

DCSC athletics receive boost

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All it takes is a nod of approval from the right people to revive a floundering project.

It has been two years since Delphi has been able to host a track meet at its home facility. An unsafe track surface, inadequate lane markings and outdated equipment have hampered Delphi Community School Corporation efforts to build up the track program. The high school track program has dwindled from 50 to 20 athletes since the track closed two years ago.

The Delphi Community School Corporation Board of Trustees gave the nod at the Monday night meeting when it approved a track renovation project totaling \$773,200.

Interim high school athletic director Vince Burpo told the board he was excited about the project's approval. He said the project should be done correctly and immediately.

"Sports is an educational tool," Burpo explained to the board and public. "Our kids want to participate. We will be gone someday, but the kids will keep coming. A good facility is vital for them."

The board approved the base bid plus three options. The track will have eight lanes, new light poles around the facility and a section of asphalt on the home

side will be extended. F&K Construction of Flora will do the work.

The board also approved the addition of telescopic bleachers and safety features at the high school gymnasium totaling \$30,460. High school principal Barry Stone will advertise to host sectional and regional basketball competitions at the gym.

Fence replacement and painting at the high school baseball field was approved for \$12,907.54.

Reductions in force

Each year the school must prepare for possible staff cutbacks based on the budget. Teachers Tonya Small, Tana Lehr, Danielle Dunbar and Hannah Larson were given pink slips in preparation for possible reductions in force.

Superintendent Ralph Walker said the teachers are not necessarily out of a job.

"This is simply financial," Walker explained. "It is not a reflection of their teaching abilities. These teachers, if they do lose their positions, will remain on the recall list for two years. If other options present themselves, and they choose to return, we will ask them to do so."

Public field trip

A field trip to Clinton Prairie to tour the school's science labs and field house will be March 19. Members of the public who wish to participate should be at the corporation office by 6:30 p.m. The bus will leave promptly at 6:35.

New music elective course

A Music Technology course for grades six to 12 and \$6,000 for equipment were approved. Computer workstations, a live recording studio station, a disc jockey station and music software will be available for the upcoming school year.

New positions approved

The board approved Walker's recommendation to add four new staff positions. Vocational Business and Family and Consumer Science teachers would be hired with vocational funds. A dance instructor for poms would be paid from the general fund. A technology specialist for the middle school would be compensated from capital funds.

Other business

Claims and payroll for \$3,058,613.43 were approved.

Noting an abstention by board

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Father and son on opposite teams

Carroll Jr.-Sr. H.S. principal Charles Huckstep, left, tries to block a pass from his son Daniel, right, in the wheelchair basketball tourney on Saturday. Also pictured are teacher Tom Hedde and Josh Spray. Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald

Wheelchair tourney rolls in \$2,000

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The 3-on-3 wheelchair basketball tournament at Carroll Elementary School on Saturday raised more than \$2,000.

Event coordinators Kathy Sanders and Jenelle Gish say half of the proceeds will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, which helps Carroll students with MDA, and half will go toward the purchase of a new wheelchair for another student. Carroll has four students in wheelchairs.

Eighteen teams participated in the tourney. Members of the winning team were Josh Spray, Jeremy Huckstep, Tyson Damitis, and Dwayne Ewing.

It was a close final game, and coming in second was the team of Adam Spesard, Drew Yoder, Weston Rinehart, and Riley Eller.

Josh Spray was on two teams, and it turned out that they were to play each other in

the semi-finals. One team included his two physical therapists, and the other was made up of his friends from school. He chose to stay with his friends, and that team was defeated.

However, by unanimous decision, it was decided to let Josh play with his other team in the final game. Thus, he was on the winning team as well as the third place team. Each of the winning team members received a trophy.

His teammates on the third place team were Conner Wells, Daniel Huckstep, and Kaitlynn Capitanio.

Those on the fourth place team were Drake Harper, Dallas Butcher, Ethan Glascock, and Jordan Brumbaugh.

The team that had the distinction of being the first one eliminated from the tourney (but very good sports) consisted of John Sayers, Charles Huckstep, Fred Schnarr, Tom Hedde, and Drew Carter.

The tourney originally was

scheduled to be double elimination, but because so many teams signed up, it was changed to single elimination.

Game officials were volunteers Don Shively, Mike Hyman, and Katie Seward.

Sanders and Gish said many individuals, organizations, and businesses donated money and volunteered their time to this event. They said they have already had requests to repeat the event next year.



In control

Josh Spray, left, was on two teams in the wheelchair basketball tourney. One of his teams came in first place and the other came in third place out of 18 teams participating. Also pictured in this photo is Eric Miller. Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald

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Winter Sports Summaries

DCMS swimmers defeat four teams

The Delphi Community Middle School swim team had an outstanding week, defeating Rensselaer 108-77, Pioneer 139-48 and winning a three-way meet against Benton Central and Kankakee Valley. Scores were: Delphi A-team 151, Benton Central 106, Kankakee Valley 70. Delphi B-team 174, Benton Central 89 and Kankakee Valley 58.

Against Rensselaer, Delphi won six events and used its depth for the win with several second, third and fourth place finishes. First places went to Jordan Hudelson, 100 IM; Alex Price,

50 freestyle; Jonelle Randle, diving; Annie Mose, 50 butterfly and 400 freestyle; and the 200 freestyle relay team of Keaton Garrison, Hudelson, Abbey Mose and Alex Price.

Against Pioneer, first places went to the 200 medley relay team of Alison Million, Hudelson, Grace Currie and Vanissa Rohrman; Abbey Mose, 200 freestyle; Annie Mose, 100 IM and 100 backstroke; Keaton Garrison, 50 free; Justin Bennett, diving; Rohrman, 50 butterfly; Brianna Walters, 100 freestyle; Erika Matrica, 400 freestyle; and 200 freestyle relay team of Garrison, Rollie Taylor, Justin Bennett and Alex Price; and the 400

freestyle relay team of Abbey Mose, Windell, Matrica and Walters.

In the three-way meet, Oracle winners in the A meet were: 200 medley relay team of Payton Windell, Jordan Hudelson, Annie Mose and Keaton Garrison; Abbey Mose, 200 freestyle; Alex Price, 50 freestyle; Annie Mose, 50 butterfly and 400 freestyle; the 200 freestyle relay team of Garrison, Hudelson, Abbey Mose and Price; and the 400 freestyle relay team of Abbey Mose, Annie Mose, Erika Matrica and Price.

DCMS winners for the B meet were: 200 medley relay team of Emily Layman, Keltie McLe-

land, Kyle Miller and Taylor Saul; Taylor Thompson, 200 freestyle; Vanissa Rohrman, 100 IM; Shelby Disinger, 50 freestyle; Bridget Floyd, diving;

Miller, 50 butterfly; Justin Chorushi, 100 freestyle; Brianna Walters, 400 freestyle; Layman, 100 backstroke; 200 freestyle relay team of Zakk Hackerd,

Payton Roswarski, Alyssa Dunn and Disinger; and the 400 freestyle relay team of Chorushi, Roswarski, Disinger and Taylor Saul.



Carroll swim awards presented

The 2006-2007 Carroll High School swim team held its awards banquet Feb. 28. Boys and girls teams award recipients are pictured (l-r): Front - Sarah Wilkinson, most improved; Sammy Meeks, most outstanding rookie; and Emily Schneckloth, mental attitude. Back - Back - Nathan Mahan, most improved; Adam Bonner, most best times; Brock Richardson, most points; Jennifer Hardyniec, most points; and Seth Larimore, mental attitude. Not pictured is Lauren Wilkinson, most best times. Comet photo

Carroll girls swim to best record in school history

Comet staff report

Carroll girls' swim team accomplished a feat this year that has them in the record books. They compiled the best season record, 14-5, in Carroll girls' swim history.

Their coach, Roger Nelson said his team had no real superstar, just a lot of depth with nearly 30 girls on the team.

"We did not win one event at conference, except diving, but won the conference meet with our depth," said Nelson.

The last time the girls won the conference meet was the 1998-99 season.

Nelson said his team did not break any records this year either, but still had some great individual performances.

The team's No. 1 diver, junior Heather DeLon won both conference and sectional, placed eighth in the regional, and placed 24 out of 32 divers at the state finals.

Senior Jennifer Hardyniec was the team's sprinter (50 and 100 freestyle events). Nelson said, "We could count on her to get a few points for us. She took first or second most of the time."

At No. 1 backstroke was senior Kristen Geheb. "We could count on her, too, for first or second place," said Nelson. "She also competed in the medley relay for us."

Senior Kyra Edging swam mostly distance races - 200 and 500 freestyle. "Even though she has been doing this for years, Kyra decided this year to try the backstroke and we used her in a couple of places," added Nelson.

Senior Lindsay Stiller was the team's No. 2 backstroke swimmer. "She swam some freestyle, but backstroke was her thing," he said.

The team's award banquet was held last week. Individual honors went to: Hardyniec for

earning the most points; Sarah Wilkinson as most improved; and Emily Schneckloth for mental attitude.

Nelson presented two coaches awards to underclassmen, both sophomores - Sammy Meeks as most outstanding rookie and Lauren Wilkinson for accumulating the most best times.

Nelson has been coaching Carroll swim teams for 20 years. Assisting him this year with both the girls' and boys' teams were Grant Richardson, Chase Richardson, Carla Richardson and Dr. Mark Meyer.

Much of the girls' team returns next year with only Hardyniec, Geheb, Edging, and Stiller graduating. With the bar set high by this year's team, the underclassmen will have their work cut out for them if they are to meet or exceed the accomplishments of the 2006-07 team.



Talent Show is Saturday

The Carroll Talent Show will be Saturday evening at 7 in the John A. Bush Memorial Auditorium. There will be nearly 30 acts featuring comedy, music, and dance. Proceeds from the annual event benefit the Carroll Memorial Scholarship Fund. General seating tickets will be sold at the door. Emcees for the evening will be (l-r): Seated - Nick Jones. Row 2 - Chelsea DeVos, Savannah Stevens, Kaitlin Kennedy, Lauren Wilkinson, Anna Scharer, Row 3 - Sean Smith, Seth Pencek and Adam Bonner. Photo provided