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0.101 grams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood — well over the legal amount in Indiana, which is anything below 0.08. He reportedly told police that he was “too drunk to be driving.”



STEVENSON

Sgt. Brian Stevenson of the Boone County Sheriff's Department served as the accident re-constructionist, and Sheriff Ken Campbell credits Stevenson with taking the lead on the case. At one point, the Boone County Prosecutor's Office served a subpoena for cell phone records to help create a timeline of the fateful night.

“He put in a lot of good work,” said Campbell, noting Stevenson stuck with the investigation over several months that included a long wait for lab results from Indianapolis.

Police are still waiting for additional evidence to be processed that could make an even stronger case against Ricci.

Officers tried unsuccessfully to serve the warrant for Ricci's arrest Wednesday night at a relative's Zionsville home. They later got a tip he was working construction near Jolietville, a tiny community on the Boone/Hamilton county line. Sgt. Stevenson and Deputy Chris Burcham scoured job sites in the area Thursday until they found Ricci at work. They arrested him and booked him into the Boone County Jail, where he is being held on a \$50,000 cash-only bond.

It's not the first arrest for Ricci, who along with another person was charged with using stolen credit cards in a 2005 shopping spree. Book-in records at the Boone County Jail also indicate he has previous arrests for possession of marijuana, possession of alcohol by a minor, disorderly conduct and probation violation.

Kevin Aldin, father of Allison Aldin, knows the new charges against Ricci won't bring back his daughter, but they provide some comfort, he said.

“The emotions for the last five months have been up and down,” he said Thursday. “The news of the arrest was a huge relief. When I found out, I had to stop and catch my breather — it's like a big weight had been lifted off my shoulders.”

Aldin calls his daughter, known as Allie, “a fun-loving person who cared about everybody she would run into.”

“She always thought she could make something or someone better with a joke, a kind word ... whatever it took,” he said. “She made one bad decision, and it should not have cost [Allie] her life, but it did.”

Since the crash, Aldin said Ricci has lied about his daughter's character and falsely told police she was driving on the night of the crash. Like Campbell, he credits Stevenson for diligently continuing the investigation.

“My biggest fear was that Allie would be forgotten, but [Stevenson] was always in touch with us,” said Aldin. “He would call even when there was nothing new to report, just to say there was nothing new to report.”

“The uncomplimentary statements by Michael Ricci about our daughter can't hurt the family any more, and he made some very destructive comments toward her,” Aldin said. “[His arrest] doesn't bring her back, but it does her justice.”

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Some downtown businesses made floats for the parade. For example, Love Furniture, Flooring & Design created a 20-foot float called “How the Grinch found ‘Love’ and a Sofa in Z'ville.”

“It is built around the idea of how the Grinch found Christmas in Whoville,” said Beth White, owner, president and interior designer of A La Carte Interiors Inc. at Love Furniture. However, instead of Whoville, the Grinch found the spirit of Christmas in Zionsville.

“This is our first year to take part in the parade,” White said. “Most of the float is intact and ready to go and it will be on display after the parade in front of our building for the rest of the month.”

The parade will also include elves, live reindeer and the Zionsville Community High School Marching Eagles.

“[Christmas in the Village] is exciting, because it is not just in the Village, it extends to Zionsville and the whole community is involved,” Marquiss said.

Other community Christmas in the Village events:

- *A Fairy Tale Celebration occurs from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. Sunday at the Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library.*
- *Santa House at the Bell Tower at the Sanctuary on Main from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.*
- *The SullivanMunce Cultural Center celebrates Christmas in the Village with gingerbread houses. Participants can create their own gingerbread house that will be put on display Saturday and remain on display at the museum until Dec. 20.*
- *Central Indiana Dance Ensemble performs “The Nutcracker” at Zionsville Performing Arts Center. The classical ballet can be seen 7:30 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Children's tickets are \$15; adults \$18.*

MENUS from Page 1A

This week's specials

Area restaurants featured in the sixth edition of “Dining Secrets of Indiana” include:

Bijou
111 W. Main St.
Lebanon

Brix Zionsville Bistro
65 S. First St.
Zionsville

LA Café
4 S. Main St.
Whitestown

Red Onion
3901 W. State Road 47
Sheridan

Stookey's
125 E. Main St.
Thorntown

Traders Point Creamery Cafe
9101 Moore Road
Zionsville

provide “wonderful alternatives to the usual chains and franchises,” particularly for people who like to take “side trips.”

“The most interesting part of our research has been that it's not just the food that makes these restaurants special; it's the family traditions, local history/lore and unusual settings that are so appealing,” said Poole. “They offer dining experiences that tell a story.”

In addition to the menu highlights, a brief overview gives readers a feel for what makes each restaurant unique. For example, a description of LA Café notes, “The motto is ‘Let the good times roll’ and when ‘rolling’ into this small town, stop at the place on Main Street where motorcycles are parked alongside a stretch limo! People from all walks of life are drawn to this eclectic ‘destination’ restaurant.”

The brief segment on Stookey's teaches that “you will find great catfish, a tasty ribeye steak and ‘out-of-this-world’ onion rings ... Race fans will appreciate the ‘500’ decor in the bar.”

Just across the Boone/Hamilton county line, the Red Onion on Ind. 47 also appears in “Dining Secrets of Indiana.”

“The owners of this small town restaurant pride themselves on great food served in a comfortable, casual atmosphere that draws patrons from all over the central Indiana area,” the Pooles report. “In fact, about 95 percent of their customers are from out of town.”

From hometown cooking to exotic

cuisines, corner taverns to elegant settings, diners will enjoy the variety of choices in “Dining Secrets of Indiana.” Poole Publishing researched and selected all of the restaurants that appear in the publication, and none of the establishments paid a fee to be in the book. Taking Indiana's “secrets” one step further, the authors have included a section called “things to do and see along the way,” highlighting more than 50 unique and interesting places to visit while traveling throughout the state, and a listing of what are considered to be the best public golf courses in Indiana.

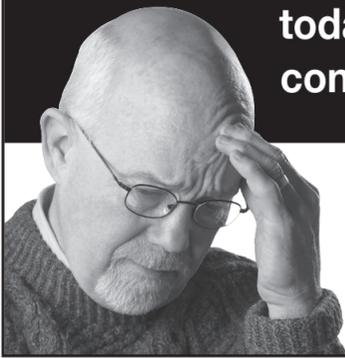
“The concept is a good idea, because it gives people a chance to see not-your-run-of-the-mill restaurants, which we are not,” said James Leland, one of the owners of LA Café. “It came as a bit of a surprise to us when they called a couple years ago to put us in the book, but I think it's great to be included again.”

“If someone thinks we're worthy enough, then we're happy to be included.”

“Dining Secrets of Indiana” is available just in time for holiday gift giving, the perfect stocking stuffer or gift for the hard-to-buy-for person on everyone's list. The book retails for \$9.95 and can be purchased at bookstores, gift shops and restaurants, or ordered directly through the publisher for \$12, which includes tax and postage. Send a check or money order to Poole Publishing, 6004 Bucksin Circle, Indianapolis, IN 46250 (1-800-401-4599).

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FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
45 24	Light Sleet Possible 39 23	51 39	Snow Showers 37 29	33 22	35 23	36 24

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DETAILED FORECAST

Today: mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.
Tonight: partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. North winds 5 to 15 mph.
Saturday: mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain and light sleet. Highs in the upper 30s. East winds 5 to 10 mph. Gusts up to 25 mph in the afternoon.
Saturday Night: not as cool. Rain likely. Nearly steady temperatures in the upper 30s. South winds 15 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 60 percent.



STORMTEAM 6 WITH INDIANA'S MOST ACCURATE FORECAST

according to independent research firm WeatheRate, Inc.

Homemade Vegetable Soup – Dine in/Carry out

Hand Made Quilt Raffle

Gifts/ Crafts

Handcrafted wood

Premiere Jewelry



Bake Sale

Pen & Ink Drawings

Children's Shopping

Longaberger Products

First Presbyterian Church 128 E. Main St., Lebanon
Saturday, December 1st 9AM to 2 PM