

Lady Oracles repeat as Sectional champions

Delphi's Lady Oracles have repeated as Sectional champion after winning two games last week in Sectional 37, hosted by Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School. In their first round game the Oracles defeated the Seeger Lady Patriots 7-2, then pounded the Lady Mustangs of Fountain Central 15-0 on Wednesday night.

Vs. Seeger

Anytime a team wins and advances in the sectional, things are going well. But ask the Oracle coaching staff about the win and they would express disappointment in Delphi's level of play. The Lady Oracles won but did not play with the intensity and concentration seen in the last few weeks of regular season. While committing only one fielding error, the Lady Oracles made 5 base running errors... and still came out on top.

Senior pitcher Brittney Atwood continued her excellent season, notching her 17th win. Atwood allowed only two hits, gave up no walks, and struck out 8 Lady Patriots. The Seeger pitcher did not far so well. After giving up a lead off single to Whitney Arion, Arion was able to score on three wild pitches. The Seeger pitcher did finally settle down but still gave up 13 hits to the Oracles. Nine Oracle batters got base hits with Arion and Atwood getting three each. Caitlin Schock and Brittney Rhodes had two RBIs each. Junior left-fielder Danni Burge and Rhodes got the only extra base hits of the game, both hitting doubles.

Vs. Fountain Central

Wednesday night in the championship game the Lady Oracles faced the Fountain Central Lady Mustangs who had defeated Carroll 2-1 in a nine-inning first round game on Memorial Day. The Lady Mustangs bounded the Bulldogs of Clinton Central in round two 13-0, but found



DCHS wins sectional crown

The Lady Oracles varsity softball team has won back-to-back sectional championships. The team defeated Fountain Central 15-0 to claim the title. Team members pictured are (l-r): Front - Kara Laxson, Megan Yates, Brianna Walters, Brittney Atwood, Aspen Wallace, Leslie Kayser. Middle - Jordyn Beighler, Chanler Norman, Morgan Lavy, Whitney Arion, Danielle Burge, Brittani Rhodes, Randee Schultz, Carli Rouhier, Caitlin Schock. Back - Coaches Jimmy Arion, Randy German and Jeff Bieghler. Photo provided

themselves facing an intense Oracle team in the championship.

The Lady Oracles, visitors in this game, batted first. The tone of the game was set early as the first two batters for the Oracles, Arion and sophomore first baseman Chanler Norman, both bounded double, two of the 8 doubles the Oracles would hit on the evening. While only coming away with one run in the first, Arion's score on Norman's RBI, the game was really over in the second inning.

In the second inning the two lead off batters, Rhodes and Aspen Wallace, both got

back to the fence talking to the TV cameraman who was filming from center field.

With the score 15-0 in the fourth inning the Delphi coaches made sure everyone got to enjoy playing in a Sectional championship game. While the Mustang pitcher was giving up 20 hits to the Oracles, Atwood and Schock combined for a two-hit shut out. Atwood got the victory, number 18 on the season, and had a no-hitter with two outs in the third when the number nine batter got a line drive single just over the glove of leaping shortstop Arion. This was the only hit given up by Atwood who immediately struck out the next batter she

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stranded the Lady Mustang runner on first. Schock gave up a one run hit, a single to the first Mustang batter she faced, but that runner soon returned to the dug out when Arion and Norman combined for a double play with the next Mustang batter.

The Lady Oracles will face

31st Hog Jog set for June 20

Comet staff report

Registration is under way for the 31st annual Flora Hog Jog.

The event, sponsored by Flora Lions Club, will be held June 20 at Flora Community Park.

The 10K run is a certified course and will start at 8:15 a.m. The two-mile run and walk will begin at 7:30 a.m. A 400-meter fun run for children ages two to seven will begin at 9:30 a.m.

To register, visit www.hogjog.com. Advance registration cutoff is June 13.

Registration will also take place the day of the race, starting at 6:30 a.m.

In addition to the runs and walk, the Flora Rotary Club will serve a French Toast and Sausage Breakfast at the park, beginning at 6:30 a.m., and the Idler's Car Club will sponsor the annual Hog Jog Cruise-In under the trees in the park during the afternoon.

Lewis Cass, defending state champions, in the Regional Saturday, hosted by Eastern of Howard County. The Oracles had defeated Cass 1-0 in the first game of the season. Game time Saturday is 11 a.m.

The winner of this game will face the winner of the 1 p.m. game between Madison-Grant and South Adams. The championship game will be played at 7 p.m. Ticket prices are \$5 per session or \$8 for a full day pass. Support the Lady Oracles!

Oracles drop Sectional opener

By John Dunn
Contributing sportswriter

So many times this season, the Delphi baseball team has played in close ballgames, only to become victimized by one big inning that leads to a defeat.

It played out again Thursday night, only this time it was while hosting the Class 2A Sectional opener against Fountain Central, an 8-4 defeat that ended the season for the Oracles.

In a game that featured ex-

cellent defense to support some great pitching, Delphi and Fountain Central had battled tooth, nail and claw to a 1-0 Oracle lead after five complete innings.

Each starting pitcher had allowed only two hits to that point, and the lone run of the game was a manufactured one in the bottom of the 2nd inning as Karson Bender led-off with a hit, stole second base and advanced to third on an errant throw from the

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Camden's Youth Day features parade

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Camden's annual Youth Day Parade will be Saturday, starting at 10 a.m. sharp. The grand marshal will be Jennifer Wallace, a youth league participant and former ball player.

Boosters of the year to be recognized are Brim Concrete, Q-Graphics, and Fite's Mobility.

Congressman Joe Donnelly will present an American flag to the Jackson Township Park Board. The flag will be flown

in memory of Brian Ballard, who died Dec. 24. Ballard played baseball at the park, as do his children, and was a league coach.

The National Anthem will be sung by Leah Abbott and Marilyn Wilburn will give the invocation.

The remainder of the day will include ballgames, raffles and a bake sale, all at the park.

The Youth Day Parade committee is Barbarie Rude, Susan Kleckner and Nichole Pearson.

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Wildcat Creek festival is Saturday



Wildflowers at Oxbow

Spring wildflowers are found in the wooded section of the Adams Mill Oxbow Natural Area along Wildcat Creek near Cutler. The woods and former field at Oxbow are being developed for natural preservation by the Wildcat Creek Foundation with the help of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. DNR's Nature Preserve Division is especially interested in the many wildflower species at Oxbow. Pictured here are bloodroot flowers. The plant has bright red juice in its roots. Indians had many uses for bloodroot including war paint and cough medicine. Early settlers made a red dye from bloodroot. The public is invited to walk at Oxbow's new perimeter trail around the woods during the Celebrate Wildcat Creek festival at Adams Mill on June 6. Photo provided

The fifth annual Celebrate Wildcat Creek festival will be held at historic Adams Mill near Cutler from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 6.

The event honors the creek that passes through five counties. The public is invited to join the fun of enjoying the creek in one of its most scenic and historic spots.

The National Trails Day event honors the creek as a wonderful water trail. Free canoe trips along the creek will occur throughout the day. These are carefully supervised by experts from the Wildcat Guardians.

On land, the new perimeter trail of the Adams Mill Oxbow Natural Area will be open for hiking between the mill and the covered bridge. Also, guided nature walks will be conducted.

Event goers will be able to tour Adams Mill. Built in 1845, the old grist mill also served as an electric power plant for the Cutler area for a time during the early part of the 20th century.

Food for purchase will be provided by the Promoting Wildcat Valley organization. Proceeds from these sales go to a fund for a memorial with the old Methodist Church bell to be constructed at Ball Hill Cemetery.

The three sponsoring organizations of the event, Wildcat Creek Foundation, Wildcat Guardians, and Wildcat Creek Watershed Alliance, will share their missions and goals to preserve and protect the creek as well as present ways for citizens to get involved.

Artists will be on site demonstrating their craft. Other local historical and conservation organizations will also have booths to inform the public and celebrate their connection to the creek.

Adams Mill is located one half mile east of Cutler. Cutler is on County Road 500S, just off State Road 75.

For additional information, visit www.wildcatguardians.org. For National Trails Day information: www.americanhiking.org/NTD.aspx.



Tree clearing along Oxbow trail

Volunteers from the Wildcat Guardians and Wildcat Creek Foundation cleared trees recently along the new perimeter trail at the Adams Mill Oxbow Natural Area along Wildcat Creek near Cutler. They are following a plan developed by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to restore 50 acres of field and woods to a condition resembling the natural presettlement setting of 200 years ago. The plan calls for the removal of invasive, non-native trees that have made inroads into the woods along the edge of the field. Recently much of the field was planted in a large variety of young native trees. The perimeter trail around the old field will be open to the public for the Celebrate Wildcat Creek festival June 6. Pictured l-r are Bob Hoshaw, Ken Munro, Charlie Skoog, Al Auffart and Alan Flowers. Photo provided

Correction

Seven photos of Delphi Community High School graduates were misidentified in last week's Comet. The pictures with the correct identification are found below.



Candice Michelle James

Cory Allen James

Karlie Noel James

Kristopher Alexander Jones

Michael Anthony Jones

Nicholi James Kauffman

Leslie Marie Kayser