

Budding, seasoned artists reveal connections through Delphi Art Show

By Kevin Schnepf
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Anyone who loves creativity and camaraderie should find the 51st annual Jack Sanders' Delphi Art Show satisfies those cravings.

The exhibit, open May 6-10 at Delphi Community High School, will feature works by kindergarten to 12th-grade art students, along with new and veteran local Indiana artists. Show hours are 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. opening day and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. onward.

Opening day will be replete with painting demonstrations by students, refreshments, plenty of art to browse, and opportunities to meet and greet local artists. An auction will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre. Proceeds from the sale of concrete pig sculptures decorated by area businesses, organizations and individuals support the Delphi Fine Arts Council. Superintendent Ralph Walker will serve as auctioneer.

Exhibit organizer Sherri Cripe said the show highlights talents of new and seasoned artists alike.

"The art show is a great opportunity for the kids to showcase their beautiful, creative minds," Cripe said. "And the artists who take part produce such magnificent works. It should make for another great show this year."

Cripe, an art teacher at Hillcrest Elementary, focused her students' attention this semester on famous artist Pablo Picasso. The topic coincided with the "Pig-casso" theme of this year's art exhibit.

Among many projects and lessons students experienced was how to mix painting with poetry. Students first painted in the style of Picasso then wrote poetry based on their renditions. Following are five examples of



Educational art

Students of Hillcrest art teacher Sherri Cripe painted in the style of famed creator Pablo Picasso during the semester. The students then wrote poetry based on their works. These and many other forms of art by Delphi Community School Corporation art students will be on display at this year's Jack Sanders' Delphi Art Show. Pictured, left to right, are third graders Kolby Kinzie, Erika Carroll, Coy Cronk, Morgan Bennett and Jaimey Martinez. Comet photo by Kevin Schnepf

those creations (students featured along with their paintings in the photo associated with this story wrote the poems):

- *Wonderful girl, sitting, like a still butterfly, beautiful girl.* – Morgan Bennett;
- *Blue blossom, standing, like a flower blooming, sunset.* – Jaimey Martinez;
- *Drama queen, sitting down, like a singing cloud, dreaming.* – Erika Carroll;
- *Big face, hitting his head on the table, like a giraffe running into an elephant, pretty picture.* – Kolby Kinzie; and
- *Hot sauce, nice lovely lady, like the sun rising, painted lady.* – Coy Cronk

Seventh-grade science teacher Alan McConnell can relate to the students' approaches to writing about their works. He is a local artist whose photographic works will be on display at the exhibit.

McConnell said his artistic passions come to fruition mostly through photography. His wife Elaine then writes descriptions to match stories behind the prints, much the same process as Cripe's students experienced.

"I believe a good teacher can tell stories well," McConnell explained. "One way I like to teach is to tell stories. And one way I am good at telling stories is through photography."

McConnell became interested

in photography when he enrolled in a mini-course during his high school years in the 1970s. He said one of his philosophies is "life is memories."

"I hope to gather as many memories in my life as possible with my camera," he said. "I love to share memories with others, especially my students."

It's possible McConnell's artistic influence on young minds in his class could help inspire them to be featured in exhibits as he has.

One thing is for certain – at this year's art show the talents of many budding and seasoned artists will be on display and worth the visit to see.



At home with his work

Delphi Community Middle School seventh-grade science teacher Alan McConnell provides a peek of his photography at his Carroll County home. As will be the case with several local artists, the public will have an opportunity to view his works when they are displayed at this year's Delphi art show. The show runs from May 6 to 10 at Delphi Community High School. Comet photo by Kevin Schnepf

Lady Oracles beat Carroll to improve to 6-3

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For all but two half-innings played between Delphi and Carroll Monday night in Flora on the back-half of the home-and-home series, the game seemed like most games played between the two rivals - closely played, well-pitched, a key hit here or there determining the outcome.

But for Delphi's offensive eruptions in the top-halves of both the 2nd and 7th innings, this game was much the same - except the 8-0 lop-sided outcome was a direct result of the difference in this game.

The difference was the Oracles ability to string together 10 of their season-high 13 hits during those two crucial innings to put the distance between the two teams.

Delphi also beat Pioneer for the first time in school history last Wednesday, 5-1, and swept a double-header at conference-foe Rensselaer on Saturday, winning 4-1 and 11-1. In between was an extra-inning loss at then undefeated Clinton Central, 4-3.

In the Carroll game, the Oracles started its offensive barrage with five runs on six hits in the 2nd inning, and finished with another three runs

on four hits in the 7th.

The Cougars were able to collect six hits off of Delphi starting pitcher Brittney Atwood, but never more than two in any one inning and only once did a Carroll base-runner advance as far as 3rd base.

Atwood improved her record to 5-1 on the season, striking out three and walking none. Cougar counterpart Leann Cossairt (2-5) was able to strike out six Oracles, but did not receive the offensive support to keep her team in the game.

Kayla Yates led Delphi offensively, going 3-for-3 with an RBI. Brittany Tyner went 2-of-3 with a triple and an RBI, while both Brianna Stauffer and Emily Kayser each added two hits, including a double from Kayser.

The Oracles' Kristina Barnard and Amanda Schultz each drove in two runs apiece on singles, with Leslie Kayser adding a hit and an RBI. Atwood singled for Delphi's other hit in the contest, 11 of which were singles.

All of the Cougar hits were also singles, led by Lucia Zook, who went 2-for-2. Hannah Peden, Krystal Brazel, Cally Ayres and Cossairt each added a hit apiece.

The Oracles (6-3) played a re-scheduled game at West Lafayette Tuesday night (too late for print), then will host Frankfort on Thursday at 5 p.m., before traveling to Harrison on Friday, stating at 5:30 p.m. Delphi will then host Twin Lakes for a Saturday morning double-header at 10, then play at Rossville Monday at 4:30 and at Sheridan Tuesday at 5.

Carroll (2-6) will host Central Catholic Tuesday night (too late for print) before traveling to CC on Wednesday at 4:45 p.m. The Cougars will then play at Clinton Central next Tuesday at 4:45 pm.

Against Pioneer
Last season marked the first time that a Lady Oracle team had been able to complete a 7-inning game against Pioneer, which may have laid the groundwork for this year's breakthrough. Delphi beat the Panthers for the first-time ever, 5-1.

Atwood pitched an excellent game for the Oracles, striking out 11 while allowing only two hits and walking just one. After a lead-off single in the 2nd inning, she retired the last 18 batters in-a-row to secure the victory.

Kayser led the offensive attack, going 3-for-3 with an

RBI, while Stauffer drove in two runs with her single in the 1st inning.

Atwood added a double and Barnard a single as the Lady Oracles had six hits in the contest. Pioneer dropped to 2-2 on the season.

At Rensselaer
Delphi had an early wake-up call on Saturday, traveling to Rensselaer for a double-header and a 9:00 am start, but was able to get rid of the sleepy-eyes in time to defeat the Lady Bombers by scores of 4-1 and 11-1.

Atwood was again strong on the mound in the first game, striking out eight while allowing only one walk and just four hits. The lone Bomber run was unearned.

Barnard was the offensive leader in game one, going 2-for-4 with a double and 2 RBI's, while Stauffer went 1-of-2 with an RBI.

Atwood uncorked a triple over the left fielder's head, while Yates, Schultz, Tyner and both Kayser's added singles to round-out a 9-hit Oracle attack.

Delphi took care of business more efficiently in the second contest, winning by the 10-run rule in just 5 innings, led on the mound this time by Schultz, who allowed just three hits, striking out

five and walking just one to earn her first victory of the season.

Barnard again led the hit parade, going 2-of-3 with a double and an RBI. Schultz also contributed with her bat, also going 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Erika Hawn drove in two runs on an RBI single, while Atwood and Morgan Lavy added RBI singles. Lavy, batting for the first time in a varsity game this season, drove in the game's final run on a liner to left, scoring Yates, who had also singled, to end the game.

Tyner had the other hit for the Lady Oracles as they again collected nine hits in the contest. Rensselaer fell to 0-5 on the season.

At Clinton Central
On Thursday night, Delphi played a talented and undefeated Clinton Central team (6-0) and gave the Lady Bulldogs more than they wanted before falling 4-3 in 8 innings.

Despite only producing five hits, the Lady Oracles were in the game from the get-go, tying the score at 3 with two runs in the top of the 7th to force extra innings.

But Clinton Central was able to get consecutive two-out hits in the bottom of the

eighth to take the victory.

Yates went 2-for-4, including a triple to lead Delphi, while Atwood produced the game-tying RBI single. Barnard and Kayser both added singles as Bulldog pitcher Chelsea Quick limited the Oracles' offense.

Schultz was effective on the mound with 5 strikeouts, but did allow 10 Clinton Central hits and four earned runs in to take the hard-luck loss.



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Carroll hires athletic director

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Carroll School Corporation has named a new athletic director.

Shawn Rose, a native of Elkhart and now of Lafayette, will officially begin his duties July 1.

He has been a physical education teacher at Clinton Prairie Elementary School, Frankfort, for the past three years. Along with teaching, he has also coached seventh and eighth grade football and seventh grade basketball there. He formerly was varsity girls' tennis coach at Rossville High School. He also formerly was a volunteer soccer coach for the YMCA in Elkhart.

In 2001, Rose was a supplemental instructor at Indiana

University of South Bend, offering extra help to Spanish 101 students.

He is American Red Cross certified in first aid and CPR. Rose graduated from Purdue University in 2004 with a liberal arts degree. He has a physical education teaching license for grades K-12.

He is pursuing a master's degree in education and a principal licensure from Indiana Wesleyan University, with an expected graduation date of April 2008.

Rose said he is an active member of the Indiana Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, and he's interested in all sports. "I'm looking forward to coming in and making a successful athletic program for the Carroll Consolidated School Corporation," Rose said.

As a way to bring in more funds for the Athletic Department, he said he plans to organize volunteers to run a concessions booth at the RCA Dome during the Colts Season.

He said coaches, students, teachers and parents could be involved. Rose added that he was involved with that same project at Clinton Prairie, and it was a successful money-maker.

He and his wife, Elizabeth, have one daughter, Isabella, age two. His wife teaches Spanish at McCutcheon High School.

Rose said they have their Lafayette home on the market and would like to move closer to the Carroll area.

Although his contract begins July 1, he has been hired for 20 additional days after school is out at Clinton Prairie. He said he plans to work with Carroll's interim AD, Bob Cornell, before he leaves.

"I want to get myself acclimated to see what needs to be done to have a successful program," he said.

He plans to attend some of Carroll's spring sports events, including the Delphi Relays on April 28.

Rossville's Kelly to play basketball at Franklin College

Jennifer Kelly, a senior at Rossville Middle/High School, will be playing basketball next winter at Franklin College.



Kelly

Even though she has earned 12 varsity letters in cross country, track and basketball at Rossville, she will only play basketball at Franklin.

She had the opportunity to compete in cross country and track, but chose academics over additional sports even though she is a standout athlete and record holder in both at RHS.

Kelly holds runners-up records in basketball to RHS's 1991 Indiana Miss Basketball Jennifer Jacoby.

During her four high school basketball seasons she has scored a total of 947 points and earned 575 assists.

Franklin College is a Division III school in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Kelly will be attending Franklin College on a partial academic scholarship. She

plans to major in recreation.

Kelly also works part-time at It-Figures! Fitness Center in Rossville. She is the daughter of Cathy Kelly and Gary Kelly and the granddaughter of Susan Mann-Hitchcock of Flora and Delphi.

Oracles come from behind to defeat Bulldogs

The Oracle JV softball team improved its record to 2-1 last Thursday night after defeating Clinton Central 5-4.

The Oracles' "never give up" attitude was shown as they battled back after falling behind 4-0 after the first inning. Cassi Oliver claimed her first win of the season.

The JV squad was down 4-3 at the top of the 6th inning

when the bats of Haley Lynde, Hannah Evans and Sami Mayhew came alive to give the visiting Oracle team a 5-4 advantage. Oliver proved she had the fortitude to go the distance, striking out 2 of the last three batters. The game came to a conclusion after six innings due to darkness.