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Today's News

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With just three days left in the month, we've set a July record. Never before has it rained so much in a July in Michiana. Last night's storms in the area put us over the top. Some areas got over two inches of rain. Police reported some downed trees, limbs and power lines because of the strong winds in places. Indiana and Michigan Power and NIPSCO had about six-thousand customers lose their electricity. The worst outages were reported in St. Joseph County, Indiana and in Southwest Lower Michigan. All the power was expected to be restored by this morning.

Investigators are trying to figure out what sparked a deadly apartment fire in Niles. Firefighters were called to a seven-story low-income apartment building in the 200 block of Cass Street around 3:30 Thursday morning. The building is owned by the Niles Housing Commission. A fourth floor apartment apparently caught fire. Some smoke stains were seen around the entry door of a unit. Firefighters broke in and made quick work of the blaze but could not save the person inside. The victim was a man, but his name has not been released.

A big family and freedom rally is planned this weekend in Nappanee to bring attention to a controversial Indiana law that paves the way for every Hoosier child to undergo mental health testing. Eric Miller of Advance America tells WFRN under the law, the state can require all schools, public and private, and day cares to give mental health screenings to children starting at birth without parents' permission, and based on the results, he says it could force many parents to give their kids' drugs to treat supposed mental health problems or else be charged with child abuse or neglect. Miller wants Indiana legislators to repeal the law, and he says now is the time to start taking action. Miller and State Representative Jackie Walorski will host a big pro-family rally on that issue and others Sunday afternoon at Borkholder Dutch Village in Nappanee. It starts at two o'clock.

Prosecutors say they will not seek the death penalty against the 17-year-old boy accused of several sniper shootings last weekend. They happened along I-65 near Seymour and a couple of hours later Sunday on I-69 near Muncie. Zachariah Blanton faces a host of charges, including one count of murder. Officials say a state law bars the death penalty from being sought against anyone under the age of 18 when the alleged crime was committed.

The Steuben County coroner has released the names of five of the six people who died in a fiery one-car crash Tuesday near Fremont. All of the victims were from Angola and were 14- to 20-years-old. Police say the driver of an SUV lost control of the vehicle on a rural county road, hit a tree, and the SUV burst into flames. Authorities believe the driver was speeding and say they will have to use DNA tests on the sixth victim, since dental records were not available. It's being called by the Steuben County sheriff as the worst fatal crash he's ever seen.

A Warsaw woman needs two new lungs and a pancreas, and some members of her Sunday School class are trying to make sure she gets them. 38-year-old Lowellita

Miller was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis as a child, and it's led to health complications for her today. Deb McClintock is a member of Miller's Sunday School class at Walnut Creek United Methodist Church in Warsaw and is spearheading a campaign to raise 80-thousand dollars for her friend, known affectionately as "Lita." McClintock says Lita needs to gain 14 pounds before she can be put on the transplant list, so she's on a feeding tube right now. If you would like to help Lita, you can call Walnut Creek church in Warsaw at 574-267-4032.

A big orthopedics company in Warsaw is getting bigger. Zimmer Holdings has inked a deal to sell and distribute the products of another firm. A five-year contract allows Zimmer to sell items made by Brasseler USA. Both make products used in the orthopedics industry.

Details have been released for the military funeral of a fallen Hoosier soldier from White County. 23-year-old Corporal Nathaniel Baughman will be laid to rest following a ceremony Saturday in Monticello. Several hundred motorcycle riders from the Patriot Guard are expected to be there and drive in the funeral procession. Baughman was killed July 17th while on duty in Iraq.

Up to 870-thousand Hoosiers don't have any health insurance, and that leaves many kids without good medical care. Indiana officials have launched a new back-to-school initiative to help low-income families get access to affordable health care. State School Superintendent Suellen Reed says children who come to school sick are not going to be ready to learn. The state and federal government offer several options, including a new program to make health care accessible in the public schools through partnerships with private health care.

Fact: a projectile hit and cracked a South Bend man's windshield as he drove through LaPorte on Wednesday. Fact: in the way of the recent Indiana highway sniper shootings, the man thought he was the victim of an improperly aimed shot. Fact: the man was right, but it turns out the shot came from a tee box at the nearby Briar Leaf Golf Course. A golfer just hit a real poor shot off the tee. The LaPorte woman who hit the bad shot reported it to police shortly afterward and the matter was cleared up.

...In Sports...

Tour De France winner Floyd Landis is denying he cheated after his Phonak team confirmed Thursday he tested positive for excess levels of testosterone during this year's big bike race. Landis insists he's innocent of injecting testosterone or using a testosterone patch.

The Chicago Cubs rallied to beat their archrivals, the St. Louis Cardinals Thursday night at Wrigley Field. The Cubs trailed 4-2 before scoring three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to beat the Cards, 5-4. Todd Walker and Michael Barrett hit back-to-back homers for the North Siders. It was the third win in four games for the Cubs, who are 7-and-3 against the Cardinals.

Dusty Baker will continue managing the Chicago Cubs through the rest of the season. That word came Thursday night by team general manager Jim Hendry. Baker is in the fourth and final year of his contract with the Cubs, who have just a 40-and-61 record this season.

The Chicago White Sox hope to get out of the funk they've been in since the All-Star break. The Sox open a weekend series in Baltimore tonight, eight-and-a-half games behind the Detroit Tigers. Both the Sox and Tigers were off Thursday. The Sox have lost 12 of 15 games. The Tigers this weekend will be in Minnesota.

The South Bend Silverhawks lost to Wisconsin Thursday night, 3-2, to end a road trip. The Hawks return to the Cove tonight for a weekend series with Cedar Rapids.

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