

## Area schools' spring ISTEP scores compared

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With spring 2014 ISTEP testing results released recently, how did area schools compare? The following is a detailed breakdown of Loogootee, Shoals, Northeast Dubois, Barr-Reeve and North Daviess. In parenthesis after the 2014 results are a brief summary of last year's results and the first year the test was changed to the spring, 2009.

### THIRD GRADERS

Loogootee: 91.2 percent passed English, 89.7 percent passed math, 85.3 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 86.8 percent English, 85.7 percent math, 82.4 percent both; Spring 2009: 85.3 percent English, 85.3 percent math, 79.4 percent both)

Shoals: 76.5 percent passed English, 69.7 percent passed math, 63.6 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 78.3 percent English, 80.4 percent math, 76.1 percent both; Spring 2009: 76.7 percent English, 86 percent math, 76.7 percent both)

Northeast Dubois: 80.8 percent passed

English, 83.3 percent passed math, 76.4 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 89 percent English, 79.5 percent math, 75.3 percent both; Spring 2009: 94.4 percent English, 94.4 percent math, 90.3 percent both)

Barr-Reeve: 91.2 percent passed English, 94.7 percent passed math, 89.5 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 98.1 percent English, 98.1 percent math, 96.3 percent both; Spring 2009: 85.1 percent English, 87.2 percent math, 83 percent both)

North Daviess: 88.9 percent passed English, 86.7 percent passed math, 80 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 88.3 percent English, 84.4 percent math, 79.2 percent both; Spring 2009: 91.2 percent English, 91.2 percent math, 86.8 percent both)

### FOURTH GRADERS

Loogootee: 87.7 percent passed English, 87.9 percent passed math, 83.1 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 88.1 percent English, 86.7 percent math, 81.4 percent both; Spring 2009: 72.5 percent English, 81.3 percent math, 68.8 percent both) (See 'ISTEP' continued on page 2)



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Indiana State Police Trooper Jarrod Lents is shown above receiving a Purple Heart and Combat Action Award after being shot in the line of duty in June of last year.

## Two Jasper ISP Troopers honored at awards ceremony

Article provided by the Indiana State Police Department

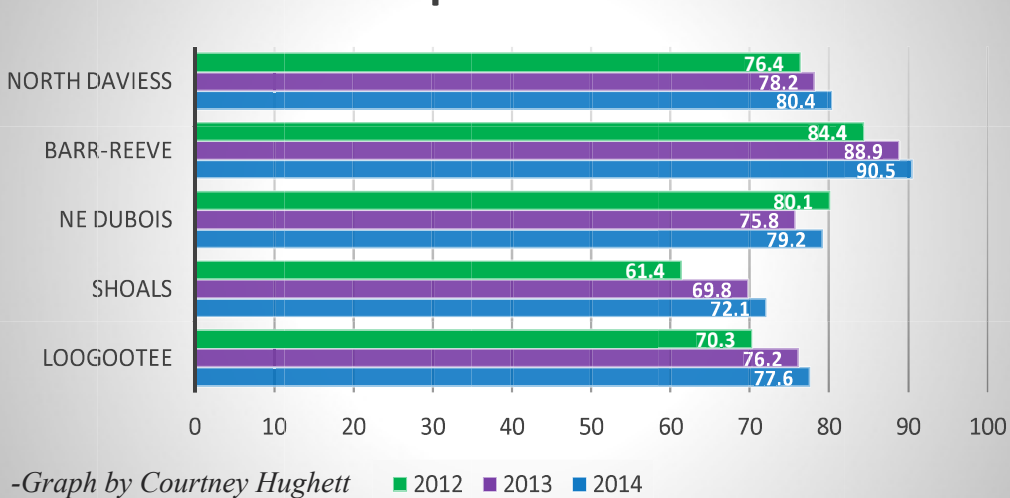
Two Troopers from the Indiana State Police Jasper District were honored last Wednesday afternoon at an awards ceremony at the Indiana Government Center. Sergeant Robert Gardner and Trooper Jarrod Lents were presented awards for their service to the State of Indiana.

Sergeant Gardner was presented with a Commendation Award. On November 2, 2009, a 15-year-old female was reported missing to the Spencer County Sheriff's Department by her mother and step-father. While taking the initial report, the responding deputy discovered the girl's body in the backyard of the family's home. Jasper District detectives were called to the scene to investigate. Sergeant Gardner immediately took a leadership role in this investigation and within two days, the investigation culminated in the arrest of the step-father.

Prior to the trial, Sergeant Gardner spent countless hours assisting the Spencer County Prosecutor with the preparation of this case. Not only was the prosecutor highly reliant on his efforts during this time period, but the defense attorney was demanding as well.

In May of 2012, the trial in this matter began. It was obvious from the beginning that the defense in this case was going to portray that the arrest was based on a weak investigation. Defense experts were flown in from as far away as California. Everything from Sergeant Gardner's initial involvement to the final confession and arrest was scrutinized and examined to the minutest detail. Sergeant Gardner personally spent over four days testifying during this trial and he withstood the hours of constant questioning and pressure with a bearing and tact only possessed by a true professional. (See 'AWARDS' continued on page 2)

ISTEP Comparison 2012-2014



-Graph by Courtney Hughett

## September proclaimed as Literacy Month in Martin County

The Martin County Commissioners declared September to be Literacy Month in Martin County at their meeting on August 19. During Literacy Month, Martin County residents are encouraged to celebrate by reading every day with friends and family and learning more about the impact of literacy in Martin County. Skill levels affect every aspect of society - health, substance abuse, crime, economy, homes, and families. Literacy affects everyone. So does illiteracy.

Only half of all Americans aged 16-65 meet the standards required for today's workplace. In Martin County, 22 percent of adults struggle with elementary-level material and 34 percent read at a middle-school level, 30 percent have difficulty with basic numerical data, and almost 18 percent do not have a high school diploma or its equivalent. SOAR is working to change these statistics.

SOAR offers programs and tutoring to develop higher level skills among adults and (See 'LITERACY' continued on page 3)



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Shown above, from left to right are Karen Whorrall, SOAR vice president; Vernita Williams, SOAR honorary president; Commissioners Keven Boyd and Paul George, Beverly McIntosh, SOAR program director; Mark Ellis, SOAR president; and Commissioner Dan Gregory.

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# ISTEP

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percent both)

Shoals: 83.3 percent passed English, 88.1 percent passed math, 78.6 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 83.3 percent English, 85.4 percent math, 76.1 percent both; Spring 2009: 63.6 percent English, 61.4 percent math, 50 percent both)

Northeast Dubois: 91.7 percent passed English, 87.7 percent passed math, 83.3 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 79.7 percent English, 96.8 percent math, 77.4 percent both; Spring 2009: 69 percent English, 75.9 percent math, 60.3 percent both)

Barr-Reeve: 94.1 percent passed English, 98 percent passed math, 94.1 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 93.3 percent English, 95.1 percent

math, 93.3 percent both; Spring 2009: 79.7 percent English, 81.3 percent math, 70.3 percent both)

North Daviess: 81.7 percent passed English, 84.1 percent passed math, 73.2 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 94.7 percent English, 83 percent math, 80.9 percent both; Spring 2009: 82.7 percent English, 77.8 percent math, 71.6 percent both)

## FIFTH GRADERS

Loogootee: 88.7 percent passed English, 96.8 percent passed math, 88.7 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 92.3 percent English, 92.5 percent math, 92.3 percent both; Spring 2009: 75 percent English, 87 percent math, 71.7 percent both)

Shoals: 85.7 percent passed English, 96 percent passed math, 83.7 percent passed

both math and English (Spring 2013: 77.3 percent English, 90.9 percent math, 75 percent both; Spring 2009: 64.6 percent English, 66.7 percent math, 54.2 percent both)

Northeast Dubois: 76.2 percent passed English, 93.7 percent passed math, 74.6 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 85.5 percent English, 93.4 percent math, 81.6 percent both; Spring 2009: 75.4 percent English, 78.5 percent math, 69.2 percent both)

Barr-Reeve: 92.2 percent passed English, 96.9 percent passed math, 92.2 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 81.5 percent English, 87 percent math, 79.6 percent both; Spring 2009: 72.2 percent English, 75.9 percent math, 63 percent both)

North Daviess: 95.8 percent passed English, 96.8 percent passed math, 92.6 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 78.9 percent English, 88.4 percent math, 75.8 percent both; Spring 2009: 76.5 percent English, 87.1 percent math, 72.9 percent both)

## SIXTH GRADERS

Loogootee: 85.1 percent passed English, 95.5 percent passed math, 82.1 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 73.8 percent English, 92.5 percent math, 72.5 percent both; Spring 2009: 78.2 percent English, 89.7 percent math, 77 percent both)

Shoals: 80 percent passed English, 90 percent passed math, 75 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 80 percent English, 92.5 percent math, 80 percent both; Spring 2009: 68.9 percent English, 65.6 percent math, 59 percent both)

Northeast Dubois: 81.5 percent passed English, 95.1 percent passed math, 80.2 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 80.5 percent English, 88.3 percent math, 74 percent both; Spring 2009: 78.7 percent English, 90.7 percent math, 78.7 percent both)

Barr-Reeve: 88.5 percent passed English, 96.2 percent passed math, 88.5 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 84.9 percent English, 96.2 percent math, 84.9 percent both; Spring 2009: 74.1 percent English, 82.8 percent math, 70.7 percent both)

North Daviess: 81.2 percent passed English, 85.1 percent passed math, 75.2 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 90.6 percent English, 91.8 percent math, 85.9 percent both; Spring 2009: 76.8 percent English, 82.9 percent math, 73.2 percent both)

## SEVENTH GRADERS

Loogootee: 72.8 percent passed English, 81.7 percent passed math, 69.1 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 75 percent English, 74.2 percent math, 65.6 percent both; Spring 2009: 73.4 percent English, 82.3 percent math, 65.8 percent both)

Shoals: 71.4 percent passed English, 92.9 percent passed math, 71.4 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 63.9 percent English, 77.8 percent math, 61.1 percent both; Spring 2009: 62.5 percent English, 58.3 percent math, 50 percent both)

Northeast Dubois: 83.1 percent passed English, 94.4 percent passed math, 81.7 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 79.5 percent English, 89.7 percent math, 75.6 percent both; Spring 2009: 78.2 percent English, 87.2 percent math, 78.2 percent both)

Barr-Reeve: 87.9 percent passed English, 93.1 percent passed math, 84.5 percent

passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 93.2 percent English, 95.6 percent math, 93.2 percent both; Spring 2009: 73.1 percent English, 89.6 percent math, 71.6 percent both)

North Daviess: 85.4 percent passed English, 93.3 percent passed math, 83.1 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 77.9 percent English, 88.4 percent math, 75.6 percent both; Spring 2009: 66 percent English, 64.9 percent math, 59.8 percent both)

## EIGHTH GRADERS

Loogootee: 75 percent passed English, 72.2 percent passed math, 61.1 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 72.2 percent English, 70.4 percent math, 64.8 percent both; Spring 2009: 70.2 percent English, 79.8 percent math, 70.2 percent both)

Shoals: 63.2 percent passed English, 76.3 percent passed math, 55.3 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 52.2 percent English, 71.7 percent math, 50 percent both; Spring 2009: 62.8 percent English, 60.5 percent math, 53.5 percent both)

Northeast Dubois: 79.7 percent passed English, 90 percent passed math, 78.5 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 70.6 percent English, 93.8 percent math, 68.8 percent both; Spring 2009: 72.7 percent English, 84.1 percent math, 70.5 percent both)

Barr-Reeve: 95.3 percent passed English, 97.7 percent passed math, 95.3 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 87.9 percent English, 94.8 percent math, 86.2 percent both; Spring 2009: 62.5 percent English, 82.1 percent math, 60.7 percent both)

North Daviess: 78.6 percent passed English, 89.3 percent passed math, 77.4 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 71.1 percent English, 85.5 percent math, 71.1 percent both; Spring 2009: 65.9 percent English, 70.7 percent math, 58.5 percent both)

## CORPORATION TOTALS

Loogootee: 82.9 percent passed English, 86.8 percent passed math, 77.6 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 80.9 percent English, 83.8 percent math, 76.2 percent both; Spring 2009: 75.5 percent English, 84.3 percent math, 72 percent both)

Shoals: 77.1 percent passed English, 86.5 percent passed math, 72.1 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 72.7 percent English, 83.1 percent math, 69.8 percent both; Spring 2009: 66.6 percent English, 66.2 percent math, 57.1 percent both)

Northeast Dubois: 82.2 percent passed English, 90.7 percent passed math, 79.2 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 81.4 percent English, 89.9 percent math, 75.8 percent both; Spring 2009: 78.2 percent English, 85.6 percent math, 75 percent both)

Barr-Reeve: 91.4 percent passed English, 96 percent passed math, 90.5 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 89.8 percent English, 94.5 percent math, 88.9 percent both; Spring 2009: 74.3 percent English, 83.2 percent math, 69.7 percent both)

North Daviess: 85.4 percent passed English, 89.3 percent passed math, 80.4 percent passed both math and English (Spring 2013: 83.8 percent English, 86.9 percent math, 78.2 percent both; Spring 2009: 76.4 percent English, 79 percent math, 70.5 percent both)

## ISP seeking assistance in locating stolen semi-tractor and trailer from Shoals

The Indiana State Police are asking for the public's assistance in locating a stolen semi-tractor and trailer over the weekend from the Shoals area.

Trooper Jarrod Lents reports that during Sunday, August 24, a blue and steel colored 2007 Townscraft trailer with Indiana registration P156440 was stolen from the lot of Stonebelt Freight Lines, 10530 Freeman Road, Shoals. The trailer was loaded with building materials, valued at several thousand dollars, and was covered with a tarp.

Trooper Lents also met with Schilli Transportation Service, 10239 Red School Road, Shoals. Schilli Transportation Service is located across the street from Stonebelt Freight Lines. Employees with Schilli informed Trooper Lents that a white 2006 Kenworth semi-tractor had been stolen

early Sunday morning from their lot.

Investigators believe that the stolen Kenworth truck was used to steal the trailer loaded with building materials.

Anyone with information regarding the case or possible location of the stolen vehicles or materials is asked to contact the Indiana State Police Jasper Post by dialing 1-812-482-1441.

Callers with information can remain anonymous.

Stolen:

- Blue/Steel colored 2007 Townscraft trailer, loaded with building materials covered with a tarp. Indiana Trailer Plate P156440, Trailer number 4971.

- White, 2006 Kenworth semi-trailer, Indiana Truck Plate 1162339, Truck number 9286 on the front bumper, driver's side.

## AWARDS



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**State Police Trooper Robert Gardner received the Commendation Award for his work on a 2009 case involving the death of a young girl.**

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sional. Once the case finally went to deliberation, it took the jury less than three hours to convict the defendant on all criminal counts.

Trooper Lents was awarded the Purple Heart and a Combat Action Award. On June 17, 2013, Trooper Lents, a nine-year veteran of the Indiana State Police, responded to a report of a disturbance at the Black Oak Armament gun shop in Montgomery. The Daviess County Sheriff's Dispatch Center was listening to a 911 call from the gun shop owner who was arguing and struggling with an individual who was in his store. During this initial confrontation, the suspect fired a round from his handgun but thankfully no one was struck.

At this time, Trooper Lents arrived and parked behind the suspect's vehicle as he was attempting to leave the business. Trooper Lents exited his commission and approached the suspect's driver's door when the suspect pointed a 9mm handgun at him. Trooper Lents was able to knock the

handgun away and proceeded to find a position of cover while exchanging gunfire with the suspect. Trooper Lents knew that he had been hit at least two times during the initial contact with the suspect and believed his wounds were possibly fatal in nature. Trooper Lents continued to exchange rounds with the suspect until the suspect received a round to the head which ended the confrontation.

Trooper Lents was struck at least five times during the exchange of gunfire with the suspect but it was determined that his injuries were not life threatening due to wearing his ballistic vest. The investigation later indicated that the suspect was attempting to rob the gun shop and had been prescribed medication two weeks prior that had drastically changed his demeanor.

The actions and dedication to duty of both Sergeant Gardner and Trooper Lents are in keeping with the finest traditions of law enforcement and reflect great credit upon themselves and the Indiana State Police Department.

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<b>Jasonville</b> (812) 665-3969	<b>Bicknell</b> (812) 735-3545		

# OBITUARIES

Wednesday, August 27, 2014 ~ Martin County Journal

## BILLY JOE DAY

Billy Joe Day passed away at his home on Thursday, August 21, 2014. A resident of Loogootee, he was 60.

He was born August 17, 1954 in Daviess County; the son of Earl G. and Elizabeth M. (Harris) Day. He married Henrietta Marie Johnson on August 22, 1975 at the St. Mary of The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Shoals.

He was employed at Perfect Fit in Loogootee until the plant closed, but his real passion was farming.

He is survived by his wife, Henrietta of Loogootee; two daughters, Elizabeth, and her husband, David Scott, of Beaverton, Oregon and Billie Jo Day, and her husband, Arsen Ablav, of Chicago, Illinois; two sons, Jonathon G. Day and his wife, Courtney, of Loogootee and Keith D. Day, and his wife, Brandi, of Vincennes; seven grandchildren; one sister, Carolyn Colglazier of Loogootee; and two brothers, James E. Day of Bramble and Charles J. Day of Loogootee.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

It was the wish of Mr. Day to be cremated and his family honored his wishes.

Lee Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.queen-lee.com](http://www.queen-lee.com).

## CAROL "HUPO" HOLLAND

Carol E. "Hupo" Holland died Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at Kindred Hospital in Indianapolis. A resident of Loogootee, he was 73.

He was born March 8, 1941 in Martin County; the son of Roy and Betty (Smith) Holland. On October 19, 1967 he married Linda (Harner) Holland and she survives.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran and he formerly was a member of St. Mary Barr Township Parish. He was a 1959 graduate of St. John High School in Loogootee and a graduate of IUPUI School of Construction Engi-

neering in Indianapolis. He was a member of Seymour, Indiana American Legion Post 106.

He was a former surveyor for the State of Indiana and he had also worked for Green Construction Company, Amax Coal Minnie Haha mine in Dugger, Indiana and Midwestern Engineers in Loogootee.

Among his interest and hobbies were: woodworking, gardening, fishing trips to Canada, following the Pittsburgh Steelers and Notre Dame Football. He had a fantastic sense of humor and he enjoyed donating to charitable causes.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Holland; one son, Ty and wife Marsha Holland of Cadiz, Kentucky; two daughters, Aimee and husband, Matt Craven, of Odon and Sara Holland and Rodney Edwards of Cannelburg; close family friend, Darcy Birnie of Dryden, Ontario, Canada; one sister, Rita Ash of Loogootee; two brothers, Dean Holland of Mocksville, North Carolina and Chris Holland of Loogootee; 17 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Betty (Smith) Holland; one son, Jeb Holland; and one sister, Margaret Ash.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Monday, August 25 at St. Mary Chapel in Barr Township in Daviess County. Burial followed in St. Mary Catholic Cemetery. Military graveside rites were conducted by the Loogootee American Legion and VFW.

Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com).

## RITA LANNAN

Rita M. Lannan died at 8:52 p.m. Thursday, August 21, 2014 at Daviess Community Hospital in Washington. A resident of Loogootee, she was 77.

She was born December 25, 1936 in Mar-

tin County; the daughter of Francis and Mary Agatha (Spaulding) Price. On May 7, 1955 she married Clifford J. Lannan and he survives.

She was a member of St. Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield where she was also a member of the church Alter Society. She was a 1954 graduate of St. John High School in Loogootee and was a homemaker and a former teacher's aide for Barr-Reeve High School in Montgomery, Indiana.

She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and along with her husband they enjoy visiting local nursing home residences.

She is survived by her husband, Clifford J. Lannan; four daughters, Karen and husband, Tom Johnson, of Largo, Florida; Janet and husband, Larry Haag, of Terre Haute, Kathy and husband, Don Collison, of Washington, and Sharon Lannan of Loogootee; two sons, Kenneth Lannan and wife, Jennifer, of Loogootee and Greg Lannan and wife, Denise, of Castle Rock, Colorado; half-sister, Rosemary Emily of Washington; nine grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Francis and Mary Agatha (Spaulding) Price; two brothers, Frank Price and Bobby Joe Price; one sister, Rosetta Price; and one half-brother, Edward Melton.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker and con-celebrated by Fr. Leo Kiesel on Tuesday, August 26 at St. Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com).

## VERDA GRABER

Verda (Clown) Graber went to be with her Heavenly Father on Friday, August 22, 2014. A resident of Odon, she was 85.

She was born February 28, 1929; the daughter of the late Henry and Louise Graber of Loogootee. She married John (Mush)

Graber on October 3, 1948.

She is survived by her husband, John Graber of Odon; two sons, Donald Lee Graber and Marc Anthony (Susie) Graber of Odon; four daughters, Shirley Marie (Randall) Byrer of Odon, Rosie Fern (Norman II) Fleenor of Goshen, Eva Dorene Graber of Odon, and Sandra Diane (Charles) Mulvey of Solsberry; 11 grandchildren, Sheila (Jon) Willis of Plainville, Leslie (Mike) Heshelman of Plainville, Jodi (John) Berry of Plainville, Beth (Ed) Smith of Plainville, Jennifer (Patrick) York of Brownsburg, Jonathon (Michelle) Byrer of Chicago Illinois; Norman (Angie) Fleenor III of Brownsburg, Ashley Mulvey of Solsberry, and Sara, Audrey, and Jake Graber of Odon; 11 great-grandchildren, Nicole (Patrick) Calhoun of Owensboro, Kentucky; Garrett, Lane and Samantha Heshelman of Plainville, Trey and Tori Smith of Plainville, Shom Berry of Plainville, Kennedy and Harper York of Brownsburg, and Norman IV and Noah Fleenor of Brownsburg; one brother, Edwin Graber of Loogootee; and four sisters, Marie Wagler of Montgomery, Eva (Joel) Stoll of Odon, Alta (Jack) Graber of Montgomery, and Margaret (Vic) Wallace of Loogootee.

VERDA GRABER

of Brownsburg,

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Stanley Brian Graber on October 11, 1996, and two brothers, Albert Graber and Ervin Graber.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 26, at First Mennonite Church with Pastors Richard Smith and Gaylan Sommers officiating. She was laid to rest at the First Mennonite Church Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Muscular Dystrophy Association or Dollars For Scholars. Brocksmith-Blake and Wagler Funeral Home of Montgomery was in charge of arrangements.

SOAR sponsors programs that provide reading books to preschoolers and first graders, dictionaries to third graders, thesauruses to fourth graders, and SAT prep classes for high school students. Anyone wishing to volunteer and help with these programs can call the SOAR office at 812-709-1618.

# LITERACY

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families. Volunteer tutors work one-on-one with adult learners to improve reading, writing, math, English, HSE (was GED), and work/life skills. Anyone wishing to become a student or a tutor can call or text Beverly, the program director, at 812-709-1618 or email [martincountysoar@hotmail.com](mailto:martincountysoar@hotmail.com).

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Martin County Literacy Month 2014

**A PROCLAMATION**

by the Board of Commissioners of Martin County, Indiana

WHEREAS, the need for highly literate citizens increases as Martin County moves toward an increasingly technological future; and

WHEREAS, a standard level of skill is required for success in today's labor market and only half of the U.S. population ages 16-64 reach that standard; and

WHEREAS, literacy skills are strengthened in large measure by simple solutions of mentoring, tutoring, volunteering, and donating to organizations focused on raising the rate of literacy in our county; and

WHEREAS, Martin County SOAR provides the above activities to help residents improve their skills and also sponsors observances of Literacy Month to raise awareness of how to improve skills;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims September 2014 as LITERACY MONTH in Martin County, Indiana, and urges our fellow citizens to learn more about the impact of low-level skills on our community, to encourage our children to read, and to become involved with literacy in our community.

So proclaimed on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, AUGUST 18

3:35 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 South.  
5:20 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Dover Hill Road.  
7:51 p.m. - Received a report of a broken down motorist on U.S. 50.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

1:46 a.m. - Received a report of a vandalism in Shoals.  
3:05 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic

dispute in Loogootee.

4:00 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with injury on High Gap Road.

4:30 p.m. - Received a report of a vandalism in Loogootee.

7:53 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee.

9:25 p.m. - Received a report of a prowler on D H Gate Road.

11:39 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

## Loogootee Police log

### MONDAY, AUGUST 18

6:13 a.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

2:00 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

9:00 p.m. - Caller reported underage drinking in Redwing Trailer Court. Captain Hennessee responded and cited a juvenile for illegal consumption.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

3:05 p.m. - Caller reported a battery complaint.

4:55 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance at Country Place Apartments.

5:44 p.m. - Caller reported trespassing.

6:04 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

9:28 p.m. - Caller reported a violation of a protective order.

9:53 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the county with a trespass violation.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

7:50 p.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a residential alarm.

8:35 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

11:58 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

4:28 a.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

9:20 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female walking on Hwy 50.

1:41 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

2:43 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

4:28 p.m. - Caller reported vandalism.

5:07 p.m. - First responders were requested on North Line Street for a medical call.

5:56 p.m. - Caller reported a fight in progress on Broadway Street.

9:16 p.m. - Caller reported a female refusing to leave property on Church Street.

11:29 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

8:45 a.m. - Caller reported a van broken down on US 231.

9:25 a.m. - Captain Akles assisted child protective services.

8:39 p.m. - Caller reported threats.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

5:50 a.m. - Officer Nolan reported a residential fire on North Line Street. Loogootee Fire responded.

5:24 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on Broadway Street.

5:33 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in Nobles Court.

8:01 p.m. - Caller reported a fight on Park Street. Officers were unable to locate.

9:46 p.m. - Caller reported a 911 hang up on Broadway Street.

11:42 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

9:42 a.m. - Caller reported harassment.

11:40 a.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to Walker Street for a carbon monoxide alarm.

12:55 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on North Line Street.

3:03 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

## Accident reports

### MONDAY, AUGUST 18

7:53 a.m. - James E. Wilson, of Loogootee, was operating a 2002 Ford on JFK Avenue. Traffic was stop and Wilson struck the rear of a 1998 Pontiac operated by Brenda L. Marks, of Loogootee. Chief Rayhill investigated.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

6:10 p.m. - Nellie Shartheer, of Loogootee, was operating a 1997 Dodge in the Wendy's parking lot when she struck the rear of a 2004 Ford operated by Michael Burton, of West Baden. Officer Nolan investigated.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

6:45 a.m. - Received a report of an auto theft in Shoals.

10:59 a.m. - Received a report of a golf cart on fire on Wood School Road.

11:38 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

5:23 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Burns City.

8:10 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

10:48 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

12:13 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

5:07 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

12:45 a.m. - Received a report of a civil disturbance in Shoals.

8:45 a.m. - Received a report of a broken down motorist near McDonalds in Loogootee.

8:18 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire in Shoals.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

8:54 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle in the mud at Hindostan Falls. Martin County Sergeant Keller recovered it as a stolen vehicle.

1:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Doyle Tolbert**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Deborah Dyal and Jesse Tolbert**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 11 and 12 in the Joseph P. Arvin Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Flora J. Allen**, of Martin County, Indiana to **James L. Allen and Dawn M. Allen**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 17, Township 2 North, Range 4 West containing 1.5 acres, more or less.

**Keevin W. Biggs**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Diane L. Lindauer**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northeast quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, being also previously platted Lots #40, #41, and #42 in the Town of Mt. Pleasant, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 0.84 acre, more or less.

**Brian L. Mendenhall and Glenda L. Mendenhall**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Everett D. Harrell**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the north half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 11, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, lying and being north of Emmons Ridge Road containing two acres, more or less.

3:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

7:59 p.m. - Received a call of a fight on Park St. in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Police and Deputy Baker.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

12:05 a.m. - Report of a limb on the roadway on Hwy. 150. Deputy Baker removed the limb.

10:00 a.m. - Received a report of a horse being neglected. Deputy McBeth checked on the horse.

## Jail bookings

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

6:42 p.m. - Joshua Jones, of Loogootee, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Watson on a Martin County warrant.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

5:41 p.m. - Brian Passen, of Shoals, was arrested by Martin County Sheriff Major Burkhardt on a Martin County warrant.

10:29 p.m. - Roger Terry, of Shoals, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Sexton on preliminary charges of neglect of a dependent and operating while intoxicated.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

5:00 p.m. - David Stotts was arrested by Deputy McBeth and charged with possession of marijuana over 30 grams.

## Court News

### CIVIL COURT

#### New Suits Filed

#### August 13

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Roy C. Slaughter, II, civil collection.

#### August 14

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Mark Elliott, civil collection.

Pamela A. Fellers vs. Larry R. Fellers, petition for dissolution of marriage.

#### August 15

Kevin A. McBeth vs. Nakkisha R. McBeth, petition for dissolution of marriage.

#### August 18

Springs Valley Bank and Trust vs. Richard L. Woody, Jr., Nina F. Woody, and Martin County Treasurer, mortgage foreclosure.

### SMALL CLAIMS COURT

#### New Suits Filed

#### August 13

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Kenneth E. Ferrier, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Brian C. Wilkerson, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. David C. and Robin Smith, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Robert L. and Jamie L. Thompson, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Aaron M. and Jennifer H. Williamson, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Jayquan M. Gray, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Rachel D. Howard, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. William D. Ingle, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Bert E. Astleford, owner County Muffler Services, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Warner R. Wilson, Jr., complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Anthony J. McKinney, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Stefanie J. Hensley, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Rebecca G. Cardwell, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Crystal Vanhenenryck, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Suzanne M. Hale, complaint.



Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Alberto Barrios, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Robert J. Robbins, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Joshua R. Christmas, complaint.

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## Legal challenges perform check and balance

BY GREG ZOELLER  
Indiana Attorney General

Recently some have questioned why the State of Indiana has brought lawsuits against our federal government. While this litigation is adversarial by nature, it is a necessary part of our constitutional process.

What distinguishes the U.S. Constitution from the constitutions of other nations is dual sovereignty. While most nations have a single sovereign in a national government, in the U.S. we have both federal and state government under our system of federalism, each with its own constitutional authority. This unique feature is part of the careful system of checks and balances created in the Constitution.

Legal challenges filed in court are an important method of preserving federalism, meaning a proper balance between the roles of federal and state governments. When the federal government overreaches and exceeds its authority, and in so doing injures a state government, that state can challenge those actions and seek review by the courts.

The Constitution checks state governments, which were meant to compete without interfering with each other. For instance, individual state restrictions targeting interstate trade would be challenged under the Constitution's commerce clause and its import-export clause – either by a private plaintiff or the federal government itself – since interstate trade is a federal responsibility, and courts would likely find the state actions unconstitutional.

In our unique balancing act of state versus federal power, periodic testing of our system of checks and balances is important. What Robert Frost observed about people is also true about governments: "Good fences make good neighbors."

Groups of states in recent years have challenged federal government actions with some successes. In *USARG v. EPA*, the Supreme Court ruled the Environmental Protection Agency could not extend its regulation of certain greenhouse-gas emissions beyond what Congress had authorized. In *Florida v. HHS*, the Supreme Court ruled the federal government could not coerce states into a mandatory expansion of their Medicaid programs, as it is a state-by-state decision.

More recently, Indiana has joined a new multistate challenge to EPA actions and also brought a separate challenge to the Internal Revenue Service. Represented by my office, state government asks the courts to review whether EPA and IRS have exceeded the limits of their statutory authority Congress granted. While some have confused these legal challenges for policy debates, these lawsuits instead should rightly be seen as part of the check on our federal government, as they test whether the federal government's actions were permissible under law.

Regardless of whether the courts conclude these federal agencies are within their authority or have overstepped the bounds of federal statutes, Indiana's legal challenges serve the purpose of providing a healthy check on the federal government.



### SOME Thoughts On - KIND

The sixth point of the Scout Law is... KIND. Set in the middle of the law it has its one unique way of amplifying the other 11 points. Kind - a simple enough word with a powerful and hidden meaning. If a person is kind to others, he displays a caring attitude and always goes out of his way to be nice to his fellow man. Kindness is having or showing a gentle nature and a desire to help others: wanting and liking to do good things and to bring happiness to others. I'll say a little more on "doing good and being nice to your fellow man" in a minute because there is a way for you to expand your current level of kindness. Another definition of kind would be, a group of people or things that belong together or have some shared quality. Putting these two definitions together, naturally the 'kind' of young man the Scouting movement would prefer to sign up is one who is 'kind' by their very nature. However, you simply cannot discount that boys will be boys and sometimes excitement and the competitive landscape can be viewed as unkind. Scouting offers a way to assist parents in achieving a balance.

This attitude of kindness the Scout Law seeks is one that is absorbed or advanced into each young man over time as they participate in the program. In a Cub Pack or Scout Troop, the framework of the program teaches kindness not directly but through interaction of common interests and shared quality. I have seen boys transformed with this approach as they learn to team during projects and typically in an environment that disconnects them from influences of TV, movies, video games or competition that might not instill a nature of kindness.

For example, a weekend camping trip in the wild provides the opportunity to teach environmental kindness and respect to animals, plants and nature through the BSA Leave No Trace guidelines. Ultimately this transfers to kindness towards others. A young scout can discover that everything has a purpose and we must learn to respect the creation of which we are just a visitor. This level of understanding transforms young minds and they begin to understand how or why we should be kind to everything. However, I will admit sibling rivalries might take a bit more time to overcome.

Another example, the Merit Badge program. Several of these have the ability to advance the understanding of kindness and giving back. To this day, after completing the Environmental Science Merit Badge and studying endangered species, my son will

safely stop on the highway to be kind and assist a Terrapin Turtle across the road. Did you know this species is endangered? Next time you see one on the roadway please take the time to assist this amazing creation and discover the power of applying kindness to the world we live in. You will be glad you did!

So back to, "displaying a caring attitude and being nice to your fellow man." How can you help make a difference for future generations? You have briefly heard how the scouting program teaches kindness and there is much more to it than can be expressed in this short publication. So with the beginning of a new school year the August / September timeframe marks two critical milestones for the local scouting program... recruitment and fundraising. We all share a role in this.

I've been spending several months breaking down the Scout Law in a manner to advance an understanding that Scouting truly does Matter. If you agree with me and have a young son at home who could benefit from what the program has to offer, your time is now to become involved. Recruitment programs will be launched in communities and schools in the coming weeks. I encourage you to attend one of these programs and determine how your son might benefit and begin a journey of fun and excitement with life changing properties.

In addition, this is also the time of year for annual unit fundraising. For most this would mean the annual popcorn sale. For some it could be a pancake breakfast or other fundraiser. This is where your random act of kindness by putting your treasure to good use to advance the local program and make a difference. Yea I know, "the popcorn is just so expensive." Trust me, I've heard it all but take it from a guy who has personally invested in a couple of acres of popcorn while seeing units receive much needed operating funds. It's worth every penny as you watch young lives being transformed. Your treasure is not only an investment in the local unit but ultimately becomes an investment in the community as young lives are changed and young men learn to give back through community service and Eagle Scout projects. Ultimately, we build a KINDER generation together.

If you would like to learn more about the scouting opportunities in your local area, drop me an email at [mike.leighty@centurytel.net](mailto:mike.leighty@centurytel.net) ... place Scouting Matters in the subject line. I will help you make contact with a local scouting unit.

Yours in scouting,  
Scoutmaster Mike

## ~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

### Children as Pawns

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

I am sure most of you have heard about the thousands of illegal alien children crossing our border daily, an estimated 65,000 unaccompanied minors. Our government, the government that is supposed to be protecting our borders, issued a directive to border patrol telling them to allow unaccompanied minors into our country. These kids allegedly walked from Central America, through Mexico into Texas, on their own. If you believe that, then I have some lake front property in Death Valley to sell you. According to "English First" ([www.englishfirst.org](http://www.englishfirst.org)), last January, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, put ads on the government's official website, [www.FedBizOpps.gov](http://www.FedBizOpps.gov) to hire transportation and escorts for an estimated 65,000 children coming to America. Under the Family Re-unification Program, family members of a legal resident in the U.S. can get visas that allow them to come to America. No doubt these illegal children will be given citizenship in the U.S., thus bringing, on average 5-10 family members each. Our

present administration is using children to further its agenda to destroy this nation. How sad is this? As these people as relocated in the United States, local communities will be forced to use their limited resources on these uninvited guests. They will need to provide food, housing and no doubt Spanish speaking public school systems. These resources should be spent on American families and their children. First, we should take care of our own, once that is done we can help others, if they are willing to help themselves.

Bruce Fithian  
Shoals, Indiana

# Classified ADS

## YARD SALES

**MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE** on Saturday, August 30 from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. at 433 Fairview Street, Loogootee. Boys' clothing-newborn to 2T; girls' clothing-newborn to size 7; junior's, women's, and men's clothing in various sizes. Home décor, movies, tvs, furniture, full and queen bed, tons of toys, baby gear, twin bedding set, plus more! Half price after 11:30. In the event of rain, yard sale will be held on Saturday, September 6.

**MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE**, Rain or Shine. Friday, August 29, 5-8 p.m. and Saturday, August 30, 8 to 11 a.m. (No Early Sales) 168 Country Court Loogootee: toys; brand name clothes in excellent condition: baby boys 0-4T, girls' clothes 2T and 4T, boys' clothes 4+, men's small, misses; misc. household items; antique table; wooden baby bed; western books; and much more.

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## Governor declares awareness week on destructive pest

Gov. Mike Pence is helping educate Hoosiers about a potential threat to our natural resources by declaring the week of August 25 as Asian Longhorned Beetle Awareness Week.

Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) kills trees by burrowing into the wood, killing living tissue and weakening the tree's structure. Its broad host range and preference for maple trees poses a high threat to Indiana's forests and urban tree communities.

Maple species make up approximately 34 percent of Indiana's public trees, and nearly 50 percent of Indiana public trees are susceptible to ALB.

ALB has not been detected in Indiana. However, it was detected in Chicago and eradicated in the 1990s. More recently, it

was detected in Bethel, Ohio, just east of Cincinnati.

It is important to routinely check for signs and symptoms of ALB in order to catch infestations at the earliest possible stage.

The DNR asks citizens to check their maple trees the week of August 25 and report possible ALB infested trees. They can report by calling 1-866-NO EXOTIC (866-663-9684). Those with a smartphone can use the ReportIN app available for download in the app store or by visiting [ED-Maps.org/Indiana](http://ED-Maps.org/Indiana) and submit reports through their phone.

Reported trees will be checked by the DNR staff to verify the report.

Learn how to quickly assess your trees for ALB at [asianlonghornedbeetle.com](http://asianlonghornedbeetle.com).

## Changes to mourning dove season

The Indiana mourning dove season will expand by 18 days for the 2014-15 hunting season.

To accommodate these additional days, the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife has added a third period for dove hunting, in December and January. Additionally, the DNR extended the first period, and modified the second period to avoid the firearms deer season.

The 2014-15 mourning dove hunting season is:

- September 1 – October 19
- November 1 – November 9
- December 13 – January 11

Hunting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset. The daily bag limit is 15 with a possession limit of 45.

"Most mourning doves are harvested in September, but great dove hunting can be found later in the season with a little scouting," said Budd Veverka, DNR farmland game research biologist. "Looking at data from the past five years, I would expect to see approximately 11,000 dove hunters harvest nearly 214,000 mourning doves in 2014. With the extended season, the harvest could be even higher."

The expansion is based on research by the Indiana DNR and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Since 2003, Indiana has partnered with the USFWS to place leg bands on more than 1,000 mourning doves each summer in Indiana. The banded birds help biologists determine hunting harvest rates, estimate annual survival, and provide information on the geographical distribution of the harvest. From these efforts, The National Mourning Dove Strategic Harvest Management Plan and the National Mourning Dove Banding Program were developed.

## Venison donation program connects hunters and the public

A program that allows hunters to give deer meat to the public will continue again this fall.

GiveIN Game, the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife's venison donation program, will be available for its fourth year. Hunters who are willing to donate venison and people who would like to receive venison can begin registering on Sept. 1 at [wildlife.IN.gov/7240.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/7240.htm).

GiveIN Game makes it easy for people to connect and set up a free exchange on their own schedule. Selling, bartering or trading for venison is illegal.

After several years of watching the program grow, Chad Stewart, DNR's deer management biologist, decided to donate venison himself.

"The system was incredibly easy to use, and I found the interaction with people needing venison highly rewarding," he said. "They were incredibly grateful, and I'm looking forward to participating again next year."

The program had 675 participants last year, with the number of people requesting

The Eastern Management Unit Technical Committee, of which Indiana is a part, implemented the Mourning Dove Harvest Strategy in 2014. The strategy sets standard regulations at a maximum 90-day season with a 15-bird bag limit, rather than the past 70-day season.

"Doves are found throughout the state, but will concentrate in areas associated with farming," Veverka said. "Recently harvested grain fields with water nearby are typically hotspots for dove hunting."

To hunt mourning doves, Indiana residents must purchase the annual hunting license for \$17 (\$7 youth consolidated license) and the game bird habitat stamp for \$6.75. Nonresidents must also purchase the game bird habitat stamp in addition to the \$80 annual hunting license or the \$31 five-day hunting license (\$17 annual youth hunting).

Federal regulations require all licensed dove hunters (including lifetime license holders) to register with the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) and carry proof of registration while hunting. HIP registration is free and available at [wildlife.IN.gov/3567.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/3567.htm) or by calling 1-866-671-4499.

Hunters using state fish & wildlife areas or state-owned reservoirs are required to use non-toxic shot when hunting mourning doves. Additionally, hunters may not hunt migratory birds with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells.

If you harvest a banded bird, you can report it at 1-800-327-BAND (2263) or [reportband.gov](http://reportband.gov). Hunters may keep any bands they recover.

To purchase a hunting license, go to [IndianaOutdoor.IN.gov](http://IndianaOutdoor.IN.gov).

Additional information on regulations and licensing is at [wildlife.IN.gov](http://wildlife.IN.gov).

venison more than five times greater than those offering to donate venison.

Both hunters and recipients have an option of donating or requesting any amount of venison in all conditions, from field-dressed animals to packaged venison.

"GiveIN Game is a unique program that allows hunters to donate wild game in a non-traditional way," said Mark Reiter, DNR Fish & Wildlife director. "While many other programs focus on food banks and charitable organizations distributing venison to needy families, GiveIN Game provides a new avenue for those that enjoy venison but do not have the opportunity to harvest the deer themselves."

Previous participants must re-register every year, if they want to continue participating.

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## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser

Purdue University Master Gardener

I am tired of pulling weeds. The hot, humid conditions of the past week are enough to cause anyone to avoid garden work of any kind, but pulling weeds is usually one of the least favorite of garden chores. This late in the summer, it is tempting to just let the weeds take over and let them die when the frost comes. After all, many of us are ready to abandon the vegetable garden. Who cares if there are still cucumbers to pick?

As tempting as it may be to abandon the gardening in late summer, in the long run, it is a bad idea. In recent columns, I wrote about the importance of leaving the foliage of perennial plants as long as it is green in order to feed the roots for future flowers. Perennial weeds are also storing up for the future, but pulling them out now will help control the weeds next year. As long as the plants continue to grow, they will also take up herbicides, which may help wipe out the over-wintering perennial weeds.

We have also discussed in recent columns the importance of leaving some flowers of re-seeding annuals and perennials to drop seeds that will be the plants of next year's garden. As nature sows seeds in late summer, they germinate and begin to grow. In the case of perennials, this will usually result in a year's growth, allowing perennials to bloom next year, instead of waiting two

years for spring-seeded plants to mature to blooming stage. Once again, the same is true with weeds. If one can get the weeds cut before the plant sets seed, it will mean that many fewer seeds will be available for germination next year.

Of course, when doing any outdoor work in the weather like we have experienced this week, one must exercise caution. It is easy to become overheated and dehydration is also a threat. Use common sense. Work outside for short periods. Follow the shade around the yard. Most areas of the garden are in the shade for at least part of the day. Work in the shade and move with it. This may mean that you are unable to completely weed any given area at one time, but it will help keep the weeds in control over a few days. Drink plenty of water. Sweating will result in dehydration quickly in such hot conditions. Experts agree that water is the best way to re-hydrate. Keep a water bottle with you at all times in the garden.

Some relief is in sight. Cooler temperatures are expected to arrive by Labor Day. The Farmer's Almanac recently released its forecast calling for a cold, snowy winter. I am not a great believer in long-range forecasts, but even if we knew what was coming, there is little we can do but deal with the weather as it comes. It is part of what keeps gardening interesting and challenging.

## DNR proposes regular-season 2014 waterfowl season dates

The regular-season waterfowl dates, as proposed to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) by the Indiana DNR, are listed below. The dates are not final until approved by the USFWS in mid- to late-September. Look for another announcement around that time that will either confirm or amend these dates. Historically, they have been accepted as proposed.

The DNR's recommended dates for ducks, coots and mergansers are:

- North Zone: October 18 to December 7, and December 20 to 28
- Central Zone: October 25 to December 7, and December 20 to January 4
- South Zone: November 1-9, and November 29 to January 18

The daily bag limit for ducks in all zones is six, including no more than four mallards (of which no more than two can be hens), three scaup, three wood ducks, two pintails, two redheads, one canvasback, one black duck, and one mottled duck. The daily bag limit for coots is 15. The daily bag limit for mergansers, separate from ducks, is five, of which no more than two can be hooded mergansers. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

The USFWS estimates the mallard breeding population at 10.9 million, about the same as last year, and 42 percent higher than the long-term average. Estimates of most species were similar to last year's record-setting estimates. Total ducks, gadwalls, green- and blue-winged teal, shovelers, and redheads remain at or near record levels in 2014.

For Canada geese, white-fronted geese, brant, and light geese, the proposed dates are:

- North Zone: October 18 to November 9; November 27 to January 4; and January 20 to 31
- Central Zone: October 25 to December 7; December 20 to January 4; and January 18 to 31
- South Zone: November 1-10, and November 29 to January 31

The daily bag limit this year for Canada geese during the regular season will remain at three, and the daily bag limit for white-fronted geese at two. The daily bag limit for brant is one. The possession limit is three times the

daily bag limit. The daily bag limit for light geese (snow and/or Ross' geese in aggregate) is 20, with no possession limit for light geese.

The proposed late season for Canada geese is February 1-15. The counties open during the late season are: Adams, Allen, Boone, Clay, DeKalb, Elkhart, Greene, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Huntington, Johnson, Kosciusko, LaPorte, LaGrange, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Morgan, Noble, Parke, St. Joseph, Shelby, Steuben, Starke, Sullivan, Vermillion, Vigo, Wells and Whitley.

A permit is no longer required to participate in this late season, and geese harvested during this season no longer need to be taken to a check station.

The daily bag limit during the late Canada goose season has been reduced to three, with a possession limit of nine. This bag limit reduction is due to a decline in Indiana's breeding population of Canada geese, probably due in large part to the success of this late season. We are now at our state goal of 80,000 spring geese. The proposed light goose conservation order is February 1 to March 31, statewide, except for those counties that have a late season on Canada geese. For those counties with a late season on Canada geese, the proposed light goose conservation order season is February 16 to March 31. The light goose conservation order has no bag or possession limit. A free permit is required. Details will be available later in the winter.

The DNR's recommended dates for youth waterfowl season are:

- North Zone: October 11-12
- Central Zone: October 18-19
- South Zone: October 25-26

Bag and possession limits are the same as the regular seasons. The youth waterfowl season is open to youths age 15 and younger, accompanied by an adult.

DNR's recommended dates for extended falconry season for ducks, coots and mergansers are:

- North Zone: September 27-30, and February 14 to March 10
- Central Zone: October 18-24, and February 17 to March 10
- South Zone: October 25-31, and February 17 to March 10

# Regional specialists to strengthen Extension community development programs

BY OLIVIA MADDOX  
Purdue University News Service

Purdue Extension has hired five new regional economic and community development specialists to expand delivery of ECD programs throughout the state.

They will primarily serve their geographical districts, but each has an area of expertise and will also serve as a statewide resource.

The new appointees and their areas of expertise are Tanya J. Hall, economic impact analysis and decision making, Southeast District; Tamara Ogle, local and regional government, East District; Kris Parker, leadership, civic engagement and collaboration, Northwest District; Heather Strohm, economic and business development, Southwest District; and Steve Yoder, natural and environmental resources, Central District.

The appointments were announced Tuesday, August 19 by Jason Henderson, Purdue Extension director. Parker, Strohm and Yoder will start September 1, and Hall and Ogle on October 1.

"Purdue Extension is on the cutting edge of a nationwide Extension push to provide sound information that will help local leaders make smart decisions about community development," Henderson said. "These five diversely talented educators will allow us to more effectively deliver on the tremendous demand for such support in Indiana. They will help us get expert resources and data to



leaders who need it most and help them discover opportunities and realize successes." Hall comes to Purdue University from the Indiana Business Research Center at Indiana University, where she was an economic research analyst. She served as lead researcher of the Indiana Workforce and Education Intelligence System, published nearly 40 reports on economic development, provided economic forecasting and analyzed the life sciences, "green" jobs and agriculture industries.



Ogle, a Purdue Extension educator in Cass County, created an educational curriculum to help local elected officials understand property taxes, finance and budget processes. She also coordinated the statewide program On Local Government and produced an informational video series about local government finance.

Parker has been an ECD Extension educator in Porter County for nine years. During her tenure, she became an expert resource on community issues for local chambers of commerce and economic development or-



ganizations. Strohm has more than 14 years of experience in economic leadership, management and development. She previously served as the regional director of the Small Business Development Center at Indiana State University in Terre Haute.

Yoder brings two decades of experience in environmental planning, nonprofit direction and public programs management, most recently as a Purdue Extension educator in Tippecanoe County. He previously served as executive director of The Arboretum at Flagstaff, a 200-acre ecotourism operation in Flagstaff, Arizona.



Each specialist brings specific strengths to help Extension meet strategic goals in five key areas - leadership and civic engagement; community and organizational planning; economic and business development; local government; and quality places, said Lionel "Bo" J. Beaulieu, associate director of Purdue Extension and economic and community development program leader.

"By collaborating together, they will help



local leaders understand all drivers of community development and build on those key components," he said. Purdue Extension's ECD program area will make another change. Effective October 1, the STEVE YODER name will change to Community Development to more accurately describe its programs and resources.

## Register now for Vincennes Kiwanis Race for Riley

Registration is now underway for the second annual Vincennes Kiwanis Half-Marathon and 5K Run/Walk to be held November 15. Registration can be completed online at [www.vincenneskiwanis.com](http://www.vincenneskiwanis.com), and early bird discounts are available for those who register by November 1. The fee for the Half-Marathon is \$75 (\$85 after the deadline) and all who complete the run will receive a medal. The 5K costs \$25 (\$35 after the deadline) and early registrants will receive a t-shirt. All proceeds will benefit Riley Children's Hospital.

The event will kick off with check-in at 7 a.m. (EST) at Vincennes Lincoln High School. The 5K will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the Half-Marathon at 9 a.m. To register, volunteer, or become a sponsor, interested persons may visit [www.vincenneskiwanis.com](http://www.vincenneskiwanis.com).

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## Toyota adding 300 jobs to build more Highlanders in Indiana

Toyota Indiana announced plans last Friday to expand its operations here, creating up to 300 new jobs by 2016.

"Indiana is a state that works when it comes to building the cars that keep America moving forward," said Governor Mike Pence. "Hoosier-built products like the Toyota Highlander are known around the world for their precision and quality. And with suppliers in all corners of the state, Toyota is helping to strengthen and grow Indiana's economy."

The company will invest \$100 million to boost production of the Highlander midsize sport utility vehicle at its Princeton plant. Since production of the third-generation Highlander began in the Indiana plant in December 2013, sales have been strong. From January through July 2014, Toyota sold about 90,000 Highlanders, an increase of 16 percent over the same period the previous year.

Currently, Toyota Indiana builds the Highlander only in the West Plant alongside the Sequoia full-size sport utility vehicle. To meet increasing demand for the Highlander, annual production of up to 30,000 of the midsize SUVs will be added to Toyota Indiana's East Plant where the Sienna minivan is built. This step allows Toyota to utilize existing capacity in North America while providing additional flexibility to adjust its product mix to meet changing customer demand. This expansion will bring Toyota Indiana's overall investment to \$4 billion.

"The Highlander has been a great product for our plant," said Norm Bafunno, president of Toyota Indiana. "Establishing Highlander as the 'bridge vehicle,' as we call it, between the East and West plants increases our ability to meet customer needs for all of our outstanding products. This exciting news is a true testament to the capability of our hard-working and dedicated team members."

Established in Gibson County in 1996, Toyota's Princeton plant was the second

recognized wholly-owned Toyota plant in North America. Toyota Indiana, the sole producer of Highlander in North America, also exports it to Australia, New Zealand and Eastern Europe. The Sienna is shipped to South Korea, Pacific islands and other countries, and the Sequoia is exported to the Middle East, making the Indiana plant a global supply base for SUVs and minivans. Toyota Indiana currently employs approximately 4,700 associates, of which approximately 84 percent are Hoosiers.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana, Inc. up to \$350,000 in training grants based on the company's job creation plans. These incentives are performance-based, meaning until Hoosiers are hired, the company is not eligible to claim incentives. Gibson County supports the project at the request of the Gibson County Economic Development Corporation.

"We are thankful for the investment Toyota has made in their Princeton operation," said Princeton Mayor Robert Hurst. "Toyota continues to show confidence in their Gibson County team members who build three of the best made automobiles in the world. We support TMMI and their suppliers as they are invaluable to our region."

As part of his inaugural overseas jobs and economic development mission, Governor Pence met last year in Japan with leaders of the Toyota Motor Corporation, including president and chief executive officer Akio Toyoda. Indiana is home to one of only four Toyota automotive manufacturing facilities in the United States.

## Grants awarded to Indiana volunteer fire departments

Rural and volunteer fire departments from 29 counties across Indiana have been awarded more than \$194,000 in Volunteer Fire Assistance grants.

The grants are administered by the DNR Division of Forestry and made available through the USDA Forest Service. DNR Forestry staff reviews grant applications and selects recipients on the basis of population density, acres of public wildlands protected, and wildland fire reporting to DNR Fire Control Headquarters.

As in past years past, the Wildland Fire category was again highlighted, with departments purchasing equipment and gear to combat wildland fires.

Grants may be used for training, installation of dry hydrants, or to purchase necessary firefighting equipment and personal protective gear in an effort to increase firefighting capacity and personnel safety.

Grants awarded ranged from \$969 to \$5,000, and were given to 44 departments in Indiana.

Fire departments interested in applying for VFA grant opportunities should contact Crystal M. Hunt, Program Coordinator, Fire Control Headquarters, 6220 Forest Road, Martinsville, 46151, or call (765) 342-4701.

- The following were grants awarded:
- Boone Township Fire District in Harrison County, \$5,000 for safety project
  - Brown County Volunteer Fire Department in Brown County, \$5,000 for wildland project
  - Burney-Clay Township Volunteer Fire Department in Decatur County, \$5,000 for a safety project
  - Cannelton Volunteer Fire Department in Perry County, \$2,920 for a safety project
  - Cass-Clinton Volunteer Fire Department in LaPorte County, \$5,000 for a safety project
  - Celestine Volunteer Fire Department in Dubois County, \$1,795 for radios
  - Central Perry Volunteer Fire Department in Perry County, \$5,000 for wildland project
  - Charlestown Volunteer Fire Department in Clark County, \$5,000 for wildland project
  - Chrisney Volunteer Fire Department in Spencer County, \$5,000 for wildland project
  - Dubois Volunteer Fire Department in Dubois County, \$2,830 for safety project
  - Eastern Fire Department Beech Creek Township in Greene County, \$2,548 for wildland project
  - Greensburg Fire Department in Decatur County, \$5,000 for wildland project
  - Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Department in Harrison County, \$5,000 for water handling project
  - Hartsville & Community Volunteer Fire Department in Bartholomew County, \$4,567 for wildland project
  - Haysville Community Volunteer Fire Department in Dubois County, \$2,375 for wildland project
  - J.U.G.A. (Bellmore) Volunteer Fire Department #1 in Parke County, \$5,000 for wildland project
  - Jackson FT in Hamilton County, \$5,000 for safety project
  - Jefferson Township Pike County Volunteer Fire Department in Pike County, \$5,000 for training
  - LaCrosse Volunteer Fire Department in LaPorte County, \$5,000 for safety project
  - Lagro Volunteer Fire Department in Wabash County, \$5,000 for radios
  - Lapaz North Township Fire Department in Marshall County, \$5,000 for safety project
  - Madison Township Hoagland Volunteer Fire Department in Allen County, \$5,000 for training
  - Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department in Dubois County, \$5,000 for wildland project
  - Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department in Clark County, \$5,000 for safety project
  - Mt Etna Volunteer Fire Department in Huntington County, \$4,998 for wildland project
  - Noble Township Volunteer Fire Department in LaPorte County, \$5,000 for safety project
  - Owen Township Volunteer Fire Department in Jackson County, \$5,000 for water handling project
  - Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department in Jackson County, \$969 for wildland project
  - Porter Fire Department in Porter County, \$4,977 for miscellaneous
  - Preble Volunteer Fire Department in Adams County, \$5,000 for safety project
  - Richland Taylor Township Volunteer Fire Department in Greene County, \$5,000 for radios
  - Roann Volunteer Fire Department in Wabash County, \$4,506 for radios
  - Rossville Volunteer Fire Department in Clinton County, \$4,563 for water handling project
  - Sheridan Fire Department in Hamilton County, \$2,509 for safety project
  - Southwest Bartholomew Volunteer Fire Department in Bartholomew County, \$2,747 for safety project
  - Stilesville Volunteer Fire Department in Hendricks County, \$2,933 for safety project
  - Walkerton Volunteer Fire Department in St. Joseph County, \$4,861 for safety project
  - Warren Township Fire Department in St. Joseph County, \$5,000 for water handling project
  - Washington Township Fire in Morgan County, \$5,000 for wildland project
  - White River - Hazelton Volunteer Fire Department in Gibson County, \$4,695 for water handling project
  - White River Township Fire Department in Randolph County, \$5,000 for safety project

## The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative  
**Mark Messmer**



### Continuing our commitment to Indiana's defense industry

Members of the Indiana Legislature and I recently went on the 2014 Legislative Tour of Crane. Each year, Crane Naval Base graciously welcomes us for an interactive tour which includes an overview of their mission areas, hands-on demonstrations from experts as well as discussions regarding future opportunities.

The sheer size of the base is amazing. With a total of five entrances in three different counties, and 100 square miles in between, it is like a small city. Another feature that surprises people is the enormous effect the base has on the state and local economies. In fact, nearly 5,500 Hoosiers work on the Crane base, adding over \$2 million a day to our state's economy!

With the economic impact and benefit this provides to our community, I have continued to make the preservation of this facility, the 3rd largest Navy installation in the world, one of my top priorities. This session, I played a direct role in the passage of two new laws in order to strengthen and support Indiana's defense industry.

For example, if an active military base is scheduled to close due to federal budget cuts, I sponsored legislation to allow local units of government the opportunity to spend money in actively defending bases located in their county.

Across the country, base realignment is taking place, and this is nothing new. Also with this legislation, local units of govern-

ment will now have the opportunity to work with federal representatives on designing and implementing financing plans to help keep jobs and production up. This helps to ensure that broad federal decisions regarding the budget and defense appropriations do not negatively impact rural Indiana or the jobs that are tied to these facilities.

I also authored a new law which expands the definition of "military base" to include the Glendora Lake Test Facility in Sullivan County, which Crane uses to conduct defense-related activities. Under this new law, a local unit of government is required to notify the commander of the base before taking any action concerning planning or zoning within three miles of the perimeter of the lake, as they are currently required to do around the main base.

The facts and figures I have shared today illustrate that Crane is not only vital to Martin County and the surrounding area, but also to the entire state. That is why I believe it is imperative that we continue to find ways to support this industry and allow it to flourish.

Crane is one of Indiana's largest employers and deserves the opportunity to preempt any actions by the local or federal government that might impede their ability to continue operation. By supporting Crane, we are effectively supporting thousands of Hoosier workers and millions of taxpayer dollars.

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

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# Indiana defends marriage statute in 7th Circuit appeal

A lower court ruling was incorrectly decided and the Legislature is within its authority to define marriage-licensing requirements in the traditional way, the State of Indiana argued in a federal appeals court yesterday.

The U.S. 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago yesterday heard oral argument in the State's appeal of a legal challenge to Indiana's marriage licensing definition. In its appeal, the State argued the June 25 ruling of U.S. District Court Chief Judge Richard Young that invalidated Indiana's statute should be reversed and the injunction lifted. Representing the state defendants in the lawsuit, Indiana Solicitor General Thomas M. Fisher addressed the 7th Circuit and fielded questions from the three-judge panel about Indiana's statutory authority to define marriage for licensing and regulatory purposes.

"The argument in the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals is the one time in the case where the lawyers can speak directly to the judges; and vigorous questioning by judges is how the appellate process is supposed to work. Since the larger legal question could end up before the United States Supreme Court, this 7th Circuit hearing is one important step in the process. As the state government's lawyers, my office has a duty in this appeal to defend Indiana's law. While this case stirs strong emotions on all sides, we urge everyone to show civility toward each other and respect for the court," Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller said.

Under its duty to defend the laws the people's elected representatives in the Legislature passed from lawsuits that plaintiffs' lawyers file — both in trial court and on ap-

peal — the Indiana Attorney General's Office is providing defense of the marriage statute out of its regular office budget the Legislature approved in advance. The case is assigned to a salaried attorney who does not charge billable hours, and Indiana is not using outside counsel to defend its statute. Also participating in the appeal are the Boone and Allen county clerks who are represented by their own counsel.

Taking the case under advisement, the 7th Circuit panel will rule at a later date on the constitutionality of state marriage statutes. Yesterday, the court heard a scheduled 20 minutes per side in *Baskin et al. v. Bogan et al.*, the State's appeal of Chief Judge Young's ruling in the legal challenge to Indiana's statute. The 7th Circuit also heard oral argument in another case, *Wolf et al. v. Walker et al.*, Wisconsin's appeal of a legal challenge to that state's marriage statute. The 7th Circuit hears appeals of rulings from federal district courts in Indiana, Wisconsin and Illinois. Earlier challenges to state-level marriage laws out of the 4th Circuit and 10th Circuit federal appeals courts are currently being appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

Under the 7th Circuit's June 27 stay, Indiana's longstanding statute remains in effect and county clerks in the 92 Indiana counties are prohibited from issuing marriage licenses to or performing marriage solemnization ceremonies for applicants who are not opposite-sex couples. The Indiana Attorney General's Office will notify county clerk's offices of any ruling in the 7th Circuit case and provide guidance to clerks as warranted.

## Indiana Archaeology Month starts September 1

Indiana Archaeology Month in September will highlight the state's utopian communities.

Archaeology Month is an opportunity to celebrate and learn about Indiana archaeology. A variety of events for all ages are held every September by universities, museums, organizations and individuals throughout the state. The Indiana DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology coordinates Archaeology Month.

During the early decades of the 19th century, some people attempted to establish utopian communities in Indiana. For example, the Shakers established Busro or West Union in Knox County, and New Harmony in Posey County was the site of two early-American utopian communities—the religious Harmonie Society (the Harmonists) and later the secular Owenites.

Archaeological investigations have taught

us much about the way people lived at sites of these communal societies.

"Archaeology provides us with a unique opportunity to look into our past," said Cameron Clark, DNR director and State Historic Preservation Officer. "Archaeology Month helps bring attention to those who open windows to our past and to where some of those windows can be found, such as West Union and New Harmony.

"I encourage everyone to take the time to learn more about where and how Hoosiers lived years ago."

Archaeologists have recorded more than 64,000 sites in Indiana since the early 1800s, helping to shape public understanding of the prehistoric and historic people who also called this land home.

A schedule of events and additional information for this year's Archaeology Month can be found at [dnr.IN.gov/historic](http://dnr.IN.gov/historic), or by contacting Amy Johnson at [ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov) or (317) 232-6982.

The commemorative poster and shirt designs this year show artifacts and features from New Harmony. Shirts are \$6 and can be purchased from the DNR Customer Service Center at (317) 232-4200 or toll-free at (877) 463-6367.

## Indiana adds job search function to IN.gov app

Searching for a job with the State of Indiana became even easier today with the release of the newest version of the IN.gov iOS app. Career-seekers can use the app to browse for jobs directly on iPhones or iPads.

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Dan Hasler (left), president and chief entrepreneurial officer of Purdue Research Foundation, shakes hands with Capt. Jeffrey "J.T." Elder, commanding officer of Naval Surface Warfare Center - Crane Division (NSWC Crane), during an August 22 event. NSWC Crane and Purdue have signed a partnership intermediary agreement that will showcase both organizations' intellectual property to expedite and support the move of innovations to the public. (NSWC Crane photo)

## NSWC Crane, Purdue to collaborate on showcasing, moving innovations to commercialization

Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane Division (NSWC Crane), Purdue Research Foundation and Purdue's Discovery Park have signed a partnership intermediary agreement that will showcase both organizations' intellectual property to expedite and support the move of innovations to the public.

"Crane has an incredible intellectual property portfolio, and we've had success at moving those technologies to the public," said Brooke Pyne from Crane's Technology Transfer Office. "Partnering with academia provides Crane a credible avenue to move even more innovative technology through the commercialization pipeline with a goal of increasing the number of licensing and startup deals for both organizations."

Under the agreement, NSWC Crane and Purdue will remain independent in ownership of their relative intellectual property, but Crane's intellectual property will be marketed alongside Purdue University's innovations through the Purdue Office of Technology Commercialization, which is managed by the Purdue Research Foundation.

"By showcasing Crane's intellectual property with Purdue's in our marketing databases, we are providing an even deeper pool of available innovations to established companies and startups looking for innovations to commercialize," said Dan Hasler, president and chief entrepreneurial officer of Purdue Research Foundation. "This partnership creates a unique opportunity for both of us and the people we serve. As Indiana's land-grant university, an important part of Purdue's mission is to help the residents of our state and beyond, and one way

we can do this is by developing technologies to help improve lives and by using the commercialization to create startups and jobs for Hoosiers.

"Because much of Crane's and Purdue's research is focused on similar disciplines and industries, the partnership could lead to bundling Crane's and Purdue's licensing deals into one package."

NSWC Crane's strength in intellectual property includes technological advances for sensors, antennas and radar used for the Department of Defense and national security. Purdue's portfolio of available innovations includes strengths in life sciences, engineering, agriculture, technology, IT, computer sciences and manufacturing.

Purdue uses a number of electronic marketing methods to promote its innovations including FlintBox, an online tool to promote innovations; its own Web page of available technologies; a monthly e-newsletter with more than 100,000 subscribers; and an Innovation and Entrepreneurship landing page of resources for investors, entrepreneurs, researchers and potential collaborators. Purdue also is reviewing other collaborative opportunities to promote its intellectual property portfolio.

About Purdue Research Foundation

The Purdue Research Foundation is a private, nonprofit foundation created to advance the mission of Purdue University. Established in 1930, the foundation accepts gifts; administers trusts; funds scholarships and grants; acquires property; and promotes entrepreneurial activities on behalf of Purdue. The foundation manages the Purdue Foundry, Purdue Office of Technology Commercialization, Purdue Research Park and Purdue Technology Centers. The foundation received the 2014 Incubator Network of the Year by the National Business Incubation Association for its work in entrepreneurship. For more information about funding and investment opportunities in startups based on a Purdue innovation, contact the Purdue Foundry at [foundation@prf.org](mailto:foundation@prf.org)

About NSWC Crane

NSWC Crane is a naval laboratory and a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) with focus areas in Special Missions, 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. The mission of NSWC Crane is to provide acquisition engineering, in-service engineering and technical support for sensors, electronics, electronic warfare and special warfare weapons.

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# Commissioners discuss literacy, roads, jail

Meeting minutes provided by Martin County Auditor January Roush

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, August 19. Due to the length of the redevelopment commission meeting, the commissioners' meeting was called to order later than scheduled, at 6:06 p.m.

Beverly McIntosh, Karen Whorrall, Veranita Williams and Mark Ellis, with Martin County SOAR, all came before the commissioners to ask that they proclaim September as Martin County Literacy Month. McIntosh explained the program in detail and gave data to support the need for tutors. The Martin County Security Center utilizes the program and Sheriff Street commended the program. President George read the proclamation. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to proclaim September as Martin County Literacy Month 2014. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, submitted the two-week work schedule. A front loader is on the state surplus list and Superintendent Padgett requested that he be allowed to make a bid for the piece of equipment. A discussion followed. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the maximum bid \$15,000 for the front loader. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Superintendent Padgett updated the commissioners on the two road slides and the cost associated with the repair of each. He also submitted a list of prospective roads to be repaired.

Brent Roberts, BF&S, updated the commissioners on the bridge 11 project. A new engineer has been assigned to the project and he has found several ways to reduce the costs of the project. He will provide an ordinance to change the speed limit of Indian Springs Road to 30 miles per hour at the next meeting.

Sheriff Rob Street updated the commissioners on the recent jail inspection. No serious problems were noted by the inspector. The new door control panels are still scheduled to be completed by Thanksgiving.

WTH is printing updated 911 maps and will be contacting Auditor Roush to get signatures of the commissioners, county attorney

## Indiana selected for NGA Policy Academy on Education and Workforce Training Integrations

The National Governor's Association (NGA) Center for Best Practices recently announced the selection of Indiana as one of 14 states named to participate in its policy academy aimed at aligning education and workforce training systems to meet state's economic needs.

As a designated recipient, Indiana will receive grants and opportunities from the NGA to further learn from state colleagues and national experts, as well as technical assistance from the NGA Center for Best Practices.

"We were the first state in the country to create a specific agency to jointly coordinate our education and workforce efforts a year ago, and the interest from other states has been high in understanding our models and initial work plans," said Governor Mike Pence. "I'm grateful to the General Assembly for helping to set our course with the Career Council and Regional Work Councils, and for the many hundreds of Hoosiers educators, business leaders, and career and technical education (CTE) and workforce professionals who have collaborated in our efforts to improve Indiana's overall results."

The policy academies are designed to assist states in:

-Articulating and implementing a strong vision connecting the education and training systems with the needs of the economy;

-Integrating and utilizing education and workforce data to inform policy, track

and highway superintendent.

The 2005 Ford Explorer was damaged in an accident over the weekend. The county will file a claim with insurance.

The new panic alarm buttons were installed in the courthouse last week. Sheriff Street will contact RTC Communications to have the alarm system synchronized with the email system.

Jonathan Stevens, extension educator, hired Judith Montgomery as his new secretary. He is in the process of hiring a new nutrition educator. The nutrition educator is funded by a grant through USDA and administered by Purdue. The local exhibits did really well at the State Fair. Commissioner Gregory requested that Stevens supply the commissioners with documentation of previous year bookings of the community building. This will assist the commissioners in their request at budget time.

David Lett, county attorney, submitted to the commissioners, on behalf of Assessor Carolyn McGuire, an addendum to the contract with Reller's Southern Indiana Appraisal, LLC. Reller's Southern Indiana Appraisal, LLC was awarded the reassessment contract on March 18, 2014. The state has requested an addendum be added to the contract. Attorney Lett recommended the commissioners approve the addendum. The commissioners approved.

Auditor Roush submitted information from ESPY Services. ESPY Services audits utility bills for mistakes and errors. ESPY Services audited the county's phone bills last year. The cost will be 50 percent of the recovered amount. If they find no mistakes or errors there is no charge to the county. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve ESPY Services to audit all utility bills. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Auditor Roush advised the commissioners of important dates to remember. The budget hearings will be held Monday, September 8 and Tuesday, September 9 at 8:30 a.m. The tax sale will be Friday, September 12 at 10 a.m. The county employee health fair will be held Monday, September 15 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the commissioners room.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

progress and measure success;

-Encouraging industry and education partnerships; and

-Modifying the use of resources and incentives to support attainment of the integrated vision.

Leaders from the Center for Education and Career Innovation (CECI) have provided input at multiple NGA meeting sessions throughout the past year, including moderating panels, providing testimony, and discussing leadership opportunities and challenges on issues such as academic standards, aligning workforce and training efforts, and regional planning to encourage successful collaborations.

Working in conjunction with multiple state agencies, CECI has facilitated the state's 11 Regional Works Councils with the engagement of more than 160 community leaders. In addition, the Career Council has already released its strategic plan following nearly a year of gathering inputs; more than \$3.6 million in grants have been awarded for innovative career and technical education curriculums; and a statewide study of CTE return on investments is just getting underway.

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## Ubelhor, INDOT announce safety measures at S.R. 45 and 54

State Representative Matt Ubelhor (R-Bloomfield) and the Indiana Department of Transportation yesterday announced traffic safety improvements planned for the north junction of State Road 45 and State Road 54 at Cincinnati, including a passing lane for S.R. 45 traffic.

"I appreciate INDOT for meeting with me and Eastern Greene Schools Superintendent, Ted Baechtold, to hear our concerns and take measures to improve traffic safety at this intersection," said Rep. Ubelhor.

In the short term, INDOT will mount flashing beacons on the "New Traffic Pattern Ahead" signs and install "blinders" to ensure the stop sign is only visible to S.R. 54 traffic heading southeast. Rumble strips will also be added for S.R. 45 heading southwest towards the intersection.

Rep. Ubelhor and INDOT also announced a future project to install a passing "blister", which will provide a short passing lane for S.R. 45 traffic heading northeast to bypass traffic turning left onto S.R. 54. Construction of the passing blister would begin after environmental review is completed and land is purchased.

"I appreciate INDOT and Rep. Ubelhor's work in helping to make this intersection safer with better signage, rumble strips, and the addition of the traffic passing lane, but I still have concerns about the southbound traffic on S.R. 54," Superintendent Baechtold said. "Hopefully, these additional measures and drivers'

continued use of caution as they navigate this intersection will help us to avoid any traffic accidents in the future."

In late June, INDOT reconfigured the traffic pattern so that S.R. 45, which makes up 80 percent of traffic passing through the intersection, does not stop. S.R. 54 now must yield the right of way and enter or cross S.R. 45 during a safe gap in traffic. INDOT had previously installed several measures to support the new traffic pattern:

-Reduced speed limit near the intersection to 45 mph

-"New Traffic Pattern Ahead" signs

-"Watch for Left Turn" signs for S.R. 45 heading southwest

-40 mph advisory speed limit signs for S.R. 45 heading southwest

-Rumble strips for S.R. 54 heading southeast

-"Stop Ahead" signs with warning flashers for S.R. 54 heading southeast

-Improved route signage to assist drivers that are unfamiliar with the area

-Temporary dynamic message signs to alert inexperienced drivers returning to school

INDOT urges drivers to stay alert, avoid distractions and watch for other motorists as they adjust to this new traffic pattern. For construction updates and traffic alerts, follow INDOT on social media at <http://facebook.com/INDOTVincennesDistrict> and <http://twitter.com/INDOTSouthwest>, or access INDOT's TrafficWise Traveler Information Service at <http://indot.carsprogram.org>.



-Photo provided

In this September 14, 2001, photo, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, President George Bush, and FDNY Fire Commissioner Thomas Von Essen discuss the devastation at Ground Zero.

## Leadership in Adversity is topic of Constitution Day presentation

Vincennes University will recognize Constitution Day with a presentation by Thomas Von Essen who served as the Fire Commissioner of New York City at the time of the terrorist attacks on 9/11. He will speak on Leadership in Adversity on September 16 at 11 a.m. (EDT) at VU's Red Skelton Performing Arts Center. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

Thomas Von Essen, New York City's 30th Fire Commissioner from April 1996 to December 2001, had seen just about everything during his 31-year career in the fire department: building collapses, raging infernos, heroic rescues, and power struggles. But nothing could have prepared him, or the fire department, for the devastation that occurred on September 11, 2001. In just 102 minutes, the mighty twin towers were reduced to rubble and the Fire Department of New York had lost 343 men whose exemplary lives had contributed mightily to his love of the department.

Before his tenure as Fire Commissioner, he spent nearly three years as president of the Uniformed Firefighters Association, the largest firefighters' union in the nation. Von

Essen joined the fire department in 1970 and was assigned to Ladder 42 in the Bronx, where he spent most of his firefighting career.

In 2002 Von Essen wrote the book, "Strong of Heart: Life and Death in the New York City Fire Department." He currently serves as senior vice president at Giuliani Partners LLC, a New York consulting firm headed by former mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani.

CONSTITUTION DAY

Citizens of the United States have celebrated Independence Day and Presidents' Day since the 1870s and, in 2005, the nation began to celebrate Constitution Day, also known as Citizenship Day. Constitution Day honors the historic date of September 17, 1787, when 39 delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the United States Constitution.

Constitution Day - along with Independence Day and Presidents' Day - is an important part of the cultural heritage of the United States of America because it recognizes the value of the American experiment and the success of a nation of free people whose rights and liberties are protected by a written Constitution.

## LHS Boys' Tennis having rough week

The Loogootee High School Boys' Tennis Team were defeated by Northeast Dubois on Monday, August 25. The varsity lost 1-4 and the junior varsity 1-3.

According to Head Coach Rick Graves, "Right now we're not playing very good tennis. We're making too many unforced errors and giving our opponents too many free points. It's very early in the season so we can make a lot of improvement between now and tournament time but I'd like to see some of that happening sooner rather than later."

Graves added that he did see some positive things in the matches. He said Landon Bell played a much better second set and is starting to realize that consistency is key to winning in singles. Also, Coach Graves noted that Gabe Nolley has played very steady for the team at one singles and continues to play well.

### Varsity results

Northeast Dubois 4, Loogootee 1  
 #1 Singles - Gabe Nolley (L) defeated Patrick Betz (NED) 6-3, 6-2  
 #2 Singles - Jaxon Denu (NED) defeated Landon Bell (L) 6-0, 6-3  
 #3 Singles - Case Eishenhut (NED) defeated Wyatt Wade (L) 6-0, 6-0  
 #1 Doubles - Cayden Knies and Tristan Linne (NED) defeated Hayden Bell and Jordan Berry (L) 6-2, 6-4  
 #2 Doubles - Kaden Quinn and Parker Zehr (NED) defeated Landon Diamond and Landon Wittmer (L) 6-2, 6-1

### Junior varsity results

Northeast Dubois 3, Loogootee 1  
 #1 Singles - Alex Bauer (NED) defeated Seth Wagler (L) 8-3  
 #2 Singles - Jorge Aura' Camarena (L) defeated Alex Harder (NED) 8-3  
 #3 Singles - Alex Bauer (NED) defeated Brandon Eckerle (L) 6-1  
 #1 Doubles - Griffin Bauer and Austin Sander (NED) defeated Trysten Booker and Cole Harmon (L) 8-0

The teams' next match scheduled for Tuesday night, August 26 was postponed due to excessive heat. A make-up date is to be determined.

## Lady Lions Volleyball defeats NE Dubois

The Loogootee Lady Lions Volleyball Team lost their first game of the season last night, Tuesday, August 26 against Linton at home. The final scores of the three sets were 15-25, 13-25, and 20-25.

Kailye Robbins led in points with six followed by Breigh Lamar with five and Lauren Bowling with four. Bowling also had 11 digs, Robbins and Emily Brookshire each finished with seven. Lamar and Waylee Wagoner both finished with nine assists and Wagoner also had five kills. Julianne Bell contributed six kills and Mya Hedrick had four.

The girls move to 2-1 on the season and 1-0 in the Blue Chip Conference.

Last Thursday, the Lady Lions defeated the Lady Jeeps at Northeast Dubois in four sets, 25-19, 22-25, 25-21, and 25-22.

Leading in points was Robbins and Brookshire with 14 each followed by Wagoner with 13. Robbins and Brookshire also each had 14 digs, Wagoner had 13, and Bowling finished with 10. Lamar finished with 20 assists followed by Kylie Hall with 18. Bell finished with 13 kills, Emily Bateman had 11, and Hedrick ended with 10.

The girls move to 2-0 on the season overall and 1-0 in the Blue Chip Conference.

Last Saturday, the teams took on Evansville North. The varsity ended with a defeat, 0-5 and the junior varsity also lost, 1-2. Coach Graves said that Evansville North has a good, experienced team and their experience really showed. He said they didn't make a lot of mistakes and forced Loogootee into a lot of mistakes. "Gabe got off to a shaky start but I was really glad to see him settle down and play well. Jordan Greenwell is a very good player. Until today we hadn't been able to take a set off of him."

Because of the heat it was determined to play a tiebreak instead of a third set. Jordan jumped out to a lead and Gabe couldn't recover.

"I know Gabe is disappointed to get that close to a win but he should be pleased that he played as well as he did against such a quality opponent," said Graves.

### Varsity results

Evansville North 5, Loogootee 0  
 #1 Singles - Jordan Greenwell (EN) defeated Gabe Nolley (L) 6-2, 4-6, 1-0(2) (A super tiebreak was played instead of a third set due to heat conditions.)  
 #2 Singles - Stefan Langmaack (EN) defeated Landon Bell (L) 6-1, 6-0  
 #3 Singles - Shloak Vyas (EN) defeated Wyatt Wade (L) 6-3, 6-1  
 #1 Doubles - Grant Carey and Luke Rusher (EN) defeated Hayden Bell and Jordan Berry (L) 6-1, 6-1  
 #2 Doubles - Drew Sickman and Patrick Tiekken (EN) defeated Landon Diamond and Landon Wittmer (L) 6-0, 6-1

### Junior varsity results

Evansville North 2, Loogootee 1  
 #1 Doubles - Sam Hahn and Jacob Riggs (EN) defeated Seth Wagler and Gavin Wittmer (L) 8-1  
 #2 Doubles - Trysten Booker and Cole Harmon (L) defeated Nick Byers and Jarik Springer (EN) 8-5  
 #3 Doubles - Sam Hahn and Jacob Riggs (EN) defeated Jorge Aura' Camarena and Brandon Eckerle (L) 8-4

The teams took on Bloomfield last Thursday, August 21. The varsity boys were defeated 1-4 and the junior varsity boys were beat 2-3.

"Bloomfield has a really nice team but I'm disappointed we didn't compete better. Based on the players they had coming back this season I knew they were going to be a strong team," said Coach Graves adding that LHS also has a number of players back from last season so I was hopeful we could give them a better match than we did. He said that Gabe Nolley played well, especially in his first set. "I thought he let up a bit in the second but all things considered did what he had to do to win. We have some more good teams coming up on our schedule so we'll have to put this one behind us and move forward."

### Varsity results

Bloomfield 4, Loogootee 1  
 #1 Singles - Gabe Nolley (L) defeated Del Carter (B) 6-1, 6-3  
 #2 Singles - Conner Dowden (B) defeated Landon Diamond (L) 6-1, 6-0  
 #3 Singles - Jackson Stone (B) defeated Landon Wittmer (L) 6-2, 6-0  
 #1 Doubles - Alex Chestnut and Hunter Heaton (B) defeated Jordan Berry and Wyatt Wade (L) 6-1, 6-1  
 #2 Doubles - Evan Fuller and Brennan Hughes (B) defeated Hayden Bell and Landon Bell (L) 6-3, 6-2

### Junior varsity results

Bloomfield 3, Loogootee 2  
 #1 Singles - Jacob Pyne (B) defeated Seth Wagler (L) 8-4  
 #2 Singles - Chris Gilmore (B) defeated Jacob Nonte (L) 8-0  
 #3 Singles - Carson Rayhill (L) defeated Wyatt Hasler (B) 8-1  
 #1 Doubles - Trysten Booker and Gavin Wittmer (L) defeated Donovan Cosgrove and Adam Dean (B) 8-3  
 #2 Doubles - Chris Gilmore and Wyatt Hasler (B) defeated Jorge Aura' Camarena and Brandon Eckerle (L) 8-2

## Loogootee and Shoals SCHOOL MENUS

### LOOGOOTE ELEMNTARY

#### Breakfast

**Thursday, August 28**  
 Egg patty, sausage patty, wheat toast, mixed fruit

**Friday, August 29**

Cereal bar, sausage link, apple

**Monday, September 1**

No School - Labor Day

**Tuesday, September 2**

Cereal, banana

**Wednesday, September 3**

Egg patty, sausage patty, wheat toast

#### Lunch

**Thursday, August 28**

Soft taco, lettuce, corn, applesauce, milk

**Friday, August 29**

BBQ pork, baked beans, chips, mixed fruit, milk

**Monday, September 1**

No School - Labor Day

**Tuesday, September 2**

BBQ rib, baked beans, chips, pears, milk

**Wednesday, September 3**

Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, bread and butter, milk

### LOOGOOTE INTERMEDIATE AND JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

#### Lunch

**Thursday, August 28**

Soft taco, pizza or chef salad; lettuce, corn, applesauce, milk

**Friday, August 29**

BBQ pork, pizza or chef salad; baked beans, chips, mixed fruit, milk

**Monday, September 1**

No School - Labor Day

**Tuesday, September 2**

BBQ rib, pizza or chef salad; lettuce, corn, applesauce, milk

BBQ rib, pizza or chef salad; baked beans, chips, pears, milk

**Wednesday, September 3**

Salisbury steak, pizza or chef salad; mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, bread and butter, milk

### SHOALS SCHOOLS

#### Breakfast

**Thursday, August 28**

Breakfast burrito, salsa, juice, milk

**Friday, August 29**

Cereal, donut, fruit, juice, milk

**Monday, September 1**

No School - Labor Day

**Tuesday, September 2**

French toast, sausage link, fruit, juice, milk

**Wednesday, September 3**

Cereal, string cheese, raisins, juice, milk

#### Lunch

**Thursday, August 28**

Quesadilla or chef salad or whole grain nacho tray or deli sandwich; brown rice, re-fried beans, pineapple, milk

**Friday, August 29**

Bosco sticks with marinara or chef salad or whole grain nacho tray or deli sandwich; broccoli salad, mixed fruit, milk

**Monday, September 1**

No School - Labor Day

**Tuesday, September 2**

Pizza burger or chef salad or whole grain nacho tray or deli sandwich; baked French fries, juice, orange smiles, milk

**Wednesday, September 3**

Twisted Chicken Alfredo or chef salad or whole grain nacho tray or deli sandwich; broccoli, pears, garlic bread, milk

## Freshman Kiser finishes 5th and 3rd in first two LHS Cross Country meets

The Loogootee High School Cross Country team traveled to South Knox last night, Tuesday, August 26 for a meet with South and North Knox.

Freshman Jordan Kiser finished in 5th place with a time of 20:08, junior Jonathan Krzesniak finished in 12th with a time of 22:37, sophomore Jake Simmons came in 13th with a time of 23:25, and senior Chase Wilcoxon finished 14th with a time of 23:50. Others placing were Mac Osborne in 20th, Paul Hill in 25th, Nick Reinhart in 26th, and Tristan Jones in 27th. According to Head Coach Adam Tompkins, the heat was once again a factor in the race. "The kids did great overall, placing second as a team," he said. He noted that Kiser was just three seconds behind the second place finisher. "I think we are all ready

for this heat to go away and see what these kids can really do given good running conditions." The team's next meet is next Tuesday against Shoals, the team's only home meet this year.

The team started their season off last Friday against White River Valley and Lighthouse, at WRV. According to Coach Adam Tompkins, "It was a very hot meet and the heat got to the runners." The team ended up competing without two runners. "I'm glad to have the first meet out of the way. I know they are capable of doing better and expect this will get things in gear," he said. Finishing in third was Kiser with a time of 19:31. In sixth place was Simmons with a time of 21:41, in seventh was Krzesniak with a time of 22:01, in 11th was Wilcoxon and in 13th was senior Osborne.



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## Mustering Elm holds 3rd Annual Car Show

The Mustering Elm Park 3rd Annual Car Show was held on July 26. The weather forecast was a bit iffy but the rain held off until after the show. There were approximately 40 classic cars. The Route 50 Cruisers Car Club handled the car show. Food was provided and entertainment by musicians Terra Boyd, Dustin Staggs, Tim Troutman, the No Plan B Band, and Jason McCoy. The park group noted that they are grateful to them for their performances. The group also offered special thank you to Cletus Bauer for bringing his grill and cooking, to Linda Bauer for providing lemonade, and Bruce Hawkins for bringing a fish fryer for their use. Park members worked hard preparing the park, cooking, and serving throughout the show. Kathy Pennington and June Robbins also pitched in and are thanked for their help.

The following establishments donated door prizes for the show: The Children's Museum of Indianapolis, Blake Hi-Y Car Wash

in Loogootee, Big Splash Water Park in French Lick, Indiana Books & Contemporary Art-Bill & Karen Whorrall of Shoals, Tranquil Inn & Spa of Shoals, Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant of Loogootee, Brenda Rodgers-Avon Representative of Shoals, G&R Variety of Shoals, KRB Vending of Shoals, Faytastics Pizza of Shoals and Bo-Macs of Shoals.

Trophies were awarded to the following: Oldest Car – 1929 Ford owned by Sara and Claude Kern from Bedford; Traveled Farthest – 1958 Edsel owned by Brian Phegley from Sullivan; and Best Muscle Car – 1962 Chevy Bel Air owned by Bill Burns of Williams. The Best Muscle Car winner also received a \$100 check donated and presented by Mark Robbins, West Side Auto, Shoals.

The Mustering Elm Group invites the entire community to come and enjoy the park. It is available for rental for reunions, weddings, parties, etc.

## Animal shelter offering \$10 cat adoptions

The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter is currently overrun with kittens and cats, with dozens more waiting to come in. In order to increase feline adoptions, the shelter will be decreasing the adoption fee for all altered cats from \$40 to \$10 until Saturday, September 6. Adoption fee includes spay/neuter and vaccinations. The shelter cats are used to being indoors and are litter box trained.

The shelter is open Monday and Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appointment another time. To see the list of adoptable dogs and cats, visit [www.petfinder.com/shelters/IN356.html](http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/IN356.html) or check out the shelter's facebook page under the photos tab in the "Current dogs and cats available" album.

The discount does not apply to dog adoptions and only applies to kittens and cats that have already been spayed or neutered.

For more information, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email [mchs@frontier.com](mailto:mchs@frontier.com). The shelter is located at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, next door to Burch's Greenhouses.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

**Kat is a one-year-old female cat and is part of the discounted cat adoption promotion at the Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter. Kat is spayed, up to date on her shots and is litter box trained.**

## A Matter of Balance class to be held in Montgomery

Have you turned down a chance to go out with family or friends because you were concerned about falling? Have you cut down on a favorite activity because you might fall? If so, A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls is a program for you.

Fear of falling can be just as dangerous as falling itself. People who develop this fear often limit their activities, which can result in severe physical weakness, making the risk of falling even greater. Many older adults also experience increased isolation and depression when they limit their interactions with family and friends. A Matter of Balance can help people improve their quality of life and remain independent.

A Matter of Balance is an eight-week

class designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. Participants learn to set realistic goals to increase activity, change their environment to reduce fall risk factors, and learn simple exercises to increase strength and balance.

Generations is offering A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls from 6 to 8 p.m., on eight consecutive Thursdays starting September 18th at the Montgomery Fire Station/Town Hall. This program is offered free of charge, but pre-registration is required. A workbook is provided and refreshments are served.

The class is limited to 15 people. Call Kim Fields at 812-296-0788 to reserve your spot or for more information.

## VU Alumni Community Series "Encore" performances

"Encore" performances of The Cast of Beatlemania and David Phelps Classic Christmas will be presented by the Vincennes University Alumni Community Series at VU's Red Skelton Performing Arts Center. Tickets for the "Encore" performances are on sale at the Dayson Foundation and Alumni Center on the corner of Third Street and College Avenue. Tickets may also be purchased by phone at 812-888-4354 or 800-945-ALUM (2586).

Two performances of Beatlemania will take place on September 20. Alumni Community Series season ticket holders are invited to attend the 6 p.m. (EDT) show. The 9 p.m. "Encore" show will be open to the public and tickets are \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors (60+), \$25 for VU employees and retired, and \$20 for students. The Cast of

Beatlemania tribute band was formed in 1980 and is one of the longest running Beatles tribute bands in the world. The group has performed all over the United States and in more than 20 other countries. Beatlemania recreates the sights and sounds of The Beatles in every show, with costumes reflecting the three different periods of their music.

Alumni Community Series patrons are invited to attend the David Phelps Classic Christmas performance on December 7 at 3 p.m. The "Encore" show for the public will be December 8 at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$25 for adults and seniors and \$15 for students and second-balcony seats. Nationally known as a Christian vocalist, songwriter, and tenor, Phelps performed a sold-out show at VU in 2013. The award-winner will perform beloved songs of the Christmas season.

## Friends of The Bob & Tom Show Comedy Tour

Vincennes University's Red Skelton Performing Arts Center will host the Friends of The Bob & Tom Show Comedy Tour on October 4 at 7 p.m. (EDT).

Tickets go on sale Friday at 9 a.m. and can be purchased online at [www.vinu.edu/redskelton](http://www.vinu.edu/redskelton), by calling 812-888-4039, or in person at the Skelton Center Box Office, 20 Red Skelton Blvd. Tickets cost \$27 per person and include a \$1 donation to the Red Cross. This show is recommended for those 18 years old and older. The performance is sponsored by The Bob & Tom Show and WBTO 102.3/WAOV 1450.

Hosted by Bob & Tom's own Chick McGee, scheduled performers include comedians David Dyer ([www.daviddyercomedy.com](http://www.daviddyercomedy.com)), Donnie Baker ([www.shutuprandy.com](http://www.shutuprandy.com)), and Greg Hahn ([www.greghahn.com](http://www.greghahn.com)).

The Bob & Tom Show is a lively, humorous program inspired by the day's news, sports, and topical lifestyle occurrences and hosts many of the world's best comedians every weekday morning. Nationally syndicated by The Bob & Tom Radio Network, The Bob & Tom Show is one of the longest-running and highest-rated radio programs in America and one of the most award-winning morning radio shows, having been honored with 7 Billboard Magazine "Personality of the Year" Awards, 11 awards from Radio & Records, and 5 Marconi Awards from the National Association of Broadcasters. In addition, Bob & Tom have released more than 60 comedy albums, CDs, and DVDs, and have expanded their brand with popular comedy tour live shows.

Program schedules and additional information is available at [www.bobandtom.com](http://www.bobandtom.com).

## Calendar of Events

### City special meeting

The Loogootee Board of Public Works and Safety special meeting originally scheduled for this past Monday has been changed to Wednesday, September 17 at 5 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to hold a public hearing on the city selling the land they purchased on the corner of JFK Avenue and Church Streets, by the railroad tracks. Anyone wishing to weigh in on the subject is asked to attend.

### September is Literacy Month

Celebrate Literacy Month in Martin County. Read every day. Read any time, any place. Read just for fun. Read to learn something new. Read with a friend or with your family. Literacy matters! Your skills affect your health, finances, job, home, and family. Literacy affects everyone. So does illiteracy. Improve your skills, improve your life. Call or text Martin County SOAR at 812-709-1618 to find out more.

### Museum weekend workshops

Sculpture Trails Outdoor Museum is offering weekend workshops. Aluminum casting is August 30 and 31. You can make an original cast aluminum sculpture of your own. Not interested in metal? Visit the museum's website at [www.sculpturetrails.com](http://www.sculpturetrails.com) for all upcoming workshops, including hand-building ceramics, photography, and more. Too much of a drive? The museum also has a Tour and Pour Mobile Aluminum Foundry. The Sculpture Trails Outdoor Museum is located at 6764 North Tree Farm Road in Solsberry.

### 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.

## Breaking the cycle of poverty is subject for workshop

A workshop to assist communities in breaking the cycle of generational poverty, Bridges Out of Poverty, is being offered September 18 in the Martin County Community Building in Loogootee. Presented by the Indiana Nonprofit Resource Network and Martin County SOAR, and sponsored by Vectren, the workshop is from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. EDT and includes lunch and a copy of the book "Bridges Out of Poverty Strategies for Professionals and Communities". Participants will learn basic characteristics of generational poverty by analyzing its hidden dynamics, gaining strategies for improving outcomes for people who experience poverty.

Registration is required and is free to individuals representing organizations actively providing services in Martin County. Registration is \$35 for all others. For more information contact June Miller at [jmiller@unitedwayswi.org](mailto:jmiller@unitedwayswi.org) (812) 421-7482 or Beverly McIntosh at [martincountysoar@hotmail.com](mailto:martincountysoar@hotmail.com) (812) 709-1618. To register on-line, go to <http://unitedwayswi.org/supported-programs/in-nonprofit-network>.