

Lady Cougars preparing for another successful season

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This basketball season the Lady Cougars look much different than last year. Gone are several key players from the repeat sectional championship team from last winter.

Three seniors and JV coach Katie Seward have left the program. Replacing Seward with the JV squad is newcomer to the area Coach Naomi McPherson. She has moved to the area from her home in Michigan.

The Cougars return five players with varsity experience. Leading the way will

be seniors Abby Reinke and Carly Yoder. Both will be called upon to provide leadership and on-court statistics, rebounding, steals and scoring on a regular basis. These two young ladies have worked hard in the off-season to become better basketball players.

Following the senior class are three juniors, Maria Lewis, Quinci Eller and Jessica Yoder. Lewis will be called upon to lead the JV team. Eller and J. Yoder are a quality duo who have played a lot of basketball together. Their experience on the court is beyond statistical measurement.

They provide knowledge and heart that this team will rely upon for much of the season.

The sophomore class has Paige Barnes and Kate Hickner returning with successful freshman experiences to build upon. They will be asked to provide support in their roles during this varsity season.

Finally, there is the freshman class. This group brings numbers and youth to the team. They are Courtney Benefiel, Hunter Cook, Storm Dreadfulwater, Shelbi Fisher, Kaitlyn Ragan, Macy Ropes and Paige Spesard. Fisher and Spesard add numbers to the varsity squad and will learn

from the upperclassmen. The remaining freshmen will compose the JV squad for this season.

After these ladies scrimmaged at Lewis Cass and won three of four quarters, it is apparent they have skills, speed and athleticism.

Coach Mike McCroskey and assistants Jack Malson, Naomi McPherson and Tom Hedde will have these ladies pointed in the right direction all season.

The Lady Cougars open their 2009-2010 season at Western on Tuesday and travel to Tri-County for the TC Invitational on Nov. 21.

Carroll play postponed

Carroll Drama Club's fall musical, "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," has been postponed. The play had been scheduled for this weekend.

Director Noel Pinkard said the postponement is due to one of the lead singers having a tonsillectomy. At this time, he doesn't know when the play will be performed.

DCHS presents fall comedy

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Delphi Community High School thespians are currently in rehearsal for the fall production, "Comic Potential," by Alan Ayckbourn.

The play is a romantic sci-fi comedy set in a TV studio in the foreseeable future, where low-cost androids have largely replaced actors.

Idealistic young writer, Adam Trainsmith, portrayed by senior Andrew Martin, meets Chandler Tate, senior Chris Mayfield, a former director of classic comedies who makes a living by directing a never-ending soap opera. The leading-role android makes a series of mistakes and supporting role android JC-F31-333, junior Grace Currie, spots his lapses and laughs. Adam is watching and when he hears the laugh he decides to take advantage of her the comic potential. He nicknames his favorite android Jacie and persuades

Chandler that they should make a comedy for her.

Regional TV director Carla Pepperbloom, junior Erika Matricia, threatens to ruin the project and is jealous of Adam's sympathy for talented Jacie and orders the android's memory wiped. Adam panics and decides to kidnap Jacie. While on the escape, Adam and Jacie fall in love and then must suffer the complications of a complicated relationship. The cast also includes Hannah Evans, Jordan Hudelson, Grace Mears, Kendall Baker, Daniel Layman, Elizabeth Rowen, Daniel Martin, Neri Zamora, Emily Layman and Grace Hampton. Sara Daly Brosman is director and Kayla Haley, assistant.

Performances will be Nov. 20 and 21 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 22 at 2 p.m. in the DCHS Little Theatre.

Tickets are available by calling the school at (765) 564-3481 or through any cast member.

TLHS to present 'A Christmas Carol'

Comet staff report

The Twin Lakes High School Theatre will present Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* this weekend. Performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. both Friday and Saturday in the TLHS auditorium.

Dickens' tale revolves around the infamous Ebenezer Scrooge (Al Woodhams), a selfish, cold-hearted miser. The ghost of Scrooge's dead partner, Jacob Marley (Justin Jacobs), tries to spare Ebenezer his own eternal tor-

ment by sending three spirits to change Scrooge's heart and reclaim his soul. The Ghosts of Christmas Past (Jessie Munn, Present (Michael Burns), and Future (Tyler McAchren) reveal to Scrooge chapters in his life, forcing him to see the tragic outcome that awaits him if he does not alter the course of his life.

Tickets are on sale and may be purchased from DiAnn Adams at the high school career lab or by calling (574) 583-7108, ext. 2326.

Carroll senior trip



Seventy-one Carroll seniors recently visited Washington, D.C., for their senior trip. The students are pictured above. Three teachers and three parents accompanied the group. Photo provided

Three Carroll students earn AP Scholar Awards

Comet staff report

Three students at Carroll Junior-Senior High School have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program (AP) provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both, for successful performance on the AP Exams.

About 18 percent of the nearly 1.7 million students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award.

The three Carroll students who earned the award are Carson Spesard, Jared Collins, and Kaitlin Kennedy.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP Exams.

Spesard qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average

grade point of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and grade points of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Collins and Kennedy qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with grade points of 3 or higher.

Each exam (for more than 30 different college-level courses) is developed by a committee of college and university faculty and AP teachers. The AP exams are aligned with the same high standards expected by college faculty at some of the

nation's leading liberal arts and research institutions.

More than 3,600 colleges and universities annually receive AP grades. Over 90 percent of four-year colleges in the United States provide credit and/or placement for qualifying exam grades. Research consistently shows that AP students who score a 3 or higher on AP exams (based on a scale from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest) typically experience greater academic success in college and higher graduation rates than students who do not participate in AP.

Carroll School Board addresses Internet safety

By Jennifer Archibald
Staff writer

Carroll School Board adopted a resolution pertaining to Internet safety at its Nov. 3 meeting.

School attorney Miriam Robeson said the corporation already adheres to the Internet safety measures, but adopting a resolution is necessary to be in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act.

The resolution lists the following measures to protect students from inappropriate Internet content:

- Block or filter Internet access by both minors and adults to child pornography or other materials that are obscene
- Prevent minors from gaining access to inappropriate or harmful materials
- Monitor the on-line activities of minors
- Address issues related to the safety of minors using e-mail, chat rooms and other electronic communication
- Hinder unauthorized access (hacking) and other unlawful on-line activities by minors
- Prevent unauthorized disclosure of personal information regarding minors

Upon request from board members on Project Lead the Way expenses, Charles Huckstep, junior-senior

high school principal, presented a cost summary for the Biomed Class offered in 2008-2009.

He said grant money available was \$25,000, and expenditures were \$24,019.26, so there was no cost to the corporation.

The corporation offers Biomed and Engineering courses through Project Lead the Way. Huckstep said grant money is reduced each year in the series of courses, but software and equipment can be used for succeeding classes, and new purchases can be made with the new grant.

"Eventually equipment will wear out, and we'll have to purchase new," Huckstep said.

He also pointed out that Biomed courses are science courses and "science courses cost money," he said.

Huckstep is expecting to offer two new courses in the Biomedical Sciences series in 2010-2011. They will be the third and fourth courses in the series, all with funding from the Department of Workforce Development.

P-T Conferences

Carroll Elementary principal Carolyn O'Connell announced that the school had 96 percent attendance at Parent-Teacher Confer-

ences and that 700 grandparent meals were served on Grandparents Day.

Huckstep said the junior-senior high school had a good turn-out for Parent-Teacher Conferences - more than in the last few years. This year, 459 parents attended, compared to 390 last year, 345 in 2007 and 400 in 2006.

Both principals mentioned Veterans Day programs at their schools, and there was a blood drive at the high school on Nov. 4.

The board has a proposed calendar for 2010-2011. It will be discussed with teachers and posted on the school website before being adopted. Superintendent John Sayers said the calendar under consideration is comparable to the current calendar.

Three conferences and two field trips were approved.

Family and Consumer Science students and teacher Susan Shively were approved to attend the Wider Opportunities for Women Workshop at Tri County High School.

Spanish Club trip

The Spanish Club and teacher Liz Rose will tour the Art Institute of Chicago, take a guided tour of Pilsen Village, and visit the National Museum of Mexican Art March 12 and

13. Twelve to 14 students will attend at an approximate cost of \$270 each. The cost includes transportation and an overnight stay in downtown Chicago.

Jodi Guise was hired as Winter Guard coach, to be paid through Music Boosters.

Sayers said Carroll is a member of the Small and Rural Schools Association. He said there's a possibility that future legislation may mandate that schools under a certain size consolidate. In light of that, members of the association have begun discussion. He said the idea of consolidating small schools stems from the Kernan-Shepard report. He added that the position of the association is that such decisions should be left to the local school boards.

Two facility requests were approved. Clinton Prairie girls basketball league will use the elementary gym from 6:30 to 8 p.m. from now until Dec. 16. Living Faith Church of the Brethren will use the elementary gym on Feb. 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for tryouts for Upwards Flag Football.

The next regular school board meeting will be Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Delphi Community Elementary School names honor roll students

Delphi Community Elementary School Principal Joe Brown announces the honor roll for the first nine weeks.

A Honor Roll

FIFTH GRADE - Hannah Alexander, Marcus Austin, Colton Britton, Autumn Brothers, Kaitlyn Brown, Diana Castillo, Jacob Clouser, Lena Dickerson, Michael Eastman, Kayla Fogarsi, Bailey Gasser, Cassie Hanna, Michelle Hile, Hannah Ireland, Haley Johnson, Krista Jones, Abigail Kender, Victoria Kinzer, Symphony Kirkpatrick, Rylee Lane, Olivia Livingston, Devonna McCarty, Bella McGill, Taylor Mills, Kain Mayer, Lauryn Nipple, Briana Painter, Tanner Pearson, Cole Pearson, Molly Pettiner, Jensyn Reef, Katy Scowden, Kale Snider, Ashley Webb and Alicyn Wolf.

FOURTH GRADE - Mackenzie Appleton, Natalyn Blocher, Morgan Fritz, Samantha Gunther, Jadon Kinzie, Kaitlyn Landis, Amanda McCarty, Luke Yoder and Taylor Stewart.

THIRD GRADE - Noah Abbott, Brianna Clendenen, Kambra Etzel, Kaleigh Houle, Paige Hughes, Katie Kleckner, Liliana Martinez, Johnni McCarty, Makenzi McClain, Gabrielle Oliver, Andrew Schoen, Keegan Sheiss, Kalena Shidler, Kaitlyn Stone, Kristin Watley, Aaron Webb and Garret Workinger.

A/B Honor Roll

FIFTH GRADE - Amanda Belange, Ashly Bentley, Jenna Bieghler, Damon Blankenship, Blaine Bolton, Xander Brown, Sabrina Conde, Ruth Diaz, James Dyer, Elizabeth Fehrholz, Allison Fehrholz, Charley Fischer, Kylan Flores, Alexis Fontes, Mykal Galloway, Emilee Gear, Whitney Goodman, Russell Grimes, Sophia Gunther, Zachary Haines, Dylan Hart, Madeline Hollingsworth, Emily Humbarger, Sadie Jacobs, Daniel Jakes, Tristan Jeffries, Adam Keen, Caleb Kinsler, Mylon Kinzie, Evan Lehr, Delanie Martin, Trace Melady, Caleb Myers, Coy Myers, Alexis Navarrete, Timothy Nelson, Carrie Norfleet, Montserrat Ortega, Brett Piatt, Austin Popejoy, Blake Ragan, Madison Rishel, Erika Ross, William Schwindler, Jesse Scowden, Blaine Scroggs, Blaine Snoeberger, Sierra Snyder, Nathaniel VanDyke, Souly Whitaker, Weston Windell, Emma Wise and Ariel Wolfe.

FOURTH GRADE - John Beale, Jacob Bowlin, Eliot Brown, Seth Brown, Eric Conde, Holly Cosgray, Stefanie Diaz, Rinda Garcia, Kelsi German, Wyatt

Goetz-Holder, Alexia Gray, Trent Green, Destini Gunter, Joseph Hecklenively, Angelica Hernandez, Emily Hudson, Joshua Jenkinson, Zac Livesay, Ben Lucas, Hannah McClesky, Kinsely Mohr, Martha Muniz, Cade Murray, Blaise Niles, Bret Northrup, Madyson Riley, Chanelle Robinson, Riley Saul, Dakota Shockley, Tyler Smart, Braxton Thompson and Samuel Webb.

THIRD GRADE - Winnifred Alexander, Zachary Appleton, Austin Appleton, Luke Austin, Keaton Barr, Michael Benner, Kate-Lynn Bennett, Jenna Breedlove, Jonas Brown, Chad Canen, Chloe Caracheo, Blake Carroll, Madelynnne Charles, Mackenzie Clark, Madelyn Crowel, Drew Dailey, Madison Embry, Brandon Freeman, Andrew Fuller, Chance Habbinga, Cassidy Hart, Lauren Hawn, Andrew Hollingsworth, Madysin Jacobs, Elizabeth Johnson, Maxwell Kender, Dameon Kinnaird, Justice Lane, Skyler Lyons, Cheyanne Martin, James Martin, Destiny Metzger, Corey Mills, Olivia Ortega, Baileigh Pearson, Blake Potts, Jessica Rogers, Max Schimmel, Mason Shoemaker, Allison Shoemaker, Grace Smith, Scarlett Soto, Julia Spangler, Devin Tharp, Brayden Wade, Destiny Wargo, Kimberlee Willis and Brooke Yancey.



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