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## Steuben laments loss of trailer tax revenue

ANGOLA — Steuben County officials are hoping a change in state law will help recoup money once collected in a tax on travel trailers.

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## GOP Senate hopefuls schedule debate

SULLIVAN — Sullivan County Republican Chairman Bill Springer announced Monday that the three Republicans looking to challenge Sen. Evan Bayh for U.S. Senate in 2010 have all agreed to a debate next month.

State Sen. Marlin Stutzman, R-Howe, Don Bates Jr. and Richard Behney will discuss their campaigns and the issues facing Hoosiers at the Sullivan County 4-H Fairgrounds on Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets to the debate cost \$15, and can be purchased by contacting Springer, or by contacting any county Republican chair. A private reception will also be held from 5-6 p.m., with tickets costing \$50. Former Petersburg Mayor Randy Harris will moderate the debate.



Stutzman

## 'Use it, lose it' seminar slated

ANGOLA — DeKalb County Extension educator Ann Williams will present "Use It or Lose It" on Monday in the Steuben Community Center, 317 S. Wayne St.

The program, which starts at 6:30 p.m., will concentrate on the benefits of strength training and aerobic exercise. When done regularly, they can boost mental and emotional health as well as reduce the signs and symptoms of many diseases and chronic conditions, says a news release from the Steuben County Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, which is hosting the program.

Many of the exercises that will be highlighted can be done from a chair. Participants are asked to register by Thursday so sufficient handouts can be prepared.

Details are available at the extension office, 668-1000, Ext. 1400.



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# County finalizes casino cash

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ANGOLA — Steuben County Commissioners quickly took a vote Monday to approving a line-item budget transfer of \$15,000 from the county's economic development income tax to spend on a lobby firm that will work to get legislative approval for a referendum on siting a casino in Steuben County.

The measure put the stamp of approval on the transfer first passed by the Steuben County Council last week without the requisite approval first coming from the commissioners, who control EDIT spending requests.

The vote, 3-0, was done without any input from citizens, which is legal under the Indiana Open Door

Law. Except in matters where a public hearing is required, boards are not required to take public comment prior to taking action.

"We got a lesson in civics today," said Ed Ludington, Angola.

Paul Oakes of Ball Lake demanded he be allowed to speak. Commissioners obliged and Oakes read from a prepared statement citing various negatives about gambling and criticizing the county for hiring former Sen. Bob Meeks as part of the lobby group working for the county.

Oakes was the lone individual to speak against spending money on hiring a lobbyist during last Tuesday's meeting of the county council. Several people packed the commissioners' meeting room for

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## Local officials make casino push in Indy

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ANGOLA — Steuben County officials told a legislative committee on gaming that the community was in favor of siting a casino.

Elected officials from Steuben County, Angola, Fremont, Hamilton and Orland went to the committee hearing Monday and presented a united

front on the desire to site a casino in the county, perhaps at one of two sites near the intersection of the Indiana Toll Road and I-69. The officials also asked that such a move be put before the voters in the form of a referendum.

"We told the committee," County Councilman Paul Sparks said, "it was an economic

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JUDY OXENGER JOHNSTON

## Misty morning

Seen from the vantage point of the Steuben County Park at Clear Lake, bass anglers take off Sunday

morning for a tournament. The anglers started out from the public access site at the lake.

# Cameron prohibits youth visits

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ANGOLA — Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, like other hospitals across the state, is prohibiting youth visitors due to the threat of spreading the H1N1 influenza.

"These restrictions are being implemented to protect Cameron's patients, visitors and staff," said a news release sent out Monday afternoon. The policy starts today.

Cameron's temporary policy will not allow people under 18 years old to visit patients. Exceptions will be made in extreme situations.

Visitation will be limited to two adults, 18 years or older, per patient. Those who feel ill, display flu symptoms or who have been exposed to people with flu symptoms are also asked to refrain from visiting Cameron.

"While this new policy might be viewed as inconvenient, it is a very important way to protect vulnerable patients here in Steuben County from further exposure," said Dr.

## Flu vaccines available

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

ANGOLA — The Steuben County Health Department will hold two more influenza A H1N1 clinics this week.

On Thursday from noon to 4 p.m. a live attenuated nasal mist vaccine will be available in the multipurpose room in the Steuben Community Center, 317 S. Wayne St., Angola. This clinic will be open to health care workers with direct patient care.

It is for people 18-49 years old who must be healthy and not have compromised immune systems or be pregnant.

On Friday from 12:30-5 p.m. the health department will be hosting a clinic that will provide inactivated vaccine. This clinic also is in the multipurpose room. This clinic will be open to children from the ages 3 to 17 years.

The vaccines are free.

Ted. J. Crisman, Steuben County health officer.

Dr. Gregory L. Chupp, medical director of Urgent Care of Cameron Hospital, recommends the following tips to keep from spreading the flu:

- Stay home from work, school and errands when sick.

- Cover the mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, sick people should stay home and avoid unnecessary

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# Judge might modify sentence

## Prosecutor joins in requesting Krontz's release

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ANGOLA — Steuben Circuit Court Judge Allen Wheat will rule by the end of the month on a proposed sentence modification for a woman convicted of conspiracy to commit aggravated battery.

Mollie Marie Krontz, 46, was transported from Rockville Correctional Facility to Steuben County Jail for a hearing Monday afternoon in Steuben Circuit Court. Her attorney, Linda Wagoner, and Steuben County Prosecutor Thomas Wilson joined in a motion to release Krontz from prison.

In January she was convicted of a Class B felony, a lowered charge from an original Class A felony charge of conspiracy to commit murder. She was sentenced to 10 years for offering an undercover police officer \$20 as a down payment to kill her husband on July 17, 2007.

She reported to the Indiana Department of Corrections Jan. 17. She was to serve the first four years in prison and the final two years through Steuben County Community Corrections.

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# Souder takes a look at backpack program

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ANGOLA — U.S. Rep. Mark Souder said Monday that he believes the Boomerang Backpack program, including the one recently begun in Angola, can be the sort of thing that sticks around a while.

"The difference between this and a fad is they're trying to set up a system that will keep this going," said Souder, R-Fort Wayne.

Souder met with officials from the Steuben County Community Foundation to discuss the program and how it was being implemented locally. Souder said he was first

made aware of the program at East Noble High School, which inspired efforts in Steuben and DeKalb counties. The East Noble program received national attention earlier this year after being spotlighted by NBC News.

Souder said the House Education Committee, which he is a member of, often had to confront issues over children's nutrition, especially over not knowing how well students were eating on the weekends. The aim of the backpack program is to provide food for students on free and reduced lunch through the weekend.

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Bill Stockberger, left, and Oren Skinner of the Steuben County Community Foundation met Monday with Rep. Mark Souder to discuss the Boomerang Backpack program. Souder said he saw the program as something sustainable that could help combat childhood hunger.