

Opera House tours to highlight Old Settlers



Pictured is the stage in the Lathrope & Ruffing Opera House in Delphi, much like it has looked since the last performance was held there in 1914. The original backdrop, painted by John Ennis for the opening of the opera house in 1882, is still visible. A sign from former downstairs business, C.O. Julius clothing store, can also be seen in storage there. Delphi Preservation Society is currently restoring the facility, located on the third floor of the old City Hall building on the east side of the courthouse square. Scheduled tours, to be held throughout the Old Settlers festival, will begin in the air-conditioned DPS lobby next to the red opera house doors. Visitors can also enjoy a fashion exhibit while in the lobby. Additionally, window restoration expert Bill Jackson will be in the opera house describing his craft Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Robin Saiz will also be present to discuss historic wallpapers. Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald

Call-outs

DCMS volleyball

An organizational meeting for Delphi Community Middle School Volleyball will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Middle School gym. Those attending are to bring a completed physical form.

Delphi Little Gridiron

Delphi Little Gridiron registration will be Aug. 13 and 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the high school football field locker room. A fee is required. Call Chad Myers at (574) 686-2716 for information.



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The race is on for DCMS's first triathlon

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Delphi Community Middle School students who received National or Presidential Physical Fitness Awards last year are invited to participate in the first ever DCMS triathlon during the Sept. 5 school day.

Middle school health and physical education teacher Theresa Traver explained the goal of the event is to reach beyond physical fitness.

"When children believe in themselves, they can and will perform better physically and academically," Traver said. "And when that happens, we all win."

Her idea developed when her students grew increasingly unfit, with decreased energy and self-esteem. Traver determined there existed a growing need for a safe outlet for life's everyday pressures.

"I have some students who would cry, because they didn't think they could participate in activities like push-ups or the mile," she said. "They would work hard and improve, eventually they would hold their head up higher and want to be squad leader, and at the end of school they received a piece of paper, a badge and were done. So I asked myself, 'now what?' That's how the idea of the triathlon initially began."

Traver said her hope was to encourage students to take physical fitness "to the next level," as a lifestyle to be spread to student families and the community.

"I just mentioned it (the triathlon) to our superintendent (Ralph Walker) and he immediately embraced it, making my long-time dream come into fruition," Traver said.

Events include a 200-yard swim, 5.6-mile bike ride and a 2-mile run, which will be held at Stevenson's Trailer Park located north of Monticello on Lake Shafer.



Traver

Triathlon activities will be supervised by Indiana DNR water rescue officers, lifeguards, and divers. Students participating in swimming events will be evaluated for skill and lifejackets will be provided.

Events will be followed by a barbecue and award ceremony at Walker's residence on the lake, adjacent to Stevenson's Trailer Park.

"My job is to facilitate ideas that teachers generate, so when Theresa Traver said her dream of a triathlon - I immediately thought that the lake would be a great spot," said Walker. "My neighbor has an excellent area for biking, to keep the kids off the road, and a large general area for running, and since I live on the lake I can be a part of this too."

Trophies will be awarded to the top three male and female finishers of every grade level. Each participant will receive a tee shirt and medallion.

Anyone interested in donating to help support the DCMS triathlon can contact Walker at (765) 564-2100.

"I am excited about having the triathlon for the middle school," concluded Walker. "We will be able to encourage fitness while providing a max reward for their efforts."

Girls' golf gets under way with invitationals

Carroll Girls Golf Team competed Aug. 1 in the Caston Invitational played at the Logansport Country Club. Carroll finished 4th out of 10 teams with a score of 415. Carroll was led by Megan Garrison with an 82, followed by Krystal Brazel with a 94. Other Carroll scores were: Taylor Sproul 116, Malena Zook 123 and Aurora Shands 125. Garrison also placed 2nd overall individually with Brazel tying for 4th place. Carroll also participated in

the Benton Central Invitational Aug. 3 at the Oak Grove Country Club in Oxford. Carroll placed 10th out of 16 teams with a team score of 414. Garrison led Carroll with an 86, followed by Brazel 100, Taylor Sproul 110, Malena Zook 118 and Carissa Hicks 128.

Delphi finished in 6th place with a team score of 440, led by Jenny Maxwell's 94. At Oxford, Delphi finished 14th with a team score of 442, again led by Maxwell with 98.

River Bluff Run scheduled in Logansport

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The Michigan Avenue end of the River Bluff Trail in Logansport will be the starting point of McDonald's 5K River Bluff Run on Oct. 13. The event, sponsored by McDonald's East and West in Logansport, will support the Memorial Hospital Foundation and promote healthy, balanced lifestyles.

Registration will start at 7 a.m. with the 5K run starting at 9. Awards will be presented at

9:45. The 2.6-mile walk will begin at 10 a.m. with awards to be presented at 11.

The run/walk features a visit by Ronald McDonald, a live DJ, event category awards, free T-shirts and more!

Application forms can be picked up at Logansport McDonald's, the Cass County Family YMCA, Memorial Hospital Foundation, or on Memorial Hospital's website at www.logansportmemorial.org. For more information, call the Foundation at 753-1595.

Historic tours to be offered during O. S. celebration

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Visitors to this week's Old Settlers festival in Delphi can take part in narrated tours of historic buildings and the town.

Delphi Preservation Soci-

ety will sponsor trolley tours of historic Delphi Saturday afternoon during Old Settlers. Tours will begin at Murphy Fountain at the southwest corner of the square every hour and half hour.

DPS will also offer tours of the Lathrope & Ruffing Opera House each night Wednesday through Friday and all day Saturday. The opera house is located in the City Hall building on the east side of the courthouse square.

Canal historian Mark Smith will give a narrated walking tour around the square Saturday. Those interested should assemble at 2:30 in front of the antique mall. The walk will last approximately one hour.

Cavalcade of activity is planned at Riley Park

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Fun for the whole family will be a running theme throughout the 152nd annual Old Settlers' Festival, Meeting and Rendezvous this week in Delphi.

A big part of the excitement will be the Canine Cavalcade to be held Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Riley Park. A preview of the show will occur on the east courthouse lawn Friday night at 8:30.

Delphi resident Bill Marion will offer demonstrations of his acrobatic border collies during both shows. Also, games including a frisbee contest, the Dennis Hoke Memorial long distance competition, and speed, accuracy, shoot-out and hoola hoop contests will be offered.

The Bajuré Open frisbee contest, open to public participation, is named in honor of Marion's dog he used in the first contest. Those who wish to compete should register at the park at 10 a.m.

Four classes of competi-

tion will be open to anyone who has a dog with which they can play frisbee. Delphi Top Dog, the highest division, will feature some world championship competitors. Deiwert Pro Catch-and-Toss, Novice and Senior divisions will also be available.

Booths representing various dog-focused organizations will be set up in the park also.

White County 4-H canine group will sponsor and operate a dunk tank, agility course and confirmation and development demonstrations. Proceeds from the dunk tank will support Wolf Park, Tippecanoe County Humane Society, All-Star Greyhounds and Greyhound Rescue, all of which will have booths as well.

Additionally, Dawn Bauman will offer K-9 massage therapy, Northern Indiana Spay and Neuter will be present, and Carroll County Sheriff's Deputy Tony Liggett will offer K-9 team demonstrations of police dog tactics.



Canine Cavalcade



DPS to show off opera house-era fashions

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Fashions from the period when Delphi's opera house was a prominent town attraction will be presented by Delphi Preservation Society during Old Settlers Friday

night.

Jean Cole of Cole Clothing Museum in Logansport will narrate "What Shall I Wear To The Opera?" in the circuit court room on the third floor of the courthouse from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Models will illustrate what women might have worn to the theater between the 1880s and early 1900s, the same period the opera house was used regularly.

DNR offers hunter education classes

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In order to purchase a hunting license, anyone born after Dec. 31, 1986, must successfully complete a hunter education class offered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Hunters cer-

tified in another state or Canada can also present a card or certificate and purchase an Indiana hunting license.

The DNR hunter education program teaches hunter responsibility and ethics, wildlife conservation and

management, firearm safety, wildlife identification, game care, survival and first aid. Hunter education is not just for kids and not just for hunters. The program is for all Hoosiers who enjoy the outdoors and have an interest in conservation.

The course can be an excellent refresher for veteran hunters.

The DNR offers hunter education courses in counties throughout the state. The program takes approximately 10 hours to complete. For more information on classes

in this area, visit the class website at www.dnr.IN.gov.

Class schedules

Tippecanoe County
Sponsored by Arrows III and Tackle Too: Aug. 9, 10, 5:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Sportsman's Warehouse: Aug. 21, 22;

Sept. 10, 11; Nov. 5, 6 - 5 p.m.-10 p.m.

White County

Sponsored by Twin Lakes Fish and Game: Sept. 29, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sponsored by Camp Buffalo: Oct. 27, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Nov. 10, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.