

Sign-up continues for HIP

Comet staff report

Thousands of uninsured low-income Hoosiers are signing up for the state's new Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) which went into effect Jan. 1. Governor Mitch Daniels said nearly 4,500 Hoosiers have submitted applications to the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) for coverage with the new plan. The state began to process applications on Dec. 17 and has funding to cover about 130,000 Hoosiers annually who do not have health insurance.

"Passing landmark health care legislation was great," Daniels said. "But seeing real people beginning to benefit

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from it is far better, so we are out to spread the word for all who might qualify," said Daniels.

The HIP plan that will provide health insurance for uninsured adult Hoosiers 19 to 64 years old whose household income is 22 to 200 percent of the federal poverty level and who are not eligible for Medicaid.

A family of four, for example, would be eligible if income does not exceed \$41,300; the maximum income level for a family of two is \$27,380. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently approved the state's request for a Medicaid waiver, the final step toward implementation.

HIP participants will have a

Personal Wellness and Responsibility Account, known as a POWER Account. Contributions to the account are made by the state and participants, who are required to make a modest contribution based on their ability to pay (not to exceed 5 percent of gross annual income). Coverage for preventive services of up to \$500 annually is included.

FSSA Secretary Mitch Roob said this component of HIP will not only offer health care coverage but encourage and reward Hoosiers to adopt healthy behaviors and utilize preventive measures of the plan, such as annual check ups.

More information about HIP is available at www.in.gov/fssa or www.hip.in.gov.

grandson and a granddaughter. Another granddaughter died shortly after being born. She has seven great-grandchildren and one deceased great-grandson.

Cards are welcome, but it was requested gifts be omitted.

Announcements

CARROLL COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM will be closed Jan. 1 to 15. New winter hours will be Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment beginning Jan. 15. Call the museum at (765) 564-3152 for information.

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Historic Resources groups give progress reports

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Editor's note: Bonnie Maxwell contributed information for the following story:

The Historic Resources Task Force had its third meeting Dec. 18. Reports were given by the four action groups, and general plans for the future were discussed.

The meeting was held at the Flora Public Library.

Highlights from the group reports are given below. Anyone interested in becoming involved with these groups can contact the group leaders.

Educating County Residents about Historic Assets

Group leader Jennifer Archibald reported on tools that Mark Smith has developed for possible use in the local schools. These include a quiz and word search games on Carroll County history. Group members will consult with some area teachers, administrators, and Joanne Lytton to see if the schools would be receptive to using these tools. If so, a more expansive curriculum on local history could also be developed. Also discussed was the possibility of 4-H clubs and history clubs using the games.

The group also will be involved with additional distribution of the existing county tourism brochure. Large quantities of the free brochures are still available at Q Graphics.

Mike Floyd offered to investigate including appropriate historical material in a 32-page coloring book which is being developed to facilitate the study of Native American groups.

The educational group also is interested in promoting local oral history projects, and in collecting and making accessible the oral histories already conducted. The county Historical Museum has new equipment that is available for use.

The group will also assist as needed in the development of a brochure which describes the county's history-related organizations.

Historic Museum - Space & Funding

Phyllis Porter reported on the new five-year lease (obtained with the help of Dick N. Bishop) for the museum space in the courthouse. Porter and

Martin Gerbens attended a fundraising class. A committee within the Historical Society has been established to explore possibilities for museum relocation. It was noted that a needs assessment and feasibility study are needed, and that it could be possible to get a grant for this study.

Various ideas for locations have been expressed: 1. Downtown vs. other locations. 2. Separate locations for the genealogy collection (downtown) from the museum artifact collection. 3. Buy/rent vs. build. 4. Possible co-location of offices for the museum, Carroll County Historical Society, Delphi Preservation Society, Delphi Main Street, Heritage Transportation Museum, etc.

It will be necessary to have a concrete plan, backed up by facts and figures, to proceed with asking for any large grants for land or building or to solicit funds from the community. **Resource Identification, Marketing, & Organizational Cooperation**

Group leader Andy Cougill asked Lynn Corson to report on the recent meeting of the County Chamber's Tourism Committee, which falls within this group's interests. Corson is visiting historic and recreational sites within the county and taking GPS readings so that adequate signage from the highways to these sites can be acquired. He is working with INDOT to determine their requirements for signage and will meet with them in January. A meeting will also be arranged to resolve moving and updating tourism information from the old EDC website to the current Chamber site and also to explore further developing that website to include numerous maps and other tools that will be helpful in promoting tourism. All historic groups with websites will be requested to make links to this information and vice versa. Several more Trail of Death markers for Carroll County are in various stages of planning.

Deer Creek Valley & the HHH - Challenges & Opportunities

Dan McCain reported on the Context-Sensitive Planning process with INDOT. Local groups involved include Delphi

Historic Trails, Carroll County Historical Society, Delphi Preservation Society, City of Delphi, Wabash & Erie Canal, Deer Creek Valley Rural Historic District, NICHES Land Trust, and Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana. Written responses from concerned citizens and groups are essential to making a unified case for what local people believe should be done in the highway planning.

A consultant has been hired to propose a master plan for the affected area, and various government agencies and offices are being consulted for help with funding, planning, political advice, etc. There is a deadline in the spring for this plan to come together. The next big meeting in regard to the Deer Creek Valley and the HHH will be Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Canal Center for an update and further planning.

In general discussion, David McCain reported that the County Parks Board will be soliciting support from the community after the first of the year to plan for the care, promotion, and further development of the parks. Mike Floyd is working with the group toward possible events at the parks.

It was agreed that meetings of the above groups would be announced to all Historic Resources participants so that more can join these groups as they wish. Another general Historic Resources meeting will be held in late February or March, to be announced later.

What's Happening Elsewhere

Cass County Smoke Free Task Force will sponsor a Quit Smart **SMOKING CESSATION CLASS** from 4-5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Jan. 8-29, in the Private Dining Room at Memorial Hospital, Logansport. The class is free, but space is limited. To register, call 574-722-5151, extension 269.

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Meetings

Tri Kappa

The Associate Chapter of Tri Kappa held a Christmas meeting and party Dec. 12 at the home of Pat Duff. Committee in charge was comprised of Duff, Mary Brown and Marjory Clifford. The chapter will continue the memorial in honor of her sister and other cancer victims.

The Birthday Pig was fed by Doris Goslee, Faye Underhill, Mary Helen Abbott and Mary Ellen Campbell.

Donnabelle Sieber was honored for 65 years of active involvement in the associate chapter by the Active Chapter. She received a gift from Carolyn Wood of the active chapter. She was presented a Christmas centerpiece from the associate chapter and was also honored for her birthday with a surprise visit by her daughter, Sue Ann Cornell, from the active chapter.

Sharon O'Farrell shared Christmas memories and verse with the theme "Don't Forget to Laugh" following

the luncheon.

The next meeting will be in March.

Mt. Zion Lodge

Fred Hartman of rural Deer Creek was elected to the post of Worshipful Master of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 211, Free and Accepted Masons. He and his fellow officers were installed at a public ceremony on Jan. 1 at the Camden Masonic Lodge Building.

Serving with Hartman during 2008 will be Don Hickman, Jr. in the chair of Senior Warden and Don Hickman III as Junior Warden. Bob McCain returns to the post of treasurer and Bill Veach continues as the lodge's secretary. Senior and Junior Deacon chairs will be filled by Chad Alexander and Gus Fuller, respectively. The lodge's immediate Past Master, Chris Dyke, will serve as trustee of the fraternity.

"I am looking for an active year at Mt. Zion Lodge," said Hartman.

Internally Hartman plans to initiate a member newsletter. "I want to use both electronic and conventional means to reach

those members who can't always attend."

By generating continuity between meetings Hartman hopes to keep interest high in the fraternity's work among all the members. Many of those men were previously members of the Delphi Lodge, which merged with the Camden-based Mt. Zion Lodge in 2004.

"With our lodge now being over 150 years old we have quite a good record and are proud to serve the communities of Camden, Delphi, Flora, Deer Creek and Bringham," noted Hartman. As part of this community commitment, he plans to get the brick work on the 104-year-old Masonic Building on Camden's Main Street tucked pointed to keep it architecturally sound and for it to continue as a significant community asset.

Mt. Zion Lodge participates annually in Camden's Youth Day, serving a sausage gravy and biscuit breakfast and also conducts the area's CHIP (Child Identification Program), a free service of the Indiana Freemasons during the summer event.

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