

4-H News

Poultry Workshop

The poultry workshop will be April 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the 4-H Community Building in Flora. Members should bring their project books. Those who wish to show broilers should contact leaders by May 1 so the order can be placed.

Rabbit Workshop

4-H rabbit leaders will meet April 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Community Building in Flora. Enter from the east side.

4-H Camp

4-Hers in grades three to six may take part in the 4-H camp June 6-8 at Camp Tecumseh. Members from eight counties will enjoy swimming, making new friends and activities includ-

ing crafts, Mt. Wood, the zip line, black hole, foods, cabin skits and challenges. Registration is due by April 27. Contact the 4-H office for information.

Sheep Weigh-in

All 4-H sheep must be ear-tagged, retinal image scanned and weighed by the 4-H Sheep Committee to be eligible to show in 2007. To participate in the rate-of-gain contest, the weigh-in date is May 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the fairgrounds in Flora. A second date is May 14 from 5 to 8 p.m. Pre-registration will be on a first-call basis and may be obtained through the extension office at (765) 564-3169.

Goat Weigh-in

All 4-H Meat Wether goats must be ear-tagged, retinal

image scanned and weighed by the 4-H Goat Committee to be eligible to show in 2007. The weigh-in date is May 10 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds in Flora. Those with only dairy or pygmy goats must enroll by May 15.

Horse Measure-in

Horses will be measured May 2 from 5 to 6:45 p.m. at the horse arena, Flora. Members must complete new registration forms for all horses. Young Wranglers will have a short business meeting at 7 p.m. Members are reminded to bring two duplicate photos of each horse.

Share-the-Fun Contest

The annual Carroll County Share-the-Fun Contest will be May 4 at 7 p.m. in the Little Theatre at Delphi Community High School. The contest will

highlight 4-Hers' talents in skit, music, dance and magic routines.

4-H Scrapbooking

4-Hers enrolled in the scrapbook project for the first time are encouraged to attend a question and answer meeting May 3 from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. at the 4-H Community Building in Flora. Members should bring their project books, the 4-H handbook, an adult and questions. Project requirements will be discussed at the meeting.

Library

Burlington Community

Burlington Community Library has extended its hours. The library will be open until 7 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. Library director, Gina Tull-Nunn, will no longer be in the office in the mornings; instead, she will be at the library from 5 to 7 p.m. on most Tuesdays and Thursdays. Anyone who would like to get in touch with her at other times should leave their name and number at the desk or by calling 765-566-3166 and she will return the call at her earliest convenience.

The Senior Materials Enrichment Program is going well. The library keeps some books at the Senior Center for those who use the center and exchanges them once a month. Plus, the library now has 12 of the 18 books provided through a large print publishing house. There have also been several book donations by library patrons.

The Carroll County Community Foundation contributed \$500 to the library's Senior Materials Enrichment Program. As materials are received and processed for the program, they will join the other materials on the "new book" shelf. Coming are books on tape and VHS or DVD movies.

This summer the library will again have a children's reading program. The summer reading program will introduce the kids to various occupations by people locally and around the world.

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Alpaca shearing event is Saturday

Comet staff report

Heritage Farm Suri Alpacas announces that its annual alpaca shearing day will be April 28.

Open to the public, this event allows the curious to discover what alpacas are all about.

The farm is owned by Tim

and Beth Sheets and is located at 4175N 1200W, Flora.

Visitors will watch as 20 alpacas are transformed from fully fleeced beauties to skinny-necked curiosities. They will witness how this luxurious fiber is used to make articles of clothing through spinning, felting,

and dyeing demonstrations. Kids will get a chance to learn about the alpaca obstacle course through demonstrations by local 4-H'ers.

For more information on the event or on alpaca raising, contact Sheets at tim@ourheritagefarm.com.

George Memorial Run/Walk is May 6

The 6th annual Julie George Run/Walk will be held May 6 at Frontier High School. The run/walk is a celebration of the life of Julie George, who died Jan. 22, 2002, when she was a junior at FHS. Julie was active in cross country, basketball, track, cheerleading, choir and Sunshine Society. Because of her love of life and running, the run/walk was established.

The event is non-competitive and all ages are encouraged to

participate. Dogs on leashes are welcome, too. Walkers may choose either 1.5 or 3 miles, while runners may choose 3 or 5 miles. Snacks will be provided at the finish line for all who participate. The run/walk will begin at 1 p.m.

T-shirts are guaranteed to the first 150 registrants. Participants may register early by mail or beginning at noon on May 6 at FHS. A single entry is \$10 and a family entry is \$25

(limit of three shirts).

All proceeds benefit the Julie George Memorial Scholarship Fund. During the past five years, 18 scholarships amounting to over \$14,000 have been awarded to Frontier graduates in memory of Julie. Three more scholarships will be awarded this May.

Julie's parents are Carroll varsity football coach Rick and Ann George of Brookston.

Two from Delphi involved in Lafayette production

By Jennifer Archibald
Staff writer

Grand Effect Productions, a not-for-profit theatre group in Lafayette, will present the comedy, "Faith County," this weekend at the Wells Cultural Center.

The cast and crew of the show are from Lafayette, Delphi, Frankfort and surrounding areas.

Marcella VanSickle of Delphi is assistant director and stage manager for the production. Megan McAninch, a native of Delphi, plays the part of Naomi Farkle, a bride-to-be.

"Faith County is billed as a romantic white-trash comedy," said Paul Allen, executive artistic director of Grand Effect Productions. "The show is set at the Faith County Fairgrounds in Mineola - a place somewhere in the middle of nowhere in the South - a place where the beehive hairdo is still the rage and Saturday nights are reserved for the tractor pull. The show comes packed with one liners and situations that are sure to make everyone who attends have a good belly laugh."

The play will be presented at 8 p.m. April 27 and 28, and at 7 p.m. April 29. Wells Cultural Center is located at 638 North Street, Lafayette.

The play is not recommended for children under the age of 13.

"Our group is very different from other theatre groups in many ways," said Allen. "First, we have an open arms policy

when it comes to casting shows. We will accept anyone, regardless of gender, age, race, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, etc. The ONLY requirement to be in our group is to have the drive and discipline to do good theatre. We accept newcomers and veterans of the stage. Grand Effect Productions does lesser known works in an effort to offer the public shows they have not seen. We also strive to offer quality performances at an affordable price."

Grand Effect Productions was founded by Allen in Indianapolis in 2001 and moved to Lafayette in 2006.

VanSickle said she was involved in theatre at Delphi Community Middle School and High School, and is enjoying being involved again through Grand Effect Productions.

"This is the fourth production I've been involved with," she said. "I had roles in the first three, and decided I wanted to try something different in the current production of Faith County."

"The thing that I like most about this production company is their philosophy on life," VanSickle said. "Although this is a business, it is also a venue for people to study theatre, characterizations, and meet

others who have similar interests."

"I became involved with Grand Effect Productions two years ago when I was introduced to Paul Allen, the director of Grand Effect," said McAninch. "I was asked to be the lead role in the sister play, Dupont County. I had a blast playing the role and meeting nice people. I like Grand Effect Productions because they do not discriminate. No matter who you are or what you are doing in life, you could have the chance of being in a play."

More information about the production company and Faith County can be found at www.grandeffectproductions.com.

Auditions for the next Grand Effect production, "The Death and Life of Larry Benson," by Reginald Rose will be on Sunday, May 6, from 6-9 p.m. by appointment only.

Reginald Rose also wrote "Twelve Angry Men," originally presented on CBS TV's Studio One.

There are parts for three males and four females, ages 16-25, and two males and four females, ages 25 and up. To schedule an audition, call 765-418-2041. Production dates are set for June 29-July 1.

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