

Riding on a roller coaster



Delphi Community High School physics teacher Patty Mason challenged her students to build a roller coaster. They took her up on that challenge and constructed coasters of wood, plastic tubing, cardboard, tomato cages, funnels, and odds and ends. The goal was to construct them in such a way that a marble would take exactly 13.0 seconds to make the trip. Sara Strasser, left, and Stephanie Turner, right, built The Black Widow out of tomato cages and plastic tubing. They had a successful run, as did The 13 Second Thriller, The Terrifying Treacherous Tornado Twirl, and three others. Mason said she initiated the 10-week project as a substitute for the Argon Lab contest that her class normally enters. Comet photo by Dee Dellenbach

Delphi Pony Express thump Frankfort

The Delphi Pony Express baseball team beat Frankfort's Gray team 18-0 in five innings. Winning pitcher Tanner Cripe had 10 strikeouts and one walk.

Leading the way in batting, Braden Atwood was 2 of 3 with 3 RBIs, Neil Snoeberger was also 2 of 3 with 4 RBIs. Kris Bender was 2 of 4, 1 RBI and Andrew Burton went 2 for 2.

Purdue recruit played for Baker

Keaton Grant, Purdue men's basketball's new recruit from Kissimmee, Fla., has a Carroll County connection. His high school coach at Gateway High School was Bob Baker, a 1968 graduate of Carroll High School.

Grant, 6'3", was a four-year starter for Baker, averaging 24

points his senior year. Grant graduated from high school in 2005 and spent the 2005-06 season at Bridgton Academy prep school in Maine. He averaged 17 points per game at Bridgton's point guard position and will have freshman eligibility after spending one year at the prep school.

Business Briefs

GARY QUINN, owner of Loy Quinn Inc., announces that he is expanding his roofing and siding business by opening a Lafayette branch office and warehouse. The new location will be at 1905 S. 4th St., across from Mary-Lou Donut.

He will continue to maintain the local office on S. Washington Street in Delphi.

Arthur is regional Coca-Cola scholar

Rachel Arthur of Bringham, a senior at Carroll High School, has been awarded a \$10,000 Regional Coca-Cola Scholarship for college.



The Coca-Cola Arthur Scholars Foundation increased the regional scholarship award to \$10,000 (\$2,500 a year for four years), up from \$4,000 earlier this year, but kept the news a surprise until Scholars Weekend in April.

The Coca-Cola scholarship program is one of the largest corporate-sponsored, achievement-based scholarship programs of its kind in the United States. The program recognizes a diverse group of extraordinary high school seniors who have demonstrated academic and civic excellence in their schools and communities.

The regional scholarships are supported by the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Kokomo and The Coca-Cola Company.

"Rachel Arthur has shown a solid commitment to educational excellence, leadership and service to the school and community," said Sandy Williams, chairman of the board of the Coca-Cola Scholars

Foundation.

Arthur joined 249 of America's most impressive high school students who competed for the 50 national scholarships of \$20,000 and 200 regional scholarships of \$10,000 during Scholars Weekend, held April 6-9 in Atlanta, Ga.

Scholars were chosen from an initial applicant pool of more than 50,000, representing approximately 23,000 high schools nationwide. The 2006 class interviewed with a National Selection Committee representing education, business, government, and arts leaders from across the country. The committee evaluated the scholars on their academic achievements, school and community leadership, and their desire to succeed.

During the Scholars Weekend, members of the 2006 class were recognized at a banquet held in their honor. The students participated in leadership and environmental stewardship seminars. They visited the new Georgia Aquarium, the World of Coca-Cola, and the Martin Luther King Jr. Center.

Additionally, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation has a partnership with the Corporation for National Service which provides an additional \$500 to high school juniors and seniors through the Presidential Freedom Scholarship

Program. This program rewards and encourages activities that have a significant impact in meeting local community needs. The students must have contributed at least 100 hours of community service during the last year.

Boy Scouts

Delphi Troop 3165

Delphi Cub Scout Troop 3165 visited the *Carroll County Comet* office at Flora Monday afternoon to learn how a newspaper is put together. They were working on their requirements for their Tiger Cub badge.

Scouts present were Blake Ragan, Adam Humbarger, Michael Ness, Trace Mellady, John Michael Beale and Damon Blankenship. They were accompanied by Brooke Beale, Emily Humbarger, Genevieve Ness, and adults Paula Blankenship, Aimee Ness, Cheryl Helms, Mike Beale, Glenda Mellady, and Dee Humbarger.

Kill Weeds Without Compromising Corn Safety

There are many effective options for controlling broadleaf weeds in emerged corn. So when it comes time to choose which post herbicide to use, consider whether a herbicide's mode of action could potentially hurt corn stands.

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Ground is broken on new Cass County ethanol plant

Governor Mitch Daniels and The Andersons Inc. executives broke ground April 27 on a new 110-million gallon ethanol production facility at Clymers in Cass County.

The new facility involves approximately \$140 million in capital investment and creates 40-50 new production jobs. The plant will process 40 million bushels of corn each year—primarily sourced from Cass and surrounding counties.

"This is a major project for the company," said The Andersons President and CEO Mike Anderson. "The demand for ethanol is expected to increase from less than two billion gallons in 2002 to more than seven billion gallons by 2012. The Clymers ethanol plant will be strategically

located next to our existing grain facility with access to an abundant amount of corn, utilities and transportation infrastructure."

The Clymers plant is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2007 and will be the largest of its kind east of the Mississippi River.

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