

Lady Oracles victorious in opener

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Kelsey Williams of Pioneer put up a three-point shot as the buzzer sounded to end the Lady Oracles' first game of the season. Fortunately the ball bounced off the back of the rim, preserving a 64-61 overtime win for Delphi.

Despite racing out to leads of 19-7 after one period and 34-17 at the half, the Oracles failed to keep the momentum going after halftime and had to come-from-behind in the last three minutes to get into overtime.

Whitney Arion opened scoring with a 3-point basket. Chanler Norman sank two quick buckets, followed by a basket by Danni Burge. A pair of free throws by Hannah Strasser made the score 11-3 midway through the opening quarter. The Oracles stayed hot by hitting 7 of 11 field goals and 3 of 4 free throws in opening a 12-point lead, 19-7, after one period.

Arion opened the second quarter with a trey. The lead

expanded to 17 at 24-7 after two FTs by Jordayn Jargstorf. Time-after-time the Oracles broke through the Pioneer full court press to get behind the defense and get some layups or uncontested short jumpers. The problem was that the shooting went cold and even the easy shots would not fall for the Oracles.

Delphi could only get five of 12 second period shots to go in. Despite poor shooting the Oracle defense played well throughout the half. That defensive pressure forced 12 Pioneer turnovers that allowed the Oracles to double up the score at 34-17 at the half.

Leading by 18 at 43-25 at the four minute mark of the third quarter, Oracle fans had to think that the game was in the bag. But what had worked in the first 20 minutes of the game quit working. The Oracle defense loosened up and allowed the Panthers to score and the offense suddenly could not get through that full court press

for easy shots. Delphi would only score three more points in the last four minutes of the third while the Panthers scored nine. Even though the Oracles still had a 46-34 lead, the Delphi faithful began to squirm.

It took less than four minutes for the Oracles to stop squirming in the final period. Katy Fox of Pioneer made one of two free throws with 4:13 left in the game. The home crowd was on the edge of their seats, because that FT had allowed the Panthers to come all the way back and tie the score at 48. Pioneer took its first lead less than a minute later on another free throw. Delphi led 52-51 on a free throw by Strasser with 45 seconds left. Pioneer would sink 3 of 4 free throws in the final seconds and lead 54-52 when Arion came to the line for a pair of free throws with just seconds showing on the clock. The Oracles had sunk just 3 of 9 FTs in the fourth period including just 1 of 6 in the

last 2:23. After swishing the first point the Oracles needed Arion to make the second to go into overtime. Although her shot was a lit-

tle long it bounced straight up and came back down through the net.

Pioneer opened the OT with a three pointer, but the Oracles who had opened the game had returned. They scored 10 of the next 11 points to lead 64-58 with 43 seconds left. That lead wasn't safe though. After the Oracles missed two FTs with 11 seconds showing, the Panthers had an open three point shot. The shot was on line but long. Time expired.

Overall this team seems quicker than last year's version which won five games. Hopefully utilizing that to their advantage will earn them a few more wins. One is in the bag already.



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Delphi grad earns American FFA Degree

Nathan Trapp of rural Flora has received the American FFA Degree, the highest degree awarded by the National FFA Organization. The award recognizes his demonstrated leadership abilities and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing, and service program.



Nathan Trapp

Less than one in 150 FFA members advance through their local chapter and state FFA degree programs to earn this national degree.

The award was presented at the recent 81st National FFA Convention held in Indianapolis.

A 2007 graduate of Delphi Community High School, Trapp is studying farm management at Muscatine Community College in Iowa. He is the son of Larry and Susan Trapp.

Callout for Delphi alumni basketball extravaganza!

Comet staff report

The First Annual Delphi Alumni Basketball Extravaganza will be held Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. in the Delphi Community High School Gymnasium.

Delphi alumni from 1998 and earlier are invited to participate in a basketball game of graduates from odd number years versus even number years. There will be contests for three-point, skills and free-throw.

Attendance of alumni players, coaches, cheerleaders and band members is needed to make the community event a

fun-filled success.

Graduates are encouraged to donate or loan Delphi memorabilia such as pictures, videos, letter jackets, senior cords, shirts or hats to be displayed during the event.

A dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. for a cost.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Delphi Athletic Department and Delphi Rotary scholarships.

To participate in the game or donate memorabilia contact Dan Dawson at (765) 564-3481 ext. 3006, Jeff Quirk at (765) 714-9119 or John Dunn at 564-6200.

Carroll athletes earn HHC awards

Comet staff report

Several Carroll athletes were among those honored last Thursday evening at the Hoosier Heartland Conference fall banquet held at Clinton Prairie High School. Among those honored were:

Boys Cross Country – Blake Mills, Jordan Tooley, Tyler Macy, Seth Larimore.

Girls Cross Country – Ashley Bordner, Lauren Wilkinson, Hope Hayden, Kaira Ragan.

Boys Soccer – Cody Abdon, Chase Meade, Justin Moffitt, Michael Myer.

Boys Tennis – Aaron Spesard.

Football – Ben Bennington, Riley Eller, Thomas Gillam, Carson Spesard.

Volleyball – Hannah Scott. Carroll teams that received first place trophies were both cross country teams, and the soccer team.

In school standings, Carroll is first for boys and fourth for girls.

Other schools in the HHC include Central Catholic, Clinton Central, Clinton Prairie, Rossville and Tri-Central.

Delphi girls win Raider Relays

Delphi Community High School girls swim team opened the season at Harrison by winning the inaugural Raiders Relays. The girls took 5 first places and 6 second places.

The team consists of two seniors, three juniors, 12 sophomores, six freshmen and an exchange student.

The girls will be at Lewis Cass, a meet which has been rescheduled to Nov. 19. They host Maconaquah Nov. 24.

Golf award winners



Awards were presented at Carroll Girls Golf Banquet to (l-r): Malena Zook, most improved; Megan Garrison, scoring average, putting average, Academic All-State honorable mention; and Katie Unger, mental attitude. Photo provided

International education tied to Indiana's future

By Dr. Suellen Reed

Gone are the days when our neighbors were our sole competition. Today's Hoosier workforce must compete – not just with other cities and states – but in a diverse and rapidly changing global marketplace. That ability begins with a solid educational foundation.

Indiana has stronger global ties than most Hoosiers realize. For the second consecutive year, our state leads the nation in attracting new jobs through international investment, according to a report from IBM Global Business Services. Moreover, Indiana's population is becoming more diverse with our public schools now ranking third in the nation for the increase in limited English proficient students.

Indiana already loses many of its best and brightest graduates to other states, a brain drain that could increase as the global economy expands. This was never more apparent than when I met a summer intern here at the Indiana Department of Education, a college student from Butler University. She speaks three languages fluently and is learning her fourth while studying international issues in politics and religion. If Indiana doesn't offer job prospects that fit her interests and skill set, she surely will find those opportunities elsewhere.

The bottom line: If we are to maintain and increase our position as a global player, Indiana must provide its citizenry with a greater understanding of other languages and cultures through international education.

These realities underscore the significance of our upcoming observance of International Education Week, held from Novem-

ber 17-21. With that in mind, I strongly urge Indiana's leaders at the state and local levels to work together to:

- Increase access for students to learn a world language starting in elementary school and continuing through high school,
- Integrate technology and international education across subject areas and align with standards consistent with 21st Century skills,
- Provide professional development and international exchange opportunities for Indiana teachers through exchange agreements with partner countries around the world, and
- Boost participation in international student exchange as participants and hosts.

Indiana citizens distinguish themselves on a global scale in all fields of endeavor, from space exploration and medical discoveries to artistic expression. To ensure this record persists well into the future, I urge Hoosiers to get involved. If you can offer our students a cultural experience, contact your local school. If you speak a second language, volunteer to help young children learn these skills. If your company does business outside this country, help students and decision-makers in your community understand the importance of international competence.

How well we meet the challenges of the 21st Century will depend on all of us. Let those in leadership know your shared concerns, do your part to make a difference and together we will secure a prosperous future for our children. Learn more at www.doe.in.gov/internationaleducation.

Dr. Suellen Reed is Indi-

ana's Superintendent of Public Instruction.

DCES honor roll is announced

Delphi Community Elementary School has released the honor roll for the first nine-week grading period. Students receiving academic recognition were:

A Honor Roll

FIFTH GRADE – Quincy Adams, Alisha Blocher, Erika Carroll, Miranda Clingenpeel, Coy Cronk, Braden Daniels, Noah Davis, Colin Edging, Miranda Edwards, Tasha Foster, Kayleigh Gibson, Nathaniel Heffley, Madison Hodge, Makenna Houston, Katherine Layman, Shannon Leahy, Ashley Milburn, Tatum Minier, Yovani Moreno, Lacie Tomson, Blaine Walters.

FOURTH GRADE

- Bailey Gasser, Krista Jones, Abigail Kender, Kain Myer, Erika Ross, Ashley Webb, Ariel Wolfe.

THIRD GRADE

- Alexandra Bane, Natalyn Blocher, Holly Cosgray, Grace Davis, Sidney Fisher, Morgan Fritz, Emily Hudson, Kaitlyn Landis, Kristina Powlen, Riley Saul, Braxton Thompson.

AB Honor Roll

FIFTH GRADE – Alyssa Ballard, Morgan Bennett, Shelby Breer, Kyra Brown, Laura Carbaugh, Garrett Clark, Eric Cosgray, Vidalia Cox, Morgan Crowl, Angelica Davis, Leidy Diaz, Derek Disinger, Jesse Dunn, Kayleigh Etzel, Adam Fields, Kolton Gard, Dean Hampton, Shannon Hayes, Cindy Hernandez, Shelby Hudelson, Brett Huffer, Alexis Hunt, Shawnee Hunt, Shelby Humphrey, Freedom Johnson, Floyd Kinnaird, Kolby Kinzie, Cyan Livesay, Wyatt Lucas, Jaimey Martinez, Abigail Maxwell, Kady McVay, Blake Mears, Max Miller, Hunter Mote, Abigail Napier, Bobby Norman, Jonathon Ragan, Juan Ramos, Aaron Rich, Destiny Rock, Bethany Rohrer, Mykel Roth, Cameron Rush, Ashlea Stanley, Danielle Swayze, Taylor Thatcher, Brent Tonsoni, Cassidy Welk, Haylie Yerkes.

FOURTH GRADE

- Hannah Alexander, Marcus Austin, Shelby Back, Ashley Bentley, Jenna Bieghler, Colton Britton, Autumn Brothers, Kaitlyn Brown, Jacob Clouser, Lena Dickerson, Allison Fehrholz, Kyrah Flores, Kayla Fogarasi, Emilee Gear, Sophia Gunther, Cassie Hanna, Trevor Harmon, Madeline Hollingsworth, Haley Johnson, Victoria Kinzer, Symphony Kirkpatrick, Rylee Lane, Olivia Livingston, Delanie Martin, Isabelle McGill, Brooke Munson, Coy Myers, Luis Nieves, Lauryn Nipple, Ezra Oliver, Briana Painter, Lieke Pasman, Cole Pearson, Tanner Pearson, Blake

Ragan Jensyn Reef, Madison Rishel, Nathaniel VanDyke, Weston Windell, Emma Wise, Miles Wolf.

THIRD GRADE – Wyatt Anderson, Mackenzie Appleton, Taylor Bartlett, Shayla Bean Jacob Bowlin, Courtney Brown, Seth Brown, Faith Butcher, Ian Chapman, Eric Conde, Mercedes Conner, Marissa Crider, Jordan

Fields, Rinda Garcia, Jared George, Nicole Gerard, Kelsi Gorman, Wyatt Goetz-Holder, Dystanie Goris, Alexia Gray, Ronin Green, Trent Green, Megan Grimes, Destini Gunter, Samantha Gunther, Joshua Jenkinson, Jacqueline Johns, Jadon Kinzie, Aaron Lafond, Ben Lucas, Adeline Mann, Zoe Martin, Leah Maxwell, Hannah McCleskey,

Jared Moudy, Cade Murray, Tori Nacke, Blaise Niles, Bret Northrup, Cassandra Pettiner, Madyson Riley, Chanelle Robinson, Sarah Rohrer, Chloe Sims, Colten Slifer, Dakota Shockley, Tyler Smart, Jaylynn Smith, Taylor Stewart, Graeme Supple, Abigail Walker, Tyron Watson, Samuel Webb, Alexis Wright, Luke Yoder.

A classic comes to the DCHS stage



Fantasy tale

This weekend the Delphi Community High School Drama Department will present three performances of "Alice in Wonderland." Cast members pictured, from left, are: Kaley Saul as White Rabbit; Grace Mears as Alice; Andrew Martin as Mad Hatter and Micah Red Elk as Dormouse. Photo provided

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"Alice in Wonderland," a whimsical, fantasy about a young girl who finds herself in the curious world of Wonderland will be presented Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Delphi Community High School Little Theatre. Tickets can be purchased at the school or from cast members.

The production has a cast of well-known characters including: Grace Mears (Alice); Andrew Martin (Mad Hatter); White Rabbit (Kaley Saul); Dormouse (Micah Red Elk); March Hare (Eric Reese); Queen of

Hearts (Ashlynn Marvell); King of Hearts (Chris Mayfield); Caterpillar (Jo Britt); Red Queen (Jordan Hudelson) and White Queen (Grace Currie).

Other cast members include; Erika Matricia, Emily Layman, Alex Price, Bridget Floyd, Dakota Veach, Justin Foster, Hannah Evans, Chloe Fivecoate, Annie Mose, Vaniessa Rohrman, Dana Hufty, Jimmy Reed, Kendall Baker, Zach Hackerd, Taylor Thompson, Brooke Adcock, Elizabeth Rowen and Morgan McCauslin.

Director is Sara Brosman. Kayla Haley is assisting.