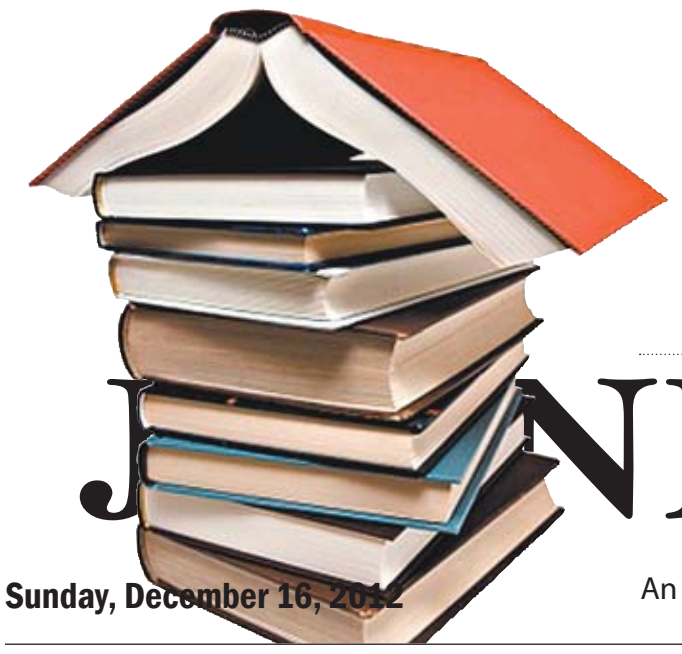

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We're down to just nine more shopping days before Christmas — which is plenty of time, given the abundance of great gifts available right here in our backyard. Check out the local offerings for everyone on your list.

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High-tech park plan advances

North Vernon mayor expects tenants to spur jobs



FILE

The recently renovated North Vernon Municipal Airport is expected to be one of the biggest incentives to lure new employers to the future Muscatatuck Technology Park.

By Mark Webber
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NORTH VERNON — The development of a high-tech park on 785 acres of farmland near the North Vernon Municipal Park is a definite 'go', said North Vernon Mayor Harold "Soup" Campbell.

If everything goes as the mayor envisions, the future Muscatatuck Technology Park will bring hundreds of high-paying, skilled jobs to Jennings County, as well as up to $5 million in new tax revenue.

Jennings County Economic Development Director Kathy Ertel said assistance will be provided to local residents to help them acquire the skills needed for those jobs.

"I'd say we might see something next spring coming out of the ground out there," Campbell said.

The future Muscatatuck Technology Park will be across Betty Cull Drive near the Panther Contingency Operating Base operated by the Indiana National Guard.

Campbell described the technology park as a "serious development, adding he has been working to make the high-tech complex a reality since taking office almost four years ago.

"We took it to the maximum, and took in the entire airport," Campbell said, adding that the restricted air space from nearby military installations would make the airport ideal for testing experimental aerial systems such as drone aircraft.

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JENNINGS SCENE

DECEMBER

Today – "White Christmas": The classic 1954 holiday classic will be screened at the Park Theatre Civic Centre on South Madison Avenue, North Vernon. Showtimes are 2 and 7 p.m. Admission is free with a canned food item that will be donated to a local food pantry. For more information, go to park-theatre.org or call 346-0330 or 346-4329.

17 – JCHS Band Christmas Concert: Presented by Jennings County High School, 7 p.m. at the Don Pelkey Auditorium. Admission is canned goods or a donation.

20 — Third Thursday Meal: 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Good Samaritan Food Pantry, 2250 N. State Road 7, North Vernon. Seven Jennings County churches prepare free meals the third Thursday of each month for people in need. For more information, call the Good Samaritan Food Pantry at 352-0500 or program coordinator Robin Vogelsang at 591-0349.

31 — New Year's Eve Dance: Senior Resource Center of Jennings County, 515 Buckeye St., North Vernon. Buffet starts at 6 p.m. Live music by the Norm Smith Band from 8 p.m. to midnight. Cost is $25 per couple or $15 for individuals. For more information, call 346-1234.

Changes in regularly scheduled public meetings or special meetings may be reported to The Republic by calling 379-5635 or 379-5665 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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17 — North Vernon Utility Service Board, 6 p.m., Carnegie Government Center, 143 E. Walnut St.

17 — North Vernon Park Board, 6 p.m., 604 N. State St. 1

7 — North Vernon Redevelopment Commission, 4 p.m., North Vernon Education & Training Center, executive conference room, 1200 W. O&M Ave.

18 — Essential Services Board, 3 p.m., Government Center, 200 E. Brown St., Vernon.

20 — County Zoning Board, **6 p.m.,** Government Center, 200 E. Brown St. Vernon.

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3 — Vernon Town Council, 28 Perry St.

7 — North Vernon Utility Service Board, 6 p.m., North Vernon Education Training Center, 1200 W. O&M.

7 — Area Plan Commission, 6 p.m., Government Center, 200 E. Brown St., Vernon.

7 — North Vernon Park Board, 6 p.m., 604 N. State St.

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SHOOTING STAR

Photographer earns emerging-artist honor

By Mark Webber
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INDIANAPOLIS — A North Vernon native came out one of the big winners in a recent global art competition.

Melody Yvonne Ramey won top honors in the photography segment of the fourth annual RAWAwards, which recognizes the artistic works of individuals in the first 10 years of their career.

"I am proud of where I'm from," said Ramey, a Southport resident. "I have always wanted to make my family proud."

The regional winners were announced Nov. 15 at Bartini's Nightclub in downtown Indianapolis. Besides photography, RAWAwards also are presented in other areas, including art, fashion, music, film, hair, makeup and performance.

Ramey's winning entry was a slide lamp shade showcasing her photos around a back light that she titled "The Lamp Of The Dead." The featured photo in her exhibit, called "Lost In Me," received special recognition.

In the judging of individual entries, public votes counted for 50 percent of the final score. Various judges observed the crowd's reactions to displays and quality of displays throughout the nightclub.

Ramey said her love of photography began at age 5, when her family would go on Sunday drives just to take pictures of the Jennings County countryside and marvel at nature.

"I started out with a Tweety Bird camera and a dream, and I never let go," Ramey said.

She added she was able to grow as an artist by turning her friends into models and turning every trip, even just to the local park, into a fantasy scene of her imagination.

She received an associate of applied science degree in visual technologies, majoring in photography, from Ivy

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Top: Melody Yvonne Ramey won top honors in the photography segment of the fourth annual RAWAwards, which recognizes the artistic works of individuals in the first 10 years of their career. **Above:** Ramey's entry titled "Lamp Of The Dead" won top honors in the photography competition. Michelle Spitz | For The Republic

Donors to the rescue

Last-minute push brings toy, food drive closer to goal

By Cecelia Ellis
For The Republic

NORTH VERNON — Though the Jennings County Coordinating Council's Food and Toy Drive still is running behind the local need, churches and generous individuals have brought funding to within $3,600 of the $22,000 necessary to complete the annual Christmas project.

As of the first week of December, the Coordinating Council had only raised about a quarter of the amount needed to distribute toys and food to the more than 1,000 residents who need help this Christmas.

"Before yesterday, I was crying every day because I didn't know what we were going to do," said Kitty Shepherd, Jennings County Coordinating Council director during a Tuesday interview. "Then yesterday, a whole flood of resources came through the door."

After news of the shortfall reached the Jennings County community, churches and individuals raised more than $12,000 in less than a week for the fund.

"We still need help, and I sure don't want to think about not having enough to give

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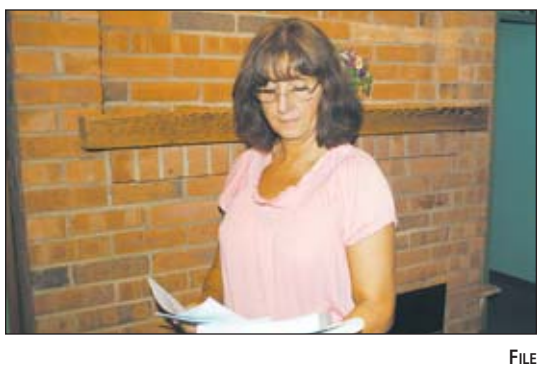
FILE

From left, Daniel Barlow, Alyssa Marshall, Cierra Johnson and Maquenzi Hovious prepare food boxes for needy families at the Jennings County Coordinating Council Inc. building in 2006.

Full-time shelter aims to help victims rebuild lives



FILE

Jeanie Hahn, CEO of Jennings County Council on Domestic Violence, looks over paperwork at the Jennings County domestic violence shelter.

By Jeanie Hahn
For The Republic

NORTH VERNON — The Jennings County Council on Domestic Violence will open Jan. 1 as a full-time shelter where victims of abuse and their children can come to stay in a safe facility.

We anticipate filling all 22 beds within the first week after we open.

While at the shelter, our clients will be assessed for their education levels and abilities, job skills and parenting skills. Classes will be offered to help with computer proficiency, cooking, child care, personal hygiene, budgeting and there will be support groups of all types.

Since 1994, JCCDV has been helping victims of any age, race or gender escape abusive and/or violent relationships to go on to live lives free from fear and shame.

Our services are always offered free of charge and are strictly confidential.

This past August we took the next step and with a generous invitation, approval and blessings from the former Jennings Villas Children's Home, we moved into its facility with the intent of becoming a full-time 24/7 shelter for battered people.

JCCDV will bring in other organizations to work with our clients in the shelter to ensure that when they leave they will be able to support themselves and live in a healthy environment free from a controlling and terrifying partner.

Our clients will learn to recognize the signs of an abusive partner long before they commit to an

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St. Vincent Health names strategy officer

STAFF REPORTS

INDIANAPOLIS — St. Vincent Health officials recently announced the appointment of Julie Carmichael as system vice president and chief strategy officer for the 22-hospital system effective Dec. 31. Those hospitals include Jennings St. Vincent in North Vernon.

Carmichael succeeds Kevin Speer, who resigned to become president and CEO of Hendricks Regional Health.

She will report directly to Vincent Caponi, CEO of St. Vincent Health, and Indiana and Wisconsin Ministry Market Leader for Ascension Health.


JULIE CARMICHAEL

Carmichael comes to St. Vincent Health after serving 19 years at the Suburban Health Organization as president and CEO. SHO is a partnership of central Indiana hospitals that collaborate to promote quality, efficiency and patient access.

During her tenure at SHO, Carmichael successfully developed and executed a wide variety of strategies including creation of a captive insurance company and the Accountable Care Consortium, which includes St. Vincent Health's partnership with Community Health Network and six area hospitals aimed at creating healthier communities, improving health care quality, and lowering health care costs.

"Julie is well regarded within our health care community, and her expertise and business relationships will ensure the viability, sustainability and mutuality for our health ministry," Caponi said. "Through her leadership at SHO, Julie has been on the forefront of the changes within the health care industry, which will position St. Vincent Health to better support our patients' overall health and well-being."

Prior to her career with SHO, Carmichael worked in government relations for the Indiana Hospital Association from 1989-1993.

Carmichael holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from Stanford University, a Master of Business Administration from Indiana University, and a certification from the Executive Program in Managed Care from the University of Missouri.

In addition, she is an adjunct faculty member of Indiana University School of Medicine, Department of Public Health, MHA Program, and a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Carmichael is involved in numerous community activities including: Go Red for Women Executive Leadership Team — American Heart Association, Indiana Chapter; Executive Women in Health Care; Indiana Golf Foundation; and the Indiana Healthcare Executives Network. She is also a 2012 ACHE Regent's Award recipient.

St. Vincent Health is a nonprofit, spiritually centered health system, sponsored by Ascension Health of St. Louis, the nation's largest Catholic health system.

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9 — North Vernon Senior Housing, 3 p.m., 45 Henry St.

14 — County Commissioners, 6:30 p.m., Government Center, 200 E. Brown St., Vernon.

14 — Jennings County School Board, 7 p.m., 34 W. Main St., North Vernon.

14 — North Vernon Common Council, 7 p.m., Carnegie Government Center, 143 E. Walnut St.

14 — Jennings County Public Library Board, 7 p.m., library conference room, 2375 N. State Road 3, North Vernon.

15 — Essential Services Board, 3 p.m., Government Center, 200 E. Brown St., Vernon.

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28 — Jennings County Soil and Water Conservation District, 7 to 9 p.m., 2600 N. State Road 7, North Vernon.

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exclusive relationship.

They will learn to be better parents and caregivers as well as employed members of our community.

As we wait for the arrival of the new year, many of us are celebrating the Christmas season and all things that relate to happy families, fun parties, and meaningful religious services.

Sadly, not everyone will have the same experience of love, joy and peace in their homes. Some of our friends and neighbors, and even family members, will experience fear, terror and beatings that they will try to hide because they are ashamed or afraid to tell anyone what is going on in their homes.

Picture this true-life scenario: A woman with three children, two dogs and a cat in a carrier pull up outside the JCCDV offices. All of their earthly possessions are crammed into the back of a pickup truck.

The woman has black eyes and possible broken ribs. The children are hungry, afraid and crying. They are hot and tired from staying awake for the past three nights listening to their parents fighting and screaming.

The woman drags the children into our office, feeling desperate, hopeless and alone. She has no idea where all of them will sleep or where their next meal will come from.

She says, "What do I do now?"

The trained advocates and volunteers at JCCDV immediately go to work arranging for her medical care, calming the children and getting everyone settled down. She will have to work hard in the next 45 days or so to get her life turned around, but she will not have to feel alone or forgotten again.

She has just taken the biggest step of her life to make the changes she knows must be done, not just for herself but for her children.

JCCDV is the only domestic violence organization providing services to sexual assault and family violence victims in Jennings County. We also serve our neighboring counties or any victim from anyplace who needs help.

JCCDV works closely with the Department of Child Services, law enforcement, continuing education at library, schools, attorneys, hospitals and mental health counselors and agencies to provide free services to every person who seeks help from our trained advocates.

Our move would not be possible without the good and caring people of our community. There is not enough room in this newspaper to publish everyone's name who has helped JCCDV victims this past year.

Thanks from the bottom of our hearts to all of you, and you know who you are, for the contributions donated from individuals, faith groups, clubs, small businesses, county and community organizations, and industries to help us help our neighbors.

We feel so blessed by our area churches. Examples of actions that touch our hearts are the little kids who donate their pennies at New Bethel United Methodist Church and the women's groups who work tirelessly all year to ensure we have sheets, toilet paper and cleaning supplies.

We are humbled by our larger donors who truly see the need in our hometown and want to make this a good place to live and work. We cannot stay in existence without you.

There are so many folks who have quietly dropped off a check at just the right time so JCCDV can pay a bill or buy supplies for the people who desperately need our services.

None of you will ever know how much you eased unimaginable suffering, both mental and physical.

Our survivors are always awestruck that a stranger really cares enough to help them. They have lived silent lives of desperation for too long. They have forgotten what it feels like to experience kindness. You have helped ignite a faint light of hope and helped them realize they will survive and get stronger.

Most of those who donate want to remain anonymous. They do not want any special recognition for their generosity. Our organization respects their wishes.

No donation is ever too small. Even a couple of dollars will buy some bread and peanut butter.

We do not have the budget to send out mass mailings or advertise our services on the radio. Even if we did have the funds, the JCCDV staff and board of directors feel the money would be more wisely spent directly helping those in need.

JCCDV wishes all readers a very merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous new year!

Jeanie Hahn is executive director of the Jennings County Council on Domestic Violence.

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The airport itself, which has received millions of dollars in recent improvements, has become an attractive incentive to lure in new companies to the North Vernon area, Ertel said.

Campbell added that the U.S. 50 bypass, which is expected to go through the airport area, also will help recruitment efforts.

The city has brought aboard Strategy Partners, a high-tech consulting company that has already announced plans to build a 50,000-square-foot headquarters building on the site in the near future. The firm will serve as the city's recruiting partner.

"It's up to them to find military contracts," Campbell said. "The type of research and development firms that they need around military installations."

The mayor also said while the companies they expect to attract have internationally recognized names, only firms with ties to the military will be considered for occupancy within the Muscatatuck Technology Park.

"It's the ones that send out parts of their research and development for military hardware and make equipment to keep soldiers safer," Campbell said. "It's pretty exciting stuff."

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Food hub connection for growers, consumers

BY BRIAN BOYCE
Tribune-Star

TERRE HAUTE — Surrounded by green grass and fields of golden grain, many Wabash Valley residents remain trapped in a "food desert."

A coalition of private and public sector entities hope to change that through innovative programming, including the establishment of a Wabash Valley Food Hub, connecting local growers to consumers.

Defined by federal agencies in terms of income and access to fresh groceries, a food desert is a census tract scoring low in both.

A tract must have either a poverty rate exceeding 20 percent, or a median family income below 80 percent of that area, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Designation also requires a "low-access community" have a minimum of 500 people where at least 33 percent reside more than a mile from a supermarket, or in rural tracts, 10 miles.

Initial plans are to have the hub operational by June 2013.

Putnam County farmer Tom Holton, owner of Red Barn Farms, said he's interested.

"We just really want people to understand where their food comes from," he said, describing his 150-acre operation as an "all-natural farm."


SUBMITTED

This entry by North Vernon native Melodie Yvonne Ramey, titled "Lost In Me" won special recognition in the photography competition during the 2012 RAWAwards in Indianapolis.

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Tech Community College in 2002. After earning her degree, Ramey moved from North Vernon to Indianapolis to pursue a career in photography.

She founded the Southport Artistry Committee in July 2010 to help other artists grow and network.

"I will always love photography and the vessel it has given me to share the images of my heart and mind with the world," she said.

Ramey has participated in numerous art shows and photo shoots throughout southern Indiana.

In addition, she has taken many types of jobs from portraits to working for bands on the Indianapolis scene.

RAWAwards, which has become a part of the annual Indie Arts Awards, is a concept that emerged in southern California.

The special recognition was created to attract unknown artists and bring them into the spotlight.

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something to everyone on the list," Shepherd said. "But, we are better off than I thought we would be."

In addition to money, the project still is in desperate need of toys, she said. The project requested donations of new and gently used toys throughout the drive.

"We are very short of new toys, especially for boys and girls in the range of 12 years and older," she said.

She suggests personal grooming gift sets for the boys and bath sets for the girls in that age group, as well as hand-held electronic games.

Distribution of the toys and food will begin Monday, but the Coordinating Council will continue to accept donations of toys and money throughout the week.

Requests for help at Christmas have increased significantly during the past two years. Extra donations are necessary to meet that increasing need.

"Donations have been slower this year because I think people are cutting back their spending because they are not sure what the new year will bring," Shepherd said. "But many of our donors who have been helped in the past and are doing better now, come back in to donate to others. I love to hear the stories about why the people are donating."



TOMMY WALKER | FOR THE REPUBLIC

Jennings County junior Emma Campbell (44) is fouled by Waldron senior Laura Crosby (43) while taking a shot earlier this season. **Below:** Jennings County sophomore Baylee Krueger (30) shoots over Waldron sophomore Lauren (Suiter 12) as Waldron senior Laura Crosby (43) looks on at Jennings County High School.

'A TEAM EFFORT'

Panthers' unity, record on rise

BY RYAN SCHROER
For The Republic

THE Jennings County Panthers girls basketball team hopes that hard work at the free-throw line will pay off later this season.

Each team member must shoot 300 free throws during each week of practice.

"It was a weakness that didn't show up much last year," co-captain Mariah Kinney said. "It's showing up more this year because we've improved so much in other areas, and our games are much closer."

The Panthers split their first eight games of the season. But poor foul shooting cost them chances to win against East Central and New Albany.

Against the Bulldogs, the Panthers hit 11 of 31 free throws.

"We still have things we need to work on," head coach Carrie Manowitz said. "We're not satisfied with where we are. We want to win more conference games this season."

The Panthers' victory over Jeffersonville was their first conference victory in three seasons and the first for anyone on the varsity squad.

"It was awesome to beat Jeff," senior co-captain Kirsten Biggs said. "The varsity hadn't won a conference game since they beat Floyd Central our freshman year."



Biggs scored 17 of the team's 46 points, including four key foul shots to help force overtime.

"In the locker room, everyone was happy after the game," Kinney said. "That's quite a change from last year. We didn't win any games last year, so this year our losses actually hurt."

The Panthers have become a more cohesive team as the players know how to complement each other. The Panthers have been more effective at using their superior height and length to stymie opposing teams. The ability of the guards to successfully navigate the ball past midcourt and avoid turnovers has been key to the team's offensive improvement.

"It all starts with (Biggs)," Kinney said. "She's the point guard, and she's really improved at making the entry pass. If she doesn't make the entry pass, she can get the ball to me on the outside or get it into the post to Emma Campbell or Katie Wilson."

Winning has helped boost team morale and create better team chemistry.

"We've gotten better at picking people up," Biggs said. "Practice has been a lot more positive because we have more self-confidence. During games, we don't dwell on negative stuff like we used to. Now, we just brush them off."

Manowitz and her staff are impressed by the dedication the team has shown.

"Expectations are higher for us this season," she said. "The girls get along better this season, and they are more committed. Several of them have been shooting extra free throws before or after practices. Several of them have watched game film without being asked to do it. No particular person has stood out this season. It's been a team effort."

Grade school helps diverse students adapt

BY APRIL TOLER
The Herald Times

BLOOMINGTON — When 11-year-old Isaac Seong enrolled at University Elementary School last year, the sixth-grader who grew up in South Korea was a little nervous.

"I was kind of scared because everyone was saying English, but I couldn't speak English," he said. "I thought I could not do well in school, so I was scared the first time."

But Isaac quickly learned he was not the only student at University who was from another country or who was not proficient in the English language.

In fact, the school is known for its diverse population and the way it embraces diversity.

"When I came here, there were two Korean students in my fifth-grade class, so it was OK," Isaac said.

As a whole, Monroe County Community School Corp. has 744 language minority students, 336 of whom are limited English proficient students. University has one of the district's largest populations of international students. Of University's almost 500 students, 112 are considered language minority students.

Almost 30 languages are represented at University, with the largest population, 25 students, speaking Korean; 19 students speaking Mandarin/Chinese; and 10 students speaking Spanish.

Other languages spoken by University students this year include Arabic, Cantonese, Chin, Dari, German, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Luganda, Malay, Malayalam, Persian, Polish, Pushto, Russian, Swahili, Tajik, Thai, Tibetan, Turkish, Twi and Uzbek.

Of the 112 language minority students, about half are fluent in English, while the other half have limited English proficiency.

That's where Collette Eno, teacher of English Language Learners at University, comes in.

Eno's day is divided into 35-minute increments, which focus on one grade level per period. Each class varies in students' native languages and English proficiency.

For example, in Eno's current third-grade class, three students are from South Korea, one is from China and one is from Indonesia. Her kindergarten class consists of students from Poland, China, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan and Taiwan.

Eno does not speak the almost 30 languages represented at the school, but with the help of teacher's aide Angie Whitmer, technology, and good old-fashioned pictures and drawings, Eno and Whitmer do their best to communicate with every student.

"It's a variety of me using (a computer) translator, my teacher's aide helping to translate, using a lot of pictures and examples and trying to get at what they already know about (a skill) in their own language and then transfer that to that skill in English."

For Muhammad "Taqi" Faizal, who moved here last year from Malaysia, not being able to speak the language was what worried him the most about starting school. But Taqi soon realized that although his fellow students might not be from the same country, there were many students who were new to America and the English language.

Eno said that, although learning the language can be the first barrier to adjusting to a new environment, staff and students at University also work diligently to help ease students into their new surroundings.



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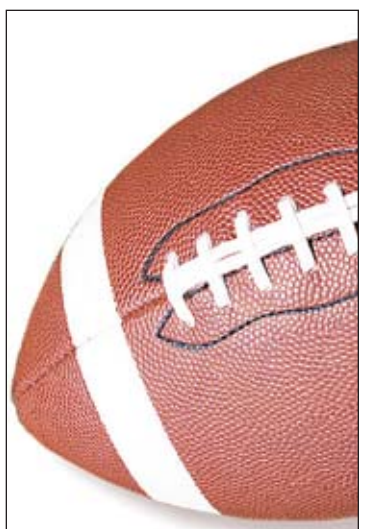
ESL teacher Colette Eno helps Stephan Shi during a letters and sounds exercise at University Elementary School in Bloomington. Almost 30 languages are represented at the school, with 112 of the 500 students considered language minority students.



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Jennings County School Lunch Menu

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
ELEMENTARY	Whole Grain Chicken Patty on Whole Grain Bun, Baked Tater Tots or Baked Beans, Fruit Choice, Milk	Whole Grain Quesadilla, Green Beans or Fresh Carrot Sticks, Ranch Dip, Fruit Choice, Whole Grain Cookie, Milk	Turkey & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes or California Blend, Whole Grain Dinner Roll, Fruit Choice, Milk	Breaded Mozzarella Cheese Sticks, Marinara Sauce Dipping Cup, Corn or Mixed Vegetables, Fruit Choice, Milk	Whole Grain Pizza, Steamed Broccoli or Steamed Green Peas, Fruit Choice, Slushy Sidekicks, Milk
SECONDARY	Whole Grain Chicken Patty or Hamburger on Whole Grain Bun, Baked Tater Tots or Baked Beans, Fruit Choice, Milk	Whole Grain Quesadilla or BBQ Rib on Whole Grain Bun, Green Beans or Fresh Carrot Sticks w/ Ranch Dip, Fruit Choice, Whole Grain Cookie, Milk	Turkey & Noodles or Cheeseburger on Whole Grain Bun, Mashed Potatoes or California Blend, Whole Grain Dinner Roll, Fruit Choice, Milk	Breaded Mozzarella Cheese Sticks or Whole Grain Chicken Patty on Whole Grain Bun, Marinara Sauce, Dipping Cup, Corn or Mixed Vegetables, Fruit Choice, Whole Grain Cookie, Milk	Whole Grain Fiestada Beef Pizza or Tenderloin on Whole Grain Bun, Steamed Broccoli or Steamed Green Peas, Fruit Choice, Slushy Sidekicks, Milk
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL	Whole Grain Chicken Patty, Baked Tater Tots or Baked Beans, Fruit Choice, Milk	Whole Grain Quesadilla, Green Beans or Fresh Carrot Sticks w/Ranch Dip, Fruit Choice, Cookie, Milk	Turkey & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes or California Blend, Whole Grain Dinner Roll, Fruit Choice, Milk	Breaded Mozzarella Cheese Sticks, Marinara Sauce Dipping Cup, Corn or Mixed Vegetables, Fruit Choice, Cookie, Milk	Whole Grain Fiestada Pizza, Steamed Broccoli or Steamed Green Peas, Fruit Choice, Slushy Sidekicks, Milk

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MITCHELL SIGMUND | FOR THE REPUBLIC

Steven Miller, left, Jacob Wingate and Mackenzie Henson study for their final exams at Jennings County High School.

HITTING THE BOOKS

Finals week ahead for Jennings High School students

FINALS week, Tuesday through Friday, looms over students once again at Jennings County High School.

Teens are studying rampantly, trying to cram as much information into their brains as they can. People are organizing study groups and after-school sessions to attempt to know the bulk of the material that soon will be 20 percent of their grade.

As for this reporter, he will be attending as many advanced-placement calculus and physics study groups as humanly possible.

But how are other students preparing?

Senior Jacob Fortner has seven finals: TV Production, German IV, physics, A.P. English literature and composition, choir, A.P. calculus and economics.



Mitchell Sigmund

Fortner thinks his hardest final will be calculus and his easiest will be study hall. However, most of his time will be used to study for A.P. English. To study, Jacob simply looks over notes for about an hour.

Dakota Bishop, another four-year student, has seven similar finals: Spanish IV, physics, TV Production, Probability and Statistics, chamber orchestra, A.P. English literature and composition, and United States Government.

Bishop most likely will study by using outlines and study guides given to him by teachers. He believes his hardest final will be physics and his easiest will be orchestra.

He said most of his studying will probably go to Probability and Statistics. Though he said his hardest year for finals was his junior year due to the advanced classes, Bishop said "this year may top the rest."

Mitchell Sigmund is a Jennings County High School senior.

Traffic stop leads to drug charges

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NORTH VERNON — A North Vernon man pulled over during a Dec. 8 traffic stop faces five drug-related charges.

Thirld Ross, 22, was preliminarily charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of a syringe and identity deception, all Class D felonies. In addition, Ross faces Class A misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

Each of the three felony charges carries a penalty of six months to three years in prison, as well as a $10,000 fine.

Before the arrest, Ross' Chevrolet S-10 pickup was pulled over on Buckeye Street in North Vernon for a traffic violation, according to Indiana State Police reports.

However, police reports state that Trooper Randel Miller became suspicious of possible drug activity and requested assistance.

A short time later, Officer Andrew Richmond from North Vernon Police Department arrived with his police dog, Heros.

During the walk around, the police dog led officers to a backpack in the bed of the pickup.

The drugs and paraphernalia were discovered in the pack, according to the police reports.

Ross was arrested and taken to the Jennings County Jail.

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Arrests

Dec. 6

William Holman, 20, North Vernon, warrant, 12:15 p.m., by the Jennings County Sheriff's Department, bond $2,555.

Dec. 7

Chavis F. Rodgers, 28, Columbus, possession of marijuana, trafficking with an inmate, violation of house arrest, and failure to pay home detention fines (original offense was being a habitual traffic violator), 1:06 a.m., by the North Vernon Police Department, no bond.

Camerson Sampson, 21, Columbus, local warrant, 11:25 a.m., by the Jennings County Sheriff's Department, no bond.

David Otis Lee George, 30, Penion, S.C., two bench warrants, 6:12 p.m., by the Jennings County Sheriff's Department, no bond.

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Sammatha J. Caudill, 21, Rising Sun, possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance, and drug violation, 7:57 p.m. by the North Vernon Police Department.

Dec. 10

James S. McLeod, 41, North Vernon, theft and possession of marijuana, 1:20 p.m., by the North Vernon Police Department, bond $1,055.

Gene E. McRoberts, 31, Holton, contempt of court, 2 p.m., by the Jennings County Sheriff's Department, bond $2,000.

Craig Spaulding, 36, North Vernon, contempt of court, 2 p.m., by the Jennings County Sheriff's Department, bond $2,000.

Jerry Wilkins Jr., 40, North Vernon, theft, 2:45 p.m., by the North Vernon Police Department, bond $1,055.

Autumn M. Smith, 19, North Vernon, disorderly conduct, 2:46 p.m., by the North Vernon Police Department, bond $605.

Jason W. Cutsinger, 35, Scipio, domestic battery, 4:05 p.m., by the North Vernon Police Department, bond $905.

Ronnie G. Hibbs, 42, North Vernon, drunken driving and being a habitual traffic offender, 4:45 p.m., by the North Vernon Police Department, bond $1,055.

Dec. 11

Corby D. Erwin, 36, North Vernon, dealing in methamphetamine, dealing in a Schedule II controlled substance, possession of methamphetamine, possession of syringe, possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance, 1:45 a.m., by the Jennings County Sheriff's Department, bond $4,055.

Kristin N. Arms, 26, North Vernon, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia, 2 a.m., by the Jennings County Sheriff's Department, bond $905.

James William Vier, 26, North Vernon, warrant, writ of bond and possession of paraphernalia, 2:10 a.m., bond $5,960.

Ashley M. Rosenbalm, 24, North Vernon, theft, 6:40 p.m., by the North Vernon Police Department, bond $1,055.

Incidents

Dec. 6

4:50 a.m. — Leaving the scene of an accident outside the North Vernon Lowe's Home Improvement store.

10:20 a.m. — Fight reported in the area of Norris Avenue and West Walnut Street.

1:43 p.m. — Property-damage accident in the area of Buckeye and Ninth streets.

2:15 p.m. — Theft in the area of Hidden Cove Apartments.

4:32 p.m. — Possible drunken driver on State Street.

7:43 p.m. — Theft on North Elm Street

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3 a.m. — Disturbance at the Ivy Park Apartments on West O & M Avenue.

8:43 p.m. — Possible drunken driver on South State Street.

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1:46 a.m. — Possible battery in the 300 block of Hoosier Street.

12:57 p.m. — Suspicious activity in the area of Hidden Cove.

1:46 p.m. — Theft in the area of Fifth Street.

7:20 p.m. — Suspicious activity in the 1400 block of Oak Meadow Drive.

7:41 p.m. — Suspicious activity in the 700 block of Henry Street.

9:56 p.m. — Business fund unsecured in the 500 block of West Walnut Street.

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10:17 a.m. — Suspicious person at the North Vernon Walmart.

4:37 p.m. — Check fraud on Fifth Street.

5:10 p.m. — Unruly behavior on Henry Street.

9:03 p.m. — Disturbance reported at Oak Meadows.



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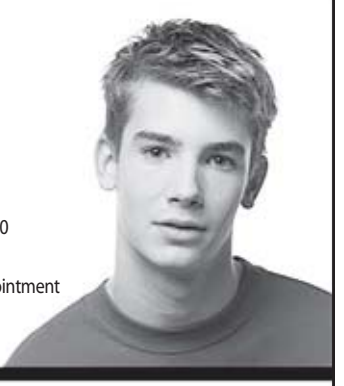

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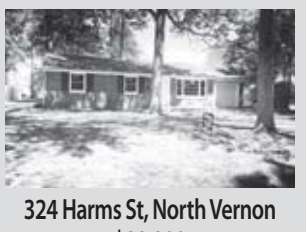

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