

# Cougars win opener against Tri-County

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The Cougars' first victory of the year was a hard fought battle over Tri County. For a while it did not look too promising for the young Cougars; they just weren't clicking. But in the third quarter they put the ball in the end zone for the only score of the game. With the extra point, Carroll won 7-0.

Mother Nature threatened with rain for a while, but the skies cleared in the west and the rain left. Carroll won the coin toss and deferred, kicking off to start the game. Neither team could move the ball until late in the second quarter, as the Cavaliers threatened deep in Cougar territory only to come away with nothing as Jon Bush and others turned up the "Blue Machine

D," stopping the Cavaliers. At half-time neither team had scored.

The Cougar defense made mental mistakes, costing the team

several times for pass interference. However, Carroll's defense played tough all night long as they had the Cavs going backwards more yards than forward.

The only score in the game came when senior Brandon Williamson scored on a 5-yard TD run. Freshman Marcus Hedrick kicked the extra

point, and the Cougars were on the score board 7-0.

The offensive line opened holes for Williamson in the second half. He would burst through for good yardage. But the offense needs to fine tune its passing game.

Carroll's victory spoiled the final game for Tri-County's head coach Jeff Hettinger who had resigned to become the assistant principal at North Newton. Defensive coordinator Jared Urban will take over as head coach.

Carroll's Williamson finished the night rushing for 136 yards on 23 carries with one touchdown. Junior Jon Bush led the defense with 11 tackles.

This Friday night Carroll hosts the annual Bacon Bowl against Delphi. Game time is 7 p.m.



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## Battle of the Bounty – help stock the food pantry's shelves

Comet staff report

Coinciding with the annual Bacon Bowl football rivalry is the Battle of the Bounty.

Both Carroll Jr.-Sr. and Delphi Community high schools have been collecting canned and boxed goods for the Carroll County Food Pantry. They will also be collecting for their respective schools at Friday night's Carroll-Delphi football game at Carroll. Anyone who brings five or more food pantry items to the game will be given either a blue or black rally towel. There are 100 towels to be given away.

Heading up the food pantry drives are Delphi FFA and Carroll yearbook staff and student council. Sponsors for these groups, respectively, are Beth Theobald and Doug Walker for DCHS and, Pat Spence and Gary Duff for CJSHS.

Last year the Delphi contingent out gave the Carroll fans and won the Battle of the Bounty.

Carroll County residents are served by two pantry sites – Delphi and Flora.



## Delphi blanked in opener

By Todd Swank  
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Jamie Sailors knew his first game as the Oracles head coach would be a challenge against powerhouse Central Catholic. It turned out to be an extreme challenge as the Knights left Berto Field with a 56-0 win.

The Sailors era could not have started any worse when, on the first play of the season, CC's Danny Anthrop ran a sweep 52 yards for a TD. Two minutes later Scott Windler blocked a Dustin Salyer punt and pounced on the ball in the end zone to make it 14-0 at 9:23 of the first. The Knights kept rolling. Tom Almond scored on a 6-yard run followed by a 15-yard TD scamper by Cody Christopher and CC had a four-touchdown lead late in the first period. CC's Chris Mills, who was 7 of 9, appeared ready to make it 35-0 when he tossed the ball into the end zone. Will Draper stepped in front of the receiver to stop that threat with an interception.

Changing ends of the field in the second quarter did not change the way the game played out. CC scored three more TDs to give them a 49-0 halftime lead. The only bright spot was when the Knights' Stu Cocoran picked off a Tanner Cripe pass and returned it to the Delphi 3. The Oracle defense held this time. On first down Braden Atwood stopped Tom Almond for a 2-yard loss and then forced a fumble on the following down that the Oracles recovered.

Even though CC coach Kevin O'Shea played mostly subs in the second half, the Oracle offense did not fare much better. The defense however improved, holding CC to a lone second half TD.

Delphi travels to Carroll Friday night for a 7 p.m. kickoff in the annual Bacon Bowl Classic.



**Blocked pass**  
Oracle Dustin Salyer knocks down a Central Catholic pass during Friday night's season opener. Bill Stauffer photo

## Report banded birds when found

Comet staff report

The Department of Natural Resources asks individuals who come across Canadian geese, mourning doves or wood ducks that have been banded to report that information.

"When we band geese, we attach an aluminum band to one leg. Since each band has a unique number on it, this allows biologists to identify each bird that has ever been banded, if it is captured again

or harvested by a hunter." DNR waterfowl biologist Adam Phelps said.

When the DNR bands a bird it plots that point on a map. If the bird is caught again the following year, harvested by a hunter, hit by a car or if a birder reads the band number through binoculars and reports the band, the program has another point on a map for that bird.

Indiana's breeding geese move around much more than most people think. Birds

banded in June have been harvested by hunters from Idaho to Delaware and from Hudson Bay in Canada to Alabama.

"Two points give us a line. With thousands of such lines, we can develop movement patterns for these geese or other birds," Phelps said.

If a banded bird is found, report it to the national Bird Banding Laboratory by calling (800) 327-2263 or at reportband.gov.

# Camp Tecumseh to celebrate 85 years

Former campers, counselors and friends invited to celebration

Comet staff report

A little 30-acre pasture along the Tippecanoe River in Carroll County is now one of the largest and most successful YMCA camps in America.

"The original founders would be thrilled to see both the quality of camp as well as the amazing growth we have experienced since 1924," commented Dave Wright, Executive

Director of the 500-acre Camp Tecumseh, located six miles west of Delphi. "Besides the great enrollment and facilities, they would be so happy to see that the development of Christian character has remained an important aspect of the Tecumseh experience."

This year represents the camp's 85th year of continuous operation. "Camp Tecum-

seh is blessed to be thriving, even in this challenging economy," explained Wright. "Campers love the sheer joy of camp and parents appreciate that we partner with them in teaching traditional values. Moms tell me that Camp Tecumseh is one of the last things they will cut from their budget."

In honor of its 85th anniversary, all former campers,

counselors, and camp friends are invited to a Homecoming Celebration that will be held Sept. 5 beginning at 10 a.m. at the camp. Pre-registration is required by calling the camp at (765) 564-2898. Lots of traditional camp activities will be offered including swimming at the pools and the lake, archery, climbing walls, and horseback riding, and a big campfire program

that evening.

A special feature of the event will be the unveiling of a new camp book, "From the Heart: A Collection of Your Camp Tecumseh Stories." Each family attending the 85th Homecoming will receive a free copy of the book and many of the story authors will be in attendance.

YMCA Camp Tecumseh is a charitable organization

whose vision is to provide premier camp experiences in the country to children and teens of all backgrounds. The camp strives to create a joyful learning environment that will involve campers in situations and activities that will help them grow in confidence, character, and faith.

More information can be found at www.camp Tecumseh.org.

## Fall Sports Summaries

### Oracles lose to Faith Christian

Delphi varsity volleyball team lost its first match of the season to Faith Christian 19-25, 22-25, 21-25.

The Oracles had a great defensive effort led by Danni Burge with 15 digs followed by Brittani Rhodes with 9. Jordyn Jargstorf had 6 kills while Carrington Wallace added 3 kills. Kara Laxson had 2 aces and Caitlin Schock had 11 assists.

The JV beat Faith Christian in two games. Leading the team were Sarah Coghill with 5 aces, Justine Alderman with 7 assists, and Rhodes with 4 kills.

## Skydivers to attempt free fall record this weekend

Comet staff report

Air Indiana Skydiving Center will attempt to set the state's first free fall record this weekend, Aug. 29-30. The date was incorrect in last week's Comet.

According to George Capitanio, the Center's co-owner, they expect to make at least five attempts at setting a record on Saturday.

The Center will be open both days from 9 a.m. to sunset. The public is invited to come and watch, but Capitanio suggests bringing your own lawn chair. Parking is available outside of the fence.

The skydiving center is located at the Flora Airport on CR 150W, just west of Flora off of SR 18.

## Dance competitors



Three Carroll County participants, (l-r) Anna Scharer, Madison Rinehart, and Halle Chambers competed in the Dupree Tap and Jazz Convention in Chicago. They represented Dance Elite Studio of Kokomo. Anna performed as a 2009 All Star Dancer with a group of All Star Dancers from across the United States. Madison and Halle competed with their VIP groups, both receiving gold awards. Halle performed a jazz solo and received a silver award. Madison received a gold award for her lyrical solo and was a top ten finalist for the jazz scholarship. Anna is a sophomore at Ball State University, majoring in dance and advertising. Halle and Madison are students at Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School. Photo provided

## Mears on State Fair youth staff

Grace Mears of Delphi was selected as a youth staff member at the recently completed Indiana State Fair Youth Leadership Conference held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

Each year, representatives from the current conference are selected by their peers and adult staff to serve in positions as delegate coordinators

and group advisors. These youth staff members will have the responsibility over the next year to plan and implement the next Indiana State Fair Youth Leadership Conference.

In 2009, 62 delegates from across the state participated in activities on the State Fairgrounds. Plus, delegates took part in a mock legislation ses-

sion in the Indiana State House Chambers, participated in service opportunities at the State Fair, and prepared a meal for dignitaries from the Indiana State Fair.

The conference is sponsored by the Indiana State Fair Board and Purdue Extension. Mears' trip was also sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stauffer.