

ABATE to ride June 13

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Contributing writer

American Bikers Aimed Towards Education (ABATE) of Indiana, Inc. will ride through Carroll County this Saturday as part of the third annual Showdown Ride poker run event. Proceeds from the motorcycle ride will help children with juvenile diabetes. One of nine stops for the poker hand will be at Graham's Saloon in Delphi.

ABATE region four director Jan Johns said proceeds from the ride will be donated to ABATE of Indiana's Biker's Care State Charity. ABATE chose Camp John Warvel for children with juvenile diabetes in North Webster as the official site for charity this year. Johns said the money will help provide children who suffer from medical issues with "a camping experience they will remember for the rest of their lives."

Carroll County ABATE representative Jennifer Schrontz helped to get sponsors and donations for the ride. She said she became involved with the group last year when approximately \$17,000 was raised for the Indiana Children's Wish Fund. "That was money that actually benefitted my nephews," Schrontz said.

Her nephews, Jose and Meliano Morales, suffer from duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD). They are students in the Carroll Consolidated School Corporation.

"Jose was able to go to Walt Disney World and the youngest boy, Meliano, got a new computer," Schrontz said. "They are the reason we ride—for the stories of kids like these."

The Showdown Ride begins from and returns to Spyke's Clinton County Harley Davidson at 1665

South County Rd. near Frankfort. Registration is from 10 a.m. to noon. There is an entrance fee of \$10 per person. The first bike leaves at noon. Spyke's will host two live bands, Uncle Buck's MoJo and The Snap, giveaways, an auction, free food and camping.

St. Elizabeth Healthcare is recognized as a 'Best Place to Work'

Comet staff report

St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center, a part of the Trilogy Health Services community, has been named one of the 2009 Best Places to Work in Indiana and is ranked #15 in the large-sized company category.

The award and ranking were announced recently at the Indiana Chamber Awards dinner held in Indianapolis.

"We are honored to be recognized as one of the Best Places to Work in Indiana," President and CEO of

Schrontz and several ABATE riders will host a second poker run to specifically benefit the Morales children in July.

For more information on riding events, call Schrontz at (765) 491-6958.

Trilogy Randy Bufford said. "This award is a reflection of our employees' compassionate commitment to our mission of providing "world class" customer service for our residents, their families and the communities in which we operate. I am honored and truly humbled to work with this outstanding group of professionals."

The list is made up of 40 companies in the small to medium-sized list of 25 to 249 employees and 30 companies in the large-size, 250 or more employees.

Camden man writes children's book

a Matt Phillips of Camden has written and illustrated a newly released children's book, "Ingo Flamingo."

The story begins as Mr. Quad finds a sick flamingo. He takes it home and nurses it back to health. In doing so Mr. Quad observes color changes in the then-named Ingo Flamingo. He contacts the veterinarian and finds out that he has made a mistake in the food given to Ingo. This mistake leads to the discovery of the item responsible for his flamingo friend's color change. They sell the new item as flamingo color-changing food. A simple goodwill gesture leads to a new friend, discovery, and some financial gain. Trivia of the reason behind flamingos' pink color, the meaning of Quad, and the origin of the name Ingo is displayed.

Phillips currently works as a research technician at a chemical corporation, where he is co-authoring several papers and holds five patents.



He received a bachelor's degree in history from Ball State University and achieved three of four years toward an elementary education degree. His background and military service in the Caribbean, Canada, and Eastern Coast of the United States developed a love for children's literature.

Phillips has three children, Mackenzie, Jacob, and Gabriel.

His softcover book has 19 pages and is available in bookstores or can be ordered online through the publisher, PublishAmerica. The website is www.publishamerica.com.

Business Briefs

JAY BORDNER was recently named Ralph Cleveland Professional Agent of the Year by Professional Insurance Agents of Indiana Inc. (PIA). Bordner was presented the award during PIA's Annual Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony held in conjunction with the annual convention in May.



Bordner

Bordner, an independent agent with Brewster Insurance Agency in Burlington, was recognized for his dedication to professionalism, service to community, and continual efforts to promote PIA and the independent agency system.

"Jay promotes professionalism within the industry both in his actions and his leadership at the agency," said PIA of Indiana President David Neff, CIC. "His agency encourages continuing education among the staff, and Jay strives to build and maintain professional, enduring relationships with the agency's carrier partners."

Bordner is active in the community, serving as chief of the Democrat Township Volunteer Fire Department and as a member of the Carroll County Sheriffs Department Merit Board. He is an elder and deacon of his church and a member of the board of directors for the Carroll County YMCA.

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Scouts on the courthouse square



Boy Scouts of America Troop 155 (l-r) Trevor Peters, Taylor Nape, Rollie Taylor, and Zach Taylor sanded and painted the gazebo located on the northeast corner of the county courthouse lawn last week. Striving for his Eagle Scout badge, Rollie Taylor, son of Lois Taylor-Wolfe and Henry Taylor and stepson of Brock Wolfe, organized troop duties. The Delphi Chamber of Commerce owns and maintains the gazebo. According to Taylor, chamber member Lisa Perry suggested the site for troop volunteer work. "We have been working on this for a couple of months now," he said about the gazebo. "Hopefully, we'll have everything looking good and finished by Monday." Comet photo by Debbie Lowe

Vote 'NO' on the DCSC building project

A "NO" vote does not mean there can be no renovations to the Delphi Community High School and Middle Schools.

✓ Delphi can still spend up to \$7 - \$9 million for needed renovations, as described in letters to the editor by teachers, administrators and in articles the Carroll County Comet, even if the referendum is stopped with a "NO" vote. **THE NEW SCIENCE WING, SECURITY, HVAC, LIGHTING AND OTHER ROOM RENOVATION NEEDS CAN BE ADDRESSED WITH THIS AMOUNT OF MONEY!!!**

✓ The \$13 million renovation project will cost up to \$21 million (which includes interest) over 20 years. **OUR CHILDREN WILL BE PAYING FOR THIS RENOVATION UP UNTIL ANOTHER PROJECT IS NEEDED - WHICH THEY WILL ALSO PAY FOR.**

✓ The decrease in current assessed home and land values (county auditor certified) could result in a tax increase of up to 13.4% - **EVEN IF THE RENOVATION PROJECT IS VOTED DOWN!!!** All school board projected tax rates were based on "stable assessed values". Our school district does not have "stable assessed values" because the county's overall assessed property values have decreased.

✓ Delphi Community School Corporation **MUST MAINTAIN** our buildings while maintaining a tax rate which is conducive to business and residential development to preserve our children's future.

✓ The capital projects fund receives over \$1,000,000.00 per year for repairs and maintenance of our school buildings. **THAT FUND SHOULD ONLY BE USED FOR PLANNED REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE AND NOTHING ELSE!!!!**

✓ **TAKE A STAND FOR WHAT IS RIGHT AND VOTE "NO" FOR THIS WANT-IT-ALL BUILDING PROJECT.**

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