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Delphi Public

Stop by the library, enjoy a cup of coffee, pick a cozy chair and spend an afternoon reading from the over 100 magazines and eight newspapers. Come in and find out what is happening in the world, entertainment, gardening, home decorating, psychology, parenting, science and more.

Local musician and song writer Eric Hicks will perform at the Feb. 16 Coffee Beat at 7 p.m. Hicks has that special knack to put into the perfect words those everyday musings, clever observations and dead-on descriptions of life, love and longings. Coffee Beat guests should enter the library through the Indiana Street entrance.

The Wine Tasting event scheduled for Feb. 19 has been postponed to July 8.

Evening Book Club will discuss the Jane Austen classic "Northanger Abbey" Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. The novel follows 17-year-old Catherine Morland as she takes an extended holiday to the Tynley estate where she meets young Henry who captivates Catherine with his view on novels and his knowledge of history and the world.

Morning Book Club will discuss "Lover's Knot" by Emile Richards, Feb. 29 at 9. The story told is one of Kendra Taylor, a journalist who, when faced with personal tragedy, retreats to an old cabin nestled in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. As a passionate story of strength, loss and desperation unfolds, the secrets of two quilts are revealed and the threads of an unraveling marriage are secured. Refreshments and social time follow.

For information call the library at (765) 564-2929.

Flora-Monroe Twp.

We are often asked how people can help the library. In response to this we are developing a wish list. People are welcome to donate magazine subscriptions, donate money for our reading fund, join the Friends group and more. If you are interested in helping, contact the director, Melissa Bishop, by calling 967-3912, or email floralib@flora.lib.in.us.

Basic tax forms for 2007 are now available in the technology center in the library. The government is limiting the variety and amounts of forms due to many people filing electronically. All forms and schedules can be accessed from the government websites.

These sites include downloadable forms, instructions and publications. Advanced search is available to find the specific form needed when itemizing. The library's main index page on our website www.flora.lib.in.us, has direct links to the Internal Revenue Service and the Indiana Department of Revenue. The technology center also offers free Internet access to patrons on a first come, first served basis.

The next storytime will celebrate "President's Day." Let's learn about George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and other great leaders of the United States. Storytime is Tuesday morning at 10 a.m.

Call in to the library's Dial-a-Story to hear "George Washington and the Cherry Tree." The story beginning Friday will be "George Washington and the Colt." Dial-a-Story is available 24 hours a day by calling 967-3814.

College Goal Sunday provides free help to students filing for financial aid

Comet staff report

College Goal Sunday is a charitable program of the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association (ISFAA) that provides free information and assistance to Indiana families filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Now in its 19th year, College Goal Sunday has helped more than 70,000 Indiana students and families complete the complicated FAFSA form properly and on time, and has been cited as a valuable resource for first-generation college students and at-risk youth.

For Indiana students seeking undergraduate admission to a college or technical school in 2008, it is important to file the FAFSA – the form required by

educational institutions nationwide – so that it is received by the federal processor by March 10. By filing on time, students have an improved chance of receiving federal and state grants, loans and scholarships, as well as other financial aid.

College Goal Sunday 2008 is at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, at 36 sites statewide, including Indiana University Kokomo, 2300 S. Washington St., in the Kelley Student Center room KC130 and the student commons. At the event, financial aid professionals from Indiana colleges and universities walk through the FAFSA line-by-line and answer families' individual questions. This year, select sites offer FAFSA online capabilities and Spanish interpreters. To locate that informa-

tion, visit www.CollegeGoal-Sunday.org.

Students should attend College Goal Sunday with their parent(s) or guardian(s) and bring their parents' completed 2007 IRS 1040 tax returns, W-2 Forms and other 2007 income and benefits information. If students worked last year, they should also bring their income information. Students 24 years of age or older may attend alone and bring their own completed 2007 IRS 1040 tax return, W-2 Form or other 2007 income and benefits information. Pens and FAFSA forms will be provided, but students are encouraged to bring their own FAFSA forms and their U.S. Department of Education Personal Identification Numbers

(PIN) if filing online. Parents will also need to obtain PINs to file online. To obtain a PIN, go to www.pin.ed.gov.

Students attending College Goal Sunday qualify for a chance to win an educational prize to help with their higher education expenses. Three educational prizes, worth \$300 each, will be awarded statewide – one for northern Indiana, one for central Indiana and one for southern Indiana. The winners will be notified in March; prizes will be sent directly to the higher education institutions selected by winning students. To enter the drawing, students must attend College Goal Sunday and submit a completed evaluation form.

CES receives RIF grant for free books

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Carroll Elementary School has received a Reading Is Fundamental grant.

A RIF grant is a national grant that gives free books to

students. Qualifying for this grant is based on a school's population of students participating in the free and reduced lunch program.

The school has received

\$1,500. Seventy-five percent is paid by the grant and 25 percent is paid by the school corporation.

This year's grant is giving free books to all kindergarten through second grade students.

Each child will receive three free books. One book will be given at each of three school celebrations.

The theme for the RIF celebrations is "Everywhere is a good spot to read!"

Kathy Shuler, reading specialist, announces the following plans for the celebrations:

February 15 will be a "Tropical Day." Students will wear "tropical" dress and will be treated to a story called "Moe, the Tropical Dog."

March 21 will be a guest reader day. The guests will wear costumes related to the story they read. For example, a person dressed as a chicken will read "The Little Red Hen Makes a Pizza."

The third celebration, on April 23, will be called "All Aboard." The plan is for the students to take a trip around the parking lot in the Delphi Trolley and to hear a story while aboard the trolley.

Hershman honors Rossville FFA team on Indiana Senate floor

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Students from Rossville Middle/Senior High School have added another distinction to their FFA leadership organization.

State Sen. Brandt Hershman (R-Wheatfield) honored the Rossville FFA Livestock Judging Team this week on winning the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colo., on the Indiana Senate floor.

Rossville's award-winning team of Jeremy Harshbarger,

Jared Huffer, Scott Evans, Torie Schwartz and Coach Mark Douglas were on the Senate floor during Hershman's resolution. Hershman said they "excelled" in each category at the national contest and brought home the school's first title in national livestock judging competition.

"I'm extremely proud," Hershman said as he presented the resolution. "Rossville has been perennially named to Indiana Chamber of Commerce 'best buy' schools. They have re-

peated success in their ISTEP scores, and the FFA has a long history of success, as was exhibited by these students in Denver recently."

Rossville's students were among 860 FFA and 4-H members competing at the event. Each team was required to evaluate four different species of livestock, including goats, sheep, pigs and cattle. They then had to give oral presentations to officials and explain reasons behind their findings.

Carroll girls

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to go in the first quarter.

But the Lady Mustangs battled back with a pair of long-range jumpers of their own to keep Carroll's advantage under double figures, 19-11 at the end of the first quarter.

That first quarter summed up the rest of the game. Carroll had a moment each quarter when they appeared ready to run away with the game, but each time a missed shot, or a turnover would allow Fountain Central to keep the game within reach. Carroll only trailed once, at 2-0, but the large crowd cheering on the Lady Cougars could never quite get comfortable.

Eller hit three 3-pointers in the second quarter, leading Carroll to a 30-25 halftime lead, then she and M. Yoder continued to kill the Lady Mustangs in the third.

"We decided if they played man-to-man defense we wanted whoever Everett was guarding to take the ball to the basket," McCroskey explained. "Morgan did a great job doing just that. And Quinci is a money player. She's played like a veteran all year."

Eller hit a short jumper in the lane to start a big third quarter for Carroll, then M. Yoder scored the Lady Cougars' next eight points. Eller followed her nine-point second quarter with 10 more in the third. Carroll went to the fourth quarter with a 54-43 lead.

An 8-3 run for Fountain Central to start the fourth quarter closed the gap to 57-51 with 3:03 to go. Outstanding ball handling by the Lady Cougars forced Fountain Central to foul to get the ball back. The Lady Cougars did not hit a field goal in the fourth quarter, but made 10 of 18 free-throw attempts in the quarter to hold off Fountain Central's final charge.

The Lady Mustangs cut the lead to 60-56 with 1:30 left, but Carroll's aggressive defense and secure ball handling down the stretch preserved the victory.

Following a miserable 14-of-52 (27%) shooting night in Friday's sectional victory over Delphi, the Lady Cougars' shooters were red hot in Satur-

day's title game. Carroll found the net on 18 of 31 field-goal attempts (58%), including torrid 7-of-9 (78%) shooting from 3-point range.

Eller hit 8 of 13 field-goal attempts, including 5 of 7 from 3-point range for a career-high 24 points. She also pulled down a team-high six rebounds and had 3 assists and 3 steals. M. Yoder hit 6 of 9 field-goal attempts en route to a 14-point performance. Brazel and Reinke each scored nine points for Carroll.

Seniors Brazel, Jaime McCarter, Brooke Yoder and M. Yoder hope to extend their high school basketball careers a bit longer when the Lady Cougars (13-9) take on Class 2A No. 2 Oak Hill (23-0) in the 10 a.m. first game of the Lewis Cass Regional Saturday morning.

Vs. Delphi

Carroll (12-9) advanced to the championship game with a 45-30 victory over county rival Delphi (5-16) Friday night.

When 3-pointers by Brazel and Eller and a free throw by B. Yoder put the Lady Cougars on top 7-0 with 4:55 left in the first quarter the game started looking like a repeat of Carroll's 46-22 defeat of the Lady Oracles on Nov. 21.

But Delphi fought back. Whitney Arion hit a pair of 3-pointers and Carli Rouhier added a basket in the lane to give the Lady Oracles an 8-7 first-quarter lead.

Carroll's swarming, full-court pressure forced seven Delphi turnovers in the first quarter, but the Lady Cougars couldn't convert. Carroll hit just 2 of 17 field-goal attempts in the first 8:00.

"We knew we couldn't match Carroll's quickness," Delphi coach Dan Dawson explained. "Our plan was to play zone and get out on their shooters. Carroll has a good press, but we also had 6 or 8 unforced turnovers that really hurt us. Each of those cost us a possession we might have scored on."

The Lady Cougars' shooting woes continued and they found themselves trailing 12-9 with 5:31 left in the second quarter. Carroll was an ice-cold 2 of 20

from the field when coach McCroskey called timeout with 5:09 to go in the half.

"The first quarter of a sectional is always a struggle," McCroskey said. "I felt at some point our pressure would give us a run and we got it in the second quarter. I thought we took better shots in the second half and rebounded better."

Carroll missed one more shot, then a big 3-pointer from the left wing by Brazel tied the game and got the Lady Cougars going. M. Yoder followed Brazel's bomb with a lay up from an assist by Reinke, then McCarter added a 3-pointer and a lay up with an assist from Eller. A pair of free throws by Reinke finished off a 12-0 Carroll run to put the Lady Cougars in control 21-12.

"I thought we shot a little too quickly in the first quarter," McCroskey said. "We got better shots in the second quarter. That was a big inside-out three that Jaime (McCarter) hit."

The third quarter was all Car-

roll. The Lady Cougars outscored Delphi 15-4 to take a commanding 38-19 lead into the fourth quarter. Reinke scored seven of her nine points in the decisive third quarter. Carroll's pressure defense forced nine Delphi turnovers in the period and 27 for the game.

Eller led a balanced Carroll attack with 10 points and a team-high six rebounds. Brazel and McCarter scored nine and seven, respectively. M. Yoder pitched in four points and four rebounds.

Arion and Erika Hawn paced Delphi with seven apiece. Senior Kylee German ended her high school basketball career in style, scoring six points and pulling down a game-high 10 rebounds.

"Kylee did a great job for us, getting six points and ten rebounds," Dawson said. "I am so proud of her effort. This sectional was a great effort by our whole team. We are very happy to have made the second round."

Alderman wins

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wrestler, 10-7, before being pinned in 5:42.

The Oracle wrestling team, ranked 16th in the final pole, competed in the team semistate at Rochester last Wednesday. Their opponent was No. 3-ranked Mishawaka. The Oracles found out why they were ranked third.

"The Oracles only had two winners in the entire match but all the wrestlers just took it to them the best we could," said coach Atwood. "Sometimes in wrestling you just have to get up

and shake the other guy's hand because he is better."

Mishawaka was a solid squad from top to bottom. Alderman put the Oracles on the scoreboard with a 4-3 decision over his opponent. The Oracles did not win another match until Atwood pinned his opponent in the third period.

The Oracles lost the match 59-9 and Mishawaka claimed its ninth consecutive semistate title.


"Our guys can hold their heads high finishing in the top sixteen in the state," Atwood said.



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Nomination forms are available at sponsoring newspaper offices and online at leadersot.com. Nominations must be received by **February 28, 2008**. If you have questions, please call **877-760-4978**.




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