



Carroll County 4-H Fair – July 7-14

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Queen contestants

The Miss Carroll County 4-H Fair Queen pageant will be Saturday evening. Those vying for the title are, from left: Front - Amy Linn, Heather Clark, Jessica Huffer. Middle - Amanda Plank, Kylene Miller, Lena Schock, Nicole Spesard, Kara Overholser. Back - Hannah Mears, Jennifer Hardyniec, Leann Cossairt, Elizabeth Myers, Kelsie Thornburg, and Samantha Grimes. Not pictured is Sharayah Red Elk. Photo by Portraits by Lori

New queen to be crowned

Comet staff report

Fifteen young women will vie for the title of Miss Carroll County 2006 on Saturday evening. The 49th annual pageant will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the show arena at the 4-H grounds in Flora. During the event, contestants will compete in professional wear, formal wear and will be required to respond to an impromptu question. Earlier in the day, the contestants will be tested on their formal interview skills.

A queen and three runner-ups will be chosen by the judges, along with Miss Congeniality, chosen by the contestants. The court will preside over the 4-H Fair, presenting ribbons and attending events. The queen will represent Carroll County at the State Fair pageant to be held in August.

Miss Carroll County 2005, Annette Miller will co-host the pageant with Jerry Hendress. Miss Miller will highlight her events from the past year as reigning queen. Past Carroll County queens will be introduced, as well as any visiting queens. The newly crowned Little Miss and Mister will also be introduced.

This year's theme, "No Place Like Home," was chosen by Miller. The set will be decorated accordingly. The contestants have been busy preparing for the pageant with meetings, mock interviews, a make-up session with Beauti Control, and practicing stage walking. For a fun activity the girls went putt putt golfing and to the Clinton County Queen Pageant. The activities have allowed the girls to become a closer group.

Contestants and their sponsors are: Amanda K Viola Plank, 16, is the daughter of Terry Plank. A junior at Kokomo High School, her sponsor is Air Indiana Skydiving Center LLC. She is an eight-year member of Democrat Township Lads and Lassies 4-H Club.

Jessica Huffer, 19, is the daughter of Marion and Denise Huffer. A sophomore at Purdue University, her sponsor is M & C Farms. She is a 10-year member of Burlington Wildcats 4-H Club.

Nicole Lynn Spesard, 17, is the daughter of Lance and Debra Spesard. A senior at Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School, her sponsor is Yoder's Stitching Line. She is a nine-year member of Democrat Township Lads & Lassies 4-H Club.

Samantha Marie Grimes, 18, is the daughter of Michael and Aundrea Grimes. A freshman at Indiana University, her sponsor is Rockfield Renegade 4-H Club and family members. She is a nine-year member of the Rock Creek Renegades 4-H Club.

Elizabeth Corla Myers, 19, is the daughter of Randy and Rebecca Myers. A sophomore at Manchester College, her sponsor is Brosman's IGA.

Sharayah Red Elk, 17, is the daughter of Keene Red Elk and Greg and Lisa Rush. A senior at Delphi Community High School, her sponsor is Robert A. Lucas DDS. She is a nine-year member of the Jackson Livewires 4-H Club.

Kylene Ann Miller, 18, is the daughter of Mike and Kathy Miller. A freshman at Purdue University, her sponsor is Gayle's Place. She is a nine-year member of Monroe Achievers 4-H Club.

Heather Leann Clark, 18, is the daughter of Scott and Rita Clark. A freshman at Goshen College, her sponsor is Tippecanoe Triumphs 4-H Club.

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Kara Renae Overholser, 17, is the daughter of Rex and Suzan Overholser. A junior at Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School, her sponsor is Sun Star Seeds. She is an eight-year member of Burlington Wildcats 4-H Club.

Amy Louise Linn, 18, is the daughter of Gary and Susan Linn. A freshman at Marian College, her sponsor is Stephan's IGA. She is a nine-year member of the Jackson Livewires 4-H Club.

Lena Rose Schock, 16, is the daughter of Todd and Rose Schock. A junior at Delphi Community High School, her sponsor is Deer Creek Delphiniums 4-H Club. She is an eight-member of the Delphiniums 4-H Club.

Hannah Elizabeth Mears, 18, is the daughter of John and Mary Mears. A freshman at Purdue University, her sponsor is Sun Star Seeds, George's Country Beef, and Calico Plus. She is a nine-year member of Jackson Livewires 4-H Club.

Leann Jean Cossairt, 17, is the daughter of Terry and Bonnie Cossairt. A senior at Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School, her sponsor is Parrett's Meat Processing. She is a seven-year member of the Monroe Achievers 4-H Club.

Kelsie Ann Thornburg, 16, is the daughter of John Thornburg and Laurie Thornburg. A junior at Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School, her sponsor is the Cutler Yacht Club. She is an eight-year member of the Monroe Achievers 4-H Club.

Jennifer Evelyn Hardyniec, 18, is the daughter of Bruce and Lori Hardyniec. A senior at Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School, her sponsor is Mann Chevrolet-Buick, Inc. She is a nine-year member of the Monroe Achievers 4-H Club.

Working from four proposals submitted by community groups such as Carroll County Pork Producers and the group concerned about a proposed 3,500-head mega-dairy in Democrat Township, the group voted to proceed without considering special exceptions for the confined animal feeding operations.

Wagoner noted without the special exception distinction, the public would have no formal opportunity, on the county level, to learn about large confined feeding operations planned to locate in the county.

After that decision, Wagoner asked, "Is it worthwhile to continue?" and moved to halt the process until the comprehensive land use plan update is completed. No one provided a second for the motion, and the group proceeded.

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A new perspective at County EDC

By Debbie Lowe
Staff writer

A new and more aggressive approach will be in the offing at the Carroll County Economic Development Corporation starting today.

Daryl Smith of Monticello has been named full-time executive director to replace part-time director and county commissioner Bill Brown. The change brings with it a more intensive focus on economic development matters as Smith begins his duties as director on July 5.

"I am really looking forward to meeting the people of the Carroll County community," Smith said.

Smith already has ties to the county

because his son Brady has been a resident of Delphi for three years. Additionally, Smith was an administrator in the Twin Lakes School Corporation for the past 19 years, serving children and families in Jefferson Township.

Smith intends to focus his economic development duties on small businesses as well as the larger ones. He said his position will dovetail with the new director of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, Keith Chandler.

"We (Carroll County) are positioned to be a logical place for

small industries and satellite groups," said EDC board president Ron Kennedy. "We have a quality workforce and a good quality of life here."

Smith said his personal philosophy is to help others and he said he accomplished that as a school administrator.

"I'm just ready to help in a different way," he said. "I want to

make sure there are jobs for our kids. It's an investment for the future."

Smith said he will take some time for orientation in the office, but he will get out and visit people as soon as possible.

"I'm looking forward to meeting people. I want to learn all I can," he remarked.

Kennedy said the EDC would like to connect with neighboring counties and he said Smith is the person for that task.

"We (EDC) intend to strengthen our regional presence," he said.

Kennedy said Smith is very familiar with Tippecanoe and White counties economic development corporations. And his

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Smith

There's plenty to do at this year's county 4-H fair

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The 2006 version of the Carroll County 4-H Fair at Flora will open Friday evening with a carnival and Little Miss & Mister Pageant.

Burton Brothers Midway rides will be set up Friday through Monday, from 4 to 10 p.m. Midway specials will be offered each night.

The Little Miss & Mister Pageant will be held in the show arena, starting at 7 p.m. There are 36 contestants.

The Merchant's Building is opening, too, on Friday evening and will be open each evening throughout the fair.

The annual 4-H Fair Queen Pageant will be Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the show arena.

Jugglers and cyclists will present two free shows on Tuesday evening, at 5 and 7 p.m. The demonstration will be on the west side of the Merchant's Building.

The Peru Circus will present two free shows on Wednesday, courtesy of local sponsors. The first 45-minute show will be at 6:30 p.m., followed by the second show at 7:45 p.m.

Carroll County Antique Tractor Club will have a display. The club is also sponsoring free musical entertainment on two evenings. The Cutler Band will perform on Monday and the Cowboy Church Band on Tuesday. The club will be serving homemade ice cream at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Carroll County Firefighters will have their Smokehouse set up Wednesday and Thursday

from 5 to 8 p.m., just east of the Merchants Building.

Also on Thursday the National Pedal Pullers will have a contest at the basketball courts for ages 3 through 19. Registration is from 5 to 6 p.m.

Carroll County Freemasons will provide their first Free Child Protection Program from 5 to 9 p.m. each day. At least one parent must accompany the child. Children will receive a video disc picture, have fingerprints taken, and get a DNA swab.

New to the evening dinner line-up in the park is a beef brisket dinner to be served Sunday from 5 to 7 p.m. by Leadership Carroll County.

Traditional evening favorites include the port-a-pit chicken dinner, served by Carroll County Democrats, on Monday; fish fry, served by Flora Community Club, on Tuesday; pork chop dinner, served by Carroll County Republicans, on Wednesday; and barbeque supper, served by Carroll County Lions Clubs, on Thursday.

Carroll County Extension Homemakers will be serving daily lunch and supper specials Monday through Wednesday, and supper only on Thursday.

Carroll County Pork Producers will serve lunch during Thursday's 4-H Swine Show.

Other food vendors will be set up, including Junior Leaders, Living Faith Church of the Brethren, Parrett's Meat Processing, Flora Lions Club, Flora Psi Iota Xi, and Carroll FFA/Music Boosters.

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Area Plan tackles setback limitations

By Debbie Lowe
Staff writer

Carroll County Area Plan Commission members decided to buckle down and thrash out an interim amended zoning ordi-

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nance, including setback limitations, at the June 27 evening meeting. It is expected to be in force until a comprehensive land use plan is completed.

Commission member Pete Wagoner from Camden suggested that the group hold a work session and not take public comments to develop the document. He said the topic was initiated in August of 2005, tabled in October and then reopened in March, including "two meetings devoted to listening to public comments."

"I think we have a lot of information in front of us in this matter," he said. He suggested the group have a "working session among ourselves to see where we are going on this."

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