York Trust Company, NA. Successor to JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A. vs. Dale L. Willoughby and Patricia A. Willoughby and RLW Accounts LLC vs. John R. Everett, Jr.

Wants criticisms to stop

It seems to me that every time our president opens his mouth about something he is criticizing our country. I frankly do not like it and do not consider that he is speaking for me. He is a disgrace to our soldiers who have given their lives in past wars to make our nation what it is today. Bowing down to world leaders is just a terrible bringing down of America for all the world to see. He may be more dangerous to our country than the outside terrorist threats.

Richard H. Cromer
Bringinghurst

Vote NO to big debt

Last week in the *Comet* several of the science teachers at Delphi Community High School wrote a moving letter about needed repairs in the DCHS science wing. What they said about the needed repairs is absolutely correct. For many years the science wing and science classrooms have been neglected and broken items not fixed. Some of these items have gone neglected for more than 15 years.

The school has a capital projects fund that is budgeted specifically for purchase of carpet, desks, computers, and building maintenance. Over the years I have watched the money in this fund be used for items other than the repairs and maintenance of the buildings.

The renovation project as presented addresses many of the neglected items that are in grave need of repair. The renovation project also includes many items that many voters would consider to be wants and wishes rather than necessities. As voting taxpayers we are only afforded the option of voting for or against the project as presented. We do not have the option of voting for a smaller renovation project.

A "No" vote on the referen-

My daughter Liz alerted me to "Winter" the guy with just a one word name and who has set out to visit every Starbucks store in the world as his life mission. According to his website, Winter has been to 8,430 stores in North America and 664 international locations since 1997 when he set out on his quest.

Winter is to be featured in a movie aptly entitled "Starbucking" which only goes to show that in America your 15 minutes of fame can be as elementary as how you take your coffee. Since all good storytelling requires conflict, I wonder how one injects that into coffee sipping. Perhaps it somehow involves all that caffeine.

Winter follows the coffee shop road to fame taken earlier by Michael Gates Gill, author of "How Starbucks Saved My Life." In that book, Gill relates how, as a down and out unemployed ad executive, he found purpose and contentment after he was hired to work at Starbucks. If you think that's a story line weaker than lousy coffee, you might want to think again. Tom Hanks bought the movie rights to the book and will star in the leading role.

Winter follows a whole line of folks who try to visit every location of certain venues. I've met a couple father-son



Wrap it up

teams intent on visiting all the Major League baseball stadiums. I read of an opera lover who has attended operas in all the great opera houses all over the world.

I figure that if one can attain fame and fortune from drinking coffee all over the country, well then perhaps there is a niche open for me: McDonald's snack wraps.

I fell into the quest to sample a snack wrap in every McDonald's quite by accident. That accident would have been a big blob of special sauce from a Big Mac landing in my lap as I ate my lunch in the car one day. My initial thought and the quest that followed was finding that McDonald's lunch menu item that was safe and tidy to consume while motoring down the road.

Enter the snack wrap. The snack wrap consists of a flour tortilla filled with cheese, lettuce and chicken. The chicken comes either grilled or crispy and there are a variety of sauces to add to the concoction. I'm a honey-mustard,

grilled guy - no exceptions.

The secret of the success of this portable food item is in the wrapping. When done correctly, the wrap forms the base for a tight, layered delight of culinary and engineering excellence. On a wrap well done there is a distinct closed bottom and an open top. There is also a discernable "tuck" that seals the tortilla into an edible container making for safe and carefree one-handed eating.

As the self-proclaimed expert on snack wraps in the Midwest (an estimated 25-plus locations visited to date), I can tell you one thing: there are wraps and then there are WRAPS. I figure some of those folks in back watched the training video and some nodded off during the sprinkling of the lettuce. One wrap purchased just off I-65 was a "roll" with no bottom at all. But for a preemptive pull off to the safety of the side of the road, McDonald's would have been hearing from my dry cleaner after that fiasco.

Although I think I'm a couple snack-warps short of a movie deal, I see the book not too far off in the distant future. I already know I can sign my name and safely consume a snack-wrap all at the same time. No glob of special sauce on the autographed copies - don't you know.



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 574-967-3394 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.

dum stops the \$13 million dollar school renovation project. If the referendum is defeated the school board would still be able to down size the project to a total cost of \$7 to \$9 million and proceed with the needed renovations to the buildings. This smaller renovation project could address the problems of the science wing, building security and many more needed issues. A smaller project will dramatically reduce the debt repayment and not burden our children with 20 years of payments. I urge you to vote NO to big spending and big debt by voting NO on the referendum.

You can vote absentee at the courthouse on June 11 and 12 or on June 16 you can vote at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church at the intersection of SR39 and Armory Road. This is one of the very few times when your vote can actually determine how your property tax dollars are spent. Please vote and make your opinion known.

Everett Snoeberger
Camden

No mistake

Last Thursday morning (June 4), I witnessed the crew that is installing grinders for the Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District (TLRSD) pumping from either a finger system or from the septic tank on my neighbor's property through a hose that was inserted directly into the drainage ditch that runs to the lake.

I grabbed my camera and immediately confronted the workers, stating that I was reporting the incident - the workers began to frantically scoop up some of the mess that had spilled out onto the ground, removing the hose while I was calling the Carroll County Health Officer, Kris Jones. I insisted that he come out and inspect the area. Meanwhile, a tank truck was called to the scene.

When Jones arrived, he stated to me that it was a mistake. I suggested that he assess a fine for dumping septic contents into a drainage ditch that surfaces and runs alongside the road before it drains into the lake. He said "No" he did not intend to fine them for a mistake....

I question how it could be a mistake when a hose was deliberately placed down into the grill of the drainage ditch and smelly, gooey stuff was being pumped into the ditch! The only mistake I can see is that they got away with it!

Dave Allen
Jefferson Township

Support DCSC renovation/repairs

As graduates of Delphi Community High School we feel compelled to share our perspective regarding the proposed renovations and repairs.

At Delphi, we each took science classes at the highest levels, continued to collegiate science degrees and are currently in our careers of medicine and business. The state of the science wing was not the best when we were students, although we did have running water and gas to conduct experiments. We were each prepared for our chemistry and biology classes at college. However, most of that success can be attributed to the strong science teachers we had who were able to teach and engage us - in spite of the poor facilities and equipment. The differences between our facilities at our colleges, when compared to those of our high school, was astounding. Yet, we were expected to perform without previous experience with much of the new science technology. It is our understanding that there have been no improvements or developments in the facilities since our departure from Delphi and existing facilities have fallen into disrepair. The disrepair is not visible from the outside.

Our school is attractive and looks spacious and modern upon entering the facility. The deterioration is "inside the body." The wiring and electrical are not modern enough to handle the exploding demand for computers and other electronic devices.

Students must enter college with the skills required and expected at the university level. This is impossible in a school where there is little ability to conduct laboratory work, limited ability to access advancing science and computer technology and an outdated building. How can we expect future students to com-

pete for colleges or jobs when they lack fundamental components of their education within the current facility? How can we expect strong teachers to be attracted to Delphi when they are expected to teach science in rooms where they cannot fully teach?

Future students deserve access to a science and technological education at least equivalent with students against whom they will soon compete in this economy.

Christopher J. Huffer, M.D.
(Class of 1996)
Abigail A. Huffer, J.D.,
M.B.A (Class of 2000)
Indianapolis

Informing the voters

In last Wednesday's edition of the *Comet*, there appeared an editorial entitled "Time to vote" that made misstatements.

First, the editorial states that the school corporation is seeking to borrow more money than allowed by state statute for a building project. This statement is wrong. No state statute exists that caps the amount of money that can be borrowed for a local building project. Instead, Indiana laws enacted in 2008 give the power to the voters in each community to determine that amount of money a local government like a school corporation may borrow for a project. This law is found in Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.6, and the school corporation is following that law.

Second, the editorial says the \$13 million building renovation project will likely cost \$21 million over 20 years" This statement is also wrong. Indiana law requires governmental entities to establish maximums for any financing of a building project and clearly states that those maximums cannot be exceeded for the financing unless the governmental entity repeats all of the legal process. Therefore, when the school board adopted its resolution for the building project in November of 2008, it wanted to make sure it gave the community the worst possible scenario for the financing and would not have to repeat the process because of rising interest rates. So, the resolution adopted by the school board did state the

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Marriage Licenses

Fredrick E. Jacobs, Jr., 46, and Stephanie G. Winger, 24, both of Yeoman.

Jonathan Lee Guffy, 28, and Jennifer Lynette Martin, 27, both of Delphi.

Jay Daniel Dawson, 27, Brookston, and Heather Lynn Brown, 28, Delphi.

Clifford Ray Martin, III, 34, and Mariah Lynn Stoddard, 28, both of Flora.

Tyson Robert Allan Quibell, 21, Chicago, Ill., and Talissy Martha Noelle Kratz, 24, Flora.

Matthew Joseph Carson, 24, and Nicole Marie Baker, 26, both of Bringham.

Christopher Scott Cunningham, 18, and Veronica Lynn Love, 17, both of Monticello.

Christopher Michael Felner, 24, and Lacy Marie Pope, 20, both of Flora.

Colton Davis Creasy, 20, and Jessica Raeann Richardson, 19, both of Flora.

Grant Ryan Davidson, 29, and Danielle Alene Hamby, 31, both of Bringham.

Paul Michael Marvin, Sr., 64, and Carol Diane McDaniel, 60, both of Monticello.

Because the public has a right to know...

The *Comet* publishes upcoming meetings to help readers understand various government meetings schedules.

Wednesday, June 10

✓ Carroll County Board of Health: 7 p.m., courthouse lounge.

Thursday, June 11

✓ Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District: 7 p.m., Administration Building.

✓ Camden Town Council: 7 p.m.

✓ Northwest Solid Waste District: 7 p.m.

Monday, June 15

✓ Carroll County Commissioners: 6 p.m.

✓ Delphi Board of Works: 4:30 p.m.

✓ Delphi Library Board: 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 16

✓ Clay Township Advisory Board: no time or place announced.

✓ Carroll School Board: 7:30 p.m.

Public Notices appearing in this issue of the Comet:

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- Sheriff Sale-Hampton . . .6B
- Sheriff Sale-McClain3B
- Summons-Riegle6B
- Sheriff Sale-Caldwell6B
- Sheriff Sale-Johnston . . .6B
- Cty Council-add'l appro .3B
- TL School-Milk & dairy . .6B
- TL School-Bakery bids . .6B
- Indiana Lien6B
- Liberty Twp-Add'l appro .4B
- Sheriff Sale-Stout6B
- CC Election Board-testing6B
- Cty Council-Wheel tax . .6B

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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.

What's the best part of summer?

All the fresh fruits and vegetables
Grilling out with family and friends
Outdoor activities - swimming, boating, walking, etc.
Longer days
No school

Last Week's results

Is Gov. Daniels on track with his proposed state budget, increasing education funding 2%, but cutting overall spending 2.5%?
60% Yes
40% No
Total responses: 77