

# Tournament winner



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Carroll 6th grade girls basketball team defeated Clinton Central 25-9 to win the Clinton Prairie Girls Basketball Tournament championship on Saturday. Team members pictured are (l-r): Front - Courtney Pinkard, Logan Knight, Samantha Breadfulwater, Ashlyna Brewer, Carly Kingery. Back - Brooke Ennis, Coach Tina Miller, Mikayla Rosinski, Cassidy Carman, Assistant Coach Ashley Miller, Bayleigh Filbrun, Courtney Atkisson, Ashley Aldridge, Shari Bowers, Assistant Coach Autumn Filbrun, and Assistant Meghan Miller. Photo provided

## North Miami knocks Carroll out of regional title chase

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Carroll (19-5) saw its record-breaking season come to an end Saturday in the opening game of the Class 2A Tipton Regional semi-final.

The 13th-ranked North Miami Warriors (19-6) handed the 14th-ranked Cougars a 63-55 loss. North Miami's two big men were too much for Carroll as junior forward 6'5" Gary Miller scored 21 points, pulled down 16 rebounds and

blocked 3 shots while center 6'7" Nolan Haynes had 18 points on 8 of 13 from the field and 7 rebounds. Carroll was out rebounded by the Warriors 38-25. The Spesard cousins led Carroll - Carson scored 19 points (his second highest of the season) and Adam finished with 14 points. They combined for 15 rebounds (Carson 8 and Adam 7).

North Miami took the early lead on a Miller three pointer. A. Spesard hit a pair of free

throws and a lay-up by Noah Allen gave Carroll its only lead at 4-3. A Haynes put-back had North Miami back on top and the Warriors led 13-10 after one.

Carroll fell behind 17-10 before the team came back with a 7-0 run in the second quarter. Sophomore Allen hit for two and freshman Tim Ruby made a lay-up and three pointer to tie the game at 17. The Warriors came right back with an 18-7 run of their own to finish out the half with a 35-24 lead.

The Cougars were fortunate to be down by only 11 points. Even though North Miami had 10 turnovers in the half they were 13 of 22 (59%) from the field and had grabbed 22 rebounds to Carroll's six.

Carroll had made just 8 of 25 shots (32%) in the half. Foul trouble was also a factor as senior A. Spesard had three fouls and was limited to two field goal attempts for only two first half points. Primmer Zook and Allen led Carroll in scoring with 6 points each.

C. Spesard's 10-point third quarter helped Carroll stay with North Miami. The Warriors then opened the fourth quarter with a 7-2 run to build their biggest lead of the night at 18 points, 58-40. The Cougars came right back with a 10-2 run of their own with 1:54 left. A Spesard had 5 points, Ruby a trey and C. Spesard two points in the run. A. Spesard's trey pulled Carroll to within single digits at 9, 62-53, at 1:03, but the Cougars' comeback stalled the rest of the way.

Ruby had 8 points off the bench and Allen handed out 5 assists as Carroll was 20 of 57 (35%) from the field, 3 of 16 (18%) from three-point range, and 12 of 14 (86%) from the line. North Miami was 24 of 47 (51%) overall and 6 of 14 (43%) on treys. The Cougars committed only 8 turnovers to the Warriors' 16.

The second-ranked Fort Wayne Luers (21-4) topped No. 1 Tipton (23-3) 60-53 in the second game. Luers went on to defeat North Miami 74-59 in the championship game.

## Carroll FFA members going to state contest

Carroll FFA Chapter participated in the District V Leadership Contests at Clinton Central High School on March 12. The chapter had an outstanding night with 12 individuals or teams advancing to the state level.

Those taking home first place in the leadership contests are as follows: Travis Martin - Male Leadership.

Sarah Griffin - Female Leadership. Jill Griffin - Essay. Alisha Hedrick - Job Interview. Travis Martin and Chandler Keown - Horticulture Demonstration. Malena Zook - Farm Business Management Demonstration. Megan Ayres and Alisha Hedrick - Animal Science Demonstration. Trey Overholser, Chad Griffin, Jeremy

Hayes, Dan Budreau, Ricky Burns, Justin Barbour, Andy Eller and Jarid Robertson - Novice Chapter Meeting Team. Chandler Keown - Agriculture Education Proficiency. Jarvis Simmons - Swine Proficiency. Holly Peters - Nursery Operations Proficiency. Susanna Taylor - Home and Community Development Proficiency.

Justin Moffitt was named the District V Star in Agriculture Placement, and Sarah Griffin was named District V Star Farmer. These awards are based on the students' SAE programs as well as their leadership in both school and community activities. They will now be interviewed and will compete for the Section Star in their respective areas.

The chapter also had many other participants placing in the top three at the contests.

Justin Barbour placed second in Freshman Public Speaking, and Will Taylor placed second in Discovery

Public Speaking. The following received third place:

Ricky Burns - Freshman Extemp. Sarah Griffin - Extemp. Jill Griffin - Public Speaking. Jarvis Simmons and Ben Bennington - Ag Mechanics Demonstration. Lucy Zook and Susanna Taylor - Food Science Demonstration. Maize Wickersham - Discovery Demonstration. Jessica and Carly Yoder - Natural Resources Demonstration. Travis Martin, Chandler Keown, Malena Zook, Sarah Griffin, Jill Griffin, Justin Moffitt, Megan Ayres, Susanna Taylor, Samantha Taylor, Chapter Meeting Team.

## Delphi Track & Field teams qualify four for HSR finals

Delphi high school track and field teams started their seasons last Wednesday night at Purdue in the Hoosier State Relay (HSR) Trials. The Oracles qualified two individuals and two relays.

Olivia George qualified in the high jump and A.J. Erskin qualified in the 55-meter high hurdles. The girls' 4x200 meter relay team of George, Shawneci Windell, Taylor Saul and Chelsey Marcotte and the boys' 4x400 meter relay team of Andrew

Flora, J.D. Huffer, Ryan Everett, and Matt Wilcox both made the qualifying time.

The HSR finals are scheduled for Saturday at 10 a.m. at Purdue.

The rest of the Oracles are looking forward to a promising season. The Delphi Track & Field team boasts well over 60 athletes and will start the outdoor season on April 9 when they host Western Boone.

## Carroll Kindergarten Round-Up announced

Kindergarten Round-Up at Carroll Elementary School will be Thursday and Friday, April 9 and 10.

Children must be five years old by Aug. 1, 2009, to attend kindergarten in the 2009-2010 school year.

Prior to the Round-Up, parents should fill out a form (available at the school), indicating the child's name, date of birth, parent's name, address, and phone number, and

choice of appointment time on April 9 or 10.

Parents must bring the following items to the Round-Up session: Child's original birth certificate; medical history and physical form completed and signed by child's doctor; official copy of child's immunization record; and if applicable, divorce decree stating custody of the child.

## Carroll FCCLA senior high attends state conference

Carroll freshman members and officers from the local chapter of Family,

Career and Community Leaders of America attended the state confer-

ence in Indianapolis.

New advisor Erica Rich and former advisor Diana Alter were among those present for the event on March 6 and 7. Performing judging duties were Mrs. Alter and Carroll's former local, district, and state officers, Nicole Brafford and Devin Smith.

Members observed project presentations and attended mini-sessions on traffic safety, career connecting, fast food facts, financial fitness, and stress and time management.

Motivational speaker Grant Baldwin talked on priorities and schedules that can make the biggest difference so there can be a reasonable balance in life.

Another speaker, world famous entertainer David DiMuzio, shared ways to be the best and be content in career choices.

Paige Cook, local chapter president, was part of the voting delegate team who helped with the interviewing process for state officer candidates. Other freshmen attending were Alyssa Ingram, Stephanie Joseph, Amy Schnieb, Ashley Bennington, and Drew McCombs.

## State Pom champion

The Rossville Rockettes were recently hosts to the IHSDTA State Dance Championship. Forty-four teams and 32 soloists represented high schools all over the state, including Delphi, McCutcheon, Frontier, Westfield and Crawfordsville. Around 1,400 spectators attended the all-day competition. The Rockettes won state champion in Pom and placed fourth in Hip Hop. The team has been coached by Janilyn Layton for the past ten years. Team members are, from left: Front - Captains Shala Rathbone and Kendra Boller. Second Row - Alicia Heater, Barbie Rader, Captains Kinzie Layton and Trexie Wolfs. Back Row - Coach Janilyn Layton, Chelsea Sandifur, Sarah McKee, Kassidie Houchin, Kaitlyn Layton, Taylor Allred and Morgan Pratt. Photo provided



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