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New NHS members
New inductees into the Delphi Community High School Chapter of National Honor Society include (l-r): Front - Erika Hawn, Mara Burton, Kayleigh Morgan, Jenna Buehler, Ashlee Buchanon, Brandi Brown; 2nd Row - Brittany Tyner, Amanda Schultz, Arielle Brosman, Jenny Maxwell, Ashley Baer, and Amanda James; 3rd Row - Kylee German, Emily Kayser, Amanda Spurgeon, Morgan Minnicus, Tami Veach, and Kristina Barnard; 4th Row - Alex Conner, Nick Force, Kyle Bender, Shane Evans, Matt Lewis, and Matt Keen. Photo provided

National Honor Society induction held at DCCHS

Comet staff report

The Delphi Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) inducted 24 new members during a candlelight ceremony, October 30.

Members were selected by the Faculty Council for meeting high standards of scholarship, character, leadership, and service, all criteria for selection. A slide show shown created by members Joanna Zink and Michael Carbaugh, depicted the chapter's many service projects.

"National Honor Society members are expected to continue their exemplary contributions to the school and to the community," said Linda Tyner, NHS chapter advisor. "The National Honor Society ranks as one of the oldest and most prestigious national organizations for high school students. It is not merely an honor roll for anyone who has achieved a 10.0 GPA. Membership is a privilege and DCCHS teachers select those students who have outstanding character, who volunteer their time

and services to the community and school, and who show leadership both in the classroom and in extra-curricular activities."

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony for the new initiates and their guests. National Junior Honor Society members were servers. The DCCHS Entertainers, accompanied by Kevin Kayser, and Jenny Maxwell, Caitlin Pritchett, and Brenton Hathaway provided entertainment before the ceremony.

The new inductees will join the

current members with the high school blood drive, teen gifts for the Delphi Christmas Basket project, and daffodil sales for the American Cancer Society, the Indiana soldiers in Afghanistan, Christmas gifts, and the other annual service projects.

This year's officers are Keltie Lake, president; Brittney Lafollette, vice president; Brittini Ballard, corresponding secretary; Rebecca Shoemaker, recording secretary; and Ann Mears, treasurer.

8th Annual City of Firsts "Christmas in Kokomo" Show
Nov. 18th & 19th, 2006 Johanning Civic Center
(Located on U.S. 31 North, Kokomo, IN)
Join us for our 8th Annual "Christmas in Kokomo" Show & Sale. Come see over 100 different booths of Arts, Crafts, NASCAR Items, Pottery, Christmas Wreaths/Decorations, Jewelry, Toys, Antiques, Collectibles, Home Gift Ideas, and many other neat things that won't be found anywhere else.
Admission \$1.50 Children 12 and under FREE. FREE Parking
Saturday, Nov. 18th 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • Sunday, Nov. 19th 10 a.m.-4p.m.
For More Information Call 1-765-828-2612
D&B PROMOTIONS

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of Monticello (across from the courthouse)
HOLIDAY BAZAAR
Thurs. Nov. 16th 7am-7pm
Coffee Shoppe 7am-10am, Luncheon 11am-1pm (Soup, Sandwiches, Salad, Dessert), Dinner 5pm-7pm (Chicken & Noodles, Potato, Green Beans, Salad, Dessert)
Adults \$6.50, Children 12-6 \$3.00, Under 6 FREE
Christmas Crafts, All-Season Crafts, Wood Crafts, Stained Glass, Doll Clothes, Holiday Cookies, Candies, Jellies, Homemade Noodles, Mincemeat, Baked Items and Lots, Lots More!

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Fun to walk for fitness
Third-grade students from Hillcrest Elementary School stroll along North Street in Delphi during the first Fitness Fun Walk held Nov. 8. The students walked neighborhood routes to earn pledge money from family and friends. Proceeds will be spent on field trips, supplies and equipment for the school. Photo provided

Call-out

Travel soccer team
Carroll County travel soccer teams are organizing for the spring season. Ages ten and up may participate. All players (previous players, too) are required to register by Nov. 22 by contacting Chris Arion at 574-652-4178.

Cougar of the Month



Ayres and Hickson
Carroll Elementary guidance counselor Amy Hickson is the October Cougar of the Month. She was nominated by Trevor Ayres, who stated in his nomination letter that Mrs. Hickson is "a good counselor" and "she is good at explaining our lessons so that I can understand them."
"I want to thank her for coming up with ideas to make the school better," he added.
Each month CES students send in letters nominating their favorite teacher/staff member as Cougar of the Month.

Scoreboard

Girls' Basketball
Eastern 38, Delphi 28
DELPHI - Stauffer 2-7 0-3-4, Schultz 2-5 0-1 4, Zink 0-8 0-0 0, Hawn 5-8 0-0 12, George 0-5 0-0 0, Lake 0-0 0-0 0, Richardson 1-3 1-2 3, Barnard 1-3 1-2 3, Kayser 1-4 0-0 2, Yates 0-1 0-0 0, German 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 12-45 2-5 28. EASTERN - Zirkle 2-0 0-5, Peters 1 2-5 4, Wilson 6 2-3 14, Myers 3 0-1 8, Pence 1 0-0 3, Bray 2 0-0 4. Totals 15 4-9 38.
Delphi 5 6 6 11 - 28
Eastern 9 7 7 15 - 38
3-point goals - Delphi 2-13 (Hawn 2-4, Stauffer 0-3, George 0-2, Richardson 0-2, Schultz 0-1, Yates 0-1), Eastern 4 (Myers 2, Zirkle, Pence). Total Fouls - Delphi 9, Eastern 13. Rebounds - Delphi 27 (Zink 7). JV score - Delphi 20, Eastern 18.
Eastern is 1-0; Delphi is 0-1.
Pioneer 47, Delphi 38
PIONEER - Gates 2-8 0-1 4, Ide 2-12 0-2 5, Sobiech 2-7 0-0 4, Ross 9-19 1-4 19, Fox 4-9 7-8 15, Brock 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 19-58 8-15 47. DELPHI - Stauffer 5-11 2-2 12, Schultz 2-8 0-1 4, Zink 0-4 0-0 0, Hawn 3-12 2-3 9, George 2-8 1-1 5, Richardson 3-3 2-2 8, Barnard 0-6 0-0 0, Kayser 0-1 0-0 0, Yates 0-5 0-0 0, German 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 15-58 7-9 38.
Pioneer 15 4 11 17 - 47
Delphi 8 7 13 10 - 38
3-point goals - Pioneer 1-5 (Ide 1-3, Gates 0-1, Sobiech 0-1), Delphi 1-11 (Hawn 1-7, Schultz 0-2, Yates 0-2). Total Fouls - Pioneer 19, Delphi 16. Rebounds - Delphi 25 (Stauffer 6). JV score - Delphi 20, Pioneer 17.
Pioneer is 1-0; Delphi is 0-2.

4-H News

Junior Leaders
The next Junior Leaders meeting will be Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. in the 4-H Community Building at Flora. Deputies Mark Back and Mike Thomas will demonstrate tracking drugs and explosives with their drug dogs.
Jr. Leaders are asked to bring pre-school books for the service project.

Library

Delphi Public Library
In Stitches Fiber Arts Circle will meet Nov. 27 on the third floor mezzanine to work on any project involving fiber. Bring spinning, knitting, quilting or needlepoint and refreshments to share. Stitching starts at 6:30 p.m.
The November selection for iFilm series 2006 is an Indian made film titled "A Peck On the Cheek." The film, winner of six national film awards, tells the story of Amudha, adopted daughter of Thiru and Indira, who is determined to find her biological mother. The search takes the family to strife-torn Sri Lanka, where Amudha comes face to face with reality, and reconciles herself to it. The film will be shown Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. Discussion and refreshments to follow.
Children grades four through six can join in some holiday fun during Christmas Candy and Gingerbread Land workshop on Dec. 2 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Using frosting, candy and cookies, attendees will construct an enchanted Christmas gingerbread land that will be displayed in the library for patrons to enjoy over the holidays. Registration is required.
For registration or information on any programs, call (765) 564-2929.
Flora-Monroe Township
Thanksgiving holiday hours: closed on Wednesday November 23 (library is normally closed on Wednesdays), closed Thanksgiving Day, resume normal hours on Friday.
The Saturday morning book discussion group meeting has been rescheduled for this Saturday at 10 a.m. We will discuss "Plain Truth" by Jodi Picoult.
Reliable, verifiable, accurate information is available at your fingertips for high school students, college students and adults through the INSPIRE databases. Research current events, science, business, health, notable people, hobbies, and much more from your library, school, home or office.
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Having trouble finding information for your local elementary school student? Help is as close as your computer. INSPIRE Kids can assist with homework. Use the magazines, encyclopedias, pictures, and dictionary for school assignments. It is available to all kids in Indiana at no charge. Access the database at inspirekids.net.
The library also offers "Searchasaurus," grade school student user guides that show kids how to use this powerhouse resource. "Searchasaurus" can be found in the computer resource center.
The theme of the next storytime is "Thanksgiving." Storytime is Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m.

Horizon Veterinary Service presents...
You and Your Pet
Dear Dr. Wise: What are some alternatives to having my cat declawed?
Answer: First of all, I would suggest that you discuss this with your veterinarian or veterinary technician; they probably have some excellent suggestions with your cat in mind. I am turning this question over to the Registered Veterinary Technician in my practice:
If your cat is scratching the furniture there are some things you can do to try to avoid this behavior. Scratching is a natural activity for your cat; not using the furniture is unnatural. First make sure that your cat has an appropriate place to scratch. Offer scratching posts with different substances (sisal rope, cardboard, sandpaper, carpet) and see which one your cat prefers. You can also get a good idea what your cat prefers by noticing where your cat is scratching now. Also, make sure that the cat has access to a scratching surface on the floor as well as vertical ones and that they are long enough for your cat to fully stretch out when they are scratching. Make these scratching posts very attractive to your pet. Catnip can be rubbed on the posts to make them more attractive. You can reward your cat with a treat if you catch it rubbing on the posts.
Make furniture an unpleasant experience. There are special tapes or with sticky adhesive that your cat will not enjoy or you can just use double sided tape. Place this on the corners of furniture or wood where you cat is choosing to scratch. You can also try spraying these places with something distasteful for cats.
Another option is a product called Soft Paws, these are soft plastic covers that are glued to your cat's claws that will protect your home when the cat scratches. These will need to be periodically replaced as the cat's nails grow. After the initial placement some owners might be able to put these on at home. Soft Paws are not a one-time solution; they will need to be replaced on a regular basis.
Please attempt these options prior to having surgery for your cat. Remember that if you let your cat go outside that declawing should not be an option. You need to make sure that you are making a lifelong commitment to keeping this pet indoors.
Celebrate Indiana Veterinary Technician's Month! Veterinary Technicians are an integral part of many veterinary teams in Indiana. For more information about the profession, contact the Indiana Veterinary Technician's Association (indianavta@verizon.net)
If you have a question about your pet, write to Dr. Wise, Indiana Veterinary Medical Association, 201 S. Capitol Avenue, Suite 405, Indianapolis, IN, 46225, or www.invma.org.
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A Gold Mine in Bedroom Drawers
NewsWire: People are selling their old scrap gold that is gathering dust for its cash value because gold prices are so high. With the price of gold at a 25 year high (over \$650.00 per ounce), it makes sense. ScrapGold.com, a gold recycler, offers free insured recycle kits so people may cash in their scrap with 24 hour service and guarantee satisfaction. They accept broken and outdated items like chains, charms, rings and more. "Everyone has bits of gold just lying around which can be turned into cash" says Richard Zakroff, VP of marketing. "Even old dental gold has value." ScrapGold.com processes over 10,000 recycle Kits per month. People can get a free GoldKit at 1-800-283-4700 or ScrapGold.com.