



## Pucker up

-Photo by Cindy Phillips

Ashley Phillips was named the 2014 Shoals Catfish Festival Queen last week. Part of being the queen, is the annual kissing of the catfish. Ashley is the daughter of Jeff and Cindy Phillips.

## County council discusses monthly financial requests

The Martin County Council met Monday, July 7. Council members Warren Albright, Lonnie Hawkins, and Lynn Gee were not present for the meeting.

Carolyn S. McGuire, Assessor, submitted an ordinance drafted by County Attorney David Lett establishing a fee for copies of electronic data. Assessor McGuire has had several inquiries from businesses wanting information from 39DN, the counties eGIS website administrator. Lawrence County has adopted a similar ordinance. The fee for the electronic data is \$250, which will be paid to 39DN and remitted to the county. The council approved the ordinance and now it will go on to the commissioners for approval.

Nathan Hoffman, surveyor, submitted a quote of \$4,395 from Positioning Solutions Company for a new external 35-watt radio. The current radio was damaged a few weeks ago. A claim was submitted to the insurance and \$2,500 was given as a replacement cost. The radio must be FCC compliant. He will be submitting an additional appropriation of \$1,895 for the August meeting.

Dr. Larry Sutton, health officer, discussed with the board the possibility of the health department having to become accredited.

The state is recommending that all health departments become accredited but if not it could result in the loss of grant funding. The cost to become accredited is \$5,000 for three years. Dr. Sutton recommended a county website be established. Auditor January Roush will research.

Auditor Roush submitted a salary and wage ordinance establishing a part-time court reporter for the circuit court and a full-time case manager for community corrections. Due to both full-time court reporters being out due to medical reasons, Judge Ellis has hired a part-time court reporter at \$12 per hour.

Community corrections received an additional \$20,000 in grant revenue, and with the assistance of the family court grant the department was able to establish a full time case manager position at \$20,930 to assist with home detention clients. The council approved the salary ordinance.

Collins submitted her semi-annual report. The total hours spent on community service in the six-month period was 2,172.25 hours.

Auditor Roush explained an issue with the misdemeanor fund. The fund is shared by the sheriff's department and community corrections. The fund is used for part-time (See 'REQUESTS' continued on page 2)

## County to give city \$150,000 for pool fund

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

Loogootee Mayor Harty and supporters of the rebuild the pool project came back to commissioners once again Tuesday night, July 8 to hear their decision on whether to give \$150,000 in EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) dollars over a five-year period to the pool. The commissioners had tabled a decision at their last meeting citing the need for public input. The county council had originally approved giving the money but learned that by using EDIT funds, the commissioners had to approve it also.

Mayor Harty started the discussion by giving the commissioners the results of a survey conducted by Midwestern Engineers to area residents. The survey is a part of the city's updating of their comprehensive five-year plan which is required to apply for the Stellar Grant from the state. Survey takes were asked to number 18 projects by importance and the mayor said the number one issue residents felt needed to be addressed was dilapidated properties, the second was a pool and third was a community center or YMCA.

Commissioner Paul George told Harty that he was still curious as to why bids have not been sought to build the pool. Harty replied that they have received two quotes but did not put out the project for bids because he was told they had to have the financing in place first. George said that bids are typically good for 60 to 90 days so they could be sought and just not announced. Harty said that without getting an answer from the county about the funding, they had no idea if the project could have been pushed forward in 60 to 90 days which is why no bids had been sought.

George then asked what would happen if the schools made a decision to go year-round. Harty replied that students will still be out of school in July and out more in the fall. Loogootee Park Board Member Sammi Nelson said that more than just swimming is going to be planned for the pool, other activities are being discussed that will accommodate different times of the year.

Commissioner Kevin Boyd asked why a plan was not in place to deal with the pool issues 10 years ago. He said that the pool didn't just go bad in 2012. Mayor Harty replied that he is not going to discuss previous city administrations. Boyd said there should have been something in place and the current administration doesn't have a plan in place to sustain it.

"How do you figure that?" asked Mayor Harty.

"You are going to have to raise the parks and recreation levy, you have no choice, you're going to have to," said Boyd.

"Right, which we've said" replied Mayor Harty.

"You keep saying you will if you have to, well you're going to have to because you don't have the funding there to not raise it," said Boyd.

Commissioner George said the city is going to have a pretty good sized bond payment.

Commissioner Boyd said that the pool will not make enough revenue off of 10,000 visitors a year.

Mayor Harty replied they are estimating revenue at \$40,000 a year and he believes with money from the city and money from the county, the bond payments will not be an issue.

Boyd said that he applauds the group and the amount of money they have raised. He said when he first started receiving public input it was 50-50 and toward the end it was 75-25 against the pool.

"That's interesting just based on what I just said about the survey, isn't it?" asked Mayor Harty. He said that most of the survey was done online and responses were anonymous. He said he wasn't sure how many surveys were taken though.

George asked what the cutoff would be on the dollar amount before the group decided just not to build the pool.

Harty replied that he doesn't see the relevance in that question. He said if the county pledges \$150,000 then that's all they are out.

"We are elected up here by every taxpayer in Martin County including people in the City of Loogootee. There comes a certain point where it's just not feasible to have a pool for the rest of the people of Loogootee just so their taxes over there can be raised," said George.

Harty replied that the only person who has mentioned raising taxes has been Commissioner Boyd and he doesn't reside in the City of Loogootee. Harty noted that he is not saying the levy (for parks and rec) will not have to be raised at some point because it hasn't been raised in 30 years but Boyd is the only person he has heard mention raising taxes. (See 'POOL' continued on page 2)

## Humane society offering half price adoptions this week

The Martin County Humane Society is offering half price adoptions this week leading up to an adoption event to be held Saturday, July 12 at O'Reilly's parking lot in Loogootee from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Adoption hours at the shelter are Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-2 p.m. At half price, dogs can be adopted for \$30 and cats for \$20. Adoption fee includes spay/neuter and all vaccinations, including rabies vaccination.

A listing of the shelter's available dogs and cats can be found at Petfinder.com by typing in the zip code, 47553. They can also be found on the humane society's facebook page. There are currently more than 40 dogs and cats available.

For more information, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com. The shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee.

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# POOL

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ing it today.

"I want to help you Noel but I don't want to see you put your whole city in a financial hardship over a swimming pool," said George.

"Oh, we're definitely not going to," replied Harty.

Boyd said that the commissioners and the county council are the guardians of the county money and he sees the need for repairs to the courthouse and the jail. He said those are projects they can spend EDIT money for. "It's going to make us look like horse's hind ends when we are giving money for the pool and we are borrowing money to repair these buildings," he said.

Ruth Smith, pool supporter, asked if the EDIT funds would be used up with the pledge to the pool.

Boyd replied no, but added that they are looking at some major expenses on the two buildings.

Harty went back to the previous questions saying, "Why would anybody believe anybody would put the city at a hardship to build a pool?"

"It just happens," replied George. "I mean, you want something so bad you get a bond and then now we are struggling to pay for it."

"Not the case with me brother," replied Harty. "If we can't afford it, we won't do it. Period."

Commissioner Dan Gregory said if the pool never happens, the county doesn't give the money.

He said it is a short term commitment and not a large portion of the EDIT money per year.

Harty said the bond company is not going to let the city take out a bond that they can't pay for.

George said that they are on unfamiliar ground with the request and if Shoals comes up with a project now, there is no way they can tell them no.

Gregory said projects cannot be funded based on what may come up in the future. He also added that he wants people to know that this money does not come from property taxes, it comes from income taxes and the EDIT has been in place for more than 20 years. He said this is \$30,000 a year of around \$1.5 million that the county residents pay in income tax so he doesn't feel it is that much money.

"We've tried to do everything we've been asked to do and that is the only thing that's disheartening this evening," said Harty.

After more discussion, Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve giving the money. When asked if he would give a second, Commissioner Boyd said while he is in favor of the pool, he is not in favor of spending the county money on it so he would not second the motion. Commissioner George did make the second and the motion passed with a 2-1 vote.

Sammi Nelson said that the pool resides in Loogootee but it is not just for Loogootee.

Kathy Collins, community corrections director, spoke to the commissioners about the road crew and the eventual need for

funding. Auditor January Roush explained that the road crew uses a portion of the misdemeanor fund that is also shared with the sheriff's department. Collins added that the sheriff is being very thrifty and not using the fund so road crew can and the road crew has been working from surplus that was in the fund over a period of years. She said the fund has been all but depleted and the county only receives \$3,500 a year back into that fund. She explained that eventually there will be no money left to fund road crew. Roush said the council, the night before, said they would like to see road crew continue if the commissioners could find money to fund it. She said that she felt EDIT funds could be used since the road crew cleans up the community.

Collins said she feels like road crew is a value to the county and the hours spent picking up trash, mowing, helping out organizations such as the recycling center, is work that the county does not have to pay someone to do. Collins said the total road crew hours for the last six months was 2,172 and if the county paid a worker \$10 per hour for the same amount of hours it would cost more than \$21,000.

"We're being proactive about this, we're not bone dry, we're not seeking funds tonight," said Collins. She explained that the misdemeanor fund currently has around \$4,000. She said in six months they have only used \$6,000. She said the road crew has to have a paid supervisor to keep things running. Collins said she is looking to replace the road crew supervisor and didn't want to continue that process if road crew will no longer be funded in the future. She said she doesn't have a dollar amount that she is needing at this time, she just wants a commitment from the commissioners that they do want to fund the road crew.

The commissioners voted to continue to fund the road crew.

The commissioners approved hiring Laura Dawley as the full-time case manager for the community correction department. Dawley was originally part-time.

Brent Roberts, the county's bridge inspector, explained that the state has made changes to the way bridges are inspected. He said that bridges that have items that score below a four on the rating scale must be inspected every year instead of every two years. He said that the county currently has 14 bridges that have routine inspection issues and seven bridges that have critical issues.

Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, told commissioners that he would like to hire a part-time employee as he is in need of truck drivers.

Padgett also told commissioners that someone dump a large amount of trash at the bridge on Killion Mill Road. The commissioners advised Padgett to contact Laura Albertson with the recycling center.

The commissioners approved an ordinance from the assessor's office that establishes fees for electronic copies as associated with the county's eGIS.

The fee for the electronic data is \$250, which will be paid to 39DN and remitted to the county.



## Parade

The annual Catfish Festival Parade lined Main Street in Shoals last Saturday. The Catfish Festival will be in its 30th year next year and is held over the Fourth of July holiday.

-Photo by Bill Whorrall

## REQUESTS

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jail officers, cooks and maintenance at the jail. Community corrections uses it to fund road crew. The fund receives grant revenue once a year of \$7,556.66. With both departments using the fund, the expenses are outweighing the revenue. This issue will be discussed at the commissioners' meeting tomorrow night. The issue at hand is whether to keep funding road crew. All councilmen present agreed there is a need for road crew and they will try to find the funds to keep it. Auditor Roush suggested using EDIT funds.

The council approved the following transfers: from reassessment, other services and charges, professional services-\$2,500 to reassessment, supplies, office supplies-\$2,500; from cumulative bridge, supplies, culverts-\$12,567.62, deck lumber-\$2,000 and rip rap-\$5,000 to cumulative bridge, other services and charges, bridge inspections-\$16,564.62.

The council approved an additional appropriation from the COIT County Distributive Share fund, circuit court, personal services, public defender-\$50,000 and from the rainy day fund, circuit court, personal services, public defender-\$25,000.

The council approved the following additional appropriations:

-From the COIT County Distributive Share fund, circuit court, personal services, transcripts & depositions-\$2,500; commissioners, other services & charges, juveniles in institutions-\$5,000 and workmen's comp-\$15,000.

-From CREDIT County Share, Martin County Tourism-\$2,500.

-From cumulative capital development, courthouse security-\$11,450.

-From motor vehicle highway, maintenance & repair, supplies, bituminous-\$150,000.

Auditor Roush submitted a resolution to transfer funds. When the security center was bonded a cumulative sinking fund was established. Since the security center has been paid off, the balance of the fund can be transferred to either the general fund or rainy day fund. The balance of the Cumulative Sinking Fund is \$13,753. The council approved moving the funds to rainy day.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett thanked the council for their condolences during the passing of his father.

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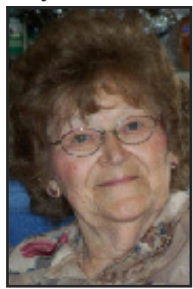
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# OBITUARIES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014 ~ Martin County Journal

## DOROTHY VANHOY

Dorothy Agnes VanHoy went to her heavenly home on July 2, 2014 at 6:13 a.m. at Daviess Community Hospital. A resident of Shoals, she was 87.



She was born June 29, 1927 in Martin County; the daughter of Albert Thomas Berry and Myrtle (Franklin) Todd-Berry-Holland. She married Thomas Randall VanHoy Sr. on September 7, 1947 and he passed away on April 19, 1997.

Dorothy graduated from Shoals High School Class of 1945, and was a member of the Shoals United Methodist Church. She previously worked for The Shoals News and was a homemaker.

She is survived by one daughter, Sandy L. and Arvell Crosby of Shoals; one son, Tom and Sue VanHoy of Loogootee; grandchildren, Kristi Walker, Angie Lynch (Terry Sherman), Cindy (Tim) Sorrells, Justin Crosby, Travis (Angel) Davis, Bob (Leslie) VanHoy, and Tammy (Adrian) Adams; 15 great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild; one sister, Mary (Dal) Wade of Hammond; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, two son-in-laws, Jim Heichelbech and Jack Lynch, one grandchild, Barbara Heichelbech, one great-grandson, Parker Crosby, grandson in-law, Tim Walker, four brothers, Walter Todd, Howard Todd, Albert Berry, Raymond Berry, and two sisters, Catherine Funk and Doris Pilarczyk.

The funeral was held Monday, July 7 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. She was laid to rest next to her husband in Spring Hill Cemetery.

## DR. STEPHEN "DOC" DOWNEY

Dr. Stephen Wayne "Doc" Downey died Friday evening, July 4, 2014 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 65.

He was born August 25, 1948 in Washington; the son of Bernard and Mary Bernice (Seal) Downey.

On May 21, 1977 he married Laura Lee (Crane) Downey and she survives.

In 1966 he graduated from St. John High School in Loogootee where he received baseball and basketball scholarships. He went on to attend Louisiana State University to play basketball until he sustained a back injury. He then returned to Indiana and attended Indiana State University for three years before completing his studies at Logan College of Chiropractic in Chesterfield, Missouri (a suburb of St. Louis). He graduated there in 1976.

After graduation he opened his first office in Plainville, Indiana where he made many lifelong friends. He moved his practice to Washington, Indiana and opened a second office in Loogootee. Steve had a very successful career and loved each and every one of his patients. He then retired due to health concerns.

He was a lifelong member of St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. He was a 3rd and 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus where he held many offices including District Deputy from 2003 until 2004.

He loved life and all his family and friends; he will be sadly missed by all.

He is survived by his wife, Laura Lee Downey; two sons, Steven and wife Jessica Downey of Loogootee and Kevin Downey of Loogootee; two brothers, Mark Downey of St. Marys, Kansas and Jim Downey of Indianapolis; two sisters, Cathy Cooper of Washington and Carla Downey of Loogootee; and two grandchildren, Emma Ann and Garrett Wayne Downey.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Bernard and Mary Bernice (Seal) Downey.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker this morning, Wednesday, July 9 at St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery in Loogootee.

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Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com).

## JENNY STRANGE

Jenny Strange died at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 3, 2014 at her home. A resident of Odon, she was 69.

She was born July 24, 1944 in Ragsville; the daughter of Robert and Helen (Dowden) Sims. On June 3, 1961 she married William "Bill" Strange and he survives.

She was a retired secretary at the Ragsville and North Daviess schools. She was a member of the Odon First Christian Church and had attended Odon High School.

She enjoyed flowers, cooking, quilting, crocheting, making ceramics and spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Strange; her mother, Helen Sims of Odon; one daughter, Pamela and husband Gregory Keller of Santa Barbara, California; two sons, Mark Strange of Burns City, Indiana and Steven and wife Robin Strange of Odon; one sister, Miranda Sims of Vincennes; two brothers, Ronald J. Sims and John Sims, both of Odon; three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her father, Robert Sims.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 7 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bramble. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com).

## RONALD WITSMAN

Ronald Witsman died at 5:19 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis. A resident of Burns City, he was 68.

He was born June 22, 1946 in Princeton; the son of Arthur and Winona (Aubury) Witsman. He was a 1964 graduate of Odon High School and had previously worked at Otis Elevator and Westinghouse-ABB both in Bloomington.

He enjoyed watching sprint car racing and spending time with his two grandchildren.

He is survived by one daughter, Ronda and husband Jason Fuhs of Jasper; one son, Brian and wife Kelli Witsman of Lanesville, Indiana; one brother, Gary and wife Alice Witsman of El Nora; and two grandchildren, Nolan Witsman and Kayla Fuhs.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Winona (Aubury) Witsman; one



RONALD WITSMAN

brother, Mike Witsman; and one sister, Shirley Baker.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 8 at the Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in Walnut Hill Cemetery in Odon.

Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com).

## TONY BOWLING

Willam A. "Tony" Bowling died Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at his home. A resident of Clayon, he was 69.

He was born September 3, 1944 in Loogootee; the son of James H. and Orvilla (Strawn) Bowling.



TONY BOWLING

He was a US Army veteran and worked as a Relay Tech for Cinergy for 24 years.

He is survived by his wife, Rita (Perigo) Bowling; one son, Brian Anthony Bowling; two brothers, Mark and Kevin Bowling; two sisters, Connie Hall and Vicki Marchino; and grandson, William Anthony Bowling, Jr.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Orvilla Bowling and one son, Bobby J. Bowling.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 8 at the Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery in Loogootee. Military rites were conducted by the American Legion and VFW.

Online condolences may be made at [www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com).

## SHIRLEY BROCK

Shirley Brock died Saturday, July 5, 2014 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 65.

She was born October 29, 1948 in Daviess County; the daughter of John S. and Alene (Butler) Brock.

A housekeeper, she worked at Martin County Health Care and Rehab. She was a member of 2nd Mount Olive Church.

Survivors include four brothers, Alvin (Kathy) Brock of Tacoma, Washington; Danny Brock of Plainville, John (Joy) Brock of Odon; and Larry Wayne Brock of Burns City; and a sister, Darlene Sneed of Odon.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Joseph Brock.

Graveside services are Thursday, July 10 at 1 p.m. at 2nd Mount Olive Church with Bro. Richard Smith officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation is after 11 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Arrangements were made by Poindexter-McClure Odon Chapel.

## IVES "BUD" HARPER

Ives R. "Bud" Harper died at 11:31 a.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, he was 84.

He was born April 13, 1930 in Daviess County; the son of Denver and Ethel (Groves) Harper. He was married to Loretta Mae (Crays) Harper and she preceded him in death on July 7, 2013.

He attended Ragsville High School until he enlisted in the Army in October of 1946. He retired from Jefferson Trucking Company in Shoals, Indiana.

He is survived by eight daughters, Marilyn and husband, Tom Baugh, of Mitchell; Carolyn and husband, Glenn Jones, of Ft. Myers, Florida; Loretta Jean Eaton of Loogootee; Deanna and husband, Kerry Drabing, of Odon; Darla and husband, Darvin Wagler, of Loogootee; Vicki and husband, Chris Mattingly, of Loogootee; Nancy Harper of Washington, and Mikky Harper-Bradley and husband, Neil, of Loogootee; two brothers, Denver Harper of Vincennes and Jerry Lee Harper of Plainville; one sister, Mary Silvers of Rutherfordton, North Carolina; 14 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Denver and Ethel (Groves) Harper; his wife, Loretta Mae Harper; one brother, Floyd F. Harper; and one sister, Jeannie Vial.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, July 11 at Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial will follow in Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the Loogootee American Legion and VFW.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, July 10 at the Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Online condolences may be made at [www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com).

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### MONDAY, JUNE 30

11:47 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 South.  
 12:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.  
 1:06 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.  
 1:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.  
 8:08 p.m. - Received a report of a telephone scam.

### TUESDAY, JULY 1

12:50 a.m. - Received a report of a property ringing door bells in Bellbrook.  
 6:53 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.  
 7:56 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Loogootee.  
 1:22 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.  
 5:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.  
 6:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

## Loogootee Police log

### MONDAY, JUNE 30

8:45 a.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.  
 9:35 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a residential alarm.  
 10:30 a.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.  
 10:55 a.m. - Captain Hennette tagged an abandoned vehicle.  
 11:15 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted on a funeral detail.  
 1:06 p.m. - First responders were requested on Mulberry Street for a medical call.  
 2:07 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.  
 9:19 p.m. - Caller reported a theft.

### TUESDAY, JULY 1

2:50 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on SW 3rd Street.  
 8:22 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.  
 5:24 p.m. - First responders were requested at West Boggs Lake for a medical problem.  
 5:50 p.m. - Caller reported a utility line down on North Line Street.  
 6:06 p.m. - First responders were requested on SW 2nd Street for a medical call.  
 7:48 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.  
 9:27 p.m. - Caller reported an out-of-control juvenile.  
 11:15 p.m. - Caller reported fireworks being set off.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

9:06 a.m. - Caller reported vandalism to his vehicle.  
 1:30 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.  
 4:50 p.m. - Female reported a theft of medication.  
 6:00 p.m. - Caller reported someone put oil on the ramps at the skate park.  
 7:13 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.  
 8:49 p.m. - Caller reported juveniles throwing fireworks at passing vehicles.  
 11:05 p.m. - Caller reported reckless drivers in the high school parking lot.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

12:02 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.  
 12:55 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down and across the roadway on Mill Road. Shoals Volunteer Fire Department responded and removed the debris from the roadway.  
 3:05 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down and across the roadway on U.S. 150. Shoals Volunteer Fire Department responded and removed the debris from the roadway.  
 7:56 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.  
 8:39 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.  
 5:30 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down and across the roadway on East River Road. County highway department responded.  
 10:27 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

### THURSDAY, JULY 3

9:15 a.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.  
 10:11 a.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.  
 12:30 p.m. - Caller reported a possible theft.  
 11:05 p.m. - Caller reported fireworks being set off.

### FRIDAY, JULY 4

2:42 a.m. - Caller reported a possible domestic dispute.  
 4:38 a.m. - First responders were requested on East Main Street for a medical call.  
 10:14 p.m. - Caller reported a traffic complaint.

### SATURDAY, JULY 5

12:05 a.m. - Officer Nolan responded to several firework calls.  
 10:34 - Caller reported an animal call.  
 10:44 a.m. - Caller reported vandalism at the Marathon Station.  
 4:32 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of power tools.  
 6:46 p.m. - Caller reported vandalism at Crane Federal Credit Union.  
 8:57 p.m. - Caller requested an officer check on the security of a business. Checked secure.  
 9:08 p.m. - First responders were requested at Country Place Apartments for a medical call.  
 9:39 p.m. - Female requested assistance in obtaining personal property.  
 11:00 p.m. - Caller reported fireworks.  
 11:11 p.m. - Caller reported fireworks.

### SUNDAY, JULY 6

12:37 a.m. - Caller reported fireworks.

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10:30 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals.  
 1:32 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee.  
 1:44 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle in the water off Spout Springs Road.  
 3:23 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Shoals.  
 5:41 p.m. - Received a report of a personal injury accident in Loogootee.

### FRIDAY, JULY 4

4:38 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.  
 6:51 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 50, east of Shoals.  
 7:03 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 South.

### SATURDAY, JULY 5

4:13 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.  
 8:46 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Shoals.  
 11:34 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.  
 1:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.  
 8:27 p.m. - Request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

## Accident report

### THURSDAY, JULY 3

5:55 p.m. - Chrystina Kidwell, of Loogootee, was operating a 2000 vehicle and attempting to cross JFK Avenue when Barbara Duhamel, of Loogootee, was operating a 2010 Honda southbound on JFK. Duhamel passed stopped traffic on the left and struck the Kidwell vehicle. Officer Nolan investigated.

### SUNDAY, JULY 6

12:50 a.m. - Received a report of three juveniles trying to get into cars in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert was notified. Talked to the victim.  
 2:52 p.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on Brooks Bridge Road. Sgt. Keller was notified.  
 5:11 p.m. - Report of a head-on vehicle accident on Hwy. 150. Deputy Baker, Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire and Air Evac all responded.  
 5:15 p.m. - Request for an ambulance at Ruler in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.  
 5:23 p.m. - Received a report of vehicle being hit in Loogootee. Capt. Akles responded.

## Jail bookings

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

1:21 p.m. - Joseph Wright, of Bedford, was arrested on a Martin County warrant by Martin County Major Burkhardt.

### FRIDAY, JULY 4

5:07 p.m. - Danny McKibben, of Shoals, was arrested on preliminary charge of operating while intoxicated with a prior conviction by Indiana State Police Trooper Sexton.

### SUNDAY, JULY 6

4:00 a.m. - Corbin D. Wildman, 21, of Bloomington, was arrested by Loogootee Police and charged with operating while intoxicated. He was transported to the Martin County Security Center. Officer Nolan was the arresting officer.

6:21 p.m. - Jeffrey Winger, was arrested by Deputy Baker and charged with HTV for life and leaving the scene of an accident.

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# Martin County Court News

## CRIMINAL COURT New charges filed May 28

Jennifer N. Frierson, two counts of neglect of a dependent, Class D Felonies; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class D Felony.

Kristen M. Jensen, neglect of a dependent, a Class D Felony; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class D Felony.

### June 2

Jerrad VanMeter, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Shayla B. Brewer, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### June 4

Ryan D. Bell, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### June 6

Nathan Leistner, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### June 10

Patrick A. Bowling, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

John B. Tow, murder, a Class X Felony.

### June 11

Thomas J. Ehrman, residential entry, a Class D Felony.

### June 13

Jessica D. Howard, criminal mischief, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### June 16

Nicholas A. Dant, theft, a Class D Felony.

### June 17

Mariah N. Weisheit, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor; illegal possession of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### June 24

Brittany A. Bauer, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Joshua J. Jones, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Landon D. Dillard, burglary, a Class B Felony; theft, a Class D Felony.

Brittany L. Erwin, escape, a Class D Felony.

Gregory M. Tinchler, resisting law enforcement, a Class D Felony; reckless driving, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Natalie B. Gibson, escape, a Class D Felony.

Andrew Couchman, two counts of neglect of a dependent, Class D Felonies; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class D Felony.

### June 29

Phillip T. Norris, intimidation, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Jason M. Oliver, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

John D. Wagler, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Christopher Priest, operating a commercial vehicle without a valid commercial driver's license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Pamela D. Gammon, forgery, a Class C

Felony; theft, a Class D Felony.

Jason L. Moffitt, residential entry, a Class D Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Class D Felony; criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Seth M. McCrary, resisting law enforcement, a Class D Felony.

Logan T. Padgett, theft, a Class D Felony.

### June 30

Nathan G. Truelove, burglary, a Class B Felony; possession of a narcotic drug, a Class D Felony.

Kimberly S. Fisher, burglary, a Class B Felony; receiving stolen property, a Class D Felony.

Jesse D. Burton, criminal confinement, a Class C Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Class D Felony; operating a vehicle as an habitual traffic violator, a Class D Felony.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED May 27

Michael Sluder, check fraud, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

### June 24

Karl R. Young, Jr., unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

### June 27

John S. Covel, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed June 25

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Melinda M. Burris, civil collection.

### June 26

Cach, LLC vs. Carla J. Harner, civil collection.

### June 30

Deaconess Hospital, Inc. vs. James Hert, civil collection.

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Samantha Cecil, civil collection.

David Michael Bledsoe vs. Alyssa Ryann Matheis-Bledsoe, petition for dissolution of marriage.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed June 25

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Clinton H. Burgess, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Cherri Bentley, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Shawn Harker, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Jennifer Carico, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Nathan Roach, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. James W. Brown, Jr., complaint.

### June 27

West Boggs Sewer District vs. Raymond Yoder, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGEMENTS July 7

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Frances Holt in the amount of \$855.36.

# Loogootee girls finish summer basketball camp



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Shown above are the third and fourth graders who participated in the Loogootee Girls' Summer Basketball Camp. In the front row, from left to right, are Brooklyn Summers and Brianna Greene. In the second row, from left to right, are Mallory Sutton and Anastasia Toy. Participating but not pictured were Brenna Wade, Kaylynn Sims and Kyleigh Courter.



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Fifth and sixth grade girls that participated in the Loogootee Girls' Summer Basketball Camp are shown above. In the front row, from left to right, are Maddie Miller, Kyndal Braun, Shealyn Arthur and Sadie Marshall. In the second row, from left to right, are Jaelyn Walker, Macy McAtee, Delani Bateman, Adie Nolley and Isabelle Waggner.



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Shown above are the seventh and eighth grade participants of the Loogootee Girls' Basketball Camp. In the front row, from left to right, are Emily Wade and Chelsie Sutton. In the second row, from left to right, are Rachel Robinson, Brittany Potts and Emily Thomas. In the back row, from left to right, are Madeline Cropp, Katie Hupp, Sydney Davis and Maelee Hawkins. Participating but not pictured were Alexis Long and Melaina Tippery. Organizers would like to thank the following coaches: Brittany Batemen, Teresa Nolley, Brian Whitney and Taylor Walker.

# Martin County real estate transfers

**Bradley A. Wininger**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Graber Brothers Remodeling and Construction, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 5, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, and lying in Center Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 5.247 acres, more or less.

**Tracy J. Burch**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Black Crown Farms, Inc.**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 5, 6, and 7 in the original plat of the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**George R. Ziegler**, of Martin County, Indiana to **First Equipment, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 18, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 1.096 acres. Also, a part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 18, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 1.307 acres.

**Bob L. England, Jr. and Beth A. England**, of Martin County, Indiana to **James M. Edwards and Jessica Y. Edwards**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 1 acre.

**Philip Jay Eicher and Christina Eicher**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Paul Eicher and Pauline Eicher then to Paul Joe Eicher and Katherine Eicher**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 5.023 acres, more or less. Tract II: Also, a part of the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 18.1286 acres, more or less. Tract III: A part of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 27.17 acres, more or less.



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This Green Darner dragonfly was spotted on the White River in Shoals last week. The Green Darner is one of the largest dragonflies existent and clearly from the photo, they are not camera shy.

## Purdue ag economist: Retail pork prices still rising; relief expected in fall

BY KEITH ROBINSON  
Purdue University News Service

Retail pork prices will keep rising to record highs this summer as the number of hogs going to market over the next several months will be lower than expected because of the PED virus, smaller spring farrowings and growing foreign purchases of U.S. pork, Purdue University agricultural economist Chris Hurt says.

But he also expects the price increases to level off in the fall and move somewhat lower into the winter as producers benefiting from higher profits increase production. Although producer profits were at a record high near \$70 per head in the second quarter this year, he says the record will be surpassed this summer, with third-quarter profits expected to exceed \$90 per head.

"These extremely high profits are clear signals for producers to increase pork production," said Hurt, who analyzed the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Hogs and Pigs report, released June 27. "The report did reveal that producers have received this sig-

nal, and they intend to increase farrows by 4 percent this fall."

If producers start the expansion and the porcine epidemic virus that has been killing piglets is better controlled, pork supplies can begin to grow by next spring to 4-6 percent in the last three quarters of 2015, Hurt said.

"More relief from record-high retail pork prices can be expected in the second half of 2015 as pork supplies build," he said.

While he believes that pig losses from PEDv will likely trend lower this summer, he says the USDA report suggests that the disease is far from controlled, with the virus apparently continuing to inflict greater numbers of deaths in the spring than had been expected.

"The general opinion had been that the PEDv death losses would be reduced as the weather warmed this spring, because PEDv does not spread as readily in warm weather," Hurt said. Death losses of about 8 percent in the winter were still about 5 percent in May.

There was expectation that the nation's breeding herd was already in expansion, Hurt said. The industry had returned to profitability in the fall of 2013 as corn prices dropped sharply, and pork producers had earlier indicated they would farrow 2 percent more sows over the spring. The USDA, however, found that the breeding herd was down fractionally and that the spring farrowings were also down modestly.

Record-high retail beef prices have some consumers looking around the meat case for alternatives such as pork. In May, USDA estimated the average grocery store price of beef cuts at \$5.91 per pound; the average cut of pork, on the other hand, was \$4.10 per pound.

"Even though this was also a record pork price, it was \$1.81 a pound lower than beef," Hurt noted.

He also said foreign consumers have been strong competitors for limited world supplies of pork.

"Losses from PEDv have been highly publicized since February, and this has seemingly contributed to aggressive foreign buying of pork in an attempt to avoid the summer pork shortages resulting from peak baby pig deaths last winter," he said.

As a result, prices for live hogs in the first half of 2014 averaged a record of about \$80 per hundredweight, nearly 25 percent higher than the same period in the previous year.



## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser

Purdue University Master Gardener

It has been a busy week. Last Thursday, the Orleans Farmers organization visited Sandhill Gardens for a tour. I enjoyed showing them the gardens. Their impending visit had made me work hard to get everything looking good and I completed several tasks that had been put off for a while.

Over the holiday weekend, my brother, Ron and his wife, Nancy accompanied me on a short trip to Williamsburg, Virginia. We toured the historic town, and of course the colonial era gardens. Being an important city of the time, Williamsburg residents took great pride in their small gardens. The gardens were a source of food, medicine and dyes. Even the smallest gardens were divided into quadrants with paths parallel and perpendicular to the house. While today's garden designers often make pathways wander through the landscape, the colonials knew that the closest path between two points is a straight line. Therefore, the path to that small building behind each house of that era was straight from the back door of the house. Besides the privy, most gardens contained another building. Hot summers and fires in the kitchen do not mix, so most houses had a separate building for the summer kitchen. The area around the summer kitchen often included a kitchen garden, full of vegetables and herbs.

The beauty of the landscape was also important to the residents of Williamsburg. While they were forging a new life in a new world, they clung to their British landscape styles and wanted their gardens in this often wild environment to echo the formal landscapes of the fatherland-bringing civilization to a wild frontier. Often, the quadrants formed by the intersecting paths would be edged with short hedges of boxwood or carefully clipped herbs. The paths of rich men would be bricks, while less affluent folks would use stones or even dirt paths, but still in straight lines. It gives the landscape a very formal look and I am sure it gave the residents of that time some feeling of taming the wild by creating and maintaining that formal style.

It is also interesting to see the variety of garden structures used. While rich people

### Indiana Conservation Officers seeking qualified applicants

Indiana Conservation Officers are seeking qualified applicants for employment. The recruiting phase is set to end on November 30th, 2014 and only those registered by that date will be considered for the recruit school beginning June 2015.

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A new opportunity has been given to all citizens, regardless of age, to learn how to become a successful Indiana Conservation Officer candidate. Officers will be conducting recruiting events in various locations across the state to explain the different steps of the hiring process and how to prepare to be successful. Anyone interested in attending the recruiting events must register on the

might have formal wood or even brick pergolas and trellises forged by the local blacksmith, poorer people would have structures made of the limbs and twigs of the trees growing in the surrounding forest. Intricate trellises support the vining vegetables in the gardens, allowing them to grow more in less space. Willow waddles, or short fences woven of willow twigs, were used to separate sections of the gardens or to keep animals from invading.

In a city like Williamsburg, every garden had a fence around it. Again, the fence was a show of the affluence of the occupants of the house. Brick walls surround the gardens of the governor's mansion and those of important people of the day. White picket fences were the choice of most of the merchants and the emerging middle class. Poorer people would have fences of posts and limbs or vines.

The historic gardens of Williamsburg offer a glimpse into the lives of people of the Colonial period. They take great care in growing plants that would have graced gardens of that period, and a nursery there provides plants both for the displays and for purchase by visitors.

We also took a trip down the coast to Norfolk to visit the botanical gardens there. The 150-acre site offers several display gardens, a butterfly house and areas for children. It was interesting to see the many crape myrtles in the gardens there, in full bloom. While they said they had a bad winter, they are a couple of zones warmer than southern Indiana and did not have the die-back that we had on crape myrtles this year. Many of their trees tower over twenty feet. The crape myrtle is the official tree of the city of Norfolk and its flower is the city's official flower, so it is appropriate for the gardens to include crape myrtles in many displays.

In past visits, I have elaborated on the individual gardens offered at Norfolk Botanical Gardens, so I will not go into great detail here. I do recommend a visit to the gardens if you happen to be in that area. It is a wonderful place to spend a relaxing vacation day.

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# Engineering students to benefit from VU/Purdue articulation agreement

Students pursuing a baccalaureate degree in engineering will benefit from an expanded formal articulation agreement between Purdue University and Vincennes University.

"The resources of each institution are leveraged to create a seamless program of study," said Dr. Paul Wilder, dean of VU's College of Science and Mathematics. "The purpose of this agreement is to provide for the smooth transfer of VU engineering students to Purdue University-West Lafayette to complete their Bachelor of Science degree in one of 15 engineering disciplines."

Also, the new articulation agreement allows for credits earned at Purdue to be transferred back and applied to a VU degree, benefitting students who transfer to Purdue prior to completion of all requirements for a VU associate's degree. This enables the students who earn applicable course credits at Purdue to receive a VU degree, as well.

Specifically, the agreement is between the VU College of Science and Mathematics and the Colleges of Engineering and Agriculture at Purdue-West Lafayette. Faculty at both colleges will evaluate the agreement on a two-year review cycle.

"Many students have transferred from VU to Purdue through the years to pursue

science, agriculture, and engineering degrees. This agreement will strengthen the relationship between our universities and ensure that students will benefit from the cooperative transfer process," Wilder explained.

Participating Purdue programs include, but are not limited to:

Agricultural Engineering Machine Systems, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Environmental and Ecological Engineering, Environmental and Natural Resources Engineering, Materials Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering.

Students entering an engineering program at VU with the goal of achieving a bachelor's degree from Purdue will have a clearly defined sequence of courses to be completed at VU and then at Purdue. VU recently redesigned its first-year engineering curriculum to provide the same "meta major" experience offered by Purdue, giving students more flexibility in deciding which engineering field they want to pursue. Academic counselors at both institutions will provide coordinated advising to students about accomplishing their engineering educational goals.

"Purdue's College of Engineering is committed to forming collaborations with other

institutions of higher education in the State of Indiana," says Leah Jamieson, the John A. Edwardson Dean of Engineering at Purdue. "In the past we have had an informal process for the transfer of students from Vincennes University to the College of Engineering at Purdue. This articulation agreement provides clear guidance to help

students move seamlessly between the institutions."

"It takes a significant body of work to forge an articulation agreement such as this. It is a credit to the faculty at both institutions to have accomplished this noble effort on behalf of our students," Wilder remarked.

# Shoals Schools' registration, textbook rental fees announced

The beginning of the 2014-15 school-year is right around the corner at Shoals with the first day of school scheduled for Wednesday, August 6.

Textbook rental for the elementary and junior/senior high school will be one day only this year. It will be Tuesday, July 22 from 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Registration for all schools will be held in the junior high study hall and computer lab. Textbook rental does include those students who went through kindergarten round up and all new students who have not previously enrolled.

If you have not received a letter that you were automatically approved through direct certification for free meals and textbook as-

sistance, you may apply for assistance at this time in the superintendent's office.

Reminder, if you do qualify for textbook assistance, you will still have a fee to pay, as usual.

Textbook rental fees are as follows: kindergarten \$73.11, grade 1 \$91.82, grade 2 \$86.45, grade 3 \$105.30, grade 4 \$81.33, grade 5 \$77.26, grade 6 \$75.49, grade 7 \$148.26, grade 8 \$154.27 with math, grade 8 \$156.43 with Algebra.

Junior high and high school book rental prices are based according to the student's schedule.

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## Governor Pence announces more than \$3 million in local grants for Innovative CTE Programs

Governor Mike Pence this week announced grant awards of just over \$3 million for new Innovative Career and Technical Education (CTE) Curricula. The grants are designed to encourage innovative and collaborative career and technical training opportunities for Hoosier students and adults working in conjunction with the eleven regional Works Councils around the state.

The grant funds, the first of \$4.3 million in total provided by the Indiana General Assembly over two grant cycles, are a 3:1 match to the required private investments for the Innovative CTE Curriculum awards. Several Hoosier businesses have partnered to provide more than \$4 million in matching funding and in-kind services to support the first grant awards, expanding new approaches toward certifications, dual credits and internship offerings designed to align with local business needs.

"We're grateful for the high level of commitment and collaboration from our Indiana business and local workforce communities to support innovative programs that expand hands-on opportunities," said Governor Pence. "Thanks to the General Assembly, these ideas will take root and expand career and technical education options to better prepare Hoosiers for their futures."

Career pathway sectors targeted by the grant applicants include advanced manufacturing, health care, welding and machining, logistics, energy production, entrepreneurship, and WIRED (welding, innovation, robotics, engineering and design). Highlights of the first group of recipients include:

-In Elkhart, students can enroll in work-based learning through Career Pathways in Health Care. Students will graduate with stackable and portable credentials, as many as 30 college credits, and a minimum of two health industry certifications.

-Vincennes University is working with Jasper Engines, Kimball Electronics, Toyota, Master Brand Cabinets and other businesses to create an advanced manufacturing program centered on trusted improvement methodologies (TPS, Lean Six Sigma).

-In Kokomo, Chrysler Group's Advanced Manufacturing program will serve 10 high schools and four CTE Centers through a developing curriculum with Ivy Tech and Conexus that features a stackable degree

structure, which features a complete early-college experience that enables students to graduate high school with nationally-recognized certifications.

-Welding and machining sectors are the focus of the Warsaw Career Center and local biomedical companies to encourage students to achieve AWS and NIMS certifications, and include hands-on work in the new project design lab and project launch centers.

-Throughout the state, schools and career centers will implement Conexus/HIRE Technology curriculum by embedding it in a project-based, early-credentialing high school model that synthesizes the roles and resources of secondary and post-secondary education, adult workforce development and local manufacturers.

-Region 10 (Southern Indiana) is implementing a project-based advanced manufacturing curriculum that places a heavy focus on industrial maintenance, serving 21 high schools through the Prosser Career Education Center.

"The business community recognizes the value in these educational partnerships and has exceeded expectations through their commitment to invigorate students' learning experiences and pave the way for a more highly-skilled workforce in their respective communities," said Jackie Dowd, the governor's special assistant for career innovation. "The Works Councils are eager to implement these plans and develop innovative CTE curricula that is both sustainable and scalable for future learning opportunities."

All grant proposals were developed in conjunction with an Indiana Regional Works Council, which brings together local educational, workforce, and business and industry leaders to evaluate local landscapes for educational programming, business needs, and potential skills gaps between the two. Awarded funds for this first cycle must be expended between July 1, 2014 and September 30, 2015.

Grant applications are now available for the Innovative CTE Curriculum Grants—Cycle 2 at <http://www.in.gov/irwc/2362.htm>. The deadline to submit grant proposals for Cycle 2 is January 2, 2015.

A summary of the Cycle 1 grants can be found at [www.in.gov/activecalendar/display-media.aspx?whatToDo=atth&id=5769](http://www.in.gov/activecalendar/display-media.aspx?whatToDo=atth&id=5769)

## AG: Protected Consumer Security Freeze law now in effect

A new consumer protection law took effect July 1, part of an ongoing effort by Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller's office to help consumers protect themselves from identity theft and safeguard their credit. Because identity thieves attempt to steal the information of individuals such as children who have clean credit history in order to assume their identities and perpetrate fraud, the new law offers a "protected consumer security freeze" that parents can use to protect their children from identity theft.

The Attorney General's Office operates the Identity Theft Unit within the Consumer Protection Division to assist consumers who have been victims of that identity theft. Between January 2013 and June 2014, the unit responded to 882 complaints related to identity theft, including nine complaints where victims were minors. For several years, consumers have been able to place a security freeze on their credit reports free of charge. By registering for a security freeze with the three credit reporting agencies, Equifax, Experian and TransUnion, a consumer can prevent identity thieves from opening up a line of credit in their name, even if their identifying information is stolen.

During the 2014 Legislature, Zoeller urged legislators to pass Senate Enrolled Act 394, which made several updates to state consumer protection laws enforced by the AG's Office. The bill passed 41-0 in the state Senate and 96-1 in the Indiana House, the Governor signed it into law and it takes effect today.

Contained within SEA 394 was an amend-

ment offered by State Rep. Dan Forestal, D-Indianapolis, that creates a "protected consumer security freeze." It will allow parents to sign up their children ages 16 and younger for a security freeze with three credit reporting agencies, and will allow the legal guardians of mentally disabled adults to register them as well. Rep. Forestal's amendment to SEA 394 requires the three credit reporting agencies to begin offering the protected consumer security freeze service in Indiana, over and above the existing free sign-up offered online at [www.IndianaConsumer.com](http://www.IndianaConsumer.com).

"Parents must recognize that their children—even those too young to obtain credit cards—can fall victim to identity thieves who can ruin their credit for years to come, so a security freeze is a sensible precaution. This additional measure Representative Forestal added to the bill will strengthen the existing security freeze program that has protected many Hoosiers," Zoeller said.

"This may have been the most important consumer protection bill of this past session," Rep. Forestal said. "By allowing parents to put a 'freeze' on their children's credit records, their sons and daughters will be better protected against identity thieves. People with disabilities will also be given protection by allowing their legal guardians to request a freeze on their credit records as well. The new law was the result of an important, bipartisan effort that sends a message to identity thieves that Indiana will protect its most vulnerable citizens from being victimized."

For most consumers, the online security freeze is free and can be found on the Attor-



### Continuing to work hard for Hoosiers

Summer is finally here and that means it is once again time to talk about interim study committees. After each legislative session adjourns, these committees allow my colleagues and me the opportunity to continue our work throughout the summer months. Members of the committees are tasked with discussing, debating and conducting in-depth review on certain topics assigned to them by the Legislative Council.

Last month, the council met to determine the topics that will be studied this summer, among which were digital privacy, early childhood education and veterans' benefits, to name a few. I am pleased to share that House Speaker Brian Bosma announced the 2014 interim committee assignments for members of the Indiana House of Representatives, once again assigning me to the Military Base Planning Council.

The Military Base Planning Council consists of each member of the House of Representatives, as well as the Senate, whose district includes all or part of a county that contains a military base. It also includes the lieutenant governor, the adjutant general, the executive director of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, the president of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and a few others.

As members, we are tasked with identifying what public infrastructure and community support is needed to develop and expand military bases in Indiana. In addition, we seek to identify existing and potential impacts of state infringement on these bases across the state. Once we have identified them, then we can work to minimize the impacts of any state encroachment in order to enhance the long term potential of our military bases. The council is also charged with identifying opportunities for collaboration among the state, political subdivisions, military contractors and academic institutions.

Military bases strengthen our local economies and are extremely important to our fiscal well-being. As you have probably heard me say before, our own Crane military base contributes \$2 million per day to

our state economy. During the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure, Indiana almost lost Crane. Our military bases are not something that Indiana can afford to lose, and I look forward to building on the progress we made this year and continuing to find innovative ways to support, maintain and expand military bases across Indiana.

This committee, along with most, will begin meeting in July with a majority of our work wrapping up by the end of October. I believe that the work that is completed during the interim is just as vital as the legislative session, if not more so. Interim committees are an integral part of the legislative process and are an excellent opportunity to look into issues in greater detail than we can during the regular session. In fact, these discussions are what shape the legislation that is introduced in the next session.

If you would like to see a complete list of the assigned committees, my appointment and what each committee is charged with studying, please visit [www.in.gov/legislative/house\\_republicans/](http://www.in.gov/legislative/house_republicans/).

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

## VU Alumni Community Series "Encore" performances

"Encore" performances of The Cast of Beatlemania and David Phelps Classic Christmas will be presented by the Vincennes University Alumni Community Series at VU's Red Skelton Performing Arts Center. Tickets for the "Encore" performances go on sale July 9 at the Dayson Foundation and Alumni Center on the corner of Third Street and College Avenue. Tickets may also be purchased by phone at 812-888-4354 or 800-945-ALUM(2586).

Two performances of Beatlemania will take place on September 20. Alumni Community Series season ticket holders are invited to attend the 6 p.m. (EDT) show. The 9 p.m. "Encore" show will be open to the public and tickets are \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors (60+), \$25 for VU employees and retired, and \$20 for students. The Cast of Beatlemania tribute band was formed in 1980 and is one of the longest running Beatles tribute bands in the world. The group has performed all over the United States and in more than 20 other countries. Beatlemania recreates the sights and sounds of The Beatles in every show, with costumes reflecting the three different periods of their music.

Alumni Community Series patrons are invited to attend the David Phelps Classic Christmas performance on December 7 at 3 p.m. The "Encore" show for the public will be December 8 at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$25 for adults and seniors and \$15 for students and second-balcony seats. Nationally known as a Christian vocalist, songwriter, and tenor, Phelps performed a sold-out show at VU in 2013. The award-winner will perform beloved songs of the Christmas season.

Attorney General's web site at [www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2891.htm](http://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2891.htm). Under Rep. Forestal's amendment to SEA 394, credit service bureaus will be allowed to charge a small fee of up to \$5 for individuals signing up their child or disabled person for whom they are the guardian for a protected consumer security freeze, and some material must be submitted in writing. Information about registering for a security freeze under the new law will be posted at [www.IndianaConsumer.com](http://www.IndianaConsumer.com) as soon as the information is available.

Attorney General Zoeller said Forestal's amendment in SEA 394 is a good start on broader legislation intended to protect Hoosiers against identity theft. In light of the recent data security breaches at Target and Michael's stores and at other retailers, Zoeller said he plans to recommend the 2015 Legislature build upon SEA 394 and pass additional comprehensive legislation to more effectively penalize database owners whose data breaches leave consumers vulnerable to identity theft.

Zoeller also thanked the original authors of this year's Senate Enrolled Act 394 that contains other consumer-protection provisions, including State Sen. Rodric Bray, R-Martinsville, and State Sen. Joseph Zakas, R-Granger, and the House author, State Rep. Jerry Torr, R-Carmel.

Any consumer who believes they have fallen victim to identity theft can contact the Attorney General's Identity Theft Unit and file a consumer complaint online at: <https://indianaattorneygeneral.secure.force.com/IDTheftComplaintForm>



## Calendar of Events

### Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet tomorrow, Thursday, July 10 at 5 p.m. in the central administration office. Some items on the agenda include the junior/senior high school class schedule, approval to dispose/donate surplus classroom materials, and the 2015 budget. The meeting is open to the public.

### 4-H Fair

The Martin County 4-H Fair begins Friday, July 11 and ends Wednesday, July 16. All events will be held at the fairgrounds and there is no charge for entry.

### Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Tuesday, July 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

### Tea Party meeting

Martin County Sheriff Rob Street will visit the Martin County Tea Party at their next meeting Thursday, July 17, at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Shoals Library. The public is welcome to attend.

### Gospel sing

Dover Hill Christian Union Church would like to invite you to join us on July 27, 2014 at 7 p.m. for a concert featuring the Southern Gospel group "The Bledsoes". For more information, contact the church office at 812-388-6832.

### Courthouse closing

The Martin County Courthouse will be closed Thursday, July 17 from 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. for an active shooter training exercise.

### Loogootee Class of 1999 reunion

The Loogootee Class of 1999 will celebrate their 15-year reunion on July 26, 2014. The day will start with a family picnic at the Loogootee City Park at noon. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish and drinks. For class members and a guest, there is a room reserved at the French Lick Springs Hotel from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. Dinner

will be served at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$45 per person. Make checks payable and send to Mandy Fee, 1525 Westminster Rd., Evansville, IN 47725 by July 1, 2014. Overnight rooms are available at the hotel for \$189 plus tax. You must use the code 0714LOO to get the discounted room and book by June 26, 2014. Any questions can be emailed to mandyfee@rocketmail.com.

### 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](http://www.martinswcd.com) or call at 295-3149.



## Loogootee United Methodist Church wraps up Bible school

Around 80 area children came to Loogootee United Methodist Church each evening June 23-27 for their Gangway to Galilee Vacation Bible School. Each night's lesson centered around Jesus's teaching to his disciples at the Sea of Galilee. The theme verse came from Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace you have been saved through faith and this is not your own doing, it is the GIFT of God." The children's adventures including Set Sail songs for the opening and closing, learning a new memory verse each evening at the Big Catch Bible Challenge, making a daily coordinating Splash-tacular Craft, playing sink or swim games outside, eating themed snacks, and the interactive stop at Seashore Storytelling.

From the youngest preschooler to the oldest student, the children were taught a nightly take-home point from the lessons Jesus taught His followers: Jesus calls us, Jesus teaches us, Jesus keeps us safe, Jesus saves us, and Jesus provides all I need. Just as Jesus taught His disciples to spread the word, the kids were encouraged to do the same so ask them what they learned at VBS! They might also be able to tell you what a service project is now. On Friday night every child took their time and decorated a card with markers and stickers to give to a resident at either Loogootee Nurs-

ing Center or Loogootee Rehabilitation Center. Also, the children gave \$600.12 as well to benefit the Loogootee Pool Fund and the African University in Zimbabwe. Mayor Noel Harty was present at the closing on Friday night to accept the check for \$300.06.

Hosting VBS takes many church volunteers from decorators, shoppers, cooks, cleaners, registration table workers, nursery personnel, photographer, to singers, but LUMC would especially like to recognize Jean Survance for her many years of involvement and being the VBS Director for three years in a row now. A last shout out goes to our community supporter Dairy Queen, who provided coupons for prizes for the children who registered early.



## Humane Society featured pet



The cat at the top is Michael. He is just over a year old, very playful and loving. He is neutered and up to date on his shots. In the photo at the bottom is Aspen, at six-month-old sheltie/foxhound mix. She is shy until she gets to know you and very calm. She is spayed and up to date on her shots. If interested in adopting, stop by the shelter at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Shelter hours are Monday and Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appt. any day except Sunday.

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