

Staying Connected

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Senior Chief Petty Officer Matthew P. Marks attended Delphi Community High School and is a 2006 graduate of Excelsior College, earning a B.S. in Liberal Arts. He is the son of Judy and the late Dick Marks of rural Delphi. CPO Marks is stationed in Millington, Tenn., at the Navy Manpower Analysis Center, located just north of Memphis. Marks is deployed for seven months to Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, to augment the 82nd Airborne in support of

Operation Enduring Freedom. *Marks writes...* Hello to everyone in Carroll County!! I hope everyone finds the New Year well. My permanent duty station is the Navy Manpower and Analysis Center in Millington, Tenn., but I am currently serving at Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan, with the 82nd Airborne Division. I am deployed as a part of the Navy's Individual Augmentation program. This program provides the Army with Navy person-

nel to ensure they have the necessary resources to fight the Global War on terrorism. This is a seven-month deployment for me. My assigned duties are to monitor the command communication infrastructure in the Afghan theater, including telephones, satellite communications, and computer networks. I keep an eye and ear on all the systems, report problems, and ensure the proper technicians are solving the issues. My Army counterparts are truly motivated, professional men and women. I am proud to serve with them. When I was home last, I was approached by a person who believes we shouldn't be here (I support the freedom of free thought and speech) and was directly asked, "What do you think of the war?" I simply replied, "I think we should win. We have no other options."

For those of you I haven't been able to keep up with, the following has been my career. I first entered military service in 1988, enlisting in the Indiana Army National Guard as an infantryman and was stationed at the Delphi Armory. In 1992 I was transferred to active duty in the U.S. Navy. My first tour was in Gaeta, Italy, onboard USS Belknap CG-26, from 1993-95. My next tour was onboard USS



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John Hancock DD-981, stationed in Mayport, Fla., from 1995-1998. I then transferred to the Surface Warfare Officers School in Newport, R.I., from 1998-2001. Next, I reported aboard to USS BOONE FFG-28, also homeported in Mayport, in 2001. I was recently transferred to my current duty station in Tennessee in December 2005.

I would like to take a moment to say hello to my family in the Carroll County area. My mother Judy, the DCHS study hall monitor; my sister, Beth, and her family in Lafayette; my brother, Dick, and his family in Monticello; and Roger and Holly Campbell, also of Monticello. I love you all.

Hello to all the patrons and members of VFW Post 9383.

My mailing address is: Matthew P. Marks CJTF-76, CJ6 82nd Airborne Division Bagram Airfield (BAF) APO AE 09354

The Comet thanks CPO Marks for his e-mail to the community.

If you or someone you know from Carroll County is serving our country and who would like to say a few words to those of us here at home, please ask them to send e-mail to dlowe@carrollcountycomet.com

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Answer: Congratulations! It's always exciting to have a new puppy in the household. Since this is your first pup, you are in for some fun and surprises as your little dog grows. I will comment only on limited space. You also want information on obedience training, housebreaking and other aspects of puppy care. Chico should have had his first vaccinations when he was six weeks old, shortly after he was weaned. While puppies are nursing, they receive protection (antibodies/immunity) from their mother's milk. The first vaccinations are temporary and extend protection until the pup's immune system has matured enough to "remember" or sufficiently to the vaccine produce lasting immunity. Chico should be ready for these adult vaccinations at about eight-to-nine weeks of age. He will receive a booster shot about a month later, possibly a second booster. Your veterinarian will be immunizing him against the viruses - parvovirus, distemper, Para influenza and hepatitis.

The parvovirus attacks the cells of the intestinal lining and it inhibits the body's ability to absorb nutrients. The damage is so severe, the lining bleeds and causes bloody diarrhea. It can take up to seven days for the mucosa to grow back. During this time, intense therapy is required to prevent severe dehydration and death. The distemper virus can attack almost every organ system - every type of cell - in the body. It causes pneumonia, diarrhea and seizures and usually is fatal. Even if a dog survives, it will have serious nervous system problems for the rest of its life. Vaccinations also prevent the most common type of viral hepatitis as well as the Para influenza virus, which causes upper respiratory damage. During one of your visits to the veterinarian, Chico will receive a rabies vaccination. The rabies virus is fatal to animals - and to humans when they are infected by the bite of a rabid animal. In other words, the vaccine protects Chico and his human associates. A few cases of rabies show up each year in dogs and cats, but the most likely source is wild animals such as skunks, possums and raccoons. If you have any questions about your pet, write to Dr. Wise, Indiana Veterinary Medical Association, 201 S. Capitol Ave. Ste. 405, Indianapolis, IN 46225 or www.invma.org

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Faith Lutheran Church will be having a soup and sandwich supper on Wednesday evening for Lent. Supper is at 6 p.m. and the worship is at 6:45 p.m. Choir practice will follow at 7:45 p.m.

The Deer Creek Community Center is having Basket Bingo on Friday at 6:30 p.m.

The WELCA women of Faith Lutheran will have their meeting at the church March 13 at 1:30 p.m. All the women are invited to attend.

Pastor Tom McShannock and Pastor Sandy Hutchins of Faith Lutheran Church have returned from a five-day cruise to Cozumel, Mexico, and Belize.

Dr. Steve Herr was surprised recently on his birthday with about 50 guests attending. His wife planned the party. Guests

Burlington

Cheryl Milburn
Burlington 566-3453

Kiwanis Club will meet Saturday at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast and meeting at the fire station.

The Church of Christ will honor Ben Huckstep and his fiancé with a wedding shower Sunday at 2 p.m. at the church.

Faith Church of Christ youth group will meet Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Burlington at the Community Park Building from 1 to 6:30 p.m. on March 27. Those who are at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, and are in good general health may be eligible to donate blood. All donors need to present positive identification. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-448-3543. Burlington Kiwanis Club is sponsoring the blood drive.

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parked their vehicles at another location and were then picked up and shuttled to his house.

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Programming for March 7-14 is listed below:

Wed., March 7 - 7 p.m., Flora Town Council meeting (taped 3/5); Carroll County YMCA update with interim director Russ Siler and other staff members.

Sun., March 11 - 9:30 a.m., Live worship service from Flora First Christian Church.

Mon., March 12 - 7 p.m., Worship service from Flora First Christian Church (taped 3/11); special church music from past tapings.

Wed., March 14 - 7 p.m., Live in the studio, "Pet Savers," with Patricia Scheider, hosted by Mike Hoffman. She will bring pets that are up for adoption.

Camden

Mary Whitfield
Camden 686-2553

Camden Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Town Hall.

The Council held a work session on March 6 to set goals for the year.

Order of the Eastern Star will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Masonic Temple. Past matrons and patrons will be honored and audit committee reports will be given.

Camden-Jackson Township Public Library board will meet at 7 p.m. March 14 in the Reading Room.

Aim Hi E.H. Club will meet at 7 p.m. March 15 in the home of Joan Rogers. Sue Wertz will be assisting.

Camden Elementary School will hold a carnival on Friday evening from 5:30 to 8 p.m.. There promises to be a true family event.

Frank Whitfield celebrated his 84th birthday Sunday evening with a family dinner hosted by his wife, Mary. Those attending were John David and Karen Whitfield, Mary Frances Stilson, Frank Daniel, Shanell, Zackery and Chelsea Whitfield.

Looking Back



LaGreta Burton Rardon in front of C.W. Burton & Son Plumbing, Flora, 1932

From the files of Hoosier Democrat, Delphi Journal, Journal-Citizen and Carroll County Comet. Photo provided by Carroll County Historical Museum.

10 YEARS AGO

Three new members were inducted into the Carroll County Agriculture Hall of Fame at the Carroll County Pork Producers annual meeting and banquet Monday night.

The inductees are Lee Flora, Fred Martin, and Bill Pickart.

Also at the banquet, Bob Knott was presented and award for being named Swine Manager of the Year by the Indiana Pork Producers, and two scholarship recipients were named.

Tracy Cleaver and Suzann Martin are the 1997 recipients of the Carroll County Pork Producers Memorial Scholarship in memory of Jill Pickart.

On Saturday, the Camden Telephone Company will cut into service the new central office digital switches at its Camden, Burrows and Deer Creek exchanges.

All dialing patterns will remain the same. The only changes the customer might notice will be on long distances calls. There will be no dialing tones as has been heard in the past. All calls will complete faster.

Six members of the board of Delphi Community unanimously approved closing of the Piitsburg Elementary

School at the completion of the present term when they met Monday night. Board member William Duff was not present.

On the recommendation of Dr. Charles Skurka, superintendent, six teachers were cut from the present staff under a "Reduction in Force" of teachers according to a master contract with Delphi Association. It is expected that some, possibly all, will be offered contracts because of attrition.

The closing of Piitsburg came after a petition bearing 151 signatures and requesting that the school not be closed.

A Delphi youth received an unusual compliment this week. After being injured in an automobile accident, he was taken to a doctor in a town near the place where the accident occurred in the Francesville Medaryville area.

When he returned the next day to pay for the medical services, the doctor commented that this was the first time in 17 years of practice that any of many strangers who had received first aid after accidents and promised to come back and pay, ever actually did so. Delphi should be proud that it was a Delphi youth who broke that record.

The farm woman of today is insisting upon the charm preserving treatments of the modern beauty establishment associated only with the city

life. In Lafayette, the Gladys Anderson Beauty Shop stands for enhanced loveliness with the ladies who concern themselves with their appearance. Gladys Anderson's permanents are the choice of the smart women of Carroll County. At the fashionable bridges and other social functions, Miss Anderson's methods and her splendid results are spoken of frequently. A very moderate price range is maintained and her help to increased loveliness are within the reach of all women who long for the captivation charm which comes with expert beauty attention.

The Anderson establishment is offering these values for February: A Realistic Permanent Wave, \$7.50; a Special Permanent Wave, \$5.00, and a Shampoo and Finger Wave for 75¢.

Carroll county is to have a skunk farm.

L. Matron, the junk man, has formed a partnership with Allen Hobaugh, who lives on the Wabash river, about 3 miles north of Delphi.

They are fencing in 10 acres of ground for the culture of skunks. It is necessary to sink a wire fence four feet in the round to keep the animals from burrowing out. They multiply very rapidly and their pelts are quite valuable. The firm already has fenced in an acre of ground and are buying all the live black skunks that are brought to them. This industry is very profitable in other places and will no doubt prove so there.

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