

Loogootee School Board ends chorus teacher's contract

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Loogootee School Board held a special meeting Monday morning, June 30 at 9:15 a.m. The meeting lasted less than three minutes and issues of personnel were the only thing discussed.

The board's first order of business was to unanimously agree to not renew the contract of Choral Director Steve Sherohman, who is in his first year at Loogootee High School. The non-continuation was recommended by Principals John Mullen and Lacey Wade, according to Laura Mattingly, outgoing superintendent. Sherohman was present at the meeting with his wife and newborn baby and a few other supporters but were unable to speak as public input was not on the agenda, a change from any other school board meeting.

Sherohman's resignation was presented at the May meeting of the school board but amidst a crowd of Sherohman supporters, the board voted not to accept it. Sherohman had said at the May meeting that he was asked to resign although he did not want to. A month later, the school board instead chose not to renew his contract.



When asked if he was given a reason for

non-renewal of his contract, Sherohman said the day after the meeting, "I don't want to go into specifics as I am currently exploring our options regarding the situation."

He went on to say that he was disappointed in the decision of the board, not only for himself and his family, but for the students and families of Loogootee. "I believe the decision was uninformed and certainly the board acted contrary to the majority of their constituents, both parents and students and without all the informa-

tion." He added that he felt the meeting was poorly and unusually publicized and held at 9:15 on a Monday morning for a reason - as an intention to silence the community. "That is shameful. Where is the democratic process in that?" he said. Sherohman said he asked for a meeting with the board prior to the meeting and they declined. "I just hate this for the kids. In the end, no one thought about them and that is the truest shame," he said.

Laura Mattingly, on her last day as super- (See 'CONTRACT' cont. on page two)

Pool supporters answer questions

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Last Friday afternoon the Martin County Journal sat down with Mayor Noel Harty, members of the Loogootee Park Board, members of Friends of the Pool fundraising group, and other supporters of the rebuilding of the Loogootee Pool project to answer questions that have been raised by residents over the past several weeks regarding the rebuilding of the city pool. Below are the questions asked and their responses.

Martin County Journal: If the cost to rebuild the pool was going to cost almost \$500,000, how can you build a bigger and better pool for \$550,000?

Mayor Noel Harty said that the cost to fix the pool was actually \$400,000 and they have two quotes now for a new pool that are within their budgeted amount. He said if the park board decided to go with the "build to design" option, pool builders would be given the amount the park board is willing to spend and the designer comes up with a pool to fit within that budget. "So, if you tell them \$500,000 then that's what they bring to you," he said. The mayor said a lot of the reason why they can get a pool built for much less than people expect is because

there will not be a need to build a pool house and much of the concrete work at the old pool will remain.

Martin County Journal: Lack of attendance was one issue that was mentioned at more than one park board meeting I attended early on. The response was that with a better pool, more would come. So is this a bigger better pool or basically a rebuild of the same?

Mayor Harty replied that the pool will be basically the same as the current one except a splash pad will be added. It was noted that a diving board is not planned to be a part of the new pool. Several in attendance at the meeting said that nothing is carved in stone and cost will be the determining factor. It was also noted that a diving board could be something that is added down the road but the current depth of the pool does not allow for one and having a diving board requires a reserved area of the pool where swimmers cannot go, thus not maximizing space. If a diving board were to be added, the pool would have to be dug deeper.

Martin County Journal: Are there any plans to raise taxes on the residents of the City of Loogootee after the pool is built, including raising the park and recreation (See 'POOL' continued on page two)



-Photos by Courtney Hughett

Fr. Kenneth Walker is shown standing in front of the painting done by Pauline Holtz commemorating the merger of the four Catholic parishes in Martin County. The new parish is named St. John the Evangelist and the merger went into affect July 1.

Catholic churches merge into one parish

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A painting done by Pauline Holtz says it all, the catholic churches in Martin County have merged forming one parish, St. John the Evangelist. On July 1, the four churches, St. Martin Parish in Whitfield, St. Joseph Parish in Bramble and St. Mary Parish in Shoals, along with St. John in Loogootee will combine. The churches will all remain open for a rotating Mass that will move from church to church each week, they will just now be known by a new

name. The merger has been in the works for the past five years.

Fr. Kenneth Walker, who will be the sole pastor of St. John the Evangelist, said that lack of priests is the main reason for the merger which will affect many parishes that are a part of the Diocese of Evansville. He said there are just fewer and fewer people that go into priesthood. He explained that the lack of priests has caused many retiring to have to stay on even after the age of 75, the retirement age for priests. Foreign priests have also been brought in, said Fr. Walker, and with 20,000 Hispanic Catholics, Spanish Masses have been (See 'MERGER' continued on page two)



Pot of gold

Last Saturday, this gorgeous rainbow showed up after a thunderstorm. One of the earliest literary occurrences of a rainbow is in Genesis 9, as part of the flood story of Noah, where it is a sign of God's covenant to never destroy all life on earth with a global flood again.

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrall.com

Ryan's Hope Auction in need of donations

On August 2, the family of the late Ryan Baker, will hold the fourth annual Ryan's Hope Benefit. Doors open at 4 p.m., dinner begins at 5 p.m. Last year, the benefit raised enough funds to provide cold-weather clothing and toys to dozens of Shoals school children in need.

Anyone wishing to donate an item for the silent auction contact Ann Stewart at 812-709-9338 as soon as possible.

Also, monetary donations can be made at Old National Bank to the Ryan's Hope fund or mailed to Ann at 13799 Rama Dye Road, Shoals IN 47581.

Watch *The Journal* for more information on the benefit.

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levy?

Mayor Noel Harty responded to this saying that he can't speak for everyone but he has no plans to raise the parks and recreation tax levy at the present time. He said that it hasn't been raised in 30 years and he does eventually see it being increased, maybe 5-10 years down the road.

He said the only way taxes would be raised is if there was absolutely no other way to repay the bond to rebuild the pool but he said that is a far-fetched 'what if' that he doesn't see happening. He said it would be very difficult to ask residents to contribute to the pool via fundraisers, use EDIT dollars and then turn around and raise taxes on residents too.

Martin County Journal: Is there any way to fix the notion that this is a Loogootee vs. Shoals issue?

Ruth Smith, member of the Friends of the Pool, said that she feels anyone working to raise money for the pool would agree that if money was not the issue, they would abandon the current location of the pool and relocate it to a spot in between Loogootee and Shoals. She noted that this would cost roughly \$4 million though. Park Board Member Sammi Nelson said that the Loogootee vs. Shoals issue is something they have had to look at and possibly approach people differently because of it. She said they have been fundraising on behalf of the City of Loogootee but do not look at it as a project just for the City of Loogootee. She said the name of the pool is something they are considering to be inclusive to all people of Martin County, not just residents of Loogootee. Mayor Harty noted that the former manager of the pool was from Shoals and at least half of the lifeguards.

Martin County Journal: The 35 fundraisers the pool has conducted over the last 12 months have really hurt the county's non-profit organizations that have no choice but to operate on donations. If you plan to continue fundraising efforts after the pool is built, do you think this is fair to organizations that require that donation money to exist?

Mayor Harty replied to this saying they only plan to have around three fundraisers a year after the pool is built.

Park Board Member Sammi Nelson said that when Jim Stoughton with the tourism committee was at the county council meeting requesting money she felt horrible because the park board had not approached the tourism board to work together. She said she thinks that is the key, for the groups trying to raise money to work together. She said once the pool is built they can hold various pool parties in support of various county groups, such as the humane society.

Martin County Journal: It's been said that entry into the pool will only cost \$1. Is this too cheap and how will the pool make money to sustain itself?

Mayor Harty said they have talked about this and they think \$2 would be a good price for pool admission. He also said that they plan to push season passes and plan to do a punch card to prevent people from sharing passes. He said they don't want to raise the

price of admission so much that people cannot afford it. Andy Kyger also noted that with the old pool losing so much water from the underground pipes, chemicals for the pool were a huge cost. With a new pool and new equipment, that will save quite a bit of money.

Sammi Nelson said they are looking at several options for staffing the pool along with asking around to other cities to see what they do. She said having volunteer lifeguards or using interns has been discussed. They have also discussed other ways to make money such as having a retail wall to sell pool-related merchandise, and offering aquatics classes and swim lessons. The pool will also be rented out for pool parties as in the past.

It was explained that in the past, the pool manager would purchase items for the concession stand and anything made, less 20 percent, would go to the manager as part of their salary. Organizers of the pool project said this may change.

Martin County Journal: The pool is only open roughly two and a half months of 12. Is this the best recreation plan for our youth county-wide? What about the other nine-ten months? Should we invest \$550,000-\$600,000 in something that can keep our kids entertained all year long?

Ruth Smith replied to this saying that plans are to extend the pool hours, not just through the weeks school is not in session, but from the start of warm weather to the end. She said they also plan to do various events in the pool house all year long, even in the winter. Some of the things discussed have been pool parties, swim/movie night, and selling crafts.

Sammi Nelson said that one issue they have considered about having the pool open when school is in session is the possible lack of lifeguards since many are high school students who have commitments during the school year. Nelson added that she feels through the school year parents have enough going on and are looking for ways to be less recreational.

Nelson said there are plans to work toward building a community center once the pool is completed. She said there is plenty of land behind the pool to build on and the park board plans to go after grants to get that next project going. She said as the park board becomes more involved, they have many plans and ideas for the future.

Enclosing the pool so it could be open all year was also discussed. The supporters said that it is an option down the road, but not now as the cost is too much. Mayor Harty estimated the cost of an enclosed pool at around \$2 million.

Andy Kyger said that they have been told that one reason many people overlook living in Martin County is the fact that there are no amenities for families or for children. "If we could offer an amenity, such as a pool or a water park, it gives a much better incentive for a young family to look at Loogootee and give us a second chance," he said. He noted that living in Loogootee is a lot less expensive than neighboring cities.

Mayor Harty said that one of the things he hears often is there is nothing to do in

What can EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) funds be used for?

According to Jenny Banks with the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance, "Uses are by statute. In the beginning, it was acceptable to use for economic development or debt service. It has since been expanded to be used for any governmental purpose. However, the ordinance establishing the EDIT is to describe the uses which can be amended. Uses are also to be in accordance with a plan that's adopted by the executive who also can amend it. EDIT is shared with cities, counties, and towns. This excludes townships, schools, libraries, and other units. The IC is 6-3.5-7-13.1."

Martin County. He said people outside the county ask why the residents wouldn't want a pool if they could have one.

Martin County Journal: Will there be an adult supervising the pool at all times?

Mayor Harty said there is supposed to be an adult, the pool manager, present.

Martin County Journal: What will you do if the county denies giving the \$150,000 from EDIT?

Mayor Harty said it will be very tough and the timeframe on getting the pool built would obviously have to be extended for an indefinite amount of time. He said there would have to be more fundraising.

Martin County Journal: Once you have the money, what happens next?

Mayor Harty explained that it is impossible to go after a bond when there is no proof as to where the money to pay back that bond will come from. He said the \$150,000 from the county that is still up in the air, is

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started. He said times are changing and the church is changing with it.

A total of 24 parishes will be reduced to 10 affecting 85,000 Catholics in the diocese. More mergers are planned for the diocese, two a year from now.

Fr. Walker said that many churches were built back in the day of horse and buggy in a time when people didn't want to travel very far to attend church services. Just seven miles separate each of the churches. He said the merger was not a financial issue, he explained it was "to better serve our people."

Fr. Walker said he understands that congregations get attached to the church where they grew up. "It is like a death process, letting go," he said. He added that he doesn't feel like members of the churches feel abandoned.

"The church is the people, not the building," said Vicki Strange, parish secretary. "We are families coming together to form one family. It's a merger but it's a happy merger."

Fr. Walker said he would not have been able to get through the merger without the help of Vicki, Mark Potts, and Paula Ringwald, an intricate part of the parish.

Pauline Holtz, who did the painting commemorating the merger, is a member of the

a big deal and it's the difference between telling the bond company that they have a \$150,000 pledge that's guaranteed or having to raise that money in fundraisers, which is no guarantee. He said once there is proof of a percentage of the money they can go after the bond and then put the project out for bids. He explained that the bonding and bidding process could take a few months and then once a company is chosen for the build, it can be completed within a few months, depending on the weather. Those in attendance at the meeting last week agreed that the goal is to have construction completed by the summer of 2015 and then hopefully have the pool open for business before the end of the summer. They noted that this is the goal but there are no guarantees.

Martin County Journal: How will the pool be different from the skate park or the city park, both have few if any visitors?

Mayor Harty said that in the pool's last year of being open, there were 10,000 visitors. Sammi Nelson said she is at the city park almost every weekend and it is packed. "I don't think people realize that it's utilized as much as it is," she said. Mayor Harty added that a new pool will probably increase visitors by a third or double.

Ruth Smith added that the park board is planning things for the city park, not just the pool.

Nelson said that members of the park board actually went to the park and each made a "wish list" for what they would like to have. She said they just purchased a new slide for the park at a cost of \$7,000.

"We are not going to let things happen like they did before," said Ruth Smith. Pool supporters said that yes, the pool may have been neglected a bit but was still more than 50 years old so maintenance would have only gone so far before a new pool was needed.

St. John Parish. Holtz completed a pencil drawing and a painting of the steeples of the four churches and one chapel together and this image will be used as the parish's logo for letterhead, paperwork, etc. Her painting will also be on display in the vestibule of St. John Church in Loogootee. Holtz was a member of St. John Parish in Bramble for many years but began attending St. John Parish in Loogootee with her family in 1970 while her five sons attended the Catholic grade and high school.

Fr. Walker served as the 14th pastor of St. John Parish and is now the first pastor of St. John the Evangelist. Fr. Walker has roots in the community as his great-great uncle, Father Louis Gueguen, built the present church at St. John in Loogootee, and was the second pastor of the parish and served 21 years. Two of the stained glass windows in St. John Church were donated by his great grandfathers, P.M. Walker and Thomas Browning.

Masses will now be held Saturday evenings at 5 p.m. and Sunday mornings, at 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at St. John in Loogootee. All churches will also still be available to rent.

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intendent, conducted Monday morning's meeting. Sherohman said he would still like to hear from incoming Superintendent Joan Keller. He finished by saying he thinks Dr. Keller will be an asset to the school and the community.

In other business, the board accepted the resignation of Jayme Thompson as third grade teacher. Mattingly said Thompson plans to work full-time in her Beachbody business. The board also accepted the resignation of Tim Sanders as math bowl coach.

The board voted to hire Brittany Bateman and Krista Truelove for positions in the elementary school.



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LEWIS PENDLETON

Lewis Anton "Penny" Pendleton died at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 26, 2014 in Washington. A resident of Glendale, he was 93.

He was born November 28, 1920 in Maries County, Missouri; the son of Anton and Elsie (Stokes) Pendleton.

On December 13, 1945 he married Betty Jean (Crecelius) and she preceded him in death on January 13, 2002. He later married his second wife Catherine (Edelhaber) Guy Pendleton and she survives.

In 1938 he graduated from Lincoln High School in Vincennes and he was a U.S. Army veteran. He was retired from Duke Energy

and was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers along with the Loogootee American Legion and VFW. He enjoyed all sports but especially the St. Louis Cardinal Baseball team. He enjoyed raising beagles and participating with them in field trials and showing them in competitions.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine Pendleton of Loogootee; one daughter, Nancy and husband, Glenn Stoll, of Washington; three sons, Edward Pendleton of Hillsboro, Tennessee; John and wife, Janie Pendleton, of Lebanon; and Robert Pendleton of Glendale; one sister, Jean Boyer of Linton; one brother, Ethmur "Bud" Pendle-

ton of Vincennes; twelve grandchildren, Sarah Jean Pendleton of Manchester, Tennessee; Aaron Pendleton and wife, Lauren, of Manchester, Tennessee; Jerry Richardson of Lawrenceville, Illinois; Kimberly Duncan and fiancé, Brett Johnson, of Indianapolis; Aaron Lewis Stoll of Evansville, Jachin Pendleton and wife, Sarah, of Redding, California; Nathan Pendleton and wife, Emily, of Clayton, Indiana; Bianaca Pendleton, Lewis Pendleton, and Noa Jean Pendleton, all of Vellmar, Germany; and Nicole Pendleton and Whitney Pendleton, both of Loogootee; twelve great grandchildren and one great-great grandson.

He is preceded in death by his parents,

Anton and Elsie (Stokes) Pendleton; his first wife, Betty Jean Pendleton; and two sisters, Buelah Fay Somers and Freda Haywood Wilkes.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday, June 30 at St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee with the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker as celebrant. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery in Washington. 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.

29th Annual Catfish Festival starts this evening

The 29th Annual Shoals Catfish Festival begins tonight with the business decorating contest, sponsored by the Shoals Business Association, at 4 p.m. A sidewalk chalk contest, sponsored by Tri Kappa, will start at 6 p.m. and the annual auction, sponsored by Akles Auction Service, will start at 7 p.m.

The first event for Thursday evening is opening ceremonies with posting of the colors by the Shoals American Legion Post 61 and the Pledge of Allegiance at 6 p.m. Catfish Festival Chairman Dan Steiner will give the welcome on the stage at the recycling center for the opening ceremony. A softball tourney will also begin at 6 p.m. in

the ballpark. The queen contests will begin at 6:30 p.m. and entertainment by "No Plan B" will start on the stage at 8:30 p.m.

The Shoals Senior Citizens Center will be serving ham and beans on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

On Independence Day, Friday, July 4, the catfish fishing contest, sponsored by Jones Oil and The Bobber Stop, will take place from 7 a.m. to noon on the bridge. At 8 a.m. is the catfish bike ride at the Shoals Post Office, sponsored by

AcornRidgeOutdoors.com. Participants of the Legion Ride will meet at the American Legion at 10 a.m. with departure time at 11 a.m. A money scavenger hunt for anyone 18 or older will be held at the stage area at noon.

The annual cooking contest will be held at the east side of the post office at 2 p.m., an egg toss, sponsored by Edward Jones Investments, will begin in front of the post office at 3 p.m., and a Matchbox race, sponsored by Psi Otes, will begin in front of White River Marine, at 4 p.m.

The 2nd Annual Hillbilly Beauty Pageant will be held Friday night at 5:30 p.m. on the stage at the recycling center. At 7 p.m. is the Martin County Idol Contest. Fireworks will begin at 10 p.m. in the ballpark.

On Saturday, July 5, the catfish fishing contest will resume on the bridge from 7 a.m. to noon. The 5K walk will start in the ballpark at 7:30 a.m. and the 5K run will begin at 8 a.m. A men's basketball tournament will begin in the ballpark at 8 a.m. followed by a corn hole tournament behind town hall at 9 a.m. A volleyball tournament will start at the ballpark at 10 a.m.

The annual Catfish Festival Parade, with grand marshals Dale and Millie Brown, will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. Pork barbecue will be served at St. Mary's Parish Hall after the parade.

Sign-ups for the bike show, sponsored by American Legion Post 61, will begin at the American Legion at 11 a.m., judging will start at noon. Silly Safari will be on the stage at the recycling center at noon along with another money scavenger hunt for anyone 18 or older. Silly Safari will return to

the stage at 1:30 p.m.

A horseshoe tournament will begin at the boat landing at 2 p.m. along with a Texas Hold'em Tournament at the same time at the American Legion Post 61. Sign up for the poker tournament is at 1 p.m.

Haley Shields will perform on the main stage at 4 p.m. followed by the Battle of the Bands at 6 p.m. Martin County's Strongest Competition, a game of tug of war, will begin at the ballpark at 8 p.m.

The Martin County Museum, at the old

Reminder about children and hot cars

With summer in full swing and people traveling to summer destinations, citizens are reminded to take extra caution as it relates to small children and hot cars. Tragically each year, particularly during the summer months, there are reports of child deaths as a result of being left in hot cars. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), cars parked in direct sunlight can reach internal temperatures of 131 to 170 degrees Fahrenheit when outside temperatures are 80 to 100 degrees. Even outside temperatures in the 60's can cause internal car temperatures to rise well above 110. Even with the window rolled down two inches, the interior temperature of the car can rise to well over 100 degrees in as little as 15 minutes.

According to a report by Jan Null, CCM of the Department of Earth & Climate Sciences, San Francisco State University, as of June 25, 2014, 13 children in the U.S. have died this year as a result of heatstroke after being left in a hot car and a total of 44 children died in 2013. From 1998 to the present, 619 children have died as a result of heatstroke after being left in cars or an average of 38 per year.

courthouse, will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

On Sunday, July 5 the baby contest for 0-12 months will be held at the fire station at 1 p.m. followed by babies 13-24 months at 2 p.m.

Steve Jeffris will be in concert at the Shoals United Methodist Church at 4 p.m. Judith Montgomery will be singing at the Shoals Christian Church at 601 N Main Street on Sunday at 6 p.m. Robert Sullivan will be playing piano at 5:45 p.m.

These unfortunate tragedies can be easily avoided by following these tips:

-Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle, not even for a minute.

-If you see a child unattended in a hot vehicle, call 9-1-1

-Be sure that all occupants leave the vehicle when unloading. Don't overlook sleeping babies.

-Always lock your car and ensure children do not have access to keys or remote entry devices. If a child is missing, always check the pool first, and then the car, including the trunk. Teach your children that vehicles are never to be used as a play area.

-Keep a stuffed animal in the car seat and when the child is put in the seat place the animal in the front with the driver.

-Or place your purse or briefcase in the back seat as a reminder that you have your child in the car.

-Make "look before you leave" a routine whenever you get out of the car.

-Have a plan that your childcare provider will call you if your child does not show up for school.

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FOURTH OF JULY BLOWOUT YARD SALE: At Lori Lundy's, one mile south of RJ's on State Road 150. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 3, 4, and 5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Lots of men's stuff including tools of all kinds, log chains, pocket knives, arrow heads, sweepers, Shop Vacs, step ladders. Also, large assortment of new and used towels, washcloths, sheets, blankets, kitchen appliances of all kinds, sleeping bag, approx. 20 fishing poles and tackle and dip nets, approx. 100 cookbooks and truck load of miscellaneous. This is not your ordinary yard sale! New items added daily.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JUNE 23

9:58 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.
 4:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.
 6:39 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

2:12 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 North.
 8:39 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 North.
 12:10 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Loogootee.

2:20 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee.
 4:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

12:37 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.
 6:40 a.m. - Received a report of a theft on Red School Road.
 7:35 a.m. - Received a report of a theft on Chicken Farm Road.
 8:05 p.m. - Received a report of a theft on County Farm Road.
 12:05 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Chicken Farm Road.
 1:48 p.m. - Received a report of a theft on Red School Road.
 4:26 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary on Chicken Farm Road.
 10:15 p.m. - Received a report of livestock in the roadway on Deep Cut Lake Road.

Thursday, June 26

10:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.
 5:46 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.
 9:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

10:45 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

8:04 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

9:00 p.m. - Received a report of a child dispute.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

12:23 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

4:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Mill Road in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:13 p.m. - Received a call of a blue car driving fast and all over the road. All units were notified.

9:57 p.m. - Received a report of a car/deer accident on Hwy. 50 near the fairgrounds. Deputy Harmon responded.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

8:12 a.m. - Received a call of a male subject in a yard in Loogootee. Capt. Akles went to the residence.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of a car on the side of the road near the fairgrounds. Deputy Baker was notified, the car was out of gas. Deputy Baker stood by until they got some gas.

6:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

10:07 p.m. - Received a report of a car/deer accident on 231S. Deputy Harmon responded.



Accident leads to arrest

-Photos by Jessica Lampert

On Wednesday, June 25, in the early morning hours, the Martin County Sheriff's Department received several calls of thefts that had taken place throughout the night in the rural Shoals area. Chief Deputy Tony Dant, with the Martin County Sheriff's Department, responded and took information from several of the victims. At approximately 12:10 p.m.,



Chief Deputy Dant and Corporal Keith Keller responded to an accident on Chicken Farm Road. As the officers arrived they identified the driver of the vehicle as Nathan G. Truelove, 19, of Shoals. The truck that Truelove was driving was loaded with several pieces of furniture and other items, both in the cab and in the truck bed. After talking with Truelove, officers learned that most of the items in the truck were stolen. Truelove was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property and operating a vehicle without a license. Other charges are pending investigation. Helping on the scene were Shoals Town Marshall Todd Eckert and the Indiana State Police.

Martin County jail bookings

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

9:06 a.m. - Gregory Tincher, 51, of Mitchell was arrested by Deputy Baker and charged with resisting law enforcement, a Class D Felony; reckless driving, a Class B Misdemeanor; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor and failure to identify, a Class C Misdemeanor. Charges stemmed after Martin County dispatch received a call about a male subject that was parked on Possum Hollow Road, blocking the roadway and seemed incoherent. Medical personnel were dispatched to the scene and Martin County Deputy Damon Baker responded. Deputy Baker made contact with the male, who was identified as Gregory Tincher, 51, Mitchell. While Deputy Baker was questioning Tincher in an attempt to determine if he needed medical assistance, Tincher fled in the vehicle that he was driving almost striking an occupied vehicle. Tincher was located approximately a half mile up the roadway on private property and was taken into custody. Deputy Baker was assisted by David Qualkenbush with the Indiana State Police.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

1:30 p.m. - Nathan Truelove, of Shoals, was arrested by Martin County Deputy Keller on preliminary charges of receiving stolen property, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, false informing, and operating motor vehicle while never licensed.

7:11 p.m. - Kimberly Fisher, of Shoals, was arrested by Shoals Town Marshal Eckert on preliminary charges of theft, receiving stolen property, false informing, and obstruction of justice.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

10:01 a.m. - Devan Nelson, of Taswell, was arrested by Martin County Deputy Keller on a Martin County warrant.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

10:02 p.m. - Jesse Burton, 31, of Shoals, was arrested by Loogootee Police and charged with criminal confinement, a Class C Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Class D Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class D Felony; operating a vehicle as a habitual traffic violator, a Class D Felony; criminal mischief, a Class A Misdemeanor; intimidation, a Class A Misdemeanor; criminal recklessness, a Class A Misdemeanor; and aggressive driving, a Class A Misdemeanor. The charges stemmed after Martin County dispatch advised of a possible impaired driver in a silver GMC pickup northbound on US 231 South that was entering the Loogootee city limits. Martin County Deputy Damon Baker and Officer Steve Nolan with the Loogootee Police Department located the vehicle on Pine Street and attempted to initiate a traffic stop for an equipment violation. The driver of the vehicle, Jesse Burton, 31, of Shoals, turned on to S.E. 1st Loogootee and began to flee from officers. Burton turned eastbound onto US 50 and attempted to flee from officers at a high rate of speed. Burton attempted to turn onto Hart Road, lost control of the vehicle and drove off of the south side of the roadway. Burton regained control of the vehicle and continued back towards US 50, however, Officer Nolan was able to prevent Burton from gaining access to US 50 which stopped any more attempts for Burton to flee and Burton was taken into custody. Corporal Josh Greene of the Martin County Sheriff's Department and Shoals Town Marshal Todd Eckert assisted. Burton was also cited for the following traffic violations: disregarding traffic control device, open container, consuming while operating, failure to yield, failure to signal, and unsafe lane change.

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Martin County Court News

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCINGS

June 19

Timothy W. Norman, convicted of maintaining a common nuisance, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 1.5 years in the Indiana Department of Corrections with 405 days suspended and credit for 71 actual days previously served plus 71 good time credit days. Defendant received 13 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

June 19

Timothy W. Norman, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

June 20

Jared R. Butcher, unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, a Class D Felony, dismissed; unlawful possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon, a Class B Felony, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

June 16

Wells Fargo Bank vs. Pamela M. Chrisman and Charles R. Chrisman, mortgage foreclosure.

June 19

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Fannie M. Kolish, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

June 23

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Daviess County Economic Development Corp. and against the defendants Crackers, LLC and

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JUNE 23

12:15 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

1:17 a.m. - Caller reported suspicious activity on North Oak Street.

3:58 a.m. - Caller reported a theft from the El Dorado Motel.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

1:25 p.m. - Chief Rayhill tagged an abandoned vehicle on North JFK Avenue.

11:05 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on her son.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

12:37 a.m. - First responders were requested on SE 1st Street for a medical problem.

7:15 p.m. - Caller reported a theft.

11:00 p.m. - Caller reported a fight on Church Street.

11:03 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

11:55 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male and female.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

2:21 a.m. - Caller reported loud noises on Nobles Court.

10:55 a.m. - Caller reported speeding vehicles on Park Street.

1:50 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

10:00 p.m. - Officer Nolan assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a vehicle pursuit.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

9:30 a.m. - Caller reported property damage in the CVS parking lot.

1:00 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on Doyle Avenue.

2:20 p.m. - Caller reported a female juvenile operating a golf cart.

6:53 p.m. - Caller reported a traffic complaint in Shaded Estates.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

2:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

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The radio program was titled "Signal-10"

Christopher A. Myers in the amount of \$7,325.68.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Old National Bank and against the defendants Christopher R. and Rebecca L. Peek for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$75,725.57.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and against the defendant Georgia Purlee in the amount of \$3,309.32.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and against the defendant Shannon L. Reinhart in the amount of \$722.25.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

June 20

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Shannon E. Sharp, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGEMENTS

June 23

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Amy C. Emery in the amount of \$808.86.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Jayquan M. Gray in the amount of \$779.17.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Ashley D. Julian in the amount of \$758.06.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Marie Truelove and against the defendants Angel Royer and Jim Nicholson in the amount of \$2,492.33.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff White River Co-Op and against the defendant Lowell G. Sanders in the amount of \$426.80.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Jerrad L. VanMeter in the amount of \$726.23.

June 27

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Thomas R. Ivey in the amount of \$568.14.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Daniel L. Watts in the amount of \$983.94.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

June 26

Timothy Joseph Brown of Loogootee and Tracy Dean Salsman of Loogootee.

July 1

Aaron Lee Johnson of Loogootee and Shelby Lynn Hudson of Loogootee.

Accident reports

MONDAY, JUNE 23

9:15 a.m. - Charles C. Brown, of Loogootee, was operating a 2001 Chevy and attempting to turn into a drive on West Broadway Street when he missed the driveway and proceeded into a ditch. No injuries were reported. Chief Rayhill investigated.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

11:35 a.m. - Karrie Teague, of Loogootee, was backing a 2010 Dodge from the LHS parking lot when she backed into a 2008 vehicle driven by Andrea Sutton, of Loogootee. Chief Rayhill investigated.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

5:00 p.m. - Nathan Allen, of Jasper, was operating a 2010 Jeep and backing from a parking spot at Chuckles when he backed into a 2008 Nissan operated by Clayton Nordhoff, of Jasper. Officer Nolan investigated.

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Martin County real estate transfers

William A. Graber and Lillie Graber, of Daviess County, Indiana to **William A. Graber and Lillie Graber**, or their successors, as trustees of the **William A. Graber and Lillie Graber Revocable Trust**, of Daviess County, Indiana. Tract I: Part of the east half of Section 31, also part of the west half of Section 32, all of which is in Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 6.36 acres. Tract II: Part of the west half of Section 29; part of the east half of the east half of Section 30; part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 31; part of the north half of the northwest quarter of Section 32, all being in Township 3 North, Range 4 West in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana also Out Lot #8 in the Town of Mt. Pleasant containing 235.76 acres. Tract III: Part of the north half of Section 29, and part of the east half of Section 30, all of which is in Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 145.61 acres. Tract IV: Part of the west half of Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 4 West in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 1.20 acres. Except 40.84 acres, 29.39 acres, 10.54 acres, 6.36 acres, 101.24 acres and 48.61 acres.

Bobbi Breeden and Brenda Levrio, of Martin County, Indiana to **Stewart E. Blake and Mary Ellen Blake**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of share #2 of the Gootee partition of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West containing 0.53 acres, more or less.

John S. Owen and Brandee L. Owen and Robert L. Spurgeon, of Martin County, Indiana to **Thomas J. Miller**, of Martin County, Indiana, tract of land in the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 4 West containing 5 acres, more or less.

Sarah M. Allen, of Martin County, Indiana to **Tyler E. Bratton and Sarah M. Allen**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 35 in Walker's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana. Also, 40 feet off of the south side of Lot Number 34 in Walker's Ad-

dition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Carl Fields and Betty Fields, of Martin County, Indiana to **Stephanie E. Hembree**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: Beginning at the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 4, Township 1 North, Range 4 West. Tract II: Two acres in Section 4, Township 1 North, Range 4 West.


Carl Fields and Betty Fields, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jackie E. Fields, Helen Joann Fields and Danny Thomas Fields**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 46 in the original Town of Crane, Indiana.

Ronald G. Miller and Rita A. Miller, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kyle L. Miller and Kathrina Oban**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 4 West.

Ronald G. Miller and Rita A. Miller, of Martin County, Indiana to **Tyler G. Miller**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 4 West.

Eddie L. Lingenfelter, of Tarrant County, Texas to **Cameron L. Sheetz**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the southwest quarter of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 4 West in Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 17.689 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the southwest quarter of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 15.558 acres, more or less.

Alice Kay Sheetz, of Martin County, Indiana and **Mary Louise McClure**, of Knox County, Indiana to **Cameron L. Sheetz**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the southwest quarter of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 4 West in Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 17.689 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the southwest quarter of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 15.558 acres, more or less.



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Bonus antlerless quotas reduced in 19 counties

Bonus antlerless county quotas have been set for the 2014 Indiana deer hunting season, with quotas being reduced in 19 counties and increased in four.

Visit www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/files/fw-Bonus_Antlerless_Quota_Map.pdf to view a copy of the map.

The quota assigned to a county represents the number of antlerless deer a hunter may take in that county above the basic bag limits. A license is needed for each deer taken.

Determining bonus antlerless quotas is based on a variety of factors - crop damage reports, deer-vehicle collisions, deer-vehicle collisions per billion miles driven, and landowner and hunter surveys that measure individual satisfaction level with deer numbers per county.

"We also look at antlered and antlerless harvest and the proportion relative to each other, and we look at bucks killed per square mile of habitat," DNR deer management biologist Chad Stewart said.

Data collection starts immediately after each season's deer harvest numbers are tabulated.

Stewart develops his recommendations and provides the data to DNR district wildlife biologists for their input and recommendations. Indiana Conservation Officers also provide input. Each recommendation is presented to a panel of administrators from DNR Fish & Wildlife and Law Enforcement. The panel reviews the three sets of recom-

mendations to establish the bonus antlerless quota for each county.

If a county's bonus antlerless quota is changed, the new quota usually is left in place for a couple of years to evaluate impact.

"If you change it year to year, you don't have a good feel for the impact of those recommendations," Stewart said. "We want to see a trend manifest itself over a period before making additional adjustments."

As a result of the quota changes, 63 counties will be included in the 2014 late antlerless season, six fewer than in 2013. Only counties with a quota of 4 or above are eligible for the late antlerless season, which begins Dec. 26 this year.

"We made an effort in 2012 to begin reducing the deer herd, and that appears to be working," Stewart said. "The whole point of the late antlerless season is to provide additional opportunity for hunters to put extra pressure on the antlerless deer herd."

Hunters harvested 10,091 deer in the late antlerless season in 2012, contributing to an overall record harvest of 136,249 deer. In 2013, the total harvest of 125,635 deer included almost 6,500 during the late antlerless season.

"With the harvests that we've been seeing over the past couple of seasons, this pressure is no longer needed in some counties to get the deer harvest where we want it to be," Stewart said.

Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton
NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

We continue to be blessed with some rain. It certainly is better than droughty conditions which hopefully are not still looming. Even though the rains have made it challenging for people desiring to get dry hay made, it has brought us good conditions for planting some summer annuals, and kept the pastures and corn growing.

It is an ideal time to plant some brassicas for late summer and fall use. Forage type brassicas that are spring seeded are highly productive and digestible and usually can be grazed within 75 days after seeding, sometimes earlier. Brassicas need moisture to get started and for speedy growth and good yield. Summer seeded brassicas (seeded now to August), can help supplement forages and also help extend the grazing season. Turnips and rape can be planted almost the whole growing season as long as sufficient soil moisture is present. They mix well with Italian ryegrass for fall/winter grazing or with sorghum-sudangrass or millets for summer grazing. The common purple top turnip can yield over 10,000 pounds per acre of dry matter and provide an average 12-20 percent crude protein. Kale is best used for late summer seeding and normally overwinters fairly well.

Brassicas do best planted into a firm seedbed at a very shallow depth (1/4 inch or less), which means barely scratching the surface (if no-till drilling them) and good control of any growth is essential. Tilled ground should be cultipacked, broadcast seeded and then cultipacked again after seeding. Most brassicas are seeded at about four pounds per acre.

When possible, the ability to graze some dry forage and some brassicas at the same time is optimal. Brassicas contain a lot of water and crude protein but lack much fiber, and gains will be best when grazed with some dry material available to help maintain that rumen mat.

Turnips will regrow if the growing point at the top of the bulb is not removed. Ideally, leave at least 4-6 inches of growth if you want to graze it again.

Kale can be seeded for fall/winter use with a light seeded cereal rye which can provide some good fall grazing and then more grazing the following spring. Oats are another option to mix with turnips for spring or fall use. I love the mix of oats, turnips and cereal rye for a later summer seeding. You can get a lot of really good grazing in the early fall out this mix and also into the late fall and still have the cereal rye for spring grazing, all while providing great cover, some allelopathic weed control, and soil building benefits.

We still have a couple more weeks where warm season annuals such as sorghum-sudangrass, sudangrass, and millets could be planted. The southern half of Indiana could extend this planting period to the end of the month as long as some moisture is available. I would strongly recommend a brown midrib variety of the sorghum-sudangrass for higher digestibility. Besides brassicas, cowpeas mix fairly well with these warm season annuals and add nutritional value. I would not recommend grazing them by themselves though because of bloat risks. You only get one grazing or harvest from the cowpeas and they are best utilized by strip grazing in daily or small allocations.

More diverse mixes of annuals can be utilized for grazing. Sometimes planting a forage crop after wheat is better than double crop soybeans and can certainly be a nutrient and soil builder for the next crop. A mix made famous by Ray Archuleta, a NRCS soil health guru, called "Ray's Crazy Mix" includes soybeans, cowpeas, sorghum-sudangrass, pearl millet, foxtail



Ray's Crazy Mix on a site, waiting to be grazed, in the early fall. With the sorghum-sudangrass in it, if frosted, wait at least two weeks before grazing.

millet, turnips, daikon radishes, kale, and sunflowers. I've not tried this mix yet, but plan to.

We are just a few weeks away from the start of the fall seeding period for cool-season grasses. We have struggled the past couple years to have ideal planting conditions with the lack of enough moisture in the fall and too much in the spring...at least at the moment this season appears to have some potential good conditions. With this in mind, it would be good to start thinking ahead about seed, fertility, lime, and land preparation.

If the land is presently pasture or hay ground, then taking a late cutting or grazing it shorter than normal is a good place to start. If you are going to be establishing new grass, then it is best to completely kill out the existing stand completely. Trying to inter-seed grass into grass is normally a waste of time, money, and of course seed purely because of competition of the existing vegetation. This is especially important if you want to move away from endophyte infected tall fescue.

Shop and choose a high quality seed, named varieties and from reputable companies. Do the math and seed at pure live seed (PLS) rates. Take the amount of seed needed (4 lbs./Ac PLS) and divide it by (percent purity x percent germination). 4 lbs. divided by (.95x.80) = 5.26 pounds of seed needed per acre. A bargain is not always a bargain. A well established and managed forage crop should last for many years so take the time to do it right and it will pay you back in dividends for a long time.

If you are not going to kill out the stand and reseed, then you want to make sure to not overgraze pastures. Most cool-season forages should not be grazed closer than 3 or 4 inches and warm-season forages not less than 6 inches. Overgrazing reduces livestock intake, stresses the forages, reduces yield potential, and reduces the quality of the stand.

Enjoy the summer and keep on grazing!
Reminders & Opportunities
Purdue Forage Workshop - September 4, 2014 - Purdue Agronomy Farm - For more details go to: <https://ag.purdue.edu/agry/dtc/Pages/forage.aspx>

Pasture Walks & Field Days - Watch your local newspapers and Soil & Water Conservation District newsletters for upcoming pasture walks and field days in your area.

FSA's Livestock Feed Program - Sign-up is underway in most Indiana counties for 2012 drought losses on pasture. All grazers are eligible. Contact your local FSA office for more information.

As of September 7, 2013, the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) is now the National Grazing Lands Coalition (GLC).

In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

Our country will celebrate Independence Day this week. In the garden, we have a rich national heritage. Gardens, both for food and decoration, have played an important role in the United States since the earliest settlers. Even before the arrival of European settlers, Native Americans were gardening.

While each of the fifty states has a state flower, it was not until 1986 that congress adopted a national flower-the rose. Five states have designated various roses as their state flowers. Roses naturally occur throughout North America and roses have long been used as symbols of greatness. In England, a feud between rival families who used different roses as symbols has become known in history as the War of the Roses.

Congress did not designate any particular rose as the national symbol, but most generally the rose portrayed on official documents is the Lincoln Rose, a dark red hybrid tea rose. However, whether one chooses to put in the work required to grow the tea roses or decides to just let some wild roses thrive at the edge of the woods, one may have the satisfaction of growing our national flower.

For those who concentrate on gardening for food, the rose is a source of nutrition and even has medical value. The petals are edible, and may be included in salads or used as a garnish. However, the major food and medical value of roses comes from the fruit, or rose hips. The hip forms at the bottom of the blossom and, depending on the type of rose being cultivated, may be as small as BB or as large as a shooter marble. The hips are high in vitamins C, E and K and are a good source of pectin, beta-carotene and bio-flavonoids. Teas made by steeping rose hips in hot water will improve blood pressure, cholesterol levels and digestive efficiency. One may make a rose hip tea straight, or add the rose hip infusion to other teas. The tangy flavor complements many herbal teas quite well.

Another food source from roses that has been a tradition in my family is rose jelly. I personally do not care for the very floral taste of jelly made from rose petals, but rose hip

jelly is delicious. The hardest part of making rose hip jelly is the collection of the ripe rose hips. If you are fortunate, you will have access to the large hips of rugosa roses. It takes a while to gather two quarts of the smaller hips. Here is a recipe for traditional rose hip jelly.

- 4 cups of ripe rose hips
- 2 quarts of water
- 1 package of fruit pectin crystals
- 5 cups of sugar
- 1/2 cup of lemon juice

Simmer the rose hips in the water until soft. Crush them and strain through a jelly bag. You should get about 4 cups of juice. To the juice add the fruit pectin and the lemon juice and bring it to a hard boil. Add the sugar at once and bring the mixture to a hard boil, stirring constantly. Boil it for one minute. Use a metal spoon to skim off the foam and pour the liquid into hot, sterilized jars.

That foam that was skimmed off will give you the opportunity to taste your jelly before the jars actually set up. Memories of sandwiches of the jelly foam or ice cream topped with jelly foam recall very pleasant times. What could be more American than a dish of ice cream topped with rose hip jelly foam? Have some to celebrate our nation's birthday.

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Weed scientist: Poison hemlock is a manageable menace

BY EMMA HOPKINS
Purdue University News Service

Poison hemlock is a problem for both livestock and row-crop producers, but can be eliminated without causing damage if identified in its first year of growth, a Purdue Extension weed scientist says.

Poison hemlock, aptly named for its toxicity to livestock, can also wind up in corn and soybean fields where it competes with the cash crop for resources, such as soil nutrients and water.

"It poses the risk of livestock poisoning or death if it is ingested by animals," Travis Legleiter said. "When present in high amounts along fence rows, it has also been known to creep into corn and soybean fields in the state."

Legleiter said there are a few ways to identify poison hemlock and distinguish it from two other plants it closely resembles: Queen Anne's lace and wild carrot. Poison hemlock can be spotted by its finely divided, triangle-shaped leaves and small, white flowers that grow in an umbrella shape and don't bloom until the weed's second year of growth. It differs from the other two weeds in that it displays purple

splotches on its stem and lacks dense hairs.

Poison hemlock is usually found in areas of perennial crops such as pasture, fencerows and roadsides. Though it has been around for a while, the weed's prevalence on roadsides has recently been increasing.

In order to effectively manage poison hemlock, Legleiter said farmers need to identify it in its first year of growth when it is a low-growing rosette with green leaves and no flowers. While the weed is often not noticed in its first year, that's the time when the plant is most susceptible to herbicides.

Legleiter said herbicides most effective in managing poison hemlock are those containing triclopyr or 2,4-D as active ingredients.

More detailed information on poison hemlock, including pictures, can be found in a Purdue Extension article titled "Poison Hemlock - The Toxic Parsnip" at www.btny.purdue.edu/weedscience/2003/articles/phemlock03.pdf.

A video of Purdue Extension forage specialist Keith Johnson discussing poison hemlock is available at www.ansc.purdue.edu/SP/TBC/Video/Poisonous_Hemlock.html.

Learn Indiana's fireworks laws

The Indiana State Fire Marshal is reminding Hoosiers who plan on celebrating Independence Day with fireworks to know the law before they light a fuse. Indiana's fireworks laws can be found in Indiana Code 22-11-14, and cover when, where, and who can discharge fireworks.

Where Can Fireworks be Legally Discharged? Fireworks may be discharged on the user's property, the property of someone who has granted permission, or at locally-approved special discharge locations. Remember, those setting off fireworks are still responsible for any property damaged by their fireworks even if they were discharged from a legal location. Keep that in mind when using bottle rockets, roman candles, or any other aerial fireworks.

When Can Fireworks be Used? According to state law, fireworks may be discharged between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. on most days other than holidays. On holidays (Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and New Year's Eve) they can be discharged until midnight. On June 29-30, July 1-3 and 5-9, fireworks can be discharged until two hours past sunset.

Communities in Indiana may have ordinances in place that further restrict the days and hours in which fireworks can be used.

Please contact local fire departments or local officials to find out what the restrictions are.

Who Can Use Fireworks? Fireworks can only be purchased by persons 18 years of age and older. Children may only possess or use fireworks when an adult is present and is responsible for the child's conduct. A person less than 18 years of age who possesses or uses fireworks without an adult present is committing a Class C infraction.

What Could Happen if Fireworks Laws are Violated? Persons who use fireworks at any place other than their own property, someone else's property with proper permission or a special discharge location, may face up to a \$500 fine.

Recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally using fireworks that harm someone else is a criminal offense that may result in six months to three years in prison and a maximum fine of \$10,000.

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Shown above, from left to right, are Colonel Alan Pratt, USMC; Congressman Larry Bucshon, Indiana Congressman 8th District; Rear Admiral Lawrence Creevy, Command, Naval Surface Warfare Center; and Captain Jeffrey "JT" Elder, Commanding Officer, NSWC Crane

Change of command at NSWC Crane

Capt. Jeffrey "JT" Elder (USN) relieved Col. Alan Pratt (USMC) as commanding officer of Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC, Crane) at a change of command ceremony on June 27. This ceremony also served as a retirement ceremony for Col. Pratt after serving 30 years in the Marine Corps.

Capt. Elder served most recently as the Military Director in AIR-4.2, the Cost and Analysis Department within the NAVAIR 4.0 Research & Engineering competency.

A native of St. Louis Missouri, Elder received his commission in August of 1989 and earned his Wings of Gold in August of 1990. He has two Master of Science degrees in Astronautical Engineering and Applied Physics from the Naval Postgraduate School. During his Naval Postgraduate School tour, he served with the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Strategic Studies Group XVI developing concepts to improve warfighting capabilities of the "Navy After Next." He joined the acquisition community in 2002 upon becoming an Aerospace Engineering Duty Officer. His acquisition experience includes serving as Deputy Director in the Special Communications Office and as head of the Enterprise Systems Engineering Division in the National Security Space Office. He has logged more than 2800 flight hours in military and civilian, rotary and fixed wing, aircraft.

Capt. Elder expressed his eagerness to take charge of a great command.

"I am excited to have the opportunity to lead NSWC Crane," said Capt. Elder. "Whether on the oceans, below the oceans or above the oceans the men and women of Crane play a vital role in keeping our Navy number one in the world!"

Guest speaker Rear Admiral Lawrence Creevy, Commander, Naval Surface Warfare Center, highlighted Col. Pratt's legacy.

"Col Pratt's 'People First, Mission Always' leadership translated into focus on compliance, readiness, rigor and technical discipline in support of the Warfighter," said Rear Adm. Creevy. "We couldn't have asked for more but expected nothing less."

Guest speaker Congressman Larry Bucshon expressed his appreciation for the service Col. Pratt has provided.

"I believe everyone around him benefitted from his good example and sense of duty - I know I did," said Rep. Bucshon. "I know I'm speaking on behalf of everyone when I say we owe you a debt of gratitude for your service."

Col. Pratt thanked the NSWC Crane workforce for their hard work and vital contributions in support of the Warfighter throughout his tour of duty.

"It has been an honor to be a part of the NSWC Crane," said Col. Pratt. "For the Crane Crew, keep doing what you're doing because you're doing wonderful things for the Warfighter."

Under Col. Pratt's leadership, NSWC Crane accomplished the successful transition

of the technical capabilities to better align with the mission of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA). In a Naval Performance Compliance Inspection (NPCI) in May 2013, NSWC Crane received a DAWIA Satisfactory rating with a Best Practice. Since 2012, NSWC Crane has 130 filed patents and has received 89 issued patents. There are also 100 active industry and university partnership agreements valued at over \$94M, and managed 35 Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) awards. Crane has been awarded 8 national and regional technology transfer awards since 2012. Further, he developed many workforce focused initiatives to improve the quality and safety of their work environment. He was central to the institution of the Voluntary Protection Program, a safety initiative that engages employees in workplace safety.

Col. Pratt took command of Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division on Oct. 6, 2011. He recently received orders for retirement and plans to transition to a civilian life in North Carolina where he and his wife will reside.

"It has been an honor working with Col Pratt," said Dr. Adam Razavian, NSWC Crane Technical Director. "His leadership was instrumental through difficult times and made us better for the experience."

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.



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The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative Mark Messmer



Addressing Indiana's meth problem

For the past several years, local law enforcement and state officials have been battling Indiana's growing meth crisis. Unfortunately, according to statistics from the Department of Justice, Indiana led the nation last year in the number of meth lab seizures. One of the ways we sought to reduce the number of meth related incidents was by restricting the sales of medicine containing pseudoephedrine; a necessary component of meth. Despite our efforts, many Indiana communities are still facing a meth problem today.

While a majority of meth is imported from Mexico, the drug can also be manufactured in illegal, hidden laboratories, like in a home or car, around the state. Since the chemicals used to make meth are dangerous, potentially explosive, this poses a threat to individuals living around or in these homes as well as anyone located nearby a mobile meth lab.

During the 2013 session, I supported legislation that requires auto dealers to disclose if a vehicle has been involved in a meth related incident within the last two years. This disclosure must be done in writing before the sale of the vehicle. Furthermore, in the event that they fail to disclose this information, the buyer must be reimbursed and is allowed to pursue civil damages.

This was necessary because meth manufacturers were increasingly using vehicles as laboratories in order to evade law enforcement. Even after they were done using the vehicle as a meth lab, this meant that toxins could still be left in the vehicle. This legislation was an effort to make sure these potentially toxic vehicles aren't sold unknowingly to a new owner, thus avoiding any potential health implications that may exist.

Despite this small victory in the large battle against meth, we went into the legisla-

tive session this year knowing that more work needed to be done. That is why I supported a new law that provides information to homebuyers on whether or not a home has been exposed to meth. After July 1, a home that has had a connection with meth must have that information disclosed within the buyer's agreement or realtor's statement, clearly describing if the property was properly decontaminated.

The new law also requires a person who manufactures methamphetamine on someone else's property to pay restitution to the owner for the damages, which includes lost rents and the cost of decontamination. This provision protects Hoosier homeowners and works to ensure that no one will be harmed by these potentially dangerous chemicals. In addition, it holds the person responsible for the manufacturing of methamphetamine.

This law was a direct result of locals who asked their state representatives for help in dealing with the damaging effects of meth use and manufacturing. The fact there were more than 1,500 methamphetamine labs discovered in Indiana in 2013 is simply unacceptable. Every Hoosier deserves the peace of mind knowing that their home or prospective home was not used in the production of this deadly drug.

These new laws work to create safer and stronger communities as well as increase transparency for Hoosier families. Although our efforts were effective, I know they do not fully address the meth epidemic. As we continue to fight this problem and work towards a solution, I hope that you will get involved in the fight as well. It is important that the public stay educated on this issue because if we truly want to put an end to this problem, it is going to take a statewide, collaborative effort.

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

Indiana Conservation Officers are seeking qualified applicants

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

To be considered for employment all applicants must successfully complete an online prerequisite test located at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/lawenfor/2760.htm>.

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

Indiana Conservation Officers are the law

enforcement officers with the Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement division. Founded in 1911, the law enforcement division is the oldest law enforcement agency for the state of Indiana.

Conservation officers enforce all state laws, but concentrate their efforts on the laws that affect natural resources, state properties and recreation such as boating, snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles.

Beginning with this hiring process, applicants who have four years of continuous active military service and have earned an honorable discharge will be accepted in lieu of the college requirement of an Associate's Degree or 60 credit hours toward a Bachelor's Degree.

Calendar of Events

Mustering Elm Park Group meeting

The Mustering Elm Park Group will meet Monday, July 7 at 7 p.m. in the park. The upcoming car show on July 26 will be discussed. If there are any local bands/musicians willing to donate their talent, please contact 812-276-8822.

Talk to a lawyer clinic

The next talk to a lawyer telephone clinic will take place on Thursday, July 3 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. CST and 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. EST. Volunteer attorneys will be available to take your calls and answer general legal questions regarding Indiana law. This is FREE! To access talk to a lawyer, call (812) 618-4845 and (888) 594-3449. Talk to a Lawyer is co-sponsored by the Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, Inc., Evansville Bar Foundation and Indiana Bar Foundation.

Foster care seminar

The River Church in Shoals will host "Fostering Hope" Tuesday, July 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. This is an informational event for anyone interested in fostering children or finding out how to help others who foster. Childcare will be provided for the discussion and refreshments will be served.

Loogootee Class of 1999 reunion

The Loogootee Class of 1999 will celebrate their 15-year reunion on July 26, 2014. The day will start with a family picnic at the Loogootee City Park at noon. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish and drinks. For class members and a guest, there is a room reserved at the French Lick Springs Hotel from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$45 per person. Make checks payable and send to Mandy Fee, 1525 Westminster Rd., Evansville, IN 47725 by July 1, 2014. Overnight rooms are available at the hotel for \$189 plus tax. You must use the code 0714LOO to get the discounted room and book by June 26, 2014. Any questions can be emailed to mandyfee@rocketmail.com.

Head Start preschool classes

Head Start is now taking applications for the fall preschool classes. Head Start is a kindergarten readiness program at no-cost for qualifying families. Please call 812-295-4700 to enroll your child.

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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.

Loogootee Summerfest 5K Run and Walk results

- Overall Male: Damon Pruett
 Overall Female: Natalie Graber
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 14 and Under Female: 1st Maddie Cropp, 2nd Mary Lang, and 3rd Alexis Bauer
 15-20 Male: 1st Jordan Kaiser, 2nd Kurt Bauer, and 3rd Nick Reinhart
 15-20 Female: 1st Cassidy Brothers and 2nd Alyssa Fithian
 21-29 Male: 1st Adam Tompkins
 21-29 Female: 1st Krista Truelove, 2nd Carmen Dorsett, and 3rd Amber Knepp
 30-39 Male: 1st Bill Dyer, 2nd Brandon Carrico, and 3rd John Cropp
 30-39 Female: 1st Virginia Winger, 2nd Stacy Sickbert, and 3rd Mandy Dyer
 40-49 Male: 1st Walter Henrichson, 2nd Anthony Brinkman, and 3rd Jim Kavanaugh
 40-49 Female: 1st Andrea Bauer and 2nd



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Delores Padgett, on left, with the cake she baked for the celebration, and Dorothy Williams on the right, who is the eldest member of St. Joseph Parish.

St. Joseph celebrates 'next to last' Sunday Mass

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bramble celebrated the many years of being a parish family with a social gathering after attending the 'next to last' Sunday Mass on June 22.

Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass, celebrated by Fr. Ken Walker, everyone gathered under tents for fun and games. The activities began with a light brunch of muffins, doughnuts, fried pies, and drinks. Then the games began; inflatables were there for the youngsters, bingo, corn hole, card games

and visiting for the adults. Photos were taken throughout the day by Scott Titzer and a group picture in front of the church was taken. Snow cones were supplied by Lee Henninger. Shortly after noon, Fr. Walker asked the blessing and a meal was shared, catered by Judy Burch. Bob Kamplain won the \$50 door prize. After July 1, 2014, St. Joseph Church moves forward, with the other three Martin County Catholic Churches, to become St. John the Evangelist parish in Loogootee.



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Shown above are all the participants in the Summerfest 5K Run and Walk. In the photo on the right are the first walkers to cross the finish line, Branda Mathias and Linda Wickman.

- Diana French
 50-59 Male: 1st Chris Jones, 2nd Larry Winger, and 3rd Kenny Beasley
 50-59 Female: 1st Karen Mathias and 2nd

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Lady Rox Basketball Clinic *Plan for back-to-school immunizations*



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Shown above are the girls that participated in the Shoals Lady Rox Varsity Summer Basketball clinic. In the front row, from left to right, are Kylee Hardwick and Ashton Allbright. In the back row, from left to right, are Kenady Bratton, Hope Baylis, Allison Boyd, Ashley Boyd, Hope Self, and Megan Hawkins. Not pictured is Caitlin Sanders.



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The girls shown above participated in the recent Shoals Lady Rox basketball clinic. In the front row, from left to right, are Emma Hert, Gracie Shaw, Haley Fischer, Alexis Rush, and Katlin Allen. In the back row, from left to right, are Mya Miller, Alyssa Howell, Maggie Shaw, Rionna Royston, and Kaydence Sutton.

Summer is quickly passing us by; it will only be a few weeks until school is back in session. Now is the perfect time to think about the shots your student may need before they go back to school in the fall. Kindergarten or first-time first grade students, 6th grade students and college students may need immunizations before they can begin classes this fall. The Martin County Health Department conducts immunization clinics every Wednesday. Clinic hours are July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Due to the Catfish Festival set up on July 2 the clinic will close at 4:30 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. The clinic will be open until 6 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6. Please note that Wednesday is the only day a nurse is available for immunizations. The health department office is located in the Shoals Federal Building (Post Office). If you need additional information or if you have any questions, please call 247-3303.

The Martin County Health Department can bill most insurance companies if the patient has coverage for vaccines. The patient must bring their insurance card at every visit or no vaccines can be given that day. The health department can vaccinate children on Medicaid, the uninsured and those who have insurance that does not pay for vaccines through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. They also provide Tetanus vaccine; Hepatitis A and B vaccine and TB testing to those age 19 and older without insurance for a fee. Adults with insurance that will pay for vaccines may be able to receive certain vaccines and have it billed to their insurance. Please call the benefits number on the insurance card to verify coverage for vaccines prior to your visit.

College students should receive information from their school concerning the required vaccines for incoming students. Most require a TB test within six months of the start of classes, a Tetanus booster (if the child has not received within the last 10 years). Also, proof of childhood vaccines for MMR and polio are often needed. The Hepatitis B series is recommended for students in health care fields or similar studies. The meningitis vaccine is recommended for students who will be living in dorms.

For children that will be attending kindergarten or first grade this fall (less than 7 years of age) the immunization requirements are as follows:

5 doses of DTaP, DTP, or pediatric diphtheria-tetanus vaccine (DT), or 4 doses are acceptable if the 4th dose was administered on or after the 4th birthday;

4 doses of any combination of OPV or IPV by age 4-6, or 3 doses of all IPV or OPV are acceptable if the 3rd dose was administered on or after the 4th birthday;

2 doses of MMR, measles, mumps and rubella (German measles) vaccine on or after the first birthday;

3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine,
2 doses of Hepatitis A vaccine

2 doses of Varicella (Chicken Pox) on or after the first birthday or record of disease. Physician documentation of disease history, including month and year, is necessary for proof of immunity for children entering preschool, kindergarten and 1st grade.

Sixth grade students are required to receive a Tdap (Tetanus & Pertussis) vaccine and a Meningococcal vaccine. Those 6th grade students who have not received a chickenpox booster shot will need to have it before the start of the school year.



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Loogootee Girls' Volleyball Camp

The Loogootee Volleyball Team hosted their annual volleyball camp for girls 3rd-6th grade athletes throughout the month of June. They learned basic passing, setting, hitting, serving fundamentals. Fifth and sixth grade campers are shown above. In the front row, from left to right, are Katie Callison, Grace Lingenfelter, Madison McAtee, Caylin Wagoner, and Annalise Powell. In the second row, from left to right, are Haylie Mathies, Isabelle Waggoner, Abbey Fuhrman, and Emily Welker. In the third row, from left to right, are Olivia Dant, Adie Nolley, Jaelyn Walker, and Delani Bateman. Participants not pictured were Asia Crim, Grace Foddrill, Sara Street, and Tia Fuhs. Shown below are the third and fourth graders that participated in the summer volleyball camp. In the front row, from left to right, are Brianna Greene, Symphony Lantz, Ashlee Arvin, and Abby Nonte. In the second row, from left to right, are Alana Hedrick, Mallorie Sutton, and Anastasia Toy. Participants not pictured were Sydnee Wittmer, Ashlynn Gilbert, Brooklyn Summers, Allie Henninger, and Kyleigh Couter.



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Cheerleaders attend camp

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Attending the camp were Waylee Wagoner, Deidra Nolan, Emma Walters, Tyra Fuhs, Selena Neeley, Anaya Carrico, Marina Lents, Taylin Trambaugh, Heather Harshaw, and Kaitlyn Wagoner. Waylee Wagoner and Deidra Nolan made it to the final round of the jump competition and tried out and made the All American Squad. They are eligible to participate in the Macy's Day Parade the day after Thanksgiving.

VFW to award scholarships

VFW Post 9395 in Loogootee is again accepting applications for their annual scholarship. Each year the post awards \$4,000 in scholarships. Any high school senior who is a child or grandchild of any member, in good standing, is eligible. The chosen applicant will receive \$1,000 a year for four years. Applications may be picked up at the Post any time after 3 p.m. The deadline to submit applications is July 15, 2014. Scholarships will be awarded the first week of August.

Summer college tours: Take this important tool with you

As tens of thousands of parents and teens make the annual pilgrimage to visit college campuses in the quest for that perfect fit, Purdue University is offering a handy checklist of questions to aid in their search. While prospective students are checking out classrooms, housing and recreational spaces on their campus tours, they also should find out about student-faculty engagement, high-impact experiences and affordability.

The checklist, available for download at www.purdue.edu/checklist/college-planning-checklist.pdf, is based on the recently released Gallup-Purdue Index, a study of 30,000 college graduates. The study found that college graduates who have achieved great jobs and great lives were more likely to be personally engaged with a faculty member, have participated in an internship, been involved in extracurricular activities and have graduated with manageable student debt. These findings held true regardless of the type of public or private non-profit, four-year institution, no matter whether highly or much less selective. It was the student experience and level of engagement that made the difference – not the rankings. The full report is available at www.gallup.com/strategicconsulting/168791/gallup-purdue-index-inaugural-national-report.aspx.

“Our survey clearly indicated that it wasn’t so much where you go to college as much as it is how you go to college – what you extract from the campus experience,” said Purdue President Mitch Daniels. “It also was clear that students whom faculty had engaged and, in turn, took the initiative to engage with faculty, were more likely to experience higher well-being and satisfaction in their work and life.

“Students and their families are making a significant investment in college, and it should be done with eyes wide open. This checklist is a way to help families take an active role in assessing critical affordability and engagement factors that can increase students’ odds of finding great jobs and leading great lives.”

The checklist offers questions to help determine how well universities engage with their students and help students select an institution where they will feel comfortable taking active roles in their education. De-

signed to be a supplement to more traditional college checklists, the Purdue checklist covers categories on faculty mentorship; faculty-student engagement; affordability; and available high-impact experiences outside the classroom such as internships, study abroad, extracurricular activities and volunteerism opportunities.

Jamie Merisotis, president and CEO of Lumina Foundation, which provided financial support through a grant to Purdue to make the Gallup-Purdue Index possible, said the checklist targets factors that go beyond simply assessing a university’s amenities and campus environment.

“The Gallup-Purdue Index and this checklist help shift some of the focus from traditional ‘rankings’ to helping students find a relevant experience that relates to their ultimate goal: building a foundation for success and fulfillment in the workplace and in life,” Merisotis said.

About Gallup-Purdue Index:

The Gallup-Purdue Index will be released annually for the next five years to create a national benchmark. Through its partnership with Gallup, Purdue will conduct a survey of its alumni that will allow for comparisons to the national benchmark and for in-depth research specific to Purdue. Other leading institutions of higher education have made the same commitment.

The Gallup-Purdue Index provides a definitive measure of how college graduates are doing on five key dimensions of well-being: purpose, social, physical, financial and community. It will also measure their workplace engagement including things such as whether they like what they do, do what they’re best at and have someone who cares about their development. In addition to the validated constructs Gallup has used to determine workplace engagement and well-being, Gallup will measure items that test the “customer” engagement of alumni, including their emotional attachment to their educational experience. The study will also include many crucial demographic items such as race, gender, household income, profession, student loan debt, whether respondents have started or plan to start a business, and whether they were first-generation college students, among other items.

Vincennes University Board amends merit pay raise policy

The Vincennes University Board of Trustees amended a budget adopted last year, making VU employees eligible for up to a 3 percent merit pay increase. The budget adopted last year had restricted the merit increase to 2 percent for the 2014-15 year.

Phil Rath, vice president for financial services and governmental affairs, said that the university could afford the increase due to more retirements than anticipated. He said the increase was justified since, relative to other state colleges, VU’s staffing levels are thinner and VU’s teaching loads are higher.

Rath also updated the board on plans for VU to hire a nurse practitioner and nurse to staff an employee clinic that is being developed in the Young Building on Fourth Street. The clinic will be in partnership with Good Samaritan Hospital. Rath said that work on the clinic is about 98 percent complete and roll-out plans to introduce the clinic to employees will begin soon.

“This is a new approach to how we address health care. Promoting wellness among our employees will be an important component. I am very excited about it,” Rath said.

In other action, the board approved an amendment to VU’s Tobacco Policy that treats the use of electronic-cigarettes identically to tobacco use, restricting use to only designated areas. Provost Chuck Johnson said the amendment is similar to action approved by the University of Southern Indiana. He said it would “aid the overall enforcement of the policy.”

The board also received a report from Darrin Deal, Princeton, about the development by students of a smart phone app to inform persons about the VU Tobacco Policy and the restricted areas designated for tobacco use.

Deal led a team of three students that won a competition sponsored by the VU information technology club. Deal received his associate degree in information technology last spring, is currently serving an IT internship with OFS Corp. in Huntingburg, and is pursuing his bachelor’s degree at VU.

The board also:

- increased by \$2 the amount employees will be reimbursed for meals while on university business, according to the VU travel policy.

- approved the installation of a plaque on the clock tower at the corner of Second and St. Clair streets, requested by the family of the late James Hill, recognizing his leadership in Sigma Phi Fraternity.

- approved clarifications to the Professional Staff Congress by-laws.

- approved granting permission to the finance/revenue committee to approve contracts for the development of a firing range that will be used in conjunction with law enforcement programs.

The VU Board also received a positive enrollment report from Kristi Deetz, senior director for external relations, that shows that accepted applications for the Vincennes Campus is just over 5,300 students—up 6.9 percent compared to last year. The VU Jasper Campus is up 10 stu-



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VU graduates like Bowman and Copes continue to help not only the manufacturing industry, but also the community and beyond. “Doug understands very much that he is addressing an industry need; he understands what is required in the classroom to make it interesting. He engages with the industry to pull them into the entire process, closing the loop between education, training, companies, and government, very clearly,” said Hurt.

VU program has unexpected benefits

After spending seven years in the Army jumping out of airplanes, Robert Simms was ready for a change. When he left the military he was unsure where life might take him, but now he spends his time building parts for planes instead of jumping out of them.

When Simms returned to his home of Palestine, Illinois, in 2010, he had already been all over the world as a parachutist, including Iraq, but was initially unable to find a career he would enjoy. Eventually, some friends introduced him to Flying S, Inc., an aerospace engineering company in his hometown which, in turn, led him to Vincennes University’s CNC Machinist NOW program. This program strives to educate and help build CNC machining careers for returning veterans, who are more likely to be unemployed than other groups. “Veteran students have a lot of self-discipline and dedication, and they are hard workers,” said Doug Bowman, a VU alumnus and leader of the program. “It is an honor to work with them and I enjoy it very much.”

After just 16 weeks Simms had completed the program, saying that the attention to detail he learned in the Army proved to be very useful. Even though he had no experience in the field when he started, he is now programming machines and making parts for Flying S. “It’s not just another job, it’s definitely a career,” Simms said. “They’re really good teachers and they’re very dedicated; they want to

make this work. I recommend this program for others – for veterans who don’t know where they’re going or what they want to do. Our Army training fits really well with this program.”

Beyond enabling returning veterans to enter high-demand careers as machinists, VU’s CNC students recently completed a class project that will help people walk again. Through a collaboration between Bowman and Brian Copes, a VU alumnus now teaching at Calera High School in Alabama, VU students machined 20 prosthetic legs that will soon be sent to patients in Honduras. Backed by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) Education Foundation, which had designated Calera High School a PRIME school for its exemplary approach to manufacturing education, Brian’s high school students successfully designed a prosthetic leg made out of car parts.

Pam Hurt, senior manager of SME Education Foundation, is proud of her organization’s role. “People want to give back, and young kids in particular want to create a better world,” she said. “It’s an honor for the SME Education Foundation to provide both the funds and the SME members’ support to programs like Calera and all of the PRIME schools.” She and Rodney Grover, also of SME, played a role in bringing Copes and Bowman together to bring the project full circle to completion.

The SME Education Foundation recommended that VU manufacture the leg that the Calera students had designed, since she said VU’s program was “the best in the country.” VU stepped up to the challenge and worked to overcome the major problem with the prosthetic leg as designed – its heavy weight. VU students replaced some metal parts with lighter, Haas 5-axis machined plastic parts and reduced the weight of the leg by three pounds. Curbell Plastics of Orchard Park, New York, donated \$18,000 in high strength plastic for the project. The 20 legs that were manufactured this spring at the VU Haas Technical Education Center will be sent this month on a mission trip to Honduras families in need.

“I love what I’m doing,” Copes said. He also wants to make sure that people know the truth about manufacturing. “I think there’s still a stigma that manufacturing is just a dirty job, but I know that in our area the different factories are helping to change that mentality.”

dents in applications. She also reported that housing contracts are up 209 compared to last year with 1,900 students planning to move into seven residence halls and university-owned apartments.

Deetz said that participation in START VU registration days for incoming students total 1,602 students, the highest level in 12 years.

In other reports, both Board Chair J.R. Gaylor and VU President Dick Helton said that increased emphasis on workforce development on the state and federal level could be good news for VU. Speaking about the strategic plan of the Indiana Career Council, Gaylor said he believes “this could be transformational for the state.” He said it will be presented to the legislature in July.

WEEKEND SPECIALS

12-ounce Ribeye • Seafood Alfredo Gumbo

Friday Night Entertainment: Ron Fox, country artist, and Rex Burton, mandolin player at 10 p.m.

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