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Wally Glover, second from right, and his fellow climbers complete the initial carry of gear into camp on Mount Aconagua in Argentina during a February ascent. This climb, to an elevation of 18,300 feet, resulted in two members of the group retiring from the climb due to medical issues. The mountain is part of the Andes mountain range.

# Man v. Mountain

Hospital chaplain to climb Rainier in preparation for Denali

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**BEDFORD** — Wally Glover is used to the looks, the nervous waves from neighbors. He smiles, waves back, and goes on cutting the grass all while wearing a 33-pound backpack and crampons on his boots.

Glover, a mountaineer who has been to six of the seven summits, is in training. Mountain climbing requires intense preparation, so Glover logs as many miles as he can wearing his gear, even if it means mowing his yard while dressed as an alpine adventurer.

Glover, 64, is hospital chaplain at St. Vincent Dunn Hospital and St. Vincent Salem. He grew up in Bedford, but now lives in Columbus.

On Friday, he will leave for Mount Rainier, a North American summit south of Seattle, Wash.

"It is not one of the seven summits, but it is an iconic mountain," he said.

It's also a training ground for Glover's next big climbing goal — Denali in 2013.

Because of the risks to themselves, other climbers and their guides, climbers must demonstrate they are up to the rigors of the climb. Glover will climb Rainier with guides who will instruct and observe him and others in climbing skills.

"We'll get into crevasse rescue, what to do if I fall or someone else falls, fixed rope travel and steep ice climbing," he said. "The idea is to learn and demonstrate competency so I can get my ticket stamped to go to Denali."

The Rainier climb is only a week.

"I've got a lot to learn in a short time," he said.

With a summit of 14,410 feet, it's not as tall as some of the mountains he has climbed, but that's no reason to get overconfident. An active volcano, Mount Rainier is the most glaciated peak in the contiguous United States.

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## Climbing for a cause

Wally Glover's pursuit of adventure is just one reason why he continues to ascend mountains. Another reason is to raise money and awareness for child obesity programs in the St. Vincent Health system. His climbs have raised \$85,000 for programs in North Vernon, Bedford and Salem.

## How does he do it?

Training for a mountain climb is intense to prepare a climber for the rigors of the climb. Here is a typical training day for Wally Glover, 64, chaplain at St. Vincent Dunn.

**Wake up at 4:15 a.m.:** 70 minutes (3.5 miles) of level walking with a 44 pound pack using trekking poles, plus some step work. Spend 20 minutes on a 50-foot high earthen mound walking up/down. Finish with pull-ups at home.

**Evening:** Weight training, five miles of interval training on stationary bike and more trekking. Daily goal is to average 120 minutes of cardio time. (Cross training in addition to biking. Saturdays include long rides, tennis and swimming.) The idea is to be an endurance athlete ready for a 12-hour summit day in cold, windy weather on a glacier in crampons, carrying an ice axe, roped in to climb mates and carrying a pack weighing around 40 pounds.

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### Sylvester Hackler

May 14, 1934  
Aug. 31, 2012

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Sylvester Hackler

Sylvester Hackler, 89, of Martinsville, passed away at 4:30 p.m. Friday at the Indiana University Health Morgan Hospital.

Jack was born on May 14, 1934, in Lawrence County, to the late Herbert and Effie (Eagens) Hackler. He spent his early years in

insville throughout the 1980s.

He loved to tinker, cut grass, watch western movies and Gunsmoke.

He is survived by his loving son, Leon Jay Hackler of Martinsville; and many friends and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife of 63 years, Venus Hackler; daughter, Deota Hackler; three brothers, Luther, Lester and Glen Hackler; and four sisters, Berthie Bough, Mary Greathouse, Lois Heady and Pauline Remick.

Family and friends are invited to attend a graveside service celebrating his life at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Nebo Memorial

Born Feb. 11, 1954, in Lawrence County, he was the son of John Paul and Edith M. (Patton) Jones. He married Shirley Ann Baxter Jan. 2, 1973.

He retired from Midland Cut Stone in Bloomington and was a member of Grace Tabernacle.

James was a veteran of the Indiana National Guard.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley Jones of Orleans; son, Eric James Jones of Orleans; mother, Edith Jones of Orleans; brothers, Ronnie Paul Jones of California, Randall Arthur Jones of Orleans and Daniel Dale Jones of Bloomington; and sisters, Brenda Joyce Heath of California, Judith Leah Birch of

vice on Friday at the general home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.chastainfuneralhome.com

### Clyde E. Wall

Dec. 28, 1922  
Aug. 31, 2012

SEYMOUR —

Edward "Jitter Bug" Wall, 89, Seymour, a native of Bedford, died Friday at the Lutheran Community Home in Seymour. Final service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Voss Chapel in Seymour. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery with military rites. Family and friends may call from 10 a.m. until the service Wednesday at the funeral home.

## POLICE LOG

4:28 p.m. Matthew S. Buch, 23, 1021 Mount Pleasant Road, disregarding a stop sign.

### Incidents

**Oct. 1**  
4:27 p.m. Theft of a rug in the 2600 block of Sixth Street.  
4:24 p.m. Someone called to report theft of money from an undisclosed location.

**Oct. 2**  
3:31 a.m. Someone stole car keys to the Hideaway, 1021 J St. Unable to see.

4:56 a.m. Theft of two motorcycles in the 3500 block of Washington Avenue.

4:42 p.m. Tires were cut on a vehicle in the 3300 block of 16th Street.

4:39 p.m. Burglary in the 600 block of 29th Street.

**Oct. 3**  
4:50 a.m. Loud music in the 1600 block of F Street.  
4:33 p.m. Theft of a bicycle at Circle K, 1428 16th

**Oct. 4**  
4:34 a.m. Problem with a customer at the Hideaway Lounge, 1021 J St.

### Incidents

**Oct. 2**  
4:44 p.m. Slight injury crash at 15th and O Streets.

**Lawrence County Police Department**  
Arrests  
**Oct. 1**  
4:10 p.m. Tyler Ritchison, 1840 North Pike Road, arrested on a warrant for petition to revoke probation.

**Oct. 3**  
4:45 a.m. Charles Strunk, 850 Ind. 458, operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

### Infractions

**Sept. 1**  
5:24 p.m. Jeffrey Boyer, 34, 197 Swifty Lane, speeding.

6:31 p.m. Suzanne Mason, 39, no address given, speeding.

7:40 p.m. Keith Gayle, 50, Whiteland, speeding.  
8:56 p.m. Shannon Threlked, 48, Bloomington, speeding.

**Sept. 2**  
10:06 p.m. Lacy Williams, 27, Loogootee, improper headlights.

**Sept. 3**  
4:48 p.m. Stephen Hodapad, 22, Liberty, speeding.  
5:35 p.m. Timothy Stines, 20, 423 Guthrie Road, seat belt violation.

### Incidents

**Sept. 1**  
2:45 p.m. Someone trespassing in the first block of Fleetwood Addition.

6:20 p.m. An out-of-control 14-year-old in the 11000 block of Tunnelton Road.

9:04 p.m. Theft in the 600 block of Vinegar Hill Road.

10:12 p.m. Domestic dispute in the 600 block of Noe Road.

10:38 p.m. Attempted break-in in the 1900 block of Clark Smith Road.

**Sept. 2**  
12:30 a.m. Loud music in the 1800 block of Motocross Road.

12:30 p.m. Theft of tools on Grindstone Road.  
1:15 p.m. Domestic dispute in the 6500 block of

Ind. 58 East.  
4:28 p.m. Domestic dispute in the 100 block of Sixth Street in Oolitic.

6:15 p.m. Domestic dispute in the 200 block of Liberty Bell Street.

9:29 p.m. Tires on a vehicle cut in the 700 block of Oolitic Road.

**Sept. 3**  
2:51 a.m. Theft in the first block of Liberty Bell Street.

**Accidents**  
**Sept. 1**  
3:08 p.m. Property damage crash at the Grissom Memorial.

4:17 p.m. Property damage crash on South I Street near Gardens Way.

**Sept. 2**  
1:23 a.m. Car/deer property damage crash on Stumphole Bridge Road.

4:26 a.m. Property damage crash on Backcreek Road.

8:56 a.m. Minor injury crash on Fayetteville-Owensburg Road near Indian Creek Road.

7:55 p.m. Property damage crash in the 3700 block of Ind. 60 East.

10:30 p.m. Injury crash on North Pike Road.

**Mitchell Police Department**  
**Infractions**  
**Sept. 1**  
1:01 a.m. Wallace L. Ashley, 28, 4142 Erie Church Road, disregarding a stop sign.

**Sept. 2**  
1:28 a.m. Ryan C. Brown,

24, Paoli, expired license plate.

10:05 a.m. Sonya B. 32, Bloomington, expired license plates and driving while license is suspended (infraction).

**Sept. 3**  
2:25 a.m. John Crane, 43, Mitchell, driving without a headlight.

5:56 p.m. Emily Blain, 19, Mitchell, disregarding stop sign.

8:28 p.m. Casey Voorhees, 17, Mitchell, false and titious registration.

9:18 p.m. Dustin Spivey, 17, Mitchell, speeding.

### Incidents

**Sept. 1**  
3:15 a.m. Man at police station to report was battered by a man who has a restraining order at Lehigh field.

3:40 a.m. People in dugouts at the Mitchell High School baseball fields.

6:43 a.m. Bicycle stolen from the 100 block of North Sixth Street.

9:02 a.m. Irate man on porch in the 400 block of East Frank Street.

10:01 a.m. Woman in 300 block of North Sixth Street reports her neighbor stole items. She filed charges against him.

12:37 p.m. Two syringes found in the 200 block

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# Climber

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"It's still a mountain," Glover said with the voice of experience of someone who knows how difficult climbs can be, despite the training. "Our base camp in Argentina was the height of the summit of Rainier."

What Mount Rainier lacks in elevation, it makes up for in steepness, ice and wind.

"I feel like I should be able to summit Rainier," he said. "But avalanches, weather, high winds and rock falls are still concerns."

To prepare for the climb, Glover devotes two hours a day to a cardio workout. He declares he's in the best shape of his life and he's confident he's ready. But he's realistic that all his training has been at sea level, and none of his training can prepare him for high altitude.

"I've experienced the beginnings of acute mountain sickness on other climbs. It can be disappointing to not make a summit, but it's more important to make a sound decision if you have to turn around," he said.

On his recent climb to in Aconagua in Argentina, Glover did leave the mountain before he reached the summit.

"On my way down, I saw a rescue take place, there were four people in another group... two had cerebral edema and two had pulmonary edema. I knew then I made a good decision even

though I didn't make the top because I don't want to be on a mountain where I don't belong."

## Youth obesity

Glover's pursuit of adventure is just one reason why he continues to ascend mountains. The other reason is to raise money and awareness for child obesity programs in the St. Vincent Health system in Indiana.

His climbs have raised \$85,000 for programs in North Vernon, Bedford and Salem. L.I.F.E. 4 Kids was created by staff at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital and teaches kids to adopt a lifetime of individual fitness and eating.

Most of the money raised is used for scholarships so children can enroll in the program, he said.

The beauty of the mountains and the challenge of the climbs continue to motivate Glover, who admits, he only intended to climb one mountain in his life.

"When I went to Everest, that was going to be one and done," he said. "Then I went to Kilimanjaro to raise money for youth obesity. People are inspired by the adventure. Adults are motivated by someone who's going to be 65 out doing this stuff... dreaming the dreams and realizing the dreams."

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