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Next Board

Meeting

4:30 p.m.

April 16

City Council Chambers

Business Spotlight:

Wabash Christian Retirement Center

Over forty years ago Wabash Christian Retirement Center (WCRC) was just that “a retirement center” located on College Boulevard in Carmi. But today it has far surpassed that label.

The Wabash Christian campus has grown to include 11 duplex-style Garden Homes, the 21-unit senior Heritage Apartment complex, and the stately three story 49-unit Supportive Living Facility all located on Abelson Drive.

Inside Wabash Christian Retirement Center other changes continued to evolve with the addition of the Haven Center Memory Care Unit. It is designed and staffed to specifically meet the needs of those with dementia and Alzheimer types of diagnoses. The philosophy of the unit is to provide safety in an environment of familiarity and decreased stimulation



Wabash Christian Retirement Center, located on College Blvd. (photo provided)

with the comfort of the resident in mind.

Two wings of WCRC located directly off the rehab gym were remodeled and designated for those who need just a short inpatient stay for rehab services following a hospitalization. Many of those short-stay guests can receive those services covered by Medicare A and supplemental insurances. In 2009, sensing another need in the area, WCRC added outpatient therapy services to the main campus.

The campus seemed to be complete, but Sandra Bryant, Wabash Christian Executive Director caught the vision for another solution to healthcare challenges in our area. With the absence of a local hospital and the distance to the nearest one being inconvenient, Wabash Christian Therapy & Medical Clinic (WCTMC) was born at 1112 Oak Street in Carmi.

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Wabash Christian continued...

In May 2014 therapy services were expanded and relocated to the free standing clinic. Services are offered five days a week with flexible hours to accommodate school and work schedules. Such specialties as Lymphedema, Vestibular and VitalStim are avail-

able along with sports medicine and orthopedic care.

A partnership was formed with other area professionals to provide convenient healthcare options previously unavailable in Carmi. Wabash General Hospital expanded their services by providing orthopedic specialists who see patients in the clinic weekly. Hamilton Memorial Hospital provides medical professionals to meet the primary care needs for the whole family Monday through Friday with extended

hours. WCTMC is also equipped with laboratory and radiology services providing EKGs, labs and x-rays for anyone providing an order from their physician.

Wabash Christian is honored to serve the area with quality healthcare in an effort to meet the needs of Carmi and the surrounding area.



Wabash Christian Therapy & Medical Clinic on Oak Street. (photo provided)



At right, Supportive Living of Wabash, located near Wabash Christian Retirement Center. (photo provided)

From the Desk of the Executive Director...



Holly Healy
Executive
Director

April is already upon us and that means we are gearing up for the annual Golf Outing at the Chamber of Commerce. Chamber members were contacted by letter about sponsorship opportunities this week. The Education Committee is working hard on this event and has plans to follow up with our members about sponsorship as well.

Proceeds of the auction benefit the Chamber's scholarship program, teacher grants and will go toward bringing the CEO program to White County. (If you are not familiar with the CEO program, I encourage you to visit www.midlandinstitute.com for more information.)

Thank you to the many businesses that do-

nated items to and sponsorships for our Radio Auction. We also appreciate the purchasers of the items.

A very special thank you goes to Jc Tinsley and Withers Broadcasting. Without them, this event would not be possible.

As you prepare for Easter this weekend, please remember our local merchants as you finish filling your Easter baskets. I know you will be pleased with the friendly service and variety of items available in Carmi.

Let me encourage you to keep our merchants in mind for weddings, anniversaries, birthdays and other special occasions. Our merchants are sure to have something that will work for you.

As always, the

Chamber door is always open if we may be of assistance in any way at any time. From my family to yours—may you have a blessed Easter.

-Holly

**Bicentennial Committee
Meeting
April 21
5pm
Carmi City Council
Chambers**

White County Historical Society Spring Dinner

Following Abraham Lincoln's death by assassination 150 years ago, funeral services were held in Washington D.C. and then at additional locations as he was transported to his burial. The President was brought from the capital to the burial site in Lincoln's hometown of Springfield, Illinois, by funeral train, following in reverse the route Lincoln took as he

went to Washington. Because of the length of the funeral, historians have called this event "The Greatest Funeral in the History of the United States". Want to know more about it? Come hear Anthony Fleege, associate professor at SIU, tell the story of Lincoln's burial, at the White County Historical Society's Spring dinner meeting to be held Mon-

day, April 6 at 6:00 pm. The cost of the program, which includes dinner, is \$15 and will be held in the Fellowship Hall at the First Christian Church in Carmi. Everyone is welcome to attend, but reservations are required. Please call Paula Pierson at 382-7633 or Barbara Kearney at 618-218-8249 to make a reservation.

Radio Auction a Success!

Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and individuals, the Carmi Chamber of Commerce was a success! Over \$2,900 was raised to support and promote Chamber programs.

Special thanks goes to Withers Broadcasting for the donation of air time. Jc Tinsley and his staff put much time and effort into this event.

Additionally, the Chamber appreciates the donations from the following businesses to make this event a success: Kelly Company Interiors, The Courtyard, Merle Norman Cosmetics and Boutique, White County Ford & Chrysler, Huck's, Brown's Fertilizer & Chemical, LLC.,

Casey's, Tequilas, Rice Motor Company, Jane Day Spa, Logo Graphics, Gillard's Hardware, Taylor Eye Care, Stein's Flowers & Gifts, Joyner Therapy, Blankenship Auto Parts, Hippie Hill Produce Plus, Reper's Office Supply, Sunflower Broom Shop, Sears, Campbell Funeral Home, Pathways Counseling at Baptist Children's Baptist Children's Home and Family Services, Botsch and Associates, CPA's LLC, City of Carmi, Hale Body Shop, Caleb Hughes Financial Advisor for Edward Jones, People's National Bank, Carmi Family Dental, Ferrell Hospital, Yesterday's Restaurant, Joe's

Lawn Care, Hamilton Memorial Hospital and Carmi Family Clinic,



Jc Tinsley and Cody Gottman preparing for the auction.

Nancy J Winter, CPA, Old National Bank, HD Bean's Jewelers, Do or Dye Salon, Central Bark Pet Grooming, Keith and Debbie Hoskins, Weber's Auto Repair Center, Baysinger Architects, Karger Collectibles, Little Giant, Gottz's, Carmi Eyecare, Scentsy Consultant Lindsay Rouse, Carmi Country Club, HLS, Stendeback Family Funeral Home and Carmi Vet Clinic.

Publicity for the event was provided by WROY/WRUL and The Carmi Times.



Chamber Directors preparing to answer phones.

Golfers and Sponsors needed for Chamber golf tournament; Money to benefit CWC Students

The Carmi Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Golf Tournament Saturday, June 27 at Carmi Country Club. Golfers are needed for both the 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. shotgun starts.

“The money raised will be used to continue the Chamber’s scholarship program, continue competitive classroom grants for Carmi-White County teachers and toward bringing the CEO program to our area,” said Education Committee Chairman Toby Brown. “Chamber scholarship winners receive a \$4,000 scholarship, paid at \$1,000 each year for the first four years of college. In addition, the Chamber has provided \$2,000 in grants to teachers so far in 2015.”

The “best-ball” tournament format features four-person teams at a cost of \$50 per player, which includes all green fees, cart fees and lunch. Each member of the winning team will receive a \$100 gift certificate to the country club

and a commemorative tournament golf shirt.

Members of the second place team will each receive \$50 country club gift certificates and third place team members will receive \$25 gift certificates.

Prizes will also be awarded for the longest drive, longest putt and closest to the pin contests.

“A \$10,000 cash prize will also be awarded to any golfer fortunate enough to hit a hole-in-one on one of the designated holes that day,” added Brown.

Lunch will be provided for all golfers and sponsors from noon to 1 p.m. Individuals that would like to attend, but do not to play golf, may purchase lunch for \$10.

One may register by calling the Chamber office at 618-382-7606 or by stopping at the office located in the City Building on West Main Street. The deadline for golf registrations is Friday, June 19.

Sponsorships of various levels are also available to fund the event, beginning at \$100. Those interested in a sponsorship could contact the Chamber office no later than May 27.

This year’s tournament is brought to you in part by gold level sponsors First Bank and People’s National Bank.



2014 First Place Team from Geo. N. Mitchell Drilling.



2015 Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 27

Carmi Country Club

Sponsorship Levels:

Gold (\$2,500)

Silver (\$1,500)

Bronze (\$750)

1st Place (\$500)

Hole in One (\$350)

2nd Place (\$250)

3rd Place (\$100)

Hole (\$100)

Longest Drive (\$100)

Longest Putt (\$100)

Closest to Pin (\$100)

Proceeds benefit:

\$4,000

**Scholarship to
Graduating Senior**

Teacher Grants

**Bringing CEO
Program to Carmi**

Joyner Therapy Services Patient of the Month

Rick had a several year history of low back pain without known cause. His recent flare up was interfering with work abilities. And although Rick was traditionally strong, he had poor core strength and very tight hip and Lumbar musculature.

Rick's therapy consisted of hip and Lumbar stretches, abdominal and back muscle strengthening, and overall strength and conditioning. Rick is now able to work and exercise without back pain and has minimal muscle tightness.

Rick was a pleasure to work with and we'd love to have him back as a gym member.

At right, March patient of the month, Rick Kuykendall with Jessica Cook, PT, DPT. (Photo provided.)



ELASTEC DEVELOPS RAIL-RESPONSE TRAILERS TO ASSIST IN RAILWAY OIL SPILL INCIDENTS

ELASTEC, the largest pollution control and response equipment manufacturer in North America, is working with the railway industry to provide custom response trailers outfitted with an arsenal of ELASTEC products to assist in the mitigation of rail oil spill incidents.

According to Shon Mosier, ELASTEC sales manager, "Due to the increase in transportation of crude oil by rail, there has been a corollary increase in rail oil spill incidents. Many rail tracks run along waterways, which can make response operations very challenging and threatening to sensitive habitats and drink-

ing water. Spilled oil travels to the lowest point, from land to water, which means a full range of response equipment must be available to respond to every scenario."

With railway incidents, one of the challenges responders face is to rapidly transport response equipment to the spill site, which can be in very remote locations. ELASTEC has developed a custom rail-response trailer which includes Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), generators, lights, ladders, tools and an arsenal of ELASTEC response equipment designed to contain and recover the oil in a variety of situations.

ELASTEC manufactures and markets a wide range of environmental response systems, including PACS vacuum systems, OptiMax and Swift-Water oil containment boom, BoomVane™, drum and grooved disc X SKIMMER systems, Hydro-Fire® Boom, American Fireboom and related accessories to protect, contain and remove oil from reaching sensitive environmental areas.

Chamber Member Hamilton Memorial Hospital to Offer Spring Wellness

(McLeansboro, Illinois) - Hamilton Memorial Hospital will be offering the annual Spring Wellness fasting blood draws Monday through Friday from 7am to 4pm from April 13th through April 27th.

“Year-after-year we continue to offer the Spring Wellness blood draw as a community service to give people the opportunity to receive lab work at a significantly lower cost. We encourage anyone who needs lab work or is interested learning about their health to take advantage of this opportunity,” stated Greg Sims, CEO Hamilton Memorial Hospital.

Wellness screening options include:

\$50 Health Screen Profile – Includes Cholesterol, Triglycerides, Glucose, BUN, Creatinine, Total Bilirubin, CBC, GFR, Calcium, Total Protein, AST, Alk Phosphatase, Albumin, Phosphorus, Sodium, Potassium, Chlorine, CO₂, and TSH

\$70 Health Screen Profile & PSA – Includes same testing as \$50 Health Screen profile with the addition of PSA screening for prostate cancer in men

\$20 PSA Screening – Prostate Cancer test for men

\$10 Wellness Profile – Glucose and good/bad breakdown of cholesterol, and GFR – these are all included in \$50 Health Screen Profile

\$2 Blood Typing – Identifies blood type; includes a card with blood type listed. Can be added to any of the tests.

For most accurate results, participants should be “fasting” – no food or drink, except water, after midnight before blood draw. Results will be provided to participant’s designated provider.

Spring Wellness forms will be available at hmospital.org or at the Hospital Information Desk at 611 S. Marshall in McLeansboro.

If blood draw times are inconvenient, please call 618.643.2361 ext. 2171 to schedule an appointment.

Ribbon Cutting for TrueFlo Solutions LLC

On April 13, 2015, a public commercial salt water disposal facility is moving into the tri-state area! TrueFlo Solutions LLC, located at 1024 IL Highway 1, Carmi, Illinois, will be hosting its grand opening, with a Ribbon Cutting, at 10:00 a.m. Our state of the art disposal facility offers salt water disposal, tank bottom disposal, frack fluid disposal, fresh water sales, and salt/fresh water hauling services.

Hours of operation will be Monday through Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Our services are provided after hours and

on weekends by appointment only. Should you find that your company has an immediate water or disposal need, please contact us at 618-265-3487. TrueFlo Solutions LLC will do the very best to provide immediate services to its customers.

Due to the high volume of requests, we are currently accepting pre-registered applications. If you would like to pre-register your company for authorized disposal, please submit your company's contact information to us at info@trueflosolutions.co

or visit our website at trueflosolutions.com!

We will promptly respond to your e-mail and provide you with the registration form and instructions.

Ribbon Cutting for the Carmi Country Club

The Carmi Chamber of Commerce will hold on Ribbon Cutting on April 8 at 10 am at the Carmi Country Club to welcome new Head Golf Professional Jake Smock and new Head Superintendent Caleb Childress. "We are

pleased to welcome Jake and Caleb to their new roles and look forward to a continued working relationship with the Carmi Country Club," noted Chamber Director Holly Healy.

Welcome New Members...

Draper Drainage LLC
1262 County Rd 800 E
Carmi, IL 62821
618-384-9709

Main Street Café
214 E Main Street
Carmi, IL 62821
618-382-5180

NFE Realty
203 E Cherry Street
Carmi, IL 62821
618-384-1185
nferealty.com

Professional Auto Parts
211 9th Street
Carmi, IL 62821
618-382-2371

**Royal Drilling and Producing,
Inc.**
Crossville, IL 62827
618-966-2221

Tumble Time

Easter egg hunt



White County Fair Grounds

Saturday, April 4th

10:00 - 1:00

(Easter Egg hunt will start @ 10:30)

Egg Hunt Groups

- Group 1: Food Allergies
- Group 2: Baby & Toddler
- Group 3: Pre- K
- Group 4: 1st & 2nd
- Group 5: 3rd - 6th
- Group 6: Special Needs



Hop on over with your
Easter basket and
join us for some fun!

- **Thousands of candy filled eggs**
 - Prizes
- **Face Painting**
 - Bingo
- **Bounce Houses**
 - Lunch
 - Vendors
- **and so much more**



For more information, contact us at tumbletime@mail.com

The Great Carmi Caper 2015

An event fun for friends or family with riddles, challenges, and a race to the finish line hosted by **Carmi Taekwondo Center.**

Saturday, April 25 2015

The Caper begins at 1:00

Entry fee and information:

- Entry fee is \$25
- All entries must be teams of two (2) or more with at least one adult
- Must have a Team Name
- Must have reliable transportation (The Caper will take place all throughout Carmi)
- Registration will be open until April 10th. There will be NO LATE ENTRIES
- There will be awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place
- Caper begins at Carmi Taekwondo Center, 106 Main St

Team Name: _____

***Team Leader must provide additional information**

Team Leader: _____ **Age:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Other Team Members:

I hereby for myself, my minor child (if applicable), my administrators, heirs and assigns waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages, including negligence, I may have against Carmi Taekwondo Center, its officers, directors, employees and volunteers; the organizers of this event; their sponsors, associates, contractors, other entrants and representatives, and the Town of Carmi, IL, their boards, elected and appointed officials, and their employees for property damage or personal injury, including death that may arise or grow out of my participation or my minor child's participation in the Carmi Taekwondo Centers Great Carmi Caper. I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless it's officers, employees and volunteers, the organizers and their employees, associates, contractors, other entrants and representatives, the Town of Carmi, their boards, elected and appointed officials, and their employees in any claim, damages, expenses or action, including attorney fees, assessed or brought against them because of my acts or omissions or the acts or omissions of my minor child. I also agree to follow the rules of this event, obey all traffic laws, exercise all safety precautions, avoid littering, and respect property of other.

Signature _____ Date _____

***Signature should be of Team Leader and is taking claim for all team members by signing waiver**

Make checks payable to: Carmi Taekwondo Center or CTC

Return entry form to either:

Carmi Taekwondo Center
106 Main St.
Carmi, IL 62821

Peoples National Bank
180 Commerce St
Carmi, IL 62821

For more information, email Melissa Russell at russell.melissa.m@gmail.com

Are you familiar with the Carmi area? Do you enjoy solving puzzles? Do you like to do these things with a team? Then spend an afternoon with us as you solve riddles, complete challenges and attempt to reach the finish line first. In this Amazing Race type of event, we have set clues and tasks to be completed all over Carmi for you and your team of friends and/or family members to compete in. The first team to find and make it to the finish line wins! Entry fee is \$25 per team. Entry forms can be picked up at Carmi Taekwondo Center or Peoples National Bank in Carmi. Deadline for registration for The Great Carmi Caper is April 10th! Don't miss out on a fun afternoon of clue solving and challenges! Prizes: 3rd Place - Trophy & \$25, 2nd Place - Trophy & \$50, 1st Place - Trophy & \$100.

Member to Member Discounts

Please visit www.cityofcarmi.com/the-chamber for the most up to date discounts.

Logo Graphics

10% off all advertising/ promotional products

Old National Investments- Brad Braden

Free Financial Review

Old National Bank- Debbie Conner-Hoskins

.25% off consumer loans with auto pay from ONB deposit account (for qualified loans)

Reppert's Office Supply

Free ream of copy paper with any in-store purchase of \$35 or more

10% discount on all greeting cards

Taylor Eye Care

10% off of Plano sunglasses (not valid with any other discount)

Yesterday's Drive In

\$1.00 off any sandwich basket

HLS Health & Wellness

10% off any Biofreeze product

Brown's Fertilizer & Chemical, LLC

Free professional soil sampling, complete with free consultation of results.

Dave Matheny- State Farm

Free Insurance and Financial Review

Merle Norman Cosmetics & Boutique

10% off purchase of regular priced merchandise (cosmetics and special orders excluded.)

Carmi Huck's Convenience Store

\$2.00 off any large Godfathers Specialty Pizza

\$0.03 off per gallon of gas

H.D. Bean Jewelers

10% off everything but repairs

James Cook- State Farm

Free State Farm Atlas

Carmi Eye Care

10% off a complete pair of glasses

The Courtyard

10% off total purchase excluding sale items

TCC Verizon

15% Discount on Accessories

People's National Bank

25% off a safe deposit box

Joyner Therapy Service

Free ASTYM consultation

Inner Earth Technologies

\$250 off any 1st time inspection and (as always) free estimates

Do or Dye Salon

\$5.00 off any salon service

Central Bark Dog Grooming

\$10 off a groom or \$5 off a bath.

Carmi Family Dental

FREE New Patient Dr. Exam with Cleaning and Digital X-Rays at regular price

Wabash Christian Therapy and Medical Clinic

Free Biodex Screening for baseline athlete assessment, balance assessment, spatial orientation or monitor concussion.

Weber's Auto Repair Center

10% of labor

A & A Farms

Any chamber members and their children/ grandchildren who have never ridden in a tractor or combine, please contact A & A Farms for information about a possible ride.

Jane Day Spa

10% off any massage service

WROY/WRUL/wrul.com

15 free ad per month, each month Chamber member spends \$300- in given month. Must ask rep for offer.

Luxe Home

10% in stock merchandise, 5% off special orders

Escapes Travel and Cruises

Service fees waived for airline ticket purchases. As always... no charge for vacation packages, cruises, condos, car rentals, cabins, etc.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2015

April 4– Tumble Time Easter Egg Hunt at the White County Fairgrounds

April 5– Happy Easter!

April 6– White County Historical Society Spring Dinner

April 7– Election Day

April 8– Carmi Country Club Ribbon Cutting, 10 am

April 13– TrueFlo Solutions Ribbon Cutting, 10 am

April 16– Chamber Board Meeting

April 21– Carmi Bicentennial Meeting, 5pm

April 29– May newsletter deadline



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chamber@cityofcarmi.com

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www.cityofcarmi.com

2014-2015 Chamber Officers

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President

Andy Acord
Vice President

Caleb Hughes
Secretary

Toby Brown
Treasurer

Clint Taylor
Past President

Holly Healy
Executive Director

2014 - 2015 Board of Directors

Dave Healy	2012-2015
James Cook	2012-2015
Andy Gee	2012-2015
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Caleb Hughes.....	2013-2016
Kara Kessler	2013-2016
Megan Goff	2013-2016
Kendall Dale	2013-2016
Whitney Barbre.....	2014-2017
Cody Gottman	2014-2017
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