

Free concerts, pony rides, games and more will replace carnival at 4-H fair

Comet staff report

The 2009 Carroll County 4-H Fair is fast approaching. The annual event will begin July 10 and run through July 17.

In addition to the 4-H animals and projects, the Flora Community Club hosts entertainment.

Typically carnival rides are featured entertainment, but this year no carnival company is available during Carroll County's fair.

To provide entertainment, the Flora Community Club is hosting a Concerts in the Park series, along with inflatables, pony rides and performances by the American Hellriders on the Wall of Death.

The Concerts in the Park are free to the public. Those attending should bring their own seating.

The series starts off with Amanda Overmyer on Friday night, July 10. She will perform from 7-9 p.m. in front of the Merchant's Building.

A Delphi Community

High School graduate, Overmyer was a 2008 American Idol finalist.

Overmyer has a new album called "Solidify," which is a product of her grassroots approach to music. She uses local musicians in her band and will be available after the concert for autographs.

The remainder of the concert series will be located west of the tennis courts (near Shelter 15). On Sunday, July 12, His Reflection and Malachi Jagers will be featured performers. His Reflection, Dan Galema and Ginny Yoder, will perform from 3:30 to 4:30. Malachi Jagers' concert will be from 7-9 p.m. Jagers, another DCHS graduate, is a soft-spoken music minister from Lafayette. He uses a direct message and melodies to relate his life into scripture to uplift those listening to his music.



Overmyer



Jagers

Downtime will take the stage from 6-9 p.m. Monday, July 13. Downtime is a local band that has played during Flora's Moonlight Madness.

To wrap up the Concert Series, Steve Trent and Small Town band will perform Tuesday, July 14, from 7-9 p.m. Steve Trent and Small Town is based out of Lafayette. Their performance includes songs written by the group as well as ones written by Nashville's hottest songwriters.

There will be inflatables and pony rides from 5-9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, July 13-15. Inflatables include the Rotary's Moon Walk, Bungee Run, Obstacle Course, and a 6-in-1 Activities Center. Prices for the inflatables will be \$1 and \$2.

Pony rides at \$5 each will be offered Friday through Tuesday, July 10-14. On

Monday, July 13., there will be a Pet Parade at 5:30 p.m. on the basketball court and at 6:30 p.m. an Antique Tractor Drive will take place inside the fairgrounds.

Tuesday evening, July 14, at 6 p.m., the Antique Tractor Club will host tractor games.

Rounding out the week will be performances by the American Hellriders on the Wall of Death. This show will be featured Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 15-17, with performances at 2, 4, 6 and 8 p.m.. This motorcycle stunt show is performed in a barrel-shaped cylinder with viewing access on a platform around the drum, looking down. The motorcycles start in the middle, at the bottom of the drum and drive up an initial ramped section until they gain enough velocity to drive horizontally to the floor defying gravity. Each show can accommodate approximately 200 people and will cost \$5 for adults, and \$3 for ages 13 and under.

Noble Bikes to open July 4 at Canal Park

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Kevin and Jean Howell of rural Delphi are the owners and operators of a new business that will serve the needs of patrons of the outdoors. Their business, "Noble Bikes at the Canal," is set to open July 4 at the Wabash & Erie Canal Park in Delphi.

Ten miles of trails at the canal park have been attracting a growing number of bicycle and hiking enthusiasts in recent years.

Noble Bikes will feature bicycle rentals which will include mountain and cruising bikes and coming soon bicycle surreys and adult tri-cycles. They will also offer trail snacks, water and other

beverages, cane poles and fishing worms and more.

"Ours will be the first concession to be located at canal park," Kevin Howell said. "It is our feeling that along with the new canal boat, Noble Bikes will help grow the number of visitors to this historic area."

The business, located in the Duke Mule Barn behind

the Interpretive Center, will also stock a number of standard bike parts, offer complimentary air and the use of a bike stand and tools. Customers will have the opportunity to suggest items they would like to see stocked.

"We are happy and excited to establish Noble Bikes at the Canal," Jean Howell added. "We feel our business will make a visit to canal park even more enjoyable than it already is and we want to encourage customers to suggest things they would like to see us carry."

For information, contact the Howells at (574) 965-2025 or by e-mail at jhowell@ytci.com.

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Business Briefs

ERIC RAMSEY has joined Co-Alliance LLP's Energy Team. Ramsey resides in the Rossville area with his wife, Ashley. He grew up in Clinton County, operates a small purebred Angus herd, and previously worked at Caterpillar, Jackson-Lee-Pearson and MacCallister Machinery.

Lafayette Neighborhood Housing Services is now doing business as **HOME-STEAD CONSULTING**

SERVICES. According to the board of directors, the new name more closely aligns with the service area and refocused direction of the organization. State Farm Insurance Company has donated \$13,500 in start-up funds for the new direction.

Lafayette Neighborhood Housing Services has helped residents in Tippecanoe County with housing issues for over 25 years and has administered over \$82

million in public and private money. Assistance was expanded in 2006 to include eight additional counties: Carroll, Benton, Boone, Clinton, Fountain, Montgomery, Warren and White.

The program will now revolve around providing counseling and education and grants to homebuyers and potential homebuyers.

To learn more about the new services go to homesteadconsulting.net.

Recycling program successful, winning awards

By Jenna Buehler
Contributing writer

Carroll County has a program that is outstanding in the state and has received recognition for its efforts. Carroll Communities Recycling Cooperative (CCRC) received a distinction by being featured on the front page of the 2008 Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) annual report magazine. CCRC also received last year's Local Government Cooperation Award. In addition to receiving awards, Delphi Street Superintendent Aaron Lyons said that his department "had a successful run last year." They collected more than 708 tons of material was collected to be recycled.

CCRC offers curbside recycling collection services to Flora and Burlington on Wednesdays and Delphi on regularly scheduled trash pickup days (Tuesdays for residents). Recyclables must be on the curb by 7 a.m.

Drop off locations are available at the Burlington fire station, with an attendant on site every third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon; Camden Community Center with an attendant on site every on the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon; and at 259 N Washington St. in Delphi, an unattended 24-hour location.

Recycling items accepted at curbside and drop-off sites include:

- ✓ Cardboard

- ✓ Aluminum and steel cans
- ✓ Newspaper
- ✓ Magazines
- ✓ Glass
- ✓ Number one and two plastics

Oil, oil filters, and antifreeze can be brought to the Carroll County Highway Garage located at 616 E. Elizabeth St. in Flora 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A limit of 5 gallons of non-contaminated used oil per person can be accepted.

Lyons said CCRC is no longer able to collect paint due to a lack of space. He said that absorbing latex paint into kitty litter makes it acceptable for pickup. Lyons said that the lack of

space also prohibits CCRC from expanding the program to collect oil and fluorescent light bulbs. Those items should be disposed of on the Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District collection day.

For recycling information in Delphi call (765) 564-2353; Flora (574) 967-4844; or Burlington (765) 566-3672.

The Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District 2009 Household Hazardous Waste and Tire Collection will be July 25 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Flora fairgrounds. For more information call (800) 856-0980.



County recycling program featured in magazine

Flora Clerk/Treasurer Joretta Tinsman browses through the Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) 2008 annual report magazine. Tinsman, a member of the Carroll Communities Recycling Cooperative (CCRC) board said the cooperative was featured on the first page of the report because of their commitment to work together to provide the area with a recycling program. "They're pushing for people to work together to provide for the community what we can, and that's what we've done with CCRC." Comet photo by Jenna Buehler



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Delphi, Indiana

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Your Carroll County Chamber of Commerce hosted a Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting for the Porcupine Truffle

21 S. Center St. in Flora last Thursday.

From the Truffle, front (L to R) Marlene Peterson, Ethan Reinke, Cindy Reinke (owner), Bev Frushour (manager), Hannah Reinke, Abby Reinke. Representatives from the County Chamber, EDC & Flora Community Club were on hand for the event, back (L to R) - Julia Leahy, Pat Meade, Sana Booker, Julia Bartos, Daryl Smith, and Laurie Brower.

FLORA FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

GOSPEL FEST!

July 4th
at the
Flora Park
From 6 - 9:30 p.m.

Featured performers:

New Life, New Hope, New Joy, He Brings

RESURRECTION

Dustin & Kaila Vargo

Bring a lawn chair, Come enjoy Christian music before the Flora Fireworks!

Note:
Flora Lions Club will be selling ice cream.

THANK YOU!

The Delphi Preservation Society and artists Rena Brouwer, Terry Lacy, and Alan McConnell wish to thank the community for its support during the opening weekend of the Opera House Gallery of Contemporary Art...(nearly 700 visitors!)
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The Opera House Gallery of Contemporary Art is owned and operated by the Delphi Preservation Society with proceeds going toward the restoration of the historic Assion-Ruffing City Hall & its Opera House.