

Delphi Elementary 'Back to School Bash' is Aug. 19

Comet staff report

Be sure to bring your folding chairs and/or blanket to the annual "Back to School Bash" Aug. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Delphi Community Elementary School. The evening will serve as the annual Meet-the-Teacher Night for parents and students and will be held at the back of the school.

The evening will include free hot dogs and porkburgers

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fresh from the grill, free drinks, door prizes, clowns, animal balloons, face painting, music, and different inflatable obstacles for children to explore - Adrenaline Rush, Three-in-one Combo Bounce with Slide and Castle Bounce.

During the bash parents are expected to meet briefly with their child's teachers during pre-arranged times: Grade 1 - 6:30 p.m.; Grades 2 and 3 - 7 p.m.; Grades 4 and 5 - 7:30 p.m. Parents will be called over the intercom to enter the building to meet the teacher. A flyer will be sent home with students on the first day of school.



CAMERON NORMAN, son of Greg and Susan Norman of Flora, has recently become a member of Phi Sigma Theta National Honor Society at Indiana University.

Phi Sigma Theta is dedicated to recognizing and rewarding academic achievement in undergraduates at institutions of higher learning.

WENDY STILLER of Flora was named to the University of Evansville's dean's list for outstanding academic achievement for the spring 2008 semester.

NOELLE M. HEBER of Delphi graduated with distinction from DePaul University in Chicago in June with a Master of Music from the School of Music.

KELLY (SISSON) DARDEEN has received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Indiana State University. She is the daughter of Scott Sisson and the late Jennifer (McDowell) Sisson of Flora.

Dr. Dardeen received her B.S. in psychology in 2000 and her M.S. in Mental Health Counseling in 2004, also from ISU. She has completed a one-year residency at the Veterans Affairs Salt Lake City Health Care System, as well as successfully completing her dissertation. She received her final degree Aug. 1.

Dr. Dardeen has accepted a position as a Geropsychologist and Psychological Consultant with Deer Oaks Behavioral Health Corporation in Victoria, Texas. Deer Oaks is a national company with offices throughout the United States that offers outpatient mental health treatment as well as a variety of specialized mental health treatment services for geriatric patients. She will work with local nursing and hospital facilities to provide comprehensive psychological care to hospitalized geriatric patients.

She will be relocating to LeGrange, Texas, with her husband Lonnie Dardeen, who is director of the LeGrange, Texas, Air Evac Lifeteam air medical helicopter base.

Dog enthusiasts place at State Fair



Eight Carroll County youth participated in the 2008 State Fair 4-H Dog Show held Aug. 1-2 in Indianapolis. Megan Rossetter, at left, placed in three events, including first place in 5A obedience. She took second place in Advanced B agility and ninth place in senior showmanship. Other participants and their awards (below) follow, from left: Front - Miranda Clingenpeel, placed 19th in Beginning Agility - A, and Emily Wagoner. Back - Lily Anderson, placed 18th in 2B obedience and 18th in Beginning - B agility; Brooke Beale, placed 22nd in 2B obedience and 25th in intermediate showmanship; Lisa Shock; Kaitlin Begley; and Abby Price, placed 4th in Beginning - A agility. Helping the Carroll County group were Tracy and Ed Wylie with Oakwood Training Group and Starke County 4-H Dog Club. Photo provided



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Changing lives one child at a time

By Emanny Seese
Contributing writer

A week of fun, opportunities and lots of love is what the Delphi Royal Family Kids Camp offers for abused, neglected and abandoned children in Carroll, Tippecanoe, White, Cass, Howard, Clinton, and surrounding counties.

The program, explained in a brochure, stated children in foster care often do not get to visit their real families. The camp is designed to provide the child with a family environment surrounded by other children who have had the same or similar life experiences.

Royal Family Kids Camp is a faith-based, non-profit national organization. Staff work in conjunction with local individuals and organizations and are sponsored by area churches and volunteers. 2008 was the fourth year First Assembly of God hosted the event. Camp is organized and directed by Mike and Rachel Roberts, who

Reunions

Monroe Twp. Alumni
Monroe Township Alumni Banquet will be Aug. 16 at Pat's Country Barn, Florida. Registration and reminiscing will begin at 2 p.m., followed by a group picture at 4 p.m., dinner at 5 p.m., and

then a business meeting. Classes to be recognized this year include the Class of 1958 (50-year grads), Class of 1948 (60-year), and Class of 1943 (65-year). The Alumni Association and banquet are for anyone who

attended Flora, Bringhurst, or Carroll high schools. Reservations and money are due by Aug. 8. Contact Patty Wagoner Wisler-Meade, 1141 East, 50 North, Flora, IN 46929; ph. (574) 967-3467.



volunteer their time. "We are trying to give them the best time of their life," Rachel Roberts said

Donations and local support provide the foster children a week where they are able to enjoy the whole camp experience. This year camp was held in June. Organizers were able to sponsor 26 children. Forty volunteers provided almost a two-to-one ratio for every child.

"Our goal is to encourage them, affirm them, and give them lots of unconditional love," Roberts said

They do this by offering horse riding, swimming, canoeing, fishing, and a birthday party for every camper - right down to a cake and huge birthday boxes filled with presents

for every child, many of whom have never celebrated birthdays. All of the boxes were donated by an area church.

At the end of camp all children attend a royal banquet. Each girl is given a donated prom dress. The child's hair done up by a hairdresser who volunteers for the week and make-up is done by a Mary Kay Consultant. This year Soles for Souls donated a pair of flip-flops and a pair of tennis shoes to each child. The cost per week for the camp is approximately \$26,000. Many supplies are donated which helps keep costs down. The camping experience for the disadvantaged children is dependent on the generosity of local businesses and individuals. Only then is the Royal Family Kid's Camp a reality each year in Carroll County.

For additional information about how to donate or volunteer for the Royal Family Kids' Camp, contact the Roberts at (574) 870-6476 or by e-mail at roberts102@comcast.net and put "RFKC" in the subject line.

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