

SIA Foundation offers grants to nonprofits

Comet staff report

The SIA Foundation is accepting grant applications from Indiana not-for-profit organizations that are seeking funding for capital projects in the areas of arts and culture, health and welfare, or education.

Grant applications must be postmarked no later than March 31 to be considered for grants that will be awarded in June 2008. The SIA Foundation typically funds capital needs between \$1,000 and \$7,000.

Indiana nonprofit organizations interested in applying must meet the following criteria:

Funding must be used for investments in facilities, equipment or real estate rather than for operational funding.

Applying organizations must be either tax-exempt under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501 with a chapter office in Indiana; an organizational institution in Indiana; or an Indiana governmental or quasi-governmental entity.

The SIA Foundation accepts applications for funding in Carroll County and 20 other Indiana counties.

Grant application materials are available through the Foundation website by visiting www.siafoundation.org or by calling the Foundation at (765) 449-6292.

Engagements

Replegle-Mayfield



Rodger and Jane Replegle of Delphi announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Ann, to Joseph Richard Mayfield. He is the son of Joe and Barb Mayfield of Delphi.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Delphi Community High School and a 2007 graduate of Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She is employed at Mayflower Elementary School.

The groom-elect graduated from DCHS in 2004 and earned a bachelor's degree in management from Purdue University in 2007. He is currently seeking employment.

A May 17 wedding is being planned.

Photo policy

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Kauffman files for Carroll School board

Rob Kauffman has filed to run as a candidate for Carroll School Board for Monroe Township.



Kauffman

Kauffman is a graduate of Delphi Community High School and Purdue University. He is a mechanical engineer at Wabash National Corporation where he runs the Aftermarket Parts business.

"During my nine years at Wabash National I have had different job titles with increasing responsibility and I have taken courses that have helped me become a capable leader," said Kauffman.

He and the former Elizabeth Lucas have been married for 10 years. They have two daughters, Madison, age 7 and Abigail, age 6, both students at Carroll Elementary School.

The Kauffmans are members of the Flora United Methodist Church, where he is chairman of the Board of Trustees, is a member of the Adult Choir, and serves as a youth leader.

Kauffman is serving in his tenth year as an assistant coach of the Carroll High School track team. For the past six years he has been the announcer for the CHS varsity home football games.

Kauffman said his family enjoys attending many of the other school events as well.

"I have gained great respect for the youth and adults, both in and around our community and our school corporation," said Kauffman. "I am comfortable around people and willing to listen to their comments and concerns. As an outgoing individual and working professional, I also have no problem sharing my own thoughts."

"I have a wonderful family and I want the best for them. I would be honored to have an impact on what my daughters and their friends will experience and learn during their school years."

"I believe that I would be a great addition to the Carroll School Board. I am someone that you can count on."

Snipes is candidate for county surveyor

Dale Snipes has filed as a Democratic candidate for Carroll County surveyor.

Snipes has 14 years experience as a field technician for civil engineering and land surveying firms.

"My extensive surveying and mapping experience, and my familiarity with Carroll County geography and agriculture give me confidence that I can be a real asset to taxpayers serving as Carroll County surveyor," said Snipes.

A lifelong county resident, Snipes graduated from Delphi Community High School. He resides near Flora with his wife, Vicky, who is employed as the safety director at Logansport Memorial Hospital. They have three children, all graduates of Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School.

Snipes is a member of the Flora Presbyterian Church where he is active in the chancel and bell choirs. He is 4-H photography project leader and has served on the County Extension Board and Carroll County Old Settlers Association.

He is currently completing the 2008 Leadership Carroll County program.

Clawson challenges Mears for commissioner

Carroll County resident Pat Clawson threw his hat into the political ring Friday when he filed to run for commissioner in district 2 against incumbent George Mears.



Clawson

A Republican, Clawson is vying for the District 2 position which includes Carrollton, Deer Creek 1, 3 and 5, Jackson and Madison townships. The position is elected by the entire county.

Clawson, 46, married wife Connie (Landis) in 1987. The couple resides, with their two children ages 12 and 17, in Delphi.

Clawson is a 1979 graduate of Delphi Community High School. He joined the Navy after graduation and served until 1983. He then returned home to run the family business, Clawson's Appliances.

The challenger has been a Delphi Tri-Township Volunteer Firefighter since 1995, is a lifetime member of the Delphi United Methodist Church, and is a past board member with the Delphi Chamber of Commerce. He has never held public office.

"I think everybody should be involved in their local community," Clawson said Monday. "The time to stand up is now for me."

Clawson said he decided to run for commissioner because of the poor financial situation and general condition of the county.

"I'm concerned about the future of this county," he said. "I want to get this county back to basics with basic services. We need roads we can drive down without falling into holes."

"This is business, and if you can't afford to do it - you don't," he continued. "We need to get our ducks in a row and do our basic services well," he concluded.

Burton files for county recorder

Mary Ann Burton has filed as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Carroll County Recorder.



Burton

Burton is a resident of rural Camden where she lives with her husband, Bob. He is employed with The Anderson's Cob Mill in Delphi. They have two adult sons, Marc and Matthew.

Burton was the previous owner of Fashion Coiffeurs in Delphi. She ran the business for 10 years. She has been employed in county government for 12 years.

She is also a member of the Carroll County Historical Society.

"Because my children are grown, I feel that now is the time in my life when I can run for office," said Burton. "I feel that my experience in county government qualifies me for the position and I look forward to the opportunity of serving the residents of Carroll County."

Announcements

The American Red Cross will hold a **BLOOD DRIVE** March 11 from 1 to 6:30 p.m. at the Burlington Community Park Building on E. Fifth Street. The drive is in honor of Women's History Month and Red Cross Month. Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in general good health. Call (800) 448-3543 to schedule a blood donation appointment or for information.

DELPHI ART CLUB will meet at the Flora Community Center on March 6, at 7 p.m. Kathy King, Sally Schmidt and Lorna Hicks will be hostesses. Retta Sites will present the program on water color using three colors. She will provide all the supplies for those who do not have them. Art Club members are reminded to pick up their art work at the Logansport Art Association Gallery Friday Feb 29 by 4 p.m.

There is a new event at Historic Prophetstown. A **CORN MAZE**, sponsored by Crop Production Services, will be open from Aug. 1 through Nov. 2. For questions and more information visit www.prophetstown.org or contact Dris Abraham at 765-567-4700.

MT. ZION LODGE #211, F&AM, will hold its March

stated meeting on Monday at 7 p.m. in the Camden lodge.

All Carroll County farmers and agribusinesses are invited to attend the organizational meeting for the **CARROLL COUNTY AGRICULTURE ASSOCIATION**. The meeting will be Saturday, March 1, at 8 a.m. in the Ag Wing of Delphi Community High School. Those attending will elect a board of directors and approve corporate documents.

CARROLL COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE kick-off and team captains meeting will be March 4 at Pat's Country Barn, 1141E 50N, Flora. The team captains meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the committees meeting at 7:30. Anyone interested in helping with this year's event, "Surfin'

For A Cure," is invited. The event will be June 27 and 28 at the Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School track. For more information, call 765-860-7098.

Five meetings in different locations have been scheduled by the **CARROLL AND WHITE COUNTY REMCs** to address questions and concerns about the consolidation of the two REMCs. The two planned in Carroll County will be Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre at Delphi Community High School, and March 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School.

CARROLL COUNTY CROPS CLINIC will be held March 4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the 4-H Building in Flora. Lunch will be provided.

Carroll County Pork Producers annual meeting and the Carroll County **AGRICULTURE HALL OF FAME** induction will be March 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Building in Flora.

Reunions & Get-togethers

Fife family

A family vacation to the Bahamas was enjoyed by the Kenneth Fife family. Those going on the cruise were: Gordon and Judy Fife, Darrell and Phyllis Fife, Merrill Fife, Mark and Janice Fife, Mary Beth Thompson, and Kenneth and Rosanna Fife.

What's Happening Elsewhere

Kat Lebo's Oasis Bellydance Troup will perform **AN EVENING AT THE OASIS: DANCING WITH THE MUSES** March 1 at 7 p.m. in Duncan Hall on Ferry St. in Lafayette. Doors open at 6:30, with a hafla and refreshments at 8:30. A cost is associated with the event. Call (765) 418-9503 or e-mail katlebo@aol.com for information.

Frontier High School will host its 2nd Annual **CODY LEHE BENEFIT DANCE** to help offset the costs of his recent move to a rehabilitation center in southern Illinois. The dance will take place on March 8 at the Brookston Gym (near Frontier Elementary School). Doors will open at 7 p.m. and the dance will be over at 11 p.m. There will be a live band, DJ, raffle, and other items for sale to benefit the Lehes. Anyone under 21 (must have ID) will be admitted. All proceeds will benefit the Lehe family.



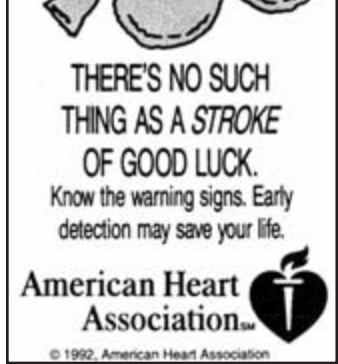
As promised last week, I'm featuring a few more of my favorite "signature" dishes. When having parties or get-togethers, my friends often request my Garlic Buffalo Wings. They're really simple to prepare, but a little messy. I serve them up with celery sticks and my homemade blue cheese dip. You can also make the recipe using chicken legs instead. Happy eating!

Garlic Buffalo Wings

6 lbs. chicken wings (drumettes and wingettes) thawed
1 T. garlic powder (no, this isn't a mistake)
2 sticks butter (no substitute)
1/2 C. hot sauce (I like Tabasco) vegetable oil

In a medium sized microwave safe bowl, melt butter. Whisk in garlic powder and hot sauce until well blended. Refrigerate until solidified.

In a fryer (preferably outside) heat vegetable oil until it sizzles when hit with a drop of water (about 425 degrees). Fry chicken wings (don't bread them) in batches until crispy and juices run



clear (time varies according to the temperature of the oil, outdoor temperature and the number of wings being fried at once. You'll have to test this). After each batch is done, drain on paper towels, then place in a large bowl. Scoop out some of the solidified sauce and toss wings to coat. Transfer to a crock pot on low heat to keep warm. Repeat with remaining wings.

Blue Cheese Dip

1 6-oz. pkg. blue cheese, crumbled
1 8-oz. sour cream
2 T. mayonnaise (I only use Hellmann's)
1 tsp. celery seed
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper

Whisk together sour cream, mayo, celery seed, salt and pepper. Fold in blue cheese and refrigerate for at least four hours or overnight.



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