

## City council discusses economic development

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Economic development discussions topped the agenda of the Loogootee City Council meeting Monday night, August 11.

First on the agenda, the council was provided information regarding a tax abatement request for Hoosier Uplands for the redevelopment of the former Elementary East building. The abatement will be for 10 years and be for property taxes of \$14,000 a year. With the scale, paying nothing the first year, five percent the second year, 20 percent the third, and so on, at the end of the ten years, Hoosier Uplands will end up paying around \$85,000 in property taxes.

Carla Naum, with Milestone Ventures, said Hoosier Uplands has toured the school a few times and they feel it is the best maintained school they have ever seen and was very well built. She said that they believe they can turn the building into approximately 20 apartments, a mix of one- and two-bedroom, for low-income senior citizens. The name of the building will be Eagle Place Apartments. She said the rent for the apartments will range from \$190 to \$550 per month but the prices are still being worked out. The monthly rent will not include utilities.

She said Hoosier Uplands is applying for several different funding sources for the project including a grant through the state housing department that would pay for 80 percent. They will be applying for that grant in November and find out if they are awarded the funding next February. She said the state receives 40-60 applications from various organizations doing similar

projects and there is only enough state funding for 12-16 of those projects, so it is competitive. She said the tax abatement is needed by Hoosier Uplands so that they can financially do the project and it also earns points on the grant application. Hoosier Uplands purchased the Elementary East building from the school for \$110,000. It was noted that the school will retain ownership of the gymnasium and it will not be a part of the project.

In other economic development business, Mike Carney, owner of Bowling Manufacturing (the former Perfect Fit building),

**"It's out of our control."  
-Mike Carney on why  
Bowling Manufacturing  
has not opened yet.**

gave the council an update on where things were as far as getting the manufacturing business opened. Carney started by saying that things are not going

nearly as quickly as they had hoped. Carney, president of KCARC, purchased the former Perfect Fit building in December of 2011. KCARC is a non-profit organization serving people with disabilities in southern Indiana and is based in Vincennes. Carney said they are working on a very large Department of Defense contract but he said he won't make any projection on when it will be finalized or when work would start. Due to command changes he said the project is forced to keep starting over. "It's out of our control," he said.

Carney noted they have made some minor improvements to the building and now have issues with the roof that they will be addressing.

Carney reiterated that they plan to continue with the original proposal to get the building back in operation but that it is going very slowly. He told the council to contact him anytime they wanted an update

on the progress and he would be happy to return to their meeting.

Rex Knight, with SIDC (Southern Indiana Development Commission), and Ellen Harper, with OCRA (Office of Community and Rural Affairs), came before the council to discuss the upgrading of the city's storm water system. Knight said he has been in discussion with the mayor and Midwestern Engineers over the past year and noted that a grant was going to be applied for this past spring but the application was pulled due to issues. He said that the plan is to apply for funding again next spring, if it is available. Harper explained that there was only \$2 million available this year for projects in the state; they received six applications and funded four. She said OCRA cannot piecemeal projects anymore and cities need to look at the more comprehensive project, doing it all as opposed to doing portions of it. She said if a city has a comprehensive project worth \$2.5 million, they need to do

that whole project, with some grant funding through OCRA and then other possible funding sources.

She then discussed scoring on the grant application. She said a minimum of 420 points, out of 700, is needed. She said the city has the 51 percent minimum low to moderate income households required but the census data used is 14 years old. She said some of the cities she works with are doing their own income surveys to get more accurate data. She said one of the cities, according to the census data, had 53.4 percent low to moderate income households but when they did their own survey, went door to door, that was changed to 64 percent. Since each percentage of low to moderate income households counts as one point, Harper said it would probably help the city to consider doing an income survey.

Another area on the application dis-  
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## Commissioners hire attorney to defend lawsuit against county

Meeting minutes provided by Martin County Auditor January Roush

Due to the lawsuit filed by the Estate of Waylon W. Abel and the county's liability insurance excluding coverage for the existence of lake and reservoirs, County Attorney J. David Lett advised the Martin County Commissioners, at their meeting last Tuesday night, August 5, to hire an attorney. Attorney Lett recommended hiring Douglas Hoffman at \$150 per hour. Commissioner Kevin Boyd made a motion to hire Douglas Hoffman for the lawsuit filed by the Estate of Waylon W. Abel. Commissioner Dan Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the only proposal for trash service at the sheriff's department from KRB Disposal for an eight-yard dumpster that will be dumped once a week for a 24-month period. President Paul George made the second. Commissioner Boyd abstained due conflict of interest. The motion passed.

Auditor January Roush submitted an IT systems yearly support service agreement

renewal with RTC Communications for approval. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to renew the service agreement with RTC Communications. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the purchase of a new air compressor for the courthouse from M&M Electric for \$8,137.20. This is contingent upon the council approval of the funds. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. The current air compressor has been in the building since it was built.

Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule. A discussion followed concerning the taxpayer part of dust control. Auditor Roush will investigate.

A recent lightning storm damaged the department's two-way radio system. It's currently being resolved with the insurance company.

Superintendent Padgett updated the com-  
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Colorful moth

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrall.com

Shown above is a White-lined Sphinx Moth seen recently at a residence in the county. This is one of many moths that feed on the nectar of flowers in the evening. They shoot around like hummingbirds which poses a real challenge for flash photos at night.

## Shoals man arrested after foot pursuit

On Thursday, August 7 at 4:36 p.m., Major Andy Burkhardt, of the Martin County Sheriff's Department, was investigating a tip from Shoals Town Marshal Todd Eckert, who was off-duty, of man, Billy Craft, 33, of Shoals, who was seen at the gas pumps at RJ's Food Mart in Shoals and was possibly wanted out of Orange County on outstanding warrants. Major Burkhardt located Craft and confirmed the active warrant. Upon placing Craft into custody, he jumped into the driver's seat of a green Chevy Impala, started the vehicle and while attempting to flee in the vehicle, struck both Major Burkhardt and Marshal Eckert. Major Burkhardt was not injured  
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## Two arrested after break-in at USG

The Martin County Sheriff's Department received a call on Monday, August 11 at approximately 8 a.m. from an employee of National Gypsum of a possible break-in. Sgt. Keith Keller and Sheriff Rob Street responded to the scene. Also assisting at the scene was the Indiana State Police crime scene technician. After a lengthy investigation there were two arrests made later that day. Arrested for burglary and obstruction of justice was Justin R. Tolbert, 30, of Williams and 45-year-old Sonya Lagle, of Bedford. Lagle was arrested for burglary. Both were taken to the Martin County Jail. The burglary is still under investigation at this time.



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cusced was the storm water fee. Harper said that since the city does not charge customers a storm water fee, they would receive zero points in that section. She said some cities she works with started charging \$3 to customers for storm water and some have now increased that to \$5.

Another area is the matching money. The city had planned to put in 10 percent which would only give 10 points. The higher the match, the higher the points.

She said right now, the city does not score high enough to even reach the minimum points required. She said if some of what she discussed is corrected, the city could get into range needed to acquire the grant.

Knight added that the city is maintaining their current storm water system but they are using money from another fund. He said the state wants to see cities collecting money specifically to sustain their systems. "They don't see something that's primarily designated for storm water," he said.

"Before I even think about raising somebody's water another \$3 to \$5, somebody's going to have to drown in their backyard," said Councilman Rich Taylor. "It don't make sense to fix something that's not broke and I don't know where all this money is going to come from but we're not going to put it on the citizens' shoulders." He added that the city has done without the storm water upgrades for years and the system is better than it's ever been so he doesn't know why a \$2.5 million project is needed.

Mayor Harty said that it doesn't matter how much the project is, the city will not qualify for grant funding without charging the fee. He said it's not just this project, but any storm water project where grant funding is needed. He said he is not in favor of raising rates either but they city has to be able to apply for funding.

City Superintendent Bo Wilson said there is indeed a problem with storm water drainage in the city. He said there are areas all over where the pipes are deteriorating and sink holes are forming.

It was noted that storm water work was done back in 2008, with grant funds, in several areas of the city at a cost of around \$600,000.

Councilman Fred Dupps said it would be easier to get the residents of Loogootee on board if they had a breakdown of what the issues with the storm water drainage were and what would happen if they are not cor-

rected.

Knight said that if asked, he was sure Midwestern Engineers would attend a meeting to lay out the issues with the current system. The council agreed this was a good idea.

In other business, the council approved the purchase of a backhoe for \$5,900, using the city's current backhoe as a trade in. Wilson asked if he could increase that by \$700 for an add on to the equipment. The council asked him what the extra was for and Wilson said he wasn't really sure but thought it was to keep the backhoe from being overly bouncy when driven. Council members Taylor and Rick Norris said they would like more information because they were unaware something could be added to equipment to make it ride smoother.

Mayor Harty said a committee was needed regarding the property the city purchased recently from CSX Railroad. The property is at the corner of JFK Avenue and Church Street by the railroad tracks. Harty had told the council at last month's meeting that he had been approached by more than one person who wanted to buy the property. He said the committee needs to get input on whether the property should be sold. He said that right now, he doesn't think there is anyone opposed to selling the property but if the city decides to keep it, it will become a green space or a parking lot.

Two paving bids were opened. Hunter Paving, of Huntingburg, gave individual pricing for each street but not a price per ton. The total for all paving was \$67,643. Dave O'Mara Contractor, of North Vernon, put in a bid for \$103.75 per ton for a total of \$78,233.25. Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones said the city only has \$53,402 for paving. Bo Wilson said O'Mara did the paving last year and he thought it was \$65 per ton.

Portions of streets slated for paving include Queen Street, North Street, West Washington and Dewey streets, West

Williams Street, Sheridan Street, Sycamore Street, and Cooper Street. It was noted that some streets paving would have to be cut back since there was not enough money.

Councilman Norris said O'Mara does a good job and he would recommend going with them again.

Councilman Dupps said he would like to get more information on Hunter Paving so not to count them out because the city hasn't used them in the past or is not familiar with their work.

After more discussion, the council voted to go with O'Mara and noted that the bids should be received earlier next year.

The council also opened bids for tree removal on various properties around the city. The bids were from American Tree Experts, Melton's Tree Service, and Martin & Sons. Mayor Harty said it is proposed to ask the property owner to pay for half of the cost with the city paying the other half. The four trees are on South Oak, Cedar, and Queen streets and one on Eastgate Avenue and are in the city's right of way. It will cost around \$4,000 for all four removals. It was noted that American Tree

Experts' prices do not include stump removal, Martin's does and it is unknown whether Melton's includes it.

Clerk-Treasurer Jones asked where the money was going to come from. She said the city typically doesn't do projects like this because there is no money for it.

The council chose to table a decision until the next meeting to get more information from bidders and find the funding source.

The city has a new attorney with the departure of Mark Jones. Isha Wright, with Ippoliti Law Office, has taken over the position.

One building permit was approved for Allen and Christina Crane at 127 Garrett Street for a residence.

The next meeting of the city council has been moved to September 2 at 6 p.m.

## PURSUIT

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but Marshal Eckert had injury to his knee area.

Craft was able to escape in the vehicle at a high rate of speed out of RJ's parking lot and proceed onto US Highway 50. Burkhardt pursued the vehicle at high rates of speed onto Butler Bridge Road and upon crossing Butler Bridge, approximately six miles from RJ's, he caught up to the vehicle. Craft bailed from his vehicle which rolled backward and almost collided with Burkhardt's patrol car then proceeded down the hill, crashing into and coming to rest in a ditch. Burkhardt pursued Craft through the woods. Craft would not stop or comply with Burkhardt's commands and was finally apprehended after being tased. He was arrested for resisting law enforcement, criminal recklessness, driving while suspended, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, battery on a law enforcement officer, possession of syringes, and possession of methamphetamine.

Craft was booked into the Martin County Jail and is being held with no bond pending his initial hearing and hold out of Orange County for their warrant of theft.

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missioners on the Gradalls. The new Gradall is working and Auditor Roush can submit the payment to Southeastern. It is undecided at this time which roads to repair with the funds available.

Superintendent Padgett received 11 applications for the new truck driver. He has narrowed down the applications to three and submitted those to the commissioners. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to take the applications under advisement until the next meeting. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and motion passed.

Kathy Collins, community corrections director, introduced to the commissioners her new part-time road crew supervisor, Jared Sheetz. They discussed several properties in the county that road crew could clean up. The commissioner-owned Green Cemetery in Lost River Township has been cleaned up again. Director Collin's staff has completed the meth waste training and will implement standard operating procedures for the road crew to follow.

Monty Wolf, civil defense/EMA, updated the commissioners on recent activities. He informed the commissioners of the need for more ways to alert the public of bad weather.

Commissioner George gave the July Veteran Service Officer report.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

### Humane Society featured pets



The dog in the top photo is DARTH, a new arrival at the shelter. He is a schnauzer mix and is around 2 years old. He is best suited for a home without small children. He gets along with other dogs and loves to play. The photo at the bottom is Damien, a male cat a little more than a year old. He is neutered, up to date on his shots and litter trained. Adoption fee for dogs is \$60, cats is \$40. The shelter has many dogs and cats to choose from. If interested in adopting, stop by the shelter at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Shelter hours are Monday and Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appt. any day except Sunday. The shelter is currently not taking in any dogs or cats until some are adopted.

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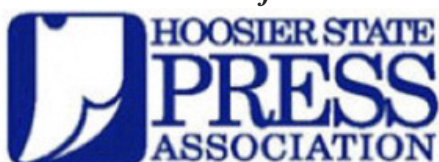
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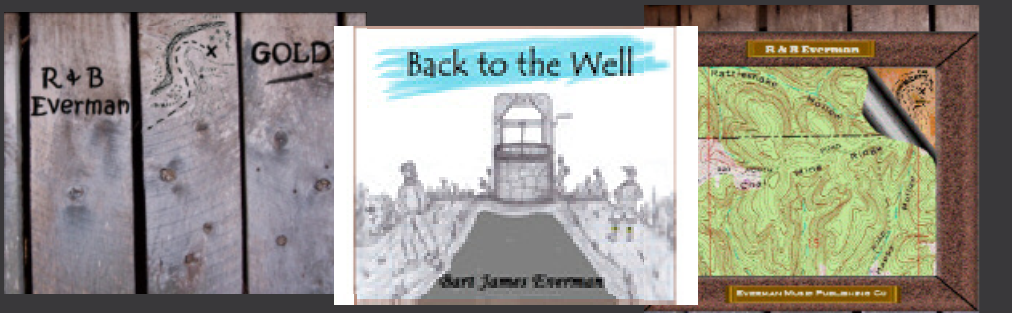
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# OBITUARIES

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## DIANA COOK

Diana L. Cook passed away at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at the Loogootee Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Shoals, she was 59.



She was born June 10, 1955 in French Lick; the daughter of Seymour and Evelyn Cooper of Lost River Township. She was a 1973 graduate of Shoals High School and a 1975 graduate of Vincennes Beauty College.

She married Stephen F. Cook on July 29, 1982, in Svenborg, Denmark. They resided in Huntsville, Alabama most of their married life. While in Huntsville she was employed by Lockheed-Martin. Diana had a passion for sewing and was self-employed fabricating custom draperies. She also did alterations and enjoyed needle pointing. Her last place of employment was Hembree Properties in Loogootee. In May of 2010, Diana moved back to Shoals from Huntsville, Alabama to be near family and friends. She attended Shoals Christian Church.

She is survived by a daughter, two grandsons; sisters, Verneeda Roach of Loogootee, Linda Stone of Shoals; brothers, Harold, Roger and Michael Cooper of Shoals; several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Steve, in April 2008; her parents, brother, Bill; and sister, Imogene.

The funeral was held Saturday, August 9 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home, with Matt Sullivan and Pastor Mary Poston officiating. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made at [www.queen-lee.com](http://www.queen-lee.com).

## DONALD WININGER

Donald K. Wininger died at 1:07 p.m. Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at Memorial Hospital in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, he was 78.

## Arts Commission invites Indiana high schools to participate in 2015 Poetry Out Loud competition

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) announced yesterday it will coordinate the tenth annual Poetry Out Loud Indiana State Finals competition on February 21, 2015 in Indianapolis. Indiana high schools are encouraged to participate in this annual poetry recitation contest sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the Poetry Foundation. The 2015 event marks the tenth anniversary for Poetry Out Loud both in Indiana and nationally.

Registration is currently open for the 2015 competition. Schools must register in advance to take part in the Poetry Out Loud competition. For more information on how to register for Poetry Out Loud, contact Sarah Fronczek, at [sfronczek@iac.in.gov](mailto:sfronczek@iac.in.gov) or call 317-232-1274. For more information about Poetry Out Loud registration, visit: [www.in.gov/arts/2422.htm](http://www.in.gov/arts/2422.htm). Registration for schools is open until November 21, 2014, and information on local winners is due by January 23, 2015.

Initial competitions are held at the high school level to determine one student to represent the school in state competition. There are no registration costs for high schools interested in participating in the Indiana Poetry Out Loud competition, and all resource materials will be provided. Preliminary school competitions should be completed by January 15, 2015. Home schooled students may also participate through a nearby registered school or by developing a separate competition. All local contests must be judged by the same criteria used in the state and national events.

The winner of the state championship will represent Indiana at the 2014/2015 Poetry Out Loud National Finals in Washington, D.C. in late April. Emma Libersky, Plymouth

He was born June 18, 1936 in Shoals; the son of Hilbert and Olive (Jones) Wininger. In 1954 he married his first wife, Nancy (O'Maley) Wininger and she preceded him in death on June 9, 1992. In 1993 he married his second wife, Mairann (Bindner) Wuensch Wininger and she preceded him in death in on December 08, 2013.

He was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee and was 4th Degree Knights of Columbus member. He was also a member of the Shoals Eagles Lodge. He was a 1954 graduate of Shoals High School and was an Eagle Scout. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed hosting fish fries and he also enjoyed boating, playing cards and hunting golf balls.

He retired from National Gypsum in Shoals after 44 years.

He is survived by one daughter, Theresa Lynn and husband, Gary Hartman, of Rus-siaville, Indiana; two sons, Donald Lee Wininger and wife, Rosie, and David Alan Wininger and wife, Lori, both of Loogootee; one step-son, Dave Wuensch and wife, Sherri, of Allen, Texas; one step-daughter, Beth and husband, Nick Walenga, of Warsaw; one brother, Gary Wininger and wife, Phyllis, of Crawfordsville; six grandchildren, Kelly Woods, Kristy Moss, Mikel Hartman, Kyle Wininger, Ryan Wininger, and Lindsay Wininger; six step-grandchildren, Brandon Wuensch, Allison Wuensch, Brianna Wuensch, Heather Walenga, Ryan Walenga, and David Walenga; and six great grandchildren, Cora Wininger, Brogan Wininger, Emma Wininger, Katelynn Woods, Jenna Woods, and Lucy Moss.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Hilbert and Olive (Jones) Wininger; his first wife, Nancy Wininger; his second wife, Mariann Wininger; one brother, Sherman Wininger; step-daughter, Diane Wuensch; and step-grandson, Aaron Wuensch.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker Tuesday, August 12 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bramble. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements.

High School, Plymouth, was the 2013/2014 Indiana State Champion, and the first person to earn that title in successive years.

A total of \$50,000 in scholarship awards and school stipends will be awarded at the Poetry Out Loud National Finals, with a \$20,000 college scholarship awarded to the national champion.

The state champion receives a \$200 cash prize and an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. to compete in the Poetry Out Loud National Finals. The state champion's school receives a \$500 stipend to purchase poetry books.

The National Poetry Out Loud competition began in 2006. The program is designed to encourage youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and performance, which helps students master public speaking skills, build self-esteem, and internalize an appreciation for American literary heritage.

The IAC wishes to thank the Indiana Department of Education and our State Poet Laureate George Kalamaras for their support of Indiana Poetry Out Loud.

The Indiana Arts Commission is dedicated to the vision of the arts everywhere, every-day, for everyone in Indiana.

There was a K of C memorial service conducted Monday evening at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the National Shingles Foundation through the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made at [www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com).

## KEITH YARNELL

Keith E. Yarnell died at 11:56 a.m. Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at Memorial Hospital in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, he was 83.

He was born February 19, 1931 in Loogootee; the son of Max and Thelma (Gillispie) Yarnell. On August 8, 1953 he married Mary Louise (Summers) Yarnell and she preceded him in death on March 8, 2011.

He worked for 34 years at NSWC Crane and after retirement he worked for seven years at the Loogootee Jr./Sr. High School as a custodian.

He was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee and the Loogootee VFW. He enjoyed fishing and mushroom hunting.

He served in the United States Army from September 1947 until June 1949 and he served in the United States Marine Corps from December 1949 until January of 1953. He also served in the Korean War and was a recipient of the Purple Heart. While in the Marines he was a rifle coach and drill instructor at Paris Island, South Carolina.

He is survived by one daughter, Lynette and husband, Gary Arvin, of Loogootee; three brothers, Dave Yarnell of Montgomery, Stephen Yarnell of Columbus, Georgia; and Teddy Yarnell of Loogootee; four sisters, Judy Lankford of Long Creek, South Carolina; Linda Olberding of Jasper and Cindy Yarnell and Jeanne Wagoner, both of Loogootee; three grandsons, Christopher Smith and wife, Casey, of New

Port News, Virginia; and Tyler Keith Cooper and Corbin M. Cooper, both of Loogootee; and one great grandson, Ronin Smith.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Max and Thelma (Gillispie) Yarnell; his wife, Mary Louise Yarnell; two daughters, Donna Rene Yarnell and Carla Jean Smith; two brothers, Jimmy Yarnell and Buddy Yarnell; and one sister, Shirley Griffin.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker Monday, August 11 at St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery. Military graveside rites were conducted by the Indiana Army Honor Guard and 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](http://www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com).

## LUELLA ZEHR

Luella Zehr passed away at 5:20 a.m. Sunday, August 10, 2014 at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center in Jasper. A resident of Taswell, she was 78.

She was born October 12, 1935 in Martin County; the daughter of Reid and Agnes (Lents) Lane. She married Ernest Gene Zehr on September 3, 1955 in Martin County. She was a homemaker and graduated with the Shoals High School Class of 1954.

She is survived by her husband, Ernest Gene Zehr of Taswell; son, Rick Zehr and wife, Linda, of Williamsport; two grandsons, Carl and Curtis Zehr; four great grandchildren; and one sister, Jean Wortinger of Shoals.


She is preceded in death by her parents, seven sisters and one brother.

A graveside service was held at Hindostan United Methodist Church Cemetery on Tuesday, August 12.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, AUGUST 4

11:08 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Rusk Road.  
1:09 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.  
2:03 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals.  
3:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.  
3:53 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary in Shoals.  
9:05 p.m. - Received a report of a livestock in the roadway on U.S. 231, north of Webb Road.

## Loogootee Police log

### MONDAY, AUGUST 4

11:15 a.m. - Female came on station requesting assistance in delivering a no trespass order.  
12:01 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted child protective services.  
1:45 p.m. - Female caller reported screams around the East Washington Street area. Officers were unable to locate.  
5:40 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.  
10:11 p.m. - Caller reported juveniles causing problems.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

12:42 a.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.  
10:55 a.m. - Chief Rayhill tagged two abandoned vehicles on Park Street.  
2:45 p.m. - Female caller reported a theft.  
5:17 p.m. - Caller requested an officer in regards to a medical problem.  
6:30 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless vehicle on US 231.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

1:15 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.  
1:33 a.m. - Caller reported utility lines down on Bloomfield Road.  
1:49 a.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a residential fire on East Main Street.  
9:10 a.m. - Caller reported a break-in on Church Street.  
11:50 a.m. - Caller reported a verbal argument in Cooper Plaza.  
1:30 p.m. - Chief Rayhill served a no trespassing order to a male.  
4:36 p.m. - Received a report of possible drug activity.  
6:05 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 50.

9:43 p.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on Lundy Road.  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 5**  
5:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.  
5:40 p.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on Cale Road.  
5:57 p.m. - Received a report of property damage on Bell Brook Road.  
10:19 p.m. - Received a report of a civil dispute in Shoals.  
10:45 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 North.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

8:57 p.m. - Caller reported a battery.  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 7**  
Unknown time - Caller reported a civil complaint.  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 8**  
7:05 a.m. - Caller reported having problems with her son.  
5:00 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 9**  
4:23 p.m. - Caller reported a fight on Mulberry Street.  
5:11 p.m. - Caller reported property damage.  
7:24 p.m. - Caller reported extra patrol.  
10:03 p.m. - Caller reported loud music in Redwing Trailer Court.  
10:10 p.m. - Caller reported a theft.

### Man arrested after two-county pursuit on motorcycle

A Huntingburg man was arrested early last Friday morning after he led Indiana State Police Troopers on a pursuit through two counties. Around 10:53 p.m. Thursday evening, August 7, Trooper Andrew Beaver was patrolling US 231 near County Road 200 South, south of Loogootee, when he observed a southbound motorcycle at what appeared to be a high rate of speed. Trooper Beaver activated his radar, which indicated the motorcycle was traveling 71 miles per hour in a 55-mile-per-hour zone. Trooper Beaver activated his emergency lights and siren in attempt to initiate a traffic stop; however, the motorcycle accelerated, attempting to flee. The motorcycle continued south, with speeds reaching as high as 115 miles per hour. After crossing into Dubois County and through Haysville, the pursuit was terminated.

1:49 a.m. - Received a report of a structure fire on Main Street, Loogootee. Loogootee Volunteer Fire Department responded.  
3:00 a.m. - Received a report of livestock in the roadway on U.S. 50, east of Shoals.  
5:46 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.  
9:12 pm - Received request for an ambulance in Loogootee.  
10:03 p.m. - Received a report of a civil dispute in Shoals.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

1:44 a.m. - Received a report of livestock in the roadway on Mill Road.  
10:20 a.m. - Received a complaint of someone breaking and entering into Chastain's Flowers and Gifts on Main Street in Shoals. Although there was nothing taken the inside of the business has been ransacked and it did not appear that forced entry was made.  
1:05 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 50.  
7:50 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute on Mount Olive Road.  
8:53 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on State Road 550. Indiana State Police, Indiana Conservation Officers, Shoals Volunteer Fire Department, and Martin County Ambulance Service responded.  
10:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

2:40 a.m. - Received a report of livestock nated. Trooper Beaver contacted the Jasper Police Department to observe for the motorcycle.  
At approximately 11 p.m., Jasper Police located the motorcycle southbound into Jasper, still in excess of 100 miles per hour, and continued the pursuit. The motorcycle turned west on 36th Street, and continued for less than a mile before stopping behind a residence at 1146 West 36th Street. Jasper Police placed the driver and passenger in custody until Trooper Beaver arrived.

The driver, James Schepers, 21, Huntingburg, was transported to the Martin County Jail by Indiana State Police for resisting law enforcement, criminal recklessness, and reckless driving. The female passenger on the motorcycle was released without charges. Charges against Schepers in Dubois County may be pending as a result of the incident  
The Indiana State Police was assisted by the Jasper Police and the Dubois County Sheriff's Departments.

in the roadway on Dover Hill Road.  
9:45 a.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on Mount Olive Road.  
11:12 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.  
3:45 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on U.S. 231 South. State highway department removed the debris from the roadway.  
7:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

12:50 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.  
1:21 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals.  
1:54 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.  
1:56 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.  
3:02 p.m. - Received a report of dogs that were shot with a BB gun on West River Road. Deputy Baker responded.  
4:50 p.m. - Received a report of tree across the road on Red School Road. Deputy Baker removed from roadway.  
8:30 p.m. - Received a report of a possible fight on McBride's Bluff Road with a male in a gray S-10. Deputy Baker responded.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

3:39 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.  
4:59 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Hwy. 50 near Stiles Road. Paged out Shoals Fire to remove tree.  
8:24 a.m. - Received a report of a residential alarm on Reinhart Road. Deputy Nolan responded and all was secure.  
11:00 a.m. - Received a report of disabled RV on Hwy. 231 North. Advised Deputy Nolan.  
11:11 p.m. - Received a report of a noise complaint in Loogootee. Officer Norris responded.

## Accident report

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

7:25 p.m. - Mary A. Winger, of Loogootee, was operating a 2004 Jeep on Vincennes Street and went to turn onto North Line Street and pulled into the path of a 2000 Chevy operated by Paula Brookshire, of Loogootee. Officer Nolan investigated.  
7:50 p.m. - Nicholas R. Arvin, of Loogootee, was operating a 1994 Buick on US 50. Arvin was stopped in traffic and was struck in the rear by a 2002 Dodge operated by Logan Craney, of Cannelburg. Officer Nolan investigated.

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## Martin County real estate transfers

**William A. Kidwell, Sr., Deborah S. Humphrey, Sheryl J. (Kidwell) Walker, and Gerald D. Kidwell,** of Martin County, Indiana to **William A. Kidwell and Donna S. Kidwell,** of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 10, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 9.637 acres, more or less.

**Chris Baugh and Janet Baugh and Marvin Wagler and Jolene Wagler,** of Martin County, Indiana to **Wagbaugh Properties, LLC,** of Martin County, Indiana, part of the northwest quarter of Section 6, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, situated in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 2 acres, more or less.

**Shad L. Arvin,** of Martin County, Indiana to **Bryson S. Parker,** of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 7, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, and a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section

18, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 41 acres and 31.30 acres.

**Donna Braun,** of Martin County, Indiana to the **Irrevocable Income-Only Trust of Donna Braun,** of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A portion of the north half of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 13, Township 1 North, Range 5 West of the second principal meridian lying in Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 15.819 acres, more or less. Tract II: A portion of the north half of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 13, Township 1 North, Range 5 West of the second principal meridian lying in Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 3 acres, more or less.

**John E. Fegan and Diana K. Fegan,** of Martin County, Indiana to **Joshua E. Fegan,** of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 2 North, Range 5 West containing approximately 4.64 acres, more or less.

**James V. Matthews and Janet A. Matthews,** of Martin County, Indiana to **Jennifer L. Northover,** of Martin County, Indiana, .29 acres in Keck's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Paula J. Yarnell,** of Grant County, Indiana; **Brenda L. Downey,** of Pottawatomie County, Kansas; **Debbie S. Hartigan,** of Knox County, Indiana; **Kathy J. Doll,** of Knox County, Indiana; **Janet L. Graves,** of Chaves County, New Mexico; and **Wilma E. Mason,** of Knox County, Indiana to **Dusty Rose Bledsoe and Tracy E. Bledsoe,** of Martin County, Indiana, property in Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West along the Daviess and Martin County line.

## Martin County Court News

### CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

August 1

Robert D. Torres, convicted of dealing in methamphetamine, a Class B Felony, amended from a Class A Felony. Sentenced to serve 12 years in the Indiana Department of Corrections with 4 years suspended and credit for 516 actual days previously served plus 516 good time credit days. Defendant received 4 years of probation.

### CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

July 29

Neil Jason Sipes, domestic battery, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

July 30

Gregory M. Tincher, resisting law enforcement, a Class D Felony, dismissed; reckless driving, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

August 1

Gary J. Smith, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Randy L. Stone, criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Robert D. Torres, possession of marijuana, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

August 4

James K. Salmon, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

### CIVIL COURT

#### New Suits Filed

July 31

Kimberly A. Kirk vs. Michael A. Kirk, petition for dissolution of marriage.

August 1

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Kerry Adkins, civil collection.

Jerry L. Allen, Jr. vs. Lila J. Allen, petition for dissolution of marriage.

August 4

Asset Acceptance, LLC vs. Robert Green, civil collection.

Capital One Bank vs. Amy D. Raney, civil collection.

Rachel D. Roach vs. Nathan R. Roach, petition for dissolution of marriage.

John R. Hunt vs. Jennifer L. Witt, petition for dissolution of marriage.

August 5

Jerry Lindauer vs. Diane Lindauer, petition for dissolution of marriage.

### CIVIL COURT JUDGEMENTS

July 28

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Cach, LLC and against the defendant Monty Murphy in the amount of \$1,111.60.

August 6

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Discover Bank and against the defendant Steven E. Pendley in the amount of \$4,156.78.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Federal National Mortgage Association and against the defendant Jacqueline S. Thomas for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$36,659.58.

### SMALL CLAIMS COURT

#### New Suits Filed

August 5

Adam Greene vs. Joe Schmitz, complaint.

### SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

August 6

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Angela B. Smith and against the defendant Kena Monroe in the amount of \$389.83.

## Jail bookings

### MONDAY, AUGUST 4

6:24 p.m. - Rory Browder, of Shoals, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Sexton on preliminary charge of operating while intoxicated.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

2:23 p.m. - Landon Dillard, of Bedford, was arrested by Martin County Chief Deputy Dant on a Martin County warrant.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

4:10 p.m. - Trenton Chastain, of Shoals, was arrested by Martin County Chief Deputy Dant on a Martin County warrant.

8:27 p.m. - Billy Craft, of Shoals, was arrested by Martin County Major Burkhardt on preliminary charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of syringes, operating while intoxicated, reckless driving, and resisting law enforcement in a fleeing vehicle, battery on a law enforcement officer, criminal recklessness, and driving while suspended.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

12:11 a.m. - James Schepers, of Huntingburg, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Beaver on preliminary charges of criminal recklessness, reckless driving, and resisting law enforcement in a fleeing vehicle.

3:55 p.m. - Joseph Kellams, of Bedford, was arrested by Martin County Major Burkhardt on a Martin County warrant.

5:11 p.m. - Tristan Horsting, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Patrolman Nolan on preliminary charge of sexual misconduct with a minor.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

11:30 p.m. - Joshua Phillips, of Loogootee, was arrested by Martin County Corporal Greene on a Martin County civil warrant.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

2:17 a.m. - Bruce Sims, of Bedford, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Wilson on preliminary charge of operating while intoxicated with a prior.

9:00 p.m. - James Jones was arrested by Deputy Baker and charged with disorderly conduct.



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## Abundant corn, soybean crops expected again in Indiana, nation

BY KEITH ROBINSON  
Purdue University News Service

The federal government expects Indiana and the nation to grow bumper crops of corn and soybeans for the second consecutive year, adding to already adequate supplies but further holding down prices farmers will get for their productivity.

Both total production and average yields per acre nationally for corn and soybeans could set records, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service reported Tuesday, August 12.

Indiana farmers are on track to harvest 1.04 billion bushels of corn - a record for the second year in a row - surpassing 1.03 billion last year. Nationwide, farmers are projected to produce 14 billion bushels, eclipsing the previous record of 13.9 billion, also of last year.

Indiana's soybean crop could reach 279.9 million bushels - third-largest for the state - compared with 264.7 million last year. Farmers nationwide could produce a record 3.82 billion bushels, up from last year's 3.29 billion.

"The markets were expecting huge crops, and the report certainly supports that assessment," said Jay Akridge, Glenn W. Sample Dean of the Purdue University College of Agriculture. "Overall good weather across the nation has provided just about ideal growing conditions."

Akridge, an agricultural economist, moderated a Purdue Extension panel discussion of agriculture experts who analyzed the USDA's August Crop Production Report, the first projection of 2014 crop yields for the fall harvest. Panelists were Ted McKinney, director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture; Chris Hurt, Extension agricultural economist; Bob Nielsen, Extension corn specialist; Shaun Casteel, Extension soybean specialist; and Greg Matli, the NASS's Indiana statistician, who gave a report on the projections.

While the total production signals a bounty of corn and soybean supplies that will provide enough product for livestock and ethanol producers and eventually help to moderate increases in food prices, futures prices for both crops have dropped to their lowest levels since 2010 - corn below \$4 per bushel and soybeans under \$11. Prices that farmers will receive could fall so low that they would trigger payments to farmers under provisions in the new farm bill.

"Prices are one of the things that isn't so positive in this report," Hurt said. "The revenues

will be down sharply this year." He said crop farmers' incomes could fall 25-30 percent.

Preceding the panel discussion, the Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture and Indiana Farm Service Agency held a conference to explain financial implications for crop farmers under the 2014 farm bill and the choices they would have for financial protection.

The bounty of crops, however, will be good for business such as grain elevators, processors and, livestock producers "who will benefit from the lowest prices we have seen in a number of years."

Nielsen said that while some part of Indiana have been getting dry lately and some corn crops are losing nitrogen or showing disease, there are no widespread problems. He noted that the crop is ahead of the five-year average in development.

"It is a good-looking crop - good potential - but it needs to finish strong to realize that potential," Nielsen said.

Casteel said soybeans had a "rough start" with problems involving stand establishment and herbicide injury and cool weather that delayed its development. But he noted that the crop progressed to the point where it, too, is now ahead of the five-year average in development.

"As we look to finish this crop, August and September makes the difference," he said. "There are lots of opportunities in the next 30-45 days to finish off this crop."

Indiana corn yields were projected to average 179 bushels per acre, compared with the previous record of 177 last year. Nationally, yields were forecast at a record 167.4, compared with 158.8 in 2013.

Indiana soybeans were expected to yield 51 bushels per acre, the same as last year. Nationally, yields per acre were projected at a record 45.4, up 2.1 from 2013.

The projections were based on conditions as of August 1. The NASS will report final, estimated per-acre yields and total production in January.

McKinney said the crop report reflects that "one hand versus the other is coming into play."

"It's always a good thing to have those high yields, he said." On the other hand, the revenue will be down sharply, and that's not a good thing."

McKinney said he was encouraged however, that the livestock sector is coming back.

"Just about as anything in life, diversity is good," he said. "On the balance, we hopefully will see Indiana in good shape."



## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser  
Purdue University Master Gardener

Late summer is often a time of limited color in the ornamental garden. Roses, re-blooming hydrangeas, re-blooming azaleas and other stalwarts will bring renewed blossoms as the weather cools in the fall, but the days of late summer need not be without blooms.

Crape myrtles took a beating from last winter, but those that survived have provided some great flowers recently. In Indiana, crape myrtles are either shrubs or small trees, but in more southern climates, they are often quite large trees. They offer a large variety of colors and never fail to draw attention when in bloom. The blooms do not all open at once, so the bloom period lasts for several weeks.

Another small tree that provides late summer blooms is the mimosa. The dark pink to red powder puffs are also attention grabbers. A relatively new cultivar offers dark foliage, adding to the contrast. The blooms also open over an extended period. Mimosas have some drawbacks. They drop seeds and may become invasive. They are also marginally hardy in southern Indiana and may suffer considerable die-back when winters are hard. However, they usually come back from the roots.

One of my personal favorites for late summer blooms is the Clethra, also known as summer sweet. The fragrant bottle-brush blooms range from white to red and the sweet smell perfumes the garden, especially in the early morning. Some people refer to them as summer lilacs because of the sweet scent. They also make a great cut flower, allowing one to bring that wonderful fragrance indoors for several days.

### Register now to learn deer hunting basics

Registration is open for a free DNR program that teaches participants how to hunt white-tailed deer in Indiana.

Hunt, Fish, Eat starts August 19 in Indianapolis and August 27 in Bloomington. The program is a four-session series, with an optional fifth session. Sessions are once a week and offer hands-on learning in a safe environment.

Hunt, Fish, Eat helps new hunters ages 18 and older to improve their self-reliance skills and to learn to harvest a delicious source of fresh, local meat.

Curriculum will focus on laws and regulations, firearms and safety, locating a hunting spot, tracking and field dressing your harvest, and handling and preparing your venison for the table.

Each session includes an opportunity to sample venison recipes from instructors and examine a variety of hunting gear and resources.

Participants should attend all sessions. All equipment is provided.

Register at [dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/7548.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/7548.htm). A promotional video is at <http://youtu.be/nb7GVlidKRg>.

The hibiscus family also provides great late summer flowers. Whether one prefers the small blooms of the rose of Sharon or althea or the large blooms of herbaceous varieties, there is a hibiscus for every garden. Double varieties look like large carnations. Hibiscus flowers come in white, pink and shades of purple. There are also tropical hibiscus varieties that may be grown in Indiana as an annual or overwintered as a house plant. Hibiscus flowers differ in size according to the variety, with some exceeding 12 inches in diameter. Hedges of hibiscus in a single color or in a repeating pattern make wonderful living fences for dividing garden rooms.

Another wonderful shrub for both beauty and fragrance is the butterfly bush. Like other mentioned above, the butterfly bush is prone to die-back in hard winters, but it will usually grow back quickly from the roots. The common name is appropriate, as the nectar of the buddleia attracts a multitude of butterflies. If you do not have room for a large shrub, miniature butterfly bushes stay relatively small but still provide abundant blooms. Be sure when planting butterfly bushes to place them in areas with good drainage. Once established, they will tolerate drought, but they will not tolerate wet roots. Our wet winters have caused the death of more butterfly bushes than have been killed by cold temperatures.

While it is not likely that late summer will ever rival spring and fall for color, these and other shrubs combined with perennials and annuals will still provide blooms for beauty and nectar for wildlife. Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote that the earth laughs in flowers, and late summer is at least a hearty chuckle.

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-The Family of Raymond Blake



# Loogootee and Shoals SCHOOL MENUS

**LOGOOTE ELEMNTARY**  
**Breakfast**  
**Thursday, August 14**  
 Breakfast pizza, peaches  
**Friday, August 15**  
 Whole grain apple stick, string cheese, mixed fruit  
**Monday, August 18**  
 Mini pancakes, orange  
**Tuesday, August 19**  
 Whole grain biscuit and gravy, pineapple  
**Wednesday, August 20**  
 Whole grain Pop Tart, apple  
**Lunch**  
**Thursday, August 14**  
 Fish, baked beans, slaw, oranges, milk  
**Friday, August 15**  
 Chef salad, pretzel and cheese, pineapple, milk  
**Monday, August 18**  
 Spaghetti, tossed salad, peaches, breadstick, milk  
**Tuesday, August 19**  
 Turkey wraps, cottage cheese, baked beans, chips, pineapple, milk  
**Wednesday, August 20**  
 Chicken fajita, refried beans, lettuce,

tomatoes, applesauce, rice, milk  
**LOGOOTE INTERMEDIATE AND JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Lunch**  
**Thursday, August 14**  
 Fish or pizza, baked beans, slaw, oranges, salad plate, milk  
**Friday, August 15**  
 Chef salad or pizza, pretzel and cheese, pineapple, salad plate, milk  
**Monday, August 18**  
 Spaghetti or pizza, tossed salad, peaches, breadstick, salad plate, milk  
**Tuesday, August 19**  
 Turkey wraps or pizza, cottage cheese, baked beans, chips, pineapple, salad plate, milk  
**Wednesday, August 20**  
 Chicken fajita or pizza, rice, refried beans, lettuce, tomatoes, applesauce, salad plate, milk

**SHOALS SCHOOLS**  
**Breakfast**  
**Thursday, August 14**  
 Biscuit and gravy, fruit, juice, milk  
**Friday, August 15**  
 Cereal, muffin, fruit, juice, milk

**Monday, August 18**  
 Cereal, breakfast bar, juice, milk  
**Tuesday, August 19**  
 Egg patty, hash brown, fruit, juice, milk  
**Wednesday, August 20**  
 Cereal, string cheese, raisins, juice, milk  
**Lunch**  
**Thursday, August 14**  
 Chili, cheese and crackers or chef salad or whole grain nacho tray or deli sandwich; green beans, mandarin oranges, milk  
**Friday, August 15**  
 Fish sandwich or chef salad or whole grain nacho tray or deli sandwich; cole slaw, baked beans, pumpkin squares, milk  
**Monday, August 18**  
 Chicken sandwich, or chef salad or whole grain nacho tray or deli sandwich; broccoli and cheese, blueberry fluff, milk  
**Tuesday, August 19**  
 Salisbury steak or chef salad or whole grain nacho tray or deli sandwich; mashed potatoes, pineapple, milk  
**Wednesday, August 20**  
 Cheese pizza or chef salad or whole grain nacho tray or deli sandwich; salad, sweet potatoes, pineapple, milk

## Shoals and Loogootee School Boards to meet

**Shoals School Board meeting**  
 The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, August 14 at 5 p.m. in the central administration office. Some items on the agenda include personnel actions, information on annual milk and dairy bid pricing, review of the 2015 budget, a resolution to reduce the 2014 budget appropriation, among other issues. The meeting is open to the public.

**Loogootee School Board meeting**  
 The Loogootee School Board will meet Tuesday, August 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. Some items on the agenda include the 2015 budget, use of facilities, and fundraising requests. The meeting is open to the public.

**Shoals Class of 1968 reunion**  
 The Shoals High School Class of 1968 will hold their 46th Class Reunion on Saturday, September 13, at the Shoals Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 600 Main Street, Shoals. The reunion committee is seeking addresses of fellow classmates who attended as part of the classes from 1963 to 1968. The committee invites them to join; their spouses and guests are also welcome. A meet and greet will be held at 5 p.m. followed by a catered buffet dinner at 6 p.m. If you are one of these classmates and have not received an invitation, please contact Senior Class President David Armstrong at 812-279-8549 or e-mail at dearm@sbglobal.net.

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## State has first human West Nile virus case of 2014

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

In addition to the human case, mosquitoes in 18 counties have tested positive for the virus so far in 2014. Those counties include: Allen, DeKalb, Delaware, Dubois, Greene, Hamilton, Howard, Jefferson, LaGrange, Lake, Marion, Marshall, Morgan, Pike, Rush, Steuben, Sullivan and Vanderburgh. However, West Nile virus may be circulating in all 92 Indiana counties and Hoosiers should take precautions to prevent mosquito bites.

"This is the time of the year when Hoosiers are at a risk of getting West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne viruses," said State Health Commissioner William VanNess, M.D. "You can prevent these diseases by taking precautions to avoid mosquito bites."

State health officials recommend the following preventative measures:

- Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are active (late afternoon and dusk to dawn and early morning);
- Apply insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus or para-menthane-diol to clothes and exposed skin;
- Install or repair screens on windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out of the home; and,

-When possible, wear pants and long sleeves, especially if walking in wooded or marshy areas.

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

To reduce potential mosquito breeding grounds:

- Discard old tires, tin cans, ceramic pots or other containers that can hold water;
- Repair failed septic systems;
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers left outdoors;
- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery trimmed;
- Clean clogged roof gutters, particularly if leaves tend to plug up the drains;
- Frequently replace the water in pet bowls;
- Flush ornamental fountains and birdbaths periodically; and,
- Aerate ornamental pools, or stock them with predatory fish.

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

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

## AG urges FDA to regulate marketing of E-cigarette products to protect minors

Attorney General Greg Zoeller last week urged the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to adopt new measures to protect minors from a harmful, highly-addictive product: electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes).

As Indiana's top consumer protection official and the lawyer for state government, Attorney General Zoeller serves as the National Association of Attorneys General Tobacco Committee co-chair. In June of this year, Zoeller was appointed to the Board of Directors of the American Legacy Foundation, a national public health organization dedicated to ending tobacco use in the United States.

In a letter co-sponsored by the attorneys general of Indiana, Illinois, Massachusetts and New York, and joined by 25 other state attorneys general, Zoeller filed official comments with the FDA on its proposed rule deeming all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, to be subject to its jurisdiction under the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) while urging the FDA to take it a step further.

"Sadly there is a long history of companies manufacturing and selling tobacco using shrewd marketing techniques designed to push their disease-causing products onto children by getting kids hooked on addictive nicotine. Now technology has devised a new nicotine-delivery device creating health risks not fully researched. State attorneys general were at the forefront of pushing back at the deceptive marketing of harmful tobacco products, and we now ask the FDA to step up and restrict these new devices as it does other tobacco products," Zoeller said.

The federal Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act passed in 2009 grants the FDA jurisdiction to regulate tobacco products. At the time, the rule applied immediately to cigarettes, cigarette tobacco, roll-your-own tobacco, and smokeless tobacco, but did not include other tobacco products such as cigars. Since then, tobacco-derived e-cigarettes have joined the market and raised new public health concerns, especially for their impact on minors.

In September 2013, 40 attorneys general

wrote the FDA urging it to issue regulations addressing the advertising, ingredients, and sale to minors of e-cigarettes. In November 2013, 27 attorneys general wrote to the FDA in support of a ban on menthol-flavored cigarettes. In April of this year, the FDA requested public comments on its proposed rule that would deem e-cigarettes and all other tobacco products subject to the FD&C Act. In addition, the FDA proposed to apply minimum age and identification restrictions, required health warnings, and prohibit vending machine sales of e-cigarettes.

While supporting the proposal generally as appropriate for the protection of public health, the letter from state AGs also urges the FDA to go beyond its current proposal to adopt measures to protect youth by prohibiting characterizing flavors in all "newly deemed" tobacco products and by restricting advertising and marketing for e-cigarettes in the same manner as for cigarettes. Zoeller noted e-cigarettes often use flavorings, such as fruit or candy flavors, to make them more appealing to youth.

The letter also advocates of the FDA adopt stronger health warnings than those in the proposed rule, and argues that no exception be made for "premium" cigars. Finally, the letter requests the FDA ban all internet and direct mail sales of tobacco products.

"Candidly, FDA can and should do more to warn young people and their parents that they could be subjecting themselves to health risks, and the argument that e-cigarettes are not as bad as cigarettes does not mean that e-cigarettes are a safe product," Zoeller said.

## The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative

Mark Messmer



### Celebrating Hoosier farm families

Indiana is known for agriculture; so much so, that when the rest of the country hears "Indiana," corn is likely one of the first things to come to their mind. As a result, no matter where you are in the state, you do not have to venture far to find a farm. Traveling on Indiana roads, we have become so accustomed to seeing crops, livestock and barns that many of us do not even think about the history. But, have you ever seen an old barn and wondered who owns it, or how long it has been there?

Twice a year, since 1976, the state honors Indiana's farming families through the Hoosier Homestead Awards. The awards are specifically given to families who have owned and operated the same farm for 100 years or more.

While a congratulatory certificate may not seem like a lot, the symbolic nature of these awards is huge not only for the state, but also the families. They are a way to say thank you for the immeasurable contributions farming families have made to the economy, culture and the state's overall advancement.

This year's first round of awards were presented at the Statehouse in March, and the second ceremony was recently held in the Farm Bureau Building at the Indiana State Fair. Over the years, numerous members of our community have received the award, but today in particular, I would like congratulate the Knies Family of Celestine for receiving the centennial award for over 100 years of ownership.

The Knies Farm has been in operation since 1907 and now joins the roughly 5,000 farms to have been recognized for their dedication to Hoosier agriculture. As I sat down to write this column and began to think about the magnitude of what it meant to maintain a farm for over 100 years, I was compelled to do some research. I stumbled across a Forbes article which stated that only a quarter of new employer firms stay in business 15 years or more.

These statistics further illustrate what an incredible feat it is to maintain a business, or farm, for more than a century. We also must not forget the importance of the goods that these particular businesses generate. Many of us take for granted the fact that we can go to the grocery store and buy fresh, local goods. We do not often take the time to think about the long hours that someone else spent, often away from their own families, to put food on our family's table.

I believe it is extremely important that Indiana celebrates its heritage and the families that continue to keep it alive. The Hoosier Homestead Awards honor not only the farm itself but also the families that built them. I again wish to express my sincerest congratulations to the Knies family on receiving the acknowledgment they truly deserve. I personally admire their perseverance, and I am grateful for their dedication to advancing our state's economy and feeding Hoosier families.

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

## August is National Child Support Awareness Month: Indiana's Child Support Program gets money to families

August is National Child Support Awareness Month. The Indiana Department of Child Services reminds Hoosiers this is an opportunity to acknowledge the vital role child support payments play in the well-being of thousands of children.

Help with child support is available to Indiana residents at their county prosecutor's office. Called the Title IV-D Child Support Program and part of the Federal Social Security Act, there are no income-based or other qualifications.

To receive services, there is only a one-time application fee of \$25, though residents receiving Medicaid benefits are not required to pay this fee.

Child support program services include:

- Establishing paternity for children born outside of marriage.

- Getting court orders for child support and medical support.

- Enforcing and collecting child support.
- Getting support orders modified when circumstances change.

Last year the Indiana Child Support Bureau, working with county prosecutors and clerks across the state, collected over \$589 million in child support for Title IV-D cases. For every dollar spent to operate the program, \$6.46 in child support was collected. The program serves one of every six children in Indiana.

Families in need of child support services should contact their local prosecutor's of-

fice. Detailed information for each office can be found at [www.IN.gov](http://www.IN.gov) and searching 'child support offices.'

About Indiana Department of Child Services:

The Indiana Department of Child Services protects children from abuse and neglect and works to ensure the financial support of children. Indiana Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline: 800-800-5556. Child Support Customer Service Kidline: 800.840.8757 or 317.233.5437. [www.in.gov/dcs](http://www.in.gov/dcs)

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# Indiana E-Cycle is helping Hoosiers recycle unwanted electronics

Indiana's electronics recycling program has helped Hoosier households, small businesses and public schools recycle more than 87 million pounds of electronic waste over the past four years. An Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) report on the program, known as Indiana E-Cycle, shows it has expanded the availability of recycling options for unwanted, broken and obsolete electronics.

Electronics contain heavy metals, including lead, mercury, cadmium, and hexavalent chromium that can be harmful if released into the environment. However, other materials contained in the items, including steel, glass, plastic, copper, gold, tin, silicon, and aluminum, can be reclaimed by recyclers and used by manufacturers to make new products.

"Most electronics from households, public (including charter) schools, and small businesses in the state are prohibited from being discarded with the trash," said Rick Bossingham, assistant commissioner of IDEM's Office of Compliance Support. "Under the Indiana E-Cycle program, Indiana's electronics manufacturers, retailers, collectors and recyclers are helping Hoosiers recycle electronics that have reached the end of their useful life."

IDEM advises that many organizations accept donations of good used electronics; however, items that cannot be donated should be recycled. Some collectors accept items for free, while others charge a small fee for certain items. To learn about costs and restrictions, citizens can call ahead or visit a collector's website. Citizens are also advised to ask their local recycling program about upcoming collection events in their area. To find a statewide listing of collection sites, a listing of solid waste management districts, organizations that accept donations of good used electronics, and manufacturer take-back programs, citizens can visit IDEM's website at [www.IN.gov/idem/recycle/2377.htm](http://www.IN.gov/idem/recycle/2377.htm).

IDEM advises removing all personal or confidential information before donating or recycling your item. Many retailers offer this service for a small fee. Before donating or taking your item to a collector or recycler, ask them how they handle data security. Some collectors and recyclers may not accept hard drives.

To lessen the environmental impacts from electronic waste, or e-waste, even further, IDEM suggests purchasing quality products that can be easily upgraded and using rechargeable batteries.

### About Indiana E-Cycle

The Indiana electronic waste program was established in 2010 under the requirements of the Indiana Electronic Waste Law that went into effect in 2009. Named Indiana E-Cycle in 2013, the program is managed by the Office of Pollution Prevention and Technical Assistance in IDEM's Office of Compliance Support.

The program requires manufacturers that sell certain products in Indiana to register with the state and establish collection and recycling programs for consumers. Manufacturers are required to ensure the collected items meet a minimum weight based on the weight of the goods they sell in the state. Manufacturers must complete a registration each year and pay fees, which help fund the administration of the program.

Retailers, solid waste management districts, community recycling programs, and other independent collectors and recyclers register with the program to take in electronics and report the quantities being collected to the registered manufacturers. Collectors and recyclers do not pay fees.

For more information about Indiana E-Cycle, including recycling tips for consumers, visit [www.IN.gov/idem/recycle/2352.htm](http://www.IN.gov/idem/recycle/2352.htm). The full Indiana E-Cycle 2014 Report, containing a summary of the law and program results to date, is available at <http://www.in.gov/idem/recycle/2428.htm>.



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Generations Executive Director Laura Holscher, left, was present for the signing of House Bill 1391, which gives seniors more choices in Indiana. Pictured with her are, from left, Gov. Mike Pence, Jenny Hamilton of LifeStream Services, and Mark Lindenlaub of Thrive-Alliance.

## New measure gives seniors more choices in Indiana

Indiana Gov. Mike Pence signed a copy of House Bill 1391 at LifeSpan Resources in New Albany on August 6. Among other things, the bill provides for four AAA's in Indiana to serve as pilot agencies for the implementation of the Community Living Program (CLP) under the CHOICE program.

Vincennes University's Generations Area 13 Agency on Aging & Disability is one of the four agencies selected to serve as a pilot agency. Generations Executive Director Laura Holscher was present for the bill signing. Also selected as pilot agencies were LifeSpan Resources, Area 14 AAA, Thrive-Alliance, Area 11 AAA, and LifeStream Services, Inc., Area 6 AAA.

The CHOICE program provides services to seniors and individuals with disabilities. Not only does HB 1391 adjust some of the financial qualifications for seniors, but also expands the program to provide preventative help for those in need. State Rep. Ed Clere, R-New Albany, authored the bill.

The CHOICE program has not been adjusted in 25 years and this bill should give seniors access to more services. According to Clere, the most important change to the CHOICE program is the preventative care it provides. The goal is to keep them in their homes and do it in a better way.

Generations, which serves Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Knox, Martin and Pike counties, provided 3,000 seniors and individuals with disabilities with services last year. The agency served 143,000 meals through Meals on Wheels and another 21,000 at congregate meal sites in its six-county area.

"Generations is excited about being part of this pilot program," Holscher said. "We were one of the pilots when CHOICE started and look forward to expanding the program to meet the changing needs of Hoosiers."

The community pilot program begins January 1, 2015, and runs through June 30, 2017.

# Secretary of State Connie Lawson announces results of voter list refresh

On Monday, Secretary of State Connie Lawson gave an update on the results of the voter list refresh project. In June, the Secretary of State Election Division mailed 755,848 postcards to Hoosier voters asking them to update their voter registration information. This was the second round of postcards following more than 4.4 million postcards mailed in May. Approximately 47,493 voters in Indiana participated in the voter list refresh project by updating their voter registration by July 24 due date. Approximately 450,208 postcards from the second mailing were returned by the post office as undeliverable as addressed with the remainder continuing to trickle in each day.

"I am committed to protecting the voting process here in Indiana by making sure that each county has accurate voter registration lists," said Secretary Lawson. "We've been able to identify 731,585 records that either needed updating or were no longer valid. By updating these records or adding them to the inactive list, we are one step closer to getting a more accurate picture of voter turnout and protecting the integrity of our elections."

258,147 cards were not turned back in.

County election officials have been using the information from the voter list refresh to update Indiana's list of voters. The counties take the mailings that identify inaccurate voter registration information and mark those voters' records as inactive. To date, 696,407 voter registrations have been marked inactive. August 6 was the federal deadline for counties to process data from the voter list refresh before the November 2014 election. Counties will resume processing this data after the election.

A voter on the inactive list can still vote in November. Being on the inactive list simply means a voter did not update or confirm their information. If the voter casts a ballot from that address in November, their record will be reclassified as active. If an inactive voter does not vote in November, they can still

vote in the municipal elections of 2015 and the federal elections of 2016. If they do not vote in any election prior to January 2017, the county voter registration office will remove their record from the poll lists. If there is any discrepancy, there are electronic records of each card and the counties will have access to the hard copies.

The voter list refresh project will also give Hoosiers a more accurate view of voter participation in future elections. When voter lists are bloated with inaccurate information, turnout statistics are artificially lowered. For example, if the voter registrations that Indiana moved to the inactive list were excluded from the overall number of registered voters used to calculate turnout for the May 2014 Primary Election, actual turnout would have been more than 17 percent, instead of 13 percent. In the 2012 General Election, Indiana would have had more than 71 percent voter participation instead of 58 percent. This would have put Indiana in the top states in the country for turnout.

"Thank you to the bipartisan Election Division and to the county election officials for helping make this project a success," said Secretary Lawson. "I know there is still work to be done, but I wish to commend the counties for their cooperation and patience during this process. Their experience and feedback will help guide us when the next voter list refresh is conducted in two years."

All voters are encouraged to check their voter registration information online at [www.indianavoters.com](http://www.indianavoters.com) or at their local county clerk's office and update their information if necessary. Voters may contact the Secretary of State's office with questions at 1-866-IN-1-VOTE, [sos@sos.in.gov](mailto:sos@sos.in.gov) or 200 W. Washington Street Room 201, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

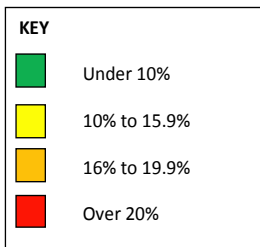
Background on the Voter List Refresh project

In May, the office sent postcards to all active Hoosier voters to identify outdated voter

information. In June, the office sent a second round of forwardable postcards to voters whose first postcard was returned due to an undeliverable address, asking them to take action by confirming or updating their registration information. Hoosiers who received a second postcard were asked to fill it out and promptly return it to the Secretary of State Election Division. Voters who received a sec-

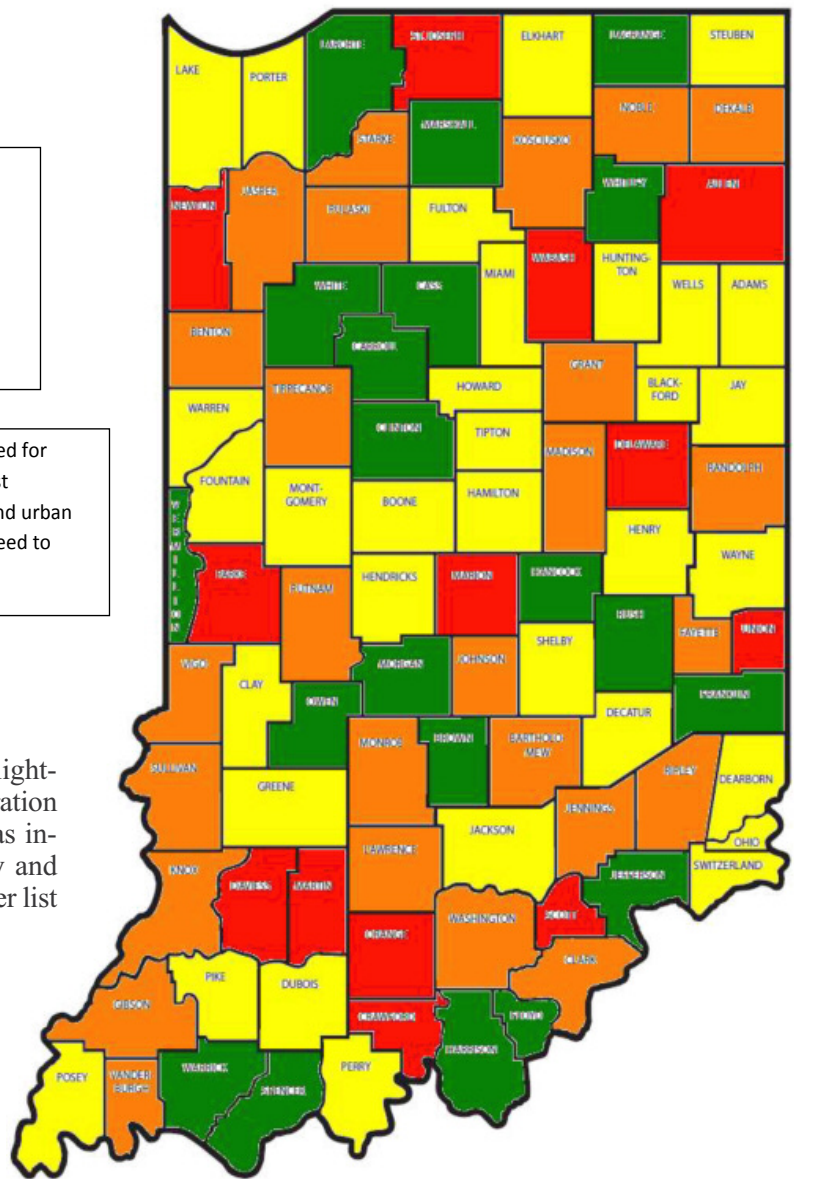
ond postcard had until July 24 to confirm or update their voter information. Voters who did not confirm or update their information will have their record marked as inactive.

The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 requires regular voter list maintenance. Two federal election cycles (up to four years) must pass before a county may remove an inactive voter from the list.



This map highlights the need for uniform statewide voter list maintenance. Both rural and urban counties all over Indiana need to update their lists.

The map is highlighting the voter registration records identified as inaccurate by county and timeline for the voter list refresh project.







## New Beginnings mission trip to Appalachian Mountains from Loogootee

Six people from New Beginnings Community Church, in Loogootee, took a trip to Bluefield Virginia/West Virginia to reach out to the needy in a very depressed area.

Ina Patterson, April Crew, Cody Garrison, Ernie, Shirley and DeAnna Canell spent a week helping out at Crosspointe Community Fellowship. They helped with repairs on the church and went out into the community to share with people about the city-wide block party in the middle of the town of Bluefield, Virginia.

Joining them were 30 people from North Carolina who brought four large inflatables for the kids.

There were over 600 people who came

## VU College changes name to emphasize engineering

Students seeking a strong educational foundation for the high-demand field of engineering have long been attracted to Vincennes University. Now, engineering will receive new emphasis when one of VU's Colleges makes an important name change.

"VU's engineering programs have long had a reputation for producing outstanding graduates, resulting in VU's status as a premier transfer institution," said VU Provost Chuck Johnson, while announcing the new name.

Effective August 1, the title Engineering was added to the name of VU's College of Science and Mathematics, as it now becomes the College of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics.

Professor Elain Dahl, chair of the Physics and Engineering Department, said the name change sends a message. "It is important to spread the word that VU has quality engineering programs, a fact which has been recognized in multiple articulation agreements with engineering programs across the State. This name change will re-emphasize to students, families, teachers, and counselors the exciting opportunity of beginning an engineering career right here at VU," Dahl said.

"Changing the College's name will bring more visibility to the excellent engineering programs that have been established at Vincennes University for decades," said Dr. Paul Wilder, dean of the College of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics. Wilder said that VU graduates have long been successful upon transfer to other universities, particu-

larly to Purdue. and enjoyed the popcorn, cotton candy, hot-dogs, water and shaved ice. It was all free to the public. There was face painting and fun for everyone. One of the highlights was the mission participants were able to help give away 275 new backpacks full of school supplies to people who really needed them. Some receiving items were left in tears because they were so thankful that Crosspointe would help the community in this way. Without it, they would not been able to provide the needed school supplies for their children to go to school.

New Beginnings is planning a mission trip to Ecuador in October. There are seven people going on that mission.

larly to Purdue.

"This name change reinforces our Comprehensive Engineering Articulation agreement with Purdue University, through which VU students can transfer to Purdue-West Lafayette after obtaining an Associate of Science degree in Engineering through VU."

In July, an expanded formal articulation agreement was announced between Purdue University and VU to accommodate students working toward a baccalaureate degree in engineering.

VU recently redesigned its first-year engineering curriculum to provide the same "meta major" experience offered by Purdue, giving students more flexibility in deciding which engineering field they want to pursue.

Academic counselors at both institutions will provide coordinated advisement to students about accomplishing their engineering educational goals. VU also has similar agreements with the University of Evansville, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI), and the University of Southern Indiana.

"The name change, along with our strong ties to the outstanding engineering programs elsewhere in Indiana, reflect Vincennes University's continuing commitment to excellence in engineering education," Wilder explained.

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, seven of the top ten highest paid bachelor degree graduates from the Class of 2013 held engineering degrees.

## Statewide fourth grade student essay competition deadline is October 24

The Indiana State House Tour Office in conjunction with the Indiana Center for the Book and the Indiana State Library is hosting an essay competition to commemorate Indiana Statehood Day 2014, a celebration of Indiana's 198th birthday. To start us thinking about The 200th Statehood Day in 2016, this year's theme is Hoosier Bicentennial Moments. For additional information on the essay contest, please visit: [in.gov/library/statehood.htm](http://in.gov/library/statehood.htm).

Winners of the Hoosier Bicentennial Moments essay contest will be honored at the Statehood Day Celebration at one of four

participating locations on Thursday, December 11, 2014. For additional information regarding events planned for Statehood Day, please visit [in.gov/idoa/2371.htm](http://in.gov/idoa/2371.htm).

- The competition is open to any Indiana 4th grade public, private or homeschooled student in the 2014-2015 school year.

- Essays must range from 100 to 300 words, handwritten or typed.

- Essays should be submitted on the front of one page whenever possible. No identifying information should be on the front of the entry. Identifying information including the student's name, teacher's name, school's

## Calendar of Events

### New Velocity team tryouts

2015 Velocity girls' softball tryouts will be held on Sunday, August 17 at the Loogootee Little League softball field. Parent meeting begins at 2 p.m. and tryouts start at 2:30 p.m. Forming teams for 12u, 10u and 8u divisions. All league players are encouraged to come and tryout if they are interested in competitive travel softball. For more information, call 296-1351 or 295-7015.

### Join the Scouts

The Boy Scouts will be hosting a welcome back night at the Loogootee City Park on Sunday, August 17 at 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Then on Thursday, August 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loogootee United Methodist Church, the Cub Scouts will hold recruitment night for boys in grades one through five. Anyone interested in joining the scouts, can contact Bryan Adams at 812-854-7837 or email Jason Triplett at [jtriplett@bsaemail.org](mailto:jtriplett@bsaemail.org).

### Country Day

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

### Tea Party meeting

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

### Chamber meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, August 20 at noon at Los Bravos in Loogootee. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Skelton Museum to host Dolly Parton tribute show

Sandy Anderson traded working 9 to 5 for singing 9 to 5 when she began her award-winning tribute to Dolly Parton a decade ago. Her Tribute to Dolly Parton performance will be presented at Vincennes University's Red Skelton Performing Arts Center on August 20 at 7 p.m. (EDT).

Tickets cost \$25 and are available at the box office or by calling the Red Skelton Museum of American Comedy, 812-888-4184.

The performance is sponsored with assistance from Niehaus Lumber.

Anderson truly "becomes" Dolly when she performs. Her glamorous costumes and wigs create a striking visual resemblance to the Country Music icon, and her singing voice is a dead-ringer for Dolly's, setting the stage for a very memorable performance. She even includes the trademark

### Head Start preschool classes

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

### Boy Scouts

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

### SOAR Tutoring

Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Beverly at 812.709.1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

### Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

### Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend. To find out how to become a member, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email [mchs@frontier.com](mailto: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](http://www.martinswcd.com) or call at 295-3149.

Dolly comedy routine, which begins with, "It costs a lot of money to look this cheap."

The Las Vegas-based entertainer has portrayed Dolly with the world-famous Legends in Concert show, at such illustrious venues as the Imperial Palace and Harrah's in Las Vegas, The Grand Palace in Branson, and the Legends Theater in Myrtle Beach. She even performed a duet with Dolly herself - the two of them charmed fans at Dollywood with a sassy version of "Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better." She has also performed with Kenny Rogers, singing "Islands in the Stream," and opened for comedian Rich Little.

With many honors to her credit, Anderson's proudest moment came from Dolly Parton herself who said in an interview in "Q" Magazine: "...the best one is Sandy Anderson, she even fools my family."

- A panel of judges will choose first, second, third, and fourth place winners.

The winners, along with their class, will be invited to read his or her essays at one of the four participating locations on December 11th for Indiana's 198th Statehood Day.

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