

CES stock market team wins state competition

By Jennifer Archibald
Staff writer

Students in Mike Hyman's fifth grade math classes at Carroll Elementary School learn more than just math. They learn how to invest money in the stock market.

In a statewide Stock Market Game competition among schools, a Carroll Elementary team came in first place in the elementary division. Carroll had five of the top seven elementary teams.

Two other divisions also competed - middle school and high school. Of the 1,300 teams in all levels of the competition, Carroll Elementary's winning team placed fifth overall.

This is the fourth year in a

row that a Carroll Elementary team has been first in the state in the elementary division. Members of this year's winning team were Jim Eller, Jordan Feasel (CEO), Erin Brickhouse, and Rebekah Forgey.

Each semester, students in Mr. Hyman's math classes are divided into 20 teams, with four to five students on a team. Each team is given \$100,000 (pretend money) to invest in the stock market.

The Stock Market Game, based on actual stock market prices, lasts for 10 weeks. At the end of the 10 weeks, the team with the most money wins.

The CES winning team turned their \$100,000 into \$118,000.

"In the stock market game, I learned how to invest in the stock market, and how to buy the right stocks," said Rebekah Forgey. "I enjoyed working as a team because I could always ask them questions if I didn't know something."

"It was a great learning experience," said Erin Brickhouse. "I learned that when you're in a business, it takes teamwork. You learn how to work together, buy and sell stocks."

The winning team members received their award May 7 at an award ceremony at Fort Harrison State Park in Indianapolis. The award was presented by Jeff Sanson and Harlan Day from Purdue University and the Indiana Council for Economic Education.



Top elementary team

This Carroll Elementary team proved to be shrewd investors as they took first place in a statewide school stock market competition. They won in the elementary division, and placed fifth overall. Members of the team are pictured above, l-r, - Jim Eller, Jordan Feasel, Erin Brickhouse, Rebekah Forgey. Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald

Oracles add 3 more wins

By John Dunn
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The Delphi Lady Oracles capped off another busy week of play with a win at Northwestern Monday night, 7-5.

Between regularly scheduled games and make-ups from the early season weather, Delphi played a total of six contests the past week, winning at North White 9-8 and defeating Rochester, 4-3.

In between, the Lady Oracles lost at Class 2A defending State Champion Lewis Cass, 10-1, and a pair to a talented Winamac team in a rematch from last year's Regional 12-0 and 10-5.

At Northwestern (11-10), Delphi continued to rely on the red-hot bat of lead-off hitter Kristina Barnard, who has 21 hits in her last 34 at-bats (.618 avg.) over the last 10 games, who went 2-of-4 with a double and 2 RBIs.

Barnard's hot streak has raised her season batting average to a team-leading .463 (sixth-best in the Lafayette-area). She also leads the team in doubles (10, 2nd in area), hits (38), RBIs (13) and on-base percentage (.500).

Brittney Atwood had a strong outing on the mound to

earn her eighth win, going six innings and allowing only five scattered hits and just two earned runs. Amanda Schultz relieved in the 7th to earn her first career save.

Erika Hawn added two hits and an RBI, while Brittany Tyner, Brianne Stauffer and Schultz each had singles to account for seven Delphi hits. Kayla Yates, Emily and Leslie Kayser and Tyner each also drove in a run.

At North White

Delphi scored seven runs in the top of the 1st inning, sending 11 batters to the plate collecting seven hits, and were able to hold on to a 9-8 victory last Tuesday night.

After what appeared to be complete domination, the Lady Oracles were unable to get more than two hits in any one inning the rest of the way before giving back seven runs to NW in the bottom of the 6th to narrow the margin of victory.

Barnard again led the way offensively, going 3-for-4 with an RBI, while Yates, Schultz, Atwood, Tyner and Emily Kayser each added 2 hits to the season-high 16 hit performance.

Stauffer and Hawn each had a hit and two RBIs, while Morgan Lavy had a single and an

RBI in her only at-bat.

Schultz and both Emily and Leslie Kayser also added an RBI, while Schultz earned the victory on the hill, allowing only three North White hits and just one earned run over 4 2/3 innings.

Against Rochester

Delphi again took the lead in the 1st inning Thursday night following a Barnard walk, a Yates sacrifice bunt, a passed ball and a throwing error by the catcher, which scored Barnard from 3rd base.

Rochester (5-14) took a brief lead, scoring two runs in the top of the 5th inning, before the Lady Oracles tied it at 2-2 with another manufactured run in the bottom of the 5th.

With one out, Leslie Kayser walked and was replaced by courtesy-runner Aspen Wallace, who took second on a sacrifice bunt from Hawn and scored on an RBI-single from Tyner.

Rochester forced extra innings and took the lead again at 3-2 in the top of the 8th inning, before Delphi added two more in the bottom-half of the inning for the hard-fought 4-3 victory.

The Lady Oracles again used a version of 'small-ball' in order to score the game-winning run.

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First-graders enjoy real life at Pond Field Day



A cut above

Jonah Peterson and Paul Marcellino demonstrate the need for responsible forest management to Carroll County first-graders during Pond Field Day. Among other activities, students were taught various aspects of tree conservation. Comet photo by Kevin Schnepf

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Water, food and shelter are basic elements to survival. When one or more of those elements is not available in a habitat, life can no longer be sustained.

That important lesson cannot be taught fully inside the walls of a school.

For that reason, first grade students from Carroll, Camden and Hillcrest experienced Pond Field Day last week courtesy of Purdue Extension Carroll County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

For 11 years students have been led by Rhonda Hicks of SWCD to the property of Jonah and Beverly Peterson of rural Delphi. There a pond,

dense woodland and a host of animals, insects and plants offer opportunities to educate the young minds.

Students spent time learning about wildflowers, indigenous animals, tree conservation, fish and amphibians. A nature walk afforded them the chance to witness and learn about the natural process of generation, death and regeneration that helps sustain the forest and its inhabitants. Educational games taught how habitats of humans and other animals share fragile connections.

Volunteers for the event included Alan and Debbie Schulz, Jason Potts, Leah Harden of Clinton County SWCD, Wendell Zetterberg of Frog Watch, Paul Marcellino and Joanne Lytton of Purdue

Extension Carroll County and a many parent volunteers.

Hicks said a benefit of the program was quality time between children and their parents.

"You don't have to go to Indy for a field trip," Hicks remarked. "There is plenty to see, do, learn and cherish right here in front of us."

Tough week sees Oracles drop to 6-15

The Delphi baseball team was in action Monday evening against Hoosier Conference foe Tipton. Tipton out slugged the Oracles 17-6.

Kyle Bender picked up the loss for the Oracles on the mound. AJ Beckett and Ralph Overman threw some relief for the Oracles. On the offensive side DCHS was led by Micheal Myers, Tanner Cripe and Dustin Oliver with two hits each. That was not enough as the Blue Devils pounded out 14 hits.

The Oracles competed over the weekend in the Northwestern Baseball Invitational. The invitational had host Northwestern (ranked 2 in 2A), Boone Grove (ranked 3 in 2A) and Northfield (ranked 5 in 2A), along with Delphi. In game one, the Oracles played Northwestern. The Tigers had too much power at the plate. The Oracles gave up 14 runs in five innings. Beckett got the loss on the mound. The Delphi

team only had five hits in game one, losing 14-1 in five innings.

In game two the Oracles had to play Boone Grove, who lost a 11-10 thriller in the first round to Northfield in extra innings. The Oracles came out and played hard, but lost 6-1. Andrew Cebulla gave up the loss on the mound. Coy Pennington had two of his team's four hits. The Oracles had opportunities to score more runs but could not get the big clutch hit to get things rolling.

The Oracles traveled to West Lafayette to play the Hoosier Conference leaders last week in the first of two games, losing 8-1. The game started well for the Oracles. Myers had a lead off single. Andrew Flora bunted him to second. Myers scored on Oliver's ground out. The Oracles were up 1-0 after the first. Then West Side scored three in the third on Oracle fielding errors. Bender got the loss for the Oracles on the

mound. Myers and Flora had a couple of hits a piece for the Oracles.

In the second game, the Red Devils were again way too tough for the Oracles, beating them 20-6 in six innings. The Devils scored three in the first on a three-run home run. After that, Oracle pitcher Cebulla only allowed four hits through four innings. Fielding errors killed the Oracles. The score was 10-2 in the fourth when the Oracle bats came alive. The Oracles came back to trail 10-6. The Lafayette squad erupted for ten runs over the next two innings. Myers, Matt Lewis and Flora all had two hits for the Oracles.

The Oracles will be in action again Wednesday to play the Tipton team in the second game of conference play. The Oracles are now 6-15 on the season and 2-4 in Hoosier Conference play.

Golf and more this summer at the country club

By Debbie Lowe
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The Carroll County Country Club located on Wilson St. in the north section of Delphi has a new general manager. That new manager is offering fun activities for everyone in the community from now until the snow flies.

Jeff Eldridge said that he signed a three-year contract in January to provide grounds maintenance, conduct tournaments, manage the pro shop, supervise employees and basically do all that, which pertains to golf, at the club. He will also provide lessons and fit and re-grip golf clubs.



Eldridge

moved to Scottsdale, Ariz. He graduated in 2006 with two-year turf and golf course management degrees from Mundis Golf School in Scottsdale.

When Eldridge heard about the opening at the local country club near the end of 2006, he made a telephone call to apply immediately.

"Shawn Hamilton, the president of the board, made me feel very comfortable from the first phone call," Eldridge said. "The Carroll County Country Club seemed like a really nice place to be because it is close to home and close to my roots."

Eldridge said that everyday someone visits to ask about the restaurant and to get a meal. In response to the demand the board of directors expects to open the restaurant to the public by the end of May.

Many weekly activities can now be enjoyed at the club. Every Friday night the club hosts a two-ball scramble and a cook-out starting at about 5 p.m. There will be a night golf tournament with a barbeque the

second Saturday of the month beginning at 7:30 p.m. Membership and charity tournaments are scheduled throughout the summer and fall. And youth golf teams are invited to play the course and practice on a regular basis.

Because the goal is to make the country club a family-oriented facility, Eldridge said suggestions for activities and services are welcome. There is a fee scale for members and non-members as well as those who want to ride and those who want to walk the nine or 18-hole course. There is also a reasonable junior membership for the summer.

"The board of directors and the public have been really nice and welcoming to me," the Delphi resident concluded.

Eldridge can be reached by calling his cell telephone at (480) 290-4034 or by calling the club at (765) 564-2155.

With all the activities and an emphasis on family fun, would the pool be opened again? Eldridge said the idea is under consideration.



Interactive fishing

Tyler Smart prepares to cast his line with the help of Delphi aide Elizabeth Brown during Pond Field Day sponsored by Carroll County Soil and Water Conservation District. The yearly program afforded first grade students the opportunity to interact with parents and volunteers as children learned the delicate balance of water, food and shelter. Comet photo by Kevin Schnepf

Carroll track teams take 2nd in HHC

Carroll girls' track team came within a point of winning the Hoosier Heartland Conference Meet. Clinton Central took first place honors with 127 points, with Carroll following with 126. Third place went to Central Catholic with 110 points; 4th to Clinton Prairie 96, 5th Rossville 26, and 6th Tri-Central 3.

First place finishes for Carroll belonged to: 100 and 300

Hurdles - Jaime McCarter, Pole Vault - Abby Reinke, and 3200 - Ashley Bordner.


Carroll boys also came in second to Clinton Central, 170, 102 5/6. Other placings in order were: Clinton Prairie 100 5/6, Central Catholic 68, Rossville 48 1/3, and Tri-Central 0.

Carroll boys won the 1600 relay with a time of 3:36.96.

Gymnast pulls top five in regionals

Shawneci Windell of Delphi displays medals she received during level eight regional gymnastic competition held April 29 in Indianapolis. Windell went up against 54 competitors from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Illinois at the event. She placed 11th on floor, 14th on bars and 2nd on beam. Her all-around score of 36.8 was her highest this season. She said she plans to work toward level nine skills before next season begins in October. Photo provided





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