

Clawson 50th anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Gene Clawson, 12408 W. State Road 18, Delphi, IN 46923, will observe their 50th wedding anniversary on Valentine's Day. Clawson and the former Shirley Joan Pattengale of Colburn were married Feb. 14, 1960, in the Delphi United Methodist Church. He retired from Globe Valve in Delphi after 36 years of employment. She worked at Essex Wire, Hamilton Stan-

dards, in Flora, for 10 years and for five years at Thoughtful Impressions in Delphi. They have three sons, Greg and Bryon Clawson of Delphi and Doug Clawson (wife: Dawn) of Camden; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. The couple will celebrate with a trip to Florida in the spring. No gifts but cards are welcomed.

Engagements

Appleton-Boyd



Jeff and Teresa Appleton of Camden announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica, to Joe Boyd. He is the son of Mike Boyd of Logansport and

Nikki and Steve Wooten of Myrtle Beach, S.C. The bride-elect is a 2006 graduate of Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School and will graduate in May from Ivy Tech with an associate degree in office administration. She works at Pastariffic in Kokomo as a server. Her fiancé is a 2001 graduate of Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School and is employed at Indiana Packers, Delphi. They are planning a June 12 wedding.



It's Super Bowl time once again and also the perfect season to start my annual winter soup and chili series. And, what's better to serve than a great pot of chili for the big game? I'm including recipes for three great chilis for a crowd - one basic, one spicy and one with deer. Happy eating!

Make Ahead Halftime Chili

- 3 T. olive oil
- 1 1/2 C. chopped onion
- 8 large garlic cloves, chopped
- 2 lbs. ground chuck
- 1 envelope taco seasoning
- 1 tsp. dried basil
- 1/2 tsp. dried oregano
- 1/2 tsp. dried thyme
- 1 15-oz can tomato sauce
- 3 C. chicken broth
- 1 6-oz can tomato paste
- 2 15 to 16-oz cans of kidney beans, drained

Heat oil in heavy saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onions and garlic. Saute about 5 minutes or until onions are translucent. Brown meat, breaking up with a spatula as it cooks. Add taco seasoning, basil, oregano, and thyme. Stir for 2 minutes. Mix in tomato sauce, chicken broth and tomato paste. Simmer until thickened to desired consistency, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking, about 90 minutes. Mix in beans. Simmer for 5 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Cool. Important: for best flavor, refrigerate until cold then reheat on low when ready to serve.

Hot & Spicy Beer Chili

- 12-oz tomato paste
- 16-oz tomato sauce
- 3 24-oz cans red kidney beans, drained
- 6 T. garlic powder
- 3 T. onion powder
- 2 T. ground cumin
- 2 T. parsley
- 2 tsp. oregano
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1 T. chipotle powder
- 1 tsp. habenero chile powder
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 4 whole red habeneros, deveined, deseeded and

chopped 6 jalapenos, deveined, deseeded and chopped 2 new Mexican chiles, deveined, deseeded and chopped 1/2 lb. elbow macaroni 1 pound steak of choice 1 pound ground beef 1 pound ground pork 6 oz beer (1/2 can) Saute' the onion in a small amount of olive oil in a large pot until translucent. In a huge pot, bring to a simmer the tomato paste, tomato sauce, kidney beans, garlic powder, onion powder, cumin, chili powder, parsley, oregano, salt and pepper, chipotle powder, habenero powder, habeneros, jalapenos, New Mexican chiles, and dry pasta. While this is simmering, grill steak and brown beef and pork in a large skillet. Drain the meat, and season with salt and pepper. Cut steak into very small pieces and add steak, beef and pork to sauce along with beer. Cook for 30 minutes. Serve with grated cheese and chopped onions. Note: visit your local Latin grocery to find a greater variety of peppers.

Super Bowl Deer Chili

Olive oil 3 medium onions, chopped 1 medium green pepper, chopped 1 medium red pepper, chopped 1 lb. ground deer meat 2 lbs. ground beef 3 16-oz. cans tomato sauce 3 T. chili powder salt and pepper to taste Brown meats in a large pot, adding salt and pepper to taste. Drain and set aside. Saute' onions and peppers in same pot (without wiping clean). You may use a little olive oil if the meats didn't leave enough fat to cook the onions and peppers. Return meats to pot. Add tomato sauce and chili powder. Cook on medium heat for about an hour and a half. This recipe makes a very thick chili. If you like your chili a bit thinner, you may want to add more tomato sauce or some broth. This recipe also makes a lot of chili and freezes very well.

Flora-Monroe Twp.

The seed catalogs are piling up, the days are dreary and long; it must be time to plan your garden. Jump start your growing season by starting your seeds and using cold frames. Carroll County Master Gardeners Judy Berkshire and Jim Tarnowski will guide you through the process in "Extending your Growing Season," on Feb. 20 at 10 a.m.

Flora Library's Book Club will discuss the classic, "O Pioneers!" by Willa Cather, on Feb. 17 at 10 a.m. The novel was written in 1913 and tells about the Bergsons, a Swedish immigrant family that settles in Nebraska at the turn of the 20th century. Alexandra Bergson inherits the farm after her father dies, trying to make it while other immigrant families are leaving the harsh prairie life.

The "Make It and Take It!" program at the Porcupine Truffle is this Monday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. Registration is requested for this fun evening. Register at

the library, the Porcupine Truffle, or on Facebook.

The programs are part of the library's "Hot Reads for Cold Nights!" adult winter reading program.

The theme for our next storytime is "Valentine's Day." It's always fun to remember our loved ones on this day. We will have stories and more to celebrate with your Valentine. Preschool storytime meets Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m.

Delphi Public

The library will be closed Feb. 15 in observance of President's Day. Regular hours will resume Feb. 16 at 10 a.m.

Story Time will be Jan. 25 with a theme of "Under the Big Top." Baby lap-sit will be 9 a.m., Toddler Story Time from 10 to 11 and Preschool from 11:30 to 12:15 p.m. Marcia Sledd will tell stories, sing songs and play games that are all about circus fun.

Justin and Melissa Darling will present, "From Ethiopia to

Indiana; One year later" Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. It has been one year since the Darlings brought the newest member of their family, Abeba, from Ethiopia to their home in rural Delphi. The audience will travel with the Darlings through stories and slides while they recount their experiences with international adoption, Ethiopian culture and the journey that their family made in preparation to bringing Abeba home. A sampling of Ethiopian foods will be provided for guests. Call the library to reserve a seat.

Coffee Beat featuring Scott Greeson will be Feb. 20 at 7 p.m.

Take a "Journey with Johannie" through Germany and Austria with Johannie (John) Neumann will be Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. He will share his best picks for sites, scenery and even food. Call to make a reservation.

For information, call (765) 564-2929.

Burlington

A new knitting/crochet group is meeting Monday evenings from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Burlington Community Library starting this month. All levels of expertise are welcome. Enjoy an informal time working on a current project or a new one. Share your ideas and information. Everyone is welcome.

Camden Public

Camden Public Library is starting its annual "There's Snow Better Time to Read" reading club. To register, call the library between Feb. 4-6. Participants are asked to read two books per month through March 31, the program ending date.

Those who need their books delivered should call the library.

Delphi library receives new computer

Comet staff report

The Delphi Public Library recently received a new Early Literacy Station computer that offers children, preschool through fourth grade, a fun tool to enrich their literacy skills.

Children find navigating the computer easier with its child-sized mouse and touch-screen capabilities. There are more than 60 educational games on the computer in English and

Spanish designed to help children with their literacy skills.

The Early Literacy Station was made possible through a grant from the Carroll County Community Foundation with assistance from Indiana Packers Corporation and the Friends of the Delphi Public Library.

"The children are having so much fun playing that they do not even know that they are learning!" Children's Librarian, Marcia Sledd said.



Ella Hudson, daughter of Micah and Jennifer Hudson of Delphi, enjoys learning by playing a game on the new Early Literacy Station computer at the Delphi Public Library. Photo provided

Announcements

CUTLER NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH will meet at Tuesday at the Cutler Presbyterian Church. U.S. Postal Inspector Robin Bankhead will speak on "Avoiding Postal Problems!" Questions and discussion is encouraged. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call Mary Blue at (765) 268-2189.

The **2010 RECREATION GUIDE** is available online. It includes new information about outdoor recreation opportunities at DNR properties along with old favorites. View the guide online at dnr.in.gov/5280.htm or obtain a free hard copy when they are available in late February.

A **CHILI SUPPER BENEFIT** for the Kasey Schnepf family will be held Feb. 19 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Building in Burlington. Free-will donations will be accepted at the door. Checks should be made payable to First Financial Bank (Catherine Schnepf in the memo line). Porkburger orders are also being taken at any participating Carroll County church or at the chili supper.

DELPHI ART CLUB will meet at Solomon's Grille in Delphi at 7 p.m. Feb. 4. There will be a speaker to tell about the Celebration of the Arts at the Opera House Gallery of Contemporary Arts this spring. All Art Club members are urged to attend the meeting to find out about the exhibit and to let them know if they are interested in participating. Kathy and Jessie Snoeberger are the hosts for the meeting. Solomon's Grille is one block south of the spotlight in Delphi on Washington St./State Road 39/US 421.

CARROLL SCHOOL BOARD will have a special meeting Feb. 4 at 9:30 p.m. at the Administration Building. A listed agenda item is "2010 Tax Rates." The next regular board meeting has been changed to Monday, Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m.

A **CALLOUT** for new and present **CANAL AND TRAIL VOLUNTEERS** is set for Wednesday, Feb. 17, at the Canal Interpretive Center in Delphi. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. but those who want to come early can review some of the recent plans for trailside interactive enhancements. Some of the volunteer areas are construction crew, Canal Center hosts and greeters, school tour assistants, canal boat captains, and trail builders.

"**THE ART OF BEAD WORKING**" will be presented by Dawn Cooley at 2 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Opera House Gallery of Contemporary Art in Delphi. Her demonstration is part of a special exhibit at the gallery that includes work by ceramic and jewelry artists, as well as the gallery's resident artists. The "Matters of the Heart" exhibit extends through March 3. An **OPEN HOUSE** and reception is planned for Feb. 5 from 5 to 9 p.m.

OFF OUR ROCKERS will meet Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. in the Delphi First Presbyterian Church sanctuary, 213 S. Indiana St. For information, contact Michelle Bess at (317) 874-6430 or the Delphi Public Library at (765) 564-2929.

Library

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