

Commissioners discuss jail inmates, judge's claim

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday night, August 18. Commissioner Dan Gregory was not in attendance.

Greg Jones, with Southern Indiana Development Commissioner (SIDC), spoke to the commissioners about a grant opportunity for workforce development. Jones said that the maximum grant to be awarded is \$250,000 and requires a local match of \$50,000. The workforce development opportunities would provide training for 50-60 students in the defense industry and would target residents who are unemployed or underemployed. Jones told the commissioners that Greene, Daviess, and Lawrence would also go in on the application with Martin County and the maximum each county would need for the matching money would be \$15,000. The deadline for the application is October 23 and Martin County will be the lead applicant. The other counties would sign a partnership agreement.

Dave Sutton, who was in the audience, said that he didn't think a program like this should be tied to the defense industry only. He said there are other counties that have companies that could benefit from this kind of training. Sutton said he works for Jasper Engines & Transmissions and they could use skilled workers as well.

Jones replied that if the commissioners were interested, he could see if Dubois County would like to also go in on the application.

The commissioners approved SIDC to go forward with the application as is.

Sheriff Travis Roush reported that the jail currently has 53 inmates.

Roush also told commissioners that he and Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins attended an Indiana Sheriff's Association seminar in Johnson County regarding House Bill 1269 which deals with enrolling inmates in Medicaid. Roush said anyone in the jail 30 days or more has to be signed up and the inmate is not covered for

outpatient care while they are incarcerated, only when they are released or if they are admitted to the hospital while incarcerated.

Collins said the objective is to have the inmates covered with health insurance to get treatment services they need and ultimately not end up back in jail.

Roush said they may need to contract out a company to come to the jail and get inmates enrolled since his staff doesn't have the ability or knowledge to navigate the healthcare system.

Civil Defense Director Monte Wolf spoke to the commissioners about a system for early weather warning that would place phone calls when bad weather was approaching. Wolf said that the sirens cannot always be heard when residents are in their homes. To do a county-wide call system would cost \$4,000-\$5,000 per year. For communication just between the fire departments, it would cost \$2,500 to set it up and \$500 a year. Wolf said there are a variety of services with the system and they have only done preliminary research on it.

Commissioner Paul George suggested finding out more information on the county-wide system and report back.

Commissioner Kevin Boyd asked Judge Lynne Ellis in the future let the commissioners know when work would be done in the courthouse and also let them know what contractors would be used. Judge Ellis apologized saying that she had her mind on family issues when work was going to be done on a Sunday and didn't inform the commissioners.

Boyd also said he had an issue paying a claim for Indiana Attorney registration for \$180. He asked Ellis if she would have to pay that fee as an attorney, whether or not she was the judge. Ellis replied that she would. Boyd said he had a problem with the county paying the fee then since she would be paying it as an attorney if she wasn't the judge. Ellis said that the county had paid the fee since she has been in office and there has never been an issue before. She added
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Municipal election November 3

The 2015 Municipal Election for the City of Loogootee and for the Town of Shoals will be November 3, 2015. Polling sites for the City of Loogootee will be St. John's Center and for the Town of Shoals St. Mary's Hall. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

You can now apply for Absentee Ballot Application; ballots will be mailed out September 18, 2015.

Absentee voting in person at the Martin County Clerk's office will start Monday October 19 through October 30, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays, October 24 and October 31, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and November 2, 8 a.m. until noon.

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Youth First expands to Loogootee Schools

Youth First's model of school-based social work and prevention programs is expanding to a sixth county and a new school corporation in Indiana. With the addition of Loogootee Community Schools in Martin County, Youth First will now serve 55 public, parochial, and private schools.

"We are excited about being able to provide our students with an additional resource," said Loogootee Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Joan Keller. "We want our children to not only be successful academically, but we want our children to be successful emotionally and socially. To succeed in one area and not the other two is to limit the success our students will be able to achieve once they leave our school."

Elizabeth Christmas is the new Youth First Social Worker at Loogootee Middle School. She is equipped with a toolkit of programs and strategies designed to help

students succeed in school and in life.

"We want all children to have the same opportunities to reach their full potential, no matter the challenges they face, and that is why Youth First is so grateful to be part of the Loogootee schools and community," said Parri O. Black, Youth First President & CEO.



Loogootee Community School Corporation committed \$30,000 a year for three years to bring Youth First to Martin County. Community volunteers are helping Youth First raise another \$40,000 a year in support.

The Martin County Community Foundation is one of the major funders. According to Executive Director Curt Johnson, "The assistance and guidance that our children will have available to them will be invaluable for their growth and success as students and adults."

St. Vincent de Paul of Loogootee also
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Shoals School Board approves staff changes, bus route transfer

The Shoals School Board met last Thursday, August 13.

During patron input, Eric Cooper asked how the board feels about situations when students leave the Shoals Schools to go to another school and they have relatives that still work at the Shoals Schools. If Shoals is not good enough for their students, how can it be good enough for them to be employed here? Superintendent Candace Roush responded by explaining that while the situation is not ideal, they cannot treat employees differently based on personal or family decisions.

The Martin County Sheriff's Office requested use of the weight room for continued physical training for deputies. Following discussion by the board, Dianna Ragsdale made a motion to deny the facility usage request with the motion dying due to lack of a second. Mary Lou Billings then opened the floor for a motion to approve the request. No motion for approval was made, so the request will be considered to be denied.

Roush recommended the board approve a request from the Boy Scouts of America to hold Cub Scout Fall Recruitment in the cafeteria on August 25 and September 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The board approved.

The board approved the following personnel actions:

- Resignation of Kaylee Diamond from position of teaching assistant
- Resignation of Anna Farhar from position of teaching assistant and hired Leslie Bauer to fill the open position
- Pamela McCarty, Nici Land and Kandi Tichenor as an elementary teaching assis-

tants

- Nina Foreman, Etta Franklin, Tammy Gore, Heidi Hoffman, Tyler Miller, Thomas Potts, John Zeigler, Kaylee Diamond, Christy Farhar, Briana Wagler, and Ashley Montgomery as substitute teachers

- Ken Macy and Shannon Wagoner as Sr. Beta Co-Sponsors.

- Shannon Montgomery as a substitute nurse for the 2015-16 school year.

- Mimi Hawkins to sponsor elementary Spell Bowl, Student Council, LEGO Team, Crane Science Fair, and Spelling Bee

- Shannon Wagoner to sponsor elementary Academic Team (1/2), Elementary BETA Sponsor, Jr. High Beta Sponsor, and Senior BETA Co-Sponsor

- Cindy McNabb to sponsor elementary Academic Team (1/2)

- Basketball volunteer coaches: J.D. Turpin, Tim Sorrells, Alan Abel, Josh Sexton, Seth Taylor, Jeff Gee, Clarence Brown, Mike Cooper, Roger Cooper, Kyle Turpin, Drexel Turpin, Larry Sherfick, Mark Armstrong, Alex Doane, Dylan Erwin

- Resignation of Ashley Hawkins from position of junior high cheerleading coach and Melissa Hawkins from position of high school cheerleading coach

- Permission to post open cheerleading positions

Mrs. Roush recommended the board approve a request from Todd Winger to transfer his school bus contract for route #10 to Laura Winger. The contract is for a period of eight years beginning with the 2015-16 school year and continuing through the 2022-23 school year at a daily
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rate of \$176.23. The board approved. The board approved the high school band to participate in I.U. Band Day in Bloomington on September 19, 2015.

The approved Bryson Abel, varsity boys' basketball coach, to sponsor a free basketball camp for boys in grades K-4. The camp will begin on August 24, 2015 and continue through September 4, 2015.

Roush reviewed details of the 2016 budget, capital projects plan, and school bus replacement plan with the board. A public hearing on the 2016 budget will be held on September 10, 2015.

John Gunselman and Brent Pfister, representing German American Insurance, presented a review of the school's claim history over the past five-year period.

The board held a first reading of the Food Service Staff Code of Conduct Policy. A second reading will be held at the September 10, 2015 meeting of the board.

The board held a first reading of the Title I Parental Involvement Policy. A second reading will be held at the September 10, 2015 meeting of the board.

The board held a second reading of the extra mileage calculation policy. Roush recommended the board approve the policy as presented. The board approved.

Mrs. Roush requested approval for professional leave to attend the IAPSS Workshop on Indianapolis on September 28-29, 2015. The board approved.

Austin Malone, elementary principal, reported on the following: -Day one of the new school year is behind us, and almost everything is running smoothly and teachers are already positively impacting children.

Teachers are excited and we're focusing on:

- a. Being "In the Moment"
 - b. Setting measurable classroom goals
 - c. Keeping each child aware
- Summer IREAD3 results were delayed until Tuesday, August 11. They still have 94 percent IREAD3 pass rate.

-Professional Development was held prior to the start of the school year with two days for scope and sequence, two days for technology, and one day for high ability.

-Attendance push - Goal: 98 percent, Part of the 4-STAR goal!

-ISTEP results have been delayed. Currently, results won't be available until December, maybe even January.

-Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader? episode aired this week. The elementary won \$10,000! Funds will be used to purchase necessities for kids as well as explore new and unique learning opportunities. It is available online for anyone who wants to see it. They are very grateful to the FOX Network and the United Artist Media Group for this opportunity.

-Two early field trips are scheduled with the pre-school students visiting Bo-Mac's on September 8 and the 4th grade participating in Farm Fair on August 27

-Huge thank you to: Reuben Montgomery for technology additions and improvements, Dover Hill Church for school supplies; Christy Farhar for school supplies; Bedford Walmart for five days of school-supply collection; Tammie Asbell and Lisa Bauer for school supplies; Sandra Jones for school supplies and \$40; Hawkins Healthcare for currently collecting school supplies; Lorna Troutman for clothing for kids, science supply donation, and LEGO team display; Candace Roush and Lucas Calhoun for servant

leadership that is inspiring; teachers for their professionalism and intrinsic motivation; and parents for waking up their children, purchasing school supplies, encouraging their kids, and helping school be the best they can possibly be for each child.

Lucas Calhoun, junior/senior high school principal, reported on the following:

-A successful high school professional development day was held on July 30 with over 80 percent of the staff in attendance.

-Staff theme this year is S=E+1

-First seven student days have been outstanding with tardies down from last year at this time and very few office referrals.

-Open house is scheduled for August 17 at 6 p.m.

-A student convocation, #BeAmazing, is scheduled with Camfel Productions on August 24 for students in grades 6-12

-Special thanks to: Christy Farhar and other donors who gave school supplies (backpacks, paper, pencils) for students; Lorna Troutman for donated clothing; Country Pines Printing for outstanding student handbooks; and the staff for a successful opening and building-wide diligence

-Congratulations to those individuals who finished requirements over the summer to earn their high school diploma! The graduation rate is now at nearly 90 percent.

The board held a special work session meeting on August 11.

Superintendent Roush presented the board with the administrator's goals for the 2015-2016 school-year.

President, Mary Lou Billings shared the goals of the school board.

Superintendent Roush answered questions regarding the student handbook and described the daily schedule of the new school psychologist.

Roush notified the board of the chain of command regarding athletic expenditures and discussed the current status of the athletic uniforms and what uniforms will be purchased this year.

Roush and the board discussed substitute teacher pay and compared it to the surrounding school districts. Also discussed the comp time policy and how it applies to staff members.

She also updated the board on the current enrollment status showing that the school has gained 22 new students this school year.

DISCUSS

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that the county doesn't pay her salary, the state does, the county only reimburses her for some of her expenses. She said if the commissioners have an issue with paying for something that has been paid in the past, they need to let her know. She said if someone would have told her, she would not have submitted it for reimbursement.

Boyd said in his opinion, as an attorney, she should be responsible for paying that fee, not the county.

Commissioner Paul George said they would pay this year's fee because it is on the claims but they would discuss it before next year.

Ellis replied that the \$180 was not worth it to her for an argument or for embarrassment in a public meeting.

Boyd said their intention was not to embarrass her and he apologized if he did so.

Auditor January Roush reported that the county received their portion of the Crane timber sales - \$82,515.66. This money will be used for road paving.

First human West Nile virus case reported in Indiana for 2015

The first human case of West Nile virus infection in Indiana has been reported in Huntington County, State health officials announced Monday. Hoosiers are encouraged to take steps to protect themselves from West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne diseases.

In addition, mosquitoes in 27 counties have tested positive for the virus so far in 2015. Those counties include: Allen, Blackford, Boone, Clark, Clinton, Crawford, Delaware, Dubois, Elkhart, Floyd, Fulton, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Marion, Marshall, Miami, Montgomery, Morgan, Orange, Perry, Ripley, Shelby, Vanderburgh, Vigo, Wabash and Wells. However, West Nile virus may be circulating in all 92 Indiana counties and Hoosiers should take precautions to prevent mosquito bites.

"Unfortunately, this is the time of the year when West Nile virus infection is on the rise and Hoosiers are at a greater risk of getting West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne viruses," said State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H. "The good news though is that you can prevent these diseases by taking precautions like using insect repellent and wearing pants and long sleeves if you're walking in any wooded or marshy areas."

State health officials recommend the following preventative measures:

-Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are active (late afternoon and dusk to dawn and early morning);

-Apply insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus or para-menthane-diol to clothes and exposed skin;

-Install or repair screens on windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out of the home.

West Nile virus can cause West Nile fever, a mild form of the illness, which can include fever, headache, body aches, swollen lymph glands or a rash. Some individuals will develop a more severe form of the disease with encephalitis or meningitis and other severe syndromes, including flaccid muscle paralysis or even death.

To reduce potential mosquito breeding grounds:

-Discard old tires, tin cans, ceramic pots or other containers that can hold water;

-Repair failed septic systems;

-Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers left outdoors;

-Keep grass cut short and shrubbery trimmed;

-Clean clogged roof gutters, particularly if leaves tend to plug up the drains;

-Frequently replace the water in pet bowls;

-Flush ornamental fountains and bird-baths periodically; and,

-Aerate ornamental pools, or stock them with predatory fish.

People who think they may have West Nile virus should see their healthcare provider.

To learn more about West Nile virus, visit www.StateHealth.in.gov. For important health updates, follow the Indiana State Department of Health on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/isdh1.

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played a major role in bringing Youth First to the area. "The potential to lift up the lives of our area youth is one we strongly support," said Board Member Joe Williams.

Board Member and former Loogootee Mayor Don Bowling added: "Any and all effort in this area will pay lasting and rewarding dividends for generations to come."

"To be able to have a dedicated social worker in our school to reach our young people at a critical time in their lives is a sound investment," said Dan Gregory, community volunteer. "I encourage all area service organizations and individuals to support this program to enrich the lives of our area youth."

Gregory joins parent and pharmacist Melissa Courter and retired educator Beth Lett in rallying support and donations. For more information about how you can help, contact Wade Lowhorn, Vice President of Philanthropy at Youth First: 812-421-8336, ext. 102 or wlowhorn@youthfirstinc.org.

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EDNA ALLBRIGHT

Edna Jane Allbright passed away Monday, August 3, 2015, at Villa Court, in Fort Myers, Florida. A resident of Fort Myers, she was 98.

She was born in 1917; daughter of Everett and Gertrude Atkison.

She moved to Fort Myers, from Indianapolis, Indiana, after retirement from Capital Paper Company, in 1978. She was a member of the Cypress Lake Methodist Church, in Fort Myers, Florida, enjoying many special friends and activities there.

Survivors include one daughter, Julie Gomez; grandchildren, Kenneth Gomez, Teresa Gomez, Brian Gomez, Joseph Gomez, and Cristina Gomez Sperandeo; eight special great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; sister, Bonnie Elms, of Ormond Beach, Florida; one brother,

Everett Atkison, Jr. and wife Delorma, of Shoals; two sisters-in-law, Becky Atkinson, of Brownsburg, and Mary Lou Doty, of Timonium, Maryland.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Everett and Gertrude Atkison; husband, Noble; one brother, Russell Dean Atkison; and one sister, Iva Genevieve Olmsted.

As per her wishes, the body was cremated and will be buried in the Spring Hill Cemetery, in Shoals, following a private service.

VIOLETTE SCHREIBER

Violette Maxine Schreiber, formerly of Columbus, died at 1:05 p.m. August 14, 2015 at Our Hospice of South Central Indiana Inpatient Facility in Columbus. A resident of Nashville, she was 93.

She was born May 16, 1922 in Shoals.

Survivors include her daughters, Martha

Rebekah Becky (Bruce) Wooley of Chattanooga, Tennessee; Paula Marcene Renfro-Pike of Jacksonville, Florida; Nancy Ellen (Anthony) Martin of Edwardsville, Illinois; and Dinah Lee (Steven) Fortmeyer of Columbus; a brother, Dwight Crim of Fishers; sisters, Aloha King of Freemont, California, and Ioma Willis of Marion; 13

grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rowe Benton Schreiber.

Private burial will be at Bryantsville Church of Christ Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Our Hospice of South Central Indiana. Arrangements were made by Jewell-Rittman Family Funeral Home.

Memorial Hospital's Prayer and Presence offers unique volunteer opportunity

Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center is inviting individuals of the community to consider a very special and unique volunteer opportunity with a service called "Prayer and Presence." Prayer and Presence is a program that allows patients and their loved ones to use the time of suffering, illness, and dying as a path to wholeness. Through Prayer and Presence, patients who are seriously ill or near death are given the opportunity to never be alone; and will be provided with a companion to offer presence and prayer during this sacred time.

How does the Prayer and Presence Program work? Once a patient is recognized as nearing the end of life by hospital staff or family, the hospital chaplain will check with any available family member to see if the Prayer and Presence service is desired. At the family's request, a Prayer and Presence Program Volunteer will be called in to sit with the patient. In most cases, a schedule will be set up with the family to ensure the patient is never alone. Often, these visits are highly rewarding for the volunteer to be with an individual at such a sacred time as dying. As a volunteer, one must strive towards lifting spirits of the patient as well as

those of the family. Volunteers are reminded to respect the patients' beliefs, religion, individuality, and confidentiality.

The Prayer and Presence Program has been available to patients and their families since January 2011, following the recruitment and training of over 30 volunteers. This program flows from our mission of allowing "Christ's healing mission of compassion to empower us to be for others" As a volunteer, one would serve as a companion to patients in need of prayer and another person's presence.

Volunteers for the Prayer and Presence Program will be invited to attend an interview and preparation training that will consist of five formation sessions. These five sessions will cover a variety of topics that will equip the volunteer to feel comfortable in their role at the bedside of a seriously ill or dying patient. The interviews will be held the first week of September and the formation sessions will begin September 17. Deadline to apply is August 31.

To find out more information about Prayer and Presence at Memorial Hospital, please contact Deb Boyles at 812-996-0504 or dboyles@mhhcc.org.

Notes from the WIC Nutritionist

BY ELIZABETH WHITE
Martin County WIC Nutritionist

This year's World Breastfeeding Week theme is Breastfeeding: Let's Make it Work. As a breastfeeding mom you have a right to express your milk at work. There are both federal and state laws to support you. Indiana has two basic laws for expressing milk at work. The first law is for state and political subdivisions and the second is for all other workplaces. (HB 1510). Ind. Code § 5-10-6-2 and § 22-2-14-2 provide that state and political subdivisions shall provide for reasonable paid breaks for an employee to express breast milk for her infant, make reasonable efforts to provide a room or other location, other than a toilet stall, where the employee can express breast milk in private and make reasonable efforts to provide for a refrigerator to keep breast milk that has been expressed. The law also provides that employers with more than 25 employees must provide a private location, other than a toilet stall, where an

employee can express the employee's breast milk in private and if possible to provide a refrigerator for storing breast milk that has been expressed. Indiana State Department of Health.

Martin County WIC is here to answer any questions from employee or employer about breastfeeding and work.

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New Beginnings Church WEEKLY MESSAGE

BY ERNIE CANELL
Pastor, New Beginnings Church

Afterwards
Job 14

Let me ask you a question: Is there anyone here that goes through those times when things just don't seem right? Time when things seem to be against you even though you are trying to do your best? Those times that God seems so distant that you wonder whether God is there at all? ME TOO!

I want to tell you a story about a man that had everything going for him. He was following God and doing all the things that God wanted him to do. And he was truly blessed because of it. People respected him. He had wealth and big family. He owned everything he needed to take care of his children and have a nice retirement. In the Old Testament it was believed that is you follow God and do what is right and not sin against God that you would be blessed.

It says he had seven sons and three daughters. He possessed 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 female donkeys, and very many servants, so that this man was the greatest of all the people in the east. But then all of a sudden things started going bad. They were raided by a group called the Sabeans who took the oxen and the donkeys and killed the servants. Then a fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants. The Chaldeans made a raid and took the camels and killed the servants. Then his sons and daughters were eating and drinking at the older brother's home and the wind came and blew over the house and killed them all.

Job was devastated. You know what he did? He tore his robe shaved his head and fell to the ground and worshipped. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord. In other words he never blamed God with wrong.

But he wasn't done. He was struck with sores from the sole of his feet to the crown of his head. He took a piece of broken pottery with which he used to scrape the sores off himself. I don't think he was having a good day?

But there was something going on behind the scene that he didn't know about. God and Satan were having discussions in heaven. God asked Satan, "where have you come?" He said from going to and fro on the earth, from walking up and down on it. Have you considered my servant Job? There is none like him on the earth. He is a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns from evil. Satan said well he only fears you because you have taken care of him and you have put a hedge of protection around him and blessed everything he does. Take that away and he will curse you. God told him, to go ahead and try.

God and Satan spoke again after Job had lost his possessions and family. Satan came back with, "If you take his health he will curse you."

There are things that are beyond us that are going on. Sometimes God allows us to go through what has been known as the "dark night of the soul". A time when you seem to be in a spiritual depression. It was something that made David a man after God's own heart soak his pillow in tears. Or causes Jeremiah to be known as the weeping prophet. It so inflicted Martin Luther that it almost destroyed him. It is not ordinary depression. It comes when one senses the absence of God or give rise to a feeling of abandonment. We all can go through a time of spiritual lows. A time where we may say, "Lord help me with my unbelief."

There is a promise from 2 Corinthians 4:7-10, "We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down but not destroyed always carrying in the body the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our bodies."

It is limited. It will come to an end. God made it clear that it will happen to about everyone.

Job felt hopeless and wondered where God was when he was trying to vindicate himself for all he was going through. There is no chance if he was going to die to make it right. This life is all you got to be right with God. There is no second chance after death. But he was in despair because he knew he had not done anything to deserve this treatment from God. Job continued to examine what he had done in life and he argued that he had done right in every way. Help the poor, fed the hungry, clothed the naked - and worshipped God in every way. But it seemed the more he reached out to God the more evil was done to him. He would ask, "What did I do to deserve this God?" It was the wrong question. It was not something he did. Although we have to examine ourselves and find if there is any evil in us we must repent of it and turn away from it and trust God for the results. Job trusted God and did not blame God for anything. He just wanted to argue his case that he had been good and righteous and didn't deserve this.

But afterwards!!! After we come to the realization that we have to trust God; after we understand that God wants to replace the self in us with Him; after we understand that God wants more for us that we could ever think or imagine. Then God is going to show us what's in store for those who will follow Him with all their heart, soul, mind and strength. God will not leave you or forsake you. But it starts with having a personal relationship with Him. He loves you so much and will bring a times of refreshing and revival when we trust and surrender to Him.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 10

12:24 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:43 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department handled the case.

4:09 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road near Shoals. Shoals Fire Department removed the tree.

5:10 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm north of Loogootee. Corporal Baker checked the area.

5:24 a.m. - Received a report of cars broken in to in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

7:38 a.m. - Received a report of a missing child in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee took the call.

12:41 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

12:48 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. All units were notified.

1:40 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene performed an inmate transport.

2:15 p.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted the department of child services with a welfare check north of Shoals.

3:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:36 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance in Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, and Sgt Keller responded.

8:04 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

8:27 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver headed into Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was advised.

9:45 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Sgt Keller was advised.

11:06 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Sgt Keller is working the case.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

9:00 a.m. - Received report of a tree across the road south of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department was contacted to remove the tree.

10:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

10:55 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to the doctor.

12:21 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted the department of child services with a welfare check south of Shoals.

1:05 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

1:30 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

2:00 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

4:00 p.m. - Sgt Keller took four inmates to court.

6:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance did not transport.

7:00 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Crane. Chief Deputy Greene and Sgt Keller investigated.

8:12 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee on US Hwy 50. Corporal Baker responded.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

5:27 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded and all was okay.

6:17 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Captain Dant worked the case.

7:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Captain Dant and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:40 a.m. - Major Burkhardt transported

one inmate to Daviess County Jail.

1:25 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

2:35 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee took the call.

3:58 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire near Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was advised.

4:22 p.m. - Received a report of a truck littering on US Hwy. 50, west of Shoals. Sgt Keller was advised.

4:50 p.m. - Received a medical alarm near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance did not transport.

5:10 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver headed into Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was advised.

5:15 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was advised.

6:08 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle north of Shoals. Major Burkhardt and Sgt Keller responded.

7:43 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:46 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:10 p.m. - Received a report of a fight in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department, Sgt Keller, and Corporal Baker responded.

10:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

8:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:12 a.m. - Received a report of a truck blocking the road south of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

1:30 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took two inmates to court.

4:49 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:29 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation north of Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Corporal Baker, and ISP Sexton responded.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

6:01 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded and all was okay.

7:25 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

7:35 a.m. - Received a request for motorist assistance west of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene took the call.

10:15 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee on US 231. Major Burkhardt took the call.

11:19 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

1:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

1:30 p.m. - Major Burkhardt transported three inmates to court.

1:30 p.m. - Sheriff Roush transported two inmates to court.

4:53 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, south of Loogootee. All units were advised.

5:26 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south on US 231. All units were advised.

5:47 p.m. - Received a report of a truck in the ditch near Loogootee. Deputy McBeth

took the call.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

2:07 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

7:21 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south on US 231. Loogootee Captain Akles was notified.

9:25 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

12:29 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

1:16 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Major Burkhardt, ISP Trooper Sexton, Shoals Fire Department, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

1:21 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. ISP Trooper Sexton, Lost River Fire Department, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

2:09 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

3:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Williams Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Dunn Hospital.

4:20 p.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt spoke with the owner.

6:54 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism near Loogootee. Deputy McBeth took the call.

8:49 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

7:18 a.m. - Received a report of someone in the woods near Shoals. Sgt Keller responded and was able to help the subject.

11:29 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm north of Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

1:10 p.m. - Received a report of an acci-

JAIL BOOKINGS

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

4:58 p.m. - Ashton Pottorff, 18, of Shoals, was arrested by Sgt. Keller and charged with battery and is being held without bond.

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11:45 a.m. - Robert Neukam, 47, of Free-landville, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on a warrant for impersonating a police officer. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

1:10 p.m. - Jacqueline Davis, 51, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennessee for possession of marijuana. Loogootee Police Canine, Roxy, gave a positive indication of the presence of illegal drugs in the stopped car occupied by Davis. A search of the vehicle resulted in marijuana being located inside the vehicle. Davis is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

7:57 p.m. - Donald Hawkins, 44, Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Sexton and charged with habitual traffic violator and operating a vehicle while intoxicated refusal. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

8:05 p.m. - Tracy Parker, 47, of Shoals, was arrested by Corporal Baker and charged with domestic battery and child neglect. Her bond has been set at \$30,000 10%.

8:17 p.m. - Glen Cundiff, 56, of Shoals, was arrested by Corporal Baker and charged with domestic battery and child neglect. He is being held without bond.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

7:23 p.m. - Adam Vonderheide, 29, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Sexton and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

dent south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department, Martin County Ambulance, and Sgt Keller responded. No one was transported.

2:08 p.m. - Received a report of a dumpster fire in Crane. Loogootee Fire Department and Crane Fire responded.

Teacher Protection Act offers teachers defense from discipline lawsuits

With the start of the new school year, public school teachers in Indiana should check their mailboxes for an important legal notice from the Indiana Attorney General's Office about their legal rights under the Teacher Protection Act and other state laws.

Required by a statute the Legislature passed this session, the legal notification letter to public school teachers is issued by the Indiana Attorney General's Office with the assistance of the Indiana Education Employment Relations Board and Indiana Department of Education. The notice is being sent to approximately 65,000 teachers statewide.

One of the rights of public school teachers is the 2009 Teacher Protection Act, which is intended to protect teachers when they use appropriate and necessary discipline to maintain classroom decorum. The law provides a teacher with qualified immunity from civil lawsuits that might be filed against them by students they disciplined, provided the teacher's actions were within the school's discipline policies. If sued by a student or parent of a student over an appropriate disciplinary action, the teacher has the right to receive free legal representation in court from the Attorney General's Office.

"The Teacher Protection Act was passed out of concerns that school insurance carriers were routinely settling school-discipline lawsuits for nuisance value, and that paying a settlement check to make a case go away and not providing the teacher a legal defense served only to undermine school discipline and instill a lack of respect for the teacher's classroom authority. Teachers now have qualified legal immunity and can obtain legal representation from my office, which we hope will empower them to discipline when necessary without fear of expensive frivolous lawsuits," Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller said.

From 2009 until this year, state law required that teachers receive the annual legal notice about the Teacher Protection Act from the Attorney General's Office and DOE by electronic mail. This session, the Legislature passed Senate Enrolled Act 566 (Public Law 239-2015) which updated the statutory notice procedure and its timing, and required that the Attorney General's Office send the notice letter to public school teachers by first class U.S. mail to their home addresses, rather than by email, in order to reach more recipients. Also, in SEA 566 the Legislature specified the letter include notifications about various other legal rights teachers have under existing state laws, such as:

The right of teachers to organize and engage in collective bargaining for salaries, wages or fringe benefits from their school corporations.

The requirement that teacher performance evaluation plans be discussed with teachers or their bargaining representatives; and the right of teachers to discuss their own performance evaluations with evaluators.

The right of freedom of association that protects teachers from employment retaliation for affiliating with organizations; and the right of teachers to run as candidates for public office as long as doing so does not impair a teacher's effectiveness or performance of contract obligations.

More information is at this link: www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/teacherprotection.htm.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

2:43 a.m. - Female caller reported a theft from her vehicle.

5:24 a.m. - Caller reported a theft from a vehicle at Sunset Trailer Court.

7:38 a.m. - Female caller reported her son had run away. Juvenile was later located in French Lick.

12:41 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

1:05 p.m. - Female caller reported a theft.

5:29 p.m. - Caller reported children without seatbelts. Officer Nolan later located the vehicle and the driver was cited for driving while suspended.

11:30 a.m. - Caller reported property damage.

9:37 p.m. - Officer Nolan cleared the high school parking lot due to a reckless driving complaint.

10:47 p.m. - Caller reported a battery.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

4:00 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a field fire on Mt. Pleasant Road.

5:12 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

5:18 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

5:29 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

7:52 p.m. - First responders were requested on Redbud Street for a medical call.

7:53 p.m. - Caller reported a dog without water and shelter. Officer Nolan checked on the dog.

10:11 p.m. - Caller reported a verbal dispute on Broadway Street.

10:58 p.m. - First responders were requested on North Kentucky Avenue for a medical call.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

Martin County real estate transfers

Phillip Emmons, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joseph N. Blazier II and Princillo J. Blazier**, of Martin County, Indiana, commencing at the southeast corner of the north half of the north half of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing .05 acres, more or less.

Joseph Blazier and Princillo J. Blazier, of Martin County, Indiana to **Tarin K. Pendley**, of Martin County, Indiana, commencing at the southeast corner of the north half of the north half of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing .05 acres, more or less.

R. Joseph Howell and Kimberly M. Howell, of Martin County, Indiana to **Michael L. Bays and Nicole D. Bays**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 12 in

the First North Addition in the City of Loogootee, Indiana. Also, Lot Number 13 in the First North Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Shoals Agribusiness, L.P., of Marion County, Indiana to **John W. Butler and Mindy Butler-Olson and Wesley R. Butler**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the north half of the northwest quarter of Section 21, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3.762 acres, more or less.

Deanna L. Bauernfiend, formerly known as Deanna Lynn Tarr to **Walton W. Hembree and Kayla D. Hembree**, a part of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 10, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 4.84 acres.

3:50 p.m. - Caller reported a suicidal male. Male was later transported to Good Samaritan.

4:05 p.m. - Caller reported glass in the roadway.

9:49 p.m. - Caller reported property damage.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

6:01 a.m. - Captain Akles responded to a business alarm.

7:25 a.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

11:19 a.m. - First responders were requested on Queen Street for a medical call.

4:54 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

5:28 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231. Officer Nolan located the vehicle.

7:42 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

9:18 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

2:07 a.m. - Caller requested an officer escort a female off his property.

7:21 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

11:01 a.m. - Caller reported an abandoned vehicle at Gasoline Alley.

12:29 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on North Line Street.

2:09 p.m. - Caller reported a theft from his vehicle.

4:48 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on 1200 East.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

5:50 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

7:55 p.m. - Caller reported her son had run off and requested an officer help look for him. Subject was later located.

8:07 p.m. - Received a report of a drive off at Chuckles.

Knox County man falsely identifies himself as a deputy sheriff

Martin County: A Knox County man is in jail after falsely identifying himself as a reserve deputy sheriff to a state trooper during a traffic stop.

On August 7, Senior Trooper Jarrod Lents conducted a traffic stop on Robert Neukam, 48, of Freelandville, on US 231 in Martin County for failing to use his turn signal during a lane change. During the traffic stop, Neukam presented Trooper Lents with an identification card indicating he was a reserve deputy sheriff in Knox County. Lents asked Neukam if he was a police officer, to which Neukam replied that he was a reserve deputy. Neukam additionally informed Lents that he had left his badge at home. Trooper Lents contacted the Knox County Sheriff's Department and learned that Neukam had not been a reserve deputy for two years, and that his badge had been taken by the sheriff.

After consulting with the Martin County Prosecutor's Office, an affidavit for probable cause was filed and an arrest warrant was issued through the Martin County

Court. Trooper Lents and Master Trooper Gary Wier arrested Neukam on August 15, without incident, and lodged him in the Martin County Jail for the Level 6 Felony charge, **ROBERT NEUKAM** impersonation of a public servant (police officer).



Accident report

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

6:15 p.m. - Charles A. Odell, of Washington, was eastbound on Broadway Street operating a 1998 Honda, when he merged into the outside lane and struck a 2014 Freightliner operated by Ryan Betz, of West Baden. Officer Nolan investigated.

Classified ADS

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

The Indiana State Fair continues through this weekend. I have made two trips to the fairgrounds in Indianapolis lately, one to judge in the horticulture building and the other to enjoy the fair. While this year's weather definitely had an effect on the number of entries in the 4-H garden project, the total fair experience is greater than ever.

This year, the fair theme is "The Year of the Farmer", and that theme is used throughout the fairgrounds. Horticulturally speaking, the theme is borne out in some great educational displays about Indiana's crops. The Glass Barn features an educational game where players can learn about the importance of Indiana farmers in our food supply. Everyone who finds all of the answers for the game card wins a hat from the Indiana Soybean Farmers. The Indiana Farm Bureau building also offers a game to answer questions about Indiana crops. Farm Bureau continues to give everyone a sample of one of Indiana's top crops—popcorn. Indiana ranks second in the United States in popcorn production.

The water quality educational walk is actually a walk through gardens and forest land. The display includes signs explaining the importance of plants in preventing erosion and in purifying our water supply. Pens or water gauges are given as prizes for answering questions.

Of course, both the harvest building and the Purdue Horticulture Building offer exhibits of interest to gardeners. Visitors will notice the paucity of vegetables in the horticulture building. All of the vegetables in the 4-H project exhibits were removed right after being judged. They were donated to programs to feed the hungry. Still, there is plenty to see in the building, ranging from flowers to Christmas trees. A wonderful display of bonsai trees by the Indianapolis Bonsai Society will astound anyone who has even a small interest in that ancient art. Indiana Beekeepers and the Gourd Society

also have displays. Master Gardeners from around the state man an information booth to answer gardening questions and promote the Master Gardening program.

The Department of Natural Resources building offers more educational programs for garden lovers. Throughout the building are displays with literature promoting trees and other forestry products. A major emphasis is put on the control of invasive species. Outside the DNR building is the butterfly garden with the butterfly enclosure where one may be able to watch a butterfly emerge from its cocoon.

The Pioneer Village gardens, the greenhouse, the Purdue Display Gardens and the FFA Pavilion all offer chances to learn about growing food and other important plants. Many demonstrations of traditional crafts and amazing new technology will occupy a lot of a visitor's time.

Throughout the fairgrounds are plots of flowers and crops. With the plentiful rain this year, most of those areas are quite lush with plants. It was fun to see the animal topiaries in the Kiddieland Midway area. The topiaries are relatively new to the fair, and it is fun to see how they have developed over the past couple of years.

The Angie's List display garden is perhaps the most beautiful garden at the fairgrounds. Maintained by an Indianapolis area landscape company, the garden is lush with shrubs, perennials and annuals, all of which are near peak. I do not remember another year when the gardens were so near perfect at fair time.

You have until Sunday to get out and enjoy one of the best state fairs in the country. View the gardens, do some shopping at the numerous vendor displays, visit all of the exhibits, see the animals and eat some fair food. The fair is a great value and a wonderful learning experience for all ages.

DNR put-and-take pheasant hunt fee increasing

The fee for put-and-take pheasant hunts at DNR Fish & Wildlife Areas will increase from \$25 to \$28 for the 2015-16 season.

The fee increase is due to increasing costs in acquiring pheasants.

Pheasants are released for put-and-take hunting on Atterbury, Glendale, J.E. Roush Lake, Pigeon River (west of S.R. 3), Tri-County, Willow Slough and Winamac FWAs.

The bag limit is two birds of either sex, except at Pigeon River, Willow Slough and Winamac FWAs, where the limit is two roosters only.

Hunters can reserve put-and-take pheasant hunts at hunting.IN.gov/5834.htm from September 1 until midnight on November 29. Registration is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

No hunts can be reserved at the property.



-Photos provided

Shown above is the Fuhs family receiving the Hoosier Homestead Award. Shown below is the Danhafer family receiving the Hoosier Homestead Award.



Rep. Braun congratulates local families on long-standing farms

State Representative Mike Braun (R-Jasper) congratulates the Danhafer and Fuhs families of Dubois County for receiving the Hoosier Homestead Award. The awards were presented by Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann at the Indiana State Fair.

The Hoosier Homestead Award Program recognizes farming families who have owned and operated the same farm for 100 years or more. Families who have owned a farm for 100 years were presented with centennial awards, while those with 150 and 200 years of ownership were presented with sesquicentennial and bicentennial awards respectively.

The Danhafer Farm, located in Dubois County, has been in operation since 1913. They received the centennial award for 100 years of ownership. The Fuhs family owns three farms, also in Dubois County, which have been in operation since 1861, 1889 and 1910. They received one sesquicentennial award for 150 years of ownership and two centennial awards.

"I applaud the Danhafer and Fuhs families for their contributions to our state's agricultural industry," said Rep. Braun. "Owning and operating a farm for over 100 years is a great achievement, and I am proud they were able to represent our local farming community at the state fair."

The program was established in 1976 to acknowledge the contributions made by farming families to Indiana's economy, reputation and overall advancement. Since its inauguration, the program has recognized more than 5,000 farms for their dedication to Hoosier agriculture.

Two awards ceremonies are held each year, in the spring and summer, to commemorate the achievements of the many outstanding Hoosier farmers across the state. For more information on the Hoosier Homestead Award Program, visit www.in.gov/isda/2337.htm.

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

Extension publication provides two-year plan for beginning cover crop farmers

BY ASPEN DENO
Purdue University News Service

A new Purdue Extension publication offers farmers a basic introduction and step-by-step instructions for using cover crops in a corn-soybean rotation.

The publication, An Introduction to Integrating Cover Crops Into a Corn-Soybean Rotation, is intended for farmers who are new to using cover crops. It describes the essential principles for developing successful cover crop systems, including adjusting the planter and planting practices, scouting for insects and using good-quality seed.

"Cover crops have many potential benefits, but farmers need to manage them carefully to avoid or reduce the risks to crop production," writes lead author Eileen Kladvko, professor of agronomy.

The plan presented in the publication involves no-till farming methods, a system designed to conserve fertile topsoil from year to year.

The initial steps to implementing a cover crop system, as explained in the publication:

- * Plant cereal rye into corn stalks. This versatile cover crop is winter-hardy and can provide benefits if planted in late fall.
- * Terminate in spring. The authors suggest killing cereal rye when the plants are 6-12 inches tall or two weeks before planting soybeans.
- * No-till plant soybean into cereal rye. Take the earliest maturity soybean group for the farm and plant it first in the fields that will go to cover crops in the fall.
- * Plant cover crops that die over the winter. A mixture of oats and daikon radishes are a good choice.
- * No-till plant corn into the dead cover crop. If a few cover crop plants are present in spring, a normal burn-down herbicide program will kill the plants.

The publication is available free for download at Purdue Extension's The Education Store at www.edustore.purdue.edu. Search for product number AY-353-W.

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Sustainable Indiana 2016 launches statewide Legacy Project

BY SHANNON ANDERSON
Sustainable Indiana 2016

The Tree of Hope Project celebrates Hoosier forestry

What could be a more fitting monument to the Indiana Bicentennial celebration than a tree? Our State Constitution was drafted under a mighty elm and our history is filled with famous trees. Sustainable Indiana 2016, a Legacy Project of the Indiana Bicentennial Commission (IBC), invites you to take part in the newly endorsed Bicentennial Tree of Hope Project.

All around the state, we will be dedicating newly planted trees as symbols of hope and sustainability for the next 200 years and as a pledge of our commitment to caring for Indiana trees and forests as a legacy to future generations of Hoosiers. Here's the best part: anyone can get involved!

Our state's history in the last 200 years has not been kind to our trees. Before statehood, 20 of Indiana's 23 million acres were forests,

resembling the woodland states of the Atlantic far more than the prairie of Kansas. By the early 1900s, 90 percent of Indiana's forests were cleared for farming. Today, approximately 4.7 million acres of forests stand, about 20 percent of the state compared to the 87 percent that once was.

Only a few areas of untouched, primeval forest remain and tree species loss has been staggering. Diversity and old growth forest is critical for protecting vulnerable species such as the Indiana Bat. Trees protect our water resources in the air and ground, guard against soil erosion, and even provide natural air conditioning. Trees are our planet's lungs, they breathe in what we exhale, reliably converting carbon dioxide into oxygen through photosynthesis.

As our towns and cities grow, generating ever more carbon dioxide, we need ever more trees to control atmospheric ratios. Rapid deforestation is burning the candle at both ends; we are driving the delicate ratio of carbon dioxide in the air ever upwards.

Sustainable Indiana 2016 has made a commitment to do better by our forests, air, water, and future generations of Hoosiers in honor

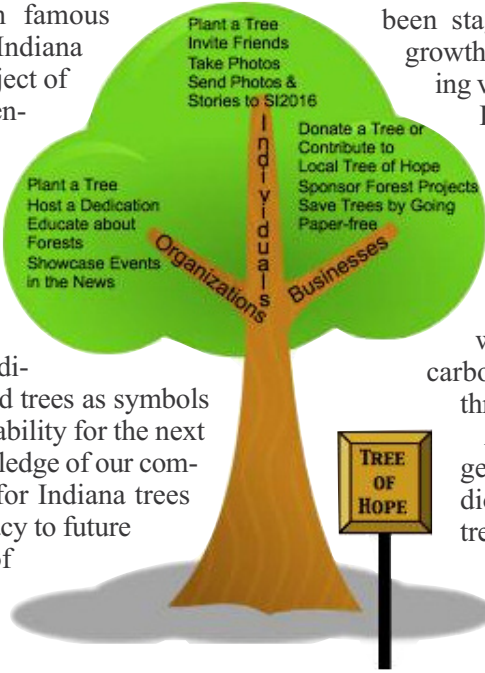
of our State's 200th year. As part of that legacy, we are encouraging everyone to plant a commemorative Tree of Hope and discuss the future of trees and forests in their communities. We urge schools and churches; parks and businesses; individuals and civic leaders to plant and protect Hoosier trees.

We have enjoyed watching saplings start their lives as Trees of Hope around Indiana. For example the ten young cypress trees planted in Evansville as part of the city's Arbor Day Celebration. Trees of Hope now grace the historic Dunham House in Kempton and Manchester University, among other places.

For tree advocates, discover how your community is promoting forests and make this your opportunity to contribute. Perhaps the Bicentennial Tree of Hope you plant now will be a witness to Indiana's next fascinating 200 years.

Find out more about the Tree of Hope Project on our website: <http://sustainableindiana2016.org/treeofhope/>

If you submit pictures of your Tree of Hope project, we will gladly share them on our social media pages. We will select a winner before May 1, 2016, who will receive official Tree of Hope recognition. Sustainable Indiana 2016 can be found online at www.sustainableindiana2016.org on Facebook at www.facebook.com/si2016 on Twitter @si2016 or on Instagram at SustainableIndiana2016.



Tree-stand and ground-blind rules change

The date range to set up and leave portable tree stands and ground blinds on state and federal lands is now noon on September 15 through January 10 the next year.

Another change this year is that hunters now can mark their stands and blinds with their DNR- issued customer identification number or their name and address.

The previous rule allowed hunters to leave portable tree stands or blinds overnight on state and federal properties between September 1 and January 10, and required the owner to mark the blind with name, address and telephone number.

Any tree stand or ground blind placed before noon on September 15 on state- and federal-owned lands is subject to removal. All blinds and stands must be removed by January 11.

Tree and ground blinds cannot be permanent. Fasteners or pole climbers cannot enter the tree more than one-half inch.

For questions on hunting regulations at a specific property, contact each property directly.

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Michael Updike and his father William E. (Bill) Updike unveil the rendering of Updike Hall - Center for Engineering, Science, and Mathematics during groundbreaking ceremonies at Vincennes University last Wednesday. Assisting them were VU Vice President Phil Rath (left) and Dick Helton, who recently retired as VU's President. A 1968 alumnus of VU, Bill Updike announced a \$2 million lead gift for the facility that will be named in honor of his family. He served from 2001 to 2013 on the VU Foundation Board and continues his service as an emeritus member.

VU breaks ground on \$27 million Center for Science, Engineering, and Mathematics

Vincennes University officials announced last Wednesday that its new \$27 million Center for Science, Engineering, and Mathematics will be named Updike Hall in honor of the family of William E. (Bill) Updike, Indianapolis, a 1968 VU alumnus.

The highlight of the groundbreaking ceremony was the announcement that the Updike family has made a \$2 million lead gift for the 85,740 square-foot facility.

"It is one of the best universities in Indiana and it needs all the support it can get. I'm glad I am able to do this and I would like to see other people, who are able to, to step forward," Updike said.

"I had a good experience at VU. I enjoyed every minute of it and I liked the instructors," Updike said, recalling that his wife, Elizabeth, is a Vincennes native whom he met when he was a VU student.

Today, Updike is president and owner of CMA Supply Company, a multi-million dollar firm with locations in Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, Louisville, Cincinnati, South Bend, and Toledo. The company has provided concrete and masonry supplies to the construction industry throughout the U.S. since 1978.

Updike served from 2001 to 2013 as a member of the VU Foundation Board, continuing his service today as an emeritus member, having a similar record of service on the Indiana State University Foundation Board.

Recalling his good relationships with past VU presidents Isaac K. Beckes and Phillip Summers, as well as the good work of recently retired VU President Dick Helton, Updike said, "I like the direction VU is going. I talked several times to Dick Helton and Phil Rath about this project and it seemed like the right thing to do, to help out with it."

After attending VU, Updike earned a degree in Marketing in 1971 from Indiana State University where he is strong supporter of its College of Technology construction programs, receiving their distinguished "Partner in Excellence" award in 2006.

He resides in Indianapolis with his wife. They enjoy spending time with their children, Michael (Kena) and Emily (Jeff Pressler) and grandchildren.

"I've talked to my family and they are extremely excited about the naming of the building. VU is very important to me and I plan to continue to do as much as I can to help the school," Updike said.

Updike Hall will feature cutting edge labs for engineering as well as chemistry, physics, biology, and earth, environmental, and agricultural sciences.

"This building will literally change the look of Vincennes University. But more im-

portantly, it will project us further down the road for future curricular development, helping us develop more programming and pedagogies - new ways to attract, retain, and educate students. I think it will really have a major impact on helping Indiana meet its STEM education needs," said VU Interim President Chuck Johnson.

The Indiana General Assembly approved \$27 million for the Center in the biennial budget that was adopted in April.

The general contractor for the project is Krempp Construction, Jasper; the mechanical contractor is B&S Plumbing & Heating, Terre Haute; the electrical contractor is AAA Electric, Terre Haute; site preparation contractor is Kerns Excavating, Bicknell; and the architect is Gibraltar Design, Inc., Indianapolis.

VU President Emeritus Dick Helton, who retired on July 31, returned to campus to offer remarks about the new facility. Other speakers included VU Interim President Chuck Johnson; Phillip Rath, vice president for Financial Services and Government Relations; Paul Wilder, dean of the College of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics, and Bill Updike.

USDA designates 53 Indiana counties as primary natural disaster areas

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has designated 53 counties in Indiana as primary natural disaster areas due to damages and losses caused by excessive rain and flooding that occurred during the period of May 1, 2015, and continues. Those counties are: Adams, Allen, Bartholomew, Blackford, Boone, Brown, Cass, Clay, Dearborn, Delaware, Fountain, Gibson, Grant, Greene, Hendricks, Henry, Howard, Huntington, Jackson, Jasper, Jay, Jefferson, Jennings, Johnson, Knox, Kosciusko, Lake, LaPorte, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Miami, Monroe, Montgomery, Newton, Ohio, Pike, Porter, Pulaski, Putnam, Randolph, Ripley, St. Joseph, Scott, Starke, Sullivan, Switzerland, Tippecanoe, Vigo, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, and Wells

"Our hearts go out to those Indiana farmers affected by recent natural disasters," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "President Obama and I are committed to ensuring that agriculture remains a bright spot in our nation's economy by sustaining the successes of America's farmers and rural communities through these difficult times. We're also telling Indiana producers that USDA stands with you and your communities when severe weather and natural disasters threaten to disrupt your livelihood."

Farmers in the following counties in Indi-

Governor authorizes hiring of 113 department of child services caseworkers

Last Thursday, Governor Mike Pence announced the authorization of 113 additional department of child services (DCS) caseworkers to meet demand caused by increased cases across the state. This authorization comes before DCS presents its annual report to the state budget committee on Friday, August 14.

"This authorization for 113 more DCS caseworkers is all about putting kids first," said Governor Pence. "We want to make sure that we're not only meeting our statutory obligations, but also that we're doing right by our kids. There is simply no higher priority than the safety of the children in this state, and I am confident that by hiring these additional caseworkers, we can help ensure that our dedicated personnel at DCS are able to provide children in difficult circumstances with the time and attention they deserve."

The state is adding 113 new caseworkers to become compliant with caseload standards, based on June 2015 caseload numbers. DCS will immediately begin to fill these roles to ensure the proper amount of personnel who can investigate and provide supervision for vulnerable children in Indiana.

In State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2015, Govern-

nor Pence called for the legislature to appropriate \$7.5 million each year of the FY 16/17 biennium to DCS to fund 100 family case managers and 17 family case manager supervisor positions. All of the 100 family case managers have been created and filled through State Personnel Department. In SFY 2014, DCS added an additional 110 family case manager positions, and in SFY 2013, DCS added 136 family case manager positions and 75 family case manager supervisor positions.

"Children are being abused and neglected at an unprecedented rate in Indiana. In fact, from July 2014 to July 2015 the number of children entering into the DCS system has increased by 26 percent," said DCS Director, Mary Beth Bonaventura. "There is nothing more important than keeping the children and families we serve, safe; and providing the necessary support to our frontline staff is paramount to accomplishing our mission."

In March, the DCS released the findings from an independent workload and caseload analysis of the agency by Deloitte Consulting. The final report included 10 strategic and tactical recommendations to improve outcomes for Hoosier children and families, including additional staff.

Tyner: High gasoline prices likely to stay around for a while

BY KEITH ROBINSON
Purdue University News Service

Gasoline prices that spiked in Indiana and some other Midwest states in recent days likely will remain high until a unit at a refinery in northern Indiana is repaired, Purdue University energy economist Wally Tyner says.

One of three lines at the BP's refinery in Whiting, Indiana, is down and is expected to remain so for several weeks. The refinery is the largest in the country outside the Gulf of Mexico.

"Prices went up very quickly once the severity of the outage was clear," Tyner said. "The prices will remain high until

Whiting comes back on, although they may drop down a bit as some supply comes in from other regions."

The unit that is shut down produces about 7 million gallons of gasoline and diesel a day, and Indiana consumes about 16.8 million gallons a day, Tyner said. The loss from the shutdown is equivalent to about 40 percent of Indiana's consumption.

Tyner expects the impact of the outage to be felt primarily in Indiana, Illinois and Michigan, regions closest to the Whiting refinery.

"Crude oil price continues to be very low, so most other regions will not be affected much," he said.

ana also qualify for natural disaster assistance because their counties are contiguous. Those counties are: Benton, Carroll, Clark, Clinton, Crawford, Daviess, Decatur, DeKalb, Dubois, Elkhart, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Hancock, Harrison, Lawrence, Martin, Morgan, Noble, Orange, Owen, Parke, Posey, Rush, Shelby, Tipton, Union, Vanderburgh, Vermillion, Warren, Warrick, White, and Whitley

Farmers in the following counties in Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio also qualify for natural disaster assistance because their counties are contiguous. Those counties are:

Illinois: Clark, Cook, Crawford, Edgar, Iroquois, Kankakee, Lawrence, Wabash, White and Will

Kentucky: Boone, Carroll, Gallatin and Trimble

Michigan: Berrien and Cass

Ohio: Butler, Darke, Defiance, Hamilton, Mercer, Paulding, Preble, and Van Wert

All counties listed above were designated natural disaster areas on August 12, 2015, making all qualified farm operators in the designated areas eligible for low interest emergency (EM) loans from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for loans to help cover part of their actual losses. FSA will

consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. FSA has a variety of programs, in addition to the EM loan program, to help eligible farmers recover from adversity.

Additional programs available to assist farmers include the Emergency Conservation Program, The Livestock Forage Disaster Program, the Livestock Indemnity Program, the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program, and the Tree Assistance Program. Interested farmers may contact their local USDA Service Centers for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs. Additional information is also available online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



17 THINGS PEOPLE WHO'VE EVER LIVED IN A SMALL TOWN UNDERSTAND

1. No one knows where your town is. Whenever someone asks where you're from, your standard response is, "You probably haven't heard of it. It's about an hour south of Bloomington."
2. Of course, the other person will undoubtedly deny that they haven't heard of it, ask for the name, and then laugh and exclaim, "Yep! Never heard of it."
3. Then you get legitimately weirded out when people have heard of your town. You came through on BUSINESS three years ago? What do you do?
4. Nightlife = LOL. All shops/bars/entertainment options are closed by 9 p.m.
5. Getting any type of chain store is life changing. In fact, you rank the day you found out that a Walmart was opening semi-nearby as one of the top moments of your life. It basically goes something like: a. Births, b. Weddings/Engagements, c. Graduations, d. Walmart.
6. Team sports will always be a big deal. Even if you're not a big sports fan, you still get oddly defensive if anyone criticizes your high school team. It's just in your blood. Or maybe in the water.
7. Downtown = fancy name for street with the most shops.
8. High school dating was awkward, because there was always a good chance you were friends with their ex.
9. Okay fine. It was all but guaranteed that you were friends with their ex. There may be plenty of fish in the sea, but you were living in a tiny pond! YOU HAD VERY LIMITED OPTIONS, DARNIT.
10. There are no secrets. None. Unless you locked yourself in a windowless, soundproof room, someone you know definitely saw you sneak that cigarette, and the rest of the com-

munity will know by end-of-day tomorrow.
11. Everyone knows everyone. Even if you don't know them personally, you know their face and probably have a very specific nickname for them, like "James Dean look-alike that sometimes hangs out with Greg Winthrop."

12. Getting featured in the local papers isn't a huge deal. The paper is basically the Oprah of your town. You get an article! And you get an article! EVERYONE GETS AN ARTICLE!!!

13. But everyone will make sure you receive their copy of that issue, because you can never have enough copies of that article congratulating you on getting "Science Student of the Week."

14. Shopping trips take twice as long as they should, because you're guaranteed to run into at least five people with juicy gossip.

15. Visiting family in a big city is an absolute culture shock. What do you mean you don't know your neighbors? Who feeds your dog when you're out of town???

16. You're an expert at entertaining yourself, because the chances that there wasn't anything groundbreaking to do within an hour's drive was about 100%.

17. Just going for a drive is a completely legitimate activity (and one of your favorite pastimes).

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Loogootee Economic Development Brief



By Andy Kyger
Director of Economic Development - City of Loogootee

In the ongoing effort to attract investment here in our community, I have spoken with around 10 development companies who have expressed sincere interest in investing in our community. That is up until they learn that we here in Loogootee do not have a zoning ordinance. Zoning is a potentially controversial issue with all communities. Some communities issue zoning regulations which are extreme in nature, but most communities utilize their zoning ordinances to accomplish development goals. Zoning is the primary tool utilized by communities to achieve the goals set forth in their comprehensive plans.

The primary reason why developers, and many property owners, want a zoning ordinance in place is, while there are certain compromises, the benefit of knowing who your neighbors will be or can be. For example, if you were to invest \$200,000 to build or buy a home in a city, you would undoubtedly like to know that at some point in the future the next lot over would not be permitted to be used as a meat-packing plant or perhaps a hog operation. Zoning allows the city government to provide for all property owners certain protections for their property values. As property values rise, more developers view the place as a good investment, with increased investment comes greater prosperity.

By pursuing development investment, especially in providing more quality housing options for our existing and future population,

the city is in fact helping to drive greater employment in the area in the building trades. Along with increased housing options comes more people and with more people comes greater interest from manufacturers, technology companies, and business offices, thus further driving economic prosperity in the area.

If larger populations are not desirable in an area, then zoning laws can be utilized to promote tourism, and to protect an area from over-development. This is done through the use of a subdivision ordinance which is a companion to most zoning ordinances. Subdivision ordinances spell out to future land developers how they must comply with city laws. By enacting such an ordinance, the city ensures to future generations that the city will grow in a responsible, well thought out manner and not, like so many suburban places, a sprawled out snarl of traffic jams.

As I have worked this summer with the city and look forward to heading back to finish my last semester at IU, I would strongly urge the city to seriously look into employing someone to fill the role of city manager. Such a person would be a professional who would help ensure that the city's long-term vision is carried out in such a way that the normal politics affecting elected persons is greatly reduced. Not to suggest that such a professional is without expectations, absolutely not, in fact this person would be directly responsible to the city council and thus the people of Loogootee.

Calendar of Events

High School Equivalency classes

It is that time of year when school is back in session and there will be homework. Wouldn't you like to be able to help your children with their homework and feel confident? Martin County High School Equivalency class (formerly GED) is accepting new enrollments. Not only does the class offer HSE, but they offer college prep, partner with Work One training programs, and help increase your skill level for employment tests. Classes are FREE! Martin County classes meet at Work One in Loogootee on Monday and Thursday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Call or text Vicki Conrad at 812-936-2881, or by email at vickiconrad@ymail.com.

LUMC Back to School Bash

The Loogootee United Methodist Church will hold a Back to School Bash on Sunday, August 9 at 5:30 p.m. at the church for grades seven through twelve. There will be hot dogs, popcorn, nachos, drinks, blow-ups, 9-square, corn hole, fellowship, Jesus and Southern Indiana's Transcendent will be performing.

TEA Party meetings

The Martin County TEA Party meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Shoals Library in Shoals. The TEA Party believes that freedoms and rights come from God. They advocate for Constitutional government, limited taxation, private ownership of property, balanced budgets, freedom of religion and the sanctity of human life. If you share in these beliefs, they invite you to join them at their next meeting which will be held on Thursday, August 20. The featured speaker at that meeting will be Kathy Collins, Director of the Martin County Community Corrections. She will address the impact on the county of recent changes in the Indiana Department of Corrections. The TEA Party does not support or endorse any political party or candidate.

Hunter Education Class

Indiana Conservation Officers will be presenting a Hunter Education Course on August 28-29 at the Dover Hill Christian Union Church in Shoals. The course, which is required for all hunters born after December 31, 1986, will be instructed by Indiana Conservation Officers and certified volunteer instructors. The 10-hour course includes instruction on hunter ethics, hunter safety, archery, muzzle loaders, shotguns, pistols, and wilderness survival. Friday's class will be from 6-9:30 p.m. Saturday's class will be from 8-4 p.m. Attendance both days is required for certification. There is no cost for the course and snacks and lunch will be provided. Dover Hill Christian Union Church is located at 15581 North State Road 450 Shoals, IN 47581. To register, go to: <http://inhea.com/PassItOnIndiana/>

Grief support group

If you have lost a loved one recently or decades ago you are invited to GriefShare Support Group at Loogootee United Methodist Church Multi-Purpose room Mondays at 6 p.m. This multi-week group will run August 3 through November 16 but each session deals with an individual issue of grief - attend when you can. Tell a friend who needs this group!

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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, email mchs@frontier.com.

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Shoals Public Library. The public is invited to attend.

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.

Art for Adults offered by Bill Whorrall and SOAR

Have something to say but want to express it without having to find the right words? Love to doodle and sketch or wish you could draw? Love color and want to paint? Art for Adults is for you! Martin County SOAR and Bill Whorrall are offering Introduction to Drawing and Introduction to Painting at the Community Learning Center beginning September 8.

Bill has conducted hundreds of these classes at the Jasper Arts Center, and SOAR is excited to announce that we are teaming up with him to offer these classes in Martin County. No experience required - no materials needed - just bring yourself. Bill has agreed to provide all the art supplies for each class. You may want to wear old clothes or bring a big shirt in case things get messy!

Introduction to Drawing: September 8, 15, and 22, 7-8:30 p.m.

Introduction to Painting: September 29, October 6 and 13, 7-8:30 p.m.

All classes held at the Community Learning Center on the fairgrounds. \$15 class fee each night, cash or checks only

Read the class descriptions below and call Bill Whorrall at 812-388-6639 or the SOAR office at 812-709-1618 to register or for more information. Checks for class fees can be mailed to Bill Whorrall, 13669 Rama Dye Rd., Shoals, IN 47581 or brought to each class (cash or check only).

Introduction to Drawing

This is a class for beginners. If you would like to learn how to draw landscapes and still life, this class will be fun and helpful. If you are experienced, this class will challenge you as well. Students will learn how to make objects look three dimensional and how to use shading to enhance the image. A variety of materials and projects will be available. Class meets from 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, September 8, 15, and 22 at the community learning center. \$15 per night. All materials provided.

Introduction to Painting

This is for beginners and experienced students alike. Acrylic paints will be used to create still life and landscape works. The emphasis will be on how to mix colors and work with techniques in painting. This class aims to advance each student individually from where they are. It will be fun and informative! Three class meetings, Tuesdays, September 29, October 6, and October 13 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the community learning center. \$15.00 per night. All materials provided

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Present and former Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) employees will soon serve alongside teachers at a local school, working hands-on with students as part of a total immersion project designed to bring the naval installation into the school system. NSWC Crane has partnered with the DirectEmployers Foundation, Bloomfield Jr./Sr. High School and Indiana University's Center for P-16 Research and Collaboration to put personnel into the classroom and use special projects to bring learning to life for students. (L-R) NSWC Crane Director of Engagement Brian Blackwell, Bloomfield Jr./Sr. High School Principal David Dean, NSWC Crane Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffrey Elder and NSWC Crane STEM Director Tina Closser.

NSWC Crane, Bloomfield Jr./Sr. High School Partner on STEM Initiative

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Last week, NSWC Crane representatives including Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffrey Elder attended an open house at Bloomfield Jr./Sr. High School to explain the new business simulation pilot program, which will immerse kids in a corporate environment while augmenting their Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education. "Starting next month, there will be dedicated classroom space where NSWC Crane employees can help provide students with real-life experience in solving tough technical problems throughout the school year," Elder said.

Personnel will work with teachers inside the school's current STEM curriculum to assist kids in completing a project in an environment designed to mimic the look and feel of NSWC Crane, where students will learn skills that coincide with Crane's daily work regimen. "Workplace equipment and décor, as well as a focus on replicating the warfare center's corporate culture, will create a realistic simulation of the base so students can increase their STEM knowledge and understanding of the importance of timeliness and responsibility," NSWC Crane Director of Engagement Brian Blackwell explained. The initiative will also increase NSWC Crane's

long-term ability to accomplish its mission and ensure a readily available and relevant workforce pipeline within the region by allowing Crane to shape and influence the development of better STEM talent.

Bloomfield Jr./Sr. High School Principal David Dean said working in conjunction with NSWC Crane personnel is a great opportunity for students to learn about STEM careers in southern Indiana. "They can get their education and then come back here to find a great paying job that is exciting, creative and worthwhile," he noted. "It's also exciting that they won't only be learning about the engineering process, but also all the skills that go along with that. They'll be picking up presentation skills, interview skills and various other people skills."

NSWC Crane's STEM program was recognized as one of Indiana's technology success stories in early May when TechPoint, Indiana's technology growth initiative, presented STEM Director Tina Closser with the award for Tech Educator of the Year at its annual Mira Awards gala in downtown Indianapolis. In late May, Bloomfield Senior High's Aquatic Stereotype team, mentored by NSWC Crane personnel, became a national champion at the National SeaPerch Challenge robotics competition at University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

The goal of NSWC Crane's K-12 STEM Outreach Program is to facilitate the use of NSWC Crane resources to motivate, cultivate and attract the next generation of STEM talent. The program accomplishes this by providing students and teachers with NSWC Crane scientist and engineer mentors for a variety of programs. Since the inception of its STEM program, NSWC Crane and its personnel have served over 8,000 students, 100 teachers and 100 schools.

42nd Annual Jones Reunion held

Fifty-eight descendants and family members of James and Rachel (Gallagher) Jones met on August 8, 2015 at the Martin County Community Building for the 42nd Annual Jones Reunion.

Guests registered as they arrived and entered the candy jar guess. Donations were accepted to offset the cost of the reunion.

The room was decorated in a patriotic theme compliment of Ruthie Wagoner, Marcia Young, and Kutina England. A children's activity table was provided by Dianne Butler and Kenneth Jones. Ernie Jones gave the blessing before the noon meal. As always, a bountiful supply of food was set up across several tables. Background music consistent with the patriotic theme was provided by Adam Jones.

The business meeting was called to order by Chairman Linda Hawkins and she commented on the abundance of delicious food and thanked everyone for coming.

Dianne Butler gave the treasurer's report and Trudy Sutton read the minutes from the 2014 reunion.

Betty Butler began the memorial service with a moment of silent prayer then read a poem titled "Lord, I Need You". Those remembered were Harold Fromhart, Norma June Jones, Alvin "Dick" Jones, Sharon (Jones) Bolinger, June Jones, Lois (Jones) Emmons, Bill Hawkins, Karen Sue (Jones) Flick, & Helen Jones.

Copies of the Jones Family Cookbook are still available for \$10 each according to Diana Sparks, family cookbook chairman.

James A. Jones, who was honored with the "Jones Nose" in 2014, selected Mike E. Jones as the 2015 recipient.

Going along with the patriotic theme this year, and as a special tribute to honor family members that have served in the armed forces, Adam Jones recognized the veterans that were present and thanked them for their service. He announced that leaflets with information provided about family members who served are available by paper or electronic copy. A moment of silence was observed for those who have passed on.

Introductions were made and the following special family events were announced. Introduced as attending their first Jones family reunion were little Mr. Hayden Trueblood, 10-month-old son of Ashley and Caleb Trueblood; little Mr. Noah Jones, 9 1/2-month-old son of Adam and Nikki Jones; and little Mr. Lucas Neideffer, 23-month-old son of Courtney and Victor Neideffer, Jr.

Adam Jones did a great job with attendance prizes, which were awarded to the following: youngest - Noah Jones, 9 1/2 months old; oldest - Josephine Jones, 87 years old; man with most change in pocket - Jim Jones; woman with most credit cards - Carolyn Colbert; traveled farthest - Gough family from Nebraska; children's candy jar guess - Isaiah Jones; adult candy jar guess - Bethany Busche; door prizes - Kutina England, Michael L. Jones, and Janice Johnson

Officers selected for the 2016 reunion are chairman - Linda Hawkins, secretary - Trudy Sutton, treasurer - Dianne Butler, memorial service - Betty Butler, prizes - Adam Jones, silent auction - Maryrose Risner, decorations - Ruthie Wagoner and Marcia Young. Volunteer positions are cookbook - Diana Sparks and background music - Adam Jones.

A silent auction of many fine items again helped with the fundraising.

Those attending from Shoals were Sabra Bough, David and Dianne Butler, Betty Butler, Cassidy and Jase Dages, Linda Hawkins, Jim Henry, Garry E. Jones, Jim Jones, Barbara and Jerry Loomis, and Courtney, Victor Jr., and Lucas Jones.

Attending from Loogootee were Josephine Jones, Mike, Kristy, Christopher, Mikenna, and Isaiah Jones, and Trudy Sutton.

Attending from Montgomery were Brooklyn and Addison Jones.

Attending from Washington were Carolyn Colbert and Janice Johnson.

Attending from French Lick/West Baden



-Photo provided

Shown above is James A. Jones, on the right, presenting the "Jones Nose" to Mike E. Jones, on the left.

were Drusilla Chestnut and Harmony Kozak.

Attending from Mitchell were Marcia Young, Kutina and Kale England, and Ruthie Wagoner.

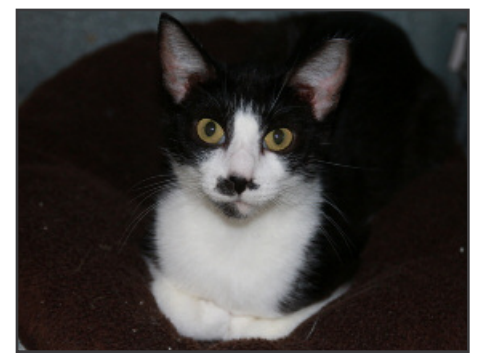
Others attending from Indiana were Ashley, Caleb, and Hayden Trueblood of Campbellsburg; Gary and Phyllis Winger and Maryrose Risner of Crawfordsville; Michelle and Cecil Winger of Hardinsburg; Mike L. and Gladys Jones, and Lloyd Jones of Greenwood; Daniel and Bethany Busche of Linn Grove; Adam, Nikki and Noah Jones of Mooresville; Austin Jones and Jennifer Chasken of Plainfield; Judi and Jack Callahan of Vevay; and Diana and Joe Sparks of Warsaw.

Attending from Illinois were Ernie Jones of Springfield and Derrell G. Jones of Washington.

Attending from Nebraska were Rick and Sandy Gough of Omaha.

The 2016 reunion is scheduled for Saturday, August 13, 2016 at the Martin County Community Building.

Animal Shelter featured pets



In the top photo is Ana, a female black and white cat, around a year old. In the bottom photo is Daisy, a female shepherd mix. Very sweet, well behaved. Adoption fee for cats is \$40, dogs is \$80. If interested in adopting, stop by the animal 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. You can see all the available animals at www.humanesocietyofmartin-county.org.

Martin County Humane Society

YARD SALE



Saturday, August 29

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sale will be held at the animal shelter

507 N. Oak Street, Loogootee

(Next door to Burch's Greenhouses)

If you have something to donate to the sale, please drop it off at the shelter. If not open, you can leave items on the front porch. Thank you!

The Mayor's Den

By Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty



I started the month of June on the road heading to Lancaster, Pennsylvania for my niece, Katia Rubenstein's, high school graduation. On the way, we visited the memorial of Francis Scott Key and the Basilica of St. Anne in Frederick, Maryland. I am so proud of my niece who graduated 38th of 520 graduates. She will be attending Gettysburg College next year and majoring in education. My nephew, Josh, has one more year at the same college and will be moving on to medical school with hopes of becoming a neurologist. On the way home, we stopped at the birth place of former US Senator, NASA astronaut and great American hero, John Glenn. After I got home, I went to Les Page Field as Loogootee was honored to host the 2015 IHSAA Boys' Baseball Regional. The first round of action had the Borden Braves squaring off with the Tecumseh Braves; and Borden came off with the win. The second round was the Orleans Bulldogs and the North Daviess Cougars with the Bulldogs prevailing over the Cougars. That evening, I was back at Les Page Field to watch the 2015 IHSAA Regional. With a very close and fast paced game, the Bulldogs took the 2015 IHSAA Boys' Baseball Regional title.

Sunday the 7th was the annual Sparks and Parks Car Show at Boggs. With many gorgeous vehicles to choose from, I picked a 2004 Ford F-250 Truck trimmed all out in camo. Monday the 8th was the monthly common council and board of works meetings. Highlights of the two meetings were the hiring of two new part-time dispatchers for the city police department: Brandon Poole and Ashley Jones; an update on the new pool facility by David Dahl of Midwestern Engineers, and a proposal from SIDC for the city to invest \$1,500 in their homeowner occupied grant. Tuesday the 9th, City Intern Andy Kyger and I headed to the Martin County Chamber of Com-

merce Office to meet with Pam Ingram and associate from the Crane Naval Warfare Center along with Jim Stoughton, Marie Hawkins, and Carolyn Downey - all directors of the chamber and leaders of the 2016 Martin County Indiana Bicentennial Committee. The meeting laid the ground work for a great September in 2016 to celebrate our part of Indiana's heritage.

Wednesday the 10th, Andy Kyger and I met with local resident Danny Clark to discuss beautification of the downtown area. That evening was the park board meeting. Highlights included operations of the pool scheduled to open July 4th and upcoming fundraisers to benefit the parks department. Thursday the 11th, Clerk Treasurer Nancy Jones, Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson and I met with Umbaugh and Associates to discuss the current day-to-day operations of the city water and sewer departments and options the departments might have for the future. In the evening, I met with Jason Triplett of the Boy Scouts Region to discuss possible fundraising for the organization. Friday the 12th much of the day was spent at the office. Saturday the 13th was the grand reopening of Rosie's T Shirt Shop. The new facility looks great and a steady crowd wandered in to look and buy. Rosie and Becky will be glad to meet with you to discuss any of your shirt or giftware needs. In the evening was the annual Martin County Relay for Life at the Martin County Learning Center which brought in a fantastic \$30k! I had the privilege of assisting with the auction and naming off the survivors and luminaries for the event. Monday the 15th, much of the day was spent making final arrangements, meeting with Loogootee SummerFest Committee Chair Members Teresa Nolley and Jolene McAtee along with Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson, putting the finishing touches on festivity plans. In the early afternoon I attended

the first pool staff meeting conducted by Manager Mike Woods and Assistant Manager Lorissa Medina. Fifteen of the 19 staff members were able to attend - all anxiously ready to begin training for the opening of the new facility. After the staff meeting, I headed to the Martin County Learning Center for the monthly Martin Alliance for Economic Development Executive Boards of Directors meeting. Many issues were discussed primarily related to the economic enhancement of the community.

Tuesday the 16th much of the day was spent at the office. In the evening, I attended the monthly school board meeting at LHS. Main topics discussed were the resignation of Terri Smith as elementary principal (as she asked to return to the classroom), and the hiring of Dara Chezem as the new elementary principal. Mrs. Chezem is currently a principal at South Vermillion Van Duy Elementary School. Wednesday the 17th, most of the day was spent finalizing plans for SummerFest; but that evening was the 2nd annual SummerFest auction at the United Methodist Church. The auction was a huge success with a grand total of around \$1,750 raised for the park and recreation department. Thursday the 18th, despite the rain, the annual SummerFest Queen Pageant went on as planned thanks to the Loogootee United Methodist Church who graciously opened their Family Life Center. Congratulations to Miss Summerfest Kendall Riley, Jr. Miss Tia Fuhs, Little Miss Brooklyn Summers, and Tiny Tot Miss Cammi Crays and to all who participated in the contest - all winners! Friday the 19th due to the torrential downpours, we had to cancel SummerFest for that evening - a great disappointment. Saturday the 20th, the day started out with light rains and the annual SummerFest 5K Walk and Run. Despite the rain, the 5K was huge success, hosting many runners and walkers partaking in the annual event. In the afternoon the sun began to shine just in time for closing SummerFest events. Events held included live entertainment from the Loogootee High School Band this year - a real treat! The grand marshals for the parade were the various fire departments which assisted with our downtown fire in November of 2014. The evening ended with great entertainment and fireworks! My sincere appreciation to everyone who works so diligently year after year to not just put the Fest on, but make it better each year. After SummerFest, needless to say with the exception of a few meeting here and there, much of the focus for the rest of the month was spent at the new pool working with city employees and RenoSys staff to assure the pool would be able to open before the end of the season.

The month of July started with the Catfish Festival in Shoals. I had the privilege once again of assisting with the yearly auction which brought in a record of over \$7,000. Many people work hard on this event and deserve credit and appreciation for all their efforts. I'm told that Sharon Akles is one of the backbone of this effort (as well as many others). I was able to attend the queen contest, parade, Battle of the Bands and the 5K walk and run. I'm very proud to say that my mother, Dee (Harty) Sanders, once again participated in the race. To my knowledge, she is the only participant who has been in it every year since it started 30 years ago. After the 4th of July celebration, it was time to head back to the grindstone working with all those who made it possible for the pool to open this summer. July 11th I attended Montgomery's Summerfest featuring David Ball and Sammi Kershaw. These two very talented artists drew a large crowd. Our regularly scheduled board of works and city council meeting was on the 13th with highlights being discussion on next year's operating budget and the ongoing swimming pool project. Despite a long week of finalizing details of the pool, at last the pool had its grand debut on the 17th and offi-

cially opened to the public. Among the festivities, Fr. Walker blessed the pool's opening and Judith, Meagan, and the whole Montgomery Family sang the "National Anthem", along with "God Bless America". Also, many local elected officials were present, along with a crowd of 300 gathered to cheer the grand opening. After the ribbon cutting, No Plan B performed, featuring our own Rick Mathies. In addition to No Plan B, we were also graced with the talents of Jammin Pans from Linton. Jammin Pans is a steel drum band featuring songs of all types including "Under the Sea" - the crowd favorite for the evening, along with the delicious refreshments of course! After enjoying the pool's opening weekend, I headed back to the office.

On Tuesday the 21st I attended the monthly school board meeting at LHS. The highlights were the hiring of new choral director, Misti Mosby, along with the hiring of numerous athletic coaching positions. In addition, it was announced that Superintendent Dr. Joan Keller would be voluntarily taking a reduction in salary for the last two years on her contract. I want to commend Dr. Keller for all she has done to assure our youth receive the best education possible. Wednesday the 22nd I attended the "10,000 Reasons to be Thankful for Shoals" at Shoals United Methodist Church. The program was based on the spiritual sense of counting our blessings and being thankful for what the community has and wishes to have while looking to see what we can all do to contribute to this goal. It was a good time of reflection and awareness. Thank you, Rev. Seger for hosting and thank you, Bill Greene and others, who spoke about the history of Shoals and Martin County as a whole. Thursday the 24th, I met with Jason Triplett, Regional Leader for the Boy Scouts. Jason and I were able to visit various local business establishments, promoting what the scout program does for our local youth and area as a whole. Martin County currently has 45 scouts. In the evening, I drove to Linton for the monthly Four Rivers board meeting. Much of the discussion was on transportation and housing which is where the organization has taken the forefront with Ride Solution and all of the various housing projects completed in the Daviess and Greene county areas.

Sunday July 26th I went to Maranatha Tabernacle to attend worship services along with receiving a donation vest for "Roxy" the newest member of the department. Chief of Police Kelly Rayhill, Captain Jason Henette and of course Captain Henette's partner, Roxy, were all present for the service. Special thanks to Maranatha Pastor Rev. Duane Smith and the entire congregation for raising the funds needed to buy Roxy a bullet proof vest. Monday the 27th, I went to the Martin County Learning Center for the Martin Alliance for Economic Development bi-monthly meeting. The meeting was well attended with the largest crowd present since my time in joining the organization. Among the many issues discussed, the primary focus was on promoting development for existing opportunities in the county. Tuesday the 28th was the quarterly Four Rivers-Red Door meeting at the Washington location. The primary focus of the meeting was "Healthy Families" as well as community living, transportation, and on-sight work. On Wednesday the 29th, I spent most of the day in the office. Thursday the 30th I had the privilege of going with the St. John Youth Group to the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. What a humbling experience! We enjoyed a wonderful lunch followed by a tour and Mass. On the last day of the month, I spent much of the day at city hall. I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a most blessed August and ask that you keep all our youth in your thoughts and prayers as they return to school for the 2015-2016 year!!!

Should marijuana be legalized in Indiana?

Should Indiana legalize marijuana for recreational use? That will be the question debated on September 15 at 11 a.m. (EDT) at Vincennes University's Red Skelton Performing Arts Center.

The public is invited to the debate that will be sponsored by VU's Center for Research and Learning, which is also planning additional public policy debates this fall. In addition to addressing whether Indiana should legalize marijuana, related issues will be addressed, such as: Is it safe and what are the benefits and possible negative consequences?

The debate will be moderated by Jessica Zellers, professor of Social Work at VU. Arguing against legalization will be Knox County Sheriff Mike Morris and Rob Evans, professor of Sociology at VU who is a Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor.

Arguing that Indiana should legalize mar-

"Assisted Living: The Musical" opens August 21

"Assisted Living: The Musical®," will be presented for six performances beginning August 21 at the Old Town Players Theatre and Arts Center, 432 Broadway St., Vincennes. The show runs August 21-22-23 and 28-29-30. "Assisted Living: The Musical®" - a lively, vaudeville-esque musical revue with music, lyrics, and book by Rick Compton and Betsy Bennett - is produced with assistance from Toyota Motor Manufacturing - Indiana.

The cast features veteran OTP performers as well as several newcomers: John Atkinson, Ronnie Baize, Gabe Clark, Missy Cummins, Tonya Dearing, Bill Gollmitzer, Kathy Gollmitzer, Steve Gray, Craig Johnson, Emma Johnson, Susan Johnson, Susan Rall, Rick Riggins, Rick Shell, KT Stewart, Stephanie Turnage, and Phyllis Workman.

The production team includes artistic directors Jan Day, Kathy Mooney, and Vickie Puffer who also appear as cast members, and music director Jonathan Clark. Music

will be Mike Mullen, professor of English at VU, and Stephen Dillon, an attorney and activist with the National Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws.

Questions will be fielded from the audience. The audience may also participate in anonymous pre- and post-debate surveys.

Currently 23 states and the District of Columbia have medical marijuana laws on the books, and half of all U.S. states recognize industrial hemp. Four states plus Washington D.C. have legalized marijuana for recreational use.

On August 6 the National Council of State Legislatures adopted a resolution that urges the federal government to refrain from interfering with state laws permitting the legal production and use of marijuana.

More information about this debate and others scheduled this fall at VU are available at <https://my.viu.edu/web/crl/vu-debates>.

is provided by Jonathan Clark on piano, Gabe Clark on bass, Mark Melcho on drums, and Steve Gray on guitar. Sue Clark provides stage assistance and Chris Witt serves as the light/sound technician.

New this season, show times for Friday and Saturday shows has been moved back an hour, to 7 p.m. (EDT). Sunday shows remain at 3 p.m.

Tickets sold at the door cost \$12 for adults, \$10 for students (age 13+), \$10 for seniors (age 60+), and \$4 for children (under age 13). A discount of \$2 is available on adult tickets purchased in advance at Save-A-Lot, Eyeworks, First Vincennes Savings Bank, and the Vincennes University Bookstore.

Group rates and advance reservations are available by contacting Shari Phillips at 812-882-8269 or emailing oldtownplayers@gmail.com. Details about all OTP shows are available at oldtownplayers.org and through the group's Facebook pages.