

Delphi boys and girls track go 2 and 1

Delphi Community High School track teams will host Clinton Central on Wednesday and compete in the Twin Lakes Invitational on Friday.

Last week the boys and girls track teams defeated Frontier and Rossville. Boys scores were: Delphi 79, Frontier 61, and Rossville 16. The girls scores were: Delphi 88, Rossville 41 and Frontier 26.

Individual winners for DCHS were: Mara Burton, 100 hurdles and long jump; Kari Lake, 400 and 800m; Hannah Evans, 1600m; Arielle Brosman, 3200m; Kylee German, discus; Olivia George, high jump; A.J. Erskin, 110 and 300 hurdles; Jonathan Hufford, 100, 200, and 400m; J.D. Huffer, 800m; and Kris Bender, 1600 and 3200m.

Winning relay events were: girls 3200 meter relay team of Brosman, Evans, Grace Currie,

and Lake; girls 400 meter relay team of George, Burton, Alisha Myers, and Chelsey Marcotte; girls 1600 meter relay team of Marcotte, George, Denise Kendall, and Lake; and the boys 3200 meter relay team of Zach Schnepf, Bender, Huffer, and Ryan Everett.

Last Wednesday both teams fell at Lewis Cass. The girls lost 57 to 66 and the boys lost 48 to 84. Individual winners were: Burton, 100 and 300 hurdles; George, 100m; Currie, 800m; Hufford, long jump, 100, 200, and 400m; and Huffer, 800m.

The winning relay teams were: girls 3200 meter relay of Lake, Brosman, Currie, and Evans; girls 1600 meter relay of George, Marcotte, Kendall, and Lake; and the boys 3200 meter relay of Schnepf, Bender, Everett, and Huffer.

Bethel College signs McCarter

The Bethel College track program has announced the signing of hurdler Jaime McCarter from Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School. She will also be a part of the women's tennis team at Bethel.

McCarter has run personal best times of 16.70 in the 100-meter hurdles, 48.43 in the 300-meter hurdles, and 28.0 in the 200-meter dash. She has also hit 13'8" in the long jump and has been part of the 4x100 relay team. Her accomplishments include being named team captain this season, advancing to regional in the 300-meter hurdles during her sophomore and junior seasons, and win-

ning sectional her sophomore year in the 100-meter dash. She finished second at sectional her junior year in the 300-meter hurdles and eighth at regional. She has been named All-Hoosier Heartland Conference in the 100-meter hurdles and 300-meter hurdles her junior season.

"We are thrilled to have Jaime in our track program at Bethel," said head track coach Tony Natali. "Jaime comes in at a great time as we graduate our three hurdlers after this season. She will join three other freshmen in the hurdles which will give us great depth in those events over the next four years."

McCarter is the daughter of Jim and Teresa McCarter of Burlington.

Grace College signs Carroll runner

Carroll senior Sean Smith of Bringhurst has signed a letter of intent to continue his track career at Grace College, Winona Lake.

Smith is a four-year letter winner in both track and cross country and has been recognized as an all-conference winner. A regional qualifier and a semi-state qualifier. He intends to major in Biblical studies and minor in pre-law.

Smith is currently ranked 11th in his senior class with 3.968 GPA. He is a member of National Honor Society, student council, and is also a

Oracles improve to 5-2

Carroll's Brooke Yoder awaits the throw as Oracle Erika Hawn scores Monday. The Oracles won their fifth game, defeating county rival Carroll 17-1 in five innings. Bill Stauffer photo



Twin Lakes senior is finalist in state-wide leadership program

Twin Lakes senior Michelle Burke was recently named as one of 13 finalists in the 2008 "Indiana Leaders of Tomorrow" program. Sponsored by EMBARQ, her awards included \$500 cash for college and \$500 for her school.

Burke was selected from among nine students in grades 9-12 in the local EMBARQ service area who were nominated for their academic excellence, strong lead-

ership skills and volunteer work.

"Community service has always been a big passion of mine because I want to help others who have helped me," said Burke. "To find out that I've been chosen for this is just unimaginable - I couldn't believe it."

Burke is an active volunteer, working through her 4-H Club and Junior Leaders on community service projects in Carroll County including playing bingo with Carroll Manor residents, collecting food items for the White County Food Pantry, and participating and volunteering in the White County Relay For Life.

She is a member of the National Honor Society and has been active at the Monticello Union Township Public Library, shelving books and tutoring children.

The daughter of Tim and Julie Burke, rural Monticello, Burke holds a 11.96 GPA and is third in her class of 188 at TLHS. She plans to attend either Butler University or the University of Indianapolis in the fall.

"EMBARQ congratulates Michelle and all those who have been nominated in this program," said Jim Wagner, EMBARQ

public affairs manager. "We are proud to partner with the Carroll County Comet and Herald-Journal to recognize area youth for the leadership roles they are playing and hope to encourage others to become volunteers in our community."

The statewide winner of the "Indiana Leaders of Tomorrow" program was Kyle Gough

of Westview High School in Topeka. A panel of judges selected Gough as the winner from more than 250 nominations submitted from across the state.

More than 3,000 students from across the state were nominated for the award.



Finalist accepts award
EMBARQ Public Affairs Manager Jim Wagner presents Twin Lakes senior Michelle Burke with her award for being one of 13 finalists in EMBARQ's "Indiana Leaders of Tomorrow" program. Photo by Doug Howard, Herald-Journal

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Cougar Blues perform in NYC



A trip to remember

Cougar Blues members are pictured on their trip to New York City. Pictured, l-r, are: Front - Weston Rinehart, Isiah Stevens, Alix Parrett, Drew Ayres, Leann Hazelgrove, Cally Ayres, Lauren Wilkinson, Kaitlin Kennedy, Hope Hayden, Melani Cox, Hannah Brewster, Anna Scharer, Aubree Herron, Kevin Ives, Amber Hughes, CJ Grace, Matt Morehouse. Back - Kevin Eikenberry, Seth Pencek, Angel Jackson, Chase Meade, AJ Butcher, Nick Jones, Kurtis Robeson, Valerie Allbaugh. Also going on the trip but not pictured were Michael Myer and Drake Harper. Photo provided

Comet staff report

Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School's show choir, Cougar Blues, performed this month in New York City and also took a whirlwind tour of the city.

Prior to their performance, they went to a studio on Broadway and spent one and a half hours with a professional who prepares singers and dancers for auditions. Cougar Blues director Joe Spence said the professional made complimentary

remarks to the group, including "love your harmony," and "I've never worked with a choir before, but you guys are very well prepared."

The Cougar Blues members were among 1,700 total performers from California, Florida, Canada, and all points in between. The choirs, bands, and orchestras performed at Riverside Church in front of three collegiate judges from different parts of the U.S.

Cougar Blues sang "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," "Over the Rainbow," and "Chili Con Carne."

One of the judges commented, "I like how your dancing doesn't distract from the music."

At the awards ceremony, Cougar Blues received a "gold," meaning their scores were 90 percent and above. Of all the show choirs attaining "gold" status, the Carroll group

placed second.

Other highlights of their trip included seeing the Broadway show, "Wicked," Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty, Rockefeller Center, Plaza, and "Top of the Rock." They also hiked across Central Park and through Strawberry Fields, rode the famous antique carousel, and visited Harlem, the Cotton Club, Apollo Theatre, Lincoln Center, and Columbus Circle. On the way

to Chinatown and Little Italy, the group passed Ground Zero, now a construction site.

The trip concluded with a Circle Line Cruise dinner/dance around the island with other teenagers.

The 27 show choir members and 12 chaperones left for the Big Apple by charter bus on April 2 and returned home April 6. The trip was the reward for months of fundraising by the Cougar Blues and their

parents.

Chaperones were Phil and Beth Hayden, Nathan and Diann Hazelgrove, Suzi Huffer, Marilyn Jackson, Rhonda Jones, Zach Parrett, Jill Scharer, Cecelia Stevens, and Joe and Pat Spence.

"Thanks to many parents, community members, and especially Jill Scharer (trip coordinator), this was a great trip," Spence said. "It was educational, challenging, and fun!"