

Coghills celebrate 60th



Fred and Roberta Coghill of Delphi will observe their 60th wedding anniversary on March 16. The couple plans to celebrate with family.

Fred Coghill and the former Roberta Johnson were married March 16, 1947, at the Presbyterian parsonage in Monticello.

He retired from Globe Valve Corp., Delphi, in 1988. She is a homemaker.

The couple's children are Don Coghill of Lafayette, Teresa Groninger and Diane Coghill, both of Delphi. They also have six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Rossville schools are Four Star Schools

Comet staff report

For the third year in a row, Rossville Elementary School has been named a Four Star School. Rossville's Middle School earned the award for the first time.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Suellen Reed announced the state's Four Star School Award for the 2005-2006 school year last week. Of the 1,870 Indiana schools, 175 earned the award, the highest state distinction, which is based on overall attendance rates and student achievement on 2005 ISTEP+ assessment.

The annual award is non-monetary, and to earn the distinction, a school must be fully accredited by the Indiana State Board of Ed-

ucation, meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as defined by The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), and perform in the top 25 percent of all the schools in the state in each of the following four areas: student attendance rates, mathematics proficiency scores, English/language arts proficiency scores, and the percent of students passing both English/language arts and mathematics.

Rossville Elementary had an attendance rate of .976. Other scores were: 56 in math and 60 in English/language arts with 80% of students passing both.

Rossville Middle School had an attendance rate of .9692. Other scores were: 57 in math and 59 in English/language arts with 75% of students passing both.

Carroll awards contract

Jennifer Archibald
Staff writer

Carroll School Board accepted the bid of Love Contracting for the high school roofing project at its March 6 meeting.

The bid, which was one of five, was for \$57,675.

Two members of the Carroll chapter of Family, Career & Community Leaders of America gave a presentation at the board meeting. The two girls, Laura Bott and Heather Perry, gave the same presentation at the State Leadership Conference last weekend.

Their total project was called "Poverty in Your Neighborhood." They researched the causes and solutions of poverty, developed an illustrated talk, and handed out related brochures at school and in the community. They also served meals at the Kokomo Rescue Mission.

Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School principal Charles Huckstep announced that Tuesday, May 29, will be the last day of school for students. This is the day after Memorial Day. He said graduation is the previous Saturday, and seniors will not have to come back on the 29th. Summer school will start on

May 31.

The board approved the following conference and field trip requests:

- Susan Abbott, Hoosier Heartland Conference Math Contest Planning Session at Lafayette Central Catholic.

- Cindy Reinke, Kelly Hillman and students,, FCCLA State Leadership Conference in Indianapolis.

- Andrea O'Brien and Kellie Strong, Social Studies and Language Arts: Collaborating for Connections Conference at the Wabash Valley Education Center.
- Rick George, 2007 Indiana Football Coaches Association State Clinic in Indianapolis.

Also approved was the use of a school bus for various YMCA activities and the use of the Jr.-Sr. high school athletic field for a YMCA track and field meet in June. Use of the high school gym was approved for a wrestling clinic on March 17 for grades 1-5, and use of the elementary school gym was approved for Carroll Youth Football. The football program is for 3rd through 6th grades, and will be held outside unless the weather is bad.

Student fundraising and advertising policies are still under consideration. Board president Sam Zook said school organizations should take a look at the proposed policies on the school website. Under the fundraising policy, organizations should submit their requests in April for fundraisers that are planned for the next school year. Fundraising requests are to be submitted for approval to the building principal.

Students will have a chance to comment on these policies before they are officially adopted. The board will have its annual meeting with the students at 1:30 p.m. March 20 in the junior-senior high school media center. The board will have its regular meeting at 1 p.m., before meeting with students.

Alcohol and drug education group offered at Family Services

Comet staff report

Family Services, Inc. announces that Insight, a nine-session educational group to help youth in grades 7-12 who are using alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs, will begin on April 4. The program will run from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., and will continue to meet each Wednesday evening through May 30. The registration deadline is March 28.

Insight guides participants to examine the effects of drugs and alcohol use on their lives, and to consider what actions they can

take to improve their lives. Insight is often the first step in an extended intervention process. Topics of discussion include:

- Defenses and the role they play in the use of alcohol and other drugs
 - Harmful physical and mental effects of alcohol and drug use
 - Myths about getting high
 - Stages of use, abuse, and dependency
 - Warning signs of addiction and dependency
 - Consequences participants have experienced from their use of alcohol and drugs
- All groups will meet at Family Services,

Inc.'s office at 731 Main Street, Lafayette. Costs of the program are funded through a grant from the Coalition for a Safe and Drug-Free Tippecanoe County in Lafayette. To register or obtain more information, please call Erin Smith or Jennifer Swartz at 423-5361 or toll-free at (800) 875-5361.

Family Services, Inc. is a non-profit agency that provides programs to address individual, family and community needs through prevention and support services in Tippecanoe and the seven surrounding counties.

Parenting seminar to be March 20

Comet staff report

Carroll Elementary School will host the nationally acclaimed parenting program "Smart Discipline for Parents" on March 20 from 6-8 p.m.

It will be presented by Richard Voorhees in the John A. Bush Memorial Auditorium at Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School.

The workshop is for parents of children of all ages. Parents will be taught the Smart Discipline System and how to insure that their children grow up with high self-esteem.

Parents can expect to be highly entertained and inspired by the presentation. Parents will learn:

1. Why having a good discipline plan is important.
2. How to decide what behavior needs to be changed.
3. Why rules are important.
4. How to design rules effectively.
5. How to self-motivate children to follow the rules.
6. How to implement Smart Discipline.

In addition, parents will discover how to maintain a positive, loving relationship with their children into the teen years.

The seminar is sponsored by Carroll Elementary PTO. Child care will be provided by FCCLA in the Carroll Elementary gym.

State program... Instant help for local victims

By Jenna Buehler
Comet writer-intern



Smith

Gov. Mitch Daniels announced a Statewide Automated Victim Information (SAVIN) and Notification network on Jan. 26 that will be implemented in April. The network will allow Indiana residents and victims to anonymously register to receive instant notification of criminal status in all 92 countries, 24 hours a day.

Carroll County Chief Deputy Prosecutor Christine Smith explained the potential benefits of the program in a March 2 Comet interview.

Smith said the Indiana Department of Corrections already provides an online criminal tracking system, but it is not instantaneous. In contrast, SAVIN would provide immediate notification to victims. Smith added that fast access to a criminal's status is designed to give victims a peace of mind about their safety.

"SAVIN will be a good initiative for victims," Smith said. "It will help them become in-

formed about the way the (incarceration) system proceeds, and may even empower victims."

Smith said her office would make it top priority to inform victims of this service and the registration process for the network.

Smith is a new addition to the prosecutor's office. Before working with Carroll County Prosecutor, Tricia Thompson, Smith served as chief deputy prosecutor of Tippecanoe and Boone counties.

Smith is a graduate of Indiana University in Bloomington and a former resident of Long Island New York. She is a former member of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Smith has been involved in child abuse and neglect prevention programs and she volunteered for Indianapolis Advocates for Children.

"I have always had a passion for criminal law and gaining justice for victims," Smith said.

For SAVIN registration information, contact the Smith's office at (765) 564-4514.

Announcements

Habitat for Humanity Carroll County Chapter will host a **SOUP SUPPER** March 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Honan Hall in Delphi. Free-will offerings will be accepted. Call Herb Newbolds at (574) 686-2856 for information.

CITY OF DELPHI CEMETERY CLEANUP will occur in early April. Citizens who have placed flowers on graves are asked to remove them by April 2. All flowers left on graves after then will be discarded. New flowers may be placed on graves after April 6.

The **MODERN'S HOME EXTENSION** meeting will be March 22 at noon at Solomon's Grille. Ruth Anderson will be hostess.

Senior citizens are invited to the **DELPHI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTHLY LUNCHEON** March 21 at noon in the church fellowship hall. An elevator is available for those in need. For a

ride or for questions call Susan at the church at (765) 564-2371 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 75 will meet at 7 p.m. March 21 in the Legion Hall.

Carroll County Zoning Administrator Dale Huffer has announced the first public meeting to initiate development of a revised **COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN**. Focusing on input from community leaders, the meeting will be March 22 at 1 p.m. in the commissioners' meeting room on the second floor of the courthouse. Ground Rules, Inc., the firm hired to develop the plan, will provide meeting leadership.

The **DEMOCRAT CENTRAL COMMITTEE** will hold its regular monthly meeting March 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Jenny's Restaurant. The public is welcome to attend.

Who's most extraordinary of them all?

Comet staff report

Delphi Lions Club announced nominations are being accepted for the sixth annual Delphi Community School Corporation Teacher of the Year Award.

Each year the club presents the award to a teacher at the Delphi Community School Corporation who has made an extraordinary impact in the classroom by means of extra effort, outstanding skills or creative approach.

The club is actively soliciting nominations from parents, guardians, students, teachers, staff and administrators. Teachers may not nominate themselves.

Forms are available at the principal's office of each school or at the Delphi Comet office. Completed nominations should be returned to: Lions Teacher of the Year, 425N. 900W., Delphi, IN 46923.

In order to be eligible for the award, nominees must be board certified and actively teaching in a kindergarten to 12th grade class within DCSC.

The winner will receive a cash award, a winner's plaque and an invitation to the awards presentation at the Lions Club Awards Night in May. The winner's name will also be placed on the Teacher of the Year plaque housed in the Lions Club Den.

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Carroll County Relay for Life
July 27-28
at the Carroll High School Track

Fundraiser for the American Cancer Society

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First Lady Cheri Daniels

will be guest speaker at the Monday, March 19, dinner/meeting of the Carroll County Republican Women's Club

Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. at Gracie's Restaurant & Bakery, 206 N. Sycamore St., Flora



Mrs. Daniels will be encouraging Republican Women to make a difference and will express how she has made a difference as the First Lady of Indiana

Dinner is \$12 per person. Reservations are due March 15 by calling 765-566-3917 or 574-686-2635.



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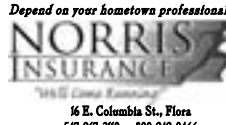
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