

Loogootee Schools ISTEP scores improving

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Curriculum Director Mike Tippery gave the Loogootee School Board a report on the spring ISTEP testing, at their meeting Tuesday night, August 19. He said that the students finished above state average on 15 of the 19 areas tested. He said when averaging all the scores together, students scored three percent above state average on the English portion of the test, four percent above in math, nine percent above in science, and 15 percent in social studies. Compared to the scores from last year, English was up by

three percent, math up by five percent, science up by three percent, and down one percent in social studies.

Board President Scott Hall said that the public has raised questions regarding what the school is doing to help improve test scores. Tippery replied that English teachers came back over the summer and spent a day doing curriculum mapping and alignment. He said teachers are scheduled for training and are going to other schools that have had success on ISTEP. He also noted that the school has signed up for Acuity training and will be the regional training center in September.

He said that three minutes were shaved off each class this year to allow for homeroom time and students who struggle in certain areas to receive remediation.

Superintendent Dr. Joan Keller reported on the 2015 budget. She explained that the budget for this year was \$6,883,750 based on a student count of 906, with kindergarten students only counting as half. This year she is expecting the count to be around 878 students so the budget was put in for \$6,451,690.

This is the last year budgets must be advertised in the newspaper. Next year it will go online to Gateway, the state's budget web-

site for all entities.

In other business, the board approved the girls' and boys' varsity basketball teams to do a golf scramble.

The board accepted the resignation of Linda Bledsoe from the cafeteria.

The board approved the following personnel actions:

-Shirley Jeffers as Title I Instructional Assistant

-Drew Gray as 6-12 vocal music teacher

-Pam Hall as part-time library assistant

-Brice Wilson as four-hour cafeteria worker

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Shoals School Board accepts resignations, staff changes

Meeting minutes provided by Andrea Qualkenbush, Shoals School Corporation Secretary

The Shoals School Board met Thursday, August 14. Board Member Tony Cundiff was not present.

The board accepted the resignation of Stacey Fox from the position of elementary teacher, Seth Taylor from the position of teaching assistant, and Anthony Lee from the summer mowing position. The board gave Mrs. Roush approved to hire someone to replace Anthony Lee for summer mowing.

The board hired Sherri Braun and Kaylee Diamond as Title I Teaching Assistants, Shannon Wagoner as junior beta club sponsor, Kathy Collins, Kevin Brett, and Lonnie Hawkins to serve as substitute/ECA bus drivers, Ashley Hawkins, Karen Hickman, Marilyn Jones, Jared Sheetz, Tammy Gore, and Clark Gray to serve as substitute teachers; Terra Boyd as a special education inclusion teacher in the elementary, Anna Farhar as a special education teaching assistant in Mrs. Baker's room; and Christina Henninger as a Title I Teaching Assistant as well as to substitute for Leeza Adams during her maternity leave.

The board approved a professional leave

request from Austin Malone to attend a principal's refresher course on teacher observations and evaluations at the SIEC in Jasper on August 26, 2014.

The board approved the following coaching recommendations for the 2014-15 school year: Tim Sorrells as boys' varsity assistant/JV basketball and varsity baseball coach, Wes White as girls' varsity softball coach, Brad Peterson as junior high cross country coach, Dennis Green as varsity soccer volunteer, April Sutton as varsity cross country and junior high cross country attendant, Mary Ellen Baker as junior high soccer attendant, Michaela Jones as girls' varsity basketball volunteer, Jeff Cooper as varsity softball volunteer, and Adam Terry as varsity softball volunteer.

The board approved the fourth grade to take a field trip to the Martin County Fairgrounds for Farm Fair on September 25, the band to Jasper High School to see performance of Marine Corp Band on September 6, to Mitchell for Persimmon Festival Parade on September 27 and to Bloomington for IU Band day on October 4; and the chorus to Festival at Bloomfield on October 7.

The board approved the following fundraisers:

-Boys' basketball team to hold golf outing at Eagle View Golf Course on September 13

-Culinary Arts Department to continue operating Rox Café for staff lunches and holidays

-Volleyball team to sell t-shirts to fans and parents

Mrs. Roush provided the board with information regarding bid pricing for milk and dairy products for the 2014-15 school year. The school receives member pricing as part of the Southwest Indiana Food Co-Op.

Mrs. Roush reviewed details of the 2015 budget, capital projects plan, and school bus replacement plan with the board. A public hearing on the 2015 budget will be held on September 11, 2014.

The board held a second reading and ap-

West Boggs Fisheries Renovation Open House

The Daviess-Martin Joint County Parks & Recreation Department (D-MJPRD) will host an August 28 open house by the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife to give anglers and other interested parties an opportunity to learn more about a plan to improve fishing at West Boggs Lake in Loogootee.

The open house is from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the West Boggs Park Activity Center, at the intersection of Deckard Road and Crane Lane inside the property. Entry to the park will be free for people attending the open house.

The Division of Fish & Wildlife and the D-MJPRD will outline the plan for the Lake and watershed renovation of West

U.S. 231 in Martin County to close for pipe replacement

Weather permitting, U.S. 231 will be closed for four work days beginning at 8 a.m. on Monday, August 25. The Indiana Department of Transportation will be replacing a drainage pipe under U.S. 231 about one mile south of S.R. 645 near the Martin/Daviess county line.

Local traffic will have access up to the work zone where all lanes will be closed and no through traffic will be allowed. The official detour follows U.S. 50 between Washington and Loogootee, I-69 and S.R. 58 through Odon.

INDOT reminds motorists to follow the posted work zone speed limit, use caution and consider worker safety when traveling through a work zone. For construction updates and traffic alerts, follow INDOT on social media at

proved the junior/senior high drug policy.

The board approved a resolution to reduce the bus replacement fund by \$50,000.

The board approved a resolution to transfer \$100,000 from the transportation fund to the rainy day fund for the budget year ending 2014.

Mrs. Roush requested approval from the board to attend the IAPSS Workshop on September 15-16, 2014 in Indianapolis. The board approved.

Mrs. Roush recommended the board approve the Good News Club to meet on Wednesdays after school in the cafeteria during the 2014-15 school year. She also recommended they have permission to use the elementary library, music room, and multi-

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Boggs Lake that is scheduled for the end of September 2014. Information will include, lake drawdown schedule, fish salvage, fish eradication, and restocking of fish. Other frequently asked questions will be addressed, such as how and when the lake is expected to refill and how long it will take for the renovated fishery to recover.

West Boggs Lake has been invaded by gizzard shad, which compete with bluegill and small bass for food. In lakes with gizzard shad populations, bluegill growth is stunted and the bass numbers decline.

More information on the West Boggs Renovation project can be found at: <http://secure.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/7418.htm>.

Country Day August 23

Country Day in Loogootee will be held again this year on Saturday, August 23. The purpose of the event is to honor local farmers and what they provide to the community. The event will be held at the Loogootee City Pool. The event will begin at 7 p.m. Special guests will be Jackson Young and local artists. For ticket information, visit Country Day on Facebook or call Jennifer 812-296-0000 or Sue 812-631-2662. All proceeds will go toward the rebuilding of the city pool.



Scholarship winner

-Photo provided

VFW Post 9395 Commander Phillip Barrow is proud to announce this year's scholarship winner is Hannah Walters. Hannah is a graduate of the Loogootee High School Class of 2014. Her plans are to attend IUPUI and study pre-pharmacy. Hannah is the daughter of John and Amber Walters. As the selected winner, Hannah will receive \$1,000 a year for four years. Shown is Commander Barrow presenting the check to Hannah.

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Daviess-Martin Joint County Parks & Recreation Dept.

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purpose room when available as for some specific activities. The board approved.

They also approved the booster club to use both gymnasiums for Fall Festival on October 31, 2014 (set up) and November 1, 2014 (actual event). Also, Cub Scout Pack 491 to hold recruitment night in cafeteria on August 28 and September 11.

Mrs. Roush recommended the board approve an addition to the job description of teaching assistant to reflect that any cost associated with meeting the para-pro testing requirement will be at the expense of the employee. Mrs. Roush specified that this will take effect with any employee hired from this point forward. The board approved.

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

- Start of the school year has went very well
- Stressing Common Core vocabulary as well as writing prompts in preparation for testing
- All board given "Pride Passes" to present to any student that shows outstanding citizenship

-Thanked the following for donations: The River Church for school supplies, Powell Valley Church for clothing, Dover Hill Christian Union Church for clothing and backpacks, ACCTS for school supplies, and Linda Sherfick for clothing for dress code violators

-Junior/senior high staff working on new committees

-Anonymous reporting form for dress-code violations successful so far

Brad Peterson, athletic director, reported on the following:

-50th Anniversary Game scheduled on Friday, December 5th in remembrance of undefeated basketball season

-Currently working on painting lines on outdoor sport fields - four home games scheduled next week

-Passed out 2014-15 sport calendars as well as blue Jug Rox shirts to board and administrators

Candace Roush, Superintendent, reported on the following:

- The school is making progress on purchasing a new bus to replace one of the outdated busses.

- Preschool will start August 18 and will run Monday through Thursday

- Rebidding of the bus routes will be coming up in the next few months.

- Safety grant from the state to purchase radios that connect with the state police and the keyless entry system for exterior doors.

Kathy Collins, Martin County Community Corrections Director, thanked Candace Roush and Lucas Calhoun for their continued support of the CASS Program. The CASS Program recently received approval for the necessary funding to continue helping students at Shoals.

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-Dennis Bradley as math teacher for three periods per day

-Lindsey Walton as vocal musical director, musical tickets and publicity, and musical choreography

-Rick Graves and Alan Williams as co-musical stage directors

-Bill Reilly as half-time intramural basketball coach

-Tracy Anderson as cadet teacher

-Leslie VanHoy for volunteers girls' basketball

-Nick Toy for volunteer boys' tennis

-Brittany Bateman as seventh grade girls' basketball coach

-Brad Christmas as boys' basketball program assistant

-Mike Seals for volunteer girls' basketball

-Dan Christmas for volunteer girls' tennis

The board approved conflict of interest statements for board members Larry Craney and Scott Hall, as both have wives working for the school. Superintendent Keller reported that the road closure on Hwy. 231 starting Monday will not affect school buses picking up or dropping off students.

County's jobless rate at 4.4 percent for July

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Martin County's unemployment rate dropped from 5.1 percent in June to 4.4 percent in July, landing the county in fourth place in the state for lowest jobless rate, tied with Daviess and Pulaski counties.

In July, Martin County had 5,416 residents in the workforce with 241 of them without jobs. In June, there were 5,271 residents able to work and 267 of them were without jobs. In July of last year, the county's jobless rate stood at 5.8 percent with 5,433 residents in the workforce and 313 of them unemployed.

Daviess County's jobless rate dropped a little from June to July, moving from 4.8 percent to 4.4 percent. As mentioned above, the county was tied for fourth place in the state for lowest jobless rate.

In July, Daviess County had 15,681 residents in the workforce and 689 of them were without jobs. In June, there were 15,274 residents able to work and 737 of them without jobs. In July of 2013, the county had a jobless rate of 5.7 percent with 15,296 residents in the workforce and 867 of them unemployed.

Dubois County's jobless rate moved from 4.3 percent in June to 3.9 percent in July giving the county the top spot in the state for lowest jobless rate.

In July, Dubois County had 22,592 residents in the workforce with 872 of them without jobs. In June, there were 22,519 residents able to work and 974 of them unemployed. In July of last year, Dubois County's jobless rate was 5.1 percent with 22,038 residents in the workforce and 1,131 of them unemployed.

Orange County's unemployment rate

also fell from June to July, from 6.5 percent to 6 percent. The county had the 34th highest unemployment rate in the state for July.

In July, Orange County had 10,024 residents able to work with 603 of them without jobs. In June, there were 10,016 residents able to work and 651 of them were unemployed. In July of last year, the county's unemployment rate was 8 percent with 10,175 residents in the workforce and 812 of them out of work.

Lawrence County's unemployment rate also dropped, going from 7.7 percent in June to 7.1 percent in July. The county had the seventh highest jobless rate in the state.

In July, Lawrence County had 21,503 residents in the workforce with 1,525 of them unemployed. In June, there were 21,244 residents in the job market with 1,629 of them without jobs. In July of 2013, the county had a jobless rate of 9.6 percent with 21,150 residents able to work and 2,034 of them unemployed.

The top ten spots in the state for lowest jobless rate in the state for July were Dubois at 3.9 percent, Hamilton and Bartholomew at 4.2 percent, Pulaski, Martin, and Daviess counties at 4.4 percent; Kosciusko County at 4.5 percent, and Jackson, Hendricks, and Boone counties at 4.6 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for highest jobless rate in the state for July were Sullivan at 7.9 percent, Fayette at 7.8 percent, Lake and Vigo at 7.7 percent, Vermillion at 7.6 percent, Delaware at 7.5 percent, Clay, Grant, and Lawrence at 7.1 percent; and LaPorte at 7 percent.

The Hoosier State gained 9,900 private sector jobs in July, with gains largely concentrated in the manufacturing sector (+5,500). Indiana has added over 66,300

private sector jobs over the past year and 244,000 since July, 2009, the low point of employment in the state.

Despite Indiana's significant private sector gains, the unemployment rate held steady in the Hoosier State at 5.9 percent in July, mainly due to another sizeable increase in the labor force. Indiana's labor force has grown by more than 54,000 over the past year at a rate that is over eight times larger than the national rate of growth during the same time period (1.71% vs. 0.21%).

"Indiana followed up a record-breaking June by adding nearly 10,000 more private sector jobs in July," said Scott B. Sanders, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. "The Hoosier labor force has also grown by over 54,000 individuals in the past year at a rate that is more than eight times larger than the national rate of growth during the same time period, which is quite remarkable."

Sanders also noted initial claims and continued claims for unemployment insurance benefits remain at levels not seen since 2000.

Employment by Sector

Sectors showing gains in July include: Manufacturing (5,500), Trade, Transportation & Utilities (3,200), Private Educational & Health Services (2,100), Construction (900), and Financial Activities (200). Sectors showing declines in July include Professional & Business Services (-2,100), and Leisure and Hospitality (-500). Total non-farm employment decreased in July (-600).

This article was written in part with a press release from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

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OBITUARIES

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LARRY NASH

Larry Joe Nash died at 1:45 a.m. Thursday, August 14, 2014 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 67.

He was born January 16, 1947 in Anderson, Indiana; the son of Leroy and Barbara (Alexander) Nash.

He was a member of Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church and was a Vietnam Air Force Veteran. He was a former route driver for Pepsi Cola and a former police officer in Frankton, Indiana. He enjoyed NASCAR, hunting, fishing and following the Indianapolis Colts and I.U. Basketball.

He is survived by his former wife, Deborah "Voss" Burke of Anderson; one daughter, Angela and husband, Dan Richardson, of Lapel, Indiana; two sons, James Alexander Nash of Logansport, and Shaun Patrick Nash of Evansville; one brother, Michael Nash of Alexandria, Indiana; two sisters, Judith Bragg of Elwood, Indiana and Patricia Nash of Frankton, Indiana; special friends, Danny and Goldie Clark and family, Trenton Clark and Jatelin and Zoe Nicholson, all of Loogootee; 13 grandchildren, four great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Leroy and Barbara (Alexander) Nash.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 18 at Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church in Rutherford Township in Martin County. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home, in Loogootee, was in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the family of Larry Nash.

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

MAURICE SHOULTZ

Maurice E. Shoultz passed away peacefully at his residence at 4:45 p.m. Sunday, August 17, 2014. A resident of Loogootee,



MAURICE SHOULTZ

he was 86.

He was born December 21, 1927 in Gleason, Indiana; the son of Nathan and Esther (Fox) Shoultz. He married Mary Margaret Street on May 8, 1948 and she preceded him in death on October 23, 1994.

He was a proud veteran of the United States Navy with 28 years of Naval Service, reaching the rank of Chief Petty Officer and he also served in World War II. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bramble. He was a founding member of the Loogootee V.F.W. and member of the Loogootee American Legion, Petersburg Moose Lodge #1617, and the La Societe of the 40 et 8 #107. He was a boiler mechanic and retired after thirty-four years of service from NWSW Crane.

He is survived by his daughters, Jackie Foster of Bedford; Thressa Shoultz of Loogootee; Lisa Doyle of Loogootee; Michelle Shoultz of Loogootee and Denise Johnson of Otwell; two sons, Duane Michael Shoultz of San Antonio, Texas; and Anthony Gerard Shoultz of Loogootee; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife, two sons, Daniel and Darrell Shoultz; one daughter, Lori Bateman; and one brother, Robert Shoultz.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by the Reverend J. Kenneth Walker on Thursday, August 21 at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bramble. Burial will be made in the church cemetery. The Loogootee American Legion & V.F.W. will accord military graveside rites.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. tonight,

Wednesday, August 20 at the Lee Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Preferred memorials are to the Gebault School. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.queenlee.com.

RAMA DYE, JR.

Rama Dye, Jr. died at 5:28 a.m. Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at Memorial Hospital in Jasper. A resident of Bramble, he was 84.

He was born September 16, 1929 in Martin County; the son of Rama Dye, Sr. and Mary Elizabeth (Burch) Dye. On February 18, 1952 he married Bonnie (Barnes) Dye and she survives.

He was a member of the Loogootee Christian Church where he sang with the Letodah group. He was a Korean Marine Corp veteran and a former member of the Martin County Coon Club. He was a charter member of the former Loogootee Optimist Club.

He was retired from NSWC Crane and enjoyed coon hunting, gardening, camping and going to auctions, flea markets and yard sales.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Dye; two daughters, Ramaetta "Jeanie" Dye of Shoals and Debbie Dye of Bramble; two sons Darrel Dye and wife, Terri, of Shoals and Richard Dye and wife, Karen, of Cannelburg; two sisters, Mary Hamilton of Asheville, North Carolina and Dorothy Henry of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina; three grandchildren, Lance Dye, Daniel Petry and Andrew and wife, Marissa Petry; and two great grandchildren, Lillian and Olivia Petry.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Rama Dye, Sr. and Mary Elizabeth (Burch) Dye; five brothers, Earl, Mose, Isaac, Henry and Byron Dye; and five sisters, Alta Crane, Olive Jones, Almedia Hubler, Hazel Crane and Melba Jean Dye.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 16 at the Loogootee Christian Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee.

Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home, in Loogootee, was in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Loogootee Christian Church.

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

RALPH MELTON

Ralph E. Melton died Friday morning, August 15, 2014 at Daviess Community Hospital in Washington. A resident of Loogootee, he was 69.

He was born October 13, 1944 in Loogootee; the son of Paul and Mary (Mattingly) Melton.

He was a Vietnam Army Veteran and he formerly was a member of St. Mary Barr Township Parish. He enjoyed farming, playing video games, reading and listening to classical music.

He is survived by three sisters, Mary Sue and husband, Donald Quigley, of Montgomery and Helen and husband, Tandy Gibson, and Jeanette Melton, both of Loogootee; two nephews, Kenny Quigley and Larry Quigley, both of Montgomery; one niece, Becky Quigley of Farmersburg; one great nephew, James Quigley, several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Mary (Mattingly) Melton.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Tuesday, August 19 at St. Mary Chapel in Barr Township in Daviess County. Burial followed in St. Mary Catholic Cemetery. Military graveside rites were conducted by the Loogootee American Legion and VFW.

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

Calendar of Events

New Velocity team tryouts

2015 Velocity girls' softball tryouts have been moved to Saturday, August 23 at the Loogootee Little League softball field. Parent meeting begins at 2 p.m. and tryouts start at 2:30 p.m. Forming teams for 12u, 10u and 8u divisions. All league players are encouraged to come and tryout if they are interested in competitive travel softball. For more information, call 296-1351 or 295-7015.

Tea Party meeting

Tom Spangler (D), Jasper businessman, is challenging Larry Buschon (R) for the 8th District US Congress seat and has asked to address the Martin County Tea Party at their next meeting Thursday, August 21 at 7 p.m. in the Shoals Library Basement. The meeting is open to the public.

Loogootee Board of Works public hearing

The Loogootee Board of Public Works & Safety will hold a special meeting Monday, August 25 at 5 p.m. in the council meeting room of the municipal building. The purpose of the meeting is to hold a public hearing regarding the sale of the city-owned property by the railroad tracks on the corner of JFK Avenue and Church Street.

Boy Scouts

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

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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, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com.

Tourism meetings

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

Soil and Water meetings

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



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PHYSICIAN RETIREMENT

Roy E. Cecchi, MD will retire from the medical practice of obstetrics and gynecology on August 31, 2014

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COPS & COURT

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

7:57 a.m. - Received a report of a burglary in Shoals.

8:39 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee.

4:47 p.m. - Received a report of a telephone scam.

6:11 p.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle in Cale.

Loogootee Police log

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

9:55 a.m. - Caller reported a child custody violation.

1:10 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious activity.

11:11 p.m. - Caller reported a noise complaint at Country Place Apartments.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

12:06 a.m. - Caller reported a male might be suicidal.

11:58 a.m. - Male came on station to request a welfare check on his son.

7:30 p.m. - Caller reported two suspicious males on Park Street.

7:35 p.m. - Caller reported a theft.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

6:57 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in Shaded Estates.

12:11 p.m. - Male reported a child custody violation.

2:00 p.m. - Caller reported property damage.

3:38 p.m. - An employee at CVS reported a theft.

6:30 p.m. - Female caller reported vandalism to her vehicle.

9:52 p.m. - Caller reported a violation of a protective order.

10:13 p.m. - Caller reported extra patrol.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

10:30 a.m. - Received a report of possible drug activity.

4:09 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

7:21 p.m. - Caller reported finding suspicious items.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

2:32 a.m. - Caller reported someone had tried to get into his residence. Officer was unable to locate anyone.

10:20 a.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

11:30 a.m. - Caller reported a theft of a credit card.

2:15 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of a telephone scam.

8:28 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

11:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

12:32 a.m. - Received a report of a civil dispute in Shoals.

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of a telephone scam.

8:28 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

11:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

vehicle in his driveway.

9:08 p.m. - Caller reported a nuisance call on Park Street.

1:53 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Queen Street.

2:19 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle stolen on SW 3rd Street. The vehicle was later located.

12:45 p.m. - Received a report of a dog complaint.

4:02 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

5:15 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

7:17 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231. Officer Todd located the vehicle.

8:04 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical problem.

11:00 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person in Sunset Trailer Court.

1:12 a.m. - Caller reported a noise complaint on Butcher Boulevard.

9:45 a.m. - Captain Akles responded to an alarm at the high school.

1:11 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on his mother.

10:01 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male at Marathon.

10:45 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on SW 3rd Street.

11:56 a.m. - Caller reported a civil dispute.

12:13 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Church Street.

6:57 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee.

9:47 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Williams.

10:52 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

12:15 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals.

4:27 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

3:03 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

7:45 a.m. - Received a report of livestock in the roadway on U.S. 50.

2:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

3:48 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals.

3:57 p.m. - Received a report of livestock in the roadway on U.S. 50.

9:59 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

10:05 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

11:38 p.m. - Received a report of livestock in the roadway on Chicken Farm Road.

4:14 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals.

5:27 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

9:46 p.m. - Received a report of a telephone scam.

10:07 p.m. - Received a report of livestock in the roadway on Spring Hill Cemetery Road.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

3:39 a.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Shoals.

6:47 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 N.

7:05 a.m. - Received a report of livestock in the roadway on U.S. 50.

7:10 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Williams Road.

3:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

5:05 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 South.

9:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

11:00 p.m. - Received a report of a possible prowler at 309 Sunset Trailer Court in Loogootee. Advised Officer Nolan of call. All clear, just a family member.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

1:12 a.m. - Received a report of a noise complaint on Butcher Street in Loogootee. Officer Nolan completed the detail.

7:00 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Church Street in Loogootee. Capt. Akles worked the accident.

12:57 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

3:33 p.m. - Received a report of underage kids on a golf cart in Loogootee. Capt. Akles responded.

10:40 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Harmon responded.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

2:20 a.m. - Received a report of a personal injury accident on St. Rd. 450 between High Gap and Low Gap Roads. Advised Deputy Harmon and Martin County Ambulance.

11:42 a.m. - Received report of a property damage accident at the intersection of Capital Avenue and Chestnut Street in Shoals. Deputy McBeth responded.

3:26 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute on Wood Street in Loogootee. Capt. Akles responded.

Jail bookings

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

11:10 p.m. - Justin Tolbert, of Williams, was arrested by Martin County Sergeant Keller on the preliminary charge of burglary.

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2:52 a.m. - Sonya Lagle, of Bedford, was arrested by Martin County Sergeant Keller on the preliminary charge of burglary.

1:28 p.m. - Jason Schlachter, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain of Police Hennessee on preliminary charge of trespass.

11:30 a.m. - James Woodard, of Shoals, was arrested by Martin County Major Burkhardt on the preliminary charge of failure to register as a sex offender.

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Larry M. Swigler and Loretta L. Swigler, of Martin County, Indiana to **Larry M. Swigler and Loretta L. Swigler, John Edward Swigler and Laura Lee Lawson**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 51 in the Original Town of Crane. Also, Lot Number 52 in the Original Town of Crane except a parcel of land situated in and a part of the southwest corner of Lot Number 54 in the Town of Crane, Martin County, Indiana containing 0.227 acres, more or less.

Robert E. Miller and Beverly A. Miller, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Gary V. Burris and Wanda L. Burris**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 46 Keck's Addition in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Ralph W. Warner and Roy D. Warner, of Martin County, Indiana to **Retha D. Hert**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 9 in the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana.

George S. Hollies, Jr. and Kim Hollies, of Grant County, Indiana to **Daniel E. Foerster and Joyce R. Foerster**, of Martin County, Indiana, one acre, more or less, in Section 8, Township 3 North, Range 3 West.

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IRS phone scam sweeping the nation

Taxpayers nationwide are reporting unsolicited calls from scammers who claim to be with the IRS and demand immediate payment. It has been deemed the largest-ever phone fraud scam targeting taxpayers, costing victims an estimated \$5 million in total. To date, 159 Hoosiers have reported this scam to Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller's Office.

Potential phone scam victims might be told they owe money that must be paid immediately to the IRS or that they are entitled to a large refund. Warning: Scammers may be able to recite the last four digits of a victim's Social Security number. They also may be able to spoof the IRS toll-free number on Caller ID to make the call look legitimate.

Don't fall victim to this scam. The IRS will never initiate contact over the phone. You will always be contacted first through official correspondence by mail. Additionally, the IRS will never ask you for credit card, debit card or prepaid card information over the phone.

If you receive a call from someone claiming to be with the IRS that you think might be a scam, hang up immediately. Call the IRS at 1.800.829.1040 yourself to confirm it was a scam. Then, report the scam to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1.800.366.4484 or go to www.irs.gov and type "scam" in the search

box to report the incident online.

You should also report these scams to the Indiana Attorney General's Office by filing a consumer complaint online at www.indianaconsumer.com or by calling 1-888-834-9969.

Deputy crashes responding to dispute

At approximately 3:30 p.m. on August 17 Martin County Deputy McBeth was responding to assist Indiana State Police and Loogootee Police Department on a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Deputy McBeth was westbound on Hwy. 50 just west of State Road 450 and due to slick road conditions he lost control of the 2005 Ford Explorer the department uses as a pool car and the vehicle came to rest on the driver's side of the vehicle. Deputy McBeth was uninjured. The vehicle has extensive front end damage and said to be a total loss.

Accident report

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

7:00 a.m. - Jordan Hawkins, of Loogootee, was operating a 2011 Chevy on Church Street when he struck a 1991 Dodge parked on the street, owned by Kevin Clark, of Loogootee. Captain Akles investigated.

Martin County Court News

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

August 7

Phyllis A. Grissom, convicted of conversion, a Class A Misdemeanor, amended from theft, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 194 days in the Martin County Security Center with 0 days suspended and credit for 97 actual days previously served plus 97 good time credit days.

Mark A. Payne, convicted of residential entry, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 1.5 years in the Martin County Security Center with 266 days suspended and credit for 139 actual days previously served plus 139 good time credit days. Defendant received 8 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

August 5

Alan C. Moorhead, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

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

Vincent E. Toy, theft, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

August 7

Springs Valley Bank & Trust Co. vs. Scott D. Dowdell, Susan E. Dowdell, and Martin County Treasurer, mortgage foreclosure.

August 11

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Jerold Ervin, civil collection.

PHH Mortgage Corporation vs. Linda Pennington and Capital One Bank, mortgage foreclosure.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

August 13

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Donna E. Walker and against the defendant Robin L. Stoll in the amount of \$1,831.00.

August 19

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Jason R. Bunch in the amount of \$12,174.37.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

August 14

Joshua Eric Milligan of Loogootee and Shaylee C. Daniel of Loogootee.

James E. Wilson of Loogootee and Melanie D. Truelove of Loogootee.



-Photo provided

Shown above from left to right are the new Indiana State Police Troopers, Andrew Watson, Mitchell Wier, and Ross Johnson

Jasper State Police District's newest troopers to begin solo patrol

The 46 newest members of the Indiana State Police received their patrol cars this morning in Indianapolis, signifying the end of their initial training and the beginning of their careers in solo patrol.

The 73rd Recruit Academy graduated on May 14, 2014 after completing approximately 917 hours of structured training at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield, Indiana. Academy curriculum includes criminal and traffic law, general police subjects, arrest techniques, emergency driving, physical tactics, and firearms qualifications.

After completion of Recruit School, the Probationary Troopers worked and were evaluated for three months by field training officers in the districts they were assigned. This period enhanced their knowledge learned in the academy and allowed them to apply the understanding to real life situations.

The Jasper District received three Troopers from the 73rd class: Troopers Ross Johnson, Andrew Watson, and Mitchell Wier.

Trooper Johnson, originally from Newton, Illinois, is a 2010 graduate of Newton Community High School and a 2013 grad-

uate of Olivet Nazarene University (Bourbonnais, Illinois), where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. Trooper Johnson will primarily patrol Dubois County.

Trooper Watson, originally from Washington, Indiana, is a 2008 graduate of North Daviess High School and a 2010 graduate of The Chef's Academy, where he earned an Associate's Degree of Applied Science in Culinary Arts. Trooper Watson worked for the JW Marriott Hotel in Indianapolis prior to joining the State Police, and has been married to his wife, Katlyn, for two years. Trooper Watson will primarily patrol Daviess and Martin counties.

Trooper Wier, originally of Plainville, Indiana, is a 2008 graduate of North Daviess High School. After high school, Wier completed one year at Campbellsville University before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps, where he served four years and attained the rank of Sergeant. Wier is the son of Master Trooper Gary Wier, who also serves in the Jasper District, and is engaged to Whitley Henderson, daughter of Master Trooper Detective David Henderson of the Jasper Post. Trooper Wier will primarily patrol Daviess and Martin counties.

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Purdue field day in southern Indiana to offer family fun, ag education

BY EMMA HOPKINS
Purdue University News Service

Purdue Extension and the Purdue Agricultural Centers are sponsoring a field day of family fun and agricultural education suited to livestock owners at the Southern Indiana Purdue Agricultural Center in Dubois County.

The second annual SIPAC Family and Ag Field Day will be September 6 and consist of two sessions, from 7:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The center is at 11371 Purdue Farm Road in Dubois.

The morning will consist of a fun run/walk across the farm; geo-caching for prizes in the fields; an open house in the diagnostic lab, where participants will learn the "ins and outs" of animals; a walk in the woods to learn about natural resources; and a bring-your-own-lunch picnic.

First session activities and times:

* Four-mile fun run/walk: Registration is 7:15 to 8:15 a.m., and the race starts at 8:30. There will be winners from six age categories. Entry fee is \$20 (\$25 after August 30).

* Geo-caching: 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Participants will go on a treasure hunt to learn about the farm.

* Open house at the diagnostic lab: 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

* Educational session, "What Soils, For-

ages and Grazing Animals Have to do with Ice Cream," 10 to 11:30 a.m. Ice cream will be served. Speakers: Amanda Bough, Soil and Water Conservation District resource specialist in Dubois County; Brad Shelton, farm superintendent at the Feldun Purdue Agricultural Center; Sara Dzimianski of Purdue Extension, Perry County; and Janice Dougan of Purdue Extension, Dubois County.

* Walk in the woods: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. led by Ron Rathfon, Purdue Extension forester at SIPAC.

* Picnic on the farm: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The afternoon session will be led by three Extension speakers, and an optional pasture walk will follow.

Topics and speakers:

* Farm pond management: Ken Eck, Extension educator in Dubois County.

* Small-scale tilapia production: Levi Berg, Extension educator in Orange County.

* Reducing feed cost: large round bales of hay: Jason Tower, SIPAC superintendent.

Registration is required only for the run/walk. Forms are available at <https://ag.purdue.edu/arp/pac/Documents/sipac/SIPAC%204%20miler%202014.pdf>. More information about the field day is at <https://ag.purdue.edu/arp/pac/Pages/sipac-home.aspx> or by contacting Tower at 812-678-4427, towerj@purdue.edu.

Purdue animal welfare center to write standards for commercial care, breeding of dogs

BY KEITH ROBINSON
Purdue University News Service

The director of Purdue University's Center for Animal Welfare Science will lead a two-year research project to develop and test science-based, nationwide animal care standards for the commercial breeding and raising of dogs.

The goal is to provide breeders with uniform standards for dog care and well-being in all states, said Candace Croney, an associate professor of comparative pathobiology and animal science whose research focuses on the behavior and welfare of animals.

"Although many states have standards in place, they are highly variable from state to state," she said. "In addition, several factors that significantly impact dog welfare, such as their housing, have not been well studied, raising questions about the basis and adequacy of current standards. This project will help fill the gaps in regard to better meeting dogs' needs."

The public is becoming increasingly concerned that existing state laws, typically written as minimum standards, do not fully address important elements of dog care and well-being, such as health, genetics, reproductive soundness and behavioral wellness. The ethical issues involved, including lifelong obligations to the animals, must also be addressed, Croney said.

It is estimated that there are more than 78 million pet dogs in the U.S.

"Given that over 36 percent of households own dogs, breeding of dogs - particularly under conditions that appear to harm them - obviously evokes strong reactions by the U.S. public," Croney said.

The project, funded by the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council, Pet Food Institute and World Pet Association, will draw on the varied expertise of many Purdue researchers and colleagues at other institutions. Additional support is being provided by the Science Fellows program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and the USDA-APHIS Center for Animal Welfare.

"The multidisciplinary expertise of the team involved is critically important to addressing this problem," Croney said.

The project involves drafting comprehen-

sive care practices based on the latest research on animal welfare science. Input from breeders, veterinary practitioners and other experts on canine care, reproductive management and welfare will also be incorporated. Then breeders in Indiana and several other Midwestern states will be enrolled in a pilot project that will include evaluating the health and well-being of dogs before and after implementing the standards.

When the standards are finalized, the Purdue Center for Animal Welfare Science will develop education programs for breeders.

"Using this approach will ensure the production and proper vetting of the standards developed to improve voluntary compliance with best practices," Croney said.

Croney said the approach also will:

* Help breeders make informed choices about participating in voluntary dog welfare assurance programs.

* Create a mechanism by which to address public concerns about commercially bred dog welfare.

* Demonstrate the pet industry's willingness to assume its ethical obligation to regulate its animal care practices.

Croney said the standards also could be adapted to enhance the care and welfare of dogs in shelters, laboratories and other commercial venues.

"It is imperative that the U.S. pet industry demonstrate commitment to animal well-being and to broad social responsibility by facilitating efforts to improve the welfare of breeding dogs," Croney said. "Capitalizing on the center's expertise in animal welfare science and ethics will help the pet industry ensure that all dogs are offered the quality of life they deserve."



In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser

Purdue University Master Gardener

Everywhere I go I seem to hear sneezes and coughs. Hay fever time is here. Hay fever is the most common form of allergy and afflicts millions of people. Hay fever is especially prevalent in the Midwest and southeast regions of the United States. Hay fever is caused by pollen which causes allergic reactions in the nasal cavity of the hay fever sufferer.

The most likely culprit in causing hay fever is ragweed. There are different types of ragweed that grow in Indiana, some of which are small and inconspicuous and others which may be eight feet tall. Several other plants often get the blame for causing hay fever, but many of those plants are completely innocent.

In general, pollination of plants occurs in one of two ways. Some plants depend upon insects, birds or other outside forces to carry the pollen to another flower. Other plants release pollen and depend upon the wind to carry it to the receiving flower. It is the latter type of plant that causes hay fever. The pollen carried on the wind can enter the human nasal cavity as readily as it enters a receiving flower.

The plants that are wind-pollinated usually have small flowers, usually white or green in color. Plants that depend on the birds and the bees for pollination have to have flowers that will catch the attention of the pollinators. Such plants also have to produce nectar, which is the reason the insects and birds go to the flowers. Bright colors and large blooms acts advertise the availability of sweet nectar in the same way a neon sign draws one to a candy store. Once there, the pollinator picks up the sticky pollen and transfers it to the next flower it visits. The pollen of such plants tends to be larger than that of the wind-pollinated plants and is too heavy to be carried by the wind.

When a person suffers from hay fever, it is natural to look around and see what is in bloom to determine the cause of the allergic reaction. Of course, the plants one notices are those that have bright colors or large, showy blooms. As we have learned, such plants are usually not wind pollinated, and are not likely the real cause of the hay fever.

Among the maligned plants are several

Squirrel hunting season began last Friday

The 2014-2015 fall hunting season has arrived with the opening of squirrel hunting season August 15.

Squirrel season will continue through January 31. Hunters may harvest both gray and fox squirrels, and can harvest up to five squirrels per day.

Indiana's abundant squirrel populations offer great hunting, and squirrel season can be an opportunity to introduce beginners to hunting.

When hunting, be sure of your target and beyond, respect property rights and get permission, and drink plenty of water to prevent dehydration.

To hunt squirrels, Indiana residents must

Share outdoor experiences with DNR social media contest

A new DNR social media contest encourages Hoosiers to stay connected with the online world even as they unwind in the great outdoors.

plants that are important to the ecology of our area. The most common of these is goldenrod. The bright yellow flowers provide pollen to butterflies and hummingbirds in late summer, and these pollinators in turn transfer the pollen that results in reproduction, causing the receiving plant to set viable seeds. It is true that goldenrod can colonize an area and therefore may be too aggressive for some landscapes, but it does not cause hay fever. The sticky sap of the plant may trigger a tactile allergic reaction in some people, but the pollen is heavy and sticky and is not wind-borne.

Ironweed is another plant sometimes blamed for hay fever. The tall plants topped with umbels of deep purple blooms attract many butterflies in late summer and early fall. The butterflies and not the wind are the agents of pollen transfer for ironweed, so it is not a cause of hay fever.

Joe-pye weed offers some of the largest clusters of flowers in nature. The clusters often are more than a foot in diameter, serving to attract bees, butterflies and other insects. Joe-pye grows in moist areas and is an important filter flower, filtering pesticides and other pollutants out of the ground water. It does not release pollen on the wind and is not a cause of hay fever.

The common names of many plants are descriptions of the plant. One notable exception to that rule is sneeze weed, which neither causes the sneezes of hay fever nor is it a weed. The common name comes from the use of the dried leaves of helenium to make snuff, which would be inhaled to cause sneezing. In former times, it was believed that such sneezing would rid the body of evil spirits. The yellow daisy-like flowers do not cause allergies. Like Joe-pye weed, sneeze weed is a filtering agent in wetlands.

Like many of you, I have suffered the effects of hay fever. Many people have questioned my being a gardener and my love of flowers. I thank God that the flowers I love are not the cause of my discomfort. There is not much chance that I will ever be able to eliminate all of the ragweed from my environment, but at least I can rest assured that the beautiful flowers I love are not the culprits.

purchase the annual hunting license for \$17 (\$7 youth consolidated license), and nonresidents must purchase the \$80 annual hunting license or the \$31 five-day hunting license (\$17 annual youth hunting).

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife has begun providing beginner squirrel hunting workshops as part of its "Hunt, Fish, Eat" program. This fall's workshop will be at J. E. Roush Fish & Wildlife Area on Saturday, September 27. For registration information on this workshop, see <http://bit.ly/1rdjS3b>.

To purchase a hunting license, go to IndianaOutdoor.IN.gov. Additional information on regulations and licensing is at wildlife.IN.gov.

The contest asks people to share their outdoor experiences on the Instagram photo-sharing service (www.instagram.com) and follow DNR at indianadnr. To participate, post a photo and use the hashtag #getINoutdoors. Make sure to identify the subjects and locations in the photo and tag indianadnr.

Participants will be entered for a random chance to win a 2015 Annual Entrance Pass for Indiana State Parks and Reservoirs. The contest ends September 19. The DNR may use the photo entries for promotional purposes.

A series of videos promoting the contest is at <http://bit.ly/1p9GBup>.

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Dubois County Film Commission announces call out for film festival entries

The Little Hollywood of the Midwest, Huntingburg, Indiana, is hosting the first annual Southwest Indiana Film Fest October 17 and 18. First time filmmakers, seasoned professionals, and even YouTube video enthusiasts are all welcome to enter. Just head to www.filmduboiscounty.com, fill out the entry form, submit it with your entry fee, get your film requirements, and start filming.

The Commission is not looking for short films you've already created for this festival. Rather,

it is seeking original, 5-minute short films (plus 1 minute of credits) specifically for this exciting event.

Once an entry form is received with entry fee attached, each filmmaker/team will be assigned a particular genre (horror/sci-fi, drama, or comedy), and be required to include specific elements in each entry. For example, films must include three distinct Dubois County landmarks (options will be provided to assist you), and 30 percent of your film's final run time must be culled from footage shot utilizing these identifiable locations. The final requirement is that you must include the line "Only in Dubois County" spoken or shown visually at some point in your film and not in the title or credits.

Once you have your project together, visit Dubois County and make your short film! More details on this and other re-

quirements are included in the entry form/information available on the SWIFF website at: www.filmduboiscounty.com

Entry fees are due at the time you register for the festival, and there are two different levels for entry, \$150 entry fee for the pro division and \$50 for the amateur division. All entries must be received by September 15 with films due by September 30. No films entries will be accepted after this deadline, and registration fees are non-refundable.

On Friday, October 17, there will be an opening night gathering for all filmmakers and special guests, including to be announced festivities and door prizes. All day Saturday, October 18, there will be screenings of the film entries, as well as seminars, workshops, lectures, Q&As, demonstrations, and more, presented by special guests. These will include various filmmaking topics and trends. That evening there will be an awards ceremony with prizes.

To kick off this first film fest, great prizes like a Blackmagic camera, a GoPro camera package, cash, and more are being offered! Get creative and film something great! The Dubois County Film Commission looks forward to viewing your films and seeing you at SWIFF!

Hollywood has recognized Dubois County as a great place to make movies. Besides several independent films, two fea-

ture films - "A League of Their Own" and "Hard Rain" - and an HBO special have been filmed in Dubois County. Plus, Jasper,

Dr. Brian Blessinger transitioning practice to Norris & Love Orthopaedics & Sports

Effective October 1, Dr. Brian Blessinger will be transitioning his practice to the practice of Drs. Norris and Love at Norris & Love Orthopaedics & Sports.

A native of Dubois County, Brian Blessinger, M.D. returned to the area to serve the region with specialized spinal care and general orthopaedics. As a spine specialist, Brian Blessinger, M.D. can treat complicated conditions such as, scoliosis, herniated disk, spinal stenosis, spinal tumors, spinal cord injuries, and other spinal deformities. He will offer non-operative and minimally invasive options in addition to traditional surgeries for these conditions.

Brian Blessinger, M.D. received his medical degree at Indiana University School of Medicine and completed his residency at University of Toledo Medical Center in Ohio. Brian Blessinger, M.D. completed an orthopaedic spine fellowship at Ortho Carolina in Charlotte, North Carolina. He is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

Brian Blessinger, M.D. is originally from Holland, Indiana and now resides in Huntingburg with his wife and two children.

Indiana, has been featured in the hit TV show "Revolution" and is the model for the city featured in "The Middle".

Art exhibition opened August 18 at VU's Shircliff Gallery

Vincennes University's Shircliff Gallery of Art will host an exhibition titled Reminiscing the Book: A Group Exhibition of Book Arts and Illustration from August 18 through September 11. The Gallery is located inside the Shircliff Humanities Building at the corner of Second and Harrison streets. Admission is free.

A reception for the artists will be held at the Gallery on August 26, 11 a.m. to noon (EDT). Artists featured in the exhibition include Bromley & Bowles, Elizabeth Clafey, Leah Gose, Eryn Lewis, Leighton McWilliams, Charise Mixa, Katya Reka, Bonnie Stahlecker, and Betsy Stirratt.

For more information contact Emily Loehle, Shircliff Gallery director and assistant professor of Art and Design, 812-888-4316, eloehle@vinu.edu.

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National jobless rate at 6.2 percent for July

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in July. Thirty states had unemployment rate increases from June, 8 states had decreases, and 12 states and the District of Columbia had no change, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Forty-nine states and the District of Columbia had unemployment rate decreases from a year earlier and one state had an increase. The national jobless rate was little changed from June at 6.2 percent but was 1.1 percentage points lower than in July 2013.

In July 2014, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 36 states and the District of Columbia, decreased in 13 states, and was unchanged in Iowa. The largest over-the-month increases in employment occurred in Texas (+46,600), California (+27,700), and Michigan (+17,900). The largest over-the-month decrease in employment occurred in Ohio (-12,400), followed by Maryland (-9,000) and South Carolina (-4,600). The largest over-the-month percentage increase in employment occurred in Montana (+0.7 percent), followed by Arizona, Kentucky, Missouri, New Mexico, and Utah (+0.5 percent each). The largest over-the-month percentage decline in employment occurred in West Virginia (-0.4 percent), followed by Maryland (-0.3 percent) and Ohio and South Carolina (-0.2 percent each).

Over the year, nonfarm employment increased in 49 states and the District of Columbia and decreased in Alaska (-0.7 percent). The largest over-the-year percentage increase occurred in North Dakota (+4.4 percent), followed by Nevada (+3.8 percent) and Utah (+3.6 percent).

Regional Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In July, the West continued to have the highest regional unemployment rate, 6.6 percent, while the Midwest again had the lowest rate, 5.9 percent. The South had the only statistically significant over-the-month unemployment rate change (+0.1 percentage point). Significant over-the-year rate decreases occurred in all four regions: the Northeast and West (-1.5 percentage points each), Midwest (-1.4 points), and South (-1.0 point).

Among the nine geographic divisions, the East South Central had the highest unemployment rate, 7.3 percent in July. The West North Central again had the lowest rate, 4.9 percent.

Lt. Governor to be keynote speaker at 2014 Midwest Regional Meeting

Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann will be the keynote speaker at the Federal Labs Consortium's 2014 Midwest Regional Meeting being held in Indianapolis for the first time.

Registration is now open for the conference, which will be held at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown hotel on Tuesday, August 19th and Wednesday, August 20th.

The meeting will showcase federal laboratory lab innovation, and discuss ways individuals, companies, and other entities can access these tax payer funded inventions for commercial use.

This process, known as tech transfer, in the Department of Defense alone resulted in a total cumulative sales of over \$13 billion between 2000 to 2011. Research and development contracts to further develop the available technologies accounted for over \$590 million. Companies reporting the majority of these sales were not traditional defense contractors, but new partners with the Department of Defense and other federal agencies.

The Federal Labs Consortium 2014 Midwest Regional meeting allows visionary leaders of existing corporations and entrepreneurs the opportunity to build collabora-

Over the month, the South Atlantic had the only statistically significant jobless rate change (+0.1 percentage point). Seven divisions had significant rate changes from a year earlier, all of which were declines. The largest of these decreases occurred in the East North Central (-1.8 percentage points) and Middle Atlantic and Pacific (-1.5 points each).

State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Mississippi had the highest unemployment rate among the states in July, 8.0 percent. North Dakota again had the lowest jobless rate, 2.8 percent. In total, 18 states had unemployment rates significantly lower than the U.S. figure of 6.2 percent, 8 states and the District of Columbia had measurably higher rates, and 24 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.

In July, seven states had statistically significant over-the-month unemployment rate increases: Tennessee (+0.5 percentage point); Georgia, South Carolina, and Wyoming (+0.4 point each); Maryland and Vermont (+0.3 point each); and Iowa (+0.1 point). The remaining 43 states and the District of Columbia had jobless rates that were not measurably different from those of a month earlier, though some had changes that were at least as large numerically as the significant changes.

Twenty-nine states and the District of Columbia had statistically significant unemployment rate changes over the year, all of which were decreases. The largest of these declines occurred in Illinois (-2.4 percentage points), Nevada (-2.2 points), and South Carolina (-2.0 points). The remaining 21 states had rates that were not appreciably different from those of a year earlier.

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In July, 15 states had statistically significant over-the-month changes in employment, 14 of which were increases. The largest statistically significant job gains occurred in Texas (+46,600), California (+27,700), and Michigan (+17,900). The only statistically significant job decrease occurred in Maryland (-9,000).

Over the year, 30 states had statistically significant changes in employment, all of which were positive. The largest over-the-year job increase occurred in Texas (+396,200), followed by California (+323,600) and Florida (+208,500).

rative partnerships and learn more about innovative technologies that are currently available for commercialization.

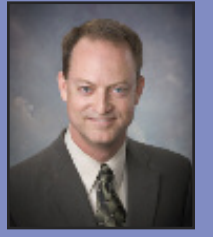
Duane Embree, Executive Director of the Indiana Office of Defense Development (IODD) and former Technical Director of NSWC Crane said, "IODD is pleased to be a partner of the Federal Laboratory Consortium Midwest Regional Meeting. It is fitting this event be held in Indianapolis, as Indiana has positioned itself at the forefront in the commercialization of military inventions, or tech transfer, by developing the infrastructure, systems, and people to support success in these endeavors."

Midwest laboratories attending include Argonne National Laboratory, NASA Glenn, 5 different Air Force Research Labs, NSWC Crane, Agriculture Research Service, Forestry Service, Environmental Protection Agency, Tank and Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center, and more.

Highlights of the event also includes a macro analysis on the collective intellectual property portfolio of the Midwest labs including over 1,400 patents. Three expert panels discussions will be held on the topics working with federal labs from the per-

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative
Mark Messmer



Setting records for Indiana jobs and investment

Life can be unpredictable. That is a reality we all face at one point or another. From an early age, we begin to understand that part of being an adult is financially preparing not only for what we know is coming, but also that which we cannot even begin to expect. However, we often make the mistake of not holding our local, state and federal government officials to the same standards.

When you and I sit down to develop our monthly budget, while it can be complex, the general idea is pretty simple. We cannot spend more money than we bring in. Whatever is not spent on meeting our obligations, we ideally set aside to build our nest-egg. I believe that government should operate in the same manner.

By operating under these principles in 2013, the Indiana General Assembly was able to pass a balanced budget that also put money in our rainy-day fund and cut taxes. As we were advocating for this budget package and soon after it was successfully enacted, we talked a great deal about the positive impact this would have on the business environment in Indiana.

More than a year later, I am pleased to share that we are already seeing these positive results. Earlier this month, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) announced that so far this year, it has worked with 173 companies that have made decisions to expand or establish new business operations in Indiana. These companies are estimated to bring more than 17,000 new jobs to our state.

To put this into perspective, this is more than any other year on record at the midpoint.

Secretary of State launches Indiana MoneyWise financial literacy program and e-magazine

Last Wednesday, Secretary of State Connie Lawson launched the Indiana MoneyWise financial literacy program. This program, formerly known as Indiana Investment Watch, is focused on improving Hoosiers' financial literacy and protecting investors from scams. This enhanced program will expand its focus and content to place areas of emphasis on smart money management skills aimed at key demographics.

"As I travel around the state presenting on the topic of financial literacy, it is clear more Hoosiers want help making smart money de-

spective of capital, entrepreneurship, and technology based economic development groups.

The entrepreneurship panel discussion will be hosted by RPX Group, Chicago, while the panel discussion focusing on capital will be hosted by Purdue Foundry. Both the RPX Group and Purdue Foundry are co-sponsors and partners in this event.

"The funding landscape for entrepreneurs includes a wide range of financing options," said John Hanak, Entrepreneur in Residence at The Purdue Foundry. "This event allows forward-thinking companies and entrepreneurs the opportunity to not only discover already existing innovation, but to learn more about the ins and outs of raising capital to support their venture."

The showcase of the lab's top technologies includes focus on key technology areas of energy (processes or means for conversion); chemical or physical properties (analyzing, processes and apparatuses); micro-organisms and enzymes; and layered products built up of strata.

More information and registration can be found at flcmidwest.org. Registration can be completed online through Wednesday, or onsite at the event.

What's more, these new positions, which companies anticipate hiring over the next five years, will pay an expected average hourly wage of \$21.27, which exceeds our state's current average hourly wage by more than \$1 an hour. In addition, these companies anticipate investing over \$3 billion in their Indiana operations in the coming years.

Business owners across the country are looking for a place where they can maximize their return on investment, fill their available jobs with qualified workers and not be taxed into failure. This recent announcement shows that businesses are finding that here in Indiana, and industry leaders have taken notice. In May, Chief Executive Magazine ranked Indiana the best place to do business in the Midwest and sixth best nationwide. This is a win for every Hoosier and will continue to advance our already strong economy.

I am extremely proud to serve in the Indiana Legislature where we have placed a strong emphasis on living within our means, cutting taxes and creating an environment which encourages job creation. While the future is unpredictable, by planning ahead, maintaining healthy reserves and paying down our debts, we are ensuring that Indiana can continue to effectively operate during times of economic uncertainty. In addition, through attracting new, high-wage jobs, we are affording individuals a better opportunity to provide for themselves and their families and build their own rainy-day fund. I am proud of our leaders for continuing to exercise fiscal restraint, and I am proud to be a Hoosier.

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

isions beyond just investing," said Secretary Lawson. "When Indiana Investment Watch was launched, it was limited to spotting and avoiding scams. Now we have broadened our focus and introduced our newest resource, the Indiana MoneyWise e-magazine."

The centerpiece of the upgrade is the first-ever Indiana Secretary of State e-magazine. This magazine is available electronically for smart phones, tablets and computers. Throughout the magazine, there are tips and links to resources to help Hoosiers make wise money decisions. In the "Fraud Stoppers" section, readers can learn more about investment fraud scam artists recently brought to justice by the Secretary of State Securities Division. Each month, the magazine will have a new focus. This first edition of the e-magazine will focus on saving money and staying on budget when preparing to go back to school. In upcoming months, editions will focus on financial tips for newlyweds, preparing and budgeting for the holidays and senior fraud prevention. Attendees of the Indiana State Fair get a first glance at Indiana MoneyWise. Secretary Lawson's booth in the Exposition Hall has a demonstration of the new e-magazine that gives fairgoers the ability to access content instantly via their smart phone or tablet. To view the online magazine, please visit www.indianamoneywise.com. When viewing the e-magazine, readers can subscribe to the upcoming editions of the e-magazine by clicking italicized "i" at the top of the page. This will direct readers to a page where they can submit their email information to subscribe to future editions. There is no fee for subscribing. The mission of Indiana MoneyWise is to increase financial literacy in Hoosiers and to educate them about the various types of securities fraud. The program is not funded by taxpayers, but rather comes from fines imposed on violators of securities laws.



Lemonade stand

In His Hands Daycare, a ministry of the Dover Hill Christian Union Church, recently had a lemonade stand to raise money for the American Diabetes Association. Shown above from left to right are Zachary Newland, Isaac Johnson, Hope Fultz, Bella Newland, Mackenzie Craney, Lucas Howell, Alyssa Howell, Emma Plake, Andrew Newland, Kadence Plake, Trenden McGuire, Jocelyn Craney, Jasmine Jones, Kaylee Plake and Garrett Sipes. Not pictured, but helping color the signs, were Vincent Sipes, Colden Norris, Treyton Baker, Ryden Clark, Asher Johnson, and Joey Jones. The daycare thanks everyone who helped make this a fun day for the kids as they learned the importance of helping others around them.

Shoals Booster Club looking for supporters

The Shoals Adult Booster Club, that exists solely to support all Jug Rox Athletes, is starting their 2014-15 membership drive. All money raised is used in some way to help the athletic department fund expenses associated with sports, such as uniforms, mats for the wall and the stage in the gym, signs for each sports' sectional, senior night gifts, and host the hospitality room. The money has also been used to purchase equipment for all sports and to host all sports banquets. Last year a total of \$10,000 was donated to the athletic department and two Jesse A. Wood scholarships were awarded to two students.

Anyone wishing to help support the sports programs at Shoals can make a contribution. The following contribution levels are available: Jug Rox friend \$5-\$24, Jug Rox sponsor \$25-\$49, Jug Rox advocate \$50-\$99, Jug Rox benefactor \$200-\$249, Jug Rox patron \$250-\$499, and Jug Rox partner \$500 and up.

Please make checks payable to the Jug

Rox Adult Booster Club and send to: P.O. Box 368, Shoals IN, 47581.

If you would like to become an active member, please contact a booster club officer concerning the next meeting - Sheila Hardwick- President 797-3946, January Roush - Vice President 709-0953, Melissa Hawkins - Secretary 295-2905, or Julia Albright - Treasurer 709-0318.

Loogootee Volleyball girls defeat Paoli

The Loogootee Varsity Volleyball Team took on Paoli Monday night, August 18 and won in three sets, 25-14, 25-17, 25-13. Waylee Wagoner led in points with 23 following by Lauren Bowling with eight and Kylie Hall with seven. Wagoner also had five kills and seven digs. Mya Hedrick finished with 10 points and Emily Bateman had nine.

Breigh LaMar had 18 assists and Hall had five. Kailye Robbins finished with eight digs.

LHS Boys' Tennis defeats Rivet

The Loogootee High School Boys' Tennis team defeated Vincennes Rivet last night, Tuesday, August 19. There were no junior varsity matches played, only varsity.

According to Head Coach Rick Graves, "It's been many years since we've been able to defeat Rivet in tennis. They're much like we were last year because they graduated a good portion of their team but they still competed very well." He went on to say that for the first match of the season, he thought they did some things very well but also had some mental lapses. He noted that Landon Diamond did a nice job for his first varsity start. "He had a little bit of the jitters at first but once he settled down, he played well," said Coach Graves. "You could tell he was thinking things through and made good decisions."

Coach Graves said that Gabe Nolley picked up where he left off last year. Nolley defeated his opponent in both matches. "I anticipate he'll have a great season."

Graves said that Jordan Berry and Wyatt

Wade had a quite a challenge in their second set but he was glad to see them pull out a tough tiebreak.

Also, once Hayden Bell and Landon Bell got going, he said they played very well. "They're both aggressive, which is what we need at their position," said Coach Graves.

Varsity results

#1 Singles - Gabe Nolley (L) defeated Mitchell Hamilton (VR) 6-0, 6-2

#2 Singles - Landon Diamond (L) defeated David Evans (VR) 6-4, 6-4

#3 Singles - Landon Wittmer (L) defeated VR Forfeit

#1 Doubles - Jordan Berry and Wyatt Wade (L) defeated Ben Templin and Thomas Vieke (VR) 6-1, 7-6(13)

#2 Doubles - Hayden Bell and Landon Bell (L) defeated Hunter Ingram and Connor Klein (VR) 6-4, 6-0

The team's next match is tomorrow night, Thursday, August 21 at home against Bloomfield at 4:30 p.m.



LOOGOOTE ELEMNTARY Breakfast

Thursday, August 21

Cereal, string cheese, peaches

Friday, August 22

Oatmeal bar, sausage link, pears

Monday, August 25

Whole grain Pop Tart, banana

Tuesday, August 26

Biscuits and gravy

Wednesday, August 27

Waffle sticks, pears

Lunch

Thursday, August 21

Country fried chicken, mashed potatoes, carrots, pears, bread and butter, milk

Friday, August 22

Cheese pizza, French fries, pears, broccoli and cheese, milk

Monday, August 25

Quesadillas, refried beans, lettuce, rice, applesauce, milk

Tuesday, August 26

Chicken strips, Texas toast, carrots, rice, pineapple, milk

Wednesday, August 27

Turkey and noodles, tossed salad, green beans, peaches, milk

LOOGOOTE INTERMEDIATE AND JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL Lunch

Thursday, August 21

Country fried steak, pizza or chef salad; mashed potatoes, carrots, pears, bread and butter, milk

Friday, August 22

Spicy chicken, cheese pizza, or chef salad; French fries, pears, broccoli and cheese, milk

Monday, August 25

Quesadillas, pizza or chef salad; refried beans, lettuce, rice, applesauce, milk

Tuesday, August 26

Chicken strips, pizza or chef salad; Texas toast, carrots, rice, pineapple, milk

Wednesday, August 27

Turkey and noodles, pizza or chef salad; tossed salad, green beans, peaches, milk

SHOALS SCHOOLS Breakfast

Thursday, August 21

Cinnamon roll, sausage patty, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, August 22

Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

Monday, August 25

Cereal, granola bar, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, August 26

Sausage biscuit, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, August 27

Cereal, string cheese, raisins, juice, milk

Lunch

Thursday, August 21

Beefy nacho dip or chef salad or deli sandwich; whole grain tortilla chips, refried beans, peaches, milk

Friday, August 22

Turkey and cheese sandwich, chef salad, whole grain nacho tray or deli sandwich; pretzels, fresh vegetables, orange slices, milk

Monday, August 25

Chicken strips, chef salad, whole grain nacho tray or deli sandwich; California-blend vegetables, pears, roll, milk

Tuesday, August 26

Baked macaroni and cheese, chef salad, whole grain nacho tray or deli sandwich; green beans, peaches, breadstick, milk

Wednesday, August 27

Country fried steak, chef salad, whole grain nacho tray or deli sandwich; mashed potatoes, frozen fruit smoothie, roll, milk

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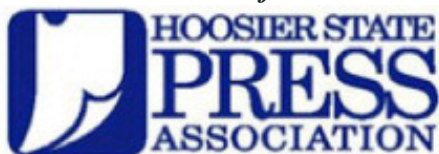
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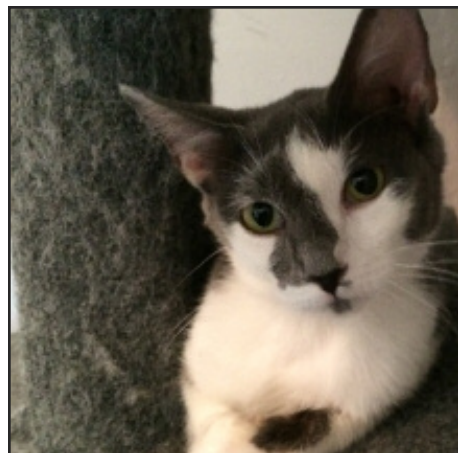
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PLAY MORE GAMES FOR LESS

The Mayor's Den

By Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty



Overall cooler temperatures and summer breezes continued through July.

This month's feature employee is J.D. Greenwell. J.D. started working for the city in 1992, for the street department, moved on to read meters and currently works as a lab technician at the wastewater treatment plant. He is an integral part in the operations of the city and I commend him for his hard work.

The pool committee met on the first with much discussion about upcoming fundraising activities and other financing options for the pool. The evening of the 2nd began the Catfish Festival at Shoals, opening with the 29th Annual Catfish Festival Auction. Once again, the basketball autographed by the entire Indianapolis Pacers team brought the top bid which was \$900 and went to Marvin Bailey of Baileys Used Cars. Thursday the 3rd, I was back at the Catfish Festival to attend their queen contest. Congratulations to Miss Catfish Queen Ashley Phillips and all those who placed and participated in the contest. After the queen contest, I headed to the home of Roy and Nancy Pannell for their yearly fireworks display on the evening prior to July 4th. We look forward to it each year and everyone always enjoys it. The 2nd Annual Hillbilly Queen Contest took place in the evening of July 4th. With so many great candidates to choose from, a final winner could not be selected! Next was the Martin County Idol event with many from all over the county and surrounding areas participating. The evening ended with the 29th annual fireworks display - which just gets better every year. Saturday July 5th, I watched the runners and walkers participating in the annual 5k event beginning at Shoals Ball Park. Congratulations to all who participated and placed. On a personal note, I am very proud of my mother who has been doing the run in her age group since the festival began 20 years ago. She is an inspiration. After the 5k was the annual parade; and I enjoyed passing out candy for the event. In the evening, I enjoyed watching part of the Festival of the Bands while also attending the final two games of the softball tourney. Congratulations to the Divine Chiropractic Team for placing first, Wagler and Sons Builders Best placed second and Indian Creek at third place.

Sunday was the first services of the new St. John's Parish. Monday the 7th, I spent most of the day in the office. Tuesday the 8th was the bi-weekly meeting of the Martin County Commissioners, and their main topic was our pool project. Many members of our community attended the meeting to show their enthusiasm and support for the pool project and I thank them all, as well as the pool committee and Friends of the Pool committee for their constant fundraising efforts. After much discussion and debate, the commissioners decided to assist with the project by signing the resolution with a pledge of \$150,000 spread out over a five-year period. I thank both the Martin County Council and Commissioners for all of their hard work and dedication to their positions, not just on this project but on all the many projects that they work on a day-to-day basis. Wednesday the 9th began on a sad note with the funeral of Dr. Steve Downey. Dr. Downey was a life-long resident of Martin County where he had his own chiropractic office for many years. In addition, he played a very big role in the local Knights of Columbus. The evening of the 9th was the monthly park board meeting. The main topics of discussion were the purchase of a new slide for the city park and the ongoing pool project.

Thursday the 10th, intern Andy Kyger and I met with Ellen Harper from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs to discuss the possibility of starting a Main Street Program. That afternoon, I attended the visitation for Mr. Bud Harper at Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home. Mr. Harper raised seven lovely daughters in our community and was a life-long car enthusi-

ast and truck driver. Friday the 11th was the opening evening of the Martin County Fair. As always, the opening kicked off with the queen contest with six vying for the honor of Miss Martin County. Congratulations to this year's Miss Martin County Kiersten Wood; first runner up Taylor Hayes; second runner up Sabrina Stuffle; and Miss Congeniality Gabby Daniel-Cox. Saturday the 12th, I was back to assist with the Friends of the Pool booth and also check out the many 4-H projects at the event. Monday the 14th was the monthly board of works and common council meeting. Some of the highlights discussed were the resolution for the economic revitalization plan for the new proposed apartments at Elementary East, a proposed contract between the city and Verizon Wireless, the capital improvement plan, and the ongoing pool project. I started Tuesday the 15th at Old National Bank, meeting with members of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce to discuss upcoming projects. That evening, I attended the monthly school board meeting at LHS. Among the many issues discussed were the hiring of Mrs. Betsy Graves as the new secretary for the LHS Principal, Mr. Brad Christmas as the new physical education-health teacher for girls 7-12, and Mrs. Donna Rayhill as the new Tile Aide for the elementary school. Following the meeting, I went back to the Martin County 4-H grounds for the annual pig show. Wednesday the 16th, intern Andy Kyger and Administrative Assistant Phyllis Panko and I met with Sue David to discuss the upcoming "Country Day" event.

Thursday the 17th, I spent the day in the office. Friday the 18th, Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins, intern Andy Kyger, and I went to Petersburg to attend the monthly Southern Indiana Mayor's Roundtable. The main topic of discussion of the Roundtable was meth labs with Doug Carter, Superintendent for the Indiana State Police; Doug Humphrey, ISP Meth Suppression Team; Darin McDonald, Pike County Prosecutor; and Chuck Baumgart, Chief of Police for Petersburg Police Department, among others, discussing this growing problem threatening our communities. That evening, the pool committee met to discuss their upcoming project. Saturday the 19th was a yard sale at the pool house to benefit the pool project with a constant stream of lookers, buyers and donors taking advantage of the many items donated to the sale. And several came just for the delicious turkey strip sandwiches which have become a signature dish of the pool project! Thank you, Don Greene, and everyone who worked with him, including the pool committee grillers, to make the yard sale another fundraising success. I also attended a fundraiser in Washington for Gianna Armstrong's daughter, Jane, who was in need of a kidney and luckily found a perfect match. The fundraiser was at Washington Catholic and raised \$14,000! That evening, I attended the first annual Montgomery Summerfest. First up for entertainment was "The Spring" - an upcoming group from Nashville who performed many favorite country tunes. The legendary David Allen Coe followed them. He has written and performed countless songs throughout his career and the crowd enjoyed his performance.

Sunday the 20th a group of my friends went to V.U.J.C. Performing Arts Center to watch the performance of "Fiddler on the Roof." Local performers Wayden Wagoner and Chantel Greene did a fabulous job. Also originally from Loogootee, now living in Jasper, was Vanessa Hickman. It was a great performance of the classic. Monday the 21st, I headed to the pool for a check presentation from the LHS Class of 1979. The group had their reunion on the 19th and amazingly, they raised over a thousand dollars for the project! Tuesday the 20th, the much anticipated new slide was installed at

the park. It's already being put to good use as every time I pass the park, children are all over it! Mid-morning on Wednesday the 24th, I attended a very informative meeting concerning facilities planning at the offices of SIDC. Following the meeting, I went to WestGate Academy for a Lunch-and-Learn Session with guest speaker, former Lt. Governor and current President and CEO of Radius Indiana Becky Skillman. Primary discussion was defense and the economic impact Crane has on our area. Thursday the 24th was our monthly department head meeting to discuss and act on many ongoing issues. That evening, I attended the monthly Four Rivers Resources Board Meeting at Linton. Friday the 25th I attended the visitation of Mrs. Hawkins at Shoals. Following the visitation, I headed right back to city hall for lunch because the pool committee grillers were serving up their famous turkey strip sandwiches, and as usual, there was a good turn-out. Saturday the 26th I attended a surprise birthday party for Theresa Akles at Shoals. Teresa has worked for the county clerk's office for many years and celebrated a very special birthday this year - I won't say which one! That evening was the 2014 LHS Alumni Banquet at St. John's Catholic Center. Congratulations to Terri Resler who was chosen as the 2014 LHS Alumna of the Year and Abby Ackerman and Taylor Hayes as the Butcher-Gee Scholarship Grant recipients.

Monday the 28th started out on a somber note as I attended the funeral for Mr. Ray-

~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

'Please attend an informative community meeting Saturday, August 23'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

It has come to my attention and I want to bring it to yours: Are you aware that in October fishing crews from around the state will assemble at West Boggs to apply the fish toxicant Rotenone to the remaining water in the lake, as well as all the targeted private waters in the watershed. This will include all of the inflow streams and sheet water left in the lake basin flats. This is all to be done in a single day of operations. This is the only part of the renovation project in which we ask people to stay away from work crews and work areas. The park will be closed that day and the gates will be closed.

Lakeview Restaurant will also be closed as that parking lot will be the staging area. Lake area homeowners should take note that at some point in that day an aircraft will be used for parts of the application and while the chemical is not toxic to humans, it is still advised to not stay outdoors to

watch the plane work. This is to avoid the potential for eye and respiratory irritation from the materials used.'

The afore paragraph is an excerpt from a letter from West Boggs Park sent to residents living near West Boggs Lake. The purpose of the use of this chemical, Rotenone, is to kill off the gizzard shad fish which are detrimental to game fish.

The chemical Rotenone is a powerful neurotoxin associated with the onset of Parkinson's Disease...Rotenone directly inhibits the function of the mitochondria, the structure responsible for making energy in the cell. This information comes from the National Institute of Health...just one source. Google it yourself...There is lots of information about Rotenone.

If any of the above is concerning to you, please attend an informative community meeting Saturday, August 23 at 9 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Stimulus Engineering Building Conference Room at 411 North JFK Avenue in Loogootee.

Thank You
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