

Football season starts Friday for Delphi and Carroll

Both Carroll and Delphi varsity football teams open new seasons away Friday night.

The Oracles, being led for the second year by John Gasser, will

be at Lewis Cass. Kick-off is set for 7 p.m. A Class 2A team, DCHS is in the Hoosier Conference.

Rick George is Carroll's first

year coach. The Cougars travel to Tri-County for a 7:30 p.m. kick-off. A Class A team, Carroll competes in the Hoosier Heartland Conference.

Delphi UMC to host 'Outback Survivor'

Michael "Scoop" Skupin from CBS's hit reality show "Survivor: The Australian Outback" will be speaking at Delphi United Methodist Church, 118 N. Union Street, on Sunday. He will be sharing his inspirational story at 8:45 a.m. and at 11 a.m.

Survivor: The Australian Outback became the most watched show in the history of television. Skupin was the guy who was headed for the winning circle when he tragically passed out into a fire and was medi-vaced by helicopter to two different burn centers in Australia. He was seen by five different burn surgeons who told him he'd have to have a series of three skin graft surgeries to repair his hands. He was told his hands would still be badly scarred. After 10 days in the intensive care unit, as Skupin was being wheeled to surgery, the chief of surgery removed his bandages and found his hands were unexplainably healed.

Skupin's story is inspirational about how his hands were miraculously healed and life's lessons he learned in the Outback. He talks about how stripped of everything familiar to him, including food, shelter, electronics, cell phones, pagers, family and friends, he was able to see so much more clearly the life he was missing out on.



Skupin

Skupin has always been the exception to the rule and has been described as adventurous, a thrill-seeker, and a risk taker. Skupin's spiritual path was much like many others. He wandered through life never realizing his spiritual potential. He never really knew how to pray and knew there was more to Christianity than Sunday services and an occasional glimpse through the bible. He always wanted more and knew people that did but he was unsure of how to get it. Now he has a full-time ministry where he teaches all ages from seekers and new Christians to pastors and church staff conferences.

Skupin has spoken to over four million people at live events and over one billion people through television, radio and print media. He speaks all over the world at schools, churches, youth camps, corporate events, and stadium events.

Skupin co-founded a Christian software publishing and distribution company in 1992 where he currently serves on the board. Through creative distribution and downloads, his company has given away millions of free bibles and is determined to continue until everyone has one.

Delphi UMC Pastor Todd Ladd invites all interested persons to attend.

Motorcyclists team up with MDA to save lives

Comet staff report

Eagle Harley-Davidson/Buell and Lafayette HOG Chapter #1188 will host their 15th Ride for MDA on Aug. 27. The ride starts at the Harley-Davidson dealership, 702 Navco Drive, and ends at the Wabash & Erie Canal Conference and Interpretive Center, 1030 N. Washington St. in Delphi.

All motorcycle types and brands are welcome to participate. The 110-mile motorcycle ride will leave the dealership at 12:30 p.m. and will end at Delphi at the conference center around 4:30 p.m. A minimum donation

of \$15 per person or \$25 per couple on one motorcycle is required to participate. Entry includes activities, ride, music and food.

Registration will be held the day of the ride from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Harley-Davidson dealership.

Lydia Hedde of Flora and Phil Ladd of Delphi, who is with the Lafayette HOG Chapter, will lead the parade of motorcycles.

Hedde, a senior at Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School, has helped with the event for the past four years. She has a form of Muscular Dystrophy called Sharcott-Marie-Tooth, named after the doctors who discovered this form of Muscular Dystrophy.

Kissing the Blarney Stone... Delphi teen visits U.K.

By Dee Dellenbach
Staff writer

Riding the London Eye, touring a medieval castle, seeing Big Ben and cruising the river Thames are adventures that Delphi 10th grader Jimmy Reed thought he'd never have a chance at. This summer, he did them all - and then some.

"It was awesome; I loved it," enthused Reed of his ride on the London Eye. Similar to a Ferris wheel, the Eye has transparent capsules, each of which holds 23 people. From the top, Reed could see virtually the entire city including Big Ben and the river Thames. Big Ben was Reed's favorite site.

As a ninth-grader, Reed was nominated for the People To People program, which sent students to England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland. He met monthly with several other students in the region who were

part of the program, and together they researched and gave each other reports about the countries they would visit. Their objective was to learn about other cultures and to teach their hosts about American culture.

One of Reed's favorite exploits was a tour of medieval Warwick Castle. He said he saw the working catapult and the castle's armory, which displayed actual armor.

He also saw Stonehenge, cruised Lock Ness and had his photo taken with "Nessie," went white water rafting, toured the Tower of London, went to a pub to watch a soccer match, toured lots of castles, toured the home of William Shakespeare, lodged three nights with an English family and attend a play on the London stage.

"I tried a lot of different kinds of food," said Reed.

Some of it was good, he said, like the fish and chips; but other things were "utterly repulsive," like the pâté. Surprisingly, he enjoyed the haggis which is a Scottish dish consisting of the minced heart, lungs and liver of a sheep or calf mixed with seasonings and boiled in the stomach of the slaughtered animal.

When his grandmother learned that Reed would be visiting Blarney Castle in Ireland, she requested that he kiss the Blarney Stone. Legend has it that anyone who kisses the stone will either have good luck or will be able to talk anyone into doing anything.

So Reed climbed to the top of the castle, leaned backward over the wall and kissed the stone. He said it was an adrenaline rush being up several stories and being upside down. He said he transferred all of his luck and blarney to his grandmother. (Look out for Margaret Reed of Burrows.)

Admittedly shy, Reed said the traveling and new experiences were good for him and gave him a new outlook on socializing. He even made a good friend while he traveled and plans to stay in contact through e-mail.

Also the experience has given him a new curiosity about the history of England. He said one of the castles had a fantastic interior, featuring lamps with motifs of dawn, noon and dusk; walls depicting the four seasons; and windows with motifs of the seven days of the week.

Antiquities were always an interest of Reed's and now his interest is even sharper. Two souvenirs he purchased were an hourglass and a quill pen.

Now that Reed has caught the traveling bug, he'd like to see a few places in the U.S., like the Statue of Liberty and the Golden Gate Bridge.



The green hills of Scotland

Jimmy Reed went on an adventure this summer and met a midge. As a member of People To People, Reed traveled to Scotland, Ireland, Wales and England acting as a goodwill ambassador. He said midges are like mosquitoes, only they have "teeth." They don't like to fly over the water, so natives in this part of Scotland built their homes over the water. Reed is pictured at one of these homes. He is the son of Kimberly Reed of Delphi and Jim and Michelle Reed of Burrows. Photo provided



New Carroll faculty

Tuesday was the first day of school in the Carroll Consolidated School Corporation. New members of the faculty are pictured above, l-r: Front row - Kelly Hillman, Jr.-Sr. high family and consumer sciences; Katie Seward, Jr.-Sr. high business and JV basketball coach; Amy Hickson, elementary counselor. Back - Don Pettit, Jr.-Sr. high band director; Megan Coomler, first grade teacher; Richard June, technology coordinator; Jason Burns, high school science. The only position unfilled, as of Tuesday, is the high school Spanish teacher. Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald



New teachers join DCSC

New teachers at Hillcrest, pictured in the front row left to right, are Hannah Larson, third grade; Danielle Dunbar, fourth grade; Sandy Gonzalez-Zeger, speech; and Chico Hatke, law enforcement, at DCHS. In the middle row, l-r, are Natalie Betz, counselor, Hillcrest; Jessica Berger, chemistry; and Amy Tonsoni, English, both at DCHS. In the back row, l-r, are Larry Owens, eighth grade language arts; and Brian Tonsoni, history at DCHS. Comet photo by Dee Dellenbach.

Kids became 'royalty' for a week

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Youth from Carroll and surrounding counties were chosen recently to attend the Royal Family Kid's Camp at Camp Tecumseh YMCA. Each of the children selected became a prince or princess for a week.

The kids weren't chosen because of looks, financial status, age or education but because each was a foster child who deserved to be treated as royalty, said Julie Price of Camp Tecumseh.

All of the children had endured their share of hardships; the camp was a way to reward them for their strengths, talents

and abilities that have allowed them to live a life that has had its challenges.

The program consisted of volunteer chaperones dedicated to making the lives of foster children seem less abrasive. The week at camp included a big birthday celebration. The kids were presented with a giant cake and each received birthday gifts. Most of the children had never experienced having a birthday cake or presents until their encounter with Royal Family Kid's Camp.

Kids went swimming and fishing, made arts and crafts, did skits, experienced the Black Hole and attended chapel.

One of their highlights was dressing up for a special dance. The girls were in dresses, shoes, makeup and fancy hairstyles, while the boys chose an army theme. They painted their faces and dressed in camouflage.

The camp continues to be successful due to private donations and the funds raised from the annual Royal Banquet, which brings in about \$14,000. Sponsors would like to expand the camp, but funding and chaperones are limited.

For more information contact Mike and Rachel Roberts at (765) 429-5232.

Carroll FCCLA project earns silver at Nationals

Carra Snapp and Jaelyn Miller won a silver medal for their Carroll FCCLA Chapter Service Project at the 2006 FCCLA National Leadership Meeting.

Snapp

Their project was on preventing bullying. More than 5,000 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America members, advisers, alumni, and guests from across the country gathered in Nashville, Tenn., in July for the meeting.

Miller

Also attending from Carroll were Holly Lawrence, Nicole Brafford, Cally Ayres, Jason Hazel, Jacob Craig, Devin Smith, Savannah Stevens, and adults Diana Alter, Suzi Mathews, and Donna and Tony Snapp.

Savannah Stevens, as state vice president of communication, was active in national workshops and duties as a state officer. She will work with other FCCLA members and advisers in Indiana to encourage others to discover their strengths, target career goals, and initiate a plan to ignite youth leadership in their community.

The national meeting centered on the student-developed theme, "Amplify Your Life!" During

the five-day meeting, participants examined many of the issues facing youth, and worked toward gaining the life skills they need to meet those challenges.

A number of relevant youth issues - future careers, youth violence prevention, family relations, traffic safety, community service, and the changing roles of men and women in the home and workplace were explored through presentations, workshops, and youth sessions.

Other meeting highlights included:

- STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition). These build proficiency and achievement in leadership and job-related skills. Indiana was represented with 26 gold and 16 silver medals.
- Spotlight on Projects where representatives from various states shared successful national, state, or chapter projects.
- A Relay for Life Rally where attendees honored cancer survivors and remembered those lost to cancer. \$249,000 was

raised by chapters in the U.S. Carroll members were active in the walk, lighting luminaria and carrying the Indiana banner.

Officers attend Academy

Another summer FCCLA event was the July 31-Aug. 1 Leadership Academy in Indianapolis, attended by District V officers from Carroll.

Officers attending were Robin Guise, district president; Brittany Reef, Kierstyn Harper, Adam Bonner, and Devin Smith. State officer Savannah Stevens and Diana Alter also attended. The state officers conducted workshops and organized the training for the two-day event.

Workshops included such topics as community service, membership development, public relations, and STOP the Violence projects.

Topics of the two keynote speakers were how to develop better leadership skills and the importance of developing wise spending and savings practices at an early age.

Safety scholarships to be given

Comet staff report

The Indiana Homeland Security Foundation has created a new scholarship for students interested in careers in public safety.

The Hoosier Safety Scholarship Program is aimed at residents who want to pursue a degree and who volunteer with a public safety organization.

Incoming and continuing students are eligible to apply for \$2,000 (for full-time students) and \$1,000 (part-time students).

Indiana Homeland Security Foundation recently approved \$40,000 for the scholarship program. The revenue is generated largely through the sales of Hoosier Safety license plates.

More information about the scholarship and a link to the application are on the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Web site at <http://www.in.gov/dhs> and clicking on the Hoosier Safety license plate at the bottom of the home page.