

Plenty to eat, drink and enjoy at Old Settlers

By Kevin Schnepf
Staff writer

Many small communities in the United States look similar on the surface. But those who live in such places know the integrity of the city's people helps define its worthiness as a place to call home.

Throughout history, Carroll County has been blessed with innumerable residents who have helped keep the county's heritage alive. Such admiration of the area and its people continues today.

Many examples can be given, but one that takes the forefront this week is the 152nd annual Carroll County Old Settlers' Festival, Meeting and Rendezvous.

Festival sponsors, Delphi Chamber of Commerce, Carroll County Historical Museum, and Delphi Preservation Society have organized a full slate of activities certain to entertain visitors while helping modern-day citizens relate to the city's history.

The four-day festival will kick off at 5 p.m. today, Wednesday, featuring \$1 carnival rides, a booth fair, an art show, clowns, museum activities and outdoor musical entertainment.

Many of the same past-times will be offered each day of the festival, but variety will come in the form of different performers, meals and activities sure to keep entertainment value elevated.

Delphi United Methodist Church tent will be the center of community meals Thursday through Saturday. A fish fry, sponsored by Delphi Chamber of Commerce, will be served there Thursday from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The church will host its own chicken barbecue on Friday during the same times. Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast Saturday morning from 7 to 10:30. Prevent Child Abuse Carroll County will serve barbecue ribs Saturday from 4:30 to 7:30.

Music will emanate from the courthouse lawn each night. On Wednesday, Senior Class and 3-Day Binge will perform.

Tonsil Klackers Comedy Quartet and Uncle Buck's Mojo Box will entertain Thursday.

See Frank Sinatra portrayed by Mike Horney Friday night, followed by a performance by Twin Lakes Gymnastics, a Canine Cavalcade preview and music group Black Creek Rising.

Greg Allen will provide karaoke music Saturday afternoon, then to wind down the festival Delphi Community Band, Home-makers Chorus and Denim and Lace will delight onlookers.

Other festivities include opera house tours and displays each day, an opera house-era fashion show on Friday, and historic tours and a Freedom Run Motorcycle Ride on Saturday.

The chamber will offer a drawing for a \$25 Shop Delphi Gift Certificate on Saturday near the antique mall. Entries are free for answering some survey questions.

Old Settlers meeting teeming with awards

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A customary event during the final day of Old Settlers is the annual meeting of the Carroll County Old Settlers' Association.

This year's program will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Delphi United Methodist Church. The public is welcome to attend.

Registration will be from 12:30 to 1:30. Association president Charlie Meade will open the meeting, followed by an invocation by Pastor Paul Marcellino.

Boy Scout Troop #144 of Flora will then present the flag, Bob Conner and Lois Powlen will sing, last year's meeting minutes will be read by secretary Meredith Ayres, and Meade will present the nominating committee report.

Upon completion of the formalities, Bill Brown will present "Carroll County Covered Bridges."

Conner will then present First Families of Carroll County certificates. Attendance awards for oldest man, oldest woman, youngest child and traveled furthest distance will be given by Billie Hedde, sponsored by Burlington Scoop.

Nancy Ringer will present Carroll County Heritage Awards. The plaques were donated by the Flora branch of Lafayette Bank & Trust.

Conner and Powlen will provide music before Marcellino offers a benediction.



Project facelift

What Sheriff Tony Burns calls "the facelift project" at the Carroll County Jail was completed in approximately one month. He said the change was made in an effort to bring a sense of pride to the Carroll County Sheriff's Department building. **Comet photo by Jenna Buehler**

Jail gets makeover

By Jenna Buehler
Comet writer-intern

Carroll County Sheriff Tony Burns promised the community he would improve the appearance of the department when he ran for sheriff in 2006. His promise was fulfilled this year, beginning in early June and finalized last month.

"This building has not been painted since it was built in 1983," Burns said. "Obviously, it was long overdue."

According to Burns, Helms Lawn Service updated the building's landscape, and Quality Coatings did the painting for "project facelift." In an effort to lower labor costs, several jail inmates contributed to

the landscaping prep-work, by removing bushes, stumps and sod. Plants used in the landscaping were intentionally selected to lower maintenance costs for the jail.

Burns said the project cost totaled \$10,950. Landscaping was \$1,950, and paid with money encumbered from the 2006 budget. Approximately \$9,000 was spent on painting the building's façade, fence and lights, using \$4,000 from the sheriff department's 2007 maintenance budget. The remaining \$5,000 was paid for by inmate commissary funds.

"This way, inmates can give back to the community, using money they generate to update the building," Burns said.

Burns said he has received a lot of positive feedback pertaining to the building's new look.

"I'm proud of everyone in

our department and I want the community to be proud of our building too," concluded Burns.



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Republican Women honor Tammy Dyer

Tammy Dyer was recognized as a 2007 Honoree from the Carroll County Republican Women's Club at the 27th annual "Tribute to Women" dinner hosted by the Indiana Federation of Republican Women on Aug. 3 in Plainfield.



Dyer

Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman, State Auditor Tim Berry, State Treasurer Richard Mourdock and Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Suellen Reed

joined IFRW President Marcie Thompson in honoring Dyer for her outstanding service and leadership to the Indiana Republican Party.

"The Tribute to Women is one way that Indiana Republicans can acknowledge the tremendous volunteer work women contribute to make a difference in Indiana," said Thompson. "Republican elected officials and candidates realize the commitment of time and energy that Federation members have given to make their elections successful."

Dyer is clerk-treasurer for the Town of Burlington. She and her husband, Bob, reside there.

Some county emergency sirens did not activate

By Debbie Lowe
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It was discovered in July that Camden's emergency siren, tested on the first Saturday of each month, was not activated by the radio signal sent out from the Carroll County Sheriff's Department. The system failed again in August, tested just last Saturday, but this time the Burrows, Rockfield and one Delphi system also failed, according to Emergency Management Agency Director

Justin Darling.

"It has been determined there is a problem with the radio system," Darling said Tuesday. "Repair people will be on the scene Wednesday. Until then, the sirens have to be activated manually, which is usually done by the fire chief or someone on that staff."

Darling explained that the sheriff's department would call the fire departments to activate their respective sirens in the event of an emergency in their communities.



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