

Delphi Junior Leaguers win Semi-State



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Delphi baseball's Junior division (10-year-olds-&-under) proved to be the class of the field Monday night in Walton with a double-header sweep of Alexandria to claim the Semi-State round of the 39th annual Town & Country Youth Baseball State Tournament.

Delphi avenged an earlier 6-5 loss to Alexandria in the double-elimination format and entered Monday's action from the "loser's bracket," therefore needing to win both

games in order to secure the championship.

They did just that — and in dominating fashion. Delphi won the first game 20-6, forcing the "if necessary" game, which Delphi won 12-0 via the 10-run rule in five innings.

The Delphi Junior Leaguers will now carry the #1 seed and advance to the eight-team, double-elimination State finals this weekend at North Manchester. Delphi will open against Galveston Saturday morning at 11 a.m.

The Junior all-stars from Camden also fared well in

Walton, winning two games and finishing fourth to also qualify for the State finals. Camden will play the tourney opener against Kokomo UCT Friday night at 6 p.m.

Other teams qualifying for the Junior League finals include Alexandria, Nappanee, Milford and Attica.

Senior League

The three-time defending State champion Delphi Senior League team (12-&-under) suffered a setback, finishing third at the Semi-State played in Delphi. Three wins over Pioneer, North White and Gas City were

enough to qualify for the State tournament, played this weekend in Walton.

Saturday morning's game against Northwestern will be a fresh start. Delphi will take its next step toward a fourth-straight State championship with a 9 a.m. start time.

Other Senior League teams advancing to play this weekend include Greentown, Marion, Walton, Gas City, New Paris and North Webster.

Minor League

Rossville's Minor Leaguers' (8-&-under) qualified for the State finals with a runner-up finish at the Frank-

ton Semi-State Monday night.

They will next face Rochester Friday at 8 p.m. at the Minor League tournament in North Miami.

Other Minor League teams qualifying include Russiaville, Frankfort, Kokomo, Southside, Kokomo UCT, Pioneer and Alexandria.

Tournament play continues throughout the weekend, with the State championship rounds slated for Monday night at 6 p.m., with the "if necessary" game following at 8.

Professional ATV racing comes to Rossville



The sixth stop on the WPSA PowerSports ATV Tour is the AMSOIL Wildcat Creek Open Championship, this weekend at Wildcat Creek MX, Rossville. Over 400 riders are expected to compete. The racing weekend will feature the nation's top Pro riders, competing in three classes: QuadMX Pro 450, pictured, (big air, motocross style racing); QuadTerrain Challenge (larger, utility-type ATVs, competing on an obstacle course that includes log jams, mud bogs, rock crawls, as well as high-speed sections); and SuperSport Class (four-wheel utility vehicles piloted by a driver and co-driver, sitting side-by-side). The event kicks off Saturday with a full card of qualifying for the Pro classes, as well as Amateur, Pro-Am, Youth and Women's classes scheduled for the weekend. Pro finals are scheduled for Sunday. Action begins at 8 a.m. and ends approximately 6 p.m. each day. The event will be telecast on ESPN2 on Sept. 7 at 3 p.m. ET. Wildcat Creek MX is located at 6390 S. Wildwood, Rossville. Photo provided

Camden Fall Festival brings four contests to residents

Comet staff report

Beauty in youth and the glamorous golden years will both shine during pageants and contests at the Camden Fall Festival in August. The town has hosted contests for younger generations for years, and this time has added one for the older women of the community.

Camden's Golden Star, a penny war contest for female entrants ages 60 and older, will be held Aug. 6 to 24. A photo of each entrant will be placed on a canister at Dr. Tom Anderson's office. The lady with the most pennies wins the title for 2007.

Any money other than pennies in a Golden Star canister will be subtracted from the entrant's total. Winner will receive a crown, sash and award. First and second places receive prizes.

Perennial contest favorites return this year as well.

Camden's Little Rising Star contest is open to babies newborn to 24 months old. Each child's picture will be affixed to a coin canister and placed in Camden Grocery from Aug. 6 to 24.

The baby with the most money at the end of the contest will be named winner and will receive a savings

bond worth double the amount in the winning canister, a tee-shirt and an award. First and second place awards will be given. All babies will receive a gift basket.

Miss Camden and Camden's Little Miss and Mister contests will be held Aug. 25 at 4 p.m., during the festival. Practice and judges' interviews will be at 9 a.m.

An entry fee is required for both contests. Little Miss and Mister contestants should wear dressy, church-type out-

fits. Miss Camden entrants must don casual and formal attire.

Winners will receive a crown, sash, trophy and awards, and will represent Camden at various functions for a year. All entrants will receive gift baskets.

Applications are available at Camden's town hall. Contest entrants must reside within the former Camden elementary school district. Call (574) 686-2331 for information.

Local named woman teacher of the year

Lacey R. Stoner Berger, formerly of Delphi, was named the Power of One Teacher of the Year in Grand Rapids, Mich. Berger is a full-day kindergarten teacher at Benton Harbor Charter School Academy in Benton Harbor. She utilized Zoo-Phonics



Berger

and differentiated instruction to improve the quality of education at the inner-city school.

Although students enter school with little knowledge of letters or numbers, her students read and write at a first-grade level before the end of the

school year. "It's an honor to receive this award, considering this is my second year teaching," Berger said.

Berger is a 2001 graduate of Delphi Community High School where she played basketball for four years, coached lit-

tle girls' basketball and worked at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center. Berger graduated from Purdue in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. She is the daughter of Marsha and John Stoner of Delphi.

Delphi high school fall sports call-outs coming up

Delphi Community High School Athletic Director Vince Burpo has announced the 2007 high school fall sports call-outs and first practice times.

Girls' Golf call-out will be July 27 at 9 a.m. at the Carroll County Country Club. After the meeting, practice will be held until noon. Coach is Bob Tyner.

A football team parent meeting will be held July 25 at 7 p.m. in the DCHS commons. A team meeting will be July 26 at 7 p.m. in the football locker area. First practices will be July 30 at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. John Gasser is coach.

Cross Country's first practice will be July 30 at 7 p.m. at the high school. Coach is Jamie Houser.

Boys' Tennis will practice July 30 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and each day during the same times until the start of school. Joyce Lawton is leading the team.

Volleyball will hold practices at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. beginning July 30. Coach is Bob Kingery. Soccer will begin practice July 30. Sessions will be from 8 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Jason Patterson is coach.

All student athletes must have a physical before they can participate in any athletic practice according to Indiana High School Athletic Association rules.

Call the athletic office at (765) 564-3481 ext. 2110 for information.

Carroll County Soccer Camp

Fifty-three youth ages four to 14 participated June 25-29 in Carroll County Soccer Camp. The event was sponsored by Carroll County Youth Soccer League. All participants received a T-shirt and soccer ball. Camp director was Sandy Bushman. Instructors were Barb and Pat Hickner, Deb Bush, Tyler Budreau, and Gabor Pzota. In the photo below, campers are receiving instruction, while at right, girls ages 6 to 9 are practicing some of their new skills. They are (l-r): Lauren Bush, Kelsie Smith, Ashley Bushman, Haley Bush, and Tayha Miller. Photos provided



SGM James Hancock Returns from Iraq

Comet staff report

SGM James R. Hancock of Flora returned home Saturday from a one year deployment in Baghdad, Iraq, where he received an Army Commendation Medal Hancock and Bronze Star for actions in support of Operation Together Forward and Fardh AL Qanoon.

A 34-year veteran of the Indiana National Guard, Hancock serves with the 38th Division Support Command, known as "Task Force Indy."

He and his wife, Sharon, reside in Flora.

Service News

Stationed in Iraq

Cpl. Brady Sorrells of Flora has been stationed at Camp Ramadi in Iraq since April.

The U.S. Marine is a combat engineer whose home base is Camp Lejeune, N.C. He enlisted in December 2003 and expects to be discharged this December.

A 2002 graduate of Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School, Sorrells is the son of Lex and Melody Sorrells of Flora, and grandson of Bill and Sue Ayres and Fred and Rita Sorrells, all of Flora.

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