

Carroll Commencement is Saturday

Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School will hold its 48th annual Commencement May 23 at 10 a.m. in the Memorial Gymnasium.

There are 80 students in this year's graduating class. The high school band, under the direction of Donald Pettit, will play the prelude concert and the processional, "Pomp and Circumstance."

The opening will be given by senior Kevin Knaus.

Senior choir members and choirs, under the direction of Joe Spence, will sing "How You Live" by Point of Grace.

Cage Rage charity event is Saturday

Cage Rage will present its first annual Mixed Martial Arts Charity event on Saturday night.

Cage Rage will donate all proceeds to charity with two-thirds of the money collected being donated to We Care and one-third to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

The event will be held at the Kokomo National Guard

Principal Charles Huckstep will recognize outstanding seniors, including the Carroll Honor Award recipient, Sarah Griffin.

Addresses will be given by Senior Class president Lauren Wilkinson and by the valedictorian(s) and salutatorian.

The high school choir will sing "Inscription of Hope" by Z. Randall Stroope.

Huckstep will present the Class of 2009, and Superintendent John Sayers will accept the graduates. Assistant Principal Fred Schnarr will read the names of the graduates as Huckstep presents

Armory, 315 E. Markland Ave. The show will start at 7 p.m. with the doors open at 6.

Tickets can be purchased online at no-pity.com or arranged by calling (765) 210-0123 or (765) 457-4083. All tickets are \$20. Special cage-side and table seating will be awarded by raffle and silent auction.

George wins conference championship in high jump

The DCHS track and field teams competed in the Hoosier Conference championships last weekend. The girls finished fifth while the boys finished sixth.

Senior Olivia George won the conference championship in the high jump with a career best effort of 5-foot 2-inches.

The boys' 3200 meter relay team of J.D. Huffer, Ryan Everett, Kevin Kauffman, and Kris Bender and the girls' 400-meter relay team of George, Carrington Wallace, Taylor Saul, and Chelsey Marcotte both finished second. Placing third were Matt Dent in the shot put, Jordan Wagner in the high jump, and Wilcox in the 400-meter dash and long jump.

Grace Currie, Zack Condon, Benoit Goffard, Allee Flora and Nathan Dubes all had career best efforts.

Team scores were: Boys - West Lafayette 148, Benton Central 99, Rensselaer, 73,

Twin lakes 66, Tipton 57, Delphi 43, Sheridan 10. Girls - West Lafayette 153, Benton Central 140, Tipton 69, Twin Lakes 50, Delphi 36, Rensselaer 29, Sheridan 19.

Earlier last week, the boys and girls both lost to Benton Central. First place finishers for the Oracles were George in the high jump, the girls' 400-meter relay team of George, Wallace, T. Saul, and Marcotte, Dent in the shot put, A.J. Erskin in the 110 high hurdles, Ryan Everett in the 300 hurdles, and the boys' 1600-relay team of Wagner, Andrew Flora, Huffer, and Wilcox.

This week the track teams will compete at Lafayette Jefferson in the sectional championships. The girls competed Tuesday and the boys will compete on Thursday. The top four finishers in each event will advance to the regional the following week.

Oracles prepare for postseason with two more wins

By John J. Dunn
Contributing sportswriter

With the start of postseason sectional play just over a week away, the Delphi baseball team hopes to regain some momentum to close the regular season on a high note and enter tournament play on a role.

One advantage that the Oracles will have this year is that Delphi will be at home as a host site for Sectional play, the first time in a very long time that it has opted to do so.

The Oracles prepared for the postseason playing three of four away from home in

the past week, now making nine of the last ten that they have played on the road.

Delphi was able to earn a split against Hoosier Conference-foe West Lafayette, losing 7-3 at WL last Tuesday, before beating the Red Devils at home on Wednesday 10-7. They went back on the road to defeat Class 1A's #12-ranked North White on Friday 7-2, before bowing to Tipton in another conference road game, 7-6 Monday.

At West Lafayette
Shane Hyman had three hits and an RBI, and freshman Karson Bender added

p.m. with the hopes of earning a berth into the championship game against the Seeger-Clinton Central winner.

The Sectional 37 championship game is scheduled for June 2 at 6 p.m.

The winner of the Delphi Sectional will advance to the Wabash Regional on June 6 and face the winner from the five-team Sectional 38 at Fort Wayne Bishop Luers that includes Adams Central, Bluffton, South Adams and Woodlan in addition to the host team.

Semi-State play continues on June 13 at Kokomo, South Bend Clay (Coveleski Stadium), Avon and Jasper with teams assigned to sites on Sunday following the regional tournaments.

The State Finals will be held on June 19-20 at Victory Field in Indianapolis.

the diplomas. "Multimedia Memories," created by Malena Zook, will feature senior sights and sounds.

Senior Riley Eller will give the closing, followed by the recessionary played by the high school band.

Weather permitting, the new graduates will greet their family and friends outside the gymnasium in the school parking lot immediately following the ceremony.

Graduates who are Academic Honors Diploma candidates are: Megan Ayres, Benjamin Bennington, Bradley Benson, Ashley Bordner, Devon Chapman, Riley Eller, Megan Garrison, Thomas Gillam, Sarah Griffin, Hope Hayden, Alisha Hedrick, Joshua Holda, Amber Hughes, Hannah Jascur, Kaitlin Kennedy, Chandler Keown, Kevin Knaus, Seth Larimore, Tyler Macy, Travis Martin, Justin Moffitt, Kaylee Morehouse,

Lady Oracles record 15th shutout

The #4 ranked Delphi Lady Oracles finished week five of the season with three victories, two over strong competition, last week. **Vs. Southmont**

The 14-2 Southmont Lady Mounties were led by a top pitcher, Jami Addler, who carries a 0.71 ERA. The Oracles came away with a 2-0 victory but only collected two hits. The two hits were executed following mistakes by Addler - a walk and a hit batter. The Oracles capitalized on the two mistakes to take the victory.

The Mounties' first mistake of the game was hitting Oracle lead off batter Whitney Arion on the first pitch of the game. Arion was able to steal second and third bases before being driven home by freshman center fielder Caitlin Schock. The final run of the game came in the second inning as third baseman Carli Rouhier was walked by Addler on four pitches. Rouhier stole second base and was driven home by senior pitcher Brittny Atwood.

Atwood got the victory on the mound her twelfth win of the season. Atwood pitched the first four innings giving up 2 hits and striking out six. Schock assumed the mound in the fifth and gave up two hits and collecting seven strikeouts. **At North White**

The next evening the Lady

Oracles traveled to Monon to take on the Lady Vikings, coming away with a 10-0 shut out. Atwood got the victory again, throwing a two hitter and throwing 11 strike outs. The Lady Oracle bats were active as all but one of the Oracle starters collected base hits, a total of 15 for the evening. All but one of the starters had RBIs on the evening with Brittny Rhodes having two. The Lady Oracles were led by sophomore shortstop Arion who was 5 for 5 and had two doubles and a triple.

The Oracles scored three runs in the first but managed only one run per inning until the seventh when the collected runs numbered nine and ten. The Oracles' speed was apparent as they collected seven stolen bases, three by Rouhier, one each by Arion, Rhodes, Chanler Norman, and Jordyn Bieghler.

The Lady Oracles were able to rest Wednesday night as their game at Winamac was rained out. At this time, it appears the game will not be rescheduled. **Vs. Frontier**

The rain stopped and the sun broke out enabling the Oracles to host the Lady Falcons of Frontier. The game was attended by a large crowd of both Oracle and Falcon fans who all came anticipating a close, hard fought game. Frontier came

into the game ranked 12th in Class A, led by one of the top pitchers in the area, senior Kelsey Mullin. The Lady Falcons found themselves shut out by the Oracles 8-0, the 15th shut out of the year for the Oracles.

Atwood got her third victory of the week, striking out six Falcon batters. Atwood was backed up by a good defensive showing by the other eight Oracles. Senior catcher Leslie Kayser fired up the Oracles and their crowd by throwing out the first batter of the game. The Falcon base runner had reached first on a little dribbler to the infield. The Falcon runner attempted to steal second but Kayser and shortstop Arion teamed up to send her back to the bench. The Oracle defense did not allow another base runner until the fourth inning but the next batter grounded out to end the inning. One Falcon base runner was stranded in the fifth inning as the next two batters were put out.

The sixth inning had one of the most exciting (for Oracle fans) plays one could imagine. The lead off batter for the Falcons, Galligher, got on with a base hit up the center. Galligher was then moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by the next batter for the first out of the inning. The next batter, starting batter Kelsey Mullin, drove a

each had a hit and an RBI, along with a double from Beckett and hits from Salyer and Willis. **At Tipton**

Seven errors, including three in the bottom of the seventh inning proved costly to the Oracles, who could not hold onto a 6-2 lead and drop to 1-6 on the season in games decided by two runs or less.

Hawn and Cripe each had two hits for Delphi and combined to allow only two earned runs on the mound with Cripe adding a pair of RBIs and Neil Snoeberger, Salyer and Bender tallying a hit and an RBI apiece. Bender is now 10-for-15

Beckett added two hits to the 12-hit Delphi attack. Hawn and Cripe each had a double and an RBI.

Willis had a hit and an RBI, and Salyer added a hit, with Hawn earning the victory on the mound in relief of Beckett, hurling four innings and striking out five. **At North White**

Bender stayed on a tear going 3-for-4, including a double, triple and two RBIs to lead the 10-hit attack as Salyer pitched his first complete game of the season, striking out four and allowing only two runs.

Dayton Rumell had a double and an RBI, while Tyler Smith, Hawn and Cripe

Kevin Knaus, Seth Larimore, Travis Martin, Justin Moffitt, Emily Schneckloth, Carson Spesard, Taylor Sproul, Lauren Wilkinson, Malena Zook.

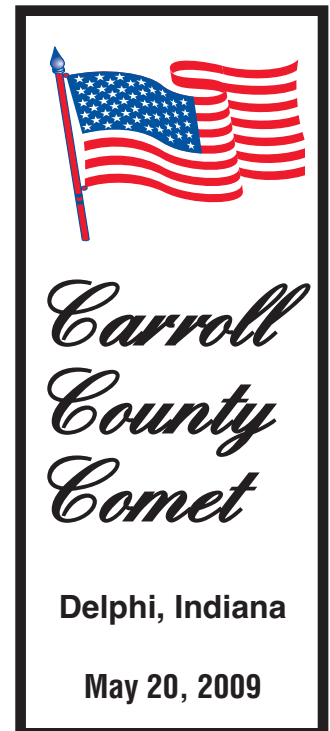
Military enlistees are Seth Larimore and Robert Welch.

Senior Class officers are Lauren Wilkinson, president; Travis Martin, vice president; Malena Zook, secretary; and Megan Garrison, treasurer.

Class colors are blue and white, class flower is the white rose, and class song is "How Far We've Come" (Matchbox 20). The class chose as its motto, "Don't be dismayed at goodbyes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again. And meeting again, after moments or a lifetime is certain for those who are friends." (by Richard Bach) Class sponsor is Tyler Sausaman.

Ushers for commencement will be juniors Jared Collins, Patrick Forgey, Emily Fritz, Jill Griffin,

Crystal Keck, Andrew Miller, Michael Myer, Alix Parrett, Brock Richardson, Weston Rinehart, Allyson Sproul, and Carly Yoder.



double to left field. Left fielder Danni Burge picked up the ball by the outfield fence and relayed it to shortstop Arion who threw Galligher out at home. Catcher Leslie Kayser, in a heads up play, caught Mullin trying to stretch her double into a triple. Kayser fired the ball back to Arion who ran Mullin back toward second, flipped the ball to second baseman Schock for the third out of the inning.

The Oracles had eight hits spread among 7 batters - Arion getting two hits, one a double. Arion, Schock, Burge, Rhodes and Aspen Wallace all had RBIs. Rhodes also had two stolen bases.

The Lady Oracles completed games at Northwestern on Monday night and hosted the Clinton Prairie Lady Gophers on Tuesday night. Saturday they travel to Indianapolis to play in a 4-team tourney with host Cardinal Ritter, Frontier, and Lawrence Central. The Oracles are matched with Frontier in the first game in the morning.

Sectional pairings were announced Thursday with Carroll hosting (see schedule in Scoreboard, page 2B). The winner of the Sectional will play in the Regional hosted by Eastern of Howard County on June 6.

(.667 avg.) with three doubles, a triple, a home run and eight RBIs over the last four games. Salyer is riding a 12-game hitting streak and is 20-of-44 (.455) during the span, including 16 RBIs, three doubles and a triple, and Hawn is hitting .366 (15-of-41) over the last 15 games after a slow start.

Delphi completes the regular season this week with three Hoosier Conference contests - hosting Tipton Tuesday night (too late for print), before traveling to Rensselaer Thursday at 6 p.m. then hosting the Bombers in the back-half of the home-and-home series on Friday at 6 p.m.

Baseball Sectional draw complete

By John J. Dunn
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Pairings are out for the 43rd Annual IHSAA Baseball State Tournament with both Delphi and Carroll participating in the five-team Class 2A Sectional 37 at Delphi.

Class 1A Rossville will face the host Lafayette Central Catholic in the five-team Sectional 53 that includes Frontier, Clinton Prairie and Tri-Central.

The Oracles will host Fountain Central in the opening game of the Delphi Sectional on May 28 at 6 p.m. with Carroll scheduled to face the winner in the semi-finals.

Bye-recipients Seeger and Clinton Central square off in the first game on Monday night at 5 p.m., with the Delphi-Fountain Central winner then playing Carroll, who earned the other bye, at 7

two hits and an RBI to lead the 9-hit Oracle offense.

Tanner Cripe had a double, and Austin Hawn, Dustin Salyer and Tyler Willis each singled for Delphi.

Cripe pitched four innings in relief of Willis, striking out three and allowing only two earned runs as three Oracle miscues led to two unearned runs. **Vs. West Lafayette**

Bender went 4-for-4 with four RBIs, including a 3-run home run and a pair of doubles as the Oracles gained a measure of redemption over the Red Devils.

Andrew Flora went 2-for-2 with an RBI and A.J.

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Algebra 1-8: Tallis Bowers
Pre-Algebra: Kaileigh Bordner
HOOSIER HEARTLAND MATH CONTEST

Tallis Bowers, Betsy Bingaman, Derik Caldwell, Gavin Hancock

ART 8
Coty Ritter
ENGLISH 7

Outstanding: Jim Eller, Cameryn Sproul, Brett Miller, Reid Clingenpeel. Award: Hayden Crume, Katherine Veach, Cameron Conn, Brody Dearing, Derik Caldwell, Seth Eldridge, Caleb Hendershot, Sybyl Pencek, Dakota Wilson

JUNIOR HIGH YEARBOOK
Brian Bordner, Reid Clingenpeel, Erin Brickhouse
ENGLISH 8

Kaileigh Bordner, Marcus Hedrick, Tallis Bowers, Alex Luzadder

SOCIAL STUDIES
7th: Gunnar Meyer, Jessica Courtney, Derik Caldwell, Jordan Martin, Reid Clingenpeel, Katy Veach, Brett Miller, Alexia Miller

8th: Courtney Benefiel
SCIENCE
7th: Alexia Miller, outstanding
8th: Tallis Bowers, outstanding;

Dustin Denmark, Maizie Wickersham, Jay Hodson
CHOIR

7th: Elliot Packard, tenor/bass; Alivia Seward, soprano; Sybyl Pencek, alto

8th: Brian Bordner, tenor/bass; Sarah Thomas, soprano; Samantha Gates, alto

THE PROMISE AWARD
Brandon Gasser
HEALTH

7th girls: Outstanding - Rebekah Forgey, Sarah Collins
8th girls: Outstanding - Courtney Benefiel

7th boys: Derik Caldwell, Seth Eldridge
8th boys: Coty Ritter, Gavin Hancock

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
7th girls: Outstanding - Sybyl Pencek
8th girls: Outstanding - Betsy Bingaman

7th boys: Elliot Packard, Sean Mylet
8th boys: Braydon Kitchel, Tallis Bowers.

STAR DISCOVERY
Maizie Wickersham
FFA OFFICER TEAM

Maizie Wickersham, Brady Wiles, Storm Dreadfulwater, Kaitlin Ragan, Allison Nelson, Paige Spesard, Kylie Wagone,

Will Taylor, Heather Wickersham, Derik Caldwell
FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE
7th: Cassandra Gillam, Logan Jackson, Brandon McCarty, Gunnar Meyer

8th: Samantha Gates, Tyler Powell
TECHNOLOGY

7th: Brett Miller, Brock Giddens, Makayla Cowell, Bailey Maxwell

8th: Tallis Bowers, Bridget Peden
MIDWEST TALENT SEARCH

Alivia Seward, Brian Bordner, Derik Caldwell
PRESIDENTIAL EDUCATION AWARDS

Trevor Ayres, Katelyn Baldwin, Courtney Benefiel, Neil Benson, Elizabeth Bingaman, Brian Bordner, Kaileigh Bordner, Tallis Bowers, Jacob Bush, Storm Dreadfulwater, Samantha Gates, Gavin Hancock, Marcus Hedrick, James Hodson, Braydon Kitchel, Alexis Lees, Eric Miller, Bridget Peden, Caitlin Pickens, Tyler Powell, Cassandra Proffitt, Kaitlin Ragan, Coty Ritter, Paige Spesard, Ryan Spesard, Bethany Stoddard, Kylie Wagone, Maizie Wickersham, Brady Wiles