



Hoosier Uplands requests tax abatement from city

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Mayor Harty presented a 10-year tax abatement request from Hoosier Uplands at the Loogootee City Council meeting Monday night, July 14. He explained that three meetings must be held before the council can approve it. The abatement is for the former Elementary East building that Hoosier Uplands recently purchased from the school and will be turning into apartments. The mayor said it is proposed to have 24-25 apartments. City Attorney Mark Jones said the first step is the council needs to approve a resolution designating the area as an economic revitalization area. The council approved the resolution.

Council member Richard Taylor brought up an issue he has with Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones. He said that everyone at the table is aware that she is not for the pool project.

"I have concerns," said Jones.

Taylor said that Jones told the park board that she believes the pool is too much of an expense for the "poor and unfortunate children".

Jones replied that Taylor misunderstood what she was saying and that what she meant was the city is building the pool with those children in mind and if the entrance fee to the pool has to be raised, will those children be able to afford to go? Jones said that she had suggested some other type of summer recreation that would include more children.

"Sure, it's a lot of an expense but I think they're worth it," said Taylor.

Mayor Harty said that there are people that are against the pool project but a majority are for it.

Taylor and Ruth Smith, in the audience, said they have spoken to no one who is against it. Smith noted no one, except Jones.

"You must be talking to different people than I am," said Jones.

Smith added that she feels Jones should be careful about expressing her opinions on the pool because she is the city's clerk-treasurer and it is a city project. "You really have to be careful what you say," said Smith.

Jones replied that she is also the fiscal officer of the city and one of her concerns regarding the pool has to do with the finances.

Smith then thanked the council for their unanimous support of spending EDIT funds on the pool project. She said the Friends of the Pool will be placing a brick engraved with council members' names at the pool when it is completed.

Discussion then ensued on issues with underage drinking and littering in the pool parking lot. Resident Don Greene said it was the police's responsibility to drive through the area and make sure nothing illegal is taking place.

Council member Rich Taylor said it's difficult for law enforcement, when there is only one officer on duty, to be out there all the time. Taylor said no parking on the lot needs to be enforced and if violated, tickets (See 'CITY' continued on page 2)



Smashing good time

-Photos by Bill Whorrall

The annual demolition derby was held at the Martin County Fair over the weekend. The derby is generally well attended. The fair is set to end tonight. There is no entrance charge to the fairgrounds.

Loogootee Schools getting new \$44,000 electronic sign

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Dr. Joan Keller, the new superintendent of Loogootee Schools presided over her first board meeting last night, Tuesday, July 15. Board members Tim Bradley and Shawn Howell were on travel for their jobs and not present at the meeting.

Under personnel, the board approved Betsy Graves to serve as high school principal secretary replacing Brenda Weisheit, who retired; Donna Rayhill as Title I instructional assistant, and Brad Christmas as girls' physical education and health teacher replacing Nancy Sterling, who retired.

The board approved the following ECA positions for the junior/senior high school: Brandon Hagen as band director, Shelley Christmas as beta club sponsor and high school academic coordinator, Jon Casper as

intramural basketball coach, Tracy McAtee, Charlotte Slaubaugh, Michelle Wesley, and Krista Truelove as junior class sponsors; Audra McAtee for assistant high school beta sponsor, Shelley Christmas and Shelly Lengacher as senior class sponsors, Lacey Jeffers as high school student council sponsor, Rhi Graves as high school yearbook sponsor, English academic team sponsor and French Club sponsor; Jeff Richardson as math academic team sponsor, Brandy Tippery as science academic team sponsor and seventh and eighth grade beta sponsor, Tyler Walton as fine arts academic team sponsor and fifth and sixth grade spell bowl coach, Ronetta Bough as Spanish academic team sponsor and Spanish Club sponsor, Michelle Wesley as FACS Club sponsor, Lacey Jeffers, Brian Whitney, and Rhi Graves as Lion Pride sponsors; Brad Christmas as social studies ac-

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Shoals School Board approves staff, to hold special meeting this Friday

The Shoals School Board met in regular session Thursday, July 10.

The board held a second reading of the non-teaching handbook and job descriptions. The board reduced the total number of sick leave days employees are allowed to accumulate as follows: 12-month employees, 90 days; 11-month employees, 75 days; 10-month employees, 60 days; and 9-month employees, 50 days. A change was also made concerning personal leave days. Non-teaching employees will earn one personal leave day per month with 11- and 12-month employees earning a total of four personal leave days per year and 9- and 10-month non-teaching employees earning a total of three personal leave days per year.

The non-teaching handbook and job descriptions were approved by the board.

The board held an official first reading of the student drug testing policy. A second reading will be held at the August 14, 2014 regular Board meeting.

Superintendent Roush explained that the new junior/senior high school industrial technology teacher has requested board approval of student class fees for the 2014-15 school year. Roush provided the board with a listing of the proposed fees and the board approved.

Roush outlined the details of the proposed junior/senior high class schedule for the 2014-15 school year. The board approved. (See 'SHOALS' continued on page 2)



Got junk? Pickers looking for you

Know the television show American Pickers? They are coming to Indiana on Friday and are looking for places to pick. According to one of the show producers, Thomas Giglio, Frank and Mike, the pickers from the show, are looking for big, dingy and cluttered garages or barns and they are asking Martin County residents to contact them if you have a place like this. According to the producer, they are not interested in public spaces such as stores or yard sale or estate sales. The guys are into season 6 of their show and Thomas tells the Martin County Journal that they want to

mix things up a big and find great collections. "The guys really like picking and they like getting dirty," said Giglio.

Some of the items that will not be picked in season six are agricultural items, glassware, tools, tractors, crocks, stoves, appliances, or country primitives.

Items they are looking for are war memorabilia, old advertising signs, vintage election items, early Boy Scout items, and much more. For a complete list of items Mike and Frank want to pick, email courtney@martincountyjournal.com to have it forwarded to (See 'PICKERS' continued on page 2)

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SHOALS

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The board approved the following sponsors for the 2014-15 school year: summer band and choral director-Joel Weitkamp; yearbook and newspaper-Dennis Dahlen; high school academic coach-Tina Rue 70 percent and Wesley Stephenson 30 percent; junior high academic coach-Pat Keefe; senior beta sponsor-Ken Macy; senior class sponsors-Tina Rue, Teri Kerr, and Bryson Abel; junior class sponsors-Mary Ellen Baker, Teresa Heckard, and James Johnson; student council-Larry Sherfick; chess club-James Johnson and Wesley Stephenson; IMPACCT Club-Amy Qualkenbush, Teri Kerr, and Joel Weitkamp; SADD-Linda Sherfick; and pep club-Cassie Phillips.

The board approved the disposal or donation of a broken George Foreman grill, sewing machine cabinet, and two non-working DVD players from Teresa Heckard's classroom.

The board approved a fundraiser request from pep club sponsor, Cassie Phillips, to sell "all sport" shirts for \$20. Students that purchase a shirt will be admitted to all 2014-15 home games for free.

Roush provided the board with the proposed 2015 budget and advertising calendar. She reviewed the calendar and requested board approval. The board approved.

The board approved a maternity leave request from Leeza Adams.

The board approved renewal of the school's membership with the Indiana Small and Rural Schools Association. The annual membership fee is \$400.

Roush requested board approval to attend an indoor air quality workshop on July 17, 2014 and to become the Indoor Air Quality Liaison for the school corporation. The board approved.

The board approved appointing Larry Sherfick to be on the regional mental health advisory council.

Mrs. Roush recommended the Board approve a professional growth leave request from Tom Elliott to attend PLTW Gateway Training at Kokomo, Indiana July 14-18, 2014. The total cost of registration and lodging is \$1,720.00. This training will allow Mr. Elliott to teach STEM courses at the junior high level. A motion to approve the request was made by Tony Cundiff, seconded by Christy Farhar, and a 5-0 vote was given.

The board approved the following personnel actions for the 2014-15 school year:

-Brooke Buffington as special education preschool teacher

-Terra Boyd as special education inclusion assistant

-Becky Pendley as elementary library assistant

-Seth Taylor as elementary Title I teaching assistant

-Rebecca Bauer, Deborah Blendowski, Dale Boyd, Pat Burcham, Terri Dye, Aimee Farhar, Nina Foreman, Etta Franklin, Barb Hager, Tracy Jones, Brittani Land, Rita Miller, Tyler Miller, Alisha Troutman, and John Ziegler as substitute teachers for the 2014-15 school year.

-Anita Letterman, Julie Montgomery, and

David Rincker as custodial substitutes

-Melissa Dobson, Jamie Hays, Tracy Jones, and Alisha Troutman as cafeteria substitutes

-Whitney Andis and Deanna Hert as nurse substitutes

-Accepted the resignation of Judith Montgomery from the position of junior/senior high guidance/attendance secretary Mrs. Roush requested permission to advertise for the position to which the board approved.

Mrs. Roush requested board approval to hire one additional Title I teaching assistant for the 2014-15 school year upon confirmation of the school's state waiver request. The board approved.

The board approved the renewal of treasurer bonds for Lisa Elliott, Dorothy Tredway, and Deborah Howell. The bonds will be current for an 18-month period and will be due for renewal again in January of 2016.

The board approved Harting Studio to take athletic pictures for the 2014-15 school year.

The board approved athletic ticket prices for the 2014-15 school year as follows:

-All Events Home Pass: family of 2 - \$85, family of 3 - \$115; family of 4 - \$145, adult - \$50, and senior - \$35

-Single Game Tickets: high school events indoor - \$5, high school events outdoor - \$4, junior high school events - \$3, elementary school events - \$2, and Shoals student admission - \$2

Lucas Calhoun, junior/senior high school principals, and Austin Malone, elementary principal, reported on the following:

-IREAD3 test results are expected by August 12, 2014

-Elementary class rosters are nearly complete

-Professional development for teachers is scheduled on July 21-25, 2014

-Teachers are preparing for a change in educational standards requirements

-School Improvement Plan is in progress

-The NED Show scheduled for August 28, 2014 - highlights hard work and anti-bullying

-Thank you to summer cleaning crew

-Investigating test data for 2014-15 goal creation

-Reaching out to school and community stakeholders

-Setting fall semester professional development schedule

-Developing best practices for enforcing proper student dress code

PICKERS

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you.

Giglio said that depending on how many collections they find in Martin County, will depend on if they visit. "If there's more than one pick in the county, then that's better for us," said Gigolo. If you have something you think the pickers would be interested in, contact americanpickers@cinelflix.com or call and leave a message at 646-493-2184. Only large collections will be considered for the show and anyone with collections should contact the pickers right away.

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needs to be issued.

Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones stated for the record that it was discussed at previous meetings but she wanted to remind the council that more money is being spent in the water and sewer department than is coming in. She said that Umbaugh and Associates had recommended increasing water rates and she just wanted to remind the council of that. She said there was a reserve in the account at the beginning of the year and eventually that will be depleted and toward the end of the year there will be no more money left to pay payroll, etc.

Mayor Harty asked the council's permission to hire Umbaugh and Associates to proceed with the financing of the pool project and Bingham, Greenebaum, and Doll to handle the legal side. The council approved.

Mayor Harty said that someone has approached the city wanting to purchase the area next to the railroad tracks on JFK Avenue and Church Street that the city bought a while back for the purpose of turning it into a green space. Attorney Jones said that according to the deed from CSX Railroad to the city, the area can only be used as an industrial or commercial site. He said it couldn't be used in any way that would be considered a park without going through the Indiana Department of Environmental Management first which he said was costly. Mayor Harty said that it would be \$10,000 and they had planned to budget for that. Attorney Jones said the first step in selling the property would be to hold a public hearing to get resident input. City Superintendent Bo Wilson noted that there is no sewer available to that lot so that would have to be made known to a potential purchaser as it would be a large expense. The issue will be ad-

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ademic team sponsor, high school spell bowl coach, and seventh and eighth grade student council sponsor; Sarah Knepp as fifth and sixth grade math bowl coach, Nikki Wagoner as fifth and sixth grade student council sponsor, Nicole Wade as fifth and sixth grade yearbook sponsor, and Ann Schneider as seventh and eighth grade spell bowl coach.

In the elementary, the following ECA positions were filled: Shawna Walton as spell bowl coach, Tracy McAtee as math bowl coach, and Marcie Arthur as yearbook sponsor. In sports the following appointments were approved: Erin Bateman and Tonya Mathies as junior high cross country volunteers, Lacey Jeffers and Mary Ann Winger as volleyball program assistants, Brad Christmas as junior high tennis coach, and Pace Jenkins as junior high cross country coach.

The board approved a leave request from Amber Smith from August 5 to September 2. The first five days will be paid with the remaining days unpaid as in accordance to her contract.

The board approved former treasurer Mary Walton to come back and train new treasurer Sandra LaMar at a cost of \$38 per hour between July 1 and August 29 and up to 12 hours per week. If additional hours are needed, Dr. Keller said she would bring that back to the board.

Dr. Keller spoke to the board about accepting an electronic marquee sign for the school to be placed on the JFK Gym property on JFK Avenue. German American Bank is providing around \$34,000 for the project and High School Principal John Mullen said \$10,000 will come from remaining money in the accounts of the last 10 graduating classes. Mullen has been in negotiations with German American for the past seven months. The sign is scheduled to be installed around Labor Day.

Dr. Keller explained to the board that a committee has been working to bring an agriculture program to Loogootee and Shoals schools, to share. She said an introductory class will be offered to freshman and sophomores the first year. She said the program will be evaluated to see if the learning center will

dressed at the next meeting of the council.

Mayor Harty told the council that the results were in on the survey conducted by SIDC as part of the city updating their comprehensive plan. He said the top issues of importance by survey takers were dilapidated properties in the city, the pool, and building a YMCA-like facility. 76 people took the survey.

The council approved transfers of \$1,500 in the parks and recreation budget from general improvement to new machinery and equipment and \$3,000 from building repairs and maintenance to machinery and equipment to pay for the new slide purchased. The cost of the slide was \$7,000.

The council approved one building permit for Mary Ringwald at 201 Sheridan Street for a front porch.

City superintendent Bo Wilson spoke to the council about a rental contract with AT&T. The company wants to install three or four satellites on the property of the water tower. The 20-year contract would pay rental fees of \$1,000 a month for the first five years; the next five years will be \$1,320 a month; the next five years would be \$1,452 a month; and the final five years would be \$1,590. The council voted to approve the contract. Wilson said it may be the first of the year before any equipment is installed.

Wilson explained that Bellgrade Developers want to expand the sewer system to additional building areas at Bellbrook. They are paying the permitting and installation cost. The council approved.

During the board of works meeting, board member Fred Dupps said he was contacted about a house on Southwest 3rd Street. He said it is in a very dilapidated condition and he would like the building inspector to get in touch with the owner to see what is going on.

be needed and she has businesses that have offered start-up money if needed. Board member Larry Craney, who was a part of getting the program started, said that the courses are recognized by the state and some colleges will give students in the program college credits. He said they are working on the long-term sustainability of the program and he feels it is a great opportunity. Craney said junior high students were surveyed last year and roughly 20 percent showed interest in the program. He said there are 12 classes relating to agriculture that are state-approved curriculum.

Dr. Keller told the board that the athletic director has recommended the season pass prices stay the same at \$35 for students and \$40 for adults. He recommends that the all-sports season passes be increased. Adult passes would go from \$75 to \$85 and the student passes would go from \$60 to \$70. For senior citizens, the season passes would go from \$55 to \$60. All-sports passes for families have been \$150 for two adults with \$25 for each child and will go to \$170 with \$25 for each child. Bobbi Nonte, who was in the audience, asked if college students would still get the student price as in the past. Dr. Keller was unsure and said she would have to verify. After the meeting, on Wednesday morning, Principal Mullen said that after speaking with the athletic director, college students will be allowed to pay the student price.

The board approved increasing the price of elementary lunch from \$1.95 to \$2.05 and the high school lunch from \$2.20 to \$2.30. The cost of an extra carton of milk will go up from 30 cents to 35 cents. Superintendent Dr. Joan Keller said the reason for the lunch price increases is due to the federal government mandating how much lunches should cost based on a formula. The reason for the milk increase is due to a higher bid from Prairie Farms.

Dr. Keller reported that the public hearing for next year's budget will be held at the board's regular meeting on September 16. It will be adopted at the board's meeting in October. Student registration dates for next school year will be Wednesday, July 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, July 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the high school.



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CHESTER LEE HARDING

Chester Lee Harding, 83, formerly of Shoals, Indiana, went to his eternal rest at 12:33 a.m. July 15, 2014 at his home. A resident of Jasper, he was 83.



He was born May 23, 1931 in Shoals; the son of Elmer Josiah and Moletha Ann (Acton) Harding.

He graduated from Shoals High School and then joined the United States Navy, serving in the Korean War. He was first married to Mary Louise Walton, and they were parents of a daughter, Lori, and a son, Lance. He later married Shanna Karen Dixon and she survives.

A patriot in the truest sense of the word, he loved his country and proudly served as Past Commander of the Shoals American Legion Post #61. He retired after 40 years as a civil engineer for the State of Indiana. He spent many hours volunteering as a Boy Scout Leader. He was a former member of St. Mary of The Immaculate Conception

Catholic Church in Shoals, and currently a member of St. Mary's Parish in Ireland.

He was a friendly fellow whom in his own words, "never met a stranger, just someone I haven't talked to yet." He enjoyed fishing, but his greatest passion was gardening. He enjoyed sharing his abundant harvest with family and friends, and often used his garden goods to "barter".

He will be greatly missed by his family, including wife, Shanna Karen Dixon Harding of Jasper; one son, Lance and Nancy Harding of Los Angeles, California; one daughter, Lori Meyers of Cherry Hill, New Jersey; one step-son, Rodney "Chip" Dixon, Jr. of Winslow; two step-daughters, Tonda Dixon and Debra Dixon-Weisheit, both of Winslow; three grandchildren, Tricia Meyers, Vanessa Harding and Hope Harding; six step-grandchildren, Christopher Dixon-Potts, Deidra Braun, Bridget Hargus, Cailen, Corbin and Austin Dixon; one great-grandson, Landry Braun; and one sister, Alice Lundy of Shoals.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and six brothers, Gene, Hubert, Ralph, Joe, Donal and Leo Harding.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, July 16 at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 17 at St. Mary of the Immaculate Con-

ception Catholic Church in Shoals. Burial will be in the Williams Church Cemetery in Patoka, Indiana.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.queenlee.com.

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Applications and a full job description may be picked up and submitted at the Martin County Highway Department, 10753 Sherfick School Rd, Shoals, Indiana. Inquires call 812-247-2666.

Deadline to submit an application is 11 a.m. on Thursday July 24th.

~LETTERS TO THE EDITOR~

The year 0006 – my take

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

What is the year 0006? It's the 6th year into "the fundamental transformation of America". President Obama proclaimed during his campaign in 2008 that his purpose was to "fundamentally transform America". Little did we know then how seriously he meant to do just that. He and his party have passed the Affordable Care Act (known as Obama Care), a law that federalizes 1/6 of the American economy and dismantles the greatest healthcare system that the world has ever known – all without a single Republican vote. He promised that "If you like your health insurance, you can keep it" (a lie). "If you like your doctor you can keep him" (another lie). He has appointed judges to key positions in order to overturn referenda supported by majorities of citizens in many states. He has rendered the United States Congress all but impotent by going around them with executive orders implementing policies undreamt of in any previous administration.

His agencies are writing thousands of regulations that severely restrict our liberty and freedom. The EPA for instance has just announced its intention to garnish without due process the wages of environmental "offenders". His justice department refuses to investigate IRS abuses of power against persons and groups who oppose his policies. He refuses to allow information regarding the murder of our Libyan ambassador and three others to be exposed. He unconstitutionally gathers information about our phone calls and e-mails for some yet to be disclosed purpose. Both he and President Bush have ignored our immigration laws with the result that millions of illegal immigrants have flooded into this country, many to commit crime and to consume taxpayer funded healthcare, education and welfare benefits. What other things is he doing that we are not aware? Here is something: his Department of Education has quietly bribed many of the states in our Union to implement a monstrosity call COMMON CORE. Touted as public school standardization, it is designed to prepare our children not to think for themselves but to

quietly take their places in the workforce of the emerging global economy.

Our media is now part of this administration's effort to promote progressive policy by preventing an honest examination of his effort to "fundamentally transform America". ELECTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES!! America has been a brilliant success for over 200 years. It does not need to be transformed. What do you think?

Dennis Jones
Shoals, Indiana

'Urge any organization to apply for these funds'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal* and citizens of Martin County,

A few years ago a fund was established with the Martin County Community Foundation that is meant to assist 501c3 organizations with programs that help new and expectant mothers. This year, these funds become available for the first time.

I urge any organization that is a 501c3 and has programs that help mothers to be or new mothers and their infants to apply for these funds.

Grant applications are due to the Foundation by July 23rd.

Carol Jones
Loogootee, Indiana

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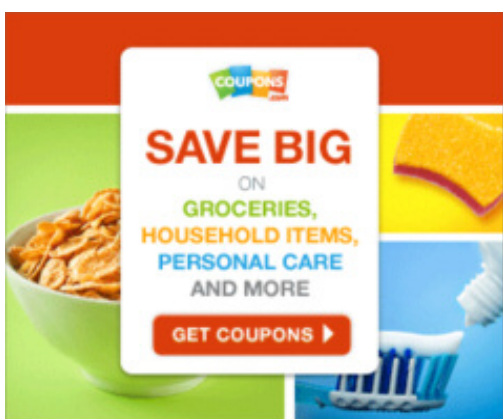
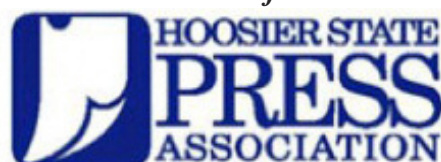
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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JULY 7

1:23 p.m. - Received a report of a property dispute in Shoals.
2:49 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.
6:50 p.m. - Received a report of a carbon monoxide alarm on State Road 450.

TUESDAY, JULY 8

2:27 p.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on Bell Brook.
8:54 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.
5:25 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Loogootee.
11:30 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle on Poplar Grove Road.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

12:11 a.m. - Martin County Deputy Greene

recovered a stolen vehicle from Vincennes.
2:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.
10:02 a.m. - Received a report of illegal dumping in Loogootee.
1:14 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

THURSDAY, JULY 10

6:52 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee.
2:00 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.
9:08 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.
10:04 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 North.

FRIDAY, JULY 11

12:04 p.m. - Received a request for an am-

bulance in Loogootee.
1:44 p.m. - Received a report of hay bales of fire on Grafton Lane. Martin County Civil Defense responded.
3:34 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.
4:30 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with injury on U.S. 150. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Volunteer Fire Department, Air EVAC LIFETEAM, Orange County EMS, Deputy Harmon and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

8:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.
11:17 p.m. - Received a report of a minor vehicle accident on Hwy. 50 near the fairgrounds. Deputy Harmon and Trooper Sexton responded.
11:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

SATURDAY, JULY 12

10:56 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.
1:52 p.m. - Received a request for an officer regarding loose dogs in Loogootee. Capt. Akles responded.
4:45 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Deputy Harmon responded.

SUNDAY, JULY 13

12:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.
4:01 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

MONDAY, JULY 14

6:42 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JULY 7

3:10 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.
6:00 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a residential alarm.

TUESDAY, JULY 8

2:27 a.m. - Caller reported vandalism.
1:30 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted with a funeral detail.
2:30 p.m. - Female caller reported a bike stolen. Bike was later recovered.
6:48 p.m. - Caller reported a loud ATV being operated on private property.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

8:00 a.m. - Male came on station to report stolen medication.
9:15 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted Chief Deputy Dant with a vehicle that lost a load on US 231.
10:00 a.m. - Officers were dispatched to Church Street for a female causing problems.

1:15 p.m. - Female caller reported suspicious persons on Walker Street.
4:00 p.m. - Caller reported a concern for child welfare.
4:23 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on Lincoln Avenue.
5:54 p.m. - Caller reported a concern for child welfare.
9:57 p.m. - Caller reported a male setting

off fireworks near the roof of his house.

THURSDAY, JULY 10

8:30 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.
9:15 a.m. - Caller reported a bike stolen. The bike was later located.
12:05 p.m. - Caller reported having problems out of a male.
5:19 p.m. - Vincennes PD requested assistance in locating a male. Male was later located.
9:59 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on East Main Street.

FRIDAY, JULY 11

9:46 a.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.
12:02 p.m. - Caller reported juveniles throwing rocks at his trailer.
10:16 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on East Broadway Street.

SATURDAY, JULY 12

12:20 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.
1:52 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.
4:02 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle near the bowling alley.
4:14 p.m. - Captain Akles responded to a business alarm.

SUNDAY, JULY 13

3:47 p.m. - Caller reported a 911 hang-up.
5:30 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.
6:34 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute.
7:04 p.m. - Caller reported fireworks.
7:59 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.
8:10 p.m. - Caller reported a drive off from Chuckles.

Court News

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

July 8

Christine L. Jones vs. John P. Jones, petition for dissolution of marriage.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGEMENTS

July 8

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Donna S. Haulk in the amount of \$404.78.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

July 11

Edward L. Brown of Loogootee and Nicole L. Lundy of Loogootee.

July 15

Lucas D. Wesley of Loogootee and Michelle M. Anthony of Loogootee.

Jail bookings

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

9:30 p.m. - Andrew Couchman, of Shoals, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Beaver on a Martin County warrant.

FRIDAY, JULY 11

1:18 a.m. - Randy Tussey, of Shoals, was arrested on preliminary charge of invasion of privacy and several Washington County warrants.

SATURDAY, JULY 12

9:40 p.m. - Jonathon Moffitt was arrested by Deputy Harmon and charged with OWI refusal.

SUNDAY, JULY 13


7:02 p.m. - Brittany Bauer was arrested by Deputy McBeth on a Martin County warrant.

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Martin County real estate transfers

First Equipment, LLC, by John Divine and Linda M. Divine, of Indiana to **Michael R. Meiring**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the north half of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 38.516 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 1.096 acres.

Mary Ann Wathen, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joseph Lukomski Jr. and Marsha L. Lukomski**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the south half of the northwest quarter of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, of the second principal meridian containing 0.108 acres, more or less.

Michele Eliezer, of Orleans Parish, Louisiana to **Edwin P. Monroe III QTIP Trust, Barbara S. Monroe, Trustee**, of Pinellas County, Florida, the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 25, and the east half of the northeast quarter of Section 25, and all that part of the south half of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 24, lying west of the middle of Lost River containing 4 acres, all in Township 2 North, Range 4 West, and containing in all 124 acres, more or less. The southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24 all in the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25 lying east and north of Lost River; all that part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25 lying east of the Lost River, all that part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 25 lying

north and east of Lost River, all in Township 2 North, Range 3 West, and containing 100 acres, more or less. Also, the south half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter and the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 24; also the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 25 all lying in Township 2 North, Range 3 West, and containing 100 acres, more or less. Also all that part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 25, in Township 2 North, Range 3 West, which lies to the west of Lost River, containing 3 acres, more or less. Containing in all, 327 acres, more or less.

Bank of America, of North Carolina to **The Secretary of Veteran Affairs**, of Cleveland, Ohio, Lot Numbered 2 in Chenoweth's Addition to the town of Shoals, Martin County, Indiana. More commonly known as 210 2nd Street, Shoals, Indiana.

Bradley S. Williams, of Martin County, Indiana to **Bradley Hospitality Group, Inc.**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the east part of Lot Number 34 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Cameron L. Sheetz, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joseph G. Craney and Carolyn A. Craney**, of St. Louis County, Illinois. Tract I: A part of the southwest quarter of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 6.737 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the southwest quarter of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 4.330 acres, more or less.



Accident at the fairgrounds

-Photo provided

On July 15 at 8:53 a.m., the Martin County Sheriff's Department received a report of an accident with unknown injuries at US 50 in front of the entrance to the Martin County Fairgrounds. Melvin J. Dochterman, 51, of Canton Missouri, was eastbound on US 50 in a 2004 Peterbilt tractor pulling an unloaded flatbed trailer. Michael K. Gillespie, 31, of Bedford, was attempting to turn his 2000 Ford, loaded with bags of ice and owned by Cosner Transport, into the entrance of the Martin County Fairgrounds. Gillespie failed to see Dochterman's semi tractor trailer. Dochterman's semi made contact with Gillespie's vehicle causing significant damage to both vehicles. Gillespie's vehicle lost part of its ice load in the crash. US 50 was closed down to one lane for over two hours while crews cleaned up the crash. Gillespie was cited for failure to yield the right of way. The investigating officer was Sergeant Keith Keller with the Martin County Sheriff's Department. He was assisted by: Chief Deputy Tony Dant, Loogootee Police Chief Kelly Rayhill, Indiana State Troopers Ken Miller and Dave Qualkenbush, Martin County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department, and G&M Wrecker Service.

Indiana State Police warn about IRS scam

The Indiana State Police are warning the public of a scam that has moved to Indiana. It seems as quickly as you hear about one scam it disappears and another one starts. The latest scam that is circulating involves individuals claiming to be from the IRS.

Officials are investigating a phone scam involving callers who impersonate Internal Revenue Service representatives and demand immediate payments with pre-paid debit cards and wire transfers. The caller often claims the victim owes thousands of dollars in overdue taxes. According to the IRS the agency would always make contact with the taxpayer first by mail or with a personal visit.

The scam continues when the caller tells the victim he cannot use standard forms of

Business 50 to close in Daviess County

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is announcing that Business U.S. Route 50 will be closing to repair a railroad crossing in western Daviess County.

On Monday, July 21, at approximately 8 a.m., Indiana Southern Railroad crews will close Business 50 from Maysville Road to the end of the roadway at the White River. All work is scheduled to be complete by 2 p.m. local time on Friday, July 25, weather permitting.

Local traffic will have access to the point of closure.

INDOT reminds motorists to follow the posted work zone speed limit, use caution and consider worker safety when traveling through a work zone. For the latest news and information about INDOT, please visit www.in.gov/indot.

payment, specifically a credit card to pay the taxes. The caller tries to justify why the money has to be wired to a PayPal account or paid using a prepaid debit card. If the caller is unsuccessful talking to the victim the scammer will then threaten the victim with an arrest warrant. The IRS doesn't have the authority to issue warrants.

In this scam, as with most of them, the calls are originating from cell phones or over the internet from all over the U.S. and tracking down the 21st century con artist is no easy task. The state police feel that a well-informed public is the best defense in combating scammers and remind everyone that these phone scams and cyber crimes are becoming commonplace.

If you feel that you have been a victim of this scam you can contact the Treasury Inspector General on the web at: www.treasury.gov/tigta/contact_report_scam.shtml.

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The Kentucky Warbler is a new sight in Indiana. This one above showed up after the rain on Sunday to feed on a cherry tree. Unlike most songbirds, a male Kentucky Warbler appears to sing only one song type. He will sing the same one throughout his life. Although counter-singing males do not match each other's song types the way many bird species do, a male may match the pitch of a competitor's song.

Hunting gives deer-damaged forests in Indiana state parks a shot at recovery

BY NATALIE VAN HOOSE
Purdue University News Service

Regulated deer hunts in Indiana state parks have helped restore the health of forests suffering from decades of damage caused by overabundant populations of white-tailed deer, a Purdue study shows.

A research team led by Michael Jenkins, associate professor of forest ecology, found that a 17-year-long Indiana Department of Natural Resources policy of organizing hunts in state parks has successfully spurred the regrowth of native tree seedlings, herbs and wildflowers rendered scarce by browsing deer.

Jenkins said that while hunting may be unpopular with some, it is an effective means of promoting the growth and richness of Indiana's natural areas.

"We can't put nature in a glass dome and think it's going to regulate itself," he said. "Because our actions have made the natural world the way it is, we have an obligation to practice stewardship to maintain ecological balance."

Indiana state parks historically did not allow hunting. But by the 1990s, white-tailed deer populations in parks had swelled to such size that many species of native wildflowers such as trillium and lilies largely disappeared, replaced by wild ginger and exotic species such as garlic mustard and Japanese stiltgrass, plants not favored by deer. Oak and ash tree seedlings gave way to highly deer-resistant or unpalatable trees such as pawpaw.

The health of deer in state parks also dwindled as their food sources shrank.

To check the overabundant deer populations, the DNR introduced controlled hunts in state parks in 1993, with most parks adopting the strategy by 1996.

"Hunting in natural areas is controversial," Jenkins said. "But when deer are overabundant, they start to have undeniable negative impacts on the ecosystem."

Working with Christopher Webster, a Michigan Tech University professor and Purdue alumnus, Jenkins and then-master's student Lindsay Jenkins (no relation) tested the effectiveness of the hunting program by



-Photo provided

White-tailed deer browse in rural West Lafayette.

comparing the amount of plant cover in 108 plots in state parks and historically hunted areas with 1996-97 levels. They found that total plant cover in state parks more than doubled from 1996-97 to 2010. Herbs such as asters, violets and goldenrods increased from about 20 percent to 32 percent cover, and percent cover of grasses rose from 1 to 3 percent. Tree seedlings jumped from about 2 percent to about 13 percent of total plant cover, a finding that suggests when older trees die out, there will be younger trees to replace them, Jenkins said.

"With heavy populations of deer, tree seedlings often don't have a chance to survive," he said. "In those situations, the forest could lose its ability to reproduce itself and eventually cease to be healthy."

The study also showed that the hunting program led to the recovery of native species and discouraged the spread of invasive and exotic species, said Lindsay Jenkins.

"We saw a striking improvement in the quality and diversity of the forest understory in state parks compared with conditions before the hunting program," she said. "The deer management program is having a clear, beneficial impact on Indiana parks and could serve as a good example for nature preserves with overabundant deer in other states."

The study was published in Biological Conservation and is available at www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0006320714001736.



In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

County fair time is here. As many readers know, I am usually busy in July judging flowers and garden projects at various county 4-H fairs. This year is no different, and the parade of fairs has begun. With the new school schedules, many fairs have been moved up to get them in before the start of classes. The result is that many gardens and field crops are not ready for exhibits in the traditional way. 4-H rules have been changed to allow alternate exhibits for many of the horticulture projects. Scrapbooks and posters may be exhibited in lieu of the traditional flowers, vegetables and field crops.

I urge readers to get out and visit the area fairs. County fairs remain among the best entertainment values around. Many fairs offer free concerts and activities, and all have wonderful exhibits to see. You may even learn something.

As usual, the Hoosier Hillside Master Gardeners will be manning a booth at the Orange County Fair. We will have an exhibit based on bluebirds and will be giving away several bluebird houses. Come by the booth to sign up for our nightly drawings and to learn about bluebirds.

We will also have information about the new Master Gardener classes being offered in Orange County beginning in September. If you want to learn about gardening and would like to help others become better gardeners, the Master Gardener program is for you. Information is also available at the Orange and Crawford County Extension offices.

With rain arriving just when it began to get a little dry, most crops are progressing well, if a little delayed by the late start in spring. It looks like it may be a banner year for gardens and for field crops.

I have had several questions about a chalky white substance on the stems and leaves of many different plants. I suspect that the culprit is cotton scale, a tiny insect that pierces the leaves and stems of plants and sucks the sap out of them. The white residue is actually the excrement of the insects. While unsightly, this is rarely enough to kill a plant. Usually, a good blast of water from a pressure nozzle will dislodge the scale. If they persist, one may try an application of a light-weight horticultural oil.

The ornamental gardens seem to be more beautiful than ever this year. I have certainly enjoyed the succession of blooms that just seem to keep coming. Weather conditions have allowed plants to hold on to blooms for longer periods than usual and the result is the juxtaposition of blossoms that usually do not bloom at the same time. I have enjoyed the mixes of daylilies, coneflowers, rudbeckia, bellflowers and blackberry lilies in my yard. This wonderful mix of vibrant colors is food for the soul. I love the wildflower meadows and the variety of blooms at one time is awe-inspiring.

We are having a respite from the heat, so it will be a good time for garden work or a walk in the garden. If you do not have a garden, take a walk at a county fair. Support the great things our youth are doing in 4-H.

Free beginner waterfowl hunting workshops in August, September

Two free waterfowl hunting workshops for beginners will be offered in August and September by the Department of Natural Resources.

The focus of the workshops is on hunting Canada geese, although there also will be some information presented on duck hunting, according to DNR waterfowl biologist Adam Phelps.

"We have found that lots of participants are most interested in goose hunting," Phelps said. "Canada geese are definitely the easiest place to start hunting waterfowl, because they are abundant, they frequently use private land, and they are easy to identify."

The workshops are:
- August 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Pigeon River Fish & Wildlife Area, 8310 E. County Road 300 N., Mongo.

- September 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the DNR Fish & Wildlife Field Office, 5596 E. State Road 46, Bloomington.

Similar material will be covered at each workshop, so there is no need to attend both. All ages are welcome.

Topics will include waterfowl hunting regulations, waterfowl identification, equipment and techniques, including a show-and-tell segment, and how to dress a harvested goose. Instructors also will focus on how to pursue geese and ducks with a minimum investment in gear.

Shotgun instruction and a clay shoot will be available at the Mongo event.

"We are happy to be able to offer shotgun instruction at the Pigeon River event for the first time at one of our waterfowl workshops," Phelps said. "Instruction in shotgunning can reduce frustration for beginning bird hunters."

Parents who already hunt waterfowl are welcome to bring children, but the material is tailored for beginners. Experienced waterfowl hunters are unlikely to learn much from the workshops.

DNR Law Enforcement and DNR Fish &

Wildlife personnel will be in attendance to answer questions.

Lunch will be provided.

Workshops will occur at least partially outdoors and will take place rain or shine. Participants should bring a lawn chair and weather-appropriate clothing (a jacket or raincoat).

The workshops are free, but registration is required.

To register for the Mongo workshop, call (260) 367-2164.

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Purdue agronomist: Wet hay may cause a barn fire

BY EMMA HOPKINS
Purdue University News Service

Hay that is baled and stored at a moisture level higher than recommended could heat up enough to start a barn fire, a Purdue Extension forage specialist warns.

This season has been a problem because the number of days between rains has not been adequate, in many cases, to allow cut forage to dry to a safe moisture level when stored as hay, Keith Johnson said. Farmers that rushed to bale hay without using a preservative when moisture content was greater than 20 percent are at risk. "A novice hay grower might think a fire would likely develop relatively quickly - in less than a week - but it actually could take a month," Johnson said. "Growers should monitor the temperature of their stored hay and notify their local fire department of any potentially dangerous heat buildup."

If hay is not given enough time to dry and is stored prematurely, heat-tolerant microorganisms develop within the bales in high numbers, raising the temperature. When the temperature gets to 150 degrees Fahrenheit, hay is entering the danger zone, and the stacked hay should be taken apart to allow more air movement to cool heated bales,

Johnson said. Once the temperature reaches 200 degrees Fahrenheit, a fire is very likely.

Such barn fires happen every year, Johnson said, and it can happen to experienced hay producers as well as beginners.

Johnson offered this advice: To speed the drying, lay the cut forage in a wide swath with a mower-conditioner. Hay cut in a wide swath is exposed to more sunlight and dries faster. The conditioner crimps the stems of newly cut hay and allows moisture to escape at a faster rate.

Johnson explained that an alternative to storing forage as dry hay is to let the cut forage wilt to 50 percent moisture and let it ferment to silage. This is accomplished by using an individual bale wrapper or an in-line tuber that excludes air by wrapping the bales in white plastic. This substantially reduces drying time, but there is additional cost to package the forage crop.

Hay stored with too much moisture can cause other problems besides the risk of a barn fire, Johnson noted. Forage quality is reduced, livestock will eat less of the hay, and there can be risk of mycotoxins within the mold produced by microorganisms. Mycotoxins can cause an array of harmful health concerns in livestock.

Alumni association will host two cultural day trips

The Vincennes University Alumni Association will host two day trips offering participants with opportunities to see the musical "Oklahoma!" on August 27 and to tour the Indiana Historical Museum on October 16. These outings are open to the public; however, seating is limited and the deadline for reservations is July 15.

The August 27 trip will take patrons to Indianapolis to the Beef and Boards Din-

ner Theatre for "Oklahoma!" Tickets cost \$85 and include transportation, show, and meal.

Tickets for the October 16 trip to the Indiana Historical Museum in Indianapolis cost \$45 and include transportation and admission.

Interested persons should call the VU Alumni Association, 812-888-4354 or 800-945-ALUM(2586).

Purdue awards degrees, honors following spring semester

Purdue University awarded about 7,400 degrees to students following the spring semester.

The following students from Martin County received degrees:

Carla S. Smith, of Loogootee, received a Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Technology

Scott J. Woods, of Loogootee, received a Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Technology

Colton M. Gann, of Shoals, received a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering from the School of Mechanical Engineering

About 14,400 Purdue University students earned academic honors for the spring 2014 semester. To earn honors, students must have had at least a 3.5 semester or cumulative

grade point average on a four-point scale.

The following students from Martin County received honors:

Lori Dian Daniel, of Loogootee, received honors from the Calumet campus

Kellie M. Qualkenbush Shaw, of Loogootee, received honors from the Calumet campus

Carla S. Smith, of Loogootee, received honors from the TSW-Vincennes campus

Curtis R. Slaubaugh, of Loogootee, received honors from the West Lafayette campus

Colton M. Gann, of Shoals, received honors from the West Lafayette campus

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Officials conduct opening of \$25 million processing facility on I-69 interchange

Job creation powered by I-69 and area economic development collaboration is well underway in southern Indiana, as evidenced by the formal opening of the \$25 million Alliance Barrier Films facility on July 11. Federal, state and local officials were on hand to celebrate the formal opening of the new facility, and to hear details about a planned construction of a 40,000-60,000-square-foot shell building and new rail spur.

"A considerable amount of strategic collaboration between the city of Washington, elected officials of Daviess County, state agencies and the Daviess County Economic Development Corporation all worked together to make today's advancement possible," said Phil O'Haver, vice chairman of the Daviess County Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC).

"For all of us who supported the I-69 project, this announcement is an affirmation of our vision for a corridor of economic activity throughout southwestern Indiana," said Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann. "We are grateful that Alliance Barrier Films team has shown confidence in Indiana as a place to grow their business. Governor Pence and I are committed to providing the infrastructure, the tax policy and a regulatory environment that encourage the growth of businesses in Indiana and the creation of jobs for Hoosiers."

Several officials noted the value of I-69 to foster widespread economic growth and congratulated Alliance Barrier Films for selecting Daviess County for expansion of its state-of-the-art service offerings.

"The regional economic development value of Interstate 69 in southern Indiana is demonstrated both with the formal opening of the Alliance Barrier Films 17,600-square-foot facility and through Daviess County's plan to explore construction of a high-end shell building to attract additional expansion," said Congressman Larry Bushon. "This project is great for our local economy and I look forward to jointly supporting continued growth in the region."

The construction of a new shell building near the Alliance Barrier facility is being planned and details are being actively considered by city and county officials to begin construction, according to Ron Arnold, DCEDC executive director. "More than 100 acres have been purchased adjacent to the Alliance Barrier facility off of I-69, which will include a new rail spur to be shared by Alliance Barrier and other companies expanding into the area," Arnold said.

A unique city-county collaboration allowed the Daviess County Economic Development Foundation to fund and construct the Alliance Barrier building, leasing it back to the company. "This demonstrates the forward-looking thinking that creates new opportunities at a strategic level probably not typical of counties of our size," Arnold continued. "This same level of strategic collaboration will drive the further development of the immediate area."

Arnold also noted the positive support of the Indiana Economic Development Cor-

poration (IEDC) in the project.

According to Huff, when fully completed in 2017, Alliance's entry into the high barrier film business will include four new multilayer film extrusion lines producing seven and nine layer films and employing 48 people. "We have the best blown film processing film equipment available from Windmoeller & Hoelscher, which gives our company a major strategic advantage in the marketplace," Huff explained.

"This Alliance Barrier Films project represents an excellent win-win for the county and the city," said Tony Wichman, president of the Daviess County Commissioners. "We have a growing history of successful projects fashioned by the Daviess County economic development group and supported directly by the county and city, and we look forward to continued success here."

"It is particularly good for Washington and Daviess County that we were able in this joint project to facilitate Alliance Barrier Films," said Mayor Wellman. "Tom Huff and his companies have done well in this specialized field of blown film manufacturing, which fits well for other packaging and manufacturing needs in the region."

"We believe in the future and we are investing in the future," said Huff. "Alliance will have the capability to produce flat, gauge band free films for the most exacting applications."

He continued: "Our ability to produce innovative, cost effective, high quality films will be unparalleled in the industry. No one will have better film-making capabilities than Alliance Barrier Films."

As noted by the Mayor, Alliance Barrier Films is not Tom Huff's first endeavor into blown coex film manufacturing. In 1989, Huff founded and was president of the successful United Films Corporation in Odon, Indiana. In 1995, Huff and United Films built a second manufacturing facility in Bloomington. The first coex film line Huff put into Bloomington was a W&H high barrier line. With the purchase of that line, Huff has the distinction of being the first blown film processor in North America to utilize W&H high barrier blown film technology.

Officials of the W&H company were on hand for the formal opening of the facility.

Huff concluded: "I have a long and very successful history with both Daviess County, Indiana and W&H Corp, and I look forward to continuing these relationships and successes in the future."

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative
Mark Messmer



Looking out for Hoosier families

The coal industry has played an integral role in our nation's history, and District 63 is very close to the heart of it all. Information on the Institute of Energy Research's website reveals that from a global standpoint, the United States has the largest coal reserves in the world, enough to last us another 250 years.

Living where we do, chances are you, or someone you know, has built their entire livelihood around this industry. The accessibility and quantity of coal has financially sustained families for generations and has also provided the United States with, what is often considered, its most reliable energy source.

In fact, it was coal that kept us all warm during this most recent winter, which was unlike any we had seen in quite some time. According to the National Coal Council, 92 percent of the increased electricity demands this winter were covered by coal-fired generation plants. The sad reality though is that Hoosiers may soon face winters without these plants.

Recently, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) gave Indiana three years to come up with a plan to cut carbon emissions by 20 percent; a plan which in some cases could cause certain plants to shut down their operations completely. For the past couple decades, the coal industry has spent billions in ratepayer dollars to improve their technology, meet EPA regulatory standards and perform more efficiently. Unfortunately however, it seems that this is still not enough. As a lifelong resident of this region, the debate over coal is something I have followed closely for years, and this most recent

news is particularly alarming to me.

As a state legislator, you hear me talk a lot about jobs and industry. I have long made these issues my top priority as I know that these are the things that matter most to you. More industry means more jobs, and more jobs mean more opportunities for Hoosiers to provide for their families and create their own American Dream. For years, coal has been a crucial factor in attracting businesses to Indiana. Low-cost electricity generated from coal has given us a competitive advantage that now stands to be stripped away.

Not to mention, by reducing our coal production, we will be forced to look towards other energy sources, which are significantly more expensive for Hoosier families. By driving up the cost of electricity, it will also drive up the overall cost of living in our state at a time when many families are just starting to feel some economic relief.

I truly feel that these new EPA regulations could be devastating to our state and local economies. Few people know the importance of coal as much as we do, and few regions stand to feel the impact of these regulations as much as southwest Indiana. So, where do we go from here?

Recently, Governor Pence urged Indiana's Congressional Delegation to prevent the EPA from implementing these newly proposed regulations through legislative action. To protect our economy and this invaluable energy source for our state, I stand by the governor and will continue to support his efforts to prevent these new regulations from taking effect.

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

New budget notices website launched for Martin County

Martin County and the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance have created and launched a new budget notice website that will provide taxpayers with the ability to view budget notices in one central online location.

BudgetNotices.IN.Gov will assist Martin County citizens who want to attend and stay involved with the budgets of their local government units. Taxpayers will be able to view all local government units in Martin County, search by their address, or use an interactive map tool. This website has been designed to promote the importance of budget notices and the role that they play in the daily lives of Indiana taxpayers.

BudgetNotices.IN.Gov allows taxpayers the opportunity to view budget notices at

their convenience and not depend on following a printed publication. "Budget notices are vital to transparency," said Micah Vincent, commissioner of the Department of Local Government Financing. "It is important that the state continues to pursue opportunities to the benefit Indiana taxpayers and this is a step in the right direction."

Taxpayers that do not have Internet access or have difficulties with the website may contact the Department of Local Government Finance at (888) 739-9826 and request a paper copy of the notices for their local government units.

BudgetNotices.IN.Gov is available on the Indiana Gateway for Government Units. Gateway is the primary collection and publishing tool for local government units submitting their required reports to the State of Indiana. It has the benefits of digital collection into a robust data warehouse and immediate accessibility by taxpayers.

BudgetNotices.IN.Gov was established with the passage of House Enrolled Act 1266. The budget notices application was developed to provide Hoosiers with another way to learn about the budget process for the local taxing units and in particular, to know when hearings would be held on next year's proposed budgets.

The Indiana Department of Local Government Finance is the state agency that oversees the property tax and local government budgeting system in Indiana.

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Calendar of Events

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.

Shoals School Board special meeting

The Shoals School Board will hold a special meeting Friday, July 18 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the community building on the fairgrounds. Both principals, Austin Malone and Lucas Calhoun, and the athletic director, Brad Peterson, will present goals for the new school year. The meeting is open to the public.

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 or call at 295-3149.



-Photo provided

Theresa Showalter, Daviess-Martin County REMC Administrative Assistant, is shown above presenting a \$1,200 Operation Round Up Grant to Chief Mark Jones of the Huron Volunteer Fire Department.

A few cents equal a huge difference

Once again, our members participating in the Operation Round Up program can see where rounding up their electric bills to the nearest dollar every month makes a huge impact on the community.

The Daviess-Martin REMC Community Fund, Inc. recently granted \$11,450 to organizations helping make Daviess, Martin and Lawrence counties better places to live. A total of \$348,168.17 has been given to the community since the inception of the program in 2004.

The committee encourages civic organizations to apply for funding. The third quarter applications are due in to our office by 4 p.m. on August 29. Applications can be downloaded from their website at www.dm-renc.com or picked up at their office at

12628 E 75 N, Loogootee.

Most recent Operation Round Up grants awarded:

Lena Dunn Elementary School - \$2,050 to purchase handicap playground swings

Huron Volunteer Fire Department - \$1,200 to purchase a PRO/PAK portable foam unit, discharge hose and foam

Knights of Columbus Council #1166 - \$500 for the Annual Tootsie Roll Drive project

Community Foundation Partnership, Inc. - \$3,000 to promote the Transfer of Wealth initiative in Lawrence and Martin counties

Parents Express - \$1,500 to aid in purchasing upgraded trampoline equipment

Loogootee Fire Department - \$3,200 to purchase new hoses for the fire trucks

Notes from the WIC Nutritionist

By: Elizabeth White/Martin County WIC Nutritionist and Breastfeeding Coordinator

Did you know that the WIC income guidelines are higher than Medicaid or food stamps?

Therefore even if you do not qualify for Medicaid or food stamps, you or your children could qualify for WIC benefits. You could be receiving WIC services right now and you may not even know it. Your tax dollars help pay for WIC benefits so why not get some of those tax dollars back? Here are the new income guidelines that became effective July 1, 2014. If you are pregnant you count as two (you and the unborn baby).

WIC Income Eligibility Guidelines (Effective from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015)

48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam and Territories				
Persons in Family or Household Size (from 1-8 below)				
Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
\$21,590	\$1,800	\$900	\$831	\$416
29,101	2,426	1,213	1,120	560
36,612	3,051	1,526	1,409	705
44,123	3,677	1,839	1,698	849
51,634	4,303	2,152	1,986	993
59,145	4,929	2,465	2,275	1,138
66,656	5,555	2,778	2,564	1,282
74,167	6,181	3,091	2,853	1,427
Each Add'l Member Add				
+\$7,511	+626	+313	+289	+145

are shown in the stand alone box.

The WIC program provides supplemental nutritional foods, referrals, breastfeeding support, and nutrition education for pregnant women, nursing women, infants, and children 1-5 years. The Martin Co WIC clinic is open Monday and Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please call 247-3303 to make an appointment.

Congratulations to WIC's Summerfest/Catfish Festival Lactation Station drawing winner, Stephanie Stoll. She received a backpack, burp cloth, informational videos, children's books, and a bracelet.

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Lena Dunn Elementary, in Washington, received a \$2,050 grant from Operation Round Up to purchase handicap playground swings. Theresa Showalter, Daviess-Martin County REMC Administrative Assistant, is shown presenting the check to Nicole Ruble, substitute teacher; Brenda Butcher, principal; Jenna, student; Traci Letourneau, special education teacher; Alexis and Bailey, students; and Rob McCormick, principal.

Feedback needed on senior games

Generations Area Agency on Aging is planning to hold state level senior games in April and May of 2015 on the campus of Vincennes University. These games will offer individuals, 50 and older, with an opportunity to qualify for the regional and national games sponsored by the National Senior Olympics Organization.

Help is needed in determining the list of

games offered during this inaugural event. Generations has created a simple survey that takes just a few minutes to complete. It can be found at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZGMRXYH. Older adults are urged to go to the website and rate the games under consideration. For more information, call Generations toll free at 1-800-742-9002.

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