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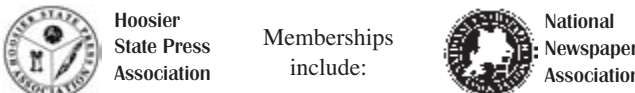
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County Chamber gets it right!

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce provided a wonderful service to both the community and member businesses last Wednesday evening when it hosted the "Shop Local for the Holidays" event. The affair was just what this community needed to help get everyone together for an evening of fun and goodwill.

Community members were introduced to businesses they did not know existed and made contact with those they may not have visited recently. Business members were put into a situation where they got to know other businesses they perhaps cannot frequent as much as they would like because they work the same hours.

If that was not enough, the "shop local" theme is the very message to which EVERYONE in the community needs to adhere. It might seem to cost a little more to spend money in Carroll County and it might seem like there is only a small selection of gifts and purchases available here, but the Chamber debunked both of those myths with one fell swoop! The event was simple, it was easy, and it was fun.

Congratulations to event organizers and Chamber members.

Now keep our communities thriving – shop your local merchants first!

I once knew a woman with a basement full of picture frames. The basement was a low ceiling space with shadowy nooks and crannies and an enormous octopus furnace that groped its way all about. It hardly felt like the space of an artist, and yet it most certainly was.

The picture frames were everywhere. They were stacked on tables and workbenches, hung on walls and piled in rows on the gray painted cement floor. There were gilded frames and plain ones. There were frames huge and heavy and ornate and there were scores that were narrow and petite.

Down in this basement with flickering florescent lights and decades of dust, the proprietor would match pictures to frames in a manner careful and thoughtful. And the results were always splendid with the chosen frame complimenting or enhancing the artwork which it surrounded.

Visiting this basement and watching the framing process was like an art lesson in an unexpected medium.

Years ago I took a writing class where a picture frame was employed as a writer's unlikely tool. The instructor asked each of us to focus the frame on an object in the room. One-by-one we took our turn framing the object close up. Then the instructor had each of us back up away



Picture frames

from the object noting how the picture included more and more of the room. At first the frame surrounded only the object. In the end the frame took in much more of the room, but still included the object.

These many years later I can't quote the instructor, but I can paraphrase him. "Write about the apple on the table, sure, but then back up and write about the feast and those surrounding the table and then back up further and take in the entire dining room."

The other day my friend Therese was having a particularly hard day.

"I'm taking you to lunch," I blurted.

Now I'm not a guy that "does" lunch. My favorite lunch is a table for one - namely moi, with a newspaper and my reading glasses and a ham sandwich. So blurring out a lunch invitation was out of character to say the least.

My favorite lunch place is across the street in Macy's, a sweet little spot with soups, a healthy granola treat, one dollar cookies on Wednesday, and a delightful counter lady named Denice.

If you were to frame the picture of me at lunch over by Denice it is a solitary studied affair. The artist might title the work "Crabby man with newspaper and sandwich."

But on this day, the artist had to back the frame up some to fit Therese and Denice in with me. I made the introductions, we got two soups, a sandwich to split, the cookies and coffee. Back up that frame a little further to fit in some small talk and some laughter.

While Denice was serving up the soup a lady joined Therese and me at the counter. And so back the frame up further to fit in the newcomer. And it turned out that it was the newcomer's birthday. And one of us started singing "Happy Birthday." And now the artist or the writer holding the frame had to back up even further to include everyone in the little place because we were all singing.

Settled in our seats and enjoying our lunch, the birthday gal stopped by to chat with Therese and me. She thanked us for the serenade and for making her birthday a Macy's celebration. And for that moment, there was no room in this picture for hard days as a little bit of spontaneous joy hung ever so faintly in the air.

I should remember, at least occasionally, to fit into my frame, a bigger picture.

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.

A letter to Donnelly

Joe Donnelly courageous, I think not!

I would not use words like courageous for voting yes to the healthcare take over bill.

Words to better describe Joe's actions of voting yes for the healthcare take over bill are:

Lacks courage for caving to his party and lobbyists and **traitorous** for violating his oath of office to uphold the constitution.

Congress does not have the authority to mandate a citizen's purchase of anything! It is a direct violation of individual rights and many still do not understand that.

People, wake up! Your public servants have become your masters. It is our duty as citizens to govern our government.

Understand this, my fellow Americans, your public servants who care so much about you, have passed another law that some lobbyist handed them. It is "good" for "us, the people," but they have excluded themselves once again from this bill.

Are you hearing me? Your non-representing representatives write laws that apply to you, but NOT to them.

Check the information I am telling you out for yourself. Call a representative and ask them if they will be on the same public option. Ask them how many laws that they, "your servants," pass that also applies to them.

What is offered for free is dangerous. It usually involves a trick or a hidden agenda. If your elected representatives are unwilling to be included in this "wonderful gift," that should tell you everything about it.

Jay Martin,
Flora

Help is needed

This year with the tough economy and loss of jobs, many children with mothers behind bars are in greater need of help this year.

Women Behind Bars Kids organization has a list of over 50 children in need through no fault of their own and who are being cared for by family members.

Please open up your heart and help by donating whatever you can give such as toys, games, personal items for girls, etc. for children ages infant on up to high school teenagers.

We are praying for your support to ensure these children have a very Merry Christmas.

Contact Phyllis Reinke at the Flora First Christian Church at (574) 967-4246 or Jackie Partlow at (765) 337-5671 to donate items or make a financial contribution.

Jackie Partlow
Delphi

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.

Thursday, Nov. 19

√ How to Run for Public Office: 7 p.m., Flora-Monroe Public Library

Tuesday, Nov. 24

√ Area Plan Commission: 7 p.m.

Public Notices appearing in this issue of the Comet:

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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.

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.

CORRECTION: The charges in the Nov. 11 issue of the Comet for the following should have read: Russell M. Carter, Jr., was charged with public intoxication. Robyn L. Flanagan, 19, of Delphi, was charged with criminal trespassing.

New filings

Edward High was charged with non-support of a dependent child.

Cecelia E. Smith was charged with driving while suspended and speeding.

Christian Lane was charged with maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and domestic battery.

The following causes were dismissed with prejudice: Pearson's Gas vs. Veno Paraskecas; Chase Bank vs. Shawn J. McClain; Mann Chevrolet-Buick Inc. vs. Troy Cook; Delphi Community School Corporation vs. Chris and Tricia Baker; and Nationstar Mortgage LLC vs. Jon L. Holt.

Judgment and decree of foreclosure was granted to the

plaintiff in the following: BAC Home Loans Servicing LP vs. Jack Junior and Sara Anne Draper et al, \$65,108.55 and BAC Home Loans vs. Maria S. Suggs, \$178,381.31.

Default judgment was granted to the plaintiff in the following: Citibank vs. Connie L. Myer, \$6,052.71; Citibank vs. Kathleen A. Fehrolz, \$1,405.58; Mann Chevrolet-Buick Inc. vs. James A. Cripe, \$293.06; Emerson & Manahan vs. Timothy Watkins, \$4,116; Citibank vs. Connie L. Myer, \$28,164.78; Household Finance Corp. vs. Chad Allen Bounds, \$18,337.34; Central Collection Bureau vs. Jessica and Jason Unger, \$600; Household Auto vs. Kelly Embrey, \$7,350.48; Max D. Thompson vs. Barbara Brovont and Melissa Shoff, \$866.23; and American General Financial Services vs. Gerald A. and Winifred J. Peek, \$2,200.45.

Judgment was granted to the plaintiff in George Kerlin vs. Kristy Kruk, \$500; Unifund CCR Partners vs. Betty J. Turner, \$23,727.59; Kenneth H. Myer vs. Scott and Stacy Spencer, \$500; Fred and Joan Ford vs. Tom Williamson, \$237; and FIA Card Services vs. Richard L. Cox, \$12,363.47.

Agreed judgment was granted to the plaintiff in Connie and Dave Kersey vs. Jack and Jessica Floyd, \$550.24; Beneficial Indiana Inc. vs. Maria J. and Ramon S. Rodriguez, \$18,410.51; Robert L. Lucas, DDS vs. Doug and Jaime Nichols, \$2,304; Beneficial Indiana vs. David W. Wagner, \$11,317.64; Capital One Bank vs. Mary L. Scowden, \$7,486.90 and CACH of Colorado vs. Chyne Holguin, \$1,721.02.

Additional judgment was granted to the plaintiff in Jason and Melissa Reece vs. Joe and Britney Wolfe, \$2,369;

The cause CACH LLC vs. William Benefiel was dismissed.

The following were meted a combination of jail time, suspensions, probation and other penalties for convictions related to alcohol or illegal substances: Andres Bautista, 18, Frankfort; Hector Pacheco, 41, Bradenton, Fla.; Bryan E. Cunningham, 20, Monticello; Eric D. Stark, 35, Monticello; and Ashlee R. McKenzie, 20, Flora.

foreclose mortgage on real estate against Luke Jacoby.

Midland Funding LLC filed complaint against Christy J. McGill a/k/a Miller.

Midland Funding LLC filed complaint against Robert J. Johnson.

Capital One Bank filed complaint against Marilyn L. Wagner.

Midland Funding LLC filed complaint against Robert A. Scroggs.

Default judgment was granted to the plaintiff in: Household Bank vs. Kathleen A. Fehrolz, \$1,737.79; Crown Asset Management LLC vs. Robert L. Lindley, \$1,508.36; American Acceptance Company LLC vs. Larry M. Dowell, \$1,849.14; American Acceptance Co. LLC vs. Garrett L. Fairclough, \$2,375.16; Arrow Financial Services LLC vs. William E. a/k/a Bill Hefner, \$2,084.16; RJM Acquisitions LLC vs. Samuel W. Heise, \$1,131.21;

Midland Funding LLC vs. George Isley, \$6,090.68; Midland Funding LLC vs. Kimberly K. Reed, \$1,880.28; Capital One Bank vs. Gregory J. King, \$826.89; Co-Alliance LLP vs. Weston Wagoner, \$12,226.40; and GE Money Bank vs. Sandra Davis, \$5,684.90.

The counter complaint of Mary McKinney was dismissed.

The following cause has been dismissed with prejudice: Richard Baxter and Connie Watts vs. Gricelado Valdez, Raymundo Licon, McCormick Farms, Inc. etc.

Default judgment and decree of foreclosure was granted to the plaintiff in: Aurora Loan Services LLC vs. Clarence D., David and Mary Walters; Wells Fargo Bank vs. Richard and Sandra Berkshire, \$86,342.17; and Chase Home Finance LLC vs. David and Cheryl Bakos, \$70,304.01.

Dissolution of marriage was granted to Michael Berkshire and Amanda Berkshire, and John Rieken and Teresa Durbin.

The following have been found to be in arrears of child support payments: Dustin Thomas Watson, \$2,586; Kevin M. Bray, \$10,836.99; Elmer Crider, \$923.01; Nina Valentine, \$16,126.08; Sherrill Curry, \$15,563.86; Dale Babcock, \$14,056; Roy Hoskins, \$6,406.67; Leslie Field, \$17,254.92; John Graves, \$7,499.52; Brandon Wells, \$1,879.46 and Kimberly German, \$6,519.72.

The following causes brought by Chase Home Finance LLC have been dismissed: vs. David K. and Cheryl Bakos and vs. Justin Dean Robinson and Belinda Smith.

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.

Howard J. Bieghler was named administrator of the Myrtle L. Wallace estate.

Dorothy J. Hesler and Matthew D. Baldwin have been named administrators of the Clifford D. Baldwin estate.

Mary Lee Stout has been named as the administrator of the Carrol L. Stout estate.

Carla Lynn Enyeart has been named the administrator of the Betty Jean McCormick estate.

Florence Jane Landis has been named the administrator of the Tommy D. Flood estate.

Household Bank filed complaint against Aleisha Williamson.

PHH Mortgage Corp. filed complaint on note and to

Web poll

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

Each week the Comet polls 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.

What do you believe is the top criteria that the EMS committee should use to decide the location for the third ambulance?

- Population
- Number of calls
- Distance between ambulance garages
- Community incentives

Last Week's results

How much Christmas shopping do you have done?

- 57% None
- 25% Less than half
- 10% More than half
- 8% Finished!
- 167 Total Votes