

Delphi hosts Wheeler in Sectional title game

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The Oracles used a dominating second half to advance to the sectional finals with a convincing 24-12 win over visiting Winamac Friday night. Delphi outscored the Warriors 14-0 and out-gained them 97 yards to 38 yards with Kory Baner getting 89 of that total and scoring two touchdowns in the decisive third quarter.

The Oracles also had help from Michael Myers' all-around game. He caught a pass, made several tackles, knocked down two passes, grabbed an interception, and kicked three extra points and a 40-yard field goal.

The game started with a steady drizzle that continued throughout most of the night. That may have helped Delphi's power run game. Neither team could move the ball on the muddy field during the

first quarter.

Delphi got the first down of the game on its third possession, but couldn't come close to scoring. The Oracles got the ball at their 35 with only seconds remaining in the opening period. They ran off a ten-play drive to take a 7-0 lead early in the second. Baner carried the ball the last four yards for the score.

The Oracles may have celebrated too long as the Warriors nearly ran the ensuing kickoff back for a score. Will Finkley was finally brought down at the Oracle 38-yard line after a 51-yard return. Eight plays later Finkley scored on a three-yard run. The Oracles managed to block the extra point attempt to preserve a slim 7-6 lead.

Braden Atwood sacked Charlie Dilts of Winamac on the next possession to set up a fourth and 26 situation at the Warrior 17-yard line. Interference to a fair

catch call near midfield gave the ball to Delphi at the Warrior 35-yard line with 1:10 on the clock. Two passes by Dustin Salyer, one to Justin Snider and one to Dustin Oliver, moved the ball to the 8-yard line when the drive stalled.

There was some confusion as to whether or not to go for a first down or to kick a field goal. The Oracles got called for a participation penalty with about 17 men on the field. After the 15-yard penalty it was fourth and 16 at the 23-yard line. Myers came onto the field to attempt a 40-yard kick. The ball looked as though it hit an Oracle, but managed to go through the uprights. The Oracles led 10-6 at the half.

Winamac tried an onside kick but an alert Oracle fell on the ball. That gave the ball to Delphi at its 49 and a short field to work with. A Salyer pass to Myers and five running plays by Baner, the last one a 15 burst for a touchdown, stretched the lead to 1-6.

A short time later the Oracles again had the ball at the Warrior 47. Once again the offensive line opened big holes for Baner to run through. He ran it six consecutive times and a score.

Near the end of the third period, Delphi had the ball deep in their end of the field, when a fumble gave the ball to the Warriors at the Oracle 9-yard line to set up an easy touchdown. After a failed two point conversion the score was 24-12 going into the final quarter.

Delphi kept it on the ground in the fourth on offense to eat up the



Mighty Oracle offense

Oracle senior Cory Baner runs through the hole created by an aggressive Delphi line Friday night in the sectional semi final game against Winamac. Pictured from left are #62 Erik Jones, #51 Braden Atwood, and #58 Travis Yoakum taking out the Warrior defense. Bill Stauffer photo

clock. Interceptions by Lewis and Atwood prevented the Warriors from mounting a comeback of any kind.

Delphi will play for the sectional championship for the first

time since 2000 against Wheeler. Wheeler (10-1) defeated Rensselaer 12-0 to advance. The game will be played at Berto Field on Friday night with kickoff at 7.



No gain for Warriors

Delphi linebacker #14 Shane Evans and #15 back Justin Snyder break up a Winamac pass Friday night. Bill Stauffer photo

DNR offers hunter ed class

Comet staff report

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources will offer a Hunter Education Class on at 8 a.m. at the Freedom Center, 101 W. Front St., in Delphi. Those interested should plan to be in the class until

approximately 5 p.m.

The center will offer lunch for a fee.

Anyone born after Dec. 31, 1986, must take the course before they can purchase a hunting license in Indiana.

Those interested should pre-register at (765) 447-9582.

Classes offered at Frankfort's Learning Network

Comet staff report

The Learning Network at 1111 S. Jackson St. in Frankfort has several class offerings available. They include:

Indiana High School Online - Mondays and Thursdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Indiana University High School (IUHS) allows students to choose from more than 100 courses that count toward an accredited high school diploma. Students meet at Purdue Extension's Learning Network every week as they work with licensed high-school teachers as facilitators. Partner agency, Community Action Program (CAP), can provide scholarships to qualifying students.

Microsoft Access Series - Tuesdays, Nov. 6-27, from 5:30-7 p.m. This beginner class will introduce the student to commonly used features in this database program, including: how to create tables, forms, and

reports; how to query data; and much more.

Cooking Class: Second in the Series! - Monday, Nov. 12, 7-8:30 p.m. Glenda Frey starts with tasty, simple recipes for gifts from your kitchen, and Maxine includes creative packaging ideas.

FREE! eBay Class - Monday, Nov. 19, from 5-7 p.m. Learn to be a confident eBay buyer and seller.

Contemporary Guitar Workshop - OPEN HOUSE! Thursday, Dec. 6, from 6-8 p.m. You're invited to meet instructor Michael Tribble and discover what he's planning to offer during his 12-week, all-inclusive workshop that begins in January.

Beginning Conversational Spanish - Mondays, Jan. 7-Feb. 25, 6-8 p.m. Learn practical vocabulary (for workplace and home), understand Spanish pronunciation, discover sentence-making verb strategies. By the

end of the 8 weeks, you'll be able to accomplish the following goals in Spanish: meet and greet, describe yourself/your feelings, tell time, talk about the weather, use colors and numbers, and put words together to speak in simple sentences.

Kids Spanish Classes: New Semester Starts Jan. 8 - Preschool: Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Grades 1-3: Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m. Grades 4-8: Thursdays, 4-5 p.m. Kids learn how to ask/answer 14 basic questions in Spanish, recognize Spanish alphabet/colors/shapes/number, say the days of the week/months of year/seasons, identify people/places in the neighborhood, meet and greet others, and give/receive directions.

For more information, call Purdue Extension's Learning Network at (765) 659-6380 or register online at www.lnoc.org.



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SPORTSWRITER NEEDED

The Comet needs someone to attend and write-up Carroll girl's basketball games and Delphi boy's basketball games. If interested, call 574-967-4135, ask for Susan or e-mail editor@carrollcountycomet.com

Carroll students learn about 'father of jazz'

By Jennifer Archibald
Staff writer

Sounds of jazz filled the gym at Carroll Elementary School when Book Readers & Horn Blowers presented a program on Louis Armstrong.

The brass quintet and narrator Charlie Dee focused on Armstrong's early life, based on the book, "If I Only Had a Horn: Young Louis Armstrong," by Roxanne Orgill.

Armstrong grew up in poverty in New Orleans, and rose to greatness as a jazz musician.

Reading from Orgill's book, the narrator related the time that young Louis and his sister, "Mama Lucy," went to "Uncle Ike's" at mealtime. The two of

them plus the other six children in the house all ate rice and beans out of one pot. Another time, at home, the family meal was fish head stew.

The streets of New Orleans were alive with music, and Louis was singing on the street corner as a young boy. Before he was a teenager, Louis was sent to a home for poor boys who got into trouble. The home had a band, and Louis learned to play several instruments, including a bugle.

Famous cornetist Joe "King" Oliver became Armstrong's mentor, and Armstrong later played in his band.

Louis had several nicknames throughout his life. One of the early ones was Dippermouth. He later was known as

Satchmo or Pops.

One of the songs he learned as a kid was "If I Only Had a Horn." Carroll Elementary students sang this song several times, with the words printed on a screen.

Throughout the show, images of Armstrong were shown on the screen. The quintet performed music that Armstrong played in the 1920s.

Some of these songs were "West End Blues," "Struttin' With Some Barbecue," "Gut Bucket Blues," "Home Sweet Home," and "Cornet Chop Suey."

The narrator told the students that Armstrong was not only a famous trumpet player and vocalist, but was a life-long reader and letter writer. The



L. Armstrong

musician also was a published author and film actor.

Armstrong recorded hit songs for five decades and entertained audiences all over the world. He died in 1971.

Book Readers and Horn Blowers typically present programs on famous people and the music of their era. They also educate students on the brass instruments and give prizes for correctly answering questions from the narrative presentation. Through a sponsorship, the group gives books to the school library. It also donates a copy of the featured book as part of a Curriculum Enhancement Packet. The packet is given to the music teacher and shared with other classroom teachers.

After the program, the musicians conduct an "instrument petting zoo." At Carroll, the "zoo" is for fifth graders. They each get to try out an instrument.

The Oct. 19 program at CES was presented with new techno/visual equipment. Thanks to a grant from NCHS

(North Central Health Services), the group has new backdrop panels, rear-projection screen, a multi-media projector and laptop computer.

Based in Flora, Book Readers and Horn Blowers present programs to elementary school

students throughout north-central Indiana. Their sponsors are the Indiana Arts Commission, Tippecanoe Arts Federation, Salin Bank, Flora Psi Iota Xi, Half-Price Books, and Paige Music.



Learning how it's done

Ty Gray tries out the trombone at the "instrument petting zoo" at Carroll Elementary. Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald



Program on Louis Armstrong

Book Readers & Horn Blowers presented a program on Louis Armstrong at Carroll Elementary School. Musicians Brad Koser and Gail Lewis are shown in front of the group's new backdrop. Other members of the brass quintet are Melissa Williams, Michele Robeson Howard, and Mark Murray. Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald