

## Funds distributed from Camden's anniversary celebration

Comet staff report

Jeff Sieber and Dan Casserly, representing the 175th anniversary committee, presented the final report and distributed left-over funds at last week's Camden Town Council meeting. Recipients were the Lions Club and Camden Preservation Society, both receiving \$1,500.

Sieber said the committee has some ideas to share with the Preservation Society but that the final decision on what the money will be used for will be determined by the society.

Lions Club will use their funds to host the July 26 horse pull.

"We want to express our thanks for all the work you've done the past two years," said Pete Wagoner, council president. "It was a great success."

Bill Dittman reported that the fire department has hooked up a generator that will keep the trucks from freezing.

He also said that the township is looking for grants to purchase new playground equipment for the park.

Wagoner said that the defibrillator that the town secured through a grant has been used to save a life. He said a local woman called the town office recently in distress. Town Mar-

shal John Chapman took the defibrillator to her home and restarted her heart before EMS arrived. After a few days stay in the hospital, she has returned home.

Wagoner commended town employee Linda Red Elk and Chapman for their efforts to help the woman.

Star Development which is overseeing the housing grant began work write-ups and began lead base paint testing last week. It was reported that one person has dropped out of the program and a replacement is being sought.

A joint meeting of the council

and the Jackson Township trustee and advisory board will be held at 7 p.m. March 20 in the fire station.

The next meeting will be April 10 at 7 p.m. in the community building.

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## Another empty building for Delphi



### Closed sign soon to be permanent

Teddy's Emporium, a long-time Delphi business will shut its doors on April 30. Owner Cindy Knoth is seen standing in her shop's doorway. Comet photo by Debbie Lowe

By Debbie Lowe  
Staff writer

No one would argue that it has been a rough winter. The snow was relentless and the ice was awful making travel dangerous and nearly impossible for much of the season. It would be hard to maintain a positive attitude about running a business that can only thrive when customers from far and near come through the front door. Some have not been able to hold on to that which they need in order to continue in business. The community experienced a sad closing at the beginning of this month when Brosman's IGA decided to go out of business. As it turned out, that wasn't the only business to feel the economic crunch.

After 16 years in business in the same location while establishing a network of friends, co-workers and like-minded businesses for the betterment of all, Cindy Knoth, owner of Teddy's Emporium, decided to close her doors for good April 30.

"I discussed this decision over sheet cake and champagne with my vendors last Sunday," Knoth said. "I always wanted to maintain high standards and I'm feeling the crunch."

Knoth said there are 23 vendors in her rented space, which include sellers from Kansas, Virginia, Illinois, Monticello, Lafayette and Delphi. Three of those will be moving to Times Past Antiques in Delphi. She said the others do not have plans to stay in the community.

"If dealers don't sell, I don't get rent money," she explained. "I cater to a certain clientele,

but the younger generation tends to shop on E-bay rather than visit shops to find unusual items and bargains."

Knoth said she intends to maintain a Web site and an E-bay account. However her immediate plans are to mow lawns until June to give herself time to decide what to do next.

"I am looking forward to the next thing," she said tearfully. "But I've got to heal from this first."

"I'm heartsick about the whole thing," Delphi Mayor Randy Strasser said Friday. "Any loss of a business frustrates me."

Strasser said as the national economy worsens, there will be a trickle-down effect upon local spending and travel.

"I'm devastated," said Lisa Delaney, owner of the Stone House Bakery. "Cindy is a major compliment to my business."

Delaney explained that Teddy's Emporium, which is located across the street from her restaurant, draws antique people and shoppers to the area. She said Knoth "supports all of her brotherhood" by making referrals to other antique stores in town when she does not carry the exact desired item a customer requests.

"It's going to be a loss. She is a major supporter to the county," Delaney added. "She is an asset to Delphi and the community."

"I hate to see that happen," Krista Watson, president of the Delphi Chamber of Commerce said.

Watson said it is her hope other individuals and busi-

nesses in the community keep a positive attitude to remain strong and build their businesses. Watson is the owner of the Delphi Hardware and Paint and is sympathetic to the problems faced by small businesses. She said when most residents work out of the community, they tend to do their errands before they leave those other communities rather than shop around the corner from their houses.

"The city chamber will offer support and encouragement to any other businesses," she said. "This is a cycle and it will turn around."

Watson said she would welcome suggestions about what the chamber could do for the community to stem the business drain happening in Delphi. Watson can be reached at the hardware store daily from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The telephone number there is (765) 564-3657.

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## Nominate your choice for teacher of the year

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Delphi Lions Club announced nominations are being accepted for the sixth annual Teacher of the Year Award. The club presents the award annually to recognize one of the many outstanding teachers of the Delphi Community School Corporation.

According to a press release from the club, members would like to present the award to a teacher who has made an extraordinary impact in the classroom by means of extra effort, outstanding skills or creative approach.

The winner will receive a cash award, a Winner's Plaque, and their name will be placed on the "Teacher of the Year" plaque housed in the Lions Club Den. The winner will be invited to receive their award at the Lions Club Awards Night in May.

Delphi Lions are actively soliciting nominations from parents, guardians, students, teachers, staff and administrators.

"A teacher cannot apply for the award," a press release from the club stated. "It has to start with a person whom they have affected."

The winning teacher must be board certified and currently teaching in kindergarten through grade 12. Nominations will be accepted from now until April 9. The club's selection committee will choose the winner.

Nomination forms can be picked up in the principal's office of each school or the Delphi Comet office.

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