

Announcements

American Red Cross **BLOOD DRIVE** will be Oct. 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Honan Hall, Monroe and Union streets. Call (800) GIVE-LIFE to schedule an appointment.

OPONENTS OF INCREASED PROPERTY TAXES will be heard by the Department of Local Government Finance Oct. 27 at 10 a.m. in the commissioners' meeting room on the second floor of the courthouse. The tax rate would be increased by virtue of a proposed ordinance to re-establish the cumulative capital improvement fund for jail improvements initiated by the Carroll County Council.

CARROLL ELEMENTARY Market Day orders may be picked up in the elementary gym on Oct. 25 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Delphi Public Library will host a two-part introduction to **PUBLIC SPEAKING WORKSHOP**

Nov. 2 and 16 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Gerber Globe Valve Room. Mary McVay a former high school speech and Ivy Tech instructor, will present the program. To register and for additional information, call (765) 574-2929.

MODERNS EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS will meet Oct. 26 at the Stone House Restaurant in Delphi at 11:30 a.m. for lunch. The meeting will follow at the home of Betty Huffman.

The **DEER CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER** will have its annual meeting Oct. 28. There will be a breakfast from 8 to 9 a.m. with the meeting following. This is an opportunity to pay annual membership fees. Grissom Reserve Base will be displaying a KC-135R Stratotanker cockpit and boom on the basketball court from 8 a.m. until noon.



Native wood creations
Marion Hathaway, pictured, carved these animals out of wood native to Carroll County, such as cherry, oak, walnut, and soft maple. All the pieces were made out of wood scraps given to him by friends Herb Been and the late Tom Adams. Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald



Carroll County keepsake
This quilt was on display at the final event of Carroll County on the Same Page. Organized by the Flora, Delphi, and Camden libraries, the program encouraged people all over the county to read the same book, "Crow Lake" by Mary Lawson. Over the last few months, 136 people read the book and a total of 224 came to the related events. Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald

Capturing the essence of Carroll County

By Jennifer Archibald
Staff writer

The joint-library program, Carroll County on the Same Page, connected participants to one book, "Crow Lake," and to one place, Carroll County.

For the final event, Oct. 8, local residents were asked to submit something that visually (or otherwise) expresses their ties to and appreciation for Carroll County. The theme for the evening was "Capturing Carroll County: Completing the Circle."

Christian Knoeller of Camden expresses his connection to Carroll County through writing place-based poems. He read several of his poems at the event. He prefaced his readings by saying that "place" encompasses people, landscape, and history.

Through his poems, he related interaction with neighbors; inspiration from the "river" Deer Creek; and exploration of fields, with their layers of history beneath the soil.

Janet Hathaway read an original poem entitled "Above Deer

Creek, in Camden," based on her nature walks through all seasons. She said this was the first poem she has written in 50 years.

Other Carroll Countians displayed landscape and "slice of life" paintings, photographs of trails, parks, rivers and fields, and carved animals made from wood native to Carroll County.

Mary Wilcox exhibited her pencil drawing of the Pittsburg Southern Missionary Baptist Church. This is an important place to her because three generations of her family were married

there, including herself. Karyn Buehler submitted photos and an original poem, "Praise for a Country Home."

Mary VanSickle displayed a keepsake quilt. Hand-pieced and hand-quilted, it was a wedding present from Silvia Van Sickle in 1965.

The items on exhibit at the Wabash & Erie Canal Center were like quilt pieces. Each portrayed a little piece of Carroll County. Viewed altogether, they told a wondrous story.

Habitat home is dedicated in Delphi

Comet staff report

Lafayette Habitat for Humanity and the Cass-Carroll County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans have accomplished what they set out to do many months ago—build a home with a family in urgent need of one.

Last Sunday, volunteers, Habitat for Humanity representatives, and Thrivent Financial representatives, and the partner family, Teddy and Angel Fontenot and their children celebrated the hard work, the generous financial backing and the community support that made the home possible. "Now, here we are today; a partner family of Habitat for Humanity," said Angel Fontenot. "We have built our own, brand new home with the help of the community. All of those prayers really did help!"

The couple, with the help of family and friends, has completed 500 hours of "sweat equity" helping to build the home, a basic tenet of Habitat for Humanity. They will repay the no-profit mortgage over a period of 25 years, illustrating Habitat for Humanity's objective to give families a "hand up" rather than a "hand out."

"This is a special house for us, not only because it is our first in

Delphi, but also because it is one of three being built in partnership with Thrivent this year," said Doug Taylor, executive director. "It is always thrilling to work with local churches to build houses with families in need, and local Lutherans have proved to be tremendous partners in this effort."

The new home, located at 201 North Robison Street, Delphi, is a result of the recent alliance between Habitat for Humanity International and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Called "Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity," the alliance is a four-year, \$105 million commitment by Thrivent Financial.

Besides volunteer and financial support (over \$6,000) from members of St. Matthew's and St. Peter's Lutheran churches in the Delphi-Camden area, along with help from other Thrivent members and additional volunteers from the surrounding areas, this project received over \$40,000 in

funding from Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity. This alliance makes Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Habitat for Humanity's largest single ally in its mission to eliminate substandard housing and rebuild communities here and abroad.

"We're excited to celebrate with the Fontenot family as they move into their new home," said Rev. Dale Larson, pastor at St. Matthew's and St. Peter's Lutheran churches and the local Cass-Carroll County Chapter Specialist for Thrivent Builds with Habitat. "The Thrivent Builds program has been a tremendous opportunity for our members to make an impact for the Fontenot family and in this community—one that is much larger than our own numbers and resources would have made possible."

Meetings

Charles Carroll DAR

Charles Carroll DAR met Oct. 10 at the Monticello home of Marilyn Carlson.

Darilee Robbins was given a Certificate of Appreciation by the DAR Genealogy Preservation Committee and the chapter received a Chapter Achievement Award, level 3, for 2005-2006.

Regent Karen Ward announced that the chapter receives points for the work of member, Caroline Briggs, in El Salvador.

Items of interest discussed included the Madonna of the Trail statues placed by the National Society DAR; the Charles Carroll home; and a letter from a graduate of Tammasee, one of the schools supported by the DAR.

The theme of State Regent Cynthia Stout, an Associate member of Charles Carroll Chapter, was announced and a report of the reception held for her was given.

Bedeava Bowling gave a book report on "Comrades," by Stephen Ambrose, relating to friendships among men, most of whom were historical figures. She focused on three families, namely the author's siblings, the Eisenhower brothers, and Lewis and Clark, the explorers.

The next meeting will be in January and the home of Janalie Robeson.

Classy Classics EH

The October meeting of the Classy Classics Extension Homemakers Club was at the home of Kathy Northcutt, with 11 members attending.

The hostess gave devotions from "Quiet Moments for Women" entitled "Let Us Not Lose What They Found," relating to Psalm 54.

After the business meeting, members assembled fleece pillows to be given to Riley Hospital.

Refreshments were served, and the attendance prize was awarded to Mary Bush.

The next meeting will be Nov. 13 at the home of Mary Anna Scott.

Delphi CWF

The CWF of the Delphi Christian Church met Oct. 3 at the home of Winnie Beard in Owasco. Eleven members answered roll call.

Katie Cree gave devotions entitled "Waterproofing Life."

Plans were finalized for the Harvest Dinner and Talent Show. Shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse are due Nov. 12.

It was decided to bring cake mixes and frosting for the Food Pantry to the December meeting. This will be in place of a gift exchange.

A while elephant and bake sale followed the meeting.

The next meeting will be Nov. 7 at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center at 6:30 p.m. Pat Curtis will be the hostess.

Wednesday Forum

Members of Wednesday Forum met at the home of Hazel Mullin for their October meeting. The program on Vera Bradley handbags and luggage was presented by Jerry Landes.

One of the biggest success stories within the past 20 years is the rise of Vera Bradley handbags. Two neighbors, Barbara Baekgaard and Patricia Miller, discovered they shared a common interest in fashion design and decided to go into business together. One of the first things they noticed was a lack of functional but pretty luggage for women. With the name of Baekgaard's mother and \$500 startup money, the women started designing quilted bags.

Growing pains for the new Vera Bradley line ranged from finding deals on fabric to discovering seamstresses to meet their standards. In three years sales reached one million. Today these women employ about 75 people and have 800 products within their plant in Fort Wayne. They are building a new complex that will open next summer.

The company's annual golf and tennis tournament, the Vera Bradley Classic has raised funds over the last five years for breast cancer research, education and patient services. Last summer, they pledged \$1.2 million dollars to endow a chair at the Indiana University School of Medicine for breast cancer research and established the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer.

Club members brought their own Vera Bradley bags to compare designs and fabrics.

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