

Jobless find opportunities networking



The Flora Presbyterian Church will hold a follow-up event in August to the two recent events the church hosted to assist people in preparing for employment and in finding jobs. Indiana Packers Co. in Delphi (pictured) was one of the employers represented at last Wednesday evening's job networking event. Program chairman and church elder Barb Mayfield said the church will use participants' feedback about the areas of greatest need to plan the August session. The date and time will be announced later. Photo provided

ACRE/DCP program enrollment deadline rapidly approaching

Comet staff report

Producers are being reminded of the importance of timely electing and enrolling in the new Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program or the traditional Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP). The deadline to enroll in ACRE or DCP for 2009 is Aug. 14.

Don Hunton, acting executive director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Indiana, explained, "The Average Crop Revenue Election program is an innovative alternative to the traditional farm safety net. With this new program also comes a complex signup process. It is important producers contact their local office to set up appointments well before the Aug. 14, 2009, deadline."

Late-filed applications for ACRE or DCP will not be accepted. ACRE elections on the CCC-509ACRE will not be approved until all producers, including owners, on a farm have signed the CCC-509ACRE for election and the CCC-509 for enrollment into the ACRE program. For crop year 2009, a CCC-509ACRE and CCC-509 not having all requisite signatures of producers on a farm by the election/enrollment deadline will not be considered submitted for the purpose of election/enrollment and will not be acted on or approved. If producers do not elect ACRE, they have the option of completing the CCC-509 contract for enrollment into the DCP program by August 14, 2009. Both ACRE and DCP require all signatures be obtained by the dead-

line. Hunton emphasized, "In all cases, it is the responsibility of the operator and owners of a farm to obtain and submit all necessary signatures on the CCC-509ACRE election form and the CCC-509 for ACRE or DCP program enrollment by the deadline".

To elect ACRE for a farm, producers must complete Form CCC-509ACRE, which irrevocably elects ACRE for the farm through crop year 2012. Form CCC-509, the contract to participate in ACRE, must then be completed each year the producer intends to participate and receive benefits.

For more information about the ACRE program visit the local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Conserve water, use a rainbarrel

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is encouraging the use of rain barrels to conserve water.

Because watering yards and washing cars can account for up to 40 percent of municipal water usage during spring and summer months, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is encouraging Hoosiers to use rain barrels to conserve water.

Precipitation that is collected in rain barrels can be stored or released slowly into gardens and landscapes. This redirects water into the ground where it can be absorbed, rather than funneled into lakes and streams, where it can carry household contaminants such as motor oil and fertilizer.

While limiting pollution and flooding, rainwater is also ideal for many uses around the garden. Containing fewer types of sediment and no minerals, water collected in rain barrels is perfect for gardening, as well as washing the car and windows.

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Library News

Flora-Monroe Twp.

The last event of the summer reading season will be a party! We love to celebrate at the Flora Library, and we will mark the end of summer reading with a bang. Come party with us; we'll have games, an edible craft, treats, and lots of "creative" fun.

The program is also a reception for the art classes in June. Many of the finished pieces are displayed in the library's Richter Program Room. The instructor, Grace Woodruff, will be available to explain the projects and techniques used. At the end of the party, art students will be able to take their creations home.

We will also have our raffle drawings during the party. Summer reading participants have until the event to finish their reading records to be eligible for the raffle prizes. The End of Summer Reading Party is July 23 at 2 p.m.

Flora's discussion of "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson, led by library director Melissa Bishop, was this morning at the Flora Senior Center. A special thanks to Mary Jo Redmon, Flora Senior Center Director, for hosting this event. Look for upcoming discussions of the Carroll County on the Same Page selection at the Delphi and Camden public libraries.

Storytime is ending for a few weeks but kids can always hear great stories by calling the library's Dial-a-Story line. The story currently playing is, "The Fox and the Rooster." Friday the story changes to, "The Price is High." Call Dial-a-Story at 967-3814.

Delphi, Public

Faith Inspired Book club will meet July 23 at 9 a.m. over coffee and refreshments to discuss the popular Francine Rivers book, "The Last Sin Eater." Cadi Forbes is desperate to find the one man who can set her free from the sin that plagues her. The sin has stolen her mother's love and made her wish she could flee life and its terrible injustice. Several copies are available.

The Morning Book Club will meet July 24 at 9 a.m. to discuss this year's Carroll County on the Same Page selection, "A Walk in the Woods," by Bill Bryson. This comic adventure is the real-life account of Bryson's 2,100 mile hike through the Appalachian Trail.

Stargazers Children's Theatre will present "Charlotte's Web, the musical" July 25 at 7 p.m. and July 26 at 3 p.m. at the Delphi Community High School's Little Theatre. Forty-

one students ages five to 14 star in the show that is based on the children's classic book by E. B. White. The event is free and open to the public.

For information, call (765) 564-2929.

Camden

Twenty children attended the summer reading program at the Camden-Jackson Twp. Public Library last Wednesday. Activities centered around a drama theme. The children made their own card stock faces mask with wooden handles. Lots of craft supplies were on hand to decorate them. From clown faces to animal faces, the children used their imagination to design their own unique mask.

Following craft time the children explored wooden African masks. Some of the masks on display were thin, while some were fat. Each wooden mask had carvings, making beautiful designs. The children took crayons and paper to "rub" the masks to duplicate the designs

and texture.

Following story time door prizes were awarded to each child in attendance and refreshments of No Bake Cookies were served on the front porch of the library.

Children will be traveling to the Peru Circus on July 15 as a reward for completing the summer reading program.

Stop by the library and pick up a copy of the latest Carroll County on the Same Page book to enjoy. This year's selection is "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson. Several copies are available.

Burlington Community

Burlington Community Library has many new books for kids who like to read about camping, weather, fossils, the ocean, and other fun subjects. These new additions are part of the "Reading for Learning, Reading for Life" program. A matching grant was received from the Carroll County Community Foundation for this pro-

gram. More books will be arriving soon.

The library has also received a large number of young children's books that are now available for check out.

The new children's area is just about ready for young readers to enjoy. A beautiful nature scene was painted for this corner. An area rug and some beanbag chairs will arrive soon.

Summer hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Volunteers and new board members are needed. Anyone who would like to join a great team of volunteers and make a difference in the community, call 566-3166.

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This year's "Memories" will concentrate on two decades - the 1950s and '60s. We're counting on YOU, our readers, to sort through your albums and pull out the photos that define those decades in Carroll County. Remember the old movie theaters, sock hops, hula-hoops, the classic cars, farm equipment, old businesses and diners? Who could forget the poodle skirts, sack dresses, pop beads, bell bottoms and other funky, mod, and hippy styles? How 'bout those poodle cuts and ducktails? We want these kinds of photos, along with a few ball teams and school classes from those eras.

Please identify the persons in the photo and provide a brief description, including the approximate year.

- Photos may be dropped off at the Delphi or Flora Comet Offices or emailed to comet@carrollcountycomet.com by July 24th.
- Photos may be picked up after Aug. 5th

All digital photos must be at least 5"x7" and a resolution of at least 200 dpi