Standing ovation
At the conclusion of the Veterans Day program at Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School, students stood and clapped as honorees proceeded out of the auditorium. Pictured in the foreground are Judy Hoffman and Amos McGinnis. Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald

Carroll honors community veterans

By Jennifer Archibald
Staff writer

The 22 veterans honored Monday at Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School gave a total of 119 years of service to their country.

Social studies teacher Glen Dillman related the statistic as he moderated the school's Veterans Day program. He said the veterans present were a representative body of all the veterans who live in the community.

"We sought out and found persons who have been in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Army and Navy Reserves, and National Guard," Dillman said.

He described the representative group as veterans of World War II, Korean War, peacetime military of the Cold War, Vietnam, Persian Gulf War, Panama, Iraq War, and Afghanistan War.

"These men and women know the price of protecting the nation," Dillman continued. "They, above all others, hope and pray that there will be no wars. Today we honor the warrior; we do not honor war."

Dillman called for each of the veterans to stand as he read a short biography about each one. Most of the veterans honored live in the Flora area, either as natives or transplants. Most are retired and have served the community in various professions including teachers, farmers, postal employees, electricians, salesmen, and business owners.

Honorees present for the program were Richard Smith, Steve Mills, Eldo Beam, Mitch Sanderson, Charles Simison, Pete Jackson, Joe Ayres, Lew Kressley, Amos McGinnis, Bill Ayres, Bob Fraley, Mark Cook, Jason Dunning, C.J. Harmon, Merritt Hardt, Don Ramsey, Ralph Sparks, Richard Curts, Mike Wilcox, Joe Oyler, James Bowman, and Judy Hoffman.

Excerpts from some of the biographies follow:

Charles Simison was in the Navy ROTC program at Purdue from 1946-1950 and served on active duty from 1950-1953. As part of his tour, he served off Korea on the destroyer USS Waxwing in minesweeping and blockade duty. His destroyer returned home, circling the world in a Goodwill Tour.

Amos McGinnis was part of the U.S. 3rd Army Engineers that landed in France five days after D-Day. He drove a truck ashore standing up, with water up to his chest, on Omaha Beach. He helped construct bridges while under fire all across France to the Elbe River.

Bill Ayres was in the Army infantry in hard fighting on the front lines in the Korean War. During the fighting, his squad went three months and one week without being able to change clothes, and one week without food.

Mike Wilcox served in the U.S. Air Force from 1968-1988 and was a navigator and bombardier in B-52 bombers as part of the 307th Strategic Air Wing. He logged 118 combat missions over Vietnam, Hanoi, and Haiphong Harbor and was awarded the Air Medal seven times and two Distinguished Flying Cross Medals. He later was assigned to England as part of the 77th Tactical Fighter Squadron and was a weapons officer on F-111 aircraft that supported NATO forces in protecting Europe.

Joe Oyler served 29 years with the Army Reserves and two years active duty during the Persian Gulf War. He specialized in infantry and logistics. He created a data base while in Saudi Arabia that was used in moving troops and supplies. He was the only Carroll County soldier injured during the Persian Gulf War.

Dillman also read the biography of Fred Sorrells, who was invited to the program but unable to attend. Sorrells served in the Army Air Corps from 1942-1945, flying out of Great Britain on 42 air combat missions. He shot down four German airplanes, including a German jet.

Dillman pointed out that Sorrells and Bill Ayres have a common grandson, Brady Sorrells, who is serving in Iraq today.

Judy Hoffman was the only woman sitting on stage with the veterans in the school auditorium.

"Judy did not serve in the military," Dillman said, "but Judy stands today for her father who was a member of the 325 Glider Infantry Unit of the 82nd Airborne Division that was a part of the D-Day invasion in June of 1944. Her father only saw her one time, as an infant, because Staff Sgt. Forest Nipple was killed in action on June 11, 1944. He is buried in St. Laurent, France, at the U.S. Military Cemetery.

Other parts of the program included Presentation of Colors by Boy Scout Troop 144, Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem, a video of Jennifer Love Hewitt with an explanation of Veterans Day, student reading of the President's Veterans Day Proclamation, and the playing of Taps.

The veterans left the auditorium with a standing ovation by the students.

This was the first Veterans Day program at the school in many years. It was organized by Dillman and school principal Charles Huckstep, with musical assistance from teacher Joe Spence and technical assistance from assistant principal Fred Schnarr.

Dillman gave the reason for re-establishing the Veterans Day program.

"It was the right thing to do," he said. "It needed to be done."

Channel 2

Programming for Nov. 14-21 is listed below:

Wed., Nov. 14 – 7 p.m., Rossville vs. Eastern girls' basketball game (taped 11/13).

Sun., Nov. 18 – No live morning worship service. 7 p.m., Worship service from Living Faith Church of the Brethren (taped that morning); followed by Delphi City Council meeting (taped 11/5).

Wed., Nov. 21 – 7:30 p.m., Audio broadcast live, Delphi vs. Rensselaer girls' basketball game (www.broadcastsport.net).

Camden

Mary Whitfield
Camden 686-2553

Camden Woman's Literary Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the library's Reading Room. Hostesses will be Billie Hedde, DeAnna Sieber and Tammy Mullendore.

Camden Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at 7 p.m. Nov. 21 in the Lower Deer Creek Church of the Brethren. Pastor Guy Studebaker of the host church will give the message.

The Camden First Baptist Church will have its annual Thanksgiving carry-in dinner following Sunday morning services.

Storytime is held every Thursday at 4 p.m. at the Camden-Jackson Township Public Library.

Washington Twp.

Marilyn Hile
Deer Creek 859-4871

The deacons at Deer Creek Presbyterian Church are again planning to fill Thanksgiving baskets for the needy. Those wanting to help are asked to bring canned foods and nonperishables and place them in the Narthex. Donations will be accepted through Sunday. Anyone knowing a family in need is asked to contact a deacon.

Faith Lutheran Church is having a women's bible study Thursday, Nov 15, at 9 a.m. and Friday, Nov 16, at 7 p.m.

Ralph and Etta Byers traveled to Branson, Mo., on a bus trip with their daughter and husband, Vicki and Steve Anderson. They attended several shows before returning home.

The Golden Girls of Deer Creek met recently at the home of Margy and Harry Albaugh. Harry fried fish for the women and they all brought a covered dish. Those attending besides the Albaughs were Pat and Bob Burnham and Darletta and Joan Jones of Thorntown, Mary and Jerry Blue of Cutler, Dot Fulton, Marilyn Hile of Deer Creek and Betty Gordon and Jane Slusser of Logansport.

Business Briefs

IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE has been awarded $467,729 in "Moving Forward" grants from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

The "Moving Forward" grants were established to create seamless programs of study to help students move easily from high school to postsecondary opportunities. The grants will allow Ivy Tech to create new programs of study, upgrade existing programs, implement alternative educational delivery methods and establish entrepreneurship activities for students.

In this region, Lafayette Campus was awarded $92,992, and the Kokomo Campus, $62,000.

Burlington

Cheryl Milburn
Burlington 566-3453

Burlington Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. Nov. 14 at the town hall.

An open house honoring Dorothy Atkisson for her 90th birthday will be held Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. at the community library. The family requests no gifts, however cards would be appreciated.

A community Thanksgiving Service will be held Sunday evening at 6 at the Burlington Church of Christ.

Kiwanis Club will meet at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at the fire station for breakfast and meeting.

Crossroads Community Christian Church will have an all-church Thanksgiving dinner at 5 p.m. Sunday. A talent show will follow.

Faith Youth Group will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the church.

The United Methodist Church will have a carry-in dinner Thursday at 5 p.m. A program will follow.

United Methodist Women will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the church.

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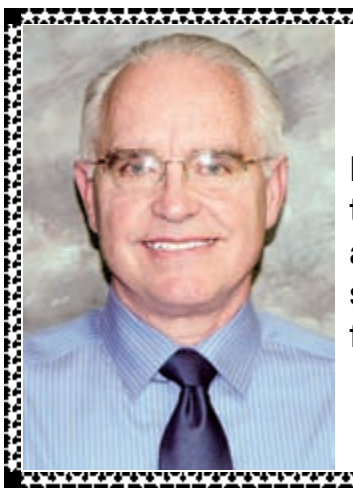
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City Court Judge

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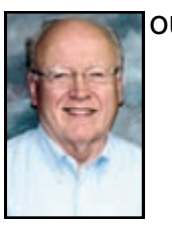
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Police & Fire Calls

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Delphi Police Dept.

Nov. 5, 10:15 a.m. – Theft. Daniel D. Pearson, Delphi, reported a skateboard stolen. Chief Ed Chapman responded.

Nov. 5, 2:30 p.m. – Property damage, SR25 at the wastewater treatment plant. Eugene A. Lamberson, 67, Monticello, and Robert J. Reef, 52, Bringhurst. Chapman responded.

Sheriff's Dept.

Criminal/non-criminal reports

Nov. 1, 11:59 p.m. – Residential entry, 11100 block of W. CR1000N. Report of residential entry from Matthew Seibert. Deputy Jay Schimmel responded.

Nov. 2, 8:12 p.m. – Residential entry, 5500 block of E CR300S. Lisa Thieke, 39, Logansport, was arrested for residential entry and criminal mischief. Possession of marijuana and reckless possession of paraphernalia charges were later added. Deputy Zachary Hall responded.

Nov. 3, 1:55 a.m. – Operating with a BAC of .15 or higher, SR25. Terry Hyser, 50, Lafayette, was arrested. K-9 deputy Tony Liggett responded.

Nov. 4, 5 p.m. – Criminal information, 3200 block of W. CR900N. Grave markers from World War I veterans were recovered. Deputy Grant Davidson responded.

Nov. 4, 6:31 p.m. – Telephone harassment, 3900 block of W CR650S. Suspect located. Liggett responded.

Nov. 4, 9:17 p.m. – Possession of controlled substance, 6000 block of E CR250S. Byron and Kathy Townsend, 47, Bringhurst, were arrested for maintaining a common nuisance, possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and reckless possession of paraphernalia. Liggett responded.

Nov. 5, 9:16 a.m. – Criminal mischief, 5600 block of S. Prince William Rd. Vandalism to mailboxes belonging to Dean Gangwer and Neal Clem reported. Deputy Mike Thomas responded.

Nov. 7, 12 p.m. – Assisting another agency, 8500 block of N. CR175W. Assisted Indiana State Police with fraud investigation involving Carroll County resident. Davidson responded.

Nov. 7, 10:32 p.m. – OWI/endangering, US421. Kenneth Simmerman, 65, Delphi, arrested. Hall responded.

Property damage reports

Nov. 9, 7:55 a.m. - CR100 near CR350E. Margaret B. Jackson, 24, Flora. Thomas responded.

Nov. 9, 8:35 p.m. - SR29 near SR218. Mara L. Hendress, 56, Camden, and an older blue vehicle. Schimmel responded.

Deer-related reports

Nov. 5, 10:18 p.m. - US421 near CR900W. Crystal R. Ellis, 33, Lafayette. Schimmel responded.

Nov. 6, 7:05 p.m. - SR75 near CR400S. James D. Bowman, 50, Crawfordsville. Schimmel responded.

Nov. 8, 7:05 a.m. - SR29 near CR250N. Jeffery R. Delaplane, 41, Russiaville. Davidson responded.

Nov. 8, 6:59 a.m. - SR75 near CR700S. Jeffrey W. Wilson, 31, Kokomo. Davidson responded.

Nov. 9, 5:15 a.m. - SR75 near CR750S. Dirk A. Schrontz, 37, Flora. Liggett responded.

Nov. 9, 7 a.m. - Bicycle Bridge Rd. near CR1200W. Regina D. Batcheldor, 49, Monticello. Sgt. Dennis Randle responded.

Nov. 9, 7:25 a.m. - US421 near CR950N. Lawrence A. Sanson, 61, Monticello. Maj. Tobe Leazenby responded.

Nov. 10, 6:46 p.m. - SR29 near CR750S. Chad A. Porter, 32, Kokomo. Schimmel responded.

Nov. 11, 5:39 a.m. - SR75 at CR350S. Mark E. Remaly, 41, Cutler. Randle responded.

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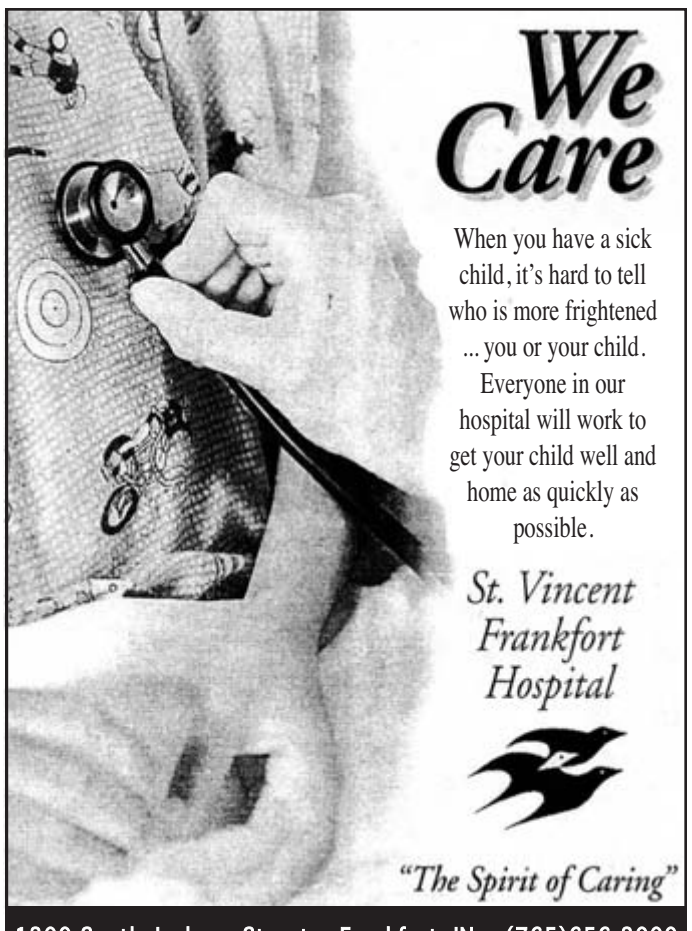
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