



After the storm

-Photo by Joshua Hughett

The area has been plagued with rain the past few days and after Monday night's slight storms, a double rainbow appeared and stuck around for about 30 minutes. According to the forecast, we will have a break from rain today but it will come back in full force for the next six days.

Council approves 2015 budget, money requests

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Council met Monday night, October 6. In the first order of business, approval of the minutes, Council Member Lonnie Hawkins voted against approving the minutes of September's meeting and budget hearings. When asked by Council Member Lynn Gee if there was something wrong with the minutes, Hawkins replied, "Nothing major, just a couple things I didn't agree with." But he didn't elaborate further.

The council approved the following additional appropriations:

- \$70,000 for public defender fees for the court - \$30,000 from COIT, \$15,000 from riverboat, \$15,000 from the general fund, and \$15,000 from the rainy day fund.
- Council Member Randy Winger asked Auditor January Roush how much money the county has spent on public defenders so far this year, including what was just approved. Roush replied that it is around \$200,000 and about the same as last year. Winger asked if the current additional money requests will get the judge through the rest of the year and Roush said that she thinks it will.

- \$5,000 for transcripts and depositions for the circuit court from the COIT distribution

- \$300 for mileage and \$180 for con-

ferences and training for the Councilman Hawkins to go to AICB. Councilman Hawkins abstained from the vote since it directly related to him.

The council tabled an additional money request from the commissioners for \$6,000 to pay attorney fees associated with the lawsuit filed against the county by the estate of Waylon Abel for his death after swimming in West Boggs Lake. Councilman Hawkins said he would like to see if the Daviess-Martin Joint Park Board can pay that fee. Councilman Winger noted that the county was listed as one of the defendants in the lawsuit, not the park board. "I'm not sure anyone sitting here had anything to do with that," said Hawkins. Winger questioned what Daviess County was doing with their attorney fees since they are also listed as defendants, along with both county's health departments. Roush said she was not sure. Winger noted that the \$6,000 is just an estimate on attorney fees anyway and Roush added that only \$1,000 has been billed so far.

The council approved a transfer for the extension office - \$23.67 from extra help, \$300 from office secretary and \$48.36 from repairs and maintenance for a total of \$372.03 to go into travel. Extension Director Jonathan Stevens said he is running low on travel money for (See 'COUNCIL' continued on page 2)

Officers uncover meth lab, marijuana plants in Loogootee residence

An early Saturday morning domestic dispute in Loogootee led officers to information that uncovered an indoor marijuana grow and a methamphetamine lab.

At about 12:23 this past Saturday morning, Trooper Andrew Beaver assisted the Loogootee Police Department at 305 Bloomfield Road in Loogootee to attempt to resolve a domestic disagreement between a couple. Officers reached an agreement for the parties to separate for the night and left the scene.

Shortly after leaving, officers received information that the homeowner of the residence, Edward R. McCloskey, 56, was cultivating marijuana in the basement. Trooper Beaver, Loogootee Officer Steve Nolan, and Martin County Deputy Joshua Greene filed for a search warrant for the residence through the Martin County Prosecutor's Office. The warrant was granted for the residence, and officers began searching around 6 a.m. Saturday morning.

Officers located 30 marijuana plants growing in the basement, as well as a methamphetamine lab, precursors to manufacture methamphetamine, and other drug paraphernalia throughout the house. Officers contacted the Indiana State Police Marijuana Eradication Unit and the Methamphetamine Suppression Section to remove the plants and safely dismantle the methamphetamine lab.

McCloskey was arrested without incident and logged in the Martin County Jail. He was charged with possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony; dealing methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony; manufacturing methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of two or more precursors, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; cultivating marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; and maintaining a common nuisance, a Class B Misdemeanor.



-Photos provided

Shown above and below are the marijuana plants that was found this past Saturday morning in the basement of a home in Loogootee, on Bloomfield Road, owned by Edward McCloskey.



Choral Festival

-Photo by Lori Mattingly

New LHS Choral Director Nick Grey is shown above directing the high school chorus at last night's festival at Bloomfield High School. This is Mr. Grey's first year as choral director and his first year at festival. More photos can be found on page 11.

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COUNCIL

(Continued from page one)
the rest of the year and said he will be coming back to the council next month to request an additional \$1,500. He said he is not sure how many trips

The council decided to let the commissioners approve someone to serve on the prevailing wage committee that has to be formed for the City of Loogootee's pool project.

The council approved the adoption of the solid waste budget for a total of \$534,752. The solid waste no longer has a tax levy since they are no collecting a user fee from

property tax payers. Much of their budget also comes from the selling of recycled materials.

The council, in a 6-1 vote, approved the adoption of the county's 2015 budget for a total of \$4,425,726 with a tax rate of 0.6055, an increase over last year. Council Member Barb McFeaters voted against approving the budget due to the increase in the tax rate.

The council voted to move next month's meeting to November 10 at 6 p.m. due to the community foundation's annual dinner scheduled for their regular meeting night.



Corn maze

-Photo provided

The photo above is of the 2014 Lark Ranch corn maze. The ranch has a goal this year to raise \$25,000 for Riley Hospital. Lark Ranch has been fundraising for Riley for around nine years. Lark Ranch is located three miles north of Loogootee just off U.S. 231. For more information, visit www.larkranch.com.

Loogootee Post Prom HOLIDAY CRAFT/VENDOR FAIR Saturday, November 1

8 am-2 pm at Loogootee United Methodist Church

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OBITUARIES

Wednesday, October 8, 2014 ~ Martin County Journal

ANNA YODER

Anna Yoder died at 12:48 p.m. Sunday, October 5, 2014 at Daviess Community Hospital in Washington. A resident of Montgomery, she was 84.

She was born September 21, 1930 in Daviess County; the daughter of John and Lydia (Wittmer) Stoll. She married Benjamin Yoder on April 18, 1949 and he preceded her in death on November 8, 2011.

She was a member of Tourist Mennonite Church in Sarasota, Florida and attended Berea Mennonite Church in Cannelburg. She was a homemaker and enjoyed gardening, flowers and spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by three daughters, Pauline and husband, Larry Coldiron, of Akron, Ohio; Marilyn and husband, Firman Troyer, of Belize, South America; and Sharon and husband, Ed Miller, of Sugar-creek, Ohio; five sons, Richard and wife, Shirley Yoder, of Montgomery, Dwight and wife, Beverly Yoder, of Washington, John G. and wife, Joy Yoder, of Sarasota, Florida; Gary and wife, Shannon Yoder, of Montgomery; and Mark and wife, Carmen Yoder, of Montgomery; two sisters, Ada Wagler of Montgomery and Ida Wagler of Loogootee; one brother, Wilmer Stoll of Montgomery; 23 grandchildren and 21

great grandchildren

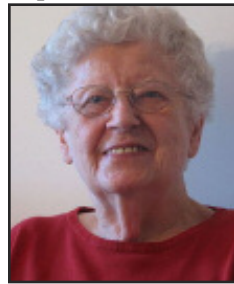
She is preceded in death by her parents, John and Lydia (Wittmer) Stoll; her husband, Benjamin Yoder; and one brother, Ora Stoll.

Funeral services were conducted this morning, Wednesday, October 8 at Berea Mennonite Church in Cannelburg. Burial following in the church cemetery.

Brocksmith-Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery is in charge of arrangements.

DOROTHY NORRIS

Dorothy L. Norris passed away Monday, September 29, 2014. A resident of Carmel, she was 87.



DOROTHY NORRIS

She was born February 6, 1927 in Loogootee; the daughter of the late James F. and Anastasia Hopkins O'Neal. She was a graduate of Indiana University and worked as a teacher for 10 years. After raising her family, she joined her husband working in real estate.

She was a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

She is survived by her children, Larry Norris, Charlotte (husband, Richard) Coe and Michael Norris; grandchildren, Matthew, Andrew and Ryan Coe; sisters, Anne O'Neal, Alma Walker and Margie Reising; and brother, Joe O'Neal.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael Dooley Norris.

A funeral Mass was held Saturday, October 4 in the chapel at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery. Burial followed in the cemetery.

Flanner and Buchanan-Carmel was in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Visit flannerbuchanan.com to sign the online guestbook.

She is survived by her children, Larry Norris, Charlotte (husband, Richard) Coe and Michael Norris; grandchildren, Matthew, Andrew and Ryan Coe; sisters, Anne O'Neal, Alma Walker and Margie Reising; and brother, Joe O'Neal.

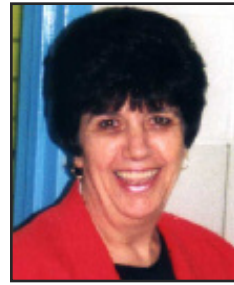
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JUNE JONES

June L. Jones passed away at 1:11 a.m. October 3, 2014 at Memorial Hospital and



JUNE JONES

Healthcare Center in Jasper. A resident of Shoals, she was 71. She was born July 24, 1943 in Traverse City, Michigan; the daughter of Harley and Thelma (Bowman) Cook. She married Garry E. Jones on October 9, 1998 in the Bahamas. She attended high school in Michigan and obtained a secretarial degree from Oakland City College. She retired after many years of service as the Shoals High School Treasurer. She was a member of the Shoals Christian Church.

She is survived by her husband, Garry of Shoals; one daughter, Cheryl (Dobson) Pickel, and her husband, Bob, of Shoals; step-daughter, Melissa Cooper, and her husband, Eric, of Dubois; two step-sons, Mark Jones, and his wife, Julie, of Orleans and Darrin Jones, and his wife, Julie, of Shoals; step-grandchildren, Amelia Cooper, Blake Cooper, Austin Myers,

Madison Jones, and Darrin Ray Jones; and one sister, Loris Meadors of Edmund, Oklahoma.

She was preceded in death by her parents, son, Curt Dobson; daughter-in-law, Ardis Dobson; grandson, Matt Pickel; and two brothers, Carl and Harry Cook.

A funeral service was held Sunday, October 5, 2014 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

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

JANICE THOMAS

Janice K. Thomas passed away October 2, 2014 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 64.



JANICE THOMAS

She was born February 18, 1950 in Huntingburg; the daughter of the late Sherman and Catherine (Simpson) Russell. She married Ronald L. Thomas and he preceded her in

death on April 19, 2014. She attended Chestnut Grove Church and enjoyed shopping and watching Jimmy Swaggart.

She is survived by her son, Scott Thomas (Michelle); daughter, Pam Hall (Scott); sisters, Martha Nell Dewitt of Gentryville and Dena Alvey of Dale; brother, Sherman "Junior" Russell of Boonville; and five grandchildren, Kristopher, Brittani and Kaitlin Thomas, Kristan and Kylie Hall.

Also preceding her in death was a sister, Diane Bolin and brother, Bob Russell.

Funeral services were held Sunday, October 5 at Huber Funeral Home, Tell City Chapel, with burial in Ebenezer Cemetery in Hatfield. Bro. Dan Caldwell officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to Chestnut Grove Church.

Loogootee Water began flushing mains last night

The Loogootee Water Department began flushing water mains last night, Tuesday, October 7 and will continue through Sunday, October 12.

Customers may experience periods of low water pressure and/or cloudy water. It is recommended that you check your water quality before cooking, drinking, or doing laundry. If you have problems with your water quality, contact the water office at 812-295-2497 or after 4 p.m. call the Loogootee Police Department at 812-295-2246.

Crews will be flushing mains during the night and early morning hours. The reason for this is to help prevent interruptions during the day and high-demand periods. The water department would also like to caution drivers and pedestrians to be cautious when utility employees are in the area. Water main flushing through fire hydrants releases large volumes of water at high pressure which can be dangerous.

The Martin County Democrat Party will host a "MEET THE CANDIDATES" BARBECUE



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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

1:03 a.m. - Received a call advising of an active alarm at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant. Corporal Greene responded.

1:40 a.m. - Received a call advising of a disturbance behind The Sugar Shack. Corporal Greene responded and transported a subject to the fairgrounds.

2:50 a.m. - Received a report of a fight in progress in Shoals. Corporal Greene and Trooper Greene responded. Officers requested Martin County EMS.

1:33 p.m. - Received a 911 call advising of a vehicle crash with unknown injuries on US 50 in front of Loogootee Nursing Center in Daviess County. Captain Akles and Martin County EMS responded.

1:40 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage motorcycle crash on US 150, west of Singing Hill. Sgt. Keller responded.

3:51 p.m. - Sgt. Keller assisted with a motorcycle escort at US 150 and US 50.

5:06 p.m. - Received a call advising of an active alarm north of Shoals. Deputy Harmon responded.

6:38 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on US 150. Deputy Harmon notified.

7:30 p.m. - Subject came to the Martin County Sheriff's Department to report a theft. Deputy Harmon responded.

9:28 p.m. - Received a report of a structure fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County EMS, and Deputy Harmon responded.

9:59 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Healthcare. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

1:03 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Padanaram. Martin County EMS and Indian Creek Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to IU Health, Bedford.

5:53 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver northbound on US 231 from Haysville. Major Burkhardt notified.

6:05 a.m. - Received a report of a possible broken-down vehicle on US 50 at State Road 450. Major Burkhardt responded.

12:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

12:50 p.m. - Received a call from a subject reporting bullying. Major Burkhardt was notified.

3:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt transported one inmate to court.

3:08 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

4:25 p.m. - Deputy Baker arrived at Martin County Security Center with an inmate from Daviess County for court.

5:40 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage vehicle crash on Windom Road. Deputy Baker responded.

7:09 p.m. - Received a report from an individual south of Shoals reporting a scam. The subject who called stated that the complainant had a grandson in a hospital in Mexico and was needing money. Deputy Baker spoke with the complainant.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

2:56 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

8:19 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Major Burkhardt responded. Martin County EMS transported to IU Health, Paoli.

9:30 a.m. - Major Burkhardt transported one inmate to court.

10:00 a.m. - Major Burkhardt transported one inmate to court.

10:30 a.m. - Major Burkhardt transported one inmate to court.

1:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt transported three inmates to court.

1:45 p.m. - Major Burkhardt transported two inmates to court.

3:00 p.m. - Received a report of a structure fire in Dover Hill. Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, and Martin County EMS responded.

3:15 p.m. - Received a request for a VIN check on Harper Hill Road. Major Burkhardt was notified.

5:15 p.m. - Received a report of a male and a female fighting in Shoals. Corporal Greene responded.

5:33 p.m. - Received a report of vehicle over the embankment on Sherfick School Road at Boyd Hollow Road. Corporal Greene responded.

9:48 p.m. - Received a report of a prowler on US 50 west of Shoals. Corporal Greene, Marshal Eckert, and Trooper Sexton responded.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

1:50 p.m. - Major Burkhardt transported an inmate to Daviess County Security Center.

4:20 p.m. - Major Burkhardt transported an inmate to Orange County Security Center.

4:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

8:27 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near West Boggs Park. Martin

Martin County real estate transfers

Christopher R. Stone, of Martin County, Indiana to **Adam E. Greene**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 10 in Plat of Ridge View. Tract I: A part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter and a part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West. Tract II: A part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter and a part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, in Martin County, Indiana.

Logan L. King, of Martin County, Indiana to **Sharon M. Brassine**, of Martin County, Indiana, a strip 96 feet of even width off the west end of a tract in Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 3 West con-

Jail bookings

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:01 p.m. - Kevin G. Ervin, 46, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Police and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and transported to the Martin County Security Center. Officer Nolan was the arresting officer.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

12:50 a.m. - Blake L. Burch was arrested for resisting law enforcement, minor consumption, leaving the scene of an accident, operating while intoxicated, and public intoxication. Burch is being held on \$20,000 or 10% bond. Burch was arrested by Trooper Beaver.

3:45 a.m. - Cheyanne Helsley, of Shoals, was arrested for minor consumption. Helsley is being held on \$10,000 or 10% bond. Helsley was arrested by Corporal Greene.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

6:04 p.m. - Jason Schlachter, of Loogootee, was arrested for intimidation and resisting law enforcement. Schlachter is being held on \$40,000 or 10% bond. Schlachter was arrested by Chief Rayhill.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

7:19 a.m. - Edward McCloskey, of Loogootee, was arrested for possession of methamphetamine, dealing methamphetamine, manufacturing methamphetamine, possession of two or more precursors, possession of marijuana, cultivating marijuana, maintaining a common nuisance. McCloskey is being held on \$100,000 cash only bond. McCloskey was arrested by Trooper Beaver.

County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

10:00 p.m. - Received a report of a possible trespassing subject south of Loogootee. Corporal Greene responded.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

9:15 a.m. - Chief Deputy Dant transported two inmates to court.

10:02 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

10:30 a.m. - Chief Deputy Dant transported one inmate to court.

11:46 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

2:57 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at the Loogootee Police Department. Martin County EMS responded.

8:01 p.m. - Received a report of an intoxicated person on US 231. Corporal Greene responded.

8:20 p.m. - A subject came on station to report a vehicle crash involving a deer on US 150 near Fuzzy Duck. Corporal Greene was informed.

9:21 p.m. - Received a report of a possible prowler in Dover Hill. Corporal Greene re-

sponded.

sponded.

Betty J. Osborn, successor trustee of the Robert L. Osborn 2001 Trust, of Martin County, Indiana to **Betty J. Osborn**, of Martin County, Indiana, the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter and the north half of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter all in Section 31, Township 5 North, Range 4 West containing 3 1/7 acres, more or less.

Betty J. Osborn, as Trustee of the Betty J. Osborn 2001 Trust, of Martin County, Indiana to **Betty J. Osborn**, of Martin County, Indiana, the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter and the north half of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter all in Section 31, Township 5 North, Range 4 West containing 3 1/7 acres, more or less.

Betty J. Osborn, of Martin County, Indiana to **Robert D. Osborn, Trustee of the Betty J. Osborn Irr MAP Trust**, of Martin County, Indiana, the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter and the north half of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter all in Section 31, Township 5 North, Range 4 West containing 3 1/7 acres, more or less.

Robert L. Dillon and Jacqueline S. Dillon, of Martin County, Indiana to **Mark Daniel Wening, Jr.**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of Lot 13 in Risacher's 2nd Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Roy Lee Bergman and Dinah E. Bergman, of Martin County, Indiana to **Karen S. Bergman**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the east half of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 3 West containing 4 and 1/3 acres, more or less.

Kenneth Schrock and Hannah Schrock, of Martin County, Indiana to **Lawrence R. Carpenter and Linda K. Carpenter**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, lying in Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 5 acres, more or less.

Charles R. Lee, of Martin County, Indiana to **Aaron Dupont**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the west half of the east half of the east fractional Section 2, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 2.88 acres, more or less.

sponded.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

2:18 a.m. - Received a call advising of an active alarm at the Martin County Learning Center. Corporal Greene responded.

3:58 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Corporal Greene completed the detail.

5:50 a.m. - Corporal Greene found a tree across the roadway on Windom Road. Corporal Greene removed the tree.

8:38 a.m. - Received a report of a fire alarm south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department and the Shoals Fire Department responded.

10:25 a.m. - Received a report of dogs running loose on Rusk Road. Deputy Baker was notified.

11:00 a.m. - Deputy Baker transported two inmates to court.

5:06 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Crane Village. Deputy Harmon responded.

7:07 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Harmon completed the detail.

8:26 p.m. - Received a report of a broken-down vehicle on US 50 at Lily Pond Road. Deputy Harmon responded.

10:35 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle in the ditch at the intersection of Mt. Pleasant Road and Friends Creek Road. Deputy Harmon responded.

11:41 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle at the Co-Op in Loogootee. Corporal Greene responded.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

1:17 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance in Loogootee. Officer Nolan, Corporal Greene, and Trooper Beaver responded.

10:20 a.m. - Received a report of mischief in Shoals. Deputy Baker was notified.

11:19 a.m. - Received a report of mischief in Shoals. Deputy Baker was notified.

12:17 p.m. - Received a report of a possible trespasser in Shoals. Deputy Baker was notified.

2:46 p.m. - Received a report of a possible methamphetamine lab on Windom Road. Deputy Baker responded.

4:24 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on US 50. Deputy Baker and Loogootee Police Department notified.

6:49 p.m. - Received a report of possible neglected animals north of Loogootee. Deputy Harmon notified.

7:52 p.m. - Received a report of domestic dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Harmon responded with a Loogootee Police Officer.

8:35 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash on US 150 west of Asbell Road. Deputy Harmon and the Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:51 p.m. - Received a report of prowler in Shoals. Deputy Harmon was advised.

10:18 p.m. - Received a report of an intoxicated person in Loogootee causing a disturbance. Sgt. Norris and Deputy Harmon responded.

Loogootee man arrested after standoff

On Thursday, October 2 at 3:15 p.m., Loogootee Police received a report of a male threatening bodily harm to his neighbors. The male was later identified as Jason A. Schlachter, 38, of Loogootee. Officers went to the Schlachter residence to arrest him but he refused officers commands and refused to come out of the house. Eventually, the Daviess County Strategic Response Unit was called to the scene and made entry into the home at 5:55 p.m. Schlachter was arrested by Loogootee Chief Kelly Rayhill and charged with intimidation and resisting arrest. Loogootee Police were assisted by the Indiana State Police Fire Marshal's Office, Martin County Sheriff's Department, Indiana Conservation Department, Martin County Prosecutor's Office, and the Daviess County Strategic Response Unit.

Purdue expert: Prepare now for post-harvest drying

BY DARRIN PACK
Purdue University News Service

The nearly ideal weather that has been credited with helping produce an expected record corn crop in Indiana also is yielding concerns that some of the grain will be harvested wetter than normal and require more artificial drying for storage.

"It looks like it's going to be a great crop, and it definitely looks like it could be a wet harvesting year," said Klein Ileleji, associate professor of agricultural and biological engineering at Purdue University. "Farmers should be working now to avoid problems later on."

Adequate drying is an especially important consideration for growers who plan to store their crop rather than sell it immediately, Ileleji said. Excess moisture makes stored grain more susceptible to spoilage.

Under more normal conditions, farmers would bring in their corn with a moisture content of about 20 percent, Ileleji said. The grain can be safely stored for six months with moisture content of 15 percent and up to a year at 14 percent.

This year, because cooler temperatures and damp air delayed dry-down in the field, some farmers could be bringing in crops with moisture content of 25 percent or higher.

Wringing out that extra moisture will be a challenge, Ileleji said.

"We typically talk about taking out 5 percent or more of the moisture in the drying process. Now we could be talking about 10 percent or more for some of the crop," he said.

Drying units could be taxed by the extra work, so farmers should make sure their equipment is in good working order, Ileleji said.

"Wet corn will not flow smoothly



This ear of corn is in an Indiana cornfield that is near harvest in early October. (Purdue Agricultural Communication photo/Keith Robinson)

through the machine and could clog the mechanism," he said. "Because post-harvest drying is a time-consuming process, there is a tendency to try to do too much at once, which simply leads to breakdowns and additional delays."

Ileleji stressed that operators should never reach into a drying unit or storage bin with flowing grain to clear a jam.

"That is a significant safety hazard," he said.

Despite the additional work and expense associated with an extended drying operation, Ileleji advised farmers who might have a moisture issue not to wait too long for their crop to dry down in the field before harvesting.

"We are already pushing the outside of the weather envelope in late October," Ileleji said. "It is better to bring the crop in wet than to have it freeze."

Despite high moisture content in some parts of the state, most of Indiana's corn crop appears to be in good shape for harvesting, with few signs of ear rot or other toxic fungal diseases that could thrive in wet conditions, said Bob Nielsen, Purdue Extension corn specialist.

"We are amazingly on track," Nielsen said.

Recent warmer, drier weather throughout much of the region has helped the dry-down.

"We've been losing one-half to three-quarters point a day in moisture content over the past seven to 10 days," he said. "That's very good for this time of year."

Once the corn is brought in, farmers should have plenty of propane to fuel their drying equipment, said Wally Tyner, a Purdue agricultural economist specializing in biofuels.

Last year, national propane stocks were about average heading into the drying season, Tyner said. But after a large, wet harvest similar to this year, farmers used nearly four times as much propane to dry their crops as they did in 2012, quickly drawing down the reserves and helping to lead to critical shortages of the gas later when the region plunged into one of the coldest winters on record.

Tyner said propane inventory is now running about 20 percent above last year. He advised farmers to fill up their tanks now before high demand and slick winter roads made supply more difficult in the coming weeks and months.

"It's simply better to be prepared," he said.

Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton

NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

After last winter, I think most people have a reason to be wondering what this winter will be like. What the weather will be is probably not dependent on your favorite weather forecaster or even those nature-derived clues, although I find some of those natural clues interesting, I'm not sure how accurate they are. But we all know the weather certainly is a hot coffee shop topic, especially this time of year. The weather will be what it is and we should probably plan for some bad conditions and hope and pray for better ones.

What should you be grazing right now? If you still need to stockpile forage or rest pasture, then those annuals or crop residue can certainly work. Corn stock residue can provide at least 30 days of decent grazing after harvest date. After 30 days, the quality of that fodder will decrease fairly quickly and only maintenance animals should really graze them, unless higher quality annuals have been planted into the stalks (raising the nutritional value) and they are ready to graze. If you have annuals such as oats and brassicas that were planted a few weeks ago, some of those can now be grazed. You would not want to graze them too hard if you don't have to; you will want to save some for later.

Some areas still have an abundance of forage available for grazing. Deferring this forage for later use provides an opportunity for more growth in the declining daylight days and more opportunity for grazing later. Once we have a good killing freeze, which will be coming fairly soon in the northern part of the state, you can feel comfortable to start grazing stockpiled forages without worrying too much about stressing the plant too much. You want the plant to build both the top and new roots in order to store energy for next spring. If you continue grazing into late fall the plant will be weakened some next spring.

As we proceed later into October and approaching November, forages that don't hold their value very well or for very long need to be grazed first – orchardgrass, timothy hay aftermath, perennial ryegrass, and even smoothbrome once it has for sure gone dormant should be first on the menu. I would then move to or back to any annual small grains as long as soil conditions permit.

The mainstay dominating stockpiled forage for the rest of the winter here in the Midwest is most certainly tall fescue. Whether old Kentucky 31 or an endophyte-friendly tall fescue like Max-Q, if it is dominantly new fall regrowth, it will hold its nutritional value better than anything for as long as it lasts. The fescue should be the last thing normally grazed in the winter...so save it for late use. It will hold up to some abuse, maintain decent quality, and is basically standing hay.

Summer annual warm-season grasses, such as sudangrass or sorghum-sudangrass hybrids often have some late season value, but caution should be taken in utilizing these forages this time of year. I will add Johnsongrass to this list also. Once frosted, these forages quickly start shutting down and can start producing a cyanide-containing compound commonly called prussic acid. This acid is the same compound that is produced by these same plants under stressed conditions. Livestock should be removed from these forages for 10-14 days to allow for the forages to "dry down" and the prussic acid to dissipate before grazing again. Frosted sudangrass or sorghum-sudangrass hybrids can be harvested for balance right after being frosted and later fed as long as they are allowed their normal fermentation process time period of three or four weeks. Frosted areas could be only

"pockets" in a field to start with. Any regrowth from the base of the plant after a frost can also be very high in prussic acid. If in doubt about nitrates or prussic acid – test before feeding or grazing!

I would strongly recommend doing an animal to forage/hay/feed balance right now and see how you are set for the winter. Better to find out now that you may be short than to find out later when finding and moving hay/feed is more difficult.

You also need to evaluate your watering system. I certainly found a couple limitations to my system last winter. Too many long cold periods with major wind chill factors. I think it is better to be prepared than to have to deal with a problem under very unfavorable weather conditions. The freshest and cheapest source of good quality water in the winter is from a spring development. With a good spring, and the right setup, this system will provide free flowing, non-freezing water that is within the temperature range livestock prefer year around. Heated tanks or insulated ball tanks are also good winter time sources.

Last year most producers appreciated the free concrete...frozen ground. Again, it is best to be prepared. If I planned on that "free concrete," I'd get a warmer than average wet winter for sure! Mud is certainly worse around feeding, watering, and other concentrated areas. One of the best solutions for these concentrated areas is to install a "heavy use protection area" or "HUAP" if you like acronyms, or more simply, rock pads. These areas are fairly simple to construct and better yet, very economical and one of those items I consider "money best spent on" for animal well-being. Mud caked on their flanks, takes a lot of the animal's energy!

To build a HUAP, start by leveling the area. Then remove excess organic matter and manure and also top soil if necessary, to get a firm foundation to build on. Geotextile fabric is laid down and then crushed limestone, usually #53's, is applied 6-8 inches deep, depending on the site and conditions. The fabric improves drainage and keeps the soil and rock separate which reduces the amount of rock needed. Smooth out the rock over the fabric evenly and pack down with the tractor tires and blade. Top with lime, ideally at least two inches worth and then pack again. Tractor tires or tracks from a small dozer work pretty good for packing the material, but nothing works better than to run a group of cows on the site while it is still dry.

The rock pad should ideally be placed in a well-drained area. Sometimes you are better off to consider moving your winter feeding area if drainage is an issue. The ideal site would also have some kind of wind protection associated with it. Sometimes, this could be just a row of strategically placed round bales. The pad should also be located away from major drainage areas and water bodies so you don't have to worry about contaminating them with possible runoff. You would certainly not want to create a resource concern with these areas, so they need to be placed appropriately, managed properly, and be a part of a planned system. Information on how to build a rock pad can be found at any soil and water conservation district office. Keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities
Grazing Conferences – Mark the dates – Northern Indiana Conference is February 6-7, 2015 and the Southern Indiana Grazing Conference is March 4, 2015.

More pasture information and past issues of Grazing Bites is available at: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/in/technical/landuse/pasture/>

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

The first cold snap has hit the Hoosier Hills. I did have a couple of reports of light frost in low-lying areas, but most of the areas remained frost free as temperatures dipped to the mid-thirties. The wind and rain probably prevented a more wide-spread frost.

As temperatures cool, it is time for what is probably my least-liked garden chore - bringing in the houseplants that I have had outside for the summer. I recently attended a program in which the presenter advocated keeping houseplants in the house and keeping garden plants in the garden. I do not agree, but I suppose that each is entitled to his or her own opinion. However, the transition does cause some stress, both for the gardener and the plants.

Bringing plants inside also means bringing in any creature that may have taken up residence on the plant or in the soil. You may want to spray the plants with an insecticide, either a chemical concoction or an organic spray. Be thorough, spraying the underside of leaves as well as the top. Check for egg deposits and smash them.

Moving from the bright light outside to the inside always means less light for a plant. Even in a good window, the plant will receive sunlight from only one side and for fewer hours than it would outside. The re-

sult is that most plants will drop leaves. A grow-light will help give the plants more light, but you will probably still see some leaf drop. Do not despair. Most plants will recover and set new leaves in a few weeks.

Another way to prevent leaf drop is to reduce the canopy of the plant before bringing it in. Do not get carried away. You should never remove more than one third of the canopy at one time, but cutting back plants will make them easier to move and will reduce the need for direct light.

Water your plants well before bringing them in, but do not be in too much of a hurry to water them again. Most plants, even those that remain green, enter a degree of dormancy this time of year and do not need as much water. Wait until the soil is dry to water indoor plants. More plants have been killed by too much water than by too little water.

Sometimes, one need not move the whole plant inside. Cuttings may be taken from many plants, including begonias, impatiens and coleus. The cuttings will soon root and produce new plants to use next year. Others, including ornamental sweet potato and other plants that grow from tubers or bulbs, may be over-wintered by bringing in the tuber and storing it in a cool, dark location. If you do not have a basement, you may

have success keeping these in a garage or in the crawl space of the house. Store bulbs and tubers in wire baskets to keep rodents and other creatures from eating them.

Do not wait too long to get the plants in. While we may have some warmer weather ahead, some plants do not have to have frost to be damaged. I have already brought in some of the more sensitive tropical plants. Some plants, including most exotic orchids and bromeliads, need temperatures to remain above 50 degrees.

In the house, my best advice is to get a good plant guide or navigate the internet to learn as much as possible about the plants you choose to share your home. Learn about the light and water requirements and find

the best spots in the house for the plants. For instance, I have many cacti and succulents on my upstairs balcony. They usually remain upstairs for the winter. I do not need to water them very often, so they do well upstairs, where there is no water source. I definitely would not want to have to carry water cans up there frequently. Those plants that need more water are left in the atrium, where I pass them every day and will see when they need water.

For me, the process of bringing in the plants takes a while. Almost every room in the house becomes the winter home of at least a few plants. They are beautiful and will satisfy my need to garden through the coming winter months.

Fall camping special at state parks and reservoirs

A new offer from Indiana State Parks & Reservoirs makes weeknight camping more affordable during October.

Those who book a new campsite reservation for one or more weeknights (Sundays through Wednesdays) during the month will receive 20 percent off of their reserved weeknights at the time of booking.

The offer applies to all State Parks & Reservoirs campgrounds, Deam Lake and Starve Hollow state recreation areas.

Reservations can be booked at

camp.IN.gov or by calling (866) 622-6746. The reservation must be booked and used by November 5. Use the promo code "FALL-BREAK14."

The offer does not apply to reservations made before October 1, or to reservations made in combination with any other discount or offer. The offer does not apply to walk-in registrations. The discount will only apply to Sundays through Wednesdays of your stay, and will not apply to Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

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National unemployment at 5.9 percent for September

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 248,000 in September, and the unemployment rate declined to 5.9 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last Friday. Employment increased in professional and business services, retail trade, and health care.

Household Survey Data

In September, the unemployment rate declined by 0.2 percentage point to 5.9 percent. The number of unemployed persons decreased by 329,000 to 9.3 million.

Over the year, the unemployment rate and the number of unemployed persons were down by 1.3 percentage points and 1.9 million, respectively.

Among the major worker groups, unemployment rates declined in September for adult men (5.3 percent), whites (5.1 percent), and Hispanics (6.9 percent). The rates for adult women (5.5 percent), teenagers (20.0 percent), and blacks (11.0 percent) showed little change over the month. The jobless rate for Asians was 4.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted), little changed from a year earlier.

Among the unemployed, the number of job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs decreased by 306,000 in September to 4.5 million. The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was essentially unchanged at 3.0 million in September. These individuals accounted for 31.9 percent of the unemployed.

Over the past 12 months, the number of long-term unemployed is down by 1.2 million.

The civilian labor force participation rate, at 62.7 percent, changed little in September. The employment-population ratio was 59.0 percent for the fourth consecutive month.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) was little changed in September at 7.1 million.

These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been cut back or because they were unable to find a full-time job.

In September, 2.2 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, essentially unchanged from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

Among the marginally attached, there were 698,000 discouraged workers in September, down by 154,000 from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 1.5 million persons marginally

attached to the labor force in September had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 248,000 in September, compared with an average monthly gain of 213,000 over the prior 12 months. In September, job growth occurred in professional and business services, retail trade, and health care.

Professional and business services added 81,000 jobs in September, compared with an average gain of 56,000 per month over the prior 12 months. In September, job gains occurred in employment services (+34,000), management and technical consulting services (+12,000), and architectural and engineering services (+6,000). Employment in legal services declined by 5,000 over the month.

Employment in retail trade rose by 35,000 in September. Food and beverage stores added 20,000 jobs, largely reflecting the return of workers who had been off payrolls in August due to employment disruptions at a grocery store chain in New England.

Employment in retail trade has increased by 264,000 over the past 12 months.

Health care added 23,000 jobs in September, in line with the prior 12-month average gain of 20,000 jobs per month. In September, employment rose in home health care services (+7,000) and hospitals (+6,000).

Employment in information increased by 12,000 in September, with a gain of 5,000 in telecommunications. Over the year, employment in information has shown little net change.

Mining employment rose by 9,000 in September, with the majority of the increase occurring in support activities for mining (+7,000). Over the year, mining has added 50,000 jobs.

Within leisure and hospitality, employment in food services and drinking places continued to trend up in September (+20,000) and is up by 290,000 over the year.

In September, construction employment continued on an upward trend (+16,000). Within the industry, employment in residential building increased by 6,000. Over the year, construction has added 230,000 jobs.

Employment in financial activities continued to trend up in September (+12,000) and has added 89,000 jobs over the year. In September, job growth occurred in insurance carriers and related activities (+6,000) and in securities, commodity contracts, and investments (+5,000).

Employment in other major industries, including manufacturing, wholesale trade, transportation and warehousing, and government, showed little change over the month.

In September, the average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls edged up by 0.1 hour to 34.6 hours. The manufacturing workweek was unchanged at 40.9 hours, and factory overtime edged up by 0.1 hour to 3.5 hours. The average work-

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative
Mark Messmer



Sign the pledge: End prescription drug abuse

Have you ever heard someone say that awareness is the first step towards prevention? I think many of us would agree that it is difficult to solve a problem without first knowing that it exists. Efforts to increase awareness can come in many forms and can be as wide-ranging as a statewide campaign or as small as a parent's discussion with a child.

Having said that, think back to a time when you have spoken to your child about the dangers of drugs. What type of discussion comes to mind? Were you warning them of the dangers of cocaine, heroin or an inhalant, perhaps? More than likely, the answer to that question is yes. However, the truth is, these are not the only types of drugs threatening the well-being of our state.

Prescription drug abuse is a growing epidemic that is affecting people of all ages at an alarming rate. To put it into perspective, every 25 minutes, a fellow Hoosier dies from a prescription drug overdose. This is unacceptable.

In order to address it, the state participates in the national drug "take-back" day each year. On Saturday, September 27, one such take-back day was held locally, with drop-off sites located at the state police post and the three fire stations in Jasper as well as two stations in Huntingburg. These sites netted more than 360 pounds of drugs, including 30 pounds of prescription drug bottles.

Not only does this get more drugs off the streets, but the pill bottles that were turned in will also be put to good use by local Catholic churches. The bottles will be recycled into park benches, and the tops will also be used for various recycling projects.

State prepared to respond to emerging diseases

Protecting Hoosiers from common and emerging infectious diseases, such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Ebola, is a critical function of the Indiana State Department of Health. With the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) announcement of the first U.S. Ebola case in Dallas last Tuesday, State health officials want to assure Hoosiers that Indiana has public health infrastructure in place to effectively respond to this and other public health threats.

Ebola is a rare viral disease that can cause serious illness and death. Responding to Ebola requires a strong public health system, as well as an excellent system of medical care and hospital infection control practices. These are systems we have in place in Indiana and routinely rely on to respond to reported cases of serious infectious diseases such as measles, influenza and bacterial meningitis.

"Keeping Hoosiers safe and healthy is always our top priority," said State Health Commissioner William VanNess, M.D. "Our recent experience with MERS was a good demonstration of a rapid and effective public health response to a new and concerning threat. I'm confident that the systems in place will continue to work to keep Hoosiers safe and protected against any new potential health threat."

Although a positive case of Ebola has been identified in the U.S., the virus is not circulating at this time.

How Ebola is Spread:

-People can only spread Ebola virus when they have symptoms.

-There is no risk of transmission if someone does not have symptoms.

-Ebola is only spread through direct contact with blood or body fluids (including but not limited to urine, saliva, feces, vomit and semen) of a person who is sick with Ebola, using needles and syringes that have been contaminated with the virus or contact with infected animals.

-Ebola is not spread through the air by

If we want to continue to bring awareness to this epidemic and decrease the number of overdoses, I believe it is imperative that we talk to our children about the dangers of prescription drug abuse just as much as we talk to them about illegal drugs. To help facilitate this, Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller has teamed up with the Indiana Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force and the Indianapolis Colts to urge high school students to take an online pledge against abusing or sharing prescription drugs.

The school with the highest percentage of pledges will win a \$5,000 award from the Colts, which will be presented by the organization during a pep rally held at the winning school. In addition, the winning school will be featured across Colts media and recognized as a proactive community leader in combating prescription drug abuse.

This is a conversation I intend to have with my children, and I hope that you will do the same. The fact that one in five Indiana teenagers has admitted to abusing prescription drugs is a troubling statistic. In order to reverse this trend, we must educate our young people and expel the false perception that these drugs are safe just because they are prescribed by a doctor.

When having these discussions, I highly encourage you to share this online pledge with them as well. This is one of those efforts that I want to see our local communities taking the lead on, and I would love to see one of our high schools recognized statewide for their commitment to a safer, healthier Indiana for all Hoosier students.

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

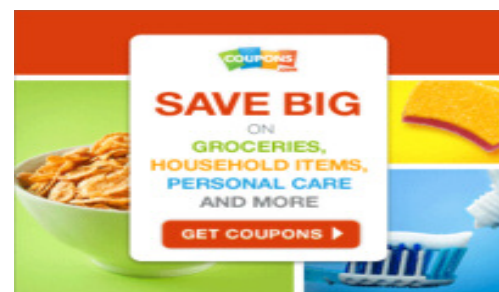
water or food, or by casual contact.

The Indiana State Department of Health and our public health partners have procedures in place to identify travelers at risk of Ebola who seek care at Indiana medical facilities. State health officials and partners work with healthcare facilities and the CDC to provide testing, infection control and treatment guidance.

All Indiana health care providers are required to report any cases of illness that might pose a risk to public health including Ebola Virus Disease, MERS, measles, rubella, mumps, tuberculosis, pandemic influenza and other diseases. The Indiana State Department of Health is in continuous communication and works in partnership with local health departments, health care facilities, schools and others, in addition to the CDC and other state health departments in responding to disease outbreaks.

"We often deal with viruses and disease outbreaks that don't actually start in Indiana," Dr. VanNess said. "Recent measles outbreaks in Indiana started on another continent, but through surveillance, investigation and education, they were quickly controlled with minimal risk to Hoosiers. We prepare for everything whether the threat to Indiana is low or high."

Hoosiers can get the health information they need on a daily basis at www.StateHealth.in.gov or by following the Indiana State Department of Health on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/isdh1.



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On Thursday, October 2 in conjunction with the Indiana Youth Institute (IYI) "2014 Postsecondary Pathways: Connecting Education to Careers for Student Success in Southwest Central Indiana" event at WestGate Academy Conferencing & Training Center Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) hosted guided tours for southwestern Indiana educators, guidance counselors and industry representatives.

The tours of NSWC Crane labs highlighted the work done in the focus areas of Strategic Missions, Special Missions and Electronic Warfare. Subject matter experts were available to provide information and answer questions about the training and education necessary to work at an organization like NSWC Crane.

"We're excited to have the opportunity to bring our educators and industry represen-

tatives together to ensure our young people have all the information they need to pursue satisfying careers without having to leave the area," said Brian Blackwell, Director of Engagement for NSWC Crane.

Postsecondary Pathways is a regionally based discussion among K-12 educators, corporations, employers, youth-serving professionals, and state and regional government agencies about how best to connect Hoosier students with the education and careers that fit their skills and interests.

NSWC Crane is a Naval laboratory and a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) with focus areas in Special Mission, Strategic Missions and Electronic Warfare. The Warfare Center's research and development efforts support the warfighter by providing capabilities and resources to advance technologies for the military.

Technology Showcase event places patent program on display

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) hosted the inaugural Invention and Technology Showcase on Wednesday, September, 24 at WestGate Academy and Training Center. NSWC Crane displayed over 100 patents developed by their employees and support contractors over the past three years. Over 50 inventors were recognized for their contribution to NSWC Crane's Intellectual Property (IP) portfolio which currently consists of 414 pieces of IP.

State of Indiana Lt. Gov. Sue Ellspermann was the featured keynote speaker addressing Crane's inventors, employees and several Indiana business partners. Ellspermann noted that Crane's Innovation Discovery Events have become a national model for disclosing and identifying IP across the DoD.

"The work ethic coupled with the intellect seen at Crane creates the desire to solve tough problems for the military. The Innovation Discovery Events are a source to put Crane's IP on display and pull economic value from the great work that they perform on a daily basis," stated Ellspermann.

During the showcase, NSWC Crane leadership recognized the inventors and asked each of them to stand as they announced the title of their invention. The range of capability and technology on displayed ranged in innovative solutions for Gun Mounts to Perchlorate-Free Green Signal Flare Com-

position to an Electromagnetic Weapon. "The innovative minds that we have here at NSWC Crane are amazing. The inventions showcased today are just a sampling of the many game-changing advancements that we see supporting today's warfighter," stated Captain JT Elder, NSWC Crane Commanding Officer.

NSWC Crane's patent portfolio is a part of NSWC Crane's Technology Transfer (T2) program. T2 seeks to license and collaborate with local individuals, companies and academic institutions for the purpose of transferring government protected innova-



-Photo provided
Captain JT Elder, NSWC Crane Commanding Officer, spoke to the crowd at the Invention and Technology Showcase held on September 24.



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Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann was the featured keynote speaker at the event.

tions for commercialization ultimately spurring economic development and transfer back into the federal government.

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U.S. Supreme Court does not accept appeals including Indiana's; stay to be lifted

The United States Supreme Court at the beginning of its new term will not decide the question of state authority to define marriage as an institution between one man and one woman. The Court declined Monday to accept the cases of Indiana and four other states that had appealed legal challenges to their marriage statutes. The denial of the five states' cert petitions means a federal appeals court ruling invalidating Indiana's marriage statute can take effect and a stay order that had blocked implementation of that ruling will be lifted soon, meaning county clerks will be required by federal court order to issue marriage licenses to otherwise eligible same-sex applicants.

"Defending Indiana's statute at trial and on appeal was our duty as attorney for our state government and was necessary. Our legal system is based on the bedrock principle that both sides in a dispute will be zealously represented by counsel who will advocate for their clients so that the courts can weigh the arguments and decide. Our constitutional process for testing the validity of statutes worked as intended, and Indiana's legal defense has been conducted with civility and respect for all sides and within existing resources," Zoeller said.

As lawyer for the state government defendants, the Indiana Attorney General's Office defended the Indiana marriage statute in the consolidated lawsuit Baskin et al. v. Bogan et al. that plaintiffs' lawyers filed against the State in March. In Evansville on June 25, U.S. District Court Chief Judge Richard L. Young ruled the statute unconstitutional, but the State appealed and Young's ruling was stayed by the U.S. 7th Circuit Court of Appeals on June 27. The 7th Circuit affirmed Judge Young's ruling invalidating the statute but stayed implementation of its own ruling until the U.S. Supreme Court announced whether it would accept the appeal Indiana filed. Both sides in the Baskin case had encouraged Supreme Court review, either of Indiana's case or another state's case.

The nine justices of the U.S. Supreme Court held a private conference September 29 to determine many cases it would hear this term, including several same-sex marriage cases. The states of Virginia, Oklahoma, Utah, Wisconsin and Indiana each had appealed lower court rulings that struck down their states' marriage statutes. The Supreme Court had the choice of accepting the appeals of all, some or none of the five states in a total of seven cases, or of holding over its decision to a later date. Tuesday, the Court denied certiorari to all five states.

The result is the 7th Circuit now can issue a mandate in the Baskin case – essentially, an order that the 7th Circuit's earlier ruling can take effect. Once a mandate is issued by the 7th Circuit – which could happen later this week – county clerk's offices will be required by federal court order to issue marriage licenses to otherwise eligible same-sex applicants, and same-sex

marriages previously granted by other states will be legally recognized in Indiana.

Throughout the lawsuit the Indiana Attorney General's Office has communicated with county clerks in the 92 Indiana counties and will do so again in order to minimize chaos and confusion at local courthouses as a result of the U.S. District Court's June 25 injunction in the lawsuit that plaintiffs' lawyers brought against the State.

Three other cases challenging Indiana's marriage statute still are pending in the federal courts, two of which were stayed pending Indiana's appeal to the Supreme Court in the Baskin case. Each now will be resolved consistent with the 7th Circuit's mandate in the Baskin case.

Although Indiana's appeal in the Baskin case is concluded, there still are legal challenges pending in the 6th Circuit and 9th Circuit to the marriage laws of other states, and it is possible that the U.S. Supreme Court could consider an appeal of one of those marriage cases yet this term or in a future term.

In defending Indiana's marriage statute and the state defendants as its duty from the plaintiffs' lawyers' lawsuit, the Attorney General's Office has provided a defense through its existing office budget the Legislature approved in advance. The case is assigned to an on-staff salaried attorney who does not charge billable hours. Unlike other states, Indiana did not use outside counsel to defend its statute.

The current circumstance has its roots in the U.S. Supreme Court's dual decisions of June 2013. In the U.S. v. Windsor case, the Court struck down the federal Defense of Marriage Act. But in the Hollingsworth v. Perry case challenging the State of California's law, the Court declined to rule on state marriage definitions. The reason: The California statute had not been defended by the state's lawyer, California's attorney general, and the private attorneys who attempted to defend the law lacked legal standing.

Zoeller noted the failure of the proper lawyer – the state attorney general – to defend California's law caused the Supreme Court in June 2013 to punt the issue back to the states, and opened the floodgates to challenges filed in multiple states in the 16 months since.

"Our nation and all sides involved needed a conclusive Supreme Court ruling to bring finality to the legal question of state authority to adhere to the traditional definition of marriage. Although it is unfortunate the Court did not accept the question and has again left states stuck in the limbo of uncertainty, ultimately the U.S. Supreme Court will have the final word on the subject of state authority to regulate marriage. Strong opinions exist on all sides of this issue but we continue to urge Hoosiers to show respect for the Court, the attorneys, the county clerks and the rule of law while this complicated process plays out," Zoeller said.

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Election interview

-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Congressman Larry Buchson visited Loogootee yesterday to have lunch with Martin County Journal Publisher Courtney Hughett and answer questions for the MCJ's upcoming election preview. Also joining was Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty. Shown from left is Nick McGee, Buchson's press secretary; Congressman Buchson, and Mayor Harty.

VU musical opens October 23

The Vincennes University Music and Theatre departments will present the classic musical "Bells Are Ringing" for four performances beginning October 23 at VU's Red Skelton Performing Arts Center. Show time is 7:30 p.m. (EDT) on October 23-24-25 and 2 p.m. on October 26.

Those who attend the Opening Night (October 23) performance are invited to stay for a reception after the show where they can meet the members of the cast and crew and enjoy a variety of refreshments.

Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased online at www.vinu.edu/redskelton; by phone, 812-888-4039; or in person at the Skelton Center Box Office. Box office hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays; noon to 5 p.m. Sundays; and one hour before performances. Tickets cost \$7 for adults and seniors and \$5 for non-VU students. With a valid VU ID, employees

may receive two free tickets and students may receive one free ticket.

Directing "Bells Are Ringing" is Jane R. Frazier, assistant professor of communication. Musical direction is by Lisa Miller, associate professor of music. The show is rated PG. No children under five may be admitted.

The talented all-student cast includes Kearston Anderson, Alyssa Crowley, Austin Glover of Vincennes; Jalissa Barley, Jorin Nolan, Drew Williams of Washington; Patrick Scott of Sullivan; John Fischer of Princeton; Leah Bowman of Brownsburg; Ashley Boruff of Tipton; Austin Tielking of Rushville; Avery Howard of Noblesville; Dachele Banks, Destiny Dossett, Mitra Flott, Marque Forte, Zach Funk, Quentin Toetz of Indianapolis; Andrew Beckman of Greenville; Clark Brenner of Granger; Heather Christie of Boonville; Sam Warren of Silver Lake; Tonesha Ruffin of Gary; and Shaquille Towns of Louisville, Kentucky.

Calendar of Events

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet this Thursday, October 9 at 5 p.m. in the central administration office. Some items on the agenda include budget adoption, additional information concerning ratification of teachers' association master contract, a professional leave request, approval of school bus route descriptions and bid specifications, and visiting students proposal. The meeting is open to the public.

Haysville FD Open House

The Haysville Volunteer Fire Department will hold their annual open house on Sunday, October 19 from 10:30 a.m. to p.m. at the fire station. BBQ chicken dinners are being pre-sold only and can be picked up! Dinners are complete with German fries, green beans, and bread for \$10. Contact any fire department member by October 5 to purchase.

5K run/walk to benefit pool

The Loogootee Park Board is looking for participants for their Spooky Splash Dash 5K to be held Friday, October 24. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. in front of the former Loogootee Elementary East building on Church Street with the walk/run starting at 5:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$20 before October 17 and \$25 after. Children in strollers are free to participate. Shirts will be provided to those pre-registering. All proceeds will go toward the City of Loogootee Pool Fund. To pick up a registration form, stop by the Loogootee Mayor's Office in the municipal building. A fall festival will be held in Lee Kavanaugh Gym following the 5K, from 6-9 p.m. There will be games, food, and inflatable bounce houses. For more information, contact the mayor's office at 812-295-4770.

Boy Scouts

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

Cub Scout meetings

Cub scout meetings are held at Loogootee United Methodist Church on the first, third, and fourth Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Bryan Adams at 812-854-7837.

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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 re-

cycling 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 third Monday 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.

Relay making changes for next year

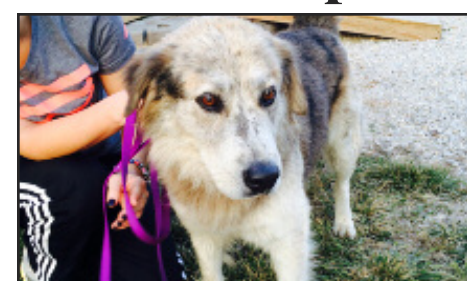
The 2015 Martin County Relay for Life Committee is already planning for next year's event. According to the committee, there are big changes planned for the 2015 Relay. First, they will be hosting the event on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at the Martin County Community Building from 3 p.m. until midnight. The committee hopes by changing the day, time, and location, more residents and youth of Martin County will get involved.

The Relay for Life kick-off will be held Thursday, October 23 at the Martin County Learning Center at 6 p.m. Anyone with ideas, fundraising events, etc. is encouraged to attend. Event chairmen for 2015 are Shelly Ringwald, Carolyn Parsons-Downey, and Blythe Downey.

Parade to be held on trick-or-treat night

Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty will sponsor a community Halloween Parade on Friday night, October 31 starting at 5 p.m. The parade will line up at city square and travel to Lee Kavanaugh Gym (parade route Main Street to First Street, turn on Church Street to Kavanaugh Gym) where judging will be held in the gym for scariest, most original, prettiest, and best family group. Years ago this was a very big event for the local children and the hope is to bring the families out to enjoy the holiday and start the tradition again in Loogootee. The city has designated that evening as trick-or-treat night in Loogootee from 6-8 p.m. so after the judging the fun in the neighborhoods can begin and the ghost and goblins can make their rounds.

Humane Society featured pet



Rusty is around a year and a half old and is a husky/shepherd mix. He is friendly and gets along with other dogs. Adoption fee is \$60. If interested in adopting, stop by the shelter at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Shelter hours are Monday and Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appt. any day except Sunday.

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Lions Tennis falls in sectional first round

The Loogootee High School Boys' Tennis Team fell in the first round of the sectional last Wednesday, October 1. The Lions were defeated by Northeast Dubois, 1-4.

Head Coach Rick Graves said after the matches, "Naturally we're disappointed with the outcome of our match tonight. I really thought going in we had a chance at beating Dubois but they proved to be the better team. Gabe played a great match and it will be nice to get to see him advance in the singles tournament. We'll have to wait a few days to see whom he gets to play but I'm happy that he gets to move on. He is a rare tennis player. Loogootee has had many, great players over the years but I'm not sure we've had a more natural tennis player than Gabe. He just has a knack for being in the right position at the right time and can do things with a tennis racquet that others aren't able to do. Our seniors, Gabe, Hayden and Jordan have given a lot to our program over the last four years. I'm really appreciative of what they've done for us and will miss having them as part of our team next year."

The varsity finished the season 8-10 overall and 1-2 in the Blue Chip Conference. The junior varsity went 6-6-1 overall and 0-2 in conference play.

Lady Lions Volleyball on a winning streak

The Loogootee Varsity Volleyball Team took on Wood Memorial Monday night, October 6 and the Lady Lions came home with a win in three sets, 25-21, 25-17, and 25-19.

Kailye Robbins led in points with 14 and had four kills; Kylie Hall finished with 12 points and 18 assists, and Emily Brookshire finished with six points and 12 digs.

Breigh LaMar led in assists with 20. Waylee Wagoner contributed 13 digs, Lauren Bowling had nine. Mya Hedrick finished with 19 kills, leading the team, followed by Julianne Bell with nine and Paige Walton with four.

The varsity moved to 18-8 on the season. They will take on Bedford North Lawrence tomorrow night, Thursday, October 9 at home. The junior varsity match starts at 6 p.m.

The junior varsity also defeated the Lady Trojans in two sets, 25-16 and 25-15.

In the varsity match against Bloomfield at home last Thursday, October 2, the Lady Lions were again victorious in four sets, 25-

Northeast Dubois went on to beat Barr-Reeve, 5-0, to take the sectional title last Thursday night.

First round results

Northeast Dubois 4, Loogootee 1

#1 Singles - Gabe Nolley (L) defeated Patrick Betz (NED) 6-0, 6-2

#2 Singles - Jaxon Denu (NED) defeated Landon Bell (L) 6-0, 6-0

#3 Singles - Case Eisenhut (NED) defeated Wyatt Wade (L) 6-2, 6-1

#1 Doubles - Cayden Knies and Tristan Linne (NED) defeated Hayden Bell and Jordan Berry (L) 6-2, 6-0

#2 Doubles - Kaden Quinn and Parker Zehr (NED) defeated Landon Diamond and Landon Wittmer (L) 6-0, 6-1

Barr-Reeve 4, Paoli 1

#1 Singles - Jeff Kenney (P) defeated Colten Lottes (BR) 2-6, 6-3, 7-6(5)

#2 Singles - John Cangelosi (BR) defeated Kyle Street (P) 2-6, 6-2, 7-5

#3 Singles - Trent Graber (BR) defeated Trey Yother (P) 6-3, 6-1

#1 Doubles - Zach Graber and Jonathon Walker (BR) defeated Mason Deaton and Austin Longest (P) 6-1, 6-0

#2 Doubles - Wyatt Helms and Blake Hoover (BR) defeated Adam Engleking and Kyle Marshall (P) 6-3, 6-1

17, 25-23, 18-25, and 25-19.

LaMar led in assists with 29 and had six points. Hall finished with 15 assists and nine points and Robbins had 14 digs. Bowling and Wagoner each had 11 points and 12 digs, Brookshire finished with six digs. Hedrick contributed 20 kills, Emily Bateman finished with 12 and Bell had five.

The junior varsity Lions were defeated in three sets against Bloomfield, 16-25, 25-12, and 9-15.

Last Tuesday, September 29, the teams traveled to Springs Valley. The varsity Lady Lions won in four sets, 19-25, 25-22, 25-21, and 25-16.

Brookshire led in points and digs with 16 of each. Bowling finished with 12 digs and seven points; Hall had 17 assists and seven points; Robbins also finished with seven points. Wagoner contributed 11 digs, LaMar had 16 assists, Hedrick finished with 14 points, Bell had 13 and Bateman had seven.

The junior varsity also won in two sets, 25-20, 25-20.

Choral Festival

-Photos by Lori Mattingly

The annual Southwestern Indiana Choral Festival was held last night, October 7, this year at Bloomfield High School. Shown above are all the schools, including Loogootee and Shoals, that participated. On the photo on the right is the new Loogootee Choral Director Drew Grey. Students were at the festival from 9 a.m. yesterday until after the festival last night.



Gaylor re-elected chair of the VU Board of Trustees

John R. (J.R.) Gaylor, Noblesville, was unanimously re-elected chair of the Vincennes University Board of Trustees on October 6. He has served as chair of the VU Board since his election on December 5, 2007.

Gaylor is president and CEO of Associated Builders and Contractors of Indiana, Inc. He was first appointed to the VU Board in November 2005 and re-appointed in 2008 and 2011.

"I enjoy working with this Board. Its spirit of cooperation is great and I am excited about our leadership team under President (Dick) Helton. It is an honor to continue service as president of the Board," Gaylor said.

In other action the board approved a new naming policy for university facilities. According to President Helton, the new policy is more flexible than the previous policy, although it will continue the process of initial approval by the administration with final authority vested with the Board.

Kristi Deetz, senior director of External Relations, reported to the board that preliminary enrollment is up almost 100 students at the Vincennes Campus, totaling 5,062 students as of October 1. She said system-wide enrollment is headed toward surpassing last year's 18,383 students. She said she will release a detailed report following the official October 15 enrollment date.

David Tucker, vice president for Workforce Development/Community Services, reported on the success of VU's short-term training programs. "We have companies in Indiana that have middle-skill jobs, requiring more than a high school diploma, and we have a population of veterans and others who do not have the credentials or education to qualify for these jobs. The intent of VU's 16-week training programs is to link employers with Hoosiers who could use an upgrade in training," Tucker said.

Tucker pointed to the success of the CNC Machinist NOW program, which currently is offering its third 16-week program, with a record of 100 percent completion and near 100 percent immediate job placement. Offered at the Vincennes Campus, the program will expand in 2015 to a site being constructed by the City of Lebanon.

"We use advisory committees comprised of leaders in industry who tell us what positions are open in their companies, what kinds

of training is needed for a person to step into these positions, and what VU might do to help recruit and train people to qualify for these jobs. Often we are jointly recruiting veterans and others in the general population that would be ideal candidates for a position, but for the fact they don't have the training. We try to design the program so that veterans don't have to pay out of pocket for the costs of the training," Tucker said.

Starting salaries are \$12 to \$18 per hour with good advancement opportunities for graduates, according to Tucker.

In addition to the CNC Machinist NOW program, VU will add a 16-week advanced manufacturing technician program, beginning October 27. Jerry Ruble, director of ABB Industrial Maintenance, said there is a great demand for graduates who have automation skills and can troubleshoot equipment needed to run today's assembly lines. "We have one of the best training facilities for industrial maintenance in Indiana, thanks to our industrial partners," Ruble said.

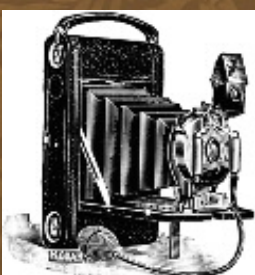
Both of the 16-week intensive programs are designed to be offered three times each year with 12 participants per class. Planning is underway for the possible development of other intensive programs in the machining area.

The Gene Haas Foundation was praised for its generous support of the programs by Helton, Tucker, and Doug Bowman, director of the Haas CNC Lab, including its \$1.5 million donation in support of the facility being constructed by the City of Lebanon and a \$293,000 donation in support of scholarships to address needs for costs such as tuition and housing.



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