

Ceremonial tree planting



Community members planted a Black Gum Tree in commemoration of National Arbor Day last week on Delphi Middle School grounds in honor of National Arbor Day. The ceremony was part of an April 26 program hosted by the seventh-grade. The tree was donated to the middle school by the Delphi Forestry Commission and was put into the ground near the outdoor lab behind the school. Delphi students have planted more than 20,000 trees in and around the city in the past ten years, according to sponsor and seventh-grade teacher Alan McConnell. Working hard to ensure a proper beginning for the tree, from left to right, are Delphi City Council member William Miller, council president Carolyn Pearson, council member Carol Dickman, student Stefany Mayhew, middle school principal Robert DeLaRosa, superintendent Ralph Walker and forestry commission members Kyle Germond and Faye Underhill. DNR Urban Forester Pam Louks is in front holding the tree. Comet photo by Debbie Lowe

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Earth Day at the Canal

Comet staff report

Project W.E.E.D. (Wabash & Erie Earth Day) attracted 61 people of all ages to Canal Park to volunteer their services to the Canal.

Many family groups, scouts, 4-Hers and other community members came to the workday.

"Each year we invite the public to come out and enjoy spring by cleaning trails, renovating flower beds and general outside park grooming," said Dan McCain, chairman of Delphi Historic Trails. "In addition, the Delphi Psi Iota Xi sorority provided a free lunch in Canal Park. Afterwards,

many of the youth enjoyed a boat ride up and down the canal." For those who worked, there is a reward. The USDA/NRCS Earth Team will be giving shirts or hats to all who worked a day or more during the past year.

"The payoff comes on Na-

tional Trails Day June 2 when we celebrate with our volunteers and dole out the shirts," McCain said.

For those who want to volunteer and earn a shirt, the next workday is "Flower Day" in Canal Park on Saturday, May 19 beginning at 9 a.m.

Mother Nature rains on Earth Day

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Two hundred and twenty-three second grade students took part in Earth Day activities at the Flora Park last week, but had to spend most of their time indoors. Several events had to be restructured for indoors because of the weather.

Students from Camden, Hillcrest and Carroll elementary schools each spent an educational and fun day studying the water cycle, discussing recycling, and eating their way through an "edible landfill."

At a hands-on station, they were able to distinguish between sand, silt and clay in the soil while keeping an eye out for sowbugs, grubs, earthworms and ants!

Recycling materials into crafts is always a highlight. The second graders were able to make paper bead bracelets, butterfly coffee filters, lady bug egg carton insects, and sticker book albums from cereal and pop boxes.

Sponsors of the event were the Carroll County Soil and Water Conservation District, along with Purdue Extension and grant assistance from Operation Round-Up-Carroll County.

Rhonda Hicks of the CC-SWCD said this is the first year, out of seven, that ended in



Flowers at the park

Some second graders didn't get to plant flowers at the Earth Day event because of the rain, but those who attended last Thursday had their chance. Pictured, l-r, are Hillcrest students Carson Noonkester and Austin Trent. Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald

a "rained out" day. "Even with the wet weather, students were eager to learn about the world we live in," she said.



Soil of the earth

Second graders learned about soil ingredients at Earth Day at the Flora Park. Containers of the separated ingredients (sand, silt, and clay) were passed around. Here, students are taking a pinch of clay. Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald



Environmental bingo

Students at Earth Day in Flora played a learning game called environmental bingo. Pictured assisting these Camden Elementary second graders is parent volunteer Michelle Redmon. Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald



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