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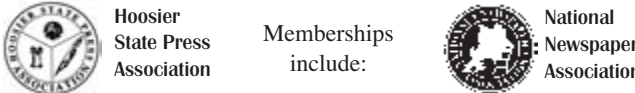
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## Heads up prospective candidates... this one's for you!

The first day to file for the May primary is Jan. 20. Any Carroll County resident who thinks they want to be a leader, or who has the desire to be part of an elite group of individuals who can make a real difference for the good of all, should at this time be wondering just how to go about the job of getting elected.

Recognizing there is a need for education of possible candidates in this area (and recognizing the need for good qualified candidates from which voters can choose) Leadership Carroll County (LCC) is offering a free educational seminar about running for elected office. "Running for an Elected Office" will be held Nov. 19 from 7-9 p.m. in the Richter Room at the Flora-Monroe Public Library. It is free and open to the public.

A variety of current and former office holders will provide information-seekers with the methods that worked (and maybe some that did not work) for their successful campaigns. Information will be presented in an informal panel discussion sprinkled with anecdotal information that is sure to be down to earth and easy to understand.

Participants will hear from a former school board member, a new county commissioner and new county recorder, a not-so-new city council member and a mid-time county council member. The non-partisan information will be invaluable for the person who is trying to decide if running for an elected position is what they want to do.

LCC has a long history of providing value-educational programs for their graduates (all 112 of them), but planners are not stopping with that group this time. This seminar is open to anyone in the county. From that person who wants to explore the possibility of running to the person who ran once and failed to the person who has been an office holder and might want to jump back into the fray and serve just one more time!

This seminar will be a wonderful opportunity for prospective candidates to test the political waters with no more commitment than to listen and learn!

At harvest time it is easy for me to romanticize farming. During the fall season farm fields look orderly and serene and the bounty thereupon looks solid and dependable and ripe for the picking. As the corn dries under the warm autumn sun, the yield appears restful in its abundance and almost inevitable.

Such was the look to behold as we drove up the Carrollton Road Sunday afternoon. Over on 900 West the noise of a combine at work broke the prevailing silence as an abundance of yellow corn rushed to fill the adjacent semi trailer. The farmer in charge of the operation was nowhere to be seen. The lack of seeing someone tending to this harvest work made the work seem all the more smooth, seamless, effortless.

Of course I know that harvest means hard work and long hours. But the visual cues of autumn, restful colors, the warming sun, the chill in the air as mid afternoon drifts toward evening, it all suggests otherwise.

I don't know where leaf burning is legal these days,

## Midwest Memo

by Alan Shultz



### Hailing the harvest

but plenty of folks were raking and burning leaves Sunday afternoon. The smell in the air took me back to childhood days when my parents, my sister and I would all tackle the bushels of leaves that fell around our house. From this repeated task the texture of a fallen oak leaf is stamped in my memory along with its hue and smell and design. For a moment, this memory of the simple ritual of being together raking leaves seems a harvest of a different sort. It is a reminder to me to appreciate the common and familiar moment shared.

The moon has been doing more than its share in hailing the harvest of late. This morning about 4 a.m. it glowed in its full glory - craters visible, a seemingly perfect circle sus-

pending in the sky. When the moon is particularly lovely or entertaining, I use that event as an excuse to call each of our three grown children. I often get their voice mail when I call. Half the time they don't call back. That doesn't matter. I love the excuse to call and point out the shared wonder of the moon and the fact that, even apart, we are bathed in light from this fascinating reflective orb. We are all connected by both the ordinary and the marvelous and it is a comfort to me to acknowledge it.

So warm the apple cider and cut me a piece of pumpkin pie. The harvest is in the air and in plain view all about. And as I think about it, perhaps, too, it is time to take out the electric blanket. Celebrating the chill in the air, well, that only goes so far.

**Perks**  
One marvel of the Internet is how it connects otherwise unconnected folks around common interests and ideas.

Sometime I'll write something in this column and a phrase or a word pops up on someone's computer screen

far away from Carroll County. Then I'll get a call or an e-mail with some observation or complaint. Occasionally something in the mail follows.

Some weeks back I complained that by mid-afternoon my undershirts have crept north enough or my waist to immobilize me. Well, I'm here to tell you - no more. Problem solved.

The folks at **ribbedtee.com** sent me their undershirts to try out. These 100% cotton shirts are not your ordinary undershirts. Their vertical ribbing and a little extra length combine to do the job that other shirts fail to do. I'm now still neat and "tucked in" at 3 p.m.

Thank you ribbetee. My fashion conscious co-workers thank you too!

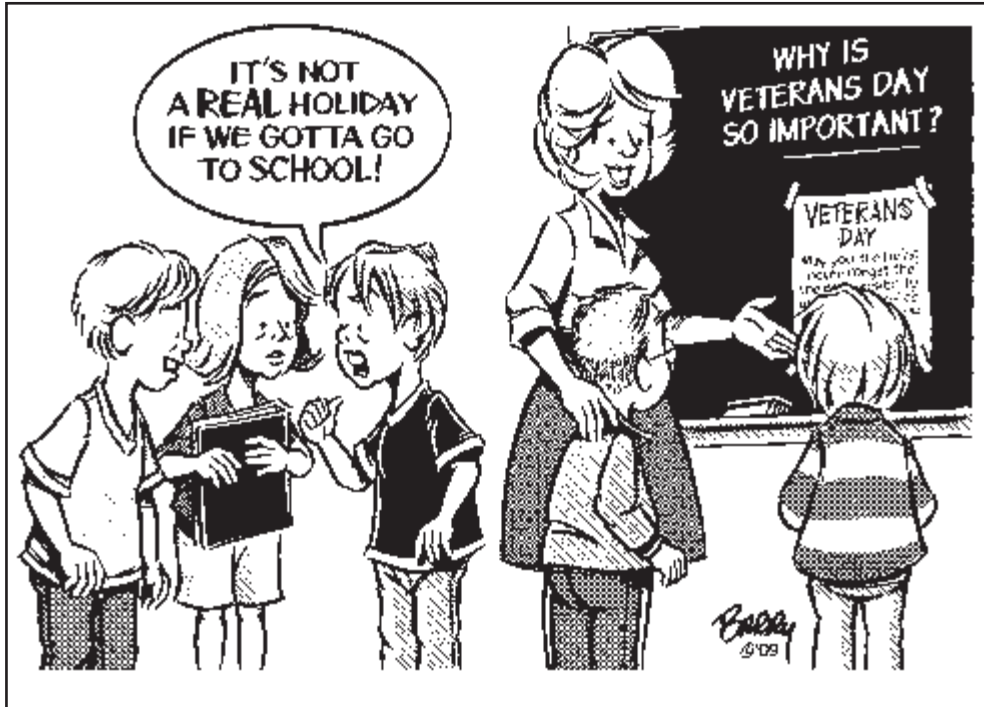
## Letters to the Editor

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.

### No government option

The letter (10/28) from Ron Scowden brings the health care debate to the local level. Because of medicare/medicaid the bureaucrats have decided that a 1 hour 15 mile trip can be billed at \$700 and there is nothing anyone can do about it except pay all your medical bills out of your pocket if you don't accept the government's fiat. If this does not scare the bejeebers out of everybody when you hear of a "government option," then you are inhabiting another planet.

Lon Bohnstedt  
The Villages, Fla.  
(Former Flora resident)



## 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 filing**  
Richard Perez was charged with operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license.

Jason R. Elliott was charged with OWI-endangering and operating vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more.

Ronnie J. Babcock was charged with battery. \*\*\*

Kevin R. Riley, 46, Monticello, was convicted of battery resulting in bodily injury. He was sentenced to one year in jail, suspended, and one year of

supervised probation.

Darren R. Ward, 43, Delphi, was convicted of public intoxication. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail with all but 20 days suspended, and one year of supervised probation.

Colton Creasy was convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person and illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage. He was sentenced to 365 days in jail with all of but 120 days suspended, and 245 days of supervised probation. His driver's license was suspended for one and one-half years.

Douglas E. Ellison, 40, Lafayette, was convicted of driving while suspended. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, suspended, and one year of supervised probation.

Bradley J. Bolinger, 28, Delphi, was ordered to have his driving privileges suspended for two years. The court stayed one year of the suspension and granted the defendant probationary driving privileges for a period of one year following the one year suspension for employment purposes.

The following were meted a combination of jail time, suspensions, probation and other penalties for convictions related to alcohol or illegal substances: Jeffrey L. Strain, 20, Burnettsville; Brandon C. Kelly, 27, Flora; Floyd A. Kinaird, 33, Delphi; Michole D. Boillat, 21, Brownsburg; Joseph Perez, 57, Delphi; James D. Roberts, 49, Eaton Rapids, Mich.; Jonathan S. Rivers, 21, Indianapolis; Matthew A. Overman, 19, Kokomo; Robert J. Martin, 32, (2 counts); Diana L. Pool, 59, Monticello; Chad M. Shaffer, 29, Bringham; Deborah L. Spear, 43; Kenneth G. Couch, 56, Delphi; Robert E. James III, 19, Delphi; Martin Hernandez, 30, Walton; Royce A. Smith, 40; Scot F. Lear, 48, Idaville; and Juan G. Regalado, 22, Frankfort.

Michael T. Martin, 32, was convicted of receiving stolen property and admitted being an habitual substance offender. He was sentenced to six years in the Department of Correction, two years and 215 days suspended, and two years and 215 days of supervised probation.

Paul W. Kruk, 28, Delphi, was convicted of two counts of domestic battery. He was sentenced to three years in the Department of Correction, two years suspended, and two years of supervised probation for the first count and two years in the IDOC, one year suspended, and one year of supervised probation for the second count.

Anthony J. Snyder Jr., 20, was convicted of criminal mischief, but mentally ill. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, suspended, and one year of supervised probation.

Marlaina D. Lybrook, 20, Flora, was convicted of aiding, causing or inducing auto theft and theft. She was sentenced to one and one-half years in the Department of Correction, one year suspended, and one year of supervised probation for the first count and one and one-half years in the IDOC, suspended, and one and one-half years of supervised probation for the second count.

Billy R. Davis, 21, Cutler, was convicted of two counts of theft. He was sentenced to three years in the Department of Correction, 915 days suspended, and two years of supervised probation for each count.

Linda D. Coffey, 47, Idaville, was convicted of operating a vehicle as an habitual traffic violator. She was sentenced to two years in the Department of Correction, one and one-half years suspended, and one and one-half years of supervised probation.

Tracey L. Claxton, 41, Bringham, was convicted of domestic battery. She was sentenced to one year in jail, suspended, and one year of supervised probation.

Lee M. Couch, 36, Lafayette, was convicted of criminal mischief. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, suspended, and one year of supervised probation.

Billie Ann Brown, 34, Flora, was convicted of domestic battery. She was sentenced to one year in the Department of Correction with all but 48 days suspended and 317 days of supervised probation.

Lisa D. Brooks, 45, Flora, was convicted of maintaining a common nuisance and taking a minor to a nuisance. She was sentenced to one year in jail, suspended, and one year of supervised probation for each count.

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David H. Wills, 20, of Kokomo was convicted of theft and inhaling toxic vapors. He was sentenced to three years in the Department of Correction, two years suspended, and two years of supervised probation for the first count and 180 days in the IDOC, suspended, and 180 days of supervised probation for the second count.

Aja J. Hiatt Mallory was convicted of four counts of check deception. She was sentenced 90 days in jail, suspended, and one year of probation for each count.

The following causes have been dismissed with prejudice: Jacob W. Bledsoe, Don E. Spray and Bradley S. Ayres.

Charles R. Tucker, 40, Brookston, was convicted of interference with the reporting of a crime. He was sentenced to 365 days in jail, suspended, and 180 days of supervised probation.

### Because the public has a right to know...

The Comet publishes government meetings weekly to provide understanding of which government meetings are happening, when and where.

- Monday, November 9**
- √ Rockfield Sewer District: 6:30 p.m.
- √ Delphi Community School Corporation Board of Directors: 7 p.m.
- Thursday, November 12**
- √ Flora Airport Board: 6 p.m.
- √ Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District: 7 p.m., Administration Building
- √ Delphi Airport Board: 7 p.m.
- √ Camden Town Council: 7 p.m.

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

- Sheriff Sale-Phalen .....\$6
- Sheriff Sale-Rohrman .....\$6
- Sheriff Sale-Yong .....\$6
- Sheriff Sale-Port .....\$6
- Summons-Mandley/Augst ....\$6
- Ayres estate .....\$6
- T.L. School-not to bidders .....\$5
- Sheriff Sale-Cook .....\$5
- Sheriff Sale-Kinzer .....\$5
- Sheriff Sale-Cunningham .....\$5
- Long-name change .....\$6
- Sheriff Sale-Price .....\$6
- Sheriff Sale-Peters .....\$5
- Alcohol & Tobacco-renewals .....\$6
- Downham estate .....\$6
- Rock Creek
- Cass-Carroll Con.-notice ....\$6
- George Hardesty-name change \$6
- Town of Camden-requirements \$5
- Commissioners-wind energy . \$6
- Wallace estate .....\$6
- Kolby Martin adoption .....\$5
- Jourdan Martin adoption .....\$5
- Indiana Lien .....\$6
- Comet-Statement of ownership \$5

Questions concerning Indiana's Open Door and Public Access Laws may be directed to the state's public access office, at 1-800-228-6013.

## 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.

Melinda Hartman was found to be in arrears of child support in the amount of \$1,963.15.

Motion to dismiss petitions for revocation of probation was granted in State of Indiana vs. Daniel R. Boone.

The following causes have been dismissed without prejudice: Midland Funding LLC vs. Dennis R. Ingle and Wells Fargo Bank vs. Charles Sledge and Michelle K. Parke.

The following properties will be certified for tax sale: 11493W. 1200N., Monticello and 11301W. 950N., Monticello.

Causes dismissed with prejudice with prejudice include: Richard Baxter and Connie Watts vs. Gricelda Valdez, Raymundo Licona, Mc-

Cormick Farms, John Deere, etc. and Flora-Allen-Arion vs. Gary M. McLemore.

Barry T. Emerson was appointed judge pro tempore Sept. 18.

Default judgment was granted to the plaintiff in the following: Palisades Collection LLC vs. Jerry L. Pickett, \$4,104.11; Capital One Bank vs. Terrence D. Linback, \$2,088.84; Capital One Bank vs. Pablo Gonzalez, \$1,142.99; Midland Funding LLC vs. Richard L. Johnson, \$796.68; American Acceptance Company LLC vs. Christen R. Hufford, \$1,768.80; Midland Funding LLC vs. Paula J. Packard, \$642.68; HSBC Bank Nevada vs. Marina D. Mansfield, \$5,802.58; American Acceptance LLC vs. Darlene K. Williams, \$2,453.05 and Midland Funding LLC vs. Brandi Handley, \$10,203.82.

Default judgment was granted to the plaintiff in Emergency Med Group of Kokomo vs. James Shephard, \$516.

Jose L. Perez Baez, 19, was convicted of sexual misconduct with a minor. He was sentenced to four years in the Department of Correction with two years suspended and two years of probation.

Robert E. Scott filed complaint - action for ejectment against Sabrina Hughes.

Capital One Auto Finance Inc. filed complaints against Bill Bannon and Margaret Patterson.

American Acceptance Company LLC filed complaint against Shana M. Creighton.

Chase Bank USA filed complaint against Tammy Price.

Ronando, \$2,840.65. Michael P. Hozey was ordered to enroll in the CLIFF unit.

Marriage dissolutions were granted to Jennifer A. Gran and Michael A. Gran and James Keith Schiery and Pamela Lee Schiery.

Default judgment and decree of foreclosure was granted to the plaintiff in PHH Mortgage Corporation vs. Mark W. and Rochelle S. Harmon, \$109,708.22.

Judgment of foreclosure was granted to plaintiff Wells Fargo Bank vs. Donna S. and Anthony E. Snapp, \$119,007.83.

The following cause was dismissed with prejudice: Richard Baxter and Connie Watts vs. Gricelda Valdez, Raymundo Licona, John Deere, Deere & Co. and etc.

Dismissed without prejudice was Asset Acceptance LLC vs. Jendy L. Hanna.

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## Web poll

Tell us starting Wednesday at our web site, carrollcountycomet.com

Each week the Comet counts 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.

**Would you like to see windmills in areas of Carroll County where they would be feasible?**

Yes  
No

### Last Week's results

**When are kids too old to trick-or-treat?**

- 11% Upper elementary age
- 31% Junior high age
- 25% High school age
- 33% Never too old
- 203 Total Votes