

Simmons is elected to FFA State Officer Team

Desiray Simmons 18, of Brighthurst, has been elected to serve as the Indiana FFA State Northern Region vice president. She was one of seven individuals elected by their peers to serve as the 2006-2007 Indiana FFA State Officer Team. A 2006 graduate of Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School, she is the daughter of Jeff and Michelle Simmons.

In her tenure as northern region vice president, Simmons will log more than 30,000 miles meeting with FFA members, agriculture teachers and FFA supporters, as well as top busi-

ness, government and education leaders from all over Indiana. Her responsibilities will include providing personal growth and leadership training for students, setting policies, and promoting agricultural literacy.

The Indiana FFA State Officer selection process is intense and includes a rigorous assessment of each candidate's years of academic and extracurricular accomplishments. They then submit an in-depth application to the state organization, detailing their accomplishments and contributions to the community, and complete an essay explaining why they wish to be elected to the position. Once at the convention, candidates participate in six rounds of interviews, take an in-depth written test on the organization and agricultural topics and

complete a writing exercise. A nominating committee, composed of six FFA members and three past state officers, recommends the slate of seven state officers for approval by the convention delegates.

Over the past four years of FFA membership, Simmons has been active on the chapter, district, state, and national level. She has served as chapter reporter and secretary. She also served as the Section II director during the 2005-2006 school year. She has attended several leadership conferences, including Summer Challenge, Premier Leadership Training, and the Leadership Development Workshop. She served as a counselor at both Foundations in Reaching Excellence, and Seeking Opportunities and

Achieving Results conferences.

She has attended national convention for three years, two of which she served on national courtesy corps. This past year she was chosen as one of nine national delegates to represent the State of Indiana.

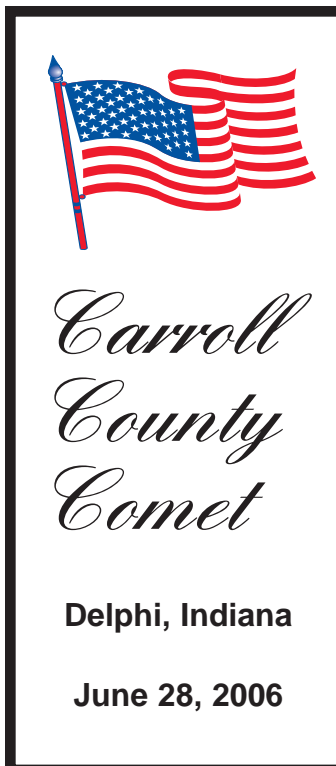
Simmons has participated in several career development events on the chapter, district, and state levels. She has participated in livestock and forestry judging and was a member of the state qualifying livestock judging team last year. She has also participated in Ag Issues Forum, Food Science Demonstration, Horticulture Demonstration, and Female Leadership Ambassador contests.

At the last state convention, she and Carroll FFA chapter member, Nicole Spesard, were

recognized as the state winner for their horticulture demonstration.

After serving the Indiana FFA organization and its members, Simmons will attend Purdue University and major in agriculture communications. She plans to pursue a career with a major business in the agricultural industry as their public relations director.

With more than 9,000 members, the Indiana FFA organization is committed to supporting the future of agriculture. Through agricultural education and the FFA, students are able to develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success. To contact Simmons at the Indiana FFA Leadership Center, e-mail inffanrvp@yahoo.com.



Awards presented to DCHS athletes

Special awards have been presented to athletes participating in spring sports at Delphi Community High School. Those receiving awards were:

BOYS' TRACK

Most Valuable - Jon Clear, track athlete; Josh Shoemaker, sprinter; Tom Walton, distance; Micah Johnston, field event athlete.

Most Improved - Nicholi Kauffman.

Mental Attitude - Zach Schnepf.

Sportsmanship - Micah Johnston.

GIRLS' TRACK

Most Valuable - Hali German, track athlete; Brianna Stauffer,

sprinter; Keltie Lake, distance; Katie Beach, field event athlete.

Most Improved - Olivia George and Alisha Myers.

Mental Attitude - Kari Lake.

Sportsmanship - Kari Lake.

GIRLS' TENNIS

Most Valuable - Jade Richardson.

Most Improved - Jacquelynn Richardson.

Mental Attitude - Haley Richardson.

Sportsmanship - Amy Linn.

GIRLS' VARSITY SOFTBALL

Most Valuable - Ashley Brodar.

Batting Award - Allison Cook.

Most Improved - Kayla Yates.

Mental Attitude - Allison Cook.

Highest on Base Percentage Award - Alyssa Lewis.

Senior Award - Kirsty Flora.

Sportsmanship - Smanatha Grimes.

GIRLS' JV SOFTBALL

Most Valuable - Brittany Atwood.

Steals/On Base Percentage Award - Aspen Wallace.

Mental Attitude - Morgan Lavy.

Most Improved - Jana Back.

Sportsmanship - Leslie Kayser.

BOYS' VARSITY BASEBALL

Most Valuable - Scott Brothers and Brock Zarse.

Highest Average : Scott Brothers.

Golden Glove - Corbin Beamer.

Most Wins - Scott Brothers and Kyle Bender.

Mental Attitude - Quincy Cunningham.

Sportsmanship - Kory Banes.

BOYS' JV BASEBALL

Most Valuable - Dustin Oliver.

Highest Average - Coy Pennington.

Mental Attitude - Travis Yoakum.

Sportsmanship - Paul Zink.

BOYS' GOLF

Most Valuable - Scott Collins.

Most Improved - Cale Rader.

Sportsmanship - Miles Hodge.



1st place team

The Robert "Moose" Handlin Oracle Open was held June 17 with 96 golfers participating. Played in a scramble format, this was the first year of the tournament under its new name. First place winners pictured (l-r) are: Bryan Dunbar, Dwight "Muggs" Mitchell and Carey Dunbar. Not pictured is Paul Dunbar. Photo provided

Auto Express Pony finishes regular season strong

The Delphi Auto Express Pony baseball team finished regular season with a 13-4 record with wins over Camden 9-5 and Carroll Blue 6-4 before losing to Clinton Central.

Dustin Salyer picked up the win against Camden, allowing 2 runs on 3 hits with 5 strikeouts and a walk in 4 innings of play. Adam Cunningham pitched 2 innings, giving up 3 runs, 1 hit with 2 strikeouts and 3 walks. Kris Bender got the save, giving up 2 hits and a walk. Losing pitcher Tyler Willis gave up 9 runs on 10 hits, with 4 walks and 4 strikeouts in a complete game.

Neil Snoebeger had 2 doubles, a triple, 3 RBIs, and 3 runs. Salyer had 2 hits, an RBI and a run. Tanner Cripe had a double, an RBI and a run. Andrew Burton had a hit, an RBI and a run. For Camden, Trevor Perry had 2 hits and 2 RBIs, Caleb Bieghler had a hit and a run, Matt Brown a hit and a run, and Jason Stewart a hit and a run.

Against Carroll Blue, Cripe picked up the win, allowing 4 runs on 5 hits with 4 walks and 5 strikeouts. Snoebeger got the save allowing 1 hit, walking one and striking out 8. Snoebeger had 3 hits, 3 RBIs and a run,

Braden Atwood had a single, a double and an RBI, Zack Condon got a triple and an RBI and Kris Bender a hit and an RBI.

For Carroll, losing pitcher Travis Marvin gave up 6 runs on 9 hits with a walk and 5 strikeouts in a complete game. Drew Yoder had a single, a triple, and 2 runs, Jordan Brumbaugh 2 hits, 2 RBIs and a run, Marvin a hit and a run, and Steven Keith a hit.

In the third game of the week, Delphi lost to Clinton Central 11-7. Delphi committed 12 errors with all of Central's runs being unearned. Salyer gave up 4 hits

and had 2 strikeouts in 2 innings. Bender pitched 3 innings, allowed 2 hits with 3 walks and 3 strikeouts. Cripe pitched one inning, striking out one. Salyer had 2 hits, 2 runs and an RBI, Justin Snider had a hit, 2 RBIs and 2 runs, Neil Snoebeger 2 RBIs, and Andrew Burton a hit and a run.

The Hoosier Heartland tournament started this week with Camden at Delphi, with the winner playing Frankfort Blue at Frankfort, Carroll White at Clinton Central, and Carroll Blue hosting Rossville.



2nd place team

Fees and sponsorship proceeds from the Robert "Moose" Handlin Oracle Open tournament support the Delphi Community High School Athletic Department and the Moose Handlin Scholarship Fund. Justin Sieber won the \$500 savings bond in the drawing at the dinner. Second place winners pictured (l-r) are: Dick Kahler, Don Pearson, and Bill Michael. Not pictured is John Trent. Photo provided



SHELBY ALBAUGH of Flora was one of nine area students pursuing degrees in the medical field who will receive a scholarship from the Howard Regional Health System Foundation for use toward her school tuition next fall. Students will receive monies from the Maude Kelley Scholarship, a fund endowed in 1991 by local philanthropist Ed Kelley in memory of his late mother. Albaugh will attend Indiana University Kokomo and study radiology.

Students from this area who earned academic honors for the spring 2006 semester at Purdue University include:

Battle Ground: CASEY V. CAVANAUGH.

Camden: KARI L. CRIFE, WINTER D. JOHNSTON, KIRA A. LARIMORE.

Cutler: CHELSEA P. SMITH AND JUSTIN J. FIELDS.

Delphi: JOSEPH R. MAYFIELD, JONATHAN R. NEWELL, WHITNEY K. GEORGE, MARSHALL J. CRISWELL, JULIE A. REPLOGLE, ANNA R. FARIS, TIMOTHY A. PRITCHETT, TIMOTHY M. HARBECK, FRANK H. RODGERS, HILARY B. FASSNACHT, JESSICA L. THORNTON, CHAD A. DALE, AMY M. HEATH, WILLIAM L. FLORY, JUSTIN B. RESLER, REBECCA A. DILL, MATTHEW T. DILL, AARON N. ANDERSON, GREGORY L. WILSON.

Flora: KORY R. ROSS, ERIC M. BARNARD, RYAN J. HENSLEY, CLINTON W. KNAUS, SARA L. HENSLEY.

Frankfort: JOSEPH K. NEHWART.

Idaville: KEITH J. WELLS.

Lafayette: ARIEL N. MILLER, BETHANY A. DOLICK.

Rossville: DEDRA A. DYER, AMANDA J. PADGETT, BAYLEE N. DAVIS, DAVID C. BANKES, ANGELA K. BATTAGLINO, JULIE R. MILLER, TROY A. ROBESON, NATHAN A. MILLER, ASHLEY M. ANDERSON, JUSTIN G. CHITTICK, KATIE E. HILL.

Area students who were awarded degrees from Purdue University during commencement ceremonies last month, were:

STEFANIE L. SKILES, Frankfort, Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture.

JAYME L. MILLER, Rossville, Bachelor of Arts degree in education.

ALLEN N. JONES, Brighthurst, Bachelor of Science degree in forestry.

ADAM B. MINIER, Camden, Bachelor of Science degree in consumer and family sciences.

KARI L. CRIFE, Camden, Bachelor of Science degree in science.

MATTHEW E. DURBIN, Cutler, Bachelor of Science degree in building construction and contracts.

JAMES W. BLACK, Delphi, Bachelor of Science degree in organizational leadership and supervision.

NICOLE J. COX, Delphi, Master of Science degree in agricultural engineering.

JUSTIN B. RESLER, Delphi, Bachelor of Science degree in industrial technology.

AMY M. HEATH, Delphi, Bachelor of Science degree in consumer and family science.

WILLIAM L. FLORY, Delphi, Associate of Science degree in aviation technology.

FRANK H. RODGERS, Delphi, Bachelor of Science degree in industrial technology.

GREGORY L. WILSON, Delphi, Bachelor of Science degree in science.

AARON N. ANDERSON, Delphi, Bachelor of Science degree in organizational leadership and supervision.

BARRETT P. MILLER, Delphi, Bachelor of Science degree in consumer and family science.

SHANE O. HANNA, Delphi, Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural engineering.

JACOB A. SMITH, Delphi, Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal arts.

JORDAN D. BASS, Delphi, Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal arts.

REBECCA A. MCCREEDY, Delphi, Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture.

ANDREW J. HEBER, Delphi, Master of Science degree in engineering.

RYAN J. HENSLEY, Flora, Associate of Science degree in building construction and contracts.

DANA M. MARCELLINO, Logansport, Master of Science degree in agricultural engineering.

SARA J. STEINKOCH, West Lafayette, Doctor of Philosophy in education.

MEGAN K. HORN, Lafayette, Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

KEITH J. WELLS, Idaville, Associate of Science degree in mechanical engineering technology.

NATHAN A. MILLER, Rossville, Bachelor of Science degree in computer engineering.

JANICE S. WOODRUFF, Rossville, Bachelor of Science degree in liberal arts.

CASSANDRA R. YOUNG, Rossville, Bachelor of Science degree in consumer and family science.

JUSTIN D. BOGGS, Rossville, Associate of Science degree in mechanical engineering.

TROY A. ROBESON, Rossville, Bachelor of Science degree in health sciences.

ASHLEY COOPER ROLLINS, Rossville, Bachelor of Science degree in organizational leadership and supervision.

RACHEL A. MILLER, Rossville, Doctor of Pharmacy.



Flora Little League champs

The Indians have won the league championship. Team members are, from left: Front - Zach Turnpaugh, Trey Kaufman, Matthew Downham, Dylan Cromer, Trevor Ayres, Sean Mylet, Brian Keith, Rickey Burns. Back - Coach Greg Downham, Coach Ty Cromer, David Fortner, Matthew Downham, Jaden Reneau, and Manager Darrell Hoffman. Photo provided

process. The board approved administrators' contracts for an additional year, giving a "new" two-year contract to: Al Brannon, Jan Israel, Bob Blaydes, Debbie Williams and Bill Shidler.

The storage facility in the Camden Elementary School gym will be enlarged so that teachers may store supplies there. The state fire marshal determined that it is a fire hazard to store the boxes as they do now: on top of the cabinets in the classroom. Cost will be \$5,138.

Claims and payroll for \$933,574.97 were approved.

The following were hired: Jessica Berger, chemistry and physics teacher, high school; Amy Tonsoni, English teacher, high school; and Danielle Dunbar, half-time teacher, Hillcrest Elementary.

In July and August, Minnick said the board will work on the budget and have special meetings to interview a superintendent and a high school principal.

Out-going board members Pat George and Tricia (Hammond) Britton were recognized for their years of service.

The next meeting will be July 10 at 7 p.m. at the administration building.