

Out & About -- Aug. 8, 2017

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Saturday ride to boost BJ Yoho's Christmas fund

The fifth annual BJ Claus Ride is designed to help BJ Yoho, a 15-year-old Greene County boy who is a Riley Hospital Kid himself, raise funds to buy toys each year for the children who are patients at Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health in Indianapolis.

The ride is planned for 9 a.m. Saturday and starts at the parking lot of the closed Kmart east, 3216 E. Third St., Bloomington. Entry fee is \$20 per bike. All proceeds go to the BJ Claus Fund.

During the Christmas season, BJ delivers as many toys as he can purchase or acquire from donations to the children at Riley. He is also helping the Family Life Center of Bloomfield and IU Health Children's Therapy Center this year.

The group is asking for money so that BJ's work can continue to bring smiles to so many children. Everyone is welcome to join, and the motorcycle ride ends with food served at the United Methodist Church, 10051 E. Wilkerson Drive, Solsberry, put on by the ladies of the church.

For more information, call 812-320-2990 and leave a detailed message.

Barbershop group to perform at benefit

The Sounds of Indiana Barbershop Harmony Chorus will perform a benefit for the Volunteers in Medicine of Monroe County at 7 p.m. Saturday at the First United Church, 2420 E. Third St., Bloomington.

The performance will feature guest quartet Jordan River Crossing and will highlight songs by Indiana composers. The cost, at the door, will be \$15. Additional information is available at vimmonroecounty.org.

The Sounds of Indiana is the premiere Barbershop Chorus in Bloomington and is made up of men who enjoying singing and performing in the Barbershop style of a cappella four-part close harmony. The group rehearses every Wednesday, 7-9:30 p.m. at Templeton Elementary School, 1400 S. Brenda Lane, Bloomington.

Blues, boogie woogie workshops Aug. 14

The Bloomington Blues & Boogie Woogie Piano Festival is offering free blues and boogie woogie piano workshops on Monday. Young people interested in learning how to play blues or boogie woogie piano are invited.

Workshops will be at Fairview Elementary, 500 W. Seventh St., room 037, and at Templeton Elementary, 1400 S. Brenda Lane, Room L17.

Presenters are festival guest artists Bill Sims Jr. at Fairview and Joshua Paxton at Templeton. Workshops will begin after school, around 3:45 p.m., and last one hour. Attendees must pre-register at <https://bloomingtonboogies.com/education>. Each workshop is limited to 20 participants.

Four students who attend will receive \$25 gift certificates from Vance Music Center, or \$25 gift cards from Melody Music Shop.

The Bloomington Blues & Boogie Woogie Piano Festival presents acclaimed pianists in ticketed and free performances on Sunday.

For information, visit the festival website or contact Craig Brenner, craigbrennerboogies@gmail.com.

Washington Consolidated School reunion Aug. 20

The Reunion Committee of Washington Consolidated School invites alumni of Washington Consolidated School and Brown School to the annual reunion at Simpson Chapel Church, 505 Simpson Chapel Road in Bloomington, on Aug. 20.

The reunion will be from noon to 4 p.m., with lunch at 1 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring food to share.

The reunion will have a mystery auction, and anyone is welcome to bring mysteries, wrapped, sacked or boxed, and there will be door prizes and a photographer.

All committee members are retiring this year, so the group is seeking new committee members to continue the reunion.

Annual Figg reunion set for Aug. 20

The annual Figg reunion will begin at noon Aug. 20, on the grounds of the Old Dutch Church, north of Ellettsville on Dutch Church Road.

Recognition will be given to the oldest man and woman and youngest boy and girl and the one traveling the farthest to attend. There will be games for the children. Bring a well-filled basket to share with others; drinks will be provided. Watermelon will be served later in the day.

For additional information, please contact Dennis Fisher at 812- 876-4694 or Becky Johnson at 812-876-6933.

Pate family reunion scheduled on Aug. 26

The 68th Pate family reunion will be held at the church campground in Stinesville at 1 p.m. Aug. 26.

Signs will be posted from Stinesville Road and West Ind. 46 to direct visitors to the campground. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share. Table service and drinks provided.

For more information, please call Melissa at 812-325-7914.

Edgewood Class of 1977 to gather Sept. 23

The Edgewood High School Class of 1977 is having a 40th reunion at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 23 at Bloomington Country Club.

Call Ron Hardesty at 812-876-7842 or Ruthie Smith at 812-876-2972 for more information.

Indiana Naturalist classes to start Aug. 17

Adult can learn about local natural area management, geology, astronomy, tree identification, water resources, mushrooms, snakes, insects, wildlife, and more through an Indiana Naturalist class.

Classes will be 1-4:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Aug. 17–Oct. 5, at Karst Farm Park. Those attending seven classes and completing 25 hours of volunteer service will get a certificate from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Pre-registration is required and is \$50 per person, or \$75 for those sharing materials in the same home. Register at Monroe County Parks and Recreation, 501 N. Morton St., Suite 100, or by calling 812-349-2800 and giving a credit card number.

2017 Senior Games registration open

Mark your calendar for the 2017 Senior Games, Sept. 7-21.

Anyone age 50 or older can participate. Register by Aug. 28 for the reduced Early Bird registration fee of \$5, and get a T-shirt.

The registration fee after Aug. 28 is \$10 (no guarantee of a T-shirt). A guide and registration booklets are available at the Area 10 Agency on Aging's Endwright Center in Ellettsville. Call the Endwright Center, 812-876-3383 ext. 515, for further information.

Single seniors meet for food, fellowship

The Single Seniors Club meets at 3 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month for a meal at the Golden Corral.

You can participate in Single Seniors Club to socialize and make new friends. The group has grown, with up to 20 single seniors attending. Golden Corral provides a room for the group and has a drawing each time for a free meal.

The next meeting is this Wednesday. For more details, call Sandy at 812-876-4068.

Out & About listings run regularly on Monday, Tuesday, Saturday and occasionally other days. Items are restricted to free and/or nonprofit-related, upcoming events. Announcements can be submitted online by going to <http://www.heraldtimesonline.com/forms/> and selecting "Submit Out & About news" or by sending an email to outandabout@heraldt.com.