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Business Spotlight: NFE Realty

Hometown values are important for Nikki Farny-Edwards.

That's why the Carmi native and owner of NFE Realty stresses friendliness, dependability and above all, honesty, in her business.

"Real estate is one of the biggest decisions you will ever make in your life," said Farny-Edwards. "Buying a house is stressful. I take pride in the fact that our team makes it less stressful for our clients.

"I grew up here. I've lived here almost all my life. I want to be known to be trustworthy and honest, and to have a smiling and helpful face. When I opened my office, I said I don't care if we are known to give out too much information. I would rather give people all the information I know about a house and let them make an educated decision. I don't want to walk down the street in my hometown and have people hate me because they bought a house they don't like.

"I feel like we get a lot of repeat business because of that. There are lots of houses we've sold three or four times. There are only so many houses here and you want people to think of you positively. That's very important to me."

Farny-Edwards is no stranger to successful businesses in Carmi. She ran Nik's Ivy Company for a decade. She later worked with her husband, Brent, who she calls "the hardest working man I've ever known in my life."

Rick Davis approached Farny-Edwards about getting her real estate license and working for him, which she did for almost two years. Following that experience and a stint with Century 21, Farny-Edwards opened her own business in Carmi in 2009.

Her five-person staff at the time of her opening is the same as it is today: Amber Ackerman, Steve Nelson, Shirley Biggerstaff, Angie French and Linda Carter.

"Loyalty is very big for me," said Farny-Edwards. "When I started this, these people all believed in me and they're all still with me today. I think we have a great team. Everyone has each other's back." (continues on page 2...)

Next Board

Meeting

4:30 p.m.

November 12

City Council
Chambers



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Farny-Edwards had been restoring houses with her mother-in-law, Niece Edwards, before opening her own business (and continued to do so after starting it). Her original office, located on Robinson Street, was a house that she had helped restore.

"I love going in, looking at houses and figuring out how you can change things up to make it unique," said Farny-Edwards. "When you go into an older house, you usually have to re-think the way it's laid out because it doesn't fit today's needs. That is something I have the ability to do and I enjoy."

In 2014, NFE Realty moved to its current location at 203 E. Cherry Street.

"I thought we had a great location before, but this is just phenomenal," said Farny-Edwards. "We have tons of traffic here and this is such a neat, old building. I love it here.

"Barb Fiala had run a very successful beauty shop in this building for 30 years. I thought it was cool that another woman-owned business moved in here."

NFE Realty has its own website, nferealty.com, and also features its listings on national websites trulia.com and zillow.com.

Farny-Edwards can be reached at 618-384-1185, Ackerman at 618-384-1181, French at 618-978-8333, Carter at 618-383-2905, Biggerstaff at 618-383-1427 and Nelson at 618-384-8310.

Or you may e-mail NFE Realty at nferealty@live.com.



Nikki Farny Edwards
(photo provided)



Steve Nelson
(photo provided)



Shirley Biggerstaff
(photo provided)



Linda Carter
(photo provided)



Amber Ackerman
(photo provided)



Angie French Woolsey
(photo provided)

PROPERTIES AVAILABLE FROM NFE REALTY



209 Daras Drive (photo provided)



1603 Sunset (photo provided)



610 Montgomery Circle
(photo provided)



213 W Cherry Street
(photo provided)



1602 Hillcrest
(photo provided)



315 Third Street
(photo provided)



408 Jennifer
(photo provided)

From the Desk of the Executive Director...



Holly Healy

Executive

Director

November is a month in which many give thanks. For me, that is no different. As the Chamber's Annual Dinner has wrapped up and It's a White County Christmas is coming (fast and furious, I might add), there are a number of people I need to thank..

I appreciate the efforts of Chamber Board of Directors for the willingness to help set up and tear down the Annual Dinner. We also appreciate First Christian Church for allowing us to again use their facility.

It's a White County Christmas begins on Saturday with the Miss Merry Christmas Pageant. Emily Williams directs the pageant and puts in a lot of hard work to make sure it is an enjoyable evening for those participating. Thank you, Emily. Also, thank you to the school for allowing use of the facility.

The Southern Illinois Pastoral Counseling Center is holding a Gospel Sing on November 8. Thank you for adding this to our Christmas schedule.

Amy McCarty is heading up a Gingerbread House Workshop on November 19 at the U of I Extension office. Registration is required to participate. Thanks, Amy.

On November 20, 21, 27 and 28 some of our merchants are participating in a Holiday Shopping Stroll by offering specials and prize drawings at their place of business. Thank you to those that are participating. (Specifics are listed later in this newsletter.)

On November 20, the Carmi Rotary Club is hosting a Chili Supper. Thank you for allowing us to add this to the Christmas schedule.

Kendra Carter is putting together craft shows on November 21 and December 12. Thank you for your efforts, Kendra.

The Wabash Chapter DAR is once again hosting the Festival on Trees on November 21. Thank you for your continued support of It's a White County Christmas with this event.

November 21 the Reindeer Run will once again be held to support Jefferson School. We appreciate the school staff and First Bank putting this event together. If you have not registered, please do so to support the students at Jefferson School.

The White County Senior Citizens are holding a Soup Luncheon on November 21. Thank you for allowing us to add this to the Christmas schedule.

The White County Historical Society will be opening their museums on November 28. Thank you for your efforts to help bring folks downtown by opening the museums.

November 28 will be our lighted parade and tree lighting. This would not be possible without Mayor Pollard and the City employees helping to decorate and manage traffic during the parade. We also appreciate all those planning to enter the parade. (There is still time to enter.)

I've also had a chance to speak with Santa about It's a White County Christmas. We appreciate all he does to bring Christmas cheer to Carmi. (I also hear Joey the Elf may make an appearance again this year.)

To our sponsors, thank you. Without your generous support, It's a White County Christmas would not be possible.

-Holly

Highlights from the Chamber's 71st Annual Dinner...



2015 Citizen of the Year, Jack Martin (center), with Chamber Vice President Caleb Hughes (left) and Chamber President Andy Acord (right).



Mayor Jeff Pollard accepts the 2015 Large Business of the Year Award on behalf of the City of Carmi, presented by Chamber Past President Debbie Hoskins.



Dr. Jim Zieren of the Carmi Veterinary Clinic accepted the 2015 Small Business of the Year Award from Chamber Past President Debbie Hoskins.

Continued highlights from the Chamber's 71st Annual Dinner...



Dr. Clint Taylor (left) was honored for his years of service to the Carmi Chamber of Commerce. Presenting the plaque were Chamber Past President Debbie Hoskins and President Andy Acord.



Craig Lindvahl of the Midland Institute spoke to the audience about the CEO Program coming to White County in the fall of 2016.



Citizen of the Year Jack Martin in the 2015 Corn Day parade. Jack was driven by Chamber President Andy Acord.

White County Historical Society to Hold Past Perfect Rummage Sale

The White County Historical Society needs your help! Maintaining the four museums for which there has never been an admittance change is costly. Because there is no other means of supporting the county's museums except through membership dues and donations, we are appealing to the public to help secure the future of your museums. The Society will hold a Past Perfect Rummage Sale on Friday, November 20th from 7am—6pm and Saturday, November 21 from 7am to Noon at the Farm Bureau Building. We are requesting items to be sold as well as your patronage at the sale.

We are looking for quality items in good condition.

Here are the type of items we wish to include in the sale: household, books, decorative, tools, jewelry, seasonal, furniture, games, dolls, glassware, artwork, yard/garden, sporting goods, musical instruments, luggage, vintage/antique, and, of course, unique one-of-a-kind.

Please consider the Society's sale when cleaning out attics, closets, or basements. They might reveal treasures you forgot about and don't want or can't use anymore.

There are items we can't accept: clothing, broken or soiled items, items that have been recalled or contain hazardous materials, large appliances, antiquated computers, cribs, car seats, used stuffed animals, mattresses, and sofa beds. The Historical Society reserves the right to refuse any donation.

The sale of your donated items will contribute to funding programs like the 2nd grad tea parties and supporting the ongoing maintenance of the L. Haas Museum, the Ratcliff Inn, the Robinson-Steward House and the Matsel Cabin.

Drop off day is Wednesday, November 18th from 10am to 4pm at the Farm Bureau Building (side door).

Thank you so much for helping us preserve our local history.

-submitted by The White County Historical Society.

Carmi Rotary Club Chili Supper

November 20, 2015

5-7pm

Carmi American Legion

\$6 per person

Escapes Travel and Cruises Offering Escorted Alaskan Cruise

JOIN US! Join Michelle Winters & Escapes Travel & Cruises on an ESCORTED group cruise on a 7 Night Alaska Inside Passage with Glacier Bay Cruise from June 11-18, 2016 on the Crown Princess.

Itinerary:

June 11 - Seattle, WA

June 12 - At Sea

June 13 – Juneau

June 14 – Skagway

June 15 - Cruising through Glacier Bay National Park

June 16 – Ketchikan

June 17 - Victoria, BC

June 18 - Seattle, WA

We will fly into Seattle on June 10 to do some sightseeing and spend the night. We will fly home on June 18. You can extend your stay before or after your cruise if you like.

Passports are NOT required but recommended. Payment plans are available through March 28, 2016!

Sample prices based on double occupancy: As of Oct. 16, 2016 - For 2 people per cabin, the inside rooms (no windows) prices start at \$999 per person, obstructed ocean view rooms start at \$1049 per person, unobstructed ocean view rooms start at \$1349 per person, balconies start at \$1799 per person and suites with balconies start at \$2149 per person.

Sample prices: As of Oct. 16, 2016 – For 4 people per cabin, the inside rooms (no windows) prices start at \$3922, obstructed ocean view rooms start at \$4348, unobstructed ocean view rooms start at \$5364, balconies start at \$6528 and suites with balconies start at \$7418. The prices for 4 are total for 4 people with tax.

Taxes and port charges are approximately \$219 per person. Gratuities, optional travel insurance, shore excursions and flights are additional.

Contact Michelle Winters at 618-382-2465 at Escapes Travel & Cruises for pricing and availability.



Princess Alaska Ship. (Photo provided.)

KATHY TAYLOR, FNP JOINS HAMILTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL CARMi FAMILY CLINIC

Hamilton Memorial Hospital is pleased to welcome long-time local family nurse practitioner, Kathy Taylor to the Hamilton Memorial Hospital Carmi Family Clinic.

“Kathy is a long-tenured, proven leader in the medical community who is known for her dedication and compassionate care. Kathy, along with Wes Henson, FNP in our Hamilton Memorial Hospital Carmi Family Clinic provide the kind of care we want to be known for in White county – quality care, when and where patients need it – close to home,” said Greg Sims, Hamilton Memorial Hospital CEO.

Kathy Taylor brings thirty-five years of medical experience in White County to the Hamilton Memorial Hospital Carmi Family Clinic.

Her new office is located at 1112 Oak Street in Carmi. Office hours will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments can be made by calling 618.382.5030.

Kathy Taylor, FNP joins Hamilton Memorial Hospital Carmi Family Clinic medical provider Wes Henson, FNP.

For more information about Hamilton Memorial Hospital and Family Clinics, visit hmhospital.org.



Kathy Taylor, FNP and Wes Henson, FNP. (Photo provided.)

It's A White County Christmas Gift Show
When: November 28, 2015 Time: 9am to 3pm
Where: Washington Attendance Center 205 W Main St Carmi, IL 62821

Vendor List:

Doterra	Pam's Creative Creations	Alyson's Knit-n-Stitch	Advocare
Hippie Hill	Toka Chance Designs	Haleigh Claire's Cupcakery	Pink Zebra
Soentsy	Touchstone Crystal by Swarovski	M&M Wooden Flowers	Tupperware
Origami Owl	Winter's Custom Boards	You Go Girl Charms	Nonwax
Paparazzi	Deco Mesh Wreaths	Laced N Grace	Twisted Metalz
Nenum	Chick-A-Dee Designs	Jeunesse	Barbie's Candies
Pat's Primitives	Pampered Chef	Pipesology	Perfectly Posh
Patsy's Crafts	The Hairbow Factory	Mary Kay	Cafe Rose
Crafty Corner	Dove Chocolate	Stampen Up	Just Ducky
JamBerry	Magnolias and Vine	Fuller Brush	Thirty One
Lula Rae Clothing Line		Poona Gift Primitives	

Many more gift items to be added.

This show supports our LOCAL White County Shop with a Cop Program.

CALL FOR DISTINGUISHED HEALTHCARE PROVIDER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

Each year at its Annual Foundation Dinner, the Hamilton Memorial Hospital District Foundation recognizes an individual - living or deceased, or group who has made an outstanding contribution to the health and welfare of residents of our area by presenting the Distinguished Healthcare Provider of the Year Award.

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2015 award which will be presented at the Foundation's 16th Annual Foundation Dinner to be held on Saturday, November 21 at the Hamilton County Senior High School.

Selection of the Distinguished Healthcare Provider of the Year is based on the nominee's contribution to the better health and improved quality of life for patients and the local area as a whole, and/or for the advancement of public understanding and appreciation for the quality of healthcare in our area.

"Our area is blessed to have had so many individuals who have dedicated their life to caring for their friends, neighbors and fellow residents" said Greg Sims, Hamilton Memorial Hospital CEO. "When you look at the sacrifices these individuals have made and the years they have served Hamilton County and the surrounding area, it is compelling. This award is a way to thank them for their commitment to making our area a healthier place to live," added Sims.

Past recipients of the award are: Evelyn Barker, R.N.; Donald Mitchell, M.D.; Founding Members of Hamilton Memorial Hospital District's Board of Directors; K.T. Murugappan, M.D.; Hamilton Memorial Hospital District Auxiliary; Ildefonso Tomaneng, M.D.; Alec Hood, M.D.; Asuncion Cope, M.D.; A.C. Tobey, M.D.; Brother Bud Sefried; Ruth Adams, R.N.; June Smith, R.N.; Trade Industries; and Mike Harre, Harre Ambulance.

Nomination forms are available on the Hamilton Memorial Hospital website www.hmhospital.org under the "News" tab and at the hospital front desk.

Completed nomination forms must be received by November 6, 2015.

For more information, contact Victoria Woodrow, Hamilton Memorial Hospital Director of Marketing, PR, & Foundation at 618.643.5863 or vwoodrow@hmhospital.org.

Storefront Window Contest Announced

White County business owners are encouraged to decorate their storefronts as part of the It's a White County Christmas celebration. A traveling trophy will be awarded to the business owner whose storefront window which best depicts the "Memories of Christmas Past" contest theme. Entry forms are available from the Carmi Chamber of Commerce, or by visiting www.whitecountychristmas.com, and are due by November 14. Judging will take place November 16.



For more information or to enter, one may contact Carmi Chamber of Commerce at 382-7606 or via e-mail at chamber@cityofcarmi.com. It's a White County Christmas is produced by the Carmi Chamber of Commerce and brought to you in part by Geo. N. Mitchell Drilling Company, Inc.

FIRST MID INSURANCE GROUP'S CLAY DEAN ELECTED TO THE AMERICAN BANKERS INSURANCE ASSOCIATION BOARD



Clay Dean. (Photo provided.)

Clay Dean, Chief Executive Officer of the First Mid Insurance Group, was recently elected to The American Bankers Insurance Association Board of Directors during the association's annual conference.

Dean joined First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust in 2010 as Senior Vice President, Business Development, later moving into the role of Senior Vice President, Chief Deposit Services Officer. In 2014 Dean was named Chief Executive Officer of First Mid Insurance Group. He obtained a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois and a master's degree from Yale University. Dean is currently a trustee of the Mattoon Public Library and serves on the Board of Directors of the Mattoon Area Community Foundation.

The American Bankers Insurance Association (ABIA), located in Washington D.C., is a subsidiary of the American Bankers Association and is the leading trade association for banks selling insurance products and services. ABIA leverages the resources of ABA as well as its own expertise to ensure member banks of all sizes receive the most current information and proven bank-insurance solutions.

About First Mid-Illinois Bancshares, Inc.: First Mid-Illinois Bancshares, Inc. is the parent company of First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust, N.A., Mid-Illinois Data Services, Inc., and First Mid Insurance Group.

Taylor Eye Care Breaks Ground on New Facility



Dr. Taylor and staff break ground for their new facility. (Photo provided.)

The landscape at Carmi's newest business park is getting ready to change. Taylor Eye Care had their official ground breaking ceremony on October 19th at the site of their new office on Falcon Avenue. The 4,800 square foot state of the art facility will be located next to Gillard's True Value, and will soon be flanked by the Taco Factory restaurant on the other side. "Our new building will make it much more comfortable for both our patients and our staff," said Dr. Clint Taylor, optometrist. "We'll have better parking, more room for equipment, and a bigger, more modern frame room. We hope these changes allow us to further our goal, which is to provide the best eye care in the region."

On hand for the ground breaking ceremony were Taylor, Holly Healy representing the Carmi Chamber of Commerce, Jack Martin with First-Mid Illinois Bank, Tony Probst with Wohltman Construction, Mayor Jeff Pollard, City Supervisor Mike Buckman, and Taylor Eye Care staff members Amy Craig, Glenda Holmes, Heather Stubblefield, LeAnn Rogers, and Joanie Oliver.

Bicentennial Trees Arrive

When Carmi's Bicentennial Committee was looking into ways to celebrate the city's 200th birthday, the committee decided they wanted to leave a lasting gift to the city that would help to beautify Carmi. One way in which the committee attempted to reach that goal was by facilitating the planting of 200 specially designated trees. The trees, which consisted of sugar maple, white oak, bald cypress, tulip poplar, and eastern red bud, were picked up by their buyers on October 17th. They will eventually be planted in both residential and public spaces in and around Carmi.



Demonstration planting during tree pick-up.
(Photo Credit: Art Saunders.)

As trees were being picked up on October 17th, the tree committee participated in a demonstration planting of a tulip poplar tree at the White

County Fairgrounds. Jennifer Behnken,

an arborist, gave a short presentation on tree planting and demonstrated the proper techniques as the poplar was planted.



Members of the Bicentennial Tree Committee.
(Photo provided.)

The Bicentennial Tree Committee consisted of Thys Bax, Dorothy Garrett, Don Garrett, Bart King, Jarrod Newell, Denton Aud, Tim Roser, Art Saunders, Alan Saunders, Becky Stanley, Holly Healy, Jeremy Jordan, and Clint Taylor. The committee would like to thank the Carmi Chamber of Commerce, the White County Fair Board, the Boy Scouts, WRUL/WROY, the Carmi Times, Carmi-White County High School, and Jennifer Behnken for their cooperation and assistance with this program.

Gingerbread House Decorating Contest Announced

The Carmi Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce this year's Gingerbread House Decorating Contest as part of It's a White County Christmas. The contest is open to any resident of White County. Individuals or groups may enter. Entries must be turned in from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, November 20 at the Chamber of Commerce office, located at 225 E Main Street in Carmi. Entry forms are available online at www.whitecountychristmas.com or by calling the Chamber office at 382-2662.

There are six divisions for individual entries: made from scratch, age 13 and older; made from kit, age 8 and under, age 9-13, age 14-17 and age 18 and up. There is also a division for entries made by a family. Winners in each category will receive Carmi Dollars.



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Elastec Beach Bouncer Boom Keeps Sargassum at Bay

Sargassum, a brown, stinky seaweed, is invading resorts and private beaches in the Caribbean, Mexico and Florida. This floating aquatic plant, also known as gulfweed or sea holly, is drifting up from the Sargasso Sea in ocean currents, and while it provides shelter for many forms of marine life, it has become a nightmare for the tourism industry.

The brown sargassum washes up on the shore and piles up, sometimes as high as 3 to 4 feet. This is normally a seasonal problem, but the longer length of the season and warmer gulf waters are increasing the amount of seaweed collecting on beaches. Once this invasive aquatic plant reaches the beach, it begins to decompose, emitting a dreadful odor.

Cleaning the sargassum from the beach is costly and disruptive to the tourism industry and to nesting sea turtles. From 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., noisy dump trucks haul the smelly sargassum from the resorts in an effort to clean the beaches for the next day's beach-goers. Removing the sargassum from the beaches is a constant battle. The situation is resulting in unhappy tourists and devastated resort owners due to cancellations.

Elastec's Duane Bennish Develops a Solution – ELASTEC Beach Bouncer Boom

Duane Bennish, Elastec Floating Barrier Division Sales Manager in Cocoa, Florida, visited properties in the Dominican Republic and Antigua to determine how Elastec could help solve the sargassum problem.

His solution – the ELASTEC Beach Bouncer - a new barrier designed specifically to deflect the sargassum and other floating debris from the beaches and direct it in the water where currents can carry it away.

The royal blue, heavy-duty polyvinyl chloride (PVC) floating barrier has a 3 ft. (0.9 m) mesh skirt hanging from a 12 in (0.3 m) float. The ELASTEC Beach Bouncer is available in 100 ft. (30 m) sections with an anchoring system included.

According to Bennish, "Elastec's Cocoa group engineered and produced the Beach Bouncer in a little over a week to quickly respond to this mounting invasion - just in time for this year's tourism season. Nothing gets past the Beach Bouncer!"

To learn more about the new ELASTEC Beach Bouncer barrier, contact Duane Bennish at dbennish@elastec.com, 618.382.2525 or visit www.beachbouncer.com.

CRHPC Carmi Health Center has openings for a Receptionist and a CMA, RMA, LPN or RN at CRHPC - Carmi Health Center. Both positions are full time and include benefits. Employment applications may be picked up at the location or by going online at www.crhpc.org. Completed applications need to be returned to HR at CRHPC, PO Box 155, Christopher, IL 62822 or by fax to (618) 724-1705.

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Lighted Christmas Parade Entries Needed

Parade entries are needed for this year's It's A White County Christmas Lighted Parade, set for Saturday, November 28 at 6:00 p.m.

This year's theme is "Memories of Christmas Past;" however those entering the parade may do what they want, whether that is a float, vehicle or a walking unit, it will be accepted. The Chamber encourages all businesses, churches, youth organizations and schools to join the fun and help celebrate the holiday.

The top two entries will receive a prize of Carmi Dollars. The entries do not have to be elaborate and only have one rule to follow: no Santa, as Santa Claus will arrive on the Children's Train, which has been a part of the Carmi celebration for a number of years. For the safety of those watching the parade, especially children, the throwing of candy from moving vehicles will not be permitted.

Entry forms will be sent to a number of local businesses and past participants, but anyone not receiving a form can call the chamber office at 382-7606 to sign up for the parade. One may also register by e-mail at Chamber@cityofcarmi.com or entry forms may be found at www.whitecountychristmas.com. Once the entries are received, the chamber will notify the participants of their spot in the parade line.

The It's A White County Christmas Lighted Parade will begin at 6pm, with the line-up to begin at 5 p.m. on November 28 at the First Baptist Church parking lot. The parade will exit the parking lot through the alley onto Oak Street and then onto Third Street, where it will proceed to Stewart Street and make a right turn to Church Street and then left onto Cherry Street. The parade will proceed down Cherry Street to Main Cross, where it will turn south (right) and conclude at Veteran's Memorial Park.

The Tree Lighting will be held immediately following the parade. Santa will then visit with the children at his house which will be located on Main Cross Street. This will be the first of many weekends through December that Santa will be taking orders from the children.

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Schedule of Events

November 7

Miss White County Christmas Pageant
Baby and Tiny Miss—1pm
Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss— 6pm
CWCHS

November 8

Southern Illinois Pastoral Counseling Center Gospel
Sing— 3:00 pm
First United Methodist Church

November 20

Holiday Shopping Stroll

Rotary Chili Supper, American Legion, 5-7pm

Gingerbread House Drop off— 9am-2pm Chamber Of-
fice

November 21

Reindeer Run- 10 am

Wabash Chapter DAR Festival of Trees—9am—3pm
First –Mid Illinois Bank and Trust Community Room

White County Senior Citizens Center Soup Lunch
11am—1pm

Holiday Shopping Stroll

November 27

Holiday Shopping Stroll

November 28

Small Business Saturday Holiday Shopping Stroll

White County Historical Society Museums Open

Craft and Vendor Show at Washington School Gym

Lighted Christmas Parade at 6pm with Tree Lighting
to follow at Veteran's Park

December 4-6

Bethlehem Revisited at First Christian Church
Fccarmi.com for more information

December 5

Breakfast with Santa, 7-10am, Carmi American Legion
(Santa arrives at 8am)

25th Annual Emmanuel Church Cookie Sale, 9am–
Noon

December 10

HoHo Radio, 6-8pm on WRUL

December 12

Christmas Story Hour with Santa as a Special Guest
at the Carmi Public Library—1:00 pm

Craft and Vendor Show at the Floral Hall

December 19

Carmi League of Arts presents *The Littlest Angel*,
2:30 pm and 6:30 pm
CWCHS

January 9, 2016

Carmi Chamber of Commerce Bicentennial
Winter Gala featuring the sounds of Rob
Endicott

Santa will be in his house in Veterans Park from 2-5pm on November 29, December 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 and 20.
December 22 Santa will be in his house from 6-9pm.



Holiday Shopping Stroll Participants (as of press time)

Please visit the individual stores to register for their drawings and take advantage of specials!

Merle Norman Cosmetics and Boutique

Nov. 20-21 Register to win a Byers Choice Gingerbread House

Nov. 27-28 Register to win an Erin London Jacket

The Courtyard

Nov. 20-21- Register to win a Willow Tree Nativity

Christmas Ornaments Buy 3, get the 4th Free!

Refreshments available

H.D. Bean Jewelers

Nov. 20, 21, 27 and 28- Register to win a Firefly necklace and earrings

(\$300 value)!

Logo Graphics

Register to win a tree skirt and two stockings!

U OF I EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS THROUGH DECEMBER 1st

Area garden enthusiasts and garden club members can receive intensive horticulture training in exchange for volunteer hours through University of Illinois Extension's Master Gardener program. This program is looking for individuals who not only love gardening and landscaping but who also enjoy sharing their gardening expertise with others.

Participants get more than 60 hours of in-depth instruction on such topics as soils; botany; insect and disease management; flowers, trees, shrubs and other ornamentals; fruit and vegetable production; turf grass; basic landscaping and a range of other topics.

An internship of 60 hours of volunteer, horticulture-related, service to our local neighbors and communities for U of I Extension completes the training requirements. Volunteer hours may involve such projects as design and operation of local demonstration gardens, school gardens, answering requests for lawn and garden information at the local Extension office, or working with children or the elderly at Extension sponsored events.

The Master Gardener training will be held at the White Co Extension Office in Carmi, IL on Tuesdays, January 26th through April 5th, and classes will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Those interested in participating in this program may apply anytime from now until December 1, 2015. Applications may be downloaded from our website or picked up at any of the local Extension offices. The registration fee for this program is \$225, which includes a copy of the Illinois Master Gardener manual and attendance to the training classes. Scholarships for reimbursement of a portion of the program fee will be available to the first ten participants upon successful completion of the course.

For more details, contact Bronwyn Aly in the White County Extension Office at 618-382-2662. You may also visit our website at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/ghhpsw/>.

If you need disability accommodations to participate in this program, please indicate when registering.



Master Gardener Training Offered in Carmi



Master Gardener training will be held once a week from January thru April at the White Co. Extension Office in Carmi. Classes will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Those interested in participating in this program may apply anytime from now until December 1, 2015. Applications may be downloaded from our website or picked up at any of the local Extension offices. The registration fee for this program is \$225, which includes a copy of the Illinois Master Gardener manual and attendance to the training classes. Scholarships for reimbursement of a portion of the program fee will be available to the first ten participants upon successful completion of the course.

“Helping Others Learn to Grow”

The objectives of the Master Gardener program are to:

- Expand the capacity of the University of Illinois Extension Service to distribute horticultural information to individuals and groups in local communities
- Develop and enhance community programs related to horticulture. These programs are educational in nature and may involve environmental improvements, horticultural therapy projects, community and school gardening projects, or other programs determined by local need.
- Develop the leadership potential of Master Gardener volunteers through a volunteer administrative network designed to assist Extension staff in managing local Master Gardener activities and programs.



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If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact our office at least two weeks prior to the event.
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Reindeer Relay & 5k

First Bank is teaming up with Jefferson School staff & supporters to host the Reindeer Relay and 5K as part of "It's a White County Christmas."

Saturday, Nov. 21 at 10 AM



Relay 5k
Teams of three OR Individual 5k



Great prizes will be awarded!

- Top male relay team
- Top female relay team
- Top coed relay team
- Top relay team in three age categories
- Top male runner
- Top female runner
- Top two males and females in the seven age categories.

Entry Fee

ADULT pre-registration=\$20per person YOUTH (13 & under) pre-registration=\$15 per person
ALL AGE GROUPS REGISTRATION ON RACE DAY=\$25 per person
Each participant will receive a long sleeve commemorative t-shirt.

Packet Pickup

Friday, Nov. 20 at First Bank from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM or on the 21st from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM

All proceeds will benefit students at Carmi-White County Jefferson Attendance Center.

Sponsored by



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Wear your best Christmas attire
to be eligible to win a prize!



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2015

- November 7– Miss Merry Christmas Pageant
- November 8– Southern Illinois Pastoral Counseling Center Gospel Sing
- November 11– Veterans Day
- November 20– Rotary Chili Supper
- November 20-22– *The Little Mermaid* presented by CWCHS
- November 21– Reindeer Run
- November 21– Festival of Trees
- November 21– White County Senior Citizen Soup Luncheon
- November 26– Happy Thanksgiving!
- November 28– Small Business Saturday
- November 28– Lighted Christmas Parade, 6pm
- December 2– December Newsletter Deadline



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