

INDOT focuses on rural road safety

Comet staff report

Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels has proclaimed September 16 to 22 Indiana Rural Road Safety Week. Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is urging drivers to focus on this critical public safety issue.

Each year more than 500 Hoosier motorists lose their lives on Indiana's rural, non-interstate highways, accounting for nearly 70 percent of highway fatalities in Indiana. Nationally, while rural roads account for about a quarter of all vehicle travel, they account for more than half of all highway fatalities.

Rural road safety is especially important in Indiana, where 1.4 million people live in rural communities.

"Highway crashes continue to take a toll on our state and our nation, and unfortunately, it is our rural communities being hit the hardest by these tragedies," INDOT Commissioner Karl B. Browning said. "INDOT is taking important steps to make our rural roads safer, but we need Hoosier drivers to commit to slowing down and paying attention on rural roads to achieve the level of rural road safety we desire." More fatalities occur on rural roads than on any type of other road for several reasons. Because there is often little or no shoulder on rural roads, drivers run off the road more frequently. When drivers leave the roadway, overturning or striking a fixed object — such as a tree or post — is a greater risk.

Travel speeds also tend to be higher on rural roads, which can lead to crashes and make crashes that occur more severe.

Practicing safe driving behaviors on rural roads is necessary for the safety of rural motorists and their passengers. By slowing down, reducing driver distractions and avoiding drowsy driving, motorists can greatly reduce their risk of being involved in a rural road crash. Drivers should always remember to buckle up and never drink and drive; critical safety measures that are especially important on rural roads.

INDOT said it is committed to improving safety on Indiana's rural roads, and is developing strategies and improving crash data to better identify higher-risk segments and intersections on both state and local rural roads.

Engineers can then evaluate the identified locations for high-impact, low-cost safety measures such as improving signage and pavement markings; adding lighting, guardrail or rumble strips; and tree removal and brush clearing to improve sight distance.

Research has shown low-cost safety measures such as these are highly effective in reducing rural road injuries and fatalities. The highest-risk road projects would be eligible for federal funding under the Highway Safety Improvement Program.

Indiana Rural Road Safety Week coincides with National Farm Safety and Health Week, designed to focus the nation's attention on public safety and health issues in rural areas.

Burlington

Cheryl Milburn
Burlington 566-3453

Juanita Garrison will celebrate her birthday on Sept. 29. Cards would be appreciated. Her address is: 603 St. Joseph Dr., Apt. 108, Kokomo, IN 46901.

Kiwanis Club meets Saturday mornings at 7:30 at the fire station for breakfast and meeting.

Crossroads Community Christian Church will celebrate its 11th anniversary following worship services on Sunday.

Bible Study will begin Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Burlington Church of Christ.

A welcome celebration will be held Sunday in the fellowship hall after services at the United Methodist Church for the church's new pastor, Bonnie Shoaf.

Hubert Bozworth celebrated his 92nd birthday Sept. 23.

Disposable Sunday will be observed Sept. 30 at the United Methodist Church. Items are being collected for the Kokomo Rescue Mission.

The Jamaica Mission Team at Faith Church of Christ will have a fish and chicken fry Saturday evening in the Family Life Center.

Washington Twp.

Marilyn Hile
Deer Creek 859-4871

The Deer Creek Presbyterian Women's Circle will meet Wednesday night at the home of Doris Fouts. The lesson will be given by Kathy Dymek. All women of the church are invited.

The Youth of Faith Lutheran Church are going to donate some of their time to help out at the Emmaus Mission Center. They will be doing some painting and cleaning up outside the buildings.

Golden Girls of Deer Creek met recently at the Walton

Mary Whitfield
Camden 686-2553

After School Storytime at the Camden Public Library will begin at 4 p.m. Oct. 4. All area children are invited.

A special program relating to Family Life in "The Glass Castle," the Carroll County on the Same Page book for 2007, will be held Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Camden Public Library. Program presenters will be Marion Hathaway and Phyllis Moore.

Blood pressure checks will be given at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Fireman's Lounge.

Volunteer firemen will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the Fireman's Lounge.

Camden American Legion Auxiliary will meet Monday in the Legion Home.

Mt. Zion Lodge No. 211 will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Masonic Temple.

Camden Lions Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 3 in the Fireman's Lounge.

A foot care clinic will be held at 3 p.m. Oct. 4 in the Senior Citizen's Lounge.

Camden

Dorcas Missionary Society of the Baptist Church will meet at 6 p.m. Oct. 4 in the church. Hostesses will be Helen Yeager. Bible Book of the Month is II Samuel.

Camden Volunteer Firemen's Sausage & Pancake Breakfast will be Oct. 6 in the Camden Community Building.

Women's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church met last Wednesday afternoon at the church with seven attending. The White Cross lesson was presented

by Jennifer Wallace. Juanita Yates gave devotions. Hostess was Mary Whitfield.

Recent Sunday dinner guests of Gene, Doris and John Harter were Karen, Doug and Jacob Stevens of Burnettsville, Carey Stevens and Jessica O'Neal of Monticello, Ryan, Shawn, Jackson, Jeff and Joyce Harter of Camden, Ed Angle of Flora, Katherine, Mike, Seth, Shelbi and Spencer Forgey, Shastiney Skaggs and Jason Moore, all of Young America.

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Police & Fire Calls

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Burlington Police Dept.

Sept. 18, 8:20 p.m. - Deputy Marshal Kevin Hammond investigated a report of a male shoplifting food at Jones' IGA.

Sept. 20, 10 a.m. - Deputy Marshal Hammond investigated reports of juveniles riding four-wheelers on the roadway. Parents were located. If caught again, the four-wheelers will be towed and the drivers written citations.

Sept. 20, 9 p.m. - Brandon T. Vibbert, 34, was arrested in Burlington on a Howard County warrant for failure to appear. He was incarcerated in Carroll County Jail. Deputy Marshal Hammond investigated.

Sept. 22, 2 p.m. - SR 29 and 5th Street. Sonja Reeves, Kempton, was arrested on suspicion of false informing and on two warrants from Howard County for revocation of sentence for false informing and theft. Reeves was reportedly in Burlington asking for money to purchase gas. After an investigation, she was found to be using a false name and identifiers. Reeves was incarcerated in Carroll County Jail. Deputy Marshal Hammond investigated.

Sept. 24 - Deputy Marshal Hammond assisted Sheriff's Deputy Jay Schimmel in serving a Cass County warrant on Levi Dyer. Dyer was incarcerated in Carroll County Jail.

Delphi Police Dept.

Sept. 18, 10:32 a.m. - Personal injury, Washington and Main streets. Pedestrian Marlene E. Ramsey, 74, Flora, was struck by a vehicle driven by Rosalie D. Wilson, 69, Delphi, while crossing Main St. with a green light. Ramsey was transported to Lafayette Home Hospital where she was treated and released. Chief Ed Chapman investigated.

Sept. 19, 2:50 p.m. - Possession of marijuana, Delphi Community Middle School. 15-year-old juvenile was arrested and released to parents. Officer Chuck Kent investigated.

Sept. 20, - Property damage, Prince William Rd. and North St. Brenda Vaknin, 50, Delphi. Kent investigated.

Sept. 21, 11:56 a.m. - Property damage, SR25 at US421. Jeremy

Remley, 27, South Bend, and Gerald Phillips, 28, Lafayette. Kent investigated.

Sept. 22, 2:13 a.m. - OWI, SR25 west of Davis Lane. Raul Rocha, 28, Logansport, arrested. Officer Justin Wilson investigated.

Sept. 22, 10:44 a.m. - Theft, North Union St. Tracey Myers, 44, and Jenny Swinford, 38, both of Delphi, reported bicycles stolen. Kent investigated.

Sheriff's Dept.

Sept. 17, 9:30 a.m. - Rockfield. Deputy Grant Davidson investigated a report of sexual misconduct with a minor.

Sept. 17, 1:55 p.m. - 4200 block N. SR 75, Camden. Davidson investigated a complaint of criminal conversion and residential entry.

Sept. 17, 5 p.m. - Criminal mischief reported to vehicle on N. U.S. 421. Davidson investigated.

Sept. 17, 6:35 p.m. - W. Sleepy Hollow Road. Deputy Tony Liggitt investigated a report of possible sexual misconduct with a minor. Investigation is ongoing.

Sept. 17, 7:55 p.m. - Habitual traffic violator. Loy Shaw was arrested in Tippecanoe County after he was pulled over by Deputy Michael Thomas. Shaw's driver's license was suspended.

Sept. 17, 8:08 p.m. - Criminal mischief was reported to vehicle in Tippecanoe Township. Deputy Zachary Hall investigated.

Sept. 17, 10:16 p.m. - Hall investigated a report of battery that occurred in Burlington Township.

Sept. 18, 2:35 p.m. - W. Milkhouse Road. Property damage accident, William C. Emmitt, 20, Delphi. Emmitt was arrested on suspicion of operating while intoxicated, endangering, and minor consumption. Davidson investigated.

Sept. 18, 3:50 p.m. - E. CR 150 N. Deputy John Chapman investigated a report of criminal mischief to a trailer in Carrollton Township.

Sept. 18, 5:58 p.m. - Criminal information. Hall investigated an incident involving an inmate that occurred in Carroll County Jail.

Sept. 18, 9 p.m. - E. Seventh St., Burlington. Davidson investigated a report of child abuse.

Sept. 19, 12:35 a.m. - Property damage with injury, 1131 Deer Meadows North Rd. Kathy E. Dunbar, 43, Delphi. Passenger, Gregory A. Dunbar, 47, Delphi, fell from tailgate and transported via ambulance to a hospital. Driver was arrested on suspicion of OWI. Deputy Zachary Hall investigated.

Sept. 19, 1:55 a.m. - Arson. Hall investigated a report of a suspicious fire near on SR 29.

Sept. 20, 7:52 a.m. - Criminal mischief. Dennis Randle investigated a report of damage to a corn field in northern Carroll County.

Sept. 21, 6:40 a.m. - Property damage with injury, CR100E at CR700N. Jeremy L. Scott, 33, Delphi. EMS was called due to complaint of pain in face. Deputy John Chapman investigated.

Sept. 21, 9:26 a.m. - Theft. Chapman investigated a report of theft of medicine from a residence in Burlington Township.

Sept. 21, 5:49 p.m. - Neglect of a dependent child. Deputy Tony Liggitt investigated. Report will be sent to Child Protective Service and Prosecutor's Office.

Sept. 21, 10:55 p.m. - Assisting another agency. Logansport Police Dept. requested that a residence be checked for a vehicle possibly involved in a "hit and run." Kelly Capitanio, rural Flora, was arrested on suspicion of operating while intoxicated. Flora Officer Mark Thomas investigated.

Sept. 22, 12:14 a.m. - While on patrol, Hall noticed a vehicle parked partially in the roadway in front of a residence on Cook St., Delphi. Ross Malott, 19, Delphi, was arrested on suspicion of illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor. He was later charged with resisting law enforcement and disorderly conduct while at the Carroll County Jail.

Sept. 22, 1:25 p.m. - Property damage, SR39 near CR500W. Jose M. Silvestre Ambrosio, 29, West Lafayette, was arrested for suspicion of OWI with prior, driving while suspended as a misdemeanor, and failure to provide proof of insurance. Deputy Grant Davidson investigated.

Sept. 22, 1:46 p.m. - N. CR 1125W. Sheriff's Office received a

report of a suspicious vehicle and shots fired in Jefferson Township. While checking the area, Joseph Shultz, 29, Monticello, was arrested on suspicion of criminal recklessness with a deadly weapon and public intoxication. Hall investigated.

Sept. 22, 11 a.m. - Davidson investigated a battery complaint between two females. A report is being forwarded to the prosecutor's office.

Sept. 22, 5:01 p.m. - Davidson investigated a fight complaint on Smith Ave. in Delphi.

Sept. 23, 12:15 a.m. - Saul Alvarez, 36, Lafayette, was arrested on suspicion of operating while intoxicated. Liggitt investigated.

Sept. 23, 4:56 a.m. - CR 500S. Garrett Terryberry, 21, Burlington, was arrested on suspicion of operating while intoxicated and leaving the scene of a property damage accident. Liggitt investigated.

Sept. 23, 2:25 p.m. - Davidson investigated a report of a dog biting a juvenile male in Brighthurst.

Sept. 23, 2:30 p.m. - SR 39 near CR 500W. Property damage crash. Jose Manuel Silvestre-Ambrosio, 30, West Lafayette. Silvestre-Ambrosio was arrested on suspicion of operating a vehicle while intoxicated with prior conviction and driving while suspended. He also operated the vehicle without financial responsibility. He was incarcerated in Carroll County Jail. Davidson investigated.

Sept. 23, 6:12 p.m. - W. Horse-shoe Bend Road. Liggitt investigated a report of battery. A report will be forwarded to the prosecutor's office.

Deer Reports

Sept. 18, 5:40 a.m. - US421 near Von Hollow Dr. Michael T. Little, 52, Flora, was transported to White County Memorial Hospital with pain in rib area. Liggitt investigated.

Sept. 18, 11:13 p.m. - CR1150W near CR250N. Jerry L. Maxson, 21, Monticello. Sgt. Mark Back investigated.

Sept. 19, 9:05 p.m. - SR218 near SR29. Michael A. Bruce Jr, 27, Peru. Reserve Deputy Ryan Browning investigated.

Sept. 22, 11:05 p.m. - CR700N near CR425W. Joshua D. Disinger, 26, Delphi. Hall investigated.

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