



**Songwriter**  
Steven Arthur, who lives near Burlington, won this custom-made acoustic guitar in a scholarship competition for young songwriters. Photo provided

## Music's on his mind

By Jennifer Archibald  
Staff writer

Steven Arthur's passion is music. The 19-year-old just won a scholarship that will further that interest. As the winner of the Shirley Martin Scholarship for Young Songwriters, Arthur received a \$500 cash award and a custom-made acoustic guitar.

A 2005 graduate of Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School, Arthur said he will be making a pop/Christian rock CD this summer. With his scholarship money, he will buy an electric guitar to use in the recording process.

"I'm hoping to have at least 13 original songs on it," Arthur said. He and a college friend, Collin Obremski, plan to work together on the cover art.

Obremski produced Arthur's scholarship-winning song, "The Back of Your Mind," in his home studio. Arthur did the singing, the acoustic and electric guitar, and bass for the recording. Obremski did the piano, synthesizer, and drum programming. Arthur's younger sister, Rachel, sang the harmonies.

The scholarship is based on songwriting ability and includes such components as melody, chord structure, rhythm, and lyrics.

"The judging was on the song itself, but they said they liked the production, too. They said it sound-

ed pretty professional," Arthur said. He first wrote the song for last year's Carroll Talent Show.

"I only did acoustic for the Talent Show," Arthur said. For the scholarship competition, they added the extra instruments.

He describes the song as pop rock, and about relationships. He said it carries the message that a person always has a second or third chance to do better.

The three top winners in the competition were asked to perform their songs at the awards ceremony at the Tippecanoe Arts Federation in Lafayette. Arthur said a Lafayette radio station asked him to send a copy of his recording.

The Shirley Martin Scholarship is for songwriters between the ages of 14 and 19, who live in any of the following counties: Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Howard, Jasper, Montgomery, Newton, Pulaski, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Warren, or White. It is administered by the Songwriters Association of Mid-North Indiana.

Arthur also entered the contest last year and received second place.

He and Obremski are in a band together, called The Opening Project.

While music is big in his life, Arthur is also studying history education at Indiana University Kokomo.

## Parade entries sought for Camden Youth Day

The annual Jackson Township Youth Day Parade will be held in Camden on June 3. The theme is "Small Town...Big Fun," and will begin at 10 a.m. with line-up starting at 8:30 a.m.

The parade will be followed by

a day of activities, including boys' baseball and girls' softball, games, a bake sale, raffle and more.

Reservations for floats or other entries may be made by calling Jill Moudy at (574) 686-2277.

## Library

### Burlington

Burlington Community Library; located at 101 W. 7th Street, at the junction of SRs 29 and 22, across the street from The Scoop, is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 12-6 p.m.

Books will be sold during regular hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays or by appointment. Ask for Gina.

Visitors may help themselves to free coffee or tea, browse the library, use the Internet, read the Comet or a magazine, watch the news or let the kids watch a children's video.

Sign-up is underway for the summer reading program. Summer program will start June 8 and end in August. The reading travel adventure will be on Thursdays from 9:30-11 a.m. Help your children have an adventure. Mind travel via reading is safe, inexpensive, and healthy.

Volunteer Callout - The library will have a volunteer callout for the summer reading program on May 25 at 1 p.m. Plans are to hold a reading time where someone will read to the children, then follow with a craft and snack. The program is designed for preschoolers to those who will be entering the third grade in the fall.

Due to lack of interest, spring art classes have been cancelled. Anyone interested in taking art classes locally should contact the library.

Library staff is also interested in knowing what other events or classes patrons would like offered locally.

The library's back room is spacious with large tables and chairs that may be utilized for meetings or parties. A full size refrigerator is available for perishables for such occasions. Individuals and groups looking for an inexpensive place to hold a gathering, contract the library at 765-566-3166.

### Flora-Monroe Township

The library will be closed Saturday, May 27, and Monday, May 29, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Summer hours will begin on Tuesday, May 30. Summer hours will be Monday and Friday, noon to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Saturday Morning Book Club will meet on May 20 to discuss "Catch Me If You Can" by Frank Abagnale. The world's most sought-after con man wrote \$2.5 million in bad checks, practiced law without a license, practiced medicine with no medical training, and co-piloted a Pan Am jet with a fake license. "Catch Me If You Can" contains all of the elements of the most wildly imaginative fiction, except that Abagnale's exploits actually happened. Book Club meets this Saturday at 10 a.m.

Library Direct is a new home-bound service being offered by the library to patrons with limited mobility due to age or handicap. The service will also be able to serve patrons temporarily incapacitated by long-term illness or injury. All that

needs to be done is fill out an application that is available at the library. The service will then deliver library materials to the home on a bi-monthly basis. For more information, call the library at 967-3912 or email floralib@flora.lib.in.us. This is a free service made possible with a grant from the Carroll County Community Foundation.

The theme for next storytime is "Good Food to Eat." Fresh veggies in the garden, strawberry patches bursting with berries, and yummy stories to munch on at the library! Come to storytime on Tuesday morning at 10 a.m.

Call Dial-a-Story with your child to hear great stories 24 hours a day. This week's story is "The Hare and the Tortoise." On Friday the story changes to "The Titans." Call Dial-a-Story at 967-3814.

### Delphi Public

An exhibition of works created by students in Tuesday Afternoon Drawing Studio will hang in the Globe room through June 9. Students have created works in graphite, pen and ink, and colored pencil.

The Coffee Beat on May 20 will feature the music of Malachi Jagers. Coffee starts brewing around 6:30 with music at 7 p.m.

In Stiches will meet May 22 at 6:30 p.m. Quilters, knitters and crafters of all kinds are encouraged to join the fellowship, fun, food and conversation. Bring a work in progress and a snack to share. Evening Book Club meets May 24 at 7 p.m. to discuss "Ladder of Years" by Anne Tyler.

The i-Film Series 2006 continues with the showing of the Norwegian award-winning film, "Hawaii, Oslo" at 7 p.m. on May 25. The public is invited to this free showing and refreshments and discussion will follow.

Book Club will meet at 9 a.m. on May 26 to review "We Are Our Mother's Daughters" by Cokie Roberts. The review will be given by Helen Hanna. Multiple copies of the title are available.

DPL's Stargazers Children's Theatre will have auditions for the summer production of "Annie Jr." on May 30 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Children in grades kindergarten through grade four should plan to audition from 8:30 to 9:30 and children grades five through eight should plan to come from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

This full length musical, adapted from the original Broadway production of "Annie," offers a musical score that is written for young voices. There are many parts for boys and girls alike. The musical will be staged at the Little Theatre on July 21-22. Rehearsals will be held at DPL. Call the library to sign up for auditions.

### Northwest Carroll

There will be no story hour in May. Summer Reading program begins in June. The library will have a kickoff pizza party on June 2. Call 965-2382 for more information.

## Business Briefs

The judges of Carroll Circuit Court and Carroll Superior Court recently agreed to the appointment of **NORM MILLER** to complete the remainder of the term of William Duff that

expired on May 1, on the Carroll County Public Defender Board. The judges appointed Miller to a new three-year term on the Public Defender Board, beginning May 1, 2006.

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