

## Delphi volleyball awards



Junior Varsity award winners were (l-r): Keegan Crawford, Coaches Award; Chanler Norman, Player of the Year; and Sarah Coghill, Most Improved. Photo provided



Varsity awards were presented to the following (left to right): Front - Caitlin Schock, Assist Award, School Record Total Points 708; Brittany Nelson, Ace Award, Best All Around Player, Hitting Award, All Hoosier Conference, and North State All-Star; Danielle Burge, Defensive Player of the Year, School Record Digs 478, All Hoosier Conference. Middle - Jordayn Jargstorf, Blocking Award; and Jordyn Bieghler, Serving Award, Determination Award. Back - Sami Mayhew, Academic All State; Carrington Wallace, Sportsmanship Award; Haley Lynde, Coach's Award, All Hoosier Conference. The team finished the season with a 21-14 record, 5-1 in the Hoosier Conference, and won the 2009 Sectional Championship and 2009 White County Tournament. Photo provided

## Carroll girls split meets

The Carroll girls swim team opened its season against Northwestern, losing to the Tigers 115.5-69.5. They bounced back Monday night, defeating Attica 123-39. Against Northwestern, Carroll was led by seniors Olivia Wenisch, Hannah Brewster and Emily Fritz. They were on the first place 200-free and 400-free relay teams. Wenisch also won first place in the 50-free event. Sophomore Lauren Nesbitt took first place in the 100 back and was a member of the first place 400-free relay team. Freshman Bridget Peden was on the first place 200 free relay team. Other strong first year swimmers were Caitlin Pickens, Jackie Tussinger and Ellen Clark. According to coach Roger

Nelson, Mikayla Keller is his most improved swimmer from last year's team. Even though she had a false start in the 100-free, she improved 8 seconds from her best time last year. Against Attica, the Carroll team won 10 of 12 events. Individual winners were Stephanie Strawcutter, 200 free; Lauren Nesbitt, 200 IM and 500 free; Hannah Brewster, diving; Emily Fritz, 100 fly; Olivia Wenisch, 100 free; and Shelby Spray, 100 back. All three relay teams won including 200 medley (Nesbitt, C. Pickens, Fritz and Wenisch), 200 free (H. Brewster, Fritz, Peden, Wenisch) and 400 free (Samantha Pickens, Spray, Strawcutter, Nesbitt). Their next meet will be at home Tuesday against Maconaquah.

## Oracles start wrestling season at Super Duals

The Delphi wrestling team kicked off the 2010 season at the Chesterton Super Duals. The Oracles did something that they have never done in the past. they out wrestled the host school, Chesterton, to a 42-39 win. The match turned costly though because the Delphi team lost Cody Alderman for the rest of the day due to a few stitches. After starting the season 1-0 for the first time in 12

years, the Oracles could not find another win. The Oracles lost to McCutcheon 18-58, to Elkhart Memorial 32-48, and to Munster 21-51. Despite going 1-3 for the day the young Delphi squad showed lots of desire and fight. Leading the way individually for the Oracles were senior Braden Atwood, 189 lbs., and sophomore Tanner Lynde, 152 lbs., who both went undefeated. Atwood had three pins and a forfeit while Lynde had three pins and a decision. Winning three matches were 112 Cesar Cervantes and 215 Roy Anderson. Two-time winners were 119 Austin Jones and 171 Brandon Delaney. Winning one match each were 103 Adam Marvel and 285 Kenny Myers. The Oracles will be in action again on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving against count foe Carroll at 6pm at the Delphi high school.

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# Jargstorf and Burge power Oracles

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The Lady Oracles won a pair of games over the weekend to run their record to 3 wins and 1 loss for the young season, defeating North White 56-45 and Clinton Prairie 40-29. Earlier in the week they won at home, 48-40, over Seeger.

In the game against the NW Vikings the Oracles were led by Jordayn Jargstorf and Dani Burge. Jargstorf scored 28 points to go along with 15 rebounds while Burge took care of the defensive end of the court by playing hounding defense on the Viking guards that resulted in five steals.

North White quickly had an 8-1 lead before the Oracles had barely warmed up. Whitney Arion finally put the ball through the net halfway through the first period to start Delphi. Once the Oracles began scoring they didn't stop until the final horn. They scored 55 points in just 28 minutes.

Brittany Abbott hit a trey to allow Delphi to catch the Vikings at 11. North White fought that rally off and led 19-13 with four minutes left in the half. Jargstorf totaled five points during a streak of 12 straight points for the Oracles, who held a 27-21 lead at the half.

Trailing 28-27, Delphi's Jargstorf hit a basket and free throw to put the Oracles up for good with 4:02 remaining in the third. Only a desperation heave for a three-pointer at the end of the third by the Vikings kept the lead under ten points (39-31) for the Oracles.

North White closed the gap to six points several times during the fourth, but each time the Oracles fought off the charge and were never really threatened to win going away.

**Vs. Clinton Prairie**

On Saturday night if you were expecting to see a lot of

offense like the night before when over 100 points were scored, you were disappointed. Neither team, because of turnovers, could even get a shot off until after three minutes had run off the clock. Trailing 3-0 Burge and Whitney Arion, hit consecutive baskets just seconds apart to put the Oracles ahead 6-3 to start the second period.

In a repeat of the first quarter the Oracles couldn't score for the first four minutes of play. Thanks to their defense they were still very much in the game, trailing only 9-6. In a game featuring aggressive defenses that resulted in numerous turnovers for both teams the halftime score was 13-11 in favor of the Gophers.

Whatever coach Dan Dawson said to the girls at the half he should have recorded because they came out of the locker room and put up 29 second half points. The Gophers led 15-13 when Burge sank a trey to jumpstart the Oracles and give them a lead they never surrendered. Trailing 21-17 to start the fourth, the Gophers were unable to match the offense of the Oracles. Since trailing 15-13 the girls had outscored the Gophers 15-2 in just over six minutes and had built an insurmountable 28-17 lead early in the final period.

In the end, the Gophers were able to overcome the Oracle's domination on the boards, which led to many second chance points. The Oracles out rebounded the Gophers 40-30 and were led by Chanler Norman with eight.

The JV team was 0-2 for the weekend, losing to North White, 18-17 in overtime and to Clinton Prairie 22-14.

**Vs. Seeger**

Delphi opened the home section of their season with a 48-40 victory over the Seeger Patriots. The game wasn't decided until the last period when the Oracles finally put

the game out of reach.

Burge hit a trey to open the scoring for Delphi followed by a bucket by Jargstorf. Seeger erased the lead quickly with an eight point spurt to take an 8-7 lead into the second period.

After Burge tied the score by hitting one of a pair of free throws Brittany Rhodes put the Oracles ahead for good less than a minute later. Arion and Jargstorf each hit baskets to end the half. The Oracles were up 14-12.

Unlike the game at Pioneer the Oracles did a much better job of not shuffling their feet and turning the ball over needlessly. While they had eight first half turnovers only three were for traveling.

Delphi continued to play good defense in the third period. Seeger was unable to score until nearly four minutes had been played. By then the Oracles had opened an eight point lead, 20-12. After two and one-half quarters of minimal scoring both teams loosened up and started making plays on the offensive end of the court. In the last four minutes of the third Seeger scored ten points but still couldn't close the gap with Delphi scoring eleven.

The final period started with the Oracles up by nine at 31-22. The lead reached its biggest at 15, 37-22, when Rhodes scored at the 5:30 mark. A rare four-point play by the Patriots' Brianna Hensley trimmed the lead to ten but the Patriots could get no closer than eight.

The JV team started the game with a three-point shot and ended the game with another trey on their way to a 26-24 win to even their record at 1-1.

Upcoming games feature the Lady Cougars visiting Delphi on Thanksgiving eve for an 8 p.m. varsity start time and Rensselear visits on Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

## Bender named Wendy's High School Heisman state finalist

Kris Bender, a senior at Delphi Community High School, was recently selected as one of 10 male finalists from across the state in competition for this year's Wendy's High School Heisman.

Each year Wendy's recognizes outstanding high school seniors throughout the nation with their High School Heisman competition. To be eligible for the award, students must exhibit excellence in academics, athletics, and community/school leadership. Ten male and 10 female state finalists are chosen from over 300 high school-level winners previously selected.

As a state finalist, Bender and his parents were honored at a banquet hosted by Wendy's at Lucas Oil Stadium on Nov. 1, prior to the Indianapolis Colts vs. San Francisco 49ers football game. At halftime, Bender and the other state finalists were recognized on the field in front of a sell-out crowd.

This fall Bender led the Oracle cross country team to a pair of invitational championships and is now preparing for the upcoming Delphi basketball season. He will be a middle distance runner for the Oracle track team in the spring and last year anchored the school record setting 4 x 800 relay team that qualified for the IHSAA Regional.

His extra-curricular activities include senior class vice president, Delphi FFA vice president, Student Council, DARE Role Model, and a member of National Honor



Bender

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## Keeping children safe is Carroll program topic

On Monday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. Carroll Consolidated School Corporation will be hosting Sgt. Terry Hall for a presentation on "Body Safety" in the high school auditorium.

The presentation will address all forms of child abuse and will discuss dangers of the misuse of technology (inappropriate texting and pictures on cell phones, facebook, etc.) He will educate adults on the indicators of child molestation and will dispel the myths related to child molesting.

This program is open to the public. Free childcare will be provided for school-aged children by volunteer high school students. The presentation is intended for adults.

The following day Sgt. Hall will teach Carroll students grades, K-12, how to keep themselves safe.

In the last ten years, Hall's passion and dedication for protecting children has led to his training of over 10,000 prosecutors, judges, and law enforcement officers at the local, state, and federal levels, in regard to children's issues. He also has been involved with training for universities, law enforcement academies, national judicial conferences, department in-service training, and recently was requested to instruct the Department of Human Services employees.

As of January 2007, he has talked to over 600,000 people, including children and adults, while conducting a program he developed called Body Safety. The program is not designed to instill fear, but to educate and empower children to have control of their bodies.

"We are very fortunate to have Sgt. Hall coming to our

community," said Amy Hickson, Carroll Elementary guidance counselor. "He truly is THE expert in his field, and I have personally attended his

Oracle senior wrestler Braden Atwood signed a letter of intent to continue his wrestling career at Purdue University last Wednesday. He is the son of Michael and Lynn Atwood.

Atwood is a member of Boiler Elite, a club for area wrestlers that is run by two All-Americans, Chris Fleeger and Ben Wissel both assistant coaches for the Boilermakers.

Atwood has wrestled since he was five years old.

training session. He also comes highly recommended from schools all over the state. This information is of great value to all parents and

He started competing when he was seven in ISWA events. He earned 21 ISWA state titles and numerous All-American awards at the national level.

He has devoted his time and to this day, works at being the best he can be, said his father and coach, Michael Atwood.

"He was never the best athlete but was always one of the hardest workers. He has worked his way to the Big 10 Conference, an elite conference in the NCAA."

professionals working with children."

For more information, contact Hickson at 574-967-4881.

Braden's dream has always been to wrestle for Purdue and Head Coach Scott Hinkle.

"Braden had the privilege to wrestle under Coach Hinkle when he was ten years old," said his father. "Braden came home and said that he was going to wrestle for Purdue because of Coach Hinkle. I had to explain to him that Coach Hinkle was an assistant and he may not be there when the time comes for him to go to college. But Braden said, 'Then I will go wrestle wherever he is.'



Atwood



Braden Atwood, top (Comet file photo)

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