

Carroll students experienced in roller coaster building

Comet staff report

Carroll Elementary sixth graders know first-hand that it takes math skills to build a roller coaster.

Students of math teacher Jana Conn divided into groups of four to build their own roller coaster models. There was a judging at school, and then the top six teams were selected to go to Indiana Beach on May 16 for the roller coaster contest there.

Twenty-two teams competed at school. The winning coaster was the "Superman," designed and built by Cameron Conn, Alivia Seward, Jourdan Martin, and Branton Leazenby.

The contest at Indiana Beach was held during Academic Days. Carroll Elementary teams competed with each other and with sixth, seventh, and eighth graders from other schools. Out of the 18 teams competing that day, Carroll teams won first and second place. Their prizes were free passes to Indiana Beach.

The winning coaster had a circus theme and was built by Cassandra Gillam, Bailey Worl, Seth Eldridge, and Zach Turnpaugh. The Superman coaster came in second.

The coasters are judged on three criteria: safety, thrill, and visual. Bonus points are awarded for extra creativity and data sheets about the coaster. A golf ball is used as the coaster car, and it has to travel without extra propulsion. The model height can't exceed 36 inches, and the base perimeter is not to exceed 144 inches.

Mrs. Conn said her students build their coasters in class, and it takes about eight days to complete. The coasters are a math

project, and students receive grades for their work.

"The students are asked to keep a journal of data and design ideas," she said. "The journal includes a calculated speed and how it was calculated; degree of the angles for the turns; measurements of height and

perimeter; initial design ideas; listing of what worked and what did not work; materials tested and used, etc."

Mrs. Conn said this was the sixth year for the roller coaster math project at Carroll. She said it used to be for just the advanced math classes, but this

year, thanks to a mini grant from the Carroll Education Foundation and help from the Carroll PTO, all sixth graders could participate.

Judges for the school contest were community members Jay Bush, Joanne Lytton, and Shelly Wiles.



School winner

Carroll Elementary sixth graders designed and built model roller coasters as a math project. The students were divided into teams of four. There was a judging at school, and this coaster, called the Superman, won first place out of 22 entries. The designers are pictured above, l-r - Cameron Conn, Alivia Seward, Jourdan Martin, and Branton Leazenby. Photo provided



Indiana Beach winner

This roller coaster from Carroll Elementary won first place out of 18 entries in the Roller Coaster Model Contest at Indiana Beach on May 16. Three of the four designers are pictured above: Front (l-r) - Seth Eldridge and Zach Turnpaugh. Back - Bailey Worl. Cassandra Gillam was the fourth member of the team. Photo provided

Rossville names Top of the Class

Rossville Middle/High School announces its 2008 valedictorians and salutatorian.

Co-valedictorians are Lindsey Zachman and Autumn Dalton. Salutatorian is John Mitchel.

Zachman is the daughter of Joe and Debbie Zachman of Lafayette. She was a member of National Honor Society, played tennis, and was involved in art activities and yearbook.

She plans to attend Purdue University and major in biology.

Dalton is the daughter of Larry and Susan Dalton of Rossville. She was a member of National Honor Society, student government, and the Big Brother-Big Sister Local Heroes Mentor Program. She was in concert choir, concert band, and auditioned vocal ensemble.



Zachman



Dalton



Mitchel

and was an ambassador to high school. She also was involved with Learning to Lead and her church youth group.

She plans to attend Taylor University and major in music education.

Mitchel is the son of Roy and Susan Mitchel of Rossville. He was involved with the PEERS Project, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Spanish Club, and the-

atre production. He was editor-in-chief of the RHS basketball program and designed the track and field T-shirts. Other activities have been Habitat for Humanity, preaching for the Monticello Church of Christ, and coaching the Rossville Youth Soccer League.

He plans to attend Purdue University and major in management.

Carroll to borrow \$800,000 because of tax draw delay

By Jennifer Archibald
Staff writer

Carroll School Board will proceed with obtaining an \$800,000 bank loan for its general fund. Also called a tax anticipation warrant, the temporary loan will be paid back when the school corporation gets its tax draw.

Superintendent John Sayers said the deficit in the general fund is due to the delay in the whole process of tax statements going out, people paying their property taxes, and the schools receiving their portion. Sayers said the loan will replenish the general fund and will go toward payroll and other day-to-day expenses.

The decision to apply for the loan was made at the board's regular meeting on June 3.

In other money matters, the board voted to transfer \$350,000 from the Capital Projects Fund to its Rainy Day Fund.

The board also approved an expenditure of \$11,684,65 for

a roof top air conditioning unit to cool the room that houses the corporation's phone and server equipment. It will be purchased from Geotech and paid out of Capital Projects.

The corporation's website policy, with proposed changes, is posted on the school website in order to get input from the public. It will come before the board at a future meeting.

Angie Veach, the corporation's technology director, has formed a website committee to examine the website policy and to work on developing more continuity on the school website. Members of the committee are Veach, Judy McCracken, K-12 web administrator; Amy Cottrell, member of the CES staff; Katie Seward, CJSHS web design teacher; Malena Zook, senior; Trey Overholser, freshman; and Sam Zook, board member and corporation web administrator.

The board approved a non-certified personnel salary schedule, giving a two percent pay increase, effective July 1.

Sayers said the schedule includes summer bus drivers. An approved amendment extends the contract of the technology director by 30 days. Also approved was a pay increase for summer student employees from \$6 to \$7 an hour.

Administrators salary schedule was also on the agenda, but was tabled.

Emily Schneckloth was hired as a summer swim employee.

A cash tuition request from Miriam and David Pickens for their three children to continue attending Carroll Schools was approved for the 2008-2009 school year.

Permission was given for Flora Little League players to use a school bus for a trip to

Victory Field in Indianapolis in September.

The high school cafeteria will be used for a benefit dinner for the Todd and Cheryl Shaffer family on June 25 from 4 to 9 p.m. The fee was waived.

A conference request was approved for Principal Charles Huckstep and Guid-

ance Director Kristen Seward. They will attend the Model Schools Conference June 22-25 in Orlando, Fla.

Fundraising requests will be considered at the next board meeting, June 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Administration Building. The meeting will be preceded by an executive session at 5 p.m.

DCHS honor students are announced

The honor roll for the fourth nine-week grading period at Delphi Community High School has been released. Students earning academic recognition include:

Distinguished (GPA 16-12, no D or F)

SENIORS: Julie Baker, Kristina Barnard, Kyle Bender, Morgan Borden, Elizabeth Britt, Arielle Brosman, Jenna Buehler, Mara Burton, Jeffery Crowder, Shane Evans, Kylee German, Erika Hawn, Amanda James, Emily Kayser, Matthew Keen, Mathew Lewis, Chelsea Marburger, Ruth Claire Martin, Jennifer Maxwell, Matthew

Meek, Kayleigh Morgan, Amanda Schultz, Torie Sosbe, Amanda Spurgeon, Brittany Tyner.

JUNIORS: Kelsie Blickenstaff, Ali Canen, Olivia George, Nicholi Kauffman, Leslie Kayser, Morgan Lavy, Christopher Mayfield, Aubrey McCarty, Katie Randol, Krysta Reef, Haley Richardson, Christina Smith, Nicole Springer, Hannah Strasser, Aspen Wallace, Shawnee Windell.

SOPHOMORES: Kaitlin Harber, Irina Harii, Cody Ingle, Brent Kremer, Andrew Martin, Samantha Mayhew, Sterling Saiz.

FRESHMEN: Jordyn Bieghler, Grace Currie, Allee Flora, Bridget Floyd, Ashley Gray, Austin Hawn, Jordan Hudelson, Chelsey Marcotte, Erika Matricia, Grace Mears,

Chanler Norman, Kristopher Sosbe, Payton Windell.

Honor Roll

(GPA 11.99-10.0, no D or F)
SENIORS: Donovan Alderman, Mathew Anderson, Kory Banes, Austin Beamer, Ashlee Buchanan, Miriam Castillo, Andrew Cebulla, Elisabeth Cline, Alexander Conner, Whitney Cripe, Kerisa Garrison, Natalie Garrison, Shontell Garth, Corey Girard, Jing Guo, Brenton Hathaway, Joshua Hatke, Cody Hayden, Bianca Hernandez, Kaila Hostetter, Amanda Jeffries, Bria Jones, Jessica Lathrop, Sarah McTigue, Morgan Minnicus, Alyssa Morrison, Kaitlyn Mullin, Michael Myers, Lindsey Nunnally, Dustin Oliver, Autumn Powers, Nicholas Russell, Sydney Smith, Kyle Stone-

braker, Veronica Torres, April Trapp, Aimee Ungersma, Michael Urick, Megan Veach, Tamara Veach, Jennifer Veldhuizen, Zachary White, Gerran Wilson.

JUNIORS: Brittany Allen, Brittny Atwood, Danielle Auten, Janna Back, Andrew Britton, Nicole Brubaker, Amber Caputo, Megan Claiborne, Alecsys Fisher, Andrew Flora, Kirsty Gomes, Yaseen Harii, Emily Howard, Cameron Ivey, Denise Kendall, Paul Knight, Kari Lake, Alisha Myers, Cale Rader, Nichole Randle, Brett Rogers, Emily Ross, Valorie Simms, Jeremy Sterrett, James Wethington, Matthew Wilcox, Joshua Wilusz, Travis Yoakum.

SOPHOMORES: Braden Atwood, Eric Barnard, Kristopher Bender, Anthony Bennett, Michael

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Oracles close season with regional loss

By Kevin Bender
Contributing sportswriter

The Delphi Oracles completed this season's play with a 10-0 loss to the Tipton Blue Devils in IHSAA Regional play last Tuesday night at Oracle Field.

The Oracles were unable to solve Tipton's Justin Reese and mustered only 3 hits against the right-hander's constant barrage of curve balls. Austin Hawn lined a single to center in the 1st and with 1 out, Mike Myers screamed a well hit ball to center, but directly at the center fielder.

In the second with 2 out, AJ Beckett lined a single to left and Neil Snoeberger reached on an infield single

deep in the hole at short, but after Beckett was caught in a rundown to end the inning, the Oracles failed to get anything going the remainder of the game.

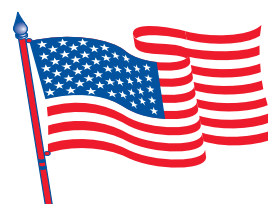
The Blue Devils strung together 5 hits and 4 runs in the 2nd off Delphi's pitcher, Kyle Bender, and after a lead-off home run in the 4th, Bender gave way to Andrew Cebulla. Cebulla allowed only 1 runner in the 4th and 5th, but Tipton exploded for 5 additional runs in the 6th on a pair of doubles, 2 walks and capped by a 2 run home run by Reese to extend the lead to 10-0.

The Oracles close a fine season with a 22-9 record on the year.



Got it!

Delphi 3rd baseman Caleb Bieghler reaches to snare a foul tip during last week's regional game against the Tipton Blue Devils. At left is pitcher Andrew Cebulla and at right, shortstop Michael Myers. Bill Stauffer photo



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