

Upland woman dies in Blackford County accident

Staff Report

Lycrecua Jo Shull was pronounced dead at the scene of an accident that occurred at the intersection of Blackford County Road 200 North and 100 West. Shull was a passenger in a Ford Aerostar van which was being driven by her father Samuel R. Shull. He is a resident of Upland.

Samuel R. Shull was transported to Blackford Community Hospital and then flown to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. At this time information on his

condition is not known.

The accident which occurred at 4:15 p.m. on Friday also involved a feedtruck driven by Brad Hile and a school bus driven by Jason Dutro.

Hile, 24, resides in rural Blackford County and Dutro, 36, resides in Hartford City. In a statement made to the Blackford County Sheriff's Department Dutro stated that Shull did not stop at the intersection. Dutro said the vehicle driven by Shull collided with the feed truck, then hit the school

bus he was driving before coming to a stop in the front lawn of 2022 North 100 West.

According to the report neither of the Shulls were wearing their seat belts when the accident occurred. Lycrecua Shull was a 1981 graduate of Eastbrook High School. She was employed part time at Burger King.

Funeral services will be held at the Jones-Smith Funeral Home located at 259 North Main Street in Upland.

Free consumer educational workshops to be held at the Marion Public Library

By Teresa Witkoske

Grant County - Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service will offer free consumer educational lessons that are open to the public. These one-hour workshops will be held at the Marion Public Library, Room A - 600 South Washington, Marion. Come for any one or all three sessions. For more informa-

tion call: 765-651-2413.

The following programs will be held on

Wednesday March 2, 2005.

10:30 a.m. Dealing with Diabetes

The onset of diabetes in Americans is growing everyday. Learn about the signs of diabetes, the different kinds of diabetes, and how to prevent diabetes in this program. This program provides a basic level of understanding about diabetes. It

is not intended to provide a personalized diet for a diabetic. Presenter: Bert Jones, Fulton County Extension Educator

12:30 p.m. Aging Gracefully
Learn to appreciate and enjoy the later years that frequently abound with blessings is the basis of this informative and creative program. Presenter: Terri Newcom, Tipton County Extension Educator

2:30 p.m. Simple Home Repairs

This lesson will focus on knowledge and skills in home repair decisions. Should you do your own repairs? Examining your home and assembling a basic tool box will be considerations presented in this lesson.

Presenter: Teresa Witkoske, Wabash/Grant County Extension Educator

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Monday was a busy night for the Eastbrook community school board

The Eastbrook Community School Corporation had an executive session which began at 6:30 p.m. to discuss issues authorized by federal and state statute. The executive session was following by a school board meeting that had a large audience.

First on the agenda was a report given by Dr. Beverly Schemmer the Eastbrook ISTEP+ coordinator.

Schemmer told board members that the Indiana Department of Education had released the results for grades four, five and seven in the areas of English language arts and math. The fifth grade results for science had also been received she said.

Schemmer then went over the results with the school board members.

"This is the first year for fifth graders to take science across the state," Schemmer said in regards to the report stating that all areas of science needed to be strengthened. "The scores are lower than we would like to see showing that the emphasis is not there that needs to be there."

Of six standards the two that showed the most immediate need were the living environment and common themes in science.

Schemmer then discussed other areas that the test showed needed some improvement.

She did state that the seventh grade students did not show an evident area of need overall in math.

The next order of business was concerning the bids received for phase one of the Eastbrook administration addition. The information and a detailed cost analysis was presented to board members by Lisa Crandall from Crandall Engineering, Inc.

Crandall told board members the lowest bid received was one hundred forty-three thousand six hundred and thirty-seven dollars. The bid was from J.G. Bowers.

After some discussion with them the bid was lowered to one hundred twenty-six thousand seven hundred and sixty-four dollars which brought the end cost to one thousand forty-eight one hundred and sixty-eight dollars.

Crandall stated that three contractors would be working on the project. J.G. Powers would be doing the new construction and remodeling, Martin would be doing the HVAC and Collins would be doing the electrical, the data, telephone cabling and fiber optics as well as the electrical power distribution.

Then the board members discussed sever- al leave of absence requests and appoint

ments.

The next big item on the agenda was the approval of the handbook for transportation personnel. The book was reviewed and revised by Sheila Weiland the Eastbrook transportation director. The book was given to board members to look over during a previous meeting.

Board member Frank Hix did request one change to the book. He said that instead of the buses being checked weekly that they needed to be checked daily. The school board did approve adoption of the new book.

The final discussion which brought a lot of interest from the audience was the adoption of the coming years school calendar.

The new calendar has four built in snow days which if not needed will allow for long weekends. It also calls for nine week grading periods instead of six week grading periods which brought concern from board member Dale Beck.

"I have a strong concern about the nine weeks grading period," Beck who voted against the calendar said. "It provides the opportunity for someone to slip through the cracks."

The board however voted to approve the calendar. The vote was four to one.

Taylor University department of music

Friday, March 4, 2005
Vocal Master Class with
guest artist Timothy Noble
Location: Recital Hall from 2
p.m. to 4 p.m.

Senior Recital with Bethany
Riggs on piano and Ashley
Robinson doing the vocals.
Location: Recital Hall 7:30
p.m.

Saturday, March 5, 2005
Marion Philharmonic
Orchestra "Lerner & Lowe
Songbook" featuring Timothy
Noble doing the vocals.
Location: Indiana Wesleyan
University Performing Arts
Center 7:30 p.m. Tickets are
available at the Taylor
University Music Office.

Friday, March 11, 2005
Senior Voice Recital featur-
ing Ginger Thimlar, Soprano.
Location: Recital Hall 7:30
p.m.

Saturday, March 12, 2005
Faculty Piano Recital featur-
ing Dr. Leon Harshenin.
Location: Recital Hall 7:30
p.m.

Saturday, March 19, 2005
Performing Artist Series
"Viva Flamenco" featuring
Ronald Radford, guitarist and
Tamara Garbancita, dancer.
Location: Recital Hall 8:00
p.m. For ticket information
call 765-998-5289.

Steve West finds success in a small community

By Sheri Ann Richardson
The Courier Editor

Steve West, President of Blackford Community Hospital freely admits to the numerous advantages of living in a smaller community. He has also found success by living in smaller communities.

West, originally from Cleveland, Ohio came to Blackford County in November 1998. He moved here from a small community in Illinois where he had resided with his family for twenty years when he was offered a job as the administrator at the Blackford Community Hospital.

West, who has a wife Arlene and two children, Eric and Allison said only his wife and son came with him. Allison moved on to Columbus, Ohio to attend Ohio State University.

"I am very much a product of when I grew up," West said. "I graduated high school in 1970, then went on to Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. I was a zoology major. I received a Bachelor of Arts Degree but continued on in school hoping for a degree in biology. About two years into my schooling I decided to get a masters degree in hospital administration instead. That degree came from Ohio State University."

West lost his father when he was ten years old. His mother, an older brother and a sister raised him.

"My brother who was a physician was the influence that lead me to a career in the health care field," West said.

West began his career by working part time at a hospital while completing his degree. Then he went on to Galesburg Cottage Hospital in Illinois. He remained there for twenty years.

"I began as an assistant administrator," West said. "I held that position for ten years then I was the CEO of the hospital for ten years."

"When I was getting ready to finish graduate school the job I liked best was at Galesburg Cottage Hospital. I had never lived in a small community," West said. "I found there were many advantages to living in a small community."

Grant County club news

The Garden Club of Marion

The Garden Club of Marion met on Friday, February 10, at the Marion Public Library. Thirteen members were present.

Corresponding Secretary Claudene Rust reported that birthday cards for the months of January and February were sent and a sympathy card was sent to Brenda Blackburn. A thank you card was received for our TGCI Land Trust donation. A thank you card was read by Katrina Vollmer from Claudine for the flowers sent during her illness.

President Fornshell stated that dues must be paid today or they will be considered delinquent and your listing will not be included in this years membership book. In the absence of Gloria Drock, Lavonne Lousure reported that the Garden Tour will be June 18th and the rain date would be June 19th. She advised that the plant sale will also be on June 18th.

April 23rd will be the date for Blue Star Memorial Dedication, at the Marion National Cemetery at 2 p.m. The public is invited. Ruth Moorhead reported on the meeting with the VFW Post. She advised that eight preliminary letters were sent to dignitaries. Kitty Larkin NCG President elect and Jimmie Meinhardt CR Blue Star Chairman will be attending. Plans for a fly over, music, color guards and a reception were discussed. Moorhead stated that the Amvets Post # 5 have donated service flags and poles that will be in the area of the marker. A dedication of these will be done along with our dedication.

Judy Fornshell informed the members that the VFW Post #60 is having their first fund raiser for the landscape and hardscape for the Blue Star Memorial Site. Judy has Dominoes Pizza coupons for ten dollars to purchase and urged all to participate. We have received donations from The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. Garden Therapy, from the State Ladies Auxiliary of Amvets and the local Amvets Post #5 Ladies Auxiliary and this will go towards the landscaping of the area. Judy also informed that the Blue Star marker was ordered at the beginning of January. We received seven hundred and forty dollars from the VFW San Mateo Post #60 and the club allotted an additional two hundred dollars for a total of nine hundred and forty dollars for the marker.

Phil Moorhead moved that we participate in the Flower and Patio Show for the YES Network that will be held March 5, 2005 at Indiana Wesleyan University. Lila Milford, Chairman of the VA said that she bought new greens for the urns.

The next meeting will be March 11, 2005 at the Marion Public Library at 9:15 a.m. and will include Installation of Officers. Ruth Moorhead will present the program "Tell us what you will be plant- ing this year." Members are asked to bring their seed and nursery catalogs.