

# '08 Lilly Scholars are named

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the children's bell choir in her church, volunteers at a hospital and has completed her training as an emergency medical technician.

"When I found out I had been selected as one of the Carroll County Lilly Endowment Community Scholars, I could not keep a smile off my face as  
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## Comet staff report

Two Carroll County students will receive full-tuition, four-year scholarships as the Carroll County 2008 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars.

Both seniors, Kylee German, of Delphi Community High School, and Angela Jackson of Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School, will receive full-tuition to the college of their choice, and also an \$800 a year stipend for required books and equipment.

They were selected by the Carroll County Community Foundation and its scholarship selection committee.

German is the daughter of Randy and Nina German of Delphi. She recalled that while her parents began cheering loudly and rejoicing, when she learned that she had been chosen as one of the scholarship recipients, it was almost an unbelievable and surreal experience.



German

"When the news began to sink in, I realized what an amazing gift I had received amongst all of the deserving candidates," she said.

German has a reputation in Carroll County for helping others and serving her school and community. In school, she is a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, and a four-year member of her high school's basketball team. In addition, she has earned awards for outstanding achievement in mathematics and French and was nominated as a delegate for the Rotary Youth Leadership Association, the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award, Hoosier Girls State Delegate, and a delegate for the Lugar Symposium.

German plans to attend Indiana Wesleyan University to pursue a degree in mathematics education.

Jackson, the daughter of Marilyn Jackson



Jackson

Jackson of Burlington, will head to Taylor University in the fall to pursue a degree in physics. At the top of her graduating class, she finds time to contribute to her high school through athletics and other extra-curricular activities. She is a member and officer of the National Honor Society and Key Club; a top participant in

the school's conference math contest, a cadet teacher at Carroll Elementary School, a member of the drama club and the Cougar Blues show choir, and has participated in swimming and tennis.

Jackson finds time to volunteer her services in the community through her involvement in Special Olympics, directs

## A reading challenge to dye for



Delphi Community Elementary School fifth-grade teacher Tim Conner follows through on his part of a challenge with students. He said he would dye his hair pink if they attained 7,000 points in the Reading Counts program by the end of the school year. The students surpassed that target two days before spring break, so Conner honored the challenge when they returned to classes last week. As of April 4, his class had read 1,368 books, amounting to 20,873,084 words as part of this year's program. Delphi fifth-graders have read a total of 5,733 books so far this year. School-wide, students have read nearly 141 million words from about 34,000 books. Comet photo by Kevin Schnepf

## Lady Oracles off to sizzling start

By John Dunn  
Contributing sportswriter

Expectations are high this season for the Delphi Lady Oracle softball team.

After all, they lost only one player to graduation and return eight starters from last year's 17-13 team, including six seniors, both of its top pitchers and welcome the addition of three talented freshmen.

Maybe not so surprisingly, the Lady Oracles are off to a red-hot start, winning three of their first four outings for the first time under the tutelage of third-year head coach Randy German.

The Lady Oracles have been sizzling at the plate, especially considering the earliness of the season, hitting a combined .473 as a team with an equally impressive .618 on-base percentage.

German's best team to-date in those two categories was last year's version that hit .297 for the season with a .430 on-base percentage.

Equally impressive has been Delphi's defense, which has now gone three straight games without committing an error.

After opening the season last Wednesday night with an 11-5 defeat at the hands of Cass, the 2006 state champions #3-ranked in the preseason Class 2A poll, the Lady Oracles responded quickly with a 12-0 road victory Thursday night at Clinton Central via the 5-inning, 10-run rule. They annihilated conference-foe Rensselaer on Saturday with final scores of 15-0 and 14-1, both in five innings.

**Against Rensselaer**  
Delphi simply dominated all facets of the game during the double-header sweep, led by junior pitcher Brittney Atwood (2-1), who carried a perfect game into the final inning of the first game before allowing a one-out walk to the only base runner of the game, settling for a no-hit shutout, striking out six.

Not to be outdone, the Lady Oracle hitters set a season-high for runs scored and tied the season-high of 16 hits, set during their previous outing at Clinton Central.

Delphi scored five runs in its first at-bat opening the way for all 12 Lady Oracles on the roster to collect a hit, led by senior Kayla Yates, who was 2-for-2 with a triple, a run batted in (RBI) and two runs scored.

Freshman Whitney Arion and senior Erika Hawn also each went 2-for-2 with three runs scored, while Atwood was 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored.

Junior Leslie Kayser and sophomore Danielle Burge added to the barrage with 2 RBI's apiece in the 15-0 romp.

Game two provided similar results as Delphi scored eight first inning runs en route to the dominant 14-1 final.

Senior pitcher Amanda Schultz (1-0) was in command on the mound, striking out 12, with only one walk and four scattered hits, while also leading the way offensively, going 3-for-4 with 3 RBIs and three runs scored.

The Lady Oracles needed only nine hits, thanks in part to being the recipient of seven walks and a hit batsman.

**At Clinton Central**  
Arion led off the game with a home run blast over the left field fence to jump start the Oracle offense again, before finishing 3-of-4 with a double, 3 RBIs and three runs scored to lead another 16-hit performance.

Yates also went 3-for-3 with a double, an RBI and a run scored, while last year's leading hitter, senior Kristina Barnard went 3-of-4 with two runs scored.

Atwood pitched her first shutout of the season, allowing only two hits and striking out four.

**Against Cass**  
The Lady Oracles were not as sharp in their season-opener, but still had a better showing than last year's 10-1 loss against the traditionally-tough Kings, coming up short 11-5.

Delphi was still able to pound out 11 hits, equaling that of Cass, led by freshman Carli Rouhier's perfect 4-for-4 performance that included a double and a run scored.

Arion also went 2-for-4, including a lead-off double, an RBI and a run scored, along with Yates who finished 2-of-4 with an RBI and a run scored.

The Lady Oracles will travel to Remington to face Tri-County on Tuesday night (too late for print deadline), before hosting conference opponent West Lafayette on Thursday at 5 p.m. and traveling to Benton Central for a Saturday morning double-header at 10.

## Delphi opens season with home meet

Delphi boys' and girls' track and field teams opened their season at home on April 3 versus West Lafayette and Twin Lakes. The meet marked the first competition on the newly redone track.

West Lafayette won both meets with the Oracles finishing closely behind Twin

Lakes for third.

Delphi had two first place finishers. Junior Olivia George won the girls high jump with a leap of 4' 8" and first-time runner junior A.J. Erskin won the boys 300 meter hurdles. Second place finishers for the girls were: 400 meter relay team of

George, Mara Burton, Alisha Myers, and Chelsey Marcotte; Kari Lake in the 400 meter run; and Kylee German in the shot put and the discus.

Second place finishers for the boys were: 3200 meter relay team of Kris Bender, Zachary Schnepf, J.D. Huffer, and Ryan Everett; Erskin

in the 110 high hurdles; and the 1600 meter relay team of Huffer, Bender, Matt Wilcox, and Jonathan Hufford.

The track and field teams traveled to Frontier on Tuesday and will be at Lewis Cass on Thursday.

## Project helps children learn about the Holocaust

By Jennifer Archibald  
Staff writer

Carroll Elementary teacher Andrea O'Brien teaches sixth grade students about the Holocaust. She tells them that 1.5 million children were killed during Nazi rule in Germany and occupied Europe during World War II.

That's a large number for children to grasp. This year, to help them better understand, she devised a project. She said she got the idea from a documentary called "Paper Clips," that she showed to her students.

In the film, students at a middle school in Tennessee collect 11 million paper clips to represent the 11 million people who fell victim to Nazi genocide.

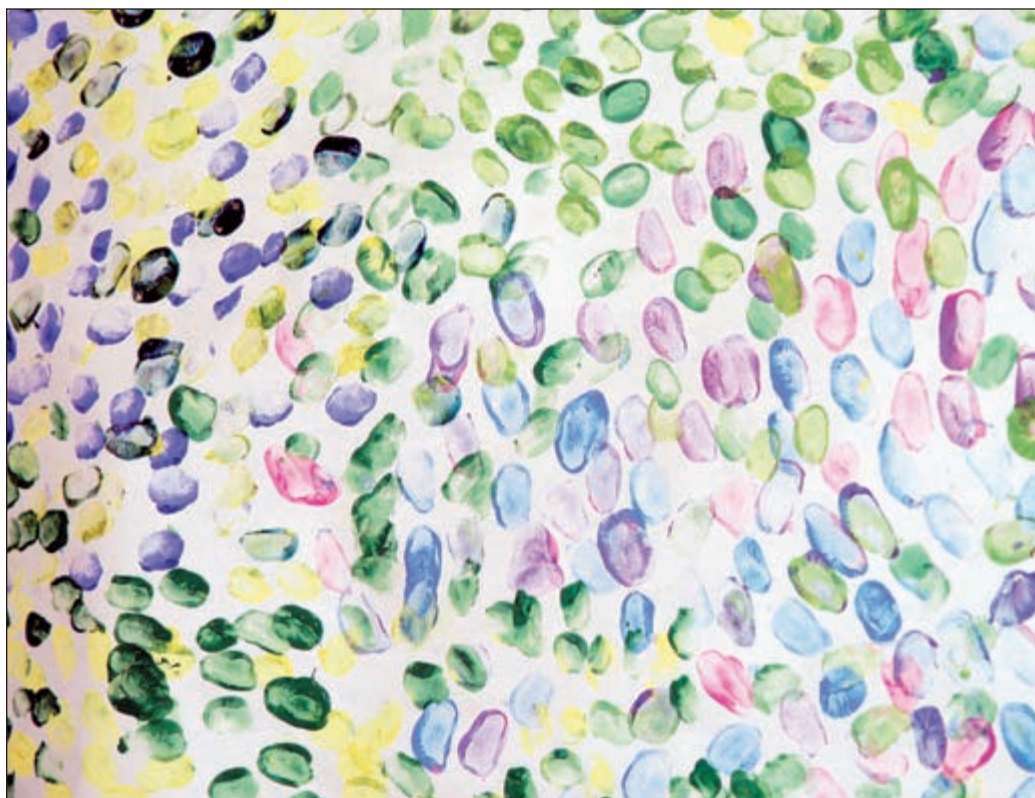
O'Brien modified the project for her sixth grade social studies classes. Their goal was to make thumbprints on large sheets of paper, with each thumbprint representing a child killed in the Holocaust. They used different colors of paint, and put as many thumbprints as possible on each piece of paper. With students reporting the numbers, Mrs. O'Brien kept a count for each completed sheet.

The numbers grew and grew, but fell short of the number of children killed. The sixth graders enlisted the help of third, fourth, and fifth graders, but still had many more thumbprints to make.

Mrs. O'Brien said she knew the project would take more than one year. She said this year's students reached 500,000. It was enough to learn the lesson. Many, many children lost their lives in the Holocaust.

As an artistic surprise, the thumbprints do more than just represent numbers. They actually resemble masses of featureless faces. This dual image of thumbprints from today and faces from the past provides a special link in history.

The thumbprinted sheets will be displayed in the school as a reminder of the Holocaust.



### Thumbprints make an impression

Sixth graders at Carroll Elementary School are making thumbprints on pieces of paper, with each thumbprint representing one child killed in the Holocaust. The social studies project will be ongoing until the number 1.5 million is reached. This year's class stopped at 500,000. The project will be continued by next year's sixth graders. Comet photos by Jennifer Archibald

## To play for Marian Knights



On April 5, Garret Herron was awarded a three-year football scholarship to attend Marian College, Indianapolis. He will transfer from Vincennes University where he is completing associate degree requirements in elementary education and complete his bachelor's degree at Marian College. A 2006 graduate of Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School, he is the son of Tom and Sarina Herron of Burlington. Photo provided