

Call Outs

Bachelor Runn Golf League

An organizational meeting for the Bachelor Runn Golf League will be held at 5 p.m. April 14 at the golf course. Anyone interested in playing or putting a team in should attend the meeting. For more information, contact Gary Yoder at (574) 967-3979.

Lafayette Sailing Club

The Lafayette Sailing Club (LSC) will hold its annual spring call out at the Sportsman Inn Banquet Facility in Monticello on April 17. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. The gathering is open to LSC members and those interested in joining the club. An open bar and light buffet meal will be available. The meeting will afford prospective members a chance to meet club members, hear a short program covering information on how to join the club, the LSC sailing school, club facilities, racing and cruising activities. There is no charge for the event. Reservations are not necessary.

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Division of Education seeks nominees for two awards

The Indiana University Kokomo Division of Education is accepting nominations for its 2009 Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Service awards.

The Distinguished Alumni

Sport shorts

Cronk places in Tennessee tournament

Area wrestler Coy Cronk competed recently as a part of Team Indiana in a three-day tournament held in Tennessee. Cronk a 5th grade student at Delphi Community Elementary School, wrestled in the 135-lb. weight class. He placed fifth in the individual placements for the tournament. There were 20 teams in the tournament with Team Indiana placing fifth.



LEANNA K. SMITH of Logansport has been named to the Dean's Honor List at Ball State University for the 2008 fall semester. The honor signifies "outstanding academic achievement."

A 2006 graduate of Carroll High School, she is a junior at BSU, majoring in secondary math education.

Award goes to an outstanding alumnus/a who has made significant contributions to the teaching profession, IU Kokomo, and to their community.

Any alumnus/a who has completed an initial teacher education program at IU Kokomo is eligible to receive this award.

Selection criteria include: professional accomplishments, community service, distinguished service to the Division of Education, and

commitment to teacher education.

The Distinguished Service Award goes to an outstanding alumnus/a or friend who has made a significant contribution to the Division of Education. Service should be sustained, substantive, and directly related to any aspect of the division's various teacher education programs.

Selection criteria include: distinguished service to the Division of Education and commitment to teacher education.

Nominations for these awards must include the application letter identifying which award is being nominated, a nomination letter that identifies evidence of professional accomplishments, community service, distinguished service to the Division of Education, commitment to teacher education, and a resume.

Mail or e-mail the completed application to: Dr. Patricia Swails, IU Kokomo Division of Education, P.O. Box 9003, Kokomo, IN 46904-9003, pswails@iuk.edu. Nominations must be received no later than April 13.

Sixth grader attends leadership conference

Comet staff report

Carroll Elementary sixth grader Nathan Berkshire spent spring break at the 2009 Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C.

He was nominated to attend by his homeroom and social studies teacher, Andrea O'Brien. Selection was based on achievement, academic performance, and leadership potential.

The conference was for exceptional sixth and seventh graders. They stayed at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Md., and attended Leadership Focus Group meetings.

"We learned about six leadership traits: leadership, communication, character, respect, problem solving, and goal setting," Nathan said.



Berkshire

"While at the conference, we were not called kids; we were called scholars. We talked about John Brown and other famous people in history. We went to the Capitol Building, the Lincoln Memorial, war memorials, and various other landmarks."

"At the Lincoln Memorial, we found a misspelling in his Inaugural Speech," Nathan said. "The word 'future' was misspelled. They put an 'e' instead of the 'f.'"

"While we were in our meeting rooms, we had to write in journals about what we learned, who the people we talked about were, and what they did to accomplish

their goals," Nathan explained. "Every day there was a different theme: Sunday - Voices of Leadership. Monday - Voices of Freedom. Tuesday - Voices of Struggle. Wednesday - Voices of Courage. Thursday - Voices of Change. Friday - Voices of the Future."

Nathan said he met scholars from across the country and roomed with scholars from Texas, North Carolina, and Colorado.

On Thursday night, they visited the Maryland Science Center, which had interactive exhibits, and they ate supper at the Hard Rock Cafe.

Nathan was invited to the Alumni Conference in Boston in 2010.

His parents are Steve and Marianne Berkshire of rural Camden and Diana and Doug White of Deer Creek.

Library

Delphi Public

Indiana author Barb Shoup will present "Writing and the Creative Process" April 15 at 7 p.m. Shoup will speak from experience as an author, educator, mother, mentor and friend. Whether you are considering your first novel or keep a daily journal, Barb will offer ideas about how to spark the creative fire as a writer.

The Watercolor Workshop

with Rena Brouwer will be April 18. Registration is still open. Participants will meet at the library at 9 a.m. and walk to Riley Park where they will paint along the banks of Deer Creek. The day concludes at 3 p.m.

The April 17 Morning Book Club selection is "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" by Betty Smith. Discussion begins at 9 a.m. Refreshments will be served.

The April 23 at 9 a.m. Faith Based book club will discuss Jane Kirkpatrick's novel "Love to Water My Sou'l."

Reunions & Get-Togethers

Rockfield HS Alumni

Rockfield High School Alumni will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, April 25, at noon at the Rockfield Community Center, located where the school once stood. The Class of 1949 will be observing its 60th anniversary. This is the last class to graduate from Rockfield High School.

To make reservations (\$7.50 per person), contact Joe Seele, 3932 George Washington Rd., Lafayette, IN 47909; ph. 765-477-6471. Reservations are due by April 18. Make checks out to Joe Seele or Herb Bowman.

Anyone who ever attended the Rockfield School is invited to attend.

Service News

Completes Navy basic training

Navy Seaman Recruit Christopher D. Royer, son of Theresa F. and Bradley D. Royer of Delphi, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Royer completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and commitment.

Flora-Monroe Twp.

National Library Week (April 12- 18) is a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide - and the perfect time for our community to come together at the library. First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

Everyday, libraries help transform their communities. At the Flora Library, people of all backgrounds can come together for community meetings, programs, research with the assistance of a trained professional, find homework help, use the free Internet access, even bring in your own laptop (or borrow ours) for free wireless Internet.

Come to the Flora Library during Library Week and par-

ticipate in the Folk Art Class or discover our book club which will discuss Richard Russo's "Bridge of Sighs" in the Flora Senior Center on April 15 at 10 a.m. Bring your preschoolers to storytime and call Dial-a-Story to listen to Carroll Elementary fourth graders reciting James Whitcomb Riley poems.

The celebration of Poetry Month continues on Dial-a-Story. Amber Montgomery can be heard reciting "The Toy Penny Dog" through Friday. The next featured student will be Jason Wright performing "Three Jolly Hunters." Call Dial-a-Story anytime at 967-3814.

The theme for the next storytime is "Library Week," and we're celebrating! Stories, fingerplays and more will be the rule of the day. Preschool storytime is Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m.

Family entertainment available this summer

Comet staff report

Historic Prophetstown and the Tippecanoe Storytellers Guild have joined together to provide family entertainment throughout the summer with "Stories in the Council House."

The guild will tell stories on the second Saturday night of each month beginning in June and continuing through October.

Guests may walk or ride a trolley through the prairie between 6:30 and 9 p.m. to reach the council house. Many of the stories will feature folklore and legends from the area and have been passed down through the years by oral tradition.

The cost will be \$5 a person with kids, three and under, riding for free.

The guild has been sharing stories with the community for over 20 years. Perhaps best

known for the "Ghost Tales" at Halloween they also tell stories at libraries, nursing homes, children's groups and community organizations.

Prophetstown is expanding their program this year with Sunday talks, a "Music in the Barn series", classes and special events.

For a complete list of events go to prophetstown.org or call (765) 567-4700.

In The Grow

By B. Rosie Lerner
 Purdue Extension
 Consumer Horticulturist

Q. I love to walk our farm woods looking to find some of our native wildflowers. I was excited two years ago when I came across a violet that had yellow flowers. Went back last year to look in the area, but never found them again. I found in several nature books that violets will bloom white, yellow and the blue we usually see in early spring (woolly blue violet). I'm curious to know if you or anyone else has come across that color?

A. There are several yellow-flowered violets found in Indiana woodlands. The Downy Yellow Violet (*Viola pubescens*) typically has one basal

leaf followed by a fuzzy stem reaching 5-16 inches tall and bearing both leaves and flowers. The Smooth Yellow Violet (*Viola pensylvanica*) has 1-5 basal leaves close to the ground and a smooth upright stem bearing heart-shaped leaves among the small flowers, often hiding the blooms from view. The lower petal of the smooth violet has purple stripes. The Round-leaved Yellow Violet (*Viola rotundifolia*) forms small clumps of rounded leaves close to the ground, followed by a leaf-less flowering stalk.

There is a beautifully illustrated coffee table-type book called *Wildflowers of Indiana*, by Maryrose and Fred Wampler and published by Indiana University Press. Maryrose's original paintings are accompanied by Fred's informative text identifying the various wildflowers as found in their natural habitat. This book is a must have for those that appreciate Indiana wildflowers! It is available online at http://www.iupress.indiana.edu/catalog/product_info.php?products_id=19865

Q. A few years ago when attending our county's garden walk, I saw a beautiful little tree covered in pink flowers. The owner said she knew it as a sweet pea tree. She said I could come back in the fall and dig one up for myself. I did go get one, and it died. I have

since found them elsewhere and tried twice more to dig them up, but they do not survive. They seem to spread from the roots and are very difficult to dig up, even when very small because the roots are good size. I collected a few seeds from one last fall that I have not planted yet. Can you help tell me how to get one of these trees to grow, either from a transplant or from seed?

A. I'm not certain which plant you're referring to, as I am not familiar with a tree by that name. But I'm wondering if this could be the roseacacia locust (*Robinia hispida*) with rose-colored, large, pea-type flowers and red bristly stems? Or perhaps it is the 'Purple Robe' selection of Black Locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*) with dark rose-pink flowers on a compact tree? It's difficult to advise how to propagate without knowing for sure what plant it is. If it is Roseacacia (often called bristly) locust, the plant tends to sucker (send up new stems from the roots) and these rooted suckers can be dug to form new clumps, but would be most successful either in early spring before the plants leaf out, or in early fall. These plants generally do not bear much seed, but, if produced, will have a very tough seed coat that needs to be soaked in hot water or nicked with sandpaper before sprouting.

Carroll Co. UMC Mission Team Sponsoring
Chili Cook-off
Supper & Silent Auction
April 18, 5 - 7 pm
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ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS/SUBSCRIBERS

Changes must be in by Friday at 5:00 pm for Wednesday delivery.

e-mail your change of address to subs@carrollcountycomet.com or call 574-967-4135

ATTENTION Lady Golfers
The Tuesday Night 4-C's Ladies Golf League is looking for new golfers.
Come join the fun and fellowship.
Call Julie at 765-432-1809 or Connie at 765-564-3105 for more information.