

Outlasting tough times: Carroll County stories

The second in a series of Carroll County on the Same Page programs planned around The Glass Castle, by Jeannette Walls, will be Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. at the Camden Public Library. Carroll County natives Phyllis Moore and Marion Hathaway will speak.

The Glass Castle is a memoir of a family remarkable for its love and resiliency, but whose survival methods and lifestyle are generally deemed socially unacceptable in modern times. *Outlasting Tough Times* is the Carroll County connection to the story. Whether you have read the book or not, this program will be a unique opportunity to hear descriptions of life in this county from a viewpoint that challenges commonly held ideas about the good old days.

Moore is the curator of the Carroll County Historical Museum and the county's genealogy expert. She has made the procurement, preservation and documentation of Carroll County history and artifacts her



life's work, bringing museum collections into the digital and Internet age. She will pull vignettes from Carroll County history about families who found ways to survive difficult times and thrive in spite of hardship.

Hathaway is a Camden resident whose background includes serving as a Naval medic for the D-Day invasion and the Okinawa campaign. He earned a Master's degree in

social work from the University of Illinois. His career credits include initiating the Wheaton, Illinois Public Schools Social Work Program and serving as coordinator for Extraordinary Services for the Cooperative Association for Special Education in the western suburbs of Chicago.

He was one in a family of 16 children growing up in Carroll County during the Depression. He will offer his perspective of those times, the impact those experiences had on his life, and draw parallels to the lives of the children in The Glass Castle.

Carroll County on the Same Page is a project of the Camden, Delphi, and Flora libraries with the purpose of building a better community through reading, and the sharing and discussion of ideas. Copies of The Glass Castle are available at each of the three public libraries and may be borrowed by anyone in the county.

Homeowners can submit e-testimonies on property tax reform

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Sen. Brandt Hershman (R) encouraged Hoosiers to offer their personal experiences and suggestions for property tax reform by submitting e-testimonies online via the State Commission on Tax and Financing Policy at www.propertytaxreform.in.gov.

Hershman, one of five voting members on the committee, said testimonies of 500 words or less can be submitted online or through the U.S. Mail.

"Every property taxpayer in our district has an important story to tell and their own suggestions about property taxes," Hershman said. "I sincerely

hope people will take advantage of this opportunity to contribute to our efforts to reform the property tax system in Indiana."

All testimony submitted by Nov. 1 will be reviewed by the commission according to Hershman.

The Web site also provides resources for taxpayers including:

- Frequently asked questions on property taxes and assessment;
- where local property taxes go;
- what the state is doing to help (property tax replacement funds, direct relief, ordered reassessments, new tools to reduce local government

dependence on property taxes);

- what local governments can do (cut spending, contain government construction costs, shift to other revenue streams, extend deadlines, accept payments and waive penalties); and

- what taxpayers can do (contact assessors, appeal assessments, file for mortgage exemption, homestead credit, blind deduction, disabled deduction, over-65 deduction, veteran deductions, and apply for payment plans).

Hershman serves Senate District 7, which includes Carroll, Clinton, Howard, Jasper, Tippecanoe and White counties.

Environmental Education workshop helps teachers learn and teach

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Where does your trash go after you set it on the curb? Where do pests hang out in your school? How do birds hunt?

Enviro-to-Go, an environmental education and health workshop for educators, will provide teachers and administrators with answers to these questions, environmental curriculum and low-cost hands-on activities for their schools.

Lafayette ISP releases August statistics

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Troopers based out of the Indiana State Police at the Lafayette issued 1227 traffic citations and wrote 697 traffic warnings in August. Troopers also arrested 36 drunk drivers and made 80 criminal arrests. They issued 335 truck citations, made 66 commercial motor vehicle inspections, investigated 50 crash arrests, made 27 crash arrests, and had 111 calls for service.

Detectives from the Criminal

Investigations Division, working from the Lafayette Post, worked 18 new cases and assisted the troopers in total criminal arrests.

The ISP Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division at the Lafayette Post weighed 3,596 total trucks at the scales on I-74. There were 56 total arrests and 123 warnings issued by the motor carrier officers in August.

Motorists are reminded to be on the lookout for slow moving vehicles on the roadways. Farm equipment moves at a much slower speed than cars and trucks

Garbage Scene Investigation (GSI) Project; hazardous waste inventories for schools; potential health triggers in schools; using birds of prey in classrooms, and finding the pests (non-human type) in school buildings and eliminating them using integrated pest management practices.

Contact Jennifer Woolson-Helrigel at (317) 233-5433 or e-mail her at jwoolson@idem.IN.gov to register.

on the highways, so be alert to slower traffic. The vehicle may be preparing to enter a driveway or field and may turn left or right. Usually for the size of the vehicle, they need to swing out wide to make even a right turn into a driveway. Be sure the driver of the slow moving vehicle sees you and is aware of what your intentions are.

Citizens are encouraged to report suspected methamphetamine activity by calling the ISP Methamphetamine Tip Hotline at 1-800-453-4756.

Announcements

The American Red Cross will host a **BLOOD DRIVE** Oct. 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Honan Hall, at the intersection of Monroe and Union streets, in Delphi. All donors will receive a tee-shirt. Donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, be in general good health and present positive identification. Call (800) 448-3543 for information or to schedule a blood donation appointment.

CARROLL COUNTY ANTIQUE TRACTOR CLUB will have a plow day on Oct. 6 and 7. Times will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 5 on Sunday. Location is the Meredith Ayres farm, 1 3/4 miles south of State Road 18 on State Road 75.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS is set for Friday, Oct. 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Carroll County YMCA in Flora. Area youth, teens, and adults will perform, vying for the title "Top Carroll County Band." The event is free. Call the YMCA, event sponsor, for registration information, 574-967-4449.

A **COMMUNITY WORK DAY** is set for 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Stearns bridge site behind Pizza Hut and Dairy Queen in Delphi. This will be "decking day." At least one portable sawmill will be on site for sawing white oak logs into planks for the decking. Volunteers should wear gloves, hard toe shoes, and work clothing, and bring a hammer and possibly an electric drill. Workers can help in pre-drilling the planks to receive the spikes and in carrying the decking to the bridge. Other workday activities, in Canal Park, will include flowerbed renovation, trail cleanup, and maintenance

work. A list of varied jobs will be available at the volunteer sign-up station. A free lunch for volunteers will be provided by Psi Iota Xi sorority in Canal Park at noon.

LIFE AROUND ROSSVILLE SCHOOLS (LARS) will meet Tuesday, Oct. 2, at noon at the MCL Cafeteria in West Lafayette. Rossville alumni and friends are welcome. The Rossville Area Transit Van and the Paul Phillippi Resource Center will have transportation available.

Call Mindy Phebus for a reservation or for more information, 765-379-2968.

DOLLY MADISON EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS CLUB will meet Oct. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of host Susie Maxwell.

Carroll County Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts offer **TRAILS END POPCORN** for sale beginning Sept. 28. Contact your local scout or troop leader to place an order or for information.



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The lucky winners of the Door Prizes (2 tickets each to the INDIANA PACERS GAMES) went to Elizabeth Sheets of Flora, Virginia Lee of Camden, George & Evelyn Tharp of Monticello, and Cecile Wilimitis of Cutler,

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Norene Finn, Manager

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What's Happening Elsewhere

Local EAA Chapter 256 invites residents to **FLY IN THE B-17 AND RELIEVE THE PAST** Sept. 28, 29 and 30 at Kokomo Municipal Airport. Grand tours, flights in the WWII bomber over central Indiana and memorabilia will be offered. Call (765) 564-6073 for local information, or visit www.b17.org or call (800) 359-6217.

adding physical activity and tips for becoming or staying active. Visitors will be led on an aerobic nature walk. Call (765) 567-2993 for information.

Wabash Center Inc., 2000 Greenbush St., Lafayette, is sponsoring a **JOB FAIR** Sept. 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Tippecanoe County Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer **LIFEGUARD INSTRUCTOR TRAINING** beginning Oct. 10 from 6 to 10 p.m. at Jefferson High School, 1801 S. 18th St., in Lafayette. Classes will be held each Wednesday until the 26-hour course is complete.

Trainees must be 17 years old or before the last scheduled day of the course and successfully complete a pre-course session including a written exam and competency demonstration. A fee is associated and includes course manuals. Pre-registration is required. Call (765) 742-6975 for information or to register.

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