

Repair, rebuild, refurbish computer business opens in Delphi

People and technical skills united several years ago to form a solid computer business partnership. That business moved into a store-front in Delphi in December and opened for business Dec. 29.

Everything Computer is located at 111 S. Washington

St., across from the east side of the courthouse. Services offered include computer repair, rebuilding and refurbishing computers and refurbished computer sales.

Owners Frankie Morrow and Jason Brown consulted an entrepreneurial expert last

year and learned that although the nation was experiencing an economic downturn, the computer business was not negatively affected.

Brown said Tuesday he is the technical component of the partnership and has been

everyone's "go-to" guy for computer repair for at least seven years. He decided to parlay his natural talent and skills into a business. Teamed with Morrow, who possesses people skills and has an associate's degree in operations management from Ivy Tech State College, the business

partners said they believe customer service is one of the most important aspects of their own business.

"Everything in computers is developing quickly," Morrow said. "There is a big need for computer service right now." "Every time we set a goal

for the computer business to expand, the boundaries were exceeded and we needed to set another goal," Brown said.

"We don't want people to be afraid of their computers," she said. "And we want people to understand what their computers can do for them."

Business hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. In-home service calls are welcome and appointments are available by calling (765) 564-2140.

Excellent value in a tough economy

By Blake Ress
Commissioner of the IHSAA

Whether you're watching network news, reading a hometown newspaper or visiting with a colleague at the proverbial water cooler, one topic trumps all others these days—THE ECONOMY. And more times than not, the tone skews toward the negative.

Here's a positive twist to "the topic of the day." It's not going to save our automakers or reverse the direction of the NYSE. But it is a practical way for you and your family to enjoy an evening of entertainment at a price most families can afford, even in today's coupon-clipping world.

This Friday or Saturday night, take your family to a boys' or girls' high school basketball game. Tickets at most Indiana high schools are only \$5 each. Parking is free. And the hot, freshly popped popcorn costs about a dollar a bag.

So a family of four can enjoy an entertaining night out for less than \$30, depending on the choices you make at the concession stand.

There are other positives, too. In most cases you'll be able to sit in unreserved, floor level seats on a first-come, first-served basis. The kind of front row seats that usually sell for hundreds of dollars at most professional sports venues. There's nothing as much fun or engaging as being close to the action, especially if you have children in your family.

You won't have to wonder if you are attending a G, PG, or NC17-rated event. High school basketball in Indiana is pure, unadulterated, wholesome family entertainment.

And for most of us, the high school in our community is located just minutes from home. So it won't take much time or cost much money to get there.

In reality, the modest sum of

money your family spends to attend a high school sporting event is more of an investment than an expense. That's because high school ticket revenue is used to pay for team uniforms, upgrade equipment and help support sports like cross country, swimming & diving, tennis and track & field; sports that do not typically generate enough revenue to be self-sustaining.

It's also an investment in the young men and women who are learning that being a representative of their school means they also are representatives of their community. By supporting them now, we are affirming the importance of citizenship, sportsmanship and community service in years to come.

Most importantly, attending a high school sporting event is an investment in the children in your own family. They will see firsthand how attributes such as dedication, hard work, persistence and teamwork have their

just reward. And their role models are likely to become the high school players they watch perform; young men and women who are physically fit and mentally prepared.

These are tough times for many of us living in Indiana. But as it's been said, with adversity comes opportunity. And the opportunity to introduce your family to Indiana high school basketball (or any other high school sport) not only will be welcome from an entertainment standpoint, it also will prove to be a wise investment in your family, your high school and your community.

In short, buying a ticket to an Indiana high school basketball game is the best \$5 you could possibly spend.

Blake Ress is a former high school teacher, coach, referee, athletic director and principal. He currently is the commissioner of the Indiana High School Athletic Association.

Preservation Society solicits volunteers

Comet staff report

A Delphi Preservation Society volunteer callout will be Jan. 25 from 3 to 5 p.m. at 109 S. Washington St. in the historic Opera House building on the east side of Washington St. across from the courthouse. Current volunteers and board members will be present to answer questions. Opera House tours and refreshments will be available.

"Whether you want to swing a hammer, lead tours, help with fundraising events or publicity, we have projects that can match your skills and interest," said Delphi Preservation Society President Greg Norman. "We have many ac-

tivities planned for 2009 including walking tours of the downtown as the weather warms, historic home tours in October and regular educational and informational programs on Delphi's architecture and cultural history."

Volunteers are needed to help work the fourth Saturday morning of each month. The current renovation worksite is at 105 S. Washington St., previously Jenny's restaurant. The group would like to have the space ready to rent by late spring.

Contact Opera House Advisory Board Chair Anita Werling at (765) 564-2169 for information.

Business Briefs

Achieve, a consulting firm for nonprofits, has hired Cutler native **NICK PARKEVICH** as director of client development. He will focus on developing new client relationships and supporting existing clients.

Prior to joining Achieve, Parkevich served as the director of advancement at Damar Services, the 25th largest not-for-profit in Central Indiana, where he led the largest campaign in Damar's 40-year history. A registered lobbyist, he also led Damar's governmental affairs initiatives, including Damar's first federal appropriations request.

A longtime volunteer for the United Way of Central Indiana, Parkevich has served on ad-hoc committees charged

with evaluating existing member agencies and certifying new United Way agencies. He is a board member of the Perry Township Education Foundation.

A graduate of Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School, Parkevich earned bachelors and masters degrees in public affairs from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University.

ROD'S BARBER SHOP opened at 113 N. Main St. in Delphi on Dec. 10. Owned and operated by Battle Ground native Rod Lowry, the shop is open Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment.

Lowry said he kind of "fell" into the profession when he

worked at the Ash Grove Elevator and fell off a silo in 1968. He decided he wanted a career change after that experience.

Lowry comes from a family of hair cutters and stylists. His mother, Doris, was a long-time hairdresser in Battle Ground throughout the 1960s and 70s. He began cutting hair in 1971 with his brother Jerry, who still has a shop in Delphi. Lowry cut hair in Brookston from 1979 to 2006 where he built a loyal clientele.

The newest barber in the city said he liked the small town atmosphere of Delphi. He said he worked in Lafayette for a short time but the larger town did not suit him.

"I've always felt respected here in Delphi," he said.

Lowry said he also sells electric heaters, movies and CDs in a room adjacent to the barber shop on Main St. He can be reached by telephone at (765) 427-0671 for appointments.

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