

Carroll students planning alternative spring break

By Jennifer Archibald
Staff writer

Carroll School Board gave the go-ahead for a group of Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School students and

chaperons to take part in an alternative spring break.

Tyler Sausaman, teacher, and students Drew Ayres and Kierstyn Harper told about plans for the trip at the Feb. 4 board meeting.

The group will be going to New Orleans, La., for hurricane relief work. They are partnering with the Carroll County Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, and will be working on Habitat for Humanity houses in the stricken area. Cost for the trip is expected to be \$200-\$300.

Sausaman said the idea of an alternative spring break trip is to give students an alternative to more traditional destinations, such as Florida. Instead of all-too-common spring break activities, the students will accomplish something positive.

Sausaman said he is hoping for a group of about 15. Recruitment is still under way.

For more information, contact Sausaman or guidance director Kris Seward.

The board accepted the bid of Cardinal Bus Sales & Service for two new school buses. Total cost for the base units will be \$128,926. The board also accepted the option of a wheelchair lift, adding another \$3,811 to each unit, and a second stop arm at the back of the bus, adding \$75 apiece.

Members of the newly established technology steering committee, approved by the board, are Charles Huckstep, Fred Schnarr, Angie Veach, Carolyn O'Connell, Natalie McQuade, Judy McCracken, Scot Collins, Kara Burrous, Amy Cottrell, Stephenie Pencek, Deanna Herr, and Sam Zook. Since the board meeting, a student, Malena Zook, has been added to the steering committee.

Technology sub committees were named for each school. At the elementary, those serving will be O'Connell, McQuade, McCracken, Burrous, Cottrell,

and Karen Stankard.

The sub committee at the junior-senior high school will include Huckstep, Schnarr, Veach, Collins, Elizabeth Rose, and Wyndham Traxler-Carter.

Four parents have been added to the elementary textbook adoption committee: Jennifer Dyke, Deanna Herr, Melissa Parker, and Shelly Turnpaugh.

Peggy Oakley will temporarily take the place of fourth grade teacher Carrie Pickard while she is on maternity leave.

Cindy Tussinger was hired as guidance aide.

The board approved use of the high school cafeteria for a benefit dinner for the Cossairt family. It will be served Feb. 16 before the Carroll-Frontier boys' basketball game.

The following conference and field trip requests were approved:

Don Shively - HASTI Conference Feb. 7 and 8 in Indianapolis.

Tyler Sausaman - taking the engineering design class to Purdue School of Technology Feb. 19.

Steve and Melissa Keown - Ag Education In-service Feb. 26 in Trafalgar.

Carolyn O'Connell - NWEA Regional Workshop March 6 in Indianapolis.

Myra Compton and Cathy Ayres - "Differentiated Instruction: Strategies to Support RTI" Conference April 21 in Indianapolis.

The next regular meeting will be Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Administration Building. Earlier that day, the board will tour the pool and kitchen area at the high school and then have a work session from 2 to 7 p.m.

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Residents urged to spay and neuter

By Kevin Schnepf
Staff writer

Carroll County is host to many domestic and barnyard animals that love to procreate, but county funding may not be appropriated this year to help keep them under control. Couple those facts and it could be raining cats and dogs by spring.

Despite the dreary forecast, Carroll County residents have a chance to create a brighter outlook.

Neda Pollock, co-owner of Crystal Creek Boarding Kennel near Americus in eastern Tippecanoe County, said Monday local veterinarians helped organize a spay and neuter program through the kennel.

Through the program, dubbed the "Tomcat Special," 304 animals from Carroll and surrounding counties were processed in January. Pollock said based on an average of five offspring per litter about 1,500 animals were kept out of the system. She said that was a good start, but more needed to be done to make a difference to taxpayers in the long run.

"We must all act now to make a positive impact for taxpayers," she stated.

Flora Clerk-Treasurer Joretta Tinsman represents that town on an animal control group formed to determine how to tackle the county's looming animal control

issue. She serves along with members from Delphi, Camden and Deer Creek Township.

Tinsman told the *Comet* Monday that Carroll County residents had yet to see the impact of not having organized animal control services. She said Flora's town hall received three to four calls per week from residents in search of a means to deal with animals.

Tinsman encouraged local residents who have animals that need spayed or neutered to take Crystal Creek up on the special, which is still being offered.

"There's nothing we can do about it locally right now," Tinsman said. "Carroll County residents should take advantage of these services being offered at a good price while they can."

Through Crystal Creek's special, residents can have cats, dogs and other animals spayed or neutered for much less than would typically be charged. Those interested should call (765) 497-3141 as soon as possible to schedule an appointment.

Pollock encouraged her county neighbors to move on the opportunity while it exists.

"Let's get a handle on this while we have the support of our local veterinarians," she implored. "It's a finite problem. We have a certain number of animals. We just have to find the way to fix it."

Business Briefs

PIZZA KING in Flora will have its **GRAND RE-OPENING** Feb. 14 through the 17.

The event celebrates its move from East Columbia Street to 29 South Center Street.

Tom Stigers is owner of the business, and his fiancé, Peggy Gangwer, is in charge of hiring and scheduling.

They said the new location offers more seating - enough for 112 people - and more room for families and groups.

They added that there is also more room for parking since customers can park in the town parking lot and enter through the back door if they wish.

The restaurant kept its same nostalgic Coca-cola décor, but the atmosphere is more relaxed and quiet, Gangwer said.

There's also a banquet room for 40 guests. Gangwer said the room can be rented for parties, family gatherings, and meetings.

Beginning Thursday, the eatery is offering three new menu items - barbecue chicken pizza, chicken bacon ranch

pizza, and dessert pizza.

Local merchants have donated gift certificates for door prizes during the grand re-opening. The drawing will be held on Sunday.

The restaurant is starting new Sunday hours. It will open at 11 a.m. on Sundays and close at 10 p.m.

Stigers has had the Pizza King in Flora for 19 years. He currently has nine employees.

MICHELLE JONES of rural Cutler is now an educational consultant for Osborne Books. The books are for children age three months through 13 years.

Jones works with schools, preschools, day care, and libraries to receive free books through book fairs, reach for the stars program, and literacy for a lifetime. She also works with clubs and troops to raise money for their organization by selling books.

Jones can be reached at 765-268-2601 or through her website, www.readingadventures.us.

Awarded for mentoring



Delphi Community High School Agriculture teacher Beth Theobald (pictured) was one of six individuals to receive the Teacher Mentor Award during the recent National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) annual conference. NAAE said that because of her continued relationships with more than two dozen student teachers from Purdue University, which she mentored, and her concern for their futures, she was asked to head up the association's mentoring program last year. Mark Balschweid, associate professor in Purdue's Department of Youth Development and Agricultural Education said Theobald worked positively with young teachers. "Beth recognizes the strong relationship between beginning teachers feeling confident in their job and their desire to remain in the profession," he said. Theobald received a plaque, cash award and an expenses-paid trip to attend the annual conference in Las Vegas. Photo provided

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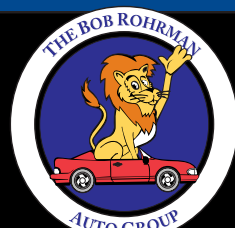
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