

Car Seat Clinic set Aug. 5 in Flora

Comet staff report

Although 96% of parents nationally believe they install and use their child safety seats correctly, it is estimated that 82 percent of child safety seats are not installed and used correctly. Motor vehicle crashes remain the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children age 14 and under.

Most car seats come with a 20-page instruction booklet along with the vehicle's manual. Statistics show the misuse of child safety seats continues to be a major problem. Nine out of 10 child safety seats are misused in Indiana, which mirrors the national trend.

To put parent and caregivers minds at ease, Carroll County Farm Bureau Incorporated, in cooperation with Carroll/White County SAFE KIDS organization, will be sponsoring a Car Seat Clinic. A trained, certified technician will check car and booster seats.

The free car seat inspection will be held at Flora Community Park on Aug. 5 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

As an additional safety measure, on site will be IDENT-A-KID, providing child identification cards. The ID cards have the child's photograph, fingerprint, weight and height, plus the parent's name, address and telephone number. The cards are a laminated, wallet-sized ID card, similar to a driver's license. Cost per child is: one card for \$6, three cards for \$10. Additional cards are \$2 each per child. Parents should purchase enough cards so that anyone who spends time with the child has a card with them at all times, in case of an emergency.

Johnson, Price pledge vows



Toni Johnson and Kevin Price exchanged wedding vows at 4:30 p.m. July 1 at the Flora United Methodist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Rhonda and Jeff Allen of Flora and Wayne Johnson of Whitesville, Ky. The groom is the son of Brian and Gay Price of Cutler and Debbie Price of Illinois.

Pastor Mike Stow officiated at the ceremony, and Cathy Ayres of Flora was pianist. Others providing music were Lora Hanaway of Flora, vocalist, and Ryan Ramsey of Kokomo, guitarist.

Maid of honor were Jentry Ditson of Flora, Lora Hanaway, and Ashley Pumphrey of Bringham. Bridesmaids were Robyn Johnson of Flora, Brittany Price of Cutler, and Whitney Baker of Indianapolis.

Flower girls were Mariah Oliver of Indianapolis and Katie Prater of Burlington. Zack Prater of Burlington was ring bearer.

Mike Simpson of Bringham served as best man. Groomsmen were Shawn

McGaughey of Burlington, Drew Wallsmith of Greentown, and Noah Allen, Drew Ayres, and Nick Ayres, all of Flora. Ushers were Brian Price Jr. of Kokomo, brother of the groom, and Wesley Thieke of Cutler, cousin of the groom.

Guest registrars were Erika Hanaway and Chami Ayres, both of Flora, and Ashly Lewis of Logansport. Gift attendants were Brittany Gust and Sarah Ensfield, both of Logansport.

A reception was held at Chrysler Union Hall in Kokomo. The bride is a 2004 graduate of Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School. She is attending Indiana University Kokomo, pursuing an education degree.

The groom is a 2002 graduate of Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School. He is attending Indiana University Kokomo, pursuing a business degree. He also is security manager at Target of Kokomo.

Following a wedding trip to Tennessee, Mr. and Mrs. Price are residing at 400 Earl Ave., Apt. B, Burlington, IN 46915.

Engagements



Hofmann-Weatherwax

Nate Hofmann, formerly of Lafayette, and Elizabeth Weatherwax, formerly of Delphi, announce their approaching marriage.

She is the daughter of Van "Deet" and Belinda Weatherwax of Delphi. He is the son of Allen and Roberta Hofmann of Dublin, Ohio.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Delphi Community High School and a 2001 graduate of Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She is employed by the Community Schools of Frankfort as a fourth grade teacher.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Kenston High School, Cleveland, Ohio. He is a 1999 graduate of Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in English secondary education. He received his master's degree in education from Indiana Wesleyan University in 2005. He is employed by Tippecanoe School Corporation as an eighth grade teacher.

An Aug. 26 wedding is being planned.



Peterson 60th anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Jonah Leo Peterson, 5854 W. 1000 N., Delphi, will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 1.

Peterson and the former Beverly Lorraine Marson were married Aug. 1, 1946. He is retired from Nalco Chemical Company, Naperville, Ill. She is a homemaker.

They have four children, Erick Peterson (wife: Gail), Deborah Shultz (husband: Alan), Nadine Peterson, and Kathleen McDonough (husband: Gregory). They also have six grandchildren.

The sharing of memories and cards are welcomed by the couple.

Area schools to receive over \$2.9 million

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Representative Rich McClain (R-Logansport) announced recently that he will support Governor Mitch Daniels' initiative to fully repay schools payments that have been delayed since 2001.

Earlier this year, the tax amnesty program, co-authored by Rep. McClain, helped pay back over half of the delayed payments owed to Cass, Carroll, Miami and White county schools. Money to be repaid to schools that was delayed from past administrations includes:

Carroll Consolidated School Corporation, \$158,666; Delphi Community School Corporation, \$266,457; Frontier School Corporation, \$120,689; Logansport Community School Corporation, \$826,726; Maonaquah School Corporation, \$509,167; North Miami Community Schools, \$203,881; Pioneer Regional School Corporation, \$167,442; Rossville School District, \$145,491; Southeastern School Corporation, \$256,258; and Twin Lakes School Corporation, \$329,207.

Reunions

Delphi Class of 1971

Delphi Class of 1971 will celebrate its 35-year anniversary Aug. 11 at 6 p.m. at the Carroll County Country Club. RSVP by Aug. 5. For more information call Scott Harford at (765) 446-9472.

was 77 and the youngest, 3 1/2. Grace Neal came from the Farthest Distance (Moraine, Ohio), and Janet Cossell was the First to Arrive.

Attending were: Florence Kelm, Joyce Kelm, Carmel; Janet Cossell, Indianapolis;

Rob, Mindy and Chloe Bates, Annetta Valery, Hilary Farmer, Leeta (Pooch), Bradley, and Carley Dowden, Kokomo; Geary, Angela, Zoie, and Kytan Sexton, Lafayette; Jeff and Kristi Smith, Burlington; Grace Neal,

Moraine, Ohio; Fernando and Dameon Sanchez, Dayton, Ohio; Cecelia and Johnny Frances, Galveston.

Following the meal, billiards and dart tournaments were played, with everyone winning a prize.

Delphi Class of 1966

Delphi High School Class of 1966 will celebrate its 40-year class reunion Aug. 12 at the Wabash & Erie Canal Interpretive Center, located on N. Washington St. in Delphi. Activities include happy hour from 6 to 7 p.m. followed by a meal at 7.

A biography is needed for a reunion booklet, even if class members do not plan on attending. Send biographies to nancy-terry@carlnet.org. Those planning to attend should register with Terry at 621 E. Monroe St. in Delphi. For more information, call (765) 564-2948.



FHS Class of 1956

The 50-year reunion of the Flora High School Class of 1956 was held July 15 at the Wabash & Erie Canal Interpretive Center in Delphi. Nineteen class members attended. Of the original 28 graduates, five are deceased - Mary Ann Cripe, Bill Shaffer, Robert Ryan, Bud Jackson, and Carolyn Marley. Special guest was Elizabeth Jackson of Collinsville, Ill. She and her husband, Andrew, were class parents. Those attending were, from left: Richard Murphy of Carmel, Jane (Adams) Briley of Bloomington, Nancy (Schnieb) Harshbarger of Rossville, Wilma (Disinger) Peterson of Delphi, and Madonna (Jordan) Brownlee of Atlanta, Ga. Middle - Sonia (Cook) Garrison of Lafayette, Georgia Ann (McKinley) Miller of Greenwood, Nancy (Wilson) Berkey of Lafayette, Mary Jo (Thompson) Kirkham of Muncie, Louanne (McKinley) Bricker of Logansport, Sharon (Garrison) Morgan of Toledo, Ohio, and Frances (Burnham) Foster of West Lafayette. Back - Jerry Berkey of Lafayette, Tom McKinley of Kokomo, Gerald Clingenpeel of Flora, Joe Clawson of Marion, Larry Ward of Homestead, Fla., Don Collins of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and Murray Langston, Summerville, S.C. The class will meet again in two years. Photo provided

Sexton/Bates/Rioux

The Sexton, Bates, Rioux reunion was held July 15 at the home of Georges and GeeKnee Rioux in Flora.

The oldest person attending



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Hosted by: Carroll County Farm Bureau Inc
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Car Seat Clinic to be held August 5th, 2006 8:00-12:00 at the Flora Park

IDENT-A-KID will also be available to provide you with Child Identification Cards.

Everyone is welcome, child friendly entertainment and prizes. 574-686-2330 for more information

Safety is an Attitude!