

Financial assistance available through TAA

Comet staff report

Financial assistance for area workers, who have recently lost a job and want to complete a bachelor's or master's degree at Indiana University Kokomo, may be available through the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program.

The program allows eligible individuals up to two years of paid higher education in order to become more marketable for employment in the region. Applicants need to have college credit and be close to completing a

bachelor's degree, have an associate degree or have the ability to attend school full-time.

TAA is a federal program made available to workers who are displaced due to foreign imports or shifts in production out of the country. Workers may be eligible for a variety of re-employment services, job search and relocation allowances and training.

"The Trade Act (TAA) is a U.S. Department of Labor program," assistant communications director for the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (IDWD) in Indianapolis Valerie Kroeger said. "The USDOL reviews submitted petitions and determines eligibility."

For more information, contact Cindy Heigl at (888) 875-4485 or by E-mail at cheigl@iuk.edu.

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Sunday: Closed
Join Us for Our New Specials & Menu Items!!!

Scouting for Food drive



Rossville's Pack 337 and Troop 337 combined their efforts over the past two weekends in March to contribute to Scouting's annual Scouting for Food drive. The annual event is held in order to assist local food pantries and other needy organizations in replenishing their food supplies. This year Rossville's scouts accumulated over 900 units of food which were delivered to the local food pantry in Rossville. Scout members pictured are: Seated - Hunter Mullen, Jacob DeHaven, Griffey Saylor, Jordan Ream, Billy Dotson. Standing - Ian Clouser, Ben Welk, Austin Barker, Blake Ream, Riley Clouser, Mike Ream, Jackson Metzler, Yvette Welk, Dave Metzler, Ethan Sloan, Curt Snyder, Gary Courtney. Photo provided

Carroll board meets with students

By Jennifer Archibald
Staff writer

Carroll School Board members had their annual meeting with the Student Council during the school day on March 17.

Among the topics discussed were drugs, cell phones, economic impact on the schools, 10-year plan, and students' "wish list."

Students were asked about Carroll students' drug use. Among high school students, the Student Council estimated that 15-20 percent are regular users of drugs, and maybe as high as 40 percent use occasionally or at least have tried drugs. Their perception is that the students use recreational drugs, not performance enhancing drugs.

The students also said they believe the school's random drug testing is not very effective. By law, it can only test those who drive to school, are in athletics, or in extracurricular activities. Students said those who drive, but do not want to take a chance on being tested for drugs, park at the YMCA and catch a ride to school with someone else.

Assistant principal Fred Schnarr said the school usually has one to three drug searches a year. He said he has made several requests to law enforcement for searches this year, but has gotten no response. Principal Charles Huckstep said drugs are usually not found in the searches.

Board member Dave Lambert asked about student use of cell phones during the school day, which is prohibited. The students said cell phone use, especially texting, is prevalent. Students seem to

know where and when they can get by with it. One girl said restrooms are a popular place for cell phone use.

Malena Zook asked what effect the state of the economy is having on the schools.

Superintendent John Sayers said they are looking at ways to cut energy costs, and they are holding off on starting some projects, but they have not had to reduce teaching staff - for next year anyway.

Sayers said the latest electric bill for the two schools was \$16,000.

He pointed out that the state is taking over schools' general fund, and he wonders where that money will come from.

Megan Garrison asked about the corporation's 10-year plan.

Sayers said the first priority is air conditioning the entire junior-senior high school, and the goal is to accomplish that by next September. He said however, it will depend on the bids that come in.

The next project, he said, will be the science addition, and several options are being considered.

Improving the traffic flow at the schools is also in the plan.

This summer, Sayers said improvements to the gym will be made.

He listed as long range plans - seating at the pool; roof, parking lot, and facility maintenance work; and possibly, more athletic facilities or a field house.

He said the wrestlers have been practicing in the cafeteria, but the YMCA has agreed to let the team practice there.

Some of the things students mentioned on their "wish list"

were working clocks in the hallways, more projectors and lap tops for classrooms, faster Internet access, new library books, and inside locks on classroom doors.

Kevin Knaus brought up the locks as a school safety issue. He said in an emergency situation, the drill is to lock the doors, stay in the rooms, and stay out of the hallways. But he said teachers have to go into the hallway to lock the doors.

Students who brought up needs for the music department and athletics were told to look at the handbook for procedures. Possible answers are through the Music Boosters, Athletic Boosters, or from sponsorships and fundraisers.

Dylon Shields asked for more hands-on work in classes, to make them more interesting. He also expressed concern that substitute teachers do not have control of the class, and things happen that shouldn't.

Board member Michelle Simmons asked why some

students are falling behind, and what could be done to help them.

Those who answered said two of the reasons students fail are that they don't care and/or they have a poor home environment. They said there are resources at the school to help them, but they don't seek help.

Kevin Knaus said he believes the mentoring program at the elementary is important because it helps students before they reach the high school level.

Board president Sam Zook asked for a quick ranking of Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School from one to ten, with ten being the best. The consensus was seven.

Although junior high school Student Council members did not attend the meeting, they did submit questions, which were presented.

Student Council sponsors are Danna Bonfiglio, junior high, and Ryan Duff, high school.

2009 Becoming an Outdoors-Woman workshop set May 1-3

Registration is underway for the Indiana Department of Natural Resource's 2009 Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) workshop.

BOW offers women a relaxed, non-competitive environment conducive for learning outdoor skills in a workshop that is designed just for women.

The workshop will be held May 1-3, at Ross Camp in West Lafayette.

The workshop is limited to 150 women. Registration is already half full. For cost information and to register online, visit www.bow.IN.gov or call Danielle Shrake at (317) 232-4194.

What to do if you find an injured or baby animal

It's the time of year when thousands of animals are born in the wild. With the spread of suburban areas into animals' natural habitats, many people find baby wild animals that appear to be alone. Thinking the animals are orphaned, hurt, abandoned or lost, well-meaning individuals sometimes "rescue" them.

Doing so is not only usually unnecessary, it's bad for the animal. It's illegal if you don't have the proper permit. And it poses health risks for humans.

With more and more suburban areas being built close to natural areas, young animals are increasingly born near humans and discovered without an adult animal nearby, so a few reminders are especially pertinent.

"The apparent lack of an

adult does not mean a young animal is alone," said Linnea Petercheff, operations staff specialist for the DNR's Fish and Wildlife division. "Adults often leave their young alone, safe in nests or dens while they forage for food, but rarely do they abandon their young."

If a bird has fallen out of a nest, it is OK to gently return it to the nest. The best way to make sure an animal is truly orphaned is to wait and check it periodically. If you are unsure, place some strings or sticks across the nest. If such items are later disturbed, the mother has returned. In such a situation, leave the young animal alone. The adult will return after you leave the area.

Personal safety is another consideration. While such animals may look helpless, cute and cuddly, they can bite or scratch people who attempt to handle them. Some wild animals can carry parasites and infectious diseases, some of which can be transmitted to

humans.

Remember, state laws prohibit owning protected wild animals without a permit. Federal laws also prohibit the possession of migratory birds, including songbirds, raptors and waterfowl. It is even illegal to treat wild animals for sickness or injury without a permit. Wild animal rehabilitation permits are issued to qualified individuals who take in sick, injured, or orphaned wild animals with the intent of releasing them back into the wild.

If you encounter an injured, truly abandoned or sick wild animal, do one of the following for assistance:

- Call the DNR/USDA Wildlife Information Hotline, 1-800-893-4116, during business hours.

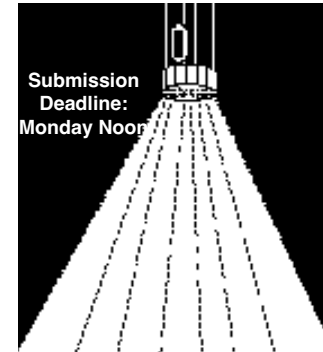
- Check the DNR/USDA-Wildlife Services Web site, dnr.IN.gov/wildlife and click on "Wildlife Conflicts Hotline" or go to www.in.gov/dnr/fish-wild/2351.htm

- Call the DNR Division of

Fish and Wildlife in Indianapolis, (317) 232-4080.

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