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BRITTANEY MAUER of Battle Ground, has been named to the dean's list for the winter quarter at Ross-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute. She is majoring in biomedical engineering.

AARON MOCHERMAN of Pittsboro has received recognition on the national dean's list for the fall semester of the 2007 academic year at Indiana Wesleyan University.

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Carroll County Extension Homemakers scholarships are available for high school students and adults.

For high school students, applications are available at <http://www.ces.purdue.edu/Carroll/4h/scholarship/scholarship.mht>, at local high schools, and at the Extension Office.

Applicants must be a daughter/son or granddaughter/grandson of an active Carroll County Extension Homemaker. Applicants must reside in Carroll County. The scholarship may be used for any career at a college, university, beauty school, trade school, etc. Return the completed application by April 15 to the Carroll County Extension Office.

The Iris McCain Memorial Scholarship is available for adults. The purpose of the scholarship is to honor the

memory of Iris McCain, her contribution to the work of Extension Homemakers in Carroll County, and at the

state and national leadership level. Applications are available at the Extension Office.

Sport shorts

Two top-tens

Ian Rider of rural Carroll County earned two top-ten finishes at the Indiana Northwest Divisional Championships held recently at the Crawfordsville Aquatic Center. An eighth grade home school student, Rider placed eighth and ninth, respectively, in the 100



Rider

and 200 yard breaststroke events. He lowered his time for the 200-yard race by 11 seconds during the meet. He is the son of Jeff Rider and Abby Abbott-Rider of Delphi. He has been swimming with the Cass County Seals for four years. Photo provided

Visit the Book of Memory

By Al Jackson

I have learned that there are a lot of folks in our community who do not know about a service that the Community Foundation has been offering for several years. It is called the **Book of Memory**. For years folks in Carroll County have been using the **Book of Memory** to make gifts that honor

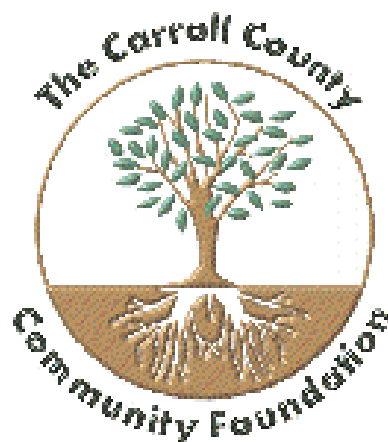
the memory of a loved one, or to honor the name of a very special person who is still alive and involved in the community. Many people make a charitable gift each year to honor the memory of their mother, father, spouse or child.

The **Book of Memory** is published on the Internet and can be found in several ways. The simplest is to go to www.cfcarroll.org, look in a green box on the lower left of your screen where you will be invited to click and visit the Book of Memory. There you will see the listings for 2007 and back through 1997. Under each year, you will see the names of people in our com-

munity who have been honored by gifts. When you click on their names you will see the persons who have made gifts in that year and in previous years. As you will see, several folks have had gifts made in their memory in multiple years. The gifts are generally made to support an organization that was or is important to the person being honored, or to support the community grants program that supports a variety of non-profit organizations in our community.

You may honor the memory of anyone you like, even if they have been gone for several years. A gift like that is always appropriate and a very fitting way to pay tribute to a loved one. If you are interested, first go visit the **Book of Memory** pages to see what I am talking about, then call us at 800 964 0508 or email us at info@cfcarroll.org and we'll be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Al Jackson is president of the Carroll County Community Foundation.



Three inducted into Ag Hall of Fame



Wilbur O. Jones



John Richard McCain



Samuel D. Moffitt

by Kevin Schnepf
Staff writer

The 2008 class of Carroll County Agriculture Hall of Fame inductees were announced during the Carroll County Pork Producers Annual Meeting and Banquet held March 10 at the 4-H Community Building in Flora. Recipients of the honor were Wilbur O. Jones, John Richard McCain and Samuel D. Moffitt.

Master of ceremonies was Dave Lambert. Invocation was given by Brad Burton before a pork meal served to attendees, catered by Parrett's Meat Processing & Catering.

A business meeting was held and reports were presented. Speakers included State Pork Producer Representative Michael Platt and Carroll County Agriculture Association board member Paul Marcellino.

Recipients of the 2007 Hog Slat Memorial Scholarships, Nicole Spesard and Nathan Trapp, both received \$500. The 2008 scholarship winners are Kristina Barnard and Natalie Garrison, both seniors at Delphi Community High School.

Profiles of the hall of fame inductees follow:

Wilbur O. Jones

Wilbur O. Jones was born in Boone County and his family moved to Waugh and later to Rosston where his father had a chance to farm for the first time on his own.

Wilbur had a lifelong experience with tractors and his first lesson driving was on a Fordson tractor at the age of 9. Wilbur was an ace at tractors from an early age.

In 1936 Wilbur and his family moved to a 160-acre farm near Sheridan. That is where he met and married his wife Luella. The couple had six children: Patricia Jones (husband Bob), Dusty Davidson (husband Larry), Judy Listeburger (husband Mike), Rick Jones (wife Teena), Jack Jones (wife Betty), and Jeff Jones (wife Irenda).

In 1940 Wilbur was inducted into the U.S. Army in the Armored Division. He served until an illness forced him to be discharged.

Wilbur then worked for Delco-Remy as a parts man for John Deere in Lebanon and in an independent garage in Terhune.

Fortunately, for Carroll County farmers, Wilbur moved to Delphi in late 1949 and started working for Bassett & Talbert John Deere. On his first farm service call they sent him to Burrows via Adams Township. There he met Louis and Don Brubaker. Together they developed a dynamometer using a pony clutch system that checked horsepower within one-half horsepower accuracy of the one that was developed by Purdue University. The original dynamometer was belt driven and they later adapted it to a power-take-off system.

Wilbur is known throughout the community for being able to make about

anything run. Once he converted a John Deere 60 gas tractor into a diesel. He would take parts from all makes of equipment to make them run. In the early 1960s he ran his own shop and had more work than he could handle because of his expertise in farm equipment. Bill Lee asked him to come to work for him at the John Deere store, Chittick-Jackson-Lee in Flora, known as JLP today. He was service manager from 1964 to 1984.

Wilbur was one of the founders of the Carroll County Antique Tractor & Machinery Club. He was the first to receive the Carroll County Tractor and Machinery Club Wall of Fame Award. In 2003 he received the Carroll County Heritage Award. In 1994 he was given the FFA Educator Award. In 1983 he was earned the Indiana State Farm Tractor Pulling title in the 4500-pound class. In 2000 he was given a certificate of appreciation for 50 years of service to the Camden Lions Club for their pulling contest.

Wilbur has also donated many hours to the Delphi Canal projects, restoring many structures.

Wilbur has helped farmers by keeping their machinery running with excellent service, knowledge and caring.

Samuel D. Moffitt

Sam Moffitt is a native of DeWitt, Iowa. Sam started raising hogs for 4-H in Iowa and raised Hampshire breeding stock in Iowa and after his family moved to Mineral Point, Wis., in 1972. In 1974 his family moved to South Whitley where he graduated from Whitko High School in 1976. He was a member of 4-H and FFA in Iowa, Wisconsin and Indiana.

While at Whitko, he was active in FFA and was on the second place National Livestock Judging Team. Sam credits his ag teacher, Bill McVay, for challenging him and encouraging him to go to college. He graduated from Purdue University in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in Animal Science. While at Purdue he was in Block and Bridle Club, a member of the Meats and Livestock judging team and was a member of FarmHouse Fraternity.

Sam went back to the family swine operation after graduation from Purdue. He moved to Carroll County in 1985 and started a career in feed sales for Carroll County Co-op.

Sam is currently Excel Co-op's Swine Production Manager and enjoys working with local pork producers in a dynamic and changing agricultural business. He enjoys working and serving the community through his efforts in 4-H and FFA and various organizations. Sam has been a 4-H leader for 17 years and serves on the 4-H swine committee, the Purdue CARET Council and is a past member of the Extension board. He is a board member for the Carroll County Agriculture Association formed in 2008.

Sam is a graduate of the Indiana Ag Leadership Program - Class IV. He now

serves as secretary of the Purdue Farm House Fraternity Foundation. He has been active in the Pork Producers locally, statewide and nationally. He is a past president and currently the state director for Carroll County Pork Producers. He was named Outstanding Young Pork Producer in Indiana and has served on various committees for the Indiana Pork Producers and currently is on the Board of Directors. He has also been a delegate to the National Pork Board forum.

Sam enjoys pork production but understands the challenges the industry faces daily from economic, political and production issues along with public perception. He believes that producing food for the world is a very important profession.

Sam and his wife, Gail, were married last October. He has two children, Kelly, a sophomore and gymnast at Michigan State University in East Lansing, and Justin, a junior at Carroll Jr-Sr High School. He also has three step children: Kaleena White and husband Sean of Alexandria, Va.; Kaicey Stout, a senior at Purdue; and Cameron Stout, a sophomore at Purdue. Sam is a member of Faith Baptist Church in Lafayette and is attending Faith Church of Christ in Burlington.

John Richard McCain

Richard McCain was born and raised in Carroll County and has resided here all of his life except when he served in the military. After graduating from Flora High School in 1944, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He earned the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star Award.

After serving his country, Richard came home to the family farm and began his farming career. In 1950 he met Joan Hannell and they were married. They moved to Madison Township and farmed with her father.

One of Richard's favorite activities was cooking pork chops at the various events with the Carroll County Pork Producers. He served as the Madison Township director for the Carroll County Pork Producers until 1990.

Richard is a charter member of the Carroll County Antique Tractor and Machinery Club and received the Wall of Fame Award.

Richard has served on the Burlington and Salin Bank boards for 15 years. He is also a member of the Flora American Legion, Masonic Lodge and the Scottish Rite.

Richard also enjoys singing in church choirs. He has sung in church choruses in Delphi and Flora and in Flora's Easter Sunrise services for 28 years. He is a member of the Flora United Methodist Church.

Richard retired from farming in 1989; however, he still raises swine on the farm.

His hobbies include antique tractors, going to parades, plow days and various festivals.

Comet staff report

The Internal Revenue Service announced Monday that it will begin sending more than 130 million economic stimulus payments starting May 2. The initial round of weekly payments will be completed by early July.

The IRS also announced the availability of a new online calculator on www.irs.gov to help people determine the amount of their stimulus payments.

Stimulus payments will be made by direct deposit to people who choose to receive their 2007 income tax refunds through direct deposit. All others will receive their economic stimulus payments in the form of a paper check.

"To receive an economic stimulus payment, people just need to file their tax returns as they usually do," said IRS Acting Commissioner Linda E. Stiff. "The payments will be automatic for the vast majority of taxpayers. Some lower-income workers and recipients of certain Social Security and veterans benefits who don't normally need to file a tax return will need to do so in order to receive a stimulus payment. IRS.gov has all the information people need to help them obtain a stimulus payment."

Stimulus payments will be sent out in the order of the last two digits of the Social Security number used on the tax return.

Because the IRS will use the Social Security number to determine when checks are mailed, taxpayers may receive

their checks at different times than their neighbors or other family members. On a jointly filed return, the first Social Security number listed will determine the mail-out time.

The IRS expects to make about 34 million payments within the first three weeks after the payment schedule begins May 2. With more than 130 million households expected to receive stimulus payments, more than 25 percent of the payments will be made in the first three weeks.

Taxpayers who choose direct deposit on their federal income tax returns can expect to receive their economic stimulus payments between May 2 and May 16 provided their returns were received and processed by April 15. For taxpayers who did not choose direct deposit on their tax return but whose returns were processed by April 15, the paper checks will be in the mail starting May 16, with the initial mailings completed by around July 11.

The IRS is also announcing the availability of an on-line calculator <<http://www.irs.gov/app/esp/>> on www.irs.gov to help taxpayers determine if they are eligible to receive an economic stimulus payment and if they are, how much they can expect. Anyone who has prepared a 2007 income tax return can use the calculator. It will ask taxpayers a series of questions, so they should have their 2007 tax returns handy. After answering the questions, the calculator will provide the projected dollar value of the payment.