



Leadership Carroll County Class of 2009

Leadership Carroll County (LCC) has graduated its fourth class, raising the number of graduates to 108 total. The six-week, in-depth course, funded through generous donations from businesses and organizations from throughout the county, emphasized a collaborative leadership model, as well as information about the county and current issues. The six sessions rotated to different communities in the county and LCC task force members helped facilitate and lead the sessions. Several community members were brought in to discuss their positions and/or roles in various governmental entities, businesses and organizations. The graduation ceremony was held at the conclusion of the Feb. 25 session at the Wabash & Erie Canal Center in Delphi. The program will not be offered again until next year, but in the meantime, continuing leadership development opportunities will be offered to LCC graduates. The 2009 class will sponsor a beef barbeque dinner on July 12 during the Carroll County 4-H Fair. Members of the 2009 LCC class are, left to right: Cathy Berkshire, Melanie Mills, Benita Plank, Joretta Tinsman, Julie Bush, Tracy Laber, Julie Knoeller, Kathy Bell, Kathy Mylet. Middle – Jim Hedrick, Brad Farrer, Randy Larimore, Dean Scott, Steve Mullin, Brad Burton, Bill McCarty. Back – Carol Dickman, Amanda Ayres, Koen Ally, Hank Ivey, Bill McLean, Laurie Brower, Brenda Bonner. Photo provided

A unique piece of history Historical aerial photos offered

By Debbie Lowe
Staff writer

What seemed like a storage and/or disposal nightmare for an Ohio aerial photography company was turned into not only a profit-making venture but an opportunity for many Carroll County residents to own a historical image from 1964 of their farms and property. The Vintage Aerial Division of State Aerial Farm Statistics owns approximately 26 million black and white prints from 850,000 rolls of film shot 45 years ago in the Midwest.



Kienlen

According to area manager Jim Kienlen, the company owns past sales and aerial photography mapping grid records for current own-

ership reference. He said approximately 33 rolls of film remain of the center to lower portion of the county from 1964. Roughly 72 rolls of film from 1972 of the upper part of Carroll County were also preserved.

Kienlen explained the finished product is an enlarged black and white print, in sizes from 12"x18" to 20"x30", which is then hand-painted with oil paint and displayed in a custom frame.

He further explained that State Aerial Farm Statistics has been in business for 52 years at the same address in Toledo, Ohio, and should not be confused with a company that visited the area last year and did not produce the product promised in a timely manner. Kienlen said when a customer places an order with his company, a binding contract that stipulates what services are to be performed by when is

signed by both parties.

But Kienlen, at 66 years old, is not all about business. He has been with the company nine years.

"These images look like works of art. They are not produced on a computer," he said. "The framed products are hung over the mantles of fireplaces and handed down from one generation to the next. They are the pictorial historical reference for family farms and farmland."

"This is family history," he continued. "People really appreciate the pieces. I love dealing with farmers. They are down to earth folks with no pretension. And they have a sense of history."

Kienlen will be in the Carroll County area for the next month making house calls. He can be reached at (888) 239-7937, (616) 821-7875 or sales@stateaerial.com for questions. The company's Web site is located at www.vintageaerial.com.

Business Briefs

NORRIS INSURANCE has qualified for membership in Hastings 1885 Club. To be included for membership, agencies must have \$1,000,000 in written premiums in the prior year and excellent loss ratios.

MELISSA BISHOP, director of the Flora-Monroe Twp. Public Library, recently attended a training seminar in Indianapolis sponsored by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD). The seminar, conducted by State Director of Unemployment Benefits and Appeals Ron Miller, was designed to familiarize library staff with the Uplink website that must be used by people filing claims and vouchers for unemployment benefits.

Like other libraries across the state, the Flora library has become a frequent destination for people who must file for unemployment. The DWD recognizes not all applicants will have the level of computer expertise needed to navigate the website. The training allows staff to better understand how to answer questions and explain steps required for completing reg-

istrations, setting up email accounts and program passwords, and filing weekly vouchers.

Performance Excellent Gold Awards were presented Feb. 24 to Delphi Community High School teachers **NEAL ANDERSON, LAURIE KINZIE, ROSS STRIEBECK** and **BETH THEOBALD** at the Joint School Board Dinner at Twin Lakes High School. Anderson was also named Teacher of the Year. Chico Hatke was presented the Performance Excellence Silver Award.

Trilogy Health Services has announced the completion of the acquisition of six Franciscan Communities from the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago Service Corporation (FSCSC). The acquired communities are: **ST. ELIZABETH HEALTHCARE CENTER** in Delphi; **St. Mary Healthcare Center** in Lafayette; **George Davis Manor** in West Lafayette; **St. James Manor** and **Villas** in Crete, Ill.; and **Franciscan Health Care Center** in Louisville, Ky. It was also announced that as of the date of

the transition, the West Lafayette location will be renamed Cumberland Pointe Health Campus.

Trilogy announced in September that they were entering a due diligence period in preparation for the purchase. The purchase is effective March 1.

Upon completion, Trilogy now operates 56 senior living communities in Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan and Illinois.

Also included in the purchase is St. Clare Healthcare Center in Otterbein, which was closed by the Franciscans in 2003.

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