

Shoals School to hire new superintendent, principal

Meeting minutes provided by Andrea Qualkenbush, Shoals School Corporation Secretary

The Shoals School Board accepted the resignation of Dr. Joan Keller as superintendent at a special meeting last Thursday, May 22. Keller's resignation is effective June 30, 2014. Board member Tony Cundiff was not present at the meeting.

Mary Lou Billings asked that it be stated for the record that Dr. Keller's contract was not terminated. She thanked Dr. Keller for her services as superintendent and doing an outstanding job on the budget. Billings said Keller's expertise in education made it possible to bring in the people needed to train staff, interpret test scores, and write goals and objectives. It is the feeling of the board, teachers, and staff that while Dr. Keller will be missed, they wish her well in her new job.

Dr. Keller told the members of the board that she appreciated being given the opportunity to work with the students, staff, and community at Shoals. She said she has lived here for 40 years and will always consider Shoals her home. The decision to resign as superintendent did not come lightly,

and was considered over a great deal of time. She thanked the school staff for their help and cooperation during her time as superintendent at Shoals Community Schools.

Mary Lou Billings explained that the board has discussed how best to move forward with filling the position of superintendent while keeping people in the community informed of the intentions of the board. She said the board feels Candace Roush is a good candidate for the position of superintendent, but the required process of advertising the proposed contract and holding a legal hearing concerning the matter must be adhered to in order to move forward. Upon completion of the necessary publication process, it is the intent of the board to name Candace Roush as superintendent. They also plan to move Lucas Calhoun to the vacated position of junior/senior high school principal. Roush and Calhoun would then be able to work together to recommend another candidate to fill the position of athletic director.

A legal hearing to allow public questions and comments concerning the details of the (See 'SHOALS' continued on page 2)



Our future

-Photo by Josh Hughett

The Loogootee Class of 2014 graduated last Friday night in Jack Butcher Arena despite the fact that classes continue through this week. 70 seniors donned cap and gown and said their "almost" goodbye to high school.

Resident input needed for Loogootee Comprehensive Plan

Mayor Noel Harty has announced a survey opportunity in coordination with the update of the City of Loogootee Comprehensive Plan.

"The broad areas of this survey will concentrate on the following issues: economic development, housing, land use planning, infrastructure, and quality of place," said Mayor Harty. "We need to update our 2009 Comprehensive Plan, and we are asking residents to respond to our survey to help us make this plan reflective of our community needs."

The City of Loogootee has had a series of community meetings during the plan update process. The survey has been developed using input from those meetings. The survey will be offered both online and in paper documents. The survey will be available beginning Tuesday, May 27, through Friday,

June 20.

Those residents wishing to fill out the survey online can access the document by using the following link: <http://loogootee2014.questionpro.com>.

Those residents wishing to fill out paper copies of the survey may pick them up at the following locations: Loogootee City Hall, German American Bank, Old National Bank, and the local Library.

All surveys will be confidential.

"It is our hope the majority of Loogootee residents fill out a survey. We need to have as much participation as possible to determine the best course for growth and improvement in our community," said Mayor Harty.

Questions can be answered by calling Julie Berry, Midwestern Eng., Inc., at 812-296-0112.

Courthouse security tops commissioners' agenda

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Courthouse security topped the agenda of the Martin County Commissioners' meeting last night, Tuesday, May 27. A committee was formed to go over security issues and members of that committee, Judge Lynne Ellis, Clerk Julie Fithian, Sheriff Rob Street, and Major Andy Burkhardt were present at the meeting to discuss options. One of those options was updating the courthouse's security cameras at a cost of \$2,449.92. The courthouse currently has 23 cameras. The commissioners approved the committee's request. RTC Communications will perform the upgrades.

The commissioners also approved purchasing new panic buttons for the different offices. The new buttons, at a cost of \$9,000, when pushed, would send information not only to the sheriff's department but also to the other offices in the courthouse and the fire department stating what the emergency is. The company to install the buttons is Secure Tech Systems. The current buttons only communicate with the sheriff's department.

The committee also discussed with the commissioners the need for a security guard to work the metal detectors which will be moved to the front doors of the courthouse. Judge Ellis explained that there is an option (See 'SECURITY' continued on page 2)

Relay for Life starts Friday

You might be thinking Relay already? Organizers are a little earlier than normal but planning has been happening since last fall. The 2014 Martin County Relay will start at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 30 inside at Jack Butcher Sports Arena. This is different from the past as well. The theme this year is "Rockin All Night, Till We Finish the Fight". Teams will have games and some sweet treats for the public to purchase. Ader's Inflatables will be on site too. Opening ceremonies begin at 6 p.m., a live auction at 8 p.m. and the Luminiaria ceremony will begin at 9 p.m. Teams will continue walking through the night. There will be a dance marathon from midnight till 8 a.m. The last Relayer standing will win a prize. If you aren't on a team but interested in the marathon, please contact a committee member.



-Photo provided

Shown above is one of the many auction items that will be available the night of Relay. Co-chairs Leslie Doyle and Terri Resler are holding the Relay t-shirt quilted blanket.

Closing ceremonies will begin at 9:30 a.m. and they will wrap up 16 hours of Relay at 10 a.m.

Organizers need you to join them to help finish the fight. Donations are still being taken to help meet their goal. Please contact Leslie Doyle at 296-7152 or Terri Resler at 295-6524 for more information.

New project to bring development and employment to Shoals

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The Martin County Redevelopment Commission met last night, Tuesday, May 27. Tim Kinder, Director of the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, told the commission that he is finalizing plans for a project he is calling "Project Shoals". He said he can't reveal the specifics of the project however it will bring development and employment to the county. He said he will be approaching the county council at their meeting Monday, June 5 to discuss a tax abatement.

Kinder said this is the largest project to date that he has worked on for Martin County.

In other business, the commission dis-

cussed work being done on Mt. Olive Road by Indian Creek Quarries. Kinder said the work is around half complete and is expected to be done in the next few weeks. He said the road has been widened to 22 feet and is looking very good.

The commission then discussed on-going negotiations with the Swift building in Shoals that the county owns and Stimulus Engineering leases. Kinder said that Stimulus has all the information on the building and is working toward getting financing to purchase it. Commission member Dan Gregory noted that \$10,000 is still owed to the solid waste district who put in money when the county purchased the property.

When asked about the status of Bowling Manufacturing, formerly Perfect Fit, Kinder (See 'PROJECT' continued on page 2)



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SECURITY

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to hire an active or retired officer from the Indiana State Police Alliance at a cost of \$25 per hour. Ellis said she was looking to having an officer sit at the metal detectors full-time, with the possibility of even adding overtime depending on nighttime hours for the community corrections department. The commissioners asked Sheriff Street if he had anyone available that could work in this position. Street replied that he does have a jailer who will be completing the academy the first of July but he would have to ask his employee if he would be interested in the security officer position. Street said he sent the jailer to the academy to have him fill in as a deputy part-time to take the place of the part-time officer he just lost and to fill in when officers are doing military service, so this would leave him a man down.

Fithian suggested to the commissioners that another officer be hired which would be much cheaper than using the state police. It was noted that the state police alliance submitted a contract for consideration. The contract, if approved, would not put the county in a position where they had to use the alliance but the alliance would be available in an emergency situation.

The commissioners then discussed what the position of courthouse security officer would pay. It was noted that the county could not afford \$25 per hour. Major Burkhardt was asked what he felt was a fair amount to pay that position. Burkhardt replied that he really didn't know but would assume around \$15 per hour.

The commissioners decided to speak to the county council about the hiring of an additional officer.

Judge Ellis then spoke about the key fobs to enter the courthouse and the sheriff's department's request for additional fobs. Burkhardt explained that the sheriff's department currently has one key to the courthouse at the jail. He said if there was an emergency at the courthouse, an officer would have to go to the jail to pick up the key prior to responding to the emergency. He noted that in an active shooter situation, for instance, going to pick up the key would take too much time. It was recommended that six additional keys be handed out to the sheriff's department deputies. Sheriff Street already has a key. The commissioners approved the request at a cost of \$10 per key.

Judge Ellis also spoke to the commissioners about courthouse employees wearing badges that contain their photograph. She said that it was a suggestion of the state police alliance that each courthouse employee wear these badges so law enforcement could distinguish between employees and the general public. Ellis said that the badges can be programmed to be used as keys to enter the building. She said she is unsure how much this would cost for each badge. The commissioners told Ellis to look into the cost.

Dick Cresgy came before the commissioners to let them know the condition of road 800 North. He said there are very large potholes in the road and due to the narrowness of the road, it is a traffic hazard. He explained that J&J Concrete has offered \$35,000 toward the repair of the road if it can be used as a tax write-off. Cresgy said that the road will require concrete work to the tune of \$37,650 and then would need to be blacktopped. The commissioners dis-

cussed the fact that blacktopping the road would cost anywhere from \$50,000 to \$75,000 for the little over one mile stretch of the road. The commissioners asked Cresgy if they could look into the issue further and give him a response at their next meeting in two weeks. Cresgy said that would be fine.

Auditor January Roush asked permission to purchase 1,000 9-1-1 maps to sell in the courthouse. She said they are out and receive requests for the maps occasionally. The cost would be \$6,000 and explained they are sold for \$10 each. The maps would also be updated with any new information. The commissioners approved the purchase if the money could be found in the budget.

Roush also presented a customer service agreement from Rumpke for trash pick-up at the jail. The current cost is \$93.66 per month. Commissioner George said he would like to seek bids on the trash service and possibly go with a local company. Commissioner Dan Gregory and Paul George voted to seek bids with Commissioner Kevin Boyd abstaining from the vote.

County Attorney Dave Lett opened bids for gravel for West River Road. One bid was from Indian Creek Quarries for \$895 a ton and the other was from Cave Quarries for \$1,050 per ton. Both prices included delivery. The commissioners discussed how much gravel would be needed on the road and came to the estimate of 50 loads or \$9,000. The commissioners voted to take the bids under advisement.

The commissioners approved the final pay for the Lost River Fire Station in the amount of \$9,600. All work has been completed.

At the end of the meeting, Commissioner Gregory explained that the veterans van was in need of volunteer drivers. Anyone wishing to volunteer can call Veteran Service Officer Linda Dillon at 247-2450.

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proposed superintendent's contract is scheduled for Saturday, June 7 at 12:30 p.m.

Approval of Candace Roush in the position of superintendent and Lucas Calhoun in the position of junior/senior high school principal will be considered at a special meeting scheduled for Saturday, June 14 at 9 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Superintendent Keller recommended the Board hire Lucas Calhoun as athletic director on a two-year contract. The proposed contract will take effect July 1, 2014, and include the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years.

The board hired Tim Sanders as girls' varsity basketball coach and Heather Tinkle

as varsity volleyball coach on two-year contracts to include the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years.

The board approved Anthony Lee as a substitute/ECA bus driver upon completion of all requirements for CDL licensure.

The board tabled action on workers recommended for the summer cleaning crew until the June 12 meeting.

Superintendent Keller recommended the board accept the resignation of Jeff Gee from the position of girls' varsity track coach.

A motion to accept the resignation was made by Christy Farhar, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 3-1 vote was given with Lorna Troutman opposing.

The board accepted the resignation of Darla Holt from the position of elementary secretary/ECA treasurer effective upon completion of 220 working days for the current school year.

The board canceled the teaching contract of Phyllis Crews effective at the end of the 2013-14 school year.

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replied that there is nothing new to report.

Redevelopment commission members Lonnie Hawkins and Warren Albright were not present for the meeting.

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CARTER KERNS

Carter Lee Kerns died at 1:53 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at Memorial Hospital in Jasper. He lived in Loogootee and was just 11 months old.

He was born May 22, 2013 in Jasper; the son of T. Ed and Alyssa (Koop) Kerns

He enjoyed going four-wheeling with his daddy, cuddling with his mommy, watching SpongeBob Squarepants and playing in the water. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Loogootee.

He is survived by his parents, T. Ed and Alyssa Kerns of Loogootee; paternal grandmother, Sharon (Harder) Kerns of Loogootee; maternal grandparents, Tom and Marilyn (Baker) Koop of Ashland, Ohio; and two maternal aunts, Kris Vogel of Hawthorne, New Jersey and Kim Smith of Columbus, Ohio.

He is preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Richard Lee Kerns and his paternal aunt, Misty Kerns.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 25 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee.

Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the City of Loogootee Pool Fund or the Carter Lee Kerns Scholarship Fund through the Crane Federal Credit Union in Loogootee.

Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

GUY PADGETT

Guy Padgett died at 10:56 p.m. Saturday, May 24, 2014 at his home. A resident of Bramble, he was 90.

He was born June 26, 1923 in Martin County; the son of George and Clara (Crane) Padgett.

On April 23, 1949 he married Anastasia (Bradley) Padgett and she survives. In 1941 he graduated from Odon High School.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the St. Vincent DePaul Society in Bramble, Indiana. He was also a member of the Bramble Conservation Club and was on the board of directors of the Farm Bureau Credit Union.

He was retired from the Martin County Co-Op as manager and fieldman. He enjoyed playing cards, fishing, drinking RC, camping and playing with his grandchildren. He was an avid San Francisco Giants

and Detroit Tigers fan.

He is survived by his wife, Anastasia Padgett; one son, Leo and wife Vickie Padgett of Bramble; four daughters, Norma and husband, Larry G. Hall, of Dubois; Clara and husband, Larry A. Hall, of Dubois; Therese and husband, Steven Kitzman, of Northfield, Minnesota; and Donna and husband, Tracy Rayhill, of Bramble; one sister, Eleanor Smith of Loogootee; one sister-in-law, Delores Padgett of Bramble; 12 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and seven step-great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Clara (Crane) Padgett; three brothers, Lester, Sidney and Gerald Padgett; three sisters, Josephine Strange, Esther Kamplain, and Juanita Dant; and one granddaughter, Jolene Hall.

There will be a Celebration of Life at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 31 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bramble. The Celebrant will be The Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday, May 30 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bramble.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Multiple Myeloma Foundation.

The Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

MARIE DEMARRO

Marie Barbara DeMarro, formerly of Hazlet, New Jersey, died Monday, May 26, 2014 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 81.

She was born June 14, 1932 in New York, New York; the daughter of Charles and Theresa (Marine) Palumbo.

On November 29, 1953 she married Vincent DeMarro and he preceded her in death on April 5, 1996.

She was a retired seamstress and a member of the Catholic Faith. Marie enjoyed crocheting, photography, making ceramics and reading.

She is survived by two sons, Steven DeMarro of Toms River, New Jersey and Vincent DeMarro of Chadds Ford, New Jersey; two daughters, Joanne Garrison of Point Pleasant, New Jersey and Bobbie Knight of Loogootee; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Theresa (Marine) Palumbo and her husband, Vincent DeMarro.

The body of Marie DeMarro was cremated and burial will be at a later date. The Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

PIUS W. HART

Pius W. Hart passed away at 4:10 a.m. Monday, May 26, 2014 at his home with his family at his side. A resident of Cannelburg, he was 86.

He was born December 2, 1927 in Daviess County; the son of James and Alma (Nolan) Hart. On June 26, 1954 he married June (Mullen) Hart and she survives.

He was a 1946 graduate of Barr Township High School and a US Army veteran serving in the Korean War. He was retired rural postal carrier for 30 years and a farmer. Pius enjoyed hunting quail, pheasants and turkeys. He also enjoyed fishing, mushroom hunting, telling stories and slow pitch softball.

He was a member of All Saints Catholic Church in Cannelburg, a 4th Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus in Loogootee, the Loogootee St. Vincent DePaul, American Legion and the Montgomery Ruritan Club.

He is survived by his wife, June Hart; two sons, Raymond Hart and Dennis Hart, both of Cannelburg; two daughters, Sharon and husband, Bill Gates, of Bloomington and Kathy Hart of Fishers; one sister, Rosemary and husband, Bob Wichman, of Washington; three grandchildren, Emma, Luke and Maggie Gates; one great grandson, Kaleb Idewu.

He is preceded in death by his parents, James and Alma (Nolan) Hart; three brothers, Joseph, Paul and John Hart; and one sister, Dorothy Lundergan.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 29 at All Saints Catholic Church in Cannelburg. Burial will follow in St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery in Montgomery. There will be graveside military rites conducted by the American Legion and VFW.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, May 28 at the Brocksmith-Blake and Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery. There will be a K of C memorial service conducted at 6 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

WANDA COLVIN

Wanda M. Colvin, Age 75 of Loogootee, Indiana died at 4 a.m. Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at St. Charles Health Care Campus in Jasper.

She was born March 2, 1939 in Daviess County; the daughter of George and Grace (Crane) Holland.

On April 4, 1959 she married Robert "Ed" Colvin and he survives.

She was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee and was a 1957 graduate of Washington High School. She was a retired activities director for Senior and Family Services in Washington. Her and her husband owned and operated the former Colvin's Grocery Store in Bramble, Indiana.

She enjoyed crocheting, sewing, quilting, reading and she was an avid IU Basketball fan and St. Louis Cardinals fan. For several years she and her husband were foster parents.

She is survived by her husband, Robert "Ed" Colvin; three daughters, Lesa and husband, Jeff Stivers, of Loogootee; Theresa Fleming and companion, Scott Edwards, of Plainville; and Shelia and husband, Tom Hudson, of Loogootee; one son, Jeff Colvin of Terre Haute; one sister, Mary Lou Sims, of Odon, nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, George and Grace (Crane) Holland; three brothers, Pete, Jim, and Tom Holland; and two sisters, Rosalie Raney and Dorothy Milligan.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, May 30 at St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery in Montgomery.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, May 29 at the Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

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Thousands sent to emergency room by preventable pool chemical injuries

Injuries from pool chemicals led to nearly 5,000 emergency room visits in 2012, according to a study released last Thursday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Nearly half of these preventable injuries were in children and teenagers and more than a third occurred at a home. Pool chemical injuries were most common during the summer swim season, from Memorial Day to Labor Day, and almost half occurred on weekends.

"Chemicals are added to the water in pools to stop germs from spreading. But they need to be handled and stored safely to avoid serious injuries," said Michele Hlavsa, chief of CDC's Healthy Swimming Program.

Residential pool owners and public pool operators can follow these simple and effective steps to prevent pool chemical injuries:

-Read and follow directions on product labels.

-Wear appropriate safety equipment, such as goggles and masks, as directed, when handling pool chemicals.

-Secure pool chemicals to protect people and animals.

-Keep young children away when handling chemicals.

-NEVER mix different pool chemicals with each other, especially chlorine prod-

ucts with acid.

-Pre-dissolve pool chemicals ONLY when directed by product label.

-Add pool chemical to water, NEVER water to pool chemicals.

The study analyzed data from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS). NEISS captures data on injuries related to consumer products from about 100 hospital emergency departments nationwide. The NEISS data can then be used to calculate national estimates.

May 19-25, 2014 is Recreational Water Illness and Injury (RWII) Prevention Week. The theme for RWII Prevention Week 2014 is Healthy and Safe Swimming: We're in it Together. It focuses on the role of swimmers, aquatics and beach staff, residential pool owners, and public health officials in preventing drowning, pool chemical injuries, and outbreaks of illnesses.

Chlorine and bromine do not kill germs instantly; most are killed within minutes. So it is important that everyone help keep germs out of the water in the first place by not swimming when ill with diarrhea and taking kids on bathroom breaks. Protect yourself by not swallowing pool water.

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MONDAY, MAY 19

12:34 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.
4:33 p.m. - Received a report of illegal dumping on County Farm Road.
4:45 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on State Road 450.
4:48 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with injuries on U.S. 150.

Loogootee Police Department log

SATURDAY, MAY 17

2:56 a.m. - Caller reported a loud music complaint on North Oak Street.
5:45 p.m. - Received a report of a battery on North Line Street.
7:30 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

5:48 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute at McDonald's.
7:29 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231.
8:39 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver.

MONDAY, MAY 19

12:30 p.m. - Caller reported property damage.

TUESDAY, MAY 20

1:13 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on his property.
6:00 a.m. - Captain Akles responded to a business alarm.

3:58 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on East Main Street.

4:14 p.m. - Officer Nolan assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute.

5:25 p.m. - Caller reported a phone scam.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

6:50 a.m. - Caller reported that a residence that he owns had been broken into.

12:58 a.m. - First responders were requested on Mt. Pleasant Road for a medical call.

1:56 p.m. - First responders were re-

Jail bookings

TUESDAY, MAY 20

5:42 p.m. - Christina Lytton, on Loogootee, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Beaver on preliminary charges of residential entry and false informing.

FRIDAY, MAY 23

12:49 a.m. - Jason Oliver, of Shoals, was arrested by Martin County Corporal Greene on preliminary charge of driving while suspended.

2:13 a.m. - Jason Moffett, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Patrolman Nolan on preliminary charges of burglary, residential entry, criminal trespass, possession of marijuana, and possession of methamphetamine.

11:24 a.m. - Phillip Norris, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Henette on preliminary charge intimidation.

5:49 p.m. - Jake D Knepp, of Loogootee, was arrested by Martin County Deputy Baker on a Martin County warrant.

5:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Burns City.

5:44 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals.

6:39 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary in Shoals.

6:43 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals.

10:00 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in

quested on Lincoln Avenue for a medical call.

8:14 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on North Line Street.

8:30 p.m. - First responders were requested on Church Street for a medical call.

THURSDAY, MAY 22

10:30 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male at the city park.

12:20 p.m. - Caller reported property damage on SE 1st Street.

1:47 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

5:23 p.m. - Caller reported vandalism to her vehicle.

8:00 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Smoker's Host.

8:23 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Queen Street.

8:30 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

FRIDAY, MAY 23

12:26 a.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

4:30 p.m. - Caller reported an illegal burn on West Broadway Street.

4:34 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in Cooper Plaza.

4:42 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a gas leak on 350 N.

4:49 p.m. - Caller reported juveniles operating a golf cart. Captain Henette responded.

5:55 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody dispute.

9:10 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50. Officer Todd located the driver and he checked out okay.

10:06 p.m. - Officer Todd responded to a business alarm.

11:55 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on East Broadway Street.

SATURDAY, MAY 24

9:30 a.m. - Caller reported a dispute in Sunset Trailer Court.

10:15 a.m. - Caller reported finding some drug related items on SE 1st Street.

12:05 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

SUNDAY, MAY 25

10:41 a.m. - First responders were requested at McDonald's for a medical call.

1:30 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious activity on SE 1st Street.

5:52 p.m. - Female reported a theft of a wallet.

7:05 p.m. - First responders were requested at West Boggs Park for a golf cart accident.

9:19 p.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a business alarm.

Loogootee.

TUESDAY, MAY 20

4:05 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals.

4:16 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary in Loogootee.

9:05 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 50, east of U.S. 150.

10:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

6:09 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 50.

12:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

1:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

7:48 p.m. - Received a report of a livestock in the roadway on U.S. 50.

9:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

THURSDAY, MAY 22

10:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

1:47 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

9:48 p.m. - Received request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

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FRIDAY, MAY 23

9:28 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

5:41 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

SATURDAY, MAY 24

5:45 a.m. - Received a report of an accident with injuries on US 150.

8:26 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee.

Accident reports

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

6:10 a.m. - Wendy Hawkins contacted the Martin County Sheriff's Department stating that she was involved in a deer accident. The accident occurred on US 50 west of Rama Dye Road. Hawkins stated that she was westbound when a small deer entered the roadway. Hawkins was unable to avoid striking the deer. There was damage to the hood of Hawkins' 2001 Dodge Stratus. The investigating officer was Sergeant Keith Keller with the Martin County Sheriff's Department.

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Martin County Court News

Persons listed on criminal charges are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

CRIMINAL COURT New Suits Filed May 12

Joseph E. Earl, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor.

James T. Jeffries, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Christopher S. Couchman, dealing in a schedule I or II controlled substance, a Class B Felony; possession of hash oil, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Pamela Gammon, neglect of a dependent, a Class D Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person with a passenger less than 18 years of age, a Class D Felony.

Phyllis A. Grissom, theft, a Class D Felony.

May 13

Heather M. May, burglary, a Class B Felony; theft, a Class D Felony.

May 15

Jason E. Smith, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Cody Erwin, criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Heather L. West, possession of methamphetamine, a Class D Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor.

May 20

James C. Mesarosh, Jr., possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor.

April D. Hotz, operating a vehicle as an habitual traffic violator, a Class D Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Class D Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person with a passenger less than 18 years of age, a Class D Felony.

May 21

Jake D. Knepp, domestic battery, a Class D Felony.

May 23

Christina R. Lytton, residential entry, a Class D Felony; criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor.

CRIMINAL JUDGMENTS AND SENTENCING

May 15

Alex D. Bauernfiend, convicted of visiting a common nuisance, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days in the Martin County Security Center with 0 days suspended and credit for 103 days served.

Ryan J. Mattingly, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class D Felony amended from dealing in methamphetamine, a Class B Felony. Sentenced to serve 3 years in the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 284 actual days previously served.

Wesley T. Yoken, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 40 days in the Martin County Security Center with 0 days suspended and credit for 5 actual days previously served.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

May 25

Ryan J. Mattingly, false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Mitchell Miller, hunting wild animals without a license, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; unlawful taking of a deer or wild turkey, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; illegal tagging of a wild animal, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Alex D. Bauernfiend, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

May 14

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Katrina Jones, civil collection.

Jennifer L. Huffman vs. John S. Huffman, petition for dissolution of marriage.

May 15

Stone Street Capital vs. Janet Fox, civil plenary.

May 16

Capital One Bank vs. Carla Harner, civil collection.

Jennifer Bleemel vs. Jeffrey Bleemel, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Joseph Waddle vs. Phyllis G. Waddle, petition for dissolution of marriage.

May 22

Angela Renee Mcauley vs. Steven J. Mcauley, petition for dissolution of marriage.

May 23

Shelly R. Petty vs. Thomas L. Petty, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

May 19

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, and against the defendant Kerry Adkins in the amount of \$6,480.09.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Rose A. Pilarski in the amount of \$14,013.68.

May 22

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Patrick M. Phillips in the amount of \$20,416.25.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

May 14

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Ronald H. Stout, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Misty R. Sanders a/k/a McKibben, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Lucas W. Cain and Emily M. Robinson, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Jerrad L. VanMeter, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Benny L. Cain, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Amy C. Emery, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Joseph A. Meche, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Kyle S. Toliver, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Printice A. Ramsey, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Vickie L. Ervin, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Donna S. Haulk, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Thomas R. Ivey, complaint.

May 19

Renewing Management, Inc. vs. Julie Montgomery, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

May 16

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Justin S. Davis in the amount of \$2,077.98.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Courtney (Wagler) Hudson in the amount of \$3,486.50.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Paul Steiner in the amount of \$2,602.77.

May 22

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Kimberly S. Barker in the amount of \$1,557.50.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Terese Bishop in the amount of \$644.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Samantha J. Cassidy in the amount of \$2,186.24.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Lisa M. Lindsey in the amount of \$1,576.32.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant James S. Myers, Jr. in the amount of \$690.83.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Sydney R. Rose in the amount of \$707.98.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Angel C. Royer in the amount of

\$700.47.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Heather Thoroman in the amount of \$672.91.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Tera L. Trambaugh in the amount of \$419.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane

Federal Credit Union and against the defendants Trinkka S. and Brian Wildman in the amount of \$1,626.01.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Jarrod A. Zins in the amount of \$588.24.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Ame M. Zins in the amount of \$511.23.



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Jasper District Troopers are shown above standing at "Parade Rest" during the reading of the Roll Call

Indiana State Police Jasper Post holds annual memorial service

Since the early days of the Indiana State Police, memorial services have been held every May at all Indiana State Police districts to perpetuate the memory of those who have died in the line of duty. The service serves as a means of paying tribute to those fallen officers, so that their sacrifice was not made in vain. Active Troopers honor their legacy by striving to maintain the level of professional service to the public that our departed comrades so unselfishly gave their lives for.

The Indiana State Police Post at Jasper held their annual memorial service this morning for those members of the department who gave their lives in the line of duty. Troopers present were brought to attention

and prepared for the roll call. Captain Rob Priest and Lieutenant Greg Ashby read each fallen member's name, along with a description of the circumstances surrounding their death. Additionally, a tribute was made to Master Trooper Detective Rick Magill, who passed last year due to medical complications.

A total of 46 members of the Indiana State Police have died in the line of duty since the department's inception in 1933.

For a complete listing of Indiana Troopers killed in the line of duty and a summary of their deaths, visit the Indiana State Police website at www.in.gov/isp and click on the "In Memoriam" link on the left side of the page.

Martin County real estate transfers

Thelma J. Smith, of Martin County, Indiana to **Lois Fuartado**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, also known as Lot Number 27.

Thomas R. O'Brien and Valerie G. O'Brien, of Martin County, Indiana to **Douglas R. Strange and Gayle A. Strange**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 0.53 acres, more or less. Being Lot Number 9 in Country Court Tract IV. Also, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 0.50 acres, more or less. Being Lot Number 16 in Country Court Tract IV.

Paul E. Wade, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jessica A. Lampert**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West.

Ashlye Divine, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brian D. Mathies and Sherri K. Perry**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 21 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indi-

ana.

Paul T. Taylor, of Martin County, Indiana to **Laura L. Troutman**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Lot Numbered One in Ackerman Addition to Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana containing 11,031 square feet and/or 0.2532 of an acre, more or less.

Mark L. Taylor, of Martin County, Indiana to **Laura L. Troutman**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Lot Numbered One and a part of Lot Numbered Two in Ackerman Addition to Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana containing 10,140 square feet and/or 0.2328 of an acre, more or less.

August A. Bauer, of Martin County, Indiana to **Lance Van L. Bauer and Angela R. Bauer**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 4 West containing 7.25 acres, more or less.

Tracy J. Burch, of Martin County, Indiana to **Loogootee Knights of Columbus Building Association**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the north part of Lot Number 4 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Lady Lions fall in sectional

Loogootee Tennis Sectional wrapped up last week with Paoli taking the championship over Barr-Reeve 5-0.

In last Wednesday afternoon's match-up in the first round, Paoli defeated Loogootee 5-0. Loogootee's season finished 4-14.

After the loss, Loogootee Head Coach Mike Tippery said, "We played well early in this match. We just were not able to sustain that level of play. Paoli has a great team. Their only loss to this point was to a very good Borden team. Overall, the season got off to a promising start. At one point we were 4-6. We ran into some tough teams in the second half of the season. We were just never able to get everyone playing well at the same time. The good news is that there

were no seniors on the team. We will have 16 returning players and potentially 5-6 additional freshmen. Things are heading in the right direction."

Results
 #1 Abbie Franklin (P) defeated Emily Bateman 6-2, 6-0
 #2 Singles Meagan Dooley (P) defeated Erin Nelson 6-3, 6-0
 #3 Singles Jessica Fullington (P) defeated Tara Pennington 6-2, 6-0
 #1 Doubles Hannah Balsmeyer/Luci Waynick (P) defeated Ashley Lindauer/Emma Walters 6-0, 6-0
 #2 Doubles Riley Balsmeyer/Shelby Meredith(P) defeated Ashley Jones/Kendall Riley 6-4, 6-4

Loogootee Summer Volleyball Camp

The Loogootee Volleyball team will be hosting their 2014 summer camp for the following incoming grades: 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th.

The cost of the camp is \$20 per girl. She will receive eight practice sessions and a camp t-shirt.

The camp will be held on the following dates: June 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, and 26.

Each practice will take place at Lee Kavanaugh Gymnasium. Schedules are listed for each grade level below.

8 a.m.-9 p.m. - 5th and 6th grades
 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. - 3rd and 4th grades
 Please contact Tracie McAtee at 787-1066 or Lacy Jeffers at 296-7307 with any questions or concerns. Please bring permission slips and money the first day of camp.



-Photo provided

Shown above in the front row from left to right are Cher Song, Mrs. Sherfick, Erica Bratton, Ariel Hert, and Tia Sanders. In the second row, from left to right, are Mr. Sherfick, Dakota Newkirk, Ashley Price and Jalynn Hilderbrand. In the back row, from left to right, are Enoch Redman, Cole Hovis, Brandon Pendley, Tyler George, Roger Terry, Skyler Veilleux, Sistoria Neeley, Amber Bessey, and Jessica Ryan.

Shoals Art Students enjoy trip to Indianapolis Children's Museum

On May 21, advanced art students from Shoals High School had the opportunity to view the exhibit, "Terra Cotta Warriors: The Emperor's Painted Army", at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis.

The exhibit, in its only U.S. Appearance in 2014, is directly from China's Shaanxi Province, and may be viewed through November 2.

This exclusive exhibit tells the story of the tomb complex of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, created nearly 2,200 years ago. The Terra Cotta Warriors are part of an elaborate mausoleum created to accompany

the first emperor into the afterlife, according to archaeologists. Over 8,000 life-sized clay warriors, along with clay horses, were discovered in 1974, during a well digging operation.

Another highlight of the visit was the five story "Fireworks of Glass" sculpture. This Dale Chihuly masterpiece features over 3,200 stunning pieces of brilliant blown glass.

Chaperones for the trip were Larry and Linda Sherfick, along with bus driver Charlene Briedenbaugh. The trip was made possible by a generous grant from Eli Lilly.

Lady Lions Summer Volleyball Camp

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Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Fill out this form and turn it in on the first day of camp!

Loogootee and Shoals SCHOOL MENUS

LOOGOOTE ELEMNTARY Breakfast

Thursday, May 29
 Cheese omelet, wheat toast, pears

Friday, May 30
 Cereal, string cheese, peaches

Lunch
 Thursday, May 29
 Cook's choice

Friday, May 30
 Cook's choice

SHOALS SCHOOLS Breakfast

Thursday, May 29
 Cereal, graham cracker snack, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, May 30
 Bagel, fruit, juice, milk

Monday, June 2
 Chocolate chip muffin, banana, juice, milk

Tuesday, June 3
 Cereal, granola bar, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, June 4

Cinnamon biscuit, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch
 Thursday, May 29
 Soft taco, corn, lettuce and cheese boat, pineapple, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: beef and bean burrito or chef salad

Friday, May 30
 BBQ rib sandwich, baked beans, orange slices, frozen fruit smoothie, milk

Monday, June 2
 Chicken strips, California-blend vegetables, salad boat, pretzels, peaches, milk

Tuesday, June 3
 Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, applesauce, whole grain bread, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: turkey and cheese sandwich or chef salad

Wednesday, June 4
 Chili, cheese and crackers, cooked carrots, mandarin oranges, juice cup, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: corn dog or chef salad

Loogootee JH Volleyball open gym

Junior high open gyms will begin next Tuesday, June 3. They will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. through the month of June at Lee Kavanaugh Gymnasium. Times will change to the evening in July, those times will be announced at a later date. Call Tracie McAtee with any questions or concerns at 787-1066.

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Results of Parkview Village Annual Charity Golf Scramble

The Parkview Village Annual Charity Golf Scramble was held Friday, May 16 at the Country Club of Old Vincennes.

First place winners were Dave Winger, Travis Brett, Steve Swartzentruber, and Mark Potts. Second place winners were Marvin Graber, Ryan Graber, Norman Knepp, and Nathan Yoder. Third place winners were Joey Riggins, Clayton Byrer, Victor Byrer, and Garrett Byrer.

Other contest winners were -Putting contest for \$2500, Marty Graber was selected to putt at 60 feet. He gave it a great effort and was very close but did not make it.

-Closest to pin: Victor Byrer and Clayton Byrer

-Longest drive: Logan Wagler

Skins pot was split by four teams: K & W Fencing, Rick Graber, Joey Riggins, Norman Beasley's teams.

Daviess Community Hospital Team was selected to receive certificates for four rounds of golf at the County Club of Old Vincennes. Many other prizes were awarded and every-

one had a great time.

Gold sponsor was German American Bank and silver sponsors were JJ's Concrete, The Insurance Shop, K & W Fencing, Daviess Community Hospital and \$10,000 hole-in-one sponsor was Neace and Lukens.

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Prize donations were made by: Casey's, Fish and Carry, Country Club of Old Vincennes and Parkview Village.

A special thank you to all those individuals who volunteered and who participated and all those contributors and sponsors who made this the most successful scramble to date.



-Photo provided First place winners in the Parkview Village Annual Charity Golf Scramble were Dave Winger, Travis Brett, Steve Swartzentruber, and Mark Potts.

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Added money bass tournament to benefit local humane society

The last of a series of very special fishing tournaments will be held on Saturday, May 31 on West Boggs Lake near Loogootee and all bass anglers are invited to participate. The event is sponsored by the West Boggs Park Foundation, Inc. and will raise money for a local cause, the Martin County Humane Society.

This tournament is part of a series of tournaments in which the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fish & Wildlife and the Daviess-Martin Joint County Parks & Recreation Department that operates West Boggs Lake will utilize tournament fishing as part of a multi-part fish salvage plan in advance of a fisheries renovation project taking place at West Boggs Lake this year. In September the lake will be drawn down and the fish populations will be eradicated to remove undesirable species before being restocked with game fish to restore quality fishing opportunities in the future. Additional fish will be collected in the fall by IDNR crews to complete the target numbers. The salvaged fish will be removed to an offsite location and later returned to the lake to provide a supply of between 600 and 700 adult bass and possibly other species to allow both fishing opportunities and a reproducing population early in the recovery stage of the renovation. This tournament will begin at the main boat ramp at West Boggs Lake and entry

can be made at that location starting at 5:30 a.m. on the morning of 31st with the actual kick off at 7 a.m. Boats will leave the ramp in the order of registration. The event will end with a weigh in at the Bittersweet Shelter at 3 p.m. and the loading of the fish into special trucks for transport by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Fisheries managers to the temporary storage location.

An entry fee of \$100 per boat is required for registration for this event. Payout will be 75 percent of total registrations, split 50/30/20 to the top three teams. An optional Big Bass Pot will also be available with an added money bonus being provided by the West Boggs Park Foundation, Inc. Each team can register for this Big Bass Pot for \$10 and the Foundation will match each entry with another \$10, making the payout 200 percent of the total Big Bass Pot from the sponsor's share of the proceeds. Remaining funds will be granted to the Martin County Humane Society. Adding this money back to the pot would mean a 50 boat field with all boats entering the pot would be competing for a single \$1,000 Big Bass.

For information on West Boggs Park or to make camping arrangements ahead of the event, call the park's customer service desk at 812-295-3421. More information on the West Boggs Fisheries Renovation Project can be found on the West Boggs Website at www.westboggs.com.

Victory Field trees highlight emerald ash borer threat

Victory Field, home of the Indianapolis Indians baseball team, provides strong evidence that emerald ash borers are in Marion County and killing ash trees.

Victory Field's staff began treating 89 ash trees around the stadium site in 2013, but 18 trees have been identified for removal due to declining health brought on by emerald ash borers.

It's a poignant reminder of the damage caused by the invasive beetle and the reason Gov. Mike Pence declared last week Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week in Indiana.

Since being discovered in Michigan in 2002, EAB has moved to 21 other states, including Indiana, where the insect was first detected in 2004.

Indiana has almost 150 million ash trees. They're dying by the thousands, costing Hoosiers millions of dollars, and marring the landscape.

The invasive insect's rapid spread is believed to be caused by humans moving firewood in which the beetles thrive.

Hoosiers can help slow the spread of EAB by not moving firewood.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources regulates the types of firewood that can be brought onto state lands. The purpose is not only to stop spread of EAB, but also to fight the next invasive pest, which will likely travel in firewood, too.

The DNR requires all firewood entering state properties to: (1) be accompanied by a state or federal compliance stamp allowing such movement, or (2) be kiln-dried scrap lumber, or (3) be completely debarked if brought from home within Indiana.

To fight EAB, if you plan to have a campfire, the best option is to buy firewood close to where you will burn it; don't bring it from home. Burn wood completely before leaving your site — don't leave wood for the next person. Buying packaged firewood bearing a state or federal compliance stamp also helps.

Extensive information about the bug and the laws regarding firewood movement is at dnr.IN.gov/entomolo/3443.htm.

Suspected EAB infestations outside of the quarantine boundaries should be reported to DNR's toll-free Invasive Species Hotline, 1-866-NO-EXOTIC. Insecticide treatments are available to protect individual trees from EAB. Many are cost effective. See eabindiana.info.

Communities and individuals looking for help to assess, treat or remove ash trees should contact a local arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture at www.isa-arbor.com/findanarborist/arboristsearch.aspx.

Communities looking for assistance also can contact the DNR's Community and Urban Forestry Program at urbanforestry@dnr.in.gov.

82nd Indiana Farm Management Tour focuses on Spencer, Dubois County businesses

This year's Indiana Farm Management Tour, organized by the Purdue University Department of Agricultural Economics, Purdue Extension — Dubois County and Purdue Extension Spencer County, will showcase five successful Indiana farms in Spencer and Dubois counties June 16-17. The tour, in its 82nd year, encourages a high level of management knowledge and skill among Indiana farmers. It is open to anyone interested in farm management and family farm businesses and regularly hosts over 300 visitors during its two-day run. A variety of farm-related topics will be highlighted in interviews with the host farmers and mini-tours at three of the southern Indiana farms.

The farmers will share their keys to successful farm management and explain how the management of their operations is changing in response to the vibrant agricultural economy and the changing circumstances of their families.

The tour schedule:

* June 16, 1-2:30 p.m. CDT: Interview with owners of Fischer Farms Natural Foods LLC at the Spencer County 4-H Fairgrounds, 1101 E County Road 800 N., Chrisney. The Fischers produce and direct-market natural beef from their 250-head cow herd and another 350 calves that five other cattle producers grow for them. The beef finished on their farm is custom-processed at a family-owned



In the Garden By Ralph Purkhiser Purdue University Master Gardener

Change is the only constant in the garden. As the peonies and irises wind down, roses and mock orange begin, treating both the eye and the nose. A star magnolia adds the scent of baby powder to the mixture. Weigelas, arrow leaf viburnums and nine barks are also providing attractive blooms. Daylilies have begun setting buds and soon will begin the daily bloom show. Clematis vines of various varieties will keep the blooms coming for the rest of the summer.

I have had several questions recently about pollination of vegetable crops. It seems that several old myths continue to surface. One common myth is that one cannot grow both sweet peppers and hot peppers in the same area. While it is true that cross pollination will occur, it is not true that the hot peppers will cause the sweet peppers to be hot. The result of cross-pollination will occur only in the next generation. Peppers grown from the seeds produced by either variety may exhibit traits of the other, including the taste and amount of hotness. If one is growing open-pollinated varieties, including heirloom varieties, and is hoping to save seed for next year, one must be sure to keep the different varieties separated. Otherwise, you may end up with some new crosses and fruits that are not true to either parent variety. The same is true of the various cucurbits that may cross pollinate. Planting watermelons near cucumbers will not affect this year's crop in any way. Squash and pumpkins will bear the fruits of their particular varieties this year, but seeds saved from the fruits may show the cross-breeding in next year's crop.

The big exception to this rule is in crops in which the seed is the part eaten, most notably corn and shelled beans. Since the seed is what we eat, it may be affected by crosses.

Find out what fish are biting in your area lakes

Anglers can find out what fish are biting in a certain lake on what bait by looking online at the updated DNR fishing reports.

The DNR has improved this Web page, dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/8270.htm, to allow for more information to be easily shared about lakes across the state.

The new look splits the state into three zones, North, Central, and South. Each zone can be clicked on an interactive map to see all lake reports in that region.

A dropdown list of lakes in the system is

also available to allow quick specific searches.

"The new fishing reports system allows DNR staff to provide updates throughout the state," said Bill James, DNR fisheries chief. "This allows us to get more information to the public on lakes we are surveying in real time, and for anglers to know what is biting throughout the year."

The information will be updated toward the end of every week, so anglers will have current information for each weekend.

meat processor in Celestine and direct-marketed to more than 70 restaurants and 10-plus retail stores.

* June 16, 3-5 p.m. CDT: Vogel Seed Farms Inc., 4560 N. County Road 200 W., Rockport. Vogel has three main enterprises: 3,550 acres of corn and soybean, a Pioneer seed dealership and 110 beef cows. The crop operation features an RTK satellite guidance system, variable rate technology, dual fertilizer planters and about 300,000 bushels of grain storage. The seed business features bulk soybean handling and Pioneer Premium Precision seed treatment. The farm supplies seed and treatments to 40-50 customers in addition to itself. The Angus cow operation features rotational grazing, embryo flushing and artificial insemination.

* June 17, 7-8:45 a.m. CDT: Whitsitt Farm Inc., 6626 W. 350 S., Huntingburg. Whitsitt is a diversified farm with row crops, hay, cattle and a test plot of Miscanthus. Discussion will include how the family takes advantage of market opportunities for value-added crops, including food-grade white corn and popcorn, and keeps the conservation-oriented farm at the forefront of precision agriculture and accounting technologies to improve efficiency of inputs, soil quality and profitability.

* June 17, 9:15-11 a.m. CDT: Giles Farms Inc., 374 W. State Route 62, Gentryville. Giles has about 775 acres of crops and man-

Corn is wind-pollinated, so it should be planted in blocks rather than in a long row to ensure good pollination. Different varieties will easily pollinate each other, so if one wishes to keep the crop pure, do not plant different varieties near each other. Sweet corn will also cross-pollinate with field corn, popcorn and ornamental corn, so beware. The result of cross-pollination may result in corn that does not have the sugars that give sweet corn its flavor. If you plan to raise different types of corn, do your homework carefully and plant in succession that will not have different varieties in tassel at the same time.

I am happy to report that my largest crape myrtle has begun to leaf out. I may still have some pruning to do to cut out winter damage, but it was nice to see that the tree had survived. Another crape myrtle in the garden is in a more shady location and is always late to show new growth, so I will continue to wait and see. It does appear that some of the butterfly bushes have died due to the winter temperatures. I have cut them back to the ground and will leave the spot unplanted, hoping for some growth from the roots, but I doubt that will occur and have already taken cuttings from the bushes that survived to replace the plants I have lost.

Gardeners and farmers must always roll with the punches of the weather, so we should view the loss of plants as an opportunity to try something new. With the winter we had, there should be several such opportunities for gardeners in Southern Indiana to try new things. Have fun. Check the plant zones. While we have been planting zone 6 plants for several years, this winter made it obvious that we are still in zone 5, if we want plants that will survive the ravages of a bad winter.

ages another 90 acres of wetland. The goal of the operators, who have a conservation ethic, is to improve the soil and the farm before it transitions to future generations. Topics will include a discussion of conservation efforts, corn and soybean field trials and the Wetland Reserve Program.

* June 17, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. CDT: Lunch at the Spencer County Fairgrounds. As part of the program, the owners of Vollmers Turkey Farms will share their experiences with investing in and managing a turkey grow-out operation. Larry Vollmer and his son, Scott, each have one brooder house and two grow-out houses. In addition, Purdue Extension agricultural economist Chris Hurt will give his annual Agricultural Outlook.

The annual Master Farmer Banquet will be at 5:30 p.m. CDT June 16 at the Spencer County 4-H Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$25 and must be ordered in advance by calling 765-494-8593. (There is no online registration for the banquet.) Attendees must have a ticket, and no tickets will be available on the day of the event.

More information, such as on lodging and registration, is available at www.agecon.purdue.edu/commercialag/progevents/tour.html. There is no fee to attend the tours and June 17 lunch, but registration by June 6 is required to participate in the lunch. Registration can be made online or by calling 765-494-4310.

Indiana trial and appellate courts launch statewide e-filing for court documents

The convenience and efficiency of electronic filing of court documents is on the horizon for Indiana's trial and appellate courts. The Indiana Supreme Court is ending two centuries of paper filings with the decision to launch statewide e-filing.

"Nearly every aspect of our lives includes electronic documents—stores send receipts via email, banks allow check deposits through a smart phone. Now lawyers and litigants will be able to file court documents electronically. Using this technology, our courts will be more efficient and better able to administer justice without delay," Chief Justice Brent Dickson explained.

Currently, paper documents are filed with trial court clerks across the state. Appellate documents are not only filed on paper, but are also maintained on a 28 year-old computer system. The Court's decision to begin statewide e-filing also includes moving the appellate courts onto the Odyssey case management system (which is already used in courts in 48 counties.)

The statewide e-filing system is expected to begin in phases starting in 2015. Indiana citizens and their attorneys will benefit from the convenience and cost savings of e-filing because work can be conducted over the Internet on a 24/7 basis. Free market competition is expected to keep associated fees low.

The first step is for the Division of State Court Administration to seek competitive bids for an e-filing manager. That manager will be required to work with multiple e-filing service providers statewide. The Division will coordinate the process, including certification of those providers. By having multiple providers, litigants will have filing choices.

In 2006 the Court created Administrative Rule 16 to test e-filing. Three projects were approved for e-filing on a limited basis. "The Court is appreciative of the ground work completed by the pilot counties," explained Justice Mark Massa who chairs technology projects for the courts. "The initial work demonstrates that e-filing is beneficial to litigants, lawyers, judges, clerks and their staffs."

In anticipation of a statewide e-filing system, a committee of lawyers, judges, circuit clerks and court staff drafted a proposed trial rule for the e-filing project. The Supreme Court's Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure is already seeking comments on the proposed e-filing rule. For more information on submitting a comment visit <http://courts.in.gov/4210.htm>. To read the Supreme Court order visit <http://www.in.gov/judiciary/files/order-other-2014-94S00-1405-MS-347.pdf>.

Public opinion requested on possible court rule changes

The Indiana Supreme Court Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure is interested in obtaining comments from judges, attorneys and the general public to proposed amendments to the Indiana Rules of Court.

The goal of the proposed changes is to reduce the time from the conclusion of a case in the trial court to the issuance of an appellate decision. The standard for completion of a transcript established by the American Bar Association is thirty days. The federal courts also abide by a 30 day time limit. Only three states other than Indiana have a time limit as long as ninety (90) days.

The primary proposed change is found in Appellate Rule 11(B). After the appellant files the Notice of Appeal the time for a

Court Reporter to file the transcript with the trial court clerk or Administrative Agency would be reduced from ninety days to thirty days. Under Rule 11(C), motions for extensions of time will be disfavored and only granted in extraordinary circumstances. The changes to Rule 11 necessitated other changes to the Appellate Rules.

Details about the proposed rule changes can be found at <http://courts.in.gov/4211.htm>.

The nine-member Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure is reviewing the proposed changes and comments. The Court created the Committee to conduct a continuous study of the Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure and other rules as directed by the Court. The Committee must report to the Court recommendations and proposed amendments directed at simplicity in procedure, just determination of litigation, and elimination of unjustified expense and delay.

The deadline for submitting comments is June 23, 2014. Comments can be sent via email or in writing to the following addresses: RulesComments@courts.in.gov or Lilia G. Judson, Executive Director Indiana Supreme Court Division of State Court Administration, 39 South Meridian Street, Suite 500, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative
Mark Messmer



Graduation season is upon us. For every graduate and their family this is an exciting time of year. For parents in particular, graduation ceremonies are a time for reflection. We wonder where the time went and how our little ones grew up so fast. As a father of four, with my youngest son Luke graduating this year, I speak from experience.

Graduation is not just about reflecting on the past though; it is about looking towards the future. Graduation marks the start of the next phase of life for our young people. There are new memories to be made, opportunities to be had, risks to be taken and challenges to be overcome. Their personal experiences combined with their education have been steadily preparing them for this moment, and while each graduate will embark on a different path, one thing is for certain; Indiana provides an excellent environment for young people to live and build their career.

As a parent and a legislator, I know that it's not long before yesterday's newborns are today's high school graduates, which is why we must continue to invest in our children right from the start. I am pleased to report that this session we accomplished this by passing House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1004, a law that provides up to \$15 million for a preschool pilot program.

Research shows that children should have 1,400 hours of reading by the time they enter first grade; however, most children of poverty receive only 25 hours. HEA 1004 will provide low income Hoosier families with access to quality early education programs which will get our youngest citizens off to a great start.

Some of our 2014 graduates will immediately go into the workforce while others will choose to further their studies by attending a university, which are both viable and respectable paths to take. We must continue to provide high school students with every advantage to succeed in today's dynamic marketplace once they graduate, whichever path they take.

This session, we worked towards this goal by passing HEA 1003, which provides grants to eligible school corporations and charter schools who partner with businesses for training students for high wage, high demand jobs.

We also passed HEA 1181 which provides school corporations access to grants and funding for their career and technical education centers. There is no one-size-fits-all option for our grads and their families when it comes to making these postsecondary decisions, which is why it is important that we continue to diversify students' educational opportunities.

Here in the Indiana, we take pride in our higher education institutions. They are tremendous assets for both traditional and adult learners, equipping Hoosiers with the knowledge and skills they need in order to succeed in our increasingly competitive economy. I believe that a strong traditional curriculum combined with career and technical education opportunities will prepare our graduates to take the next step towards becoming the future business leaders and innovators in our state.

I'm extremely proud and excited that my son will be graduating soon and attend Marian University in Indianapolis this fall. After carefully weighing his options, Luke will be studying pastoral leadership which I believe matches his strengths and interests perfectly. I couldn't be more thrilled for him.

I wholeheartedly believe that passion, combined with a willingness to learn and a strong work ethic will create opportunities for success in any situation. I wish every graduate the best in all of their endeavors, and I am confident in saying that their parents, teachers and mentors have prepared them well to overcome any obstacle they might encounter. While it is difficult to predict what will happen in the future, we know that whatever decisions our children make, our prayers and support go with them.

Rep. Messmer (R-Jasper) represents portions of Daviess, Dubois, Pike and Martin counties.

Indiana leads nation for Clean Water Act facility inspections

More than 90-percent of Indiana facilities with Clean Water Act permits have been recently inspected.

Indiana is doing better than any other state when it comes to conducting regular inspections of facilities that hold water quality permits under the federal Clean Water Act (CWA).

A new report from the Gannett Central New York Media Group analyzed US EPA data on all 50 states, and found that of Indiana's nearly 2,000 CWA permit facilities, only 176 have not been recently inspected. Of those, most are considered to be low-priority and have not shown a history of significant violations.

Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) assistant commissioner of water quality, Bruno Pigott, says the state's effort to stay current on inspections shows the agency's commitment to protect Hoosiers and the environment.

"Ensuring wastewater treatment plants are operating efficiently and meeting very high water quality standards is one of our core missions at IDEM," he said. "We do that by inspecting facilities around the state regularly and providing the operators with hands on assistance."

IDEM's office of water quality is responsible for protecting public health and the environment by assessing the quality of surface water and groundwater through biological and chemical testing; regulating and monitoring drinking water supplies (including wellhead protection), wastewater treatment facilities and the construction of such facilities; and, protecting wetlands for proper drainage, flood protection and wildlife habitat. The office serves the citizens of Indiana through fulfilling responsibilities as set forth in the Clean Water Act.

Almost all Indiana facilities have been inspected in the last five years, and IDEM's inspection rate exceeds all other states.



The report from Gannett can be found at: <http://press.sn/1ggvu03> and <http://bit.ly/1gOOVgY>.

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Calendar of Events

Mustering Elm Park meeting

The Trinity Springs Mustering Elm Park Group will meet on Monday, June 2 at 7 p.m. at the park. Volunteers are needed to help with mowing.

Shoals School Board meetings

The Shoals School Board will meet in special session Saturday, June 7 at 12:30 p.m. in the central administration office. The purpose of the meeting is to hold a public hearing concerning details of the proposed superintendent contract. They will also meet in special session on Saturday, June 14 at 9 a.m. The purpose of that meeting is to appoint a new superintendent and junior/senior high school principal. The meetings are open to the public.

Shoals Alumni Banquet

The Shoals High School Alumni Banquet is Saturday, June 28 at the Shoals High School Gym. Doors open at 4 p.m. The dinner starts at 6 p.m. If you would like a reserved table, call Norma Baker at 812-388-6641.

Baker Family Reunion

The descendants of Cesar and Mary Baker will be having the Baker Family Reunion on Sunday, June 8 at the Shoals Senior Citizen Center. Food will be served at noon. Bring a covered dish and your table service.

Head Start preschool classes

Head Start is now taking applications for the fall preschool classes. Head Start is a kindergarten readiness program at no-cost for qualifying families. Please call 812-295-4700 to enroll your child.

Boy Scouts

Boys interested in Boy Scouts, call 295-6652 or 854-7837 for information on joining.

SOAR Tutoring

Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Beverly at 812.709.1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend. To find out how to become a member, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com.

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Martin County Community Learning Center on the fairgrounds.

Soil and Water meetings

The Martin County SWCD meets the third Monday of the month at the SWCD office located at Martin County Learning Center. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays except Thursdays when it is closed. Visit www.martinswcd.com or call at 295-3149.



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The Red Skelton Performing Arts Center at Vincennes University is rated among the best on university campuses.

VU performing arts center rated among best in the nation

The Red Skelton Performing Arts Center at Vincennes University has been rated among the "most amazing" centers in the nation.

The website, bestvalueschools.com, ranked the top 25 university performing arts centers with VU listed as 7th best.

"I'm pleased to see the Red Skelton Performing Arts Center receiving recognition for what we've known all along, that it is an outstanding performing arts center with excellent acoustics, state-of-the-art technology, and a beautiful design. As a theatre director who has mounted plays in many different venues over the years, I can easily say that this is the most impressive theatre that I have ever had the pleasure to use," said Eric Margerum, dean of VU's Social Science and Performing Arts College.

According to the Best Value Schools web site that ranked the centers, "The best university performing arts centers are designed not only for the benefit of those studying the arts but also as a way to help enrich the community of which they're a part. They act as a window to the larger world of performing arts by staging high-quality productions and attracting top professional talent to teach and perform."

The top-ranked performing arts centers "were chosen for their enduring commitment to arts education as well as their desire to provide exceptional arts programming to the public at the highest levels."

The Red Skelton Performing Arts Center has featured many top performers such as Crystal Gayle, Phillip Phillips, Amy Grant,

Debbie Reynolds, Jamie Farr, Melissa Tesh, and the Texas Tenors.

"We repeatedly hear praise for the Red Skelton from the many performers who visit Vincennes University. They have travelled all over the country and been in many theaters, and yet they take a moment during a performance to compliment the University on having such a fine facility. Our students are very privileged to be able to have the experience of performing in this theatre and to make use of the practice rooms, scene shop, lab theatre, costume shop, and band room available in the rest of the center," Margerum said.

The Red Skelton Performing Arts Center was dedicated on February 24, 2006. The building includes an 850-seat proscenium theatre complemented by classrooms, rehearsal rooms and dressing rooms. The grand foyer serves as a gallery for Red Skelton paintings and memorabilia, adjacent to the entrance to the Red Skelton Museum and Education Center. The site of the Center is within a block of Red Skelton's birthplace in Vincennes. Less than a month after Skelton's death in September 1997, the VU Board of Trustees voted to seek state funding to construct the Red Skelton Performing Arts Center as a way to honor the legacy of a man who touched numerous lives through his comedic talent, great works, compassion and commitment to public service.

For more information about the "Most Amazing University Performing Arts Centers go to: www.bestvalueschools.com/25-most-amazing-university-performing-arts-centers/



In honor

Tony Holt, at left, is shown above with Russell Pruett, of the Shoals American Legion. Holt recently purchased and erected a flag pole and American flag for Mt. Union Cemetery. Pruett rose the flag and dedicated it on Memorial Day this past Monday.



The Martin County Veteran Van is available for transportation to surrounding VA clinics and hospitals for scheduled medical appointments. It is a first-come first-serve by appointment program.

To schedule a ride, please call 247-2450. Use of the van depends on the availability of the volunteer drivers and current scheduled appointments.

The more advanced notice given the greater the chances the van and driver will be available. Travel compensation from VA or county funding cannot be claimed when using the veterans van.

DRIVERS NEEDED for the veteran's van. I am aware that we all have very busy lives and very little free time which is why I am looking for drivers to add to my call list. I am looking for VOLUNTEERS that are willing to transport a veteran possibly one trip a week to medical appointments in the surrounding area. This is not a paid position but I am able to provide \$10 a trip as long as there is money in the "Thank the Driver Fund". You must have an Indiana li-

cense and a clean driving record. If interested, please contact me at 812-247-2450.

I look forward to the day that I have a minimum of five drivers willing to transport a veteran one day a week but until then I will continue to do the best that I can. I want to thank Randy Baker, Bill Fowler and Harold Thomas for so willingly giving their time to drive the veteran van.

