

Engagements



Brosman-Norton

Scott and Sara Brosman of Brookston announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Claire, to Regan Norton of Indianapolis. He is the son of Richard and Jenene Norton of Fort Wayne.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Delphi Community High School and a 2003 graduate of Indiana University. She is employed as the executive assistant at Heartland Film Festival in Indianapolis.

Her fiancé is a 1997 graduate of North Central High School and a 2003 graduate of Herron School of Art and Design. He is a self-employed graphic designer.

A Sept. 2 wedding is planned for the Propylaeum Tea Room, Indianapolis.

Indiana Beach awarded ‘#1 Darkride’ distinction

The Dr. Frankenstein's Haunted Castle attraction at Indiana Beach Amusement and Camp Resort in Monticello has been awarded the distinction of "#1 Favorite Walkthrough Attraction" by the Darkride and Funhouse Enthusiasts (DAFE) in their Fifth Annual Members Survey.

A darkride is an amusement ride that provides a ride experience in an enclosed structure with a dimly lit interior featuring scenery and special effects. Funhouses, haunted houses, mazes and other illusion attractions qualify for this distinction. In the 2006 survey, more than 90 attractions worldwide were nominated. DAFE has approximately 280 members worldwide. The story behind Dr. Frankenstein's Haunted Castle offers that the castle itself was reconstructed brick-by-brick with all of its ghostly inhabitants intact after being transported to Indiana

Beach from the Doctor's native Transylvania.

This one-of-a-kind Indiana Beach attraction has ranked as the #2 Walkthrough Darkride for the previous four years and took top honors in 2006 by a single vote.

Indiana Beach opened a new attraction on July 1. Splash Battle is an interactive submarine boat ride that involves riders and spectators alike. Participants ride through the 365-foot-long winding track in vehicles armed with water cannons. They shoot jets of water at the other participant's vehicles in the "Splash Battle Zones." Participants are also targeted by the number of water jets found along the path and interactive water stunts.

Indiana Beach Amusement and Camp Resort is located on Lake Shafer. Visitors can receive additional information about Indiana Beach at www.IndianaBeach.com.



Here's a great light summer meal, but don't let your Midwestern (or in my case - Southern) roots prevent you from trying a new twist on an old favorite. Fish Tacos are especially popular on both the East Coast and the West Coast. This particular recipe calls for Tilapia fillets which can easily be found in your grocer's freezer or at the fresh fish counter. But, you may also use your favorite variety such as walleye, catfish (spiced up with some Cajun seasoning), salmon, whitefish or even shrimp or scallops. For an extra treat, grill the fish. Serve up the tacos with deliciously spicy corn salsa, made from canned corn and black beans and freshened up a bit with fresh tomatoes and cilantro. Happy eating!

Fish Tacos

3 ripe avocados



Garage sale, auction and circus

The first annual Girl Scouts of Tribal Trails Council garage sale and auction will be held July 15 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Girl Scout building on the corner of Clay and Humphrey streets next to the Dunbar Center in Logansport. The auction will begin at 10 a.m. and will include large camp items including commercial kitchen appliances, stove and sinks.

A concession stand and car wash will take place on the grounds. The proceeds will benefit a trip of older girls to Savannah, Ga., in 2007.

Gently used items can be donated to the sale. For more information, call (800) 346-4475.

Girl Scouts at the Circus night will be held on July 15 in Peru. For ticket information call (800) 346-4475.

1/3 cup fresh lime juice
4 6-oz. tilapia filets
1 15-oz. can Mandarin oranges
3 T. fat free sour cream
1/2 C. half and half
8 flour tortillas
1 bag of mixed Asian greens (or use field greens)
1 small head of red cabbage
salt to taste
olive oil
Brush enough olive oil on a baking dish to coat. Place tilapia filets in dish. Brush tops of filets with oil. Season with salt and bake in a 375 degree oven until lightly browned and flaky (do not overbake) or grill over medium coals until flaky. Peel avocados and remove pits. Scoop out pulp and place in a medium bowl. Add sour cream, half and half and salt to taste. Beat until smooth and creamy, adding more lime juice or half and half to achieve desired consistency. Mixture should be thick, but easy to spread. Shred cabbage and combine with mixed greens. Drain Mandarin oranges well. Let fish cool for five minutes while warming tortillas in a large skillet. To assemble: spread each tortilla with some of the avocado mixture, then add a small handful of greens, two or three heaping tablespoons of the fish, another dollop of the avocado cream, then top with greens mixture and five or six Mandarin orange pieces. Fold in half and enjoy!

Corn Salsa

1 can whole kernel corn, drained well
1 can black beans, rinsed and drained
1/2 red onion, minced
1/2 C. chopped tomatoes
2 tsp. chopped jalapeno peppers
2 T. balsamic vinegar
1 T sugar
juice of half a lime
1/4 C. fresh cilantro, chopped
In a medium bowl, combine corn, black beans, onions, tomatoes and peppers. In a small bowl, whisk together vinegar, sugar and lime juice. Stir in cilantro, then pour over corn mixture. Add salt and pepper to taste. Let sit at room temperature for 1 hour to meld flavors.

Find a dead bird? Leave it for the experts

Comet staff report

Recent concerns about avian influenza and West Nile virus have raised many questions among Hoosiers. The staffs at the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) have received a flurry of questions regarding, "what do I do with the dead bird I found in my yard?"

Birds die for many reasons. Natural death is frequent among birds. Many birds have a naturally short life span, must compete with other species, or succumb to severe weather, or predators. Accidental death is also common amongst the wild bird population; impacts with power lines, vehicle collisions, aircraft strikes and impacts with windows or buildings can all be fatal to a bird.

As if this weren't enough, toxicants can also be harmful or even fatal to birds. Disease in wild bird populations may contribute to death. Most wild bird diseases present no threat to human health; however, two wild bird-related diseases are of interest.

Within the past few years West Nile virus has become a common term in Indiana and the Midwest. Wild birds serve as an amplifying host for West Nile virus. Mosquitoes become infected by feeding on infected birds and then biting humans.

Wild birds are also killed by the disease. Blue jays, robins, cardinals, crows and raptors (falcons, hawks and owls) are highly sensitive to the virus, and therefore are the best indicators of virus activity in a community. These are the only species of birds that the Indiana State Department of Health laboratory is testing for the virus. If one of these birds is found dead during mosquito season (May-October) contact the local health department. Local health officials will determine if the bird should be picked up for testing.

In recent months, highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has been the topic of interest. Avian influenza is most often found in water

birds, such as waterfowl (geese, ducks, swans), and shorebirds (sandpiper-type birds).

The DNR has joined with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Wildlife Services in a state/federal partnership to initiate a pro-active wild waterfowl surveillance program. This will establish an early warning system for any evidence of HPAI in migratory waterfowl. Wildlife biologists from DNR and Wildlife Services will be handling all sampling and monitoring activities for HPAI in Indiana.

If dead migratory geese, ducks, swans or shorebirds are found, DO NOT PICK UP THE BIRD FOR TESTING. Contact the Wildlife Conflicts Information Hotline at 800/890-4116 to report the location and number of dead waterfowl. DNR and Wildlife Services professional staff will determine if testing is necessary.

If it is not necessary for the bird to be tested, the bird should be disposed of properly. Dead wild birds should not be handled with bare hands. To dispose of a dead bird, use gloves or a plastic bag turned inside out over the hand to pick up the bird, double bag it and either bury it or dispose of it in the trash.

For more information regarding West Nile virus or avian influenza, email BOAH at animalhealth@boah.in.gov. More information regarding avian influenza can be found by visiting www.FluInfo.in.gov.

Announcements

American Red Cross will hold a **BLOOD DRIVE** in Delphi on July 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Honan Hall, located at the corner of Monroe and Union streets. Call (800) GIVE-LIFE to schedule an appointment.

CARROLL COUNTY GARDEN CLUB will meet Saturday at 10 a.m. at Keith and Sharon Wolf's home, located at 473 N. Monroe St. in Camden.

Richard and Dr. Nancy Voorhees of New Light Counseling in Battle Ground are presenting a **SERIES OF SEMINARS** entitled "The Believer and His Mental Health." The first session is scheduled for July 11 and will be "Coping With Depression." Each session will be held at The Carpenters Son bookstore, 1165 Creasy Lane, Lafayette, and will begin at 7 p.m. and last until 8 p.m. Each session is free and open to the public. Reservations are requested by calling 765-567-0052 or emailing richardvoorhees@newlight-counseling.com

The next rehearsal for the **CARROLL COUNTY COMMUNITY BAND** will be July 10 at 7 p.m. in the Delphi Community High School band room. All ages, instruments, and abilities are invited. Whether you are a student just learning to play, an adult who needs to dust off your trumpet or clarinet, or an active musician already, you are welcome to join the group. Email community-band@gmail.com for more information.

A meeting to continue discussion of the **SIX-COUNTY GREENWAYS/ BYWAYS** mission will be held in Delphi at the Canal Conference and Interpretive Center on July 12 at 1 p.m. Rory Robinson from the National Parks Service will attend. Ideas will be discussed and action taken on the Central Indiana Regional Greenways plan. Tippecanoe County will host the October quarterly meeting.

Business Briefs

PACKARD & ASSOCIATES, INC., Logansport, has recently purchased the AM Young Insurance Agency, founded and owned by Marla K. Young since 1988.

Packard & Associates, established by David A. Packard in July 2005, has expanded its insurance services with 40 plus property and casualty companies and through 60 different life and health insurance companies.

Packard began his insurance career in 1992 and earned his professional insurance designations of Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) in May 2000 and his Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) designation in November 2005. His staff includes Marla K. Young (consultant), Lorraine Goforth, Rhonda Martin, and Stacy English.

The agency is located at 417 E. Market St., Logansport. Their web address is www.packardinsurance.com.

The lateral promotion of Indiana State Police Trooper **BRYAN HARPER** to Trooper Detective at the Lafayette Post took effect on June 18.

Detective Harper is a seven-year member of the State Police. After graduating in 1999 from the academy, he has spent his entire time on the Toll Road.



Harper

He grew up in the Converse area where he graduated from Oak Hill High School. After attending Indiana State University in Terre Haute and graduating with a degree in political science, he went to work for B.A. Noble of Indiana, where he was a case manager for handicapped adults.

Detective Harper, his wife and two children plan to make the Lafayette area their home.

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