

Looking Back

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10 YEARS AGO

Zinn Kitchens is a well known business in Carroll County and the surrounding area. Thanks to the *Better Homes and Gardens* issue offering the latest in kitchen and bath ideas, now the whole country has had a chance to view their work.

The cover of the Spring 1999 *Kitchen and Bath Ideas* features a Zinn kitchen designed by John Bickel, one of four designer-salesmen at the company.

Carroll County Agriculture Hall of Fame has three new members-Leo Bowman, Bill Duff, and Everett Gruber.

The three were named and recognized at the Carroll County Pork Producers annual meeting and banquet.

25 YEARS AGO

Several organizations are working to finalize plans to sponsor the 6th Annual Hog Jog in conjunction with the Carroll County Pork Festival in Flora.

The Comet has sponsored the Hog Jog since it was first organized in 1979. Among the sponsors of the new organization will be the Carroll County Pork Producers.

Lon Bohnstedt and Tom Helvie of Flora are serving as temporary co-chairmen.

Because of a severe winter storm, last week's Lafayette IHSAA Sectional games were postponed.

The last time the Sectional was delayed, Delphi won the championship. That was in 1978 when IHSAA dictated that local officials could set their own times to play, as long as they were done by March 25, because of the "energy crisis."

50 YEARS AGO

People who drove along wooded areas during the warmer days earlier and heard peculiar noises that sounded like mushrooms pushing their way up through the soil, could not hear a thing at the same spots Tuesday, probably because the noise, made by the snowflakes hitting the ground, was so much greater.

Plenty of empty desks are showing up in the Delphi class rooms the past few days. Flu germs are cutting a swath through the area and the students have been hard hit. School attendance sheets showed 234 pupils absent on Wednesday. Some of the mamas and papas haven't been feeling too well, either. The only cheerful prospect about the whole thing is that it can't be too much longer before everyone in the county will have had it and we all can enjoy our immunity!

75 YEARS AGO

Ranking among the stronger teams in the county this season is the Burlington basketball

five. Won 12, Lost 9.

Camden won 14, Lost 4. Carrollton won 4, Lost 12. Cutler won 10, Lost 6. Deer Creek won 1, Lost 14. Delphi won 11, Lost 9. Flora won 9, Lost 10. Rockfield won 10, Lost 6. Officials for the local sectional are Carl Burt and Glenn

Farrell.

100 YEARS AGO

Newman Viney of Jefferson township, brother of William Viney a prominent farmer east of Bringham, had a narrow escape at Delphi Thursday afternoon as he was leaving town. He was driving north of Washington street, when one

wheel came off of his enclosed buggy, frightened the horse and upset the rig with Mr. Viney inside. The horse turned east on Monroe street when it was stopped by John Heck. Mr. Viney then climbed out of his property found himself still sound and the buggy not badly damaged.



James Widner with sons Harry and Charles during the Great Depression in Carroll County

Two added to Ag Hall of Fame

Comet staff report

Miriam E. Robeson and Jeffrey A. Shanks were inducted into the Carroll County Agriculture Hall of Fame Monday night.

The 2009 honorees were announced at the Carroll County Agriculture Association annual meeting and banquet at the 4-H Building in Flora.

Profiles of the two inductees follow.

Miriam E. Robeson

Robeson has lived in Carroll County nearly all her life. She graduated from Delphi Community High School, Purdue University and Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis before eventually returning to Carroll County to open her own law office.

She is active in Flora First Christian Church, where she presently serves as president of the board of directors and assistant choir director. She is also active in several community organizations, including Flora Community Club board member and treasurer, and its KICK (Keeping Involved in Community and Kids) team, the Carroll County Economic Development Corporation board of directors, Flora Psi Iota Xi, and Book Readers & Horn Blowers. Robeson is also serving on the Carroll County Zoning Steering Committee to help revise the Carroll County zoning ordinances.

An attorney for 20 years, Robeson's law practice focuses on agriculture, non-profit, and school law. She is the attorney for the Carroll Consolidated School Corporation School Board and the Carroll County Agriculture Association, as well as legal advisor to local farmers, small businesses and non-profit organizations. She regularly presents seminars on nonprofit governance through the Indiana Nonprofit Resource Network.

Robeson has received the Extra Mile Award from the Flora Community Club, the Carroll County Pro Bono Attorney of the Year award, a recognition award from the Carroll County Pork Producers, and was a recipient of the Beyond the Fence Award at the 2007 Indiana Livestock Forum.

Robeson's family has been farming in Carroll County since the 1800s. Her father, Maurice Robeson, and her uncle, the late Charles Yeager, were both inducted into the Ag Hall of Fame. Her father, grandfather, LeRoy Robeson Jr., and uncle, Carl Robeson, still farm in Carroll County. Although she said she hasn't been on a tractor in years, she helps the family farm with planning, administrative, and government paperwork.

In her spare time, Robeson enjoys gardening, biking, hiking, guitar, and piano.

She is married to David Pickens, who is a system en-



Miriam Robeson

gineer for Sun Microsystems. They have three children, Samantha, Benjamin, and Caitlin, who attend Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School.

Jeffrey A. Shanks

Shanks resides in Democrat Township. He grew up east of Camden on the family farm, with three brothers and one sister, and graduated from Delphi Community High School in 1969. He graduated from Nashville Auto-Diesel College in 1970. He started part time at Jackson-Lee-Pearson in Flora in 1968, and then began working full time there in 1970.

He and his wife, Roberta, were married in 1981.

Shanks raced go-karts in the mid-west during the 1970s and competed in Indiana Ski Council recreational racing in the 1980s.

He also participated in three short-term mission trips, to Canada, Oklahoma and Grenada.

He enjoys bicycling, snow skiing, snowboarding, in line



Jeffrey Shanks

skating, working with audio and video projects on the computer, and tractor pulling.

Awards received include three State and one Division 3 karting championships, one Indiana Ski Council recreational racing championship, and the following John Deere awards: Super Service, Service Master, Service Advisor User Group, and a Baltic Sea Tour cruise.

He has been involved in the following activities: 4-H leader, Lions Club member, Lafayette Ski Club member and officer, member of Professional Ski Instructors Association, International Karting Federation, and World Karting Federation.

Shanks currently participates with the Flora Community Choir, is a past and current trustee for Mid-North Indiana Youth for Christ, and is a volunteer faculty member for Hanging Rock Christian Assembly Mountain Bike Adventure Camp. He is a member of the Faith Church of Christ in Burlington.

Ag Association has first annual meeting

Comet staff report

The first annual meeting of the Carroll County Agriculture Association was Monday night at the 4-H Building.

Awards and scholarships were presented, directors were elected, and a report was given on the Ag Association's first year.

Miriam Robeson and Jeff Shanks were named to the 2009 class of the Carroll County Agriculture Hall of Fame. (See related story in this week's Comet).

Another award was given for Outstanding Service to the Carroll County Agriculture Association. The recipient was Paul Marcellino.

Brock Farrell and John Zook were announced as the

2009 scholarship winners. They will receive their scholarships at next year's annual meeting.

Brock is the son of Gary Farrell and Debbie Farrell. He plans to attend Purdue University this fall and major in agricultural economics. He would like to pursue a career in agricultural sales and marketing. He is a four-year FFA member and a 10-year 4-H member and attended Hoosier Boys State.

John is the son of Sam and Jane Zook. He has worked for Orem Farms for three years, and helped on the 50-head beef cattle operation. He was in the work-study program at Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School for one semester, where he

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