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Gadhafi's death brings 'a big difference'

Valley residents react to demise of long-time dictator

By BRIAN M. BOYCE
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If tears poured forth at the news of Moammar Gadhafi's death, they were tears of joy, several Wabash Valley residents observed.

The Libyan ruler of 42 years was killed Thursday amid ongoing rebel attacks which have rattled the North African nation since February. Associated Press reports quoted U.S. President Barack Obama and other American officials praising opportunities spawned by the death, and oil reportedly fell 81 cents a barrel in New York

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■ Pulled from drain pipe, Gadhafi shown no mercy, A10

trading at the news. For Abdelsalam Elraggas, a Ph.D. candidate at Indiana State University, the death of Gadhafi made him "very, very happy." Elraggas, 34, is originally from a town near Benghazi, one of the nation's larger cities located in the northeast on the Mediterranean Sea. That city has been the site of ongoing violence since the uprising began, and the local student remarked that many of his friends have been killed in the fighting this year. Altogether, thousands of lives were sacrificed in the overthrow of a man Elraggas referred to as "the worst dictator in the world," but the good news is, they're liberated now.

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Celebrate: Libyans celebrate Moammar Gadhafi's death in Tripoli, Libya, on Thursday. Libya's information minister said Moammar Gadhafi was killed Thursday when revolutionary forces overwhelmed his hometown, Sirte, the last major bastion of resistance.

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Coming Saturday

■ A special election section will be provided in Saturday's Tribune-Star. The section will highlight candidates for the Nov. 8 election as well as a new law that removed uncontested names from the ballot.

INSIDE Today

Another candidate

■ Garry Hall, a former Democratic member of the Vincennes City Council, announced his candidacy Wednesday to seek – surprisingly – the Republican Party's nomination for the 8th District seat in the May 2012 GOP primary, A4



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TO THE RESCUE

WOMEN ATTACKED BY THREE DOGS THANKS WORKER WHO CAME TO HER DEFENSE



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Hero hug: Jayleen Strole hugs her rescuer Roger Baynum as he presented her with flowers during Thursday's event at Duke Energy.

Tree service contractor presented with award for Sept. 1 act of bravery

By SUE LOUGHLIN
TRIBUNE-STAR

Jayleen Strole remains in pain seven weeks after an attack by three dogs left her with a deep gash in her leg, for which she is still seeking treatment. But it could have been much worse, said the 52-year-old Strole. She credits Roger Baynum with potentially saving her life. "I wouldn't be here today if not for this young man," she said.

On Sept. 1, Strole was walking near her home in Rosedale when she was suddenly attacked by the large dogs. Baynum, employed by

Charges

■ Owner of three dogs faces charges, A9

power lines as a contractor for Duke Energy.

When he saw the dogs attack Strole, the 33-year-old Baynum immediately came to her aid and fought off the dogs until they retreated. He then calmed Strole and administered first aid using a kit Townsend employees are required to keep in their vehicles. He also called 911.

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Victim: Jayleen Strole listens as Townsend CEO Phil Chambers presents an award to Roger Baynum.

First-year retention slips at ISU

Number drops from 63 to 58 percent

By SUE LOUGHLIN
TRIBUNE-STAR

Indiana State University's first-year retention rate has dropped significantly this fall, and college officials are reviewing data to better understand the reasons.

Last year, 63 percent of students returned for their sophomore year, while this year, 58 percent have returned.

First-year retention looks at first-time, full-time bachelor's degree-seeking students who start as freshmen and return for their sophomore year.

In fall 2010, ISU had 2,566 first-time, full-time freshmen, and 1,491 returned this year as sophomores, said Jennifer Schriver, associate vice president for student success.

The university is studying its data to find out why retention rates have declined, with the goal of reversing the trend.

"We're really concerned," Schriver said. The decline in retention affected almost every student category, including the best-performing students, the most at risk, both genders, all ethnicities, full-time and part-time students.

The broad nature of the decline "makes us think that possibly the economy is at work here," she said.

Starting last year, the university implemented several measures to improve retention, including new mentoring programs as well as an "early warning system" to reach out to freshmen in the first few weeks of college.

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Mayoral candidate announces plan to keep, bring new jobs to Terre Haute



NATION

Bennett: City working with incubators, Chamber

By ARTHUR FOULKES
TRIBUNE-STAR

Democratic mayoral candidate Fred Nation on Thursday announced a "jobs for Terre Haute plan" he said he will

implement if elected mayor on Nov. 8.

In an afternoon news conference at his campaign headquarters on Wabash Avenue, Nation told reporters he has several specific ideas for keeping existing jobs in Terre Haute and also attracting new jobs to the area.

If elected, Nation said he will "convene a series of summits" with industrial, health care, service and retail sector business leaders within his first 100

days in office. The goal of the summits will be to find out how local government can help businesses retain jobs and also hire new employees, he said.

Nation also said he will designate a member of his administration as a "business ombudsman" to "ensure that the needs of our business community are met in a timely manner"

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