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Blaze destroys Loogootee businesses







Change of meeting time prompts heated discussion

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT Martin County Journal Publisher

During Monday night's Loogootee Board of Public Works and Safety meeting, board member Fred Dupps said that he was against the meetings now starting at 5:30 p.m., a change that was made last month. He said that many people do not get off work until 5 p.m. and it makes it difficult for them to make it to the meetings. Mayor Harty said that the Martin County Alliance Board and the Loogootee School Board start their meetings at 5:30 p.m. Dupps said he is still against the time change and made a motion to change the start time back to 6 p.m. with board member Ron Gilbert making the second. Mayor Harty voted against and then said he vetoed the motion passing. Dupps asked the mayor why he wanted the meetings to start at 5:30 p.m. Harty replied that he already gave the reason and it's because other meetings start at 5:30 p.m. He added that the people Dupps said can't make the meeting don't show up anyway. "No, but they have that option," he said.

He noted that if someone works in Jasper until 5 p.m., there is no way they could make it to a 5:30 meeting. "I don't understand why we even talked about changing it," he said.

Martin County Dispatch was called about a fire at Rosie's T-shirt Shop in downtown Loogootee this morning, Wednesday, November 12 at approximately 10 a.m. According to a neighboring business owner, the fire started due to a faulty glue gun but another source later said this wasn't true and it started in the wall. The fire chief will reveal the true cause of the blaze after an investigation.

As of 4 p.m. today, firefighters were still battling the fire but had it contained. Businesses destroyed were Rosie's T-shirt Shop, Laurie's Flowers and Gifts, and His & Hers Beauty Salon. The building housing The Cartridge Depot and Ippoliti Law Office had water damage and it was reported that the fire also affected M&M Electric. The full extent of the damages are unknown at this time as the rubble is still smoldering.

Fire crews not only battled the fire but also the frigid temperatures and came in from not only Loogootee but also Crane, Shoals and Daviess County to assist. No one was injured as everyone was evacuated from the buildings in time.

Watch the Martin County Journal facebook page for updates as they become available. Shown above and on the next page are photos of the fire at various times throughout the day. At one point flames were as high as 30 feet above Rosie's.

'I'm not changing my mind," Harty said about vetoing the motion.

City Attorney Isha Ryan said that the issue will be tabled now until the next meeting.

Later in the city council meeting, Dupps brought the issue up again saying he (See 'CHANGE' confinued on page two)

Storybook Christmas Parade looking for entries

The 1st Annual Festival of Lights Christmas Parade, sponsored by the City of Loogootee, will be held Sunday December 7 at 6 p.m. This will be held in conjunction with the local businesses sponsored Christmas Stroll which will begin at 5 p.m. that evening. The city is still accepting entries for the parade. If interested, please stop by city hall and pick up a form. Anyone with questions may call 295-4770.



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thought the council should be able to give input. Mayor Harty replied that he would give input first on why he vetoed changing the meeting time back. He said that no one even gave the new meeting time a chance and that if they are not open minded and willing to try new things then they will never get anywhere. "If we're not part of the solution, we're part of the problem," he said. "This is not about Councilman Dupps or Councilman Norris or Mayor Harty, it's about everybody. It's not about what's convenient for us."

Dupps said he would like to remind the mayor that the council members are parttime and they represent a small town and he thinks everyone should have an opportunity to attend the meetings. He added again that he still doesn't understand the driving force behind changing the meeting time initially.

Mayor Harty replied that he is insulted by any elected official who says they are parttime.

Council member Carroll Rayhill said he wasn't opposed to trying it but felt that all department heads needed to be present and the fire chief had stated he probably wouldn't make it to a 5:30 meeting.

Mayor Harty again stated he wasn't opposed to changing the start time back but was upset that it wasn't even given a chance.

Council member Rick Norris said that he thinks the meeting time should stay at 5:30 p.m. for another month and it can be discussed at next month's meeting when council member Richard Taylor was present. Then they can take a vote and see what everyone thinks. The rest of the council agreed.

On the farm animal ordinance that was brought up at last month's meeting, Mayor Harty said he had received input both ways regarding whether they should be allowed. City residents having chickens seemed to be the main topic from that ordinance. Council member Norris said that it's a 50-year-old ordinance that was never enforced and residents have always had chickens, cows and horses. He said if there is a nuisance situation than it can be handled on a case by case basis.

Council member Rayhill said he has heard from residents who don't want chickens running around their yard or having roosters crowing at all hours. Councilman Dupps said there is an animal control ordinance that deals with noise violations.

Mayor Harty said that if chickens are allowed there are going to have to be guidelines such as how many a person can have and that they must be contained.

Norris suggested looking at what other cities and towns are doing. Clerk-Treasurer Jones said she would bring that information of the bond issuance is approved.

The council also received qualification information from three companies interested in submitting designs for the pool project: RL Turner, of Zionsville; Aquatic Renovation Solutions, also known as RenoSys, of Indianapolis; and Gray's Plumbing Company, of Switz City. The companies will now be sent a detailed request for proposals with preliminary designs and drawings due by November 22. Prices would be opened at a public meeting on January 6. At the council's regular January meeting a recommendation would be brought on which company scored the highest.

Clerk-Treasurer Jones provided the council with two quotes for codification of city ordinances, from American Publishing, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Municode, of Florida. She explained that the ordinances will be compiled into a book for easier access but will not be digitized, as that is an extra cost. The council voted to go with American Publishing who offered to come help Jones make copies of all the ordinances.

The city received one quote for gas and diesel from Jones Oil for a one cent discount of the advertised price on the outside sign.

The council members, clerk-treasurer, and mayor were all given the anti-nepotism contracts to sign which states they are not supervising their relatives and not hiring relatives for contracts.

Loogootee Fire Chief Morgan Huebner gave the council his recommendations for three new firefighters.

The council approved the fire department purchasing a new command vehicle which Fire Chief Huebner said is the same truck the sheriff's department has. The fire department's current truck is a 1999 and gets around six miles to the gallon of gas. The new vehicle would get 21 or 22 miles per gallon. Half of the money will come from the Perry Township Trustee, the rest will come from the fire department and the city LOIT (Local Option Income Tax) fund. The cost is \$25,544.25 with the trade in.

Mayor Harty told the council he had a resident call and complain about a dead tree on Queen Street on the property of council member Ron Gilbert's property. The cost to have it removed would be \$900. The council agreed to pay have the cost with the property owner paying the other half.

Luke Harmon, was hired for the part-time police officer position. The council amended the ordinance regarding hiring outside the county since Harmon is not from Martin County. This now allows city departments, including lifeguards at the



A reader told me he enjoyed cute things that kids say. This is from a parochial school where teaching about the Bible is allowed. Pay special attention to the wording and spelling. If you know the Bible even a little, you'll find this hilarious! Kids were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments. The following statements about the Bible were written by children. They have not been retouched or corrected. Incorrect spelling has been left in.

1. In the first book of the bible, Guinessis. God got tired of creating the world so he took the Sabbath off.

2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was joan of ark. Noah built and ark and the animals came on in pears.

3. Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.

4. The jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic genitals.

5. Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.

6. Samson slayed the philistines with the axe of the apostles.

7. Moses led the jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.

8. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandments.

9. The first commandments was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

10. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.

11. Moses died before he ever reached Canada then Joshua led the Hebrews in the Battle of Geritol.

12. David was a hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.

13. Solomon, one of Davids sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

14. When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.

15. When the three wise guys from the east side arrived they found Jesus in the manager.

16. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.

17. John the blacksmith dumped water on his head.

which says to do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.

19. It was a miricle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.

20. The people who followed the lord were called the 12 decibels.

21. The epistels were the wives of the apostles.

22. One of the oppossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.

23. St. Paul cavorted to christianity, he preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marraige.

24. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

SOME FACTS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW:

1. Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, never telephoned his wife or mother because they were both deaf.

2. A psychology student in New York rented out her spare room to a carpenter in order to nag him constantly and study his reactions. After weeks of needling, he snapped and beat her repeatedly with an axe leaving her mentally challenged.

3. "I am." is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.

4. Colgate faced a big obstacle marketing toothpaste in Spanish speaking countries because Colgate translates into the command "go hang yourself".

5. Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different.

6. "Bookkeeper" is the only word in English language with three consecutive double letters.

7. Right handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left handed people do.

8. The sentence "the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter in the English language.

9. If the population of China walked past you in single line, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction

10. China has more English speakers than the United States.

In the end, only three things matter: how much you loved, how gently you lived, and how gracefully you let go of things not meant for you. -Buddha

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back next month.

The council approved one building permit for Stewart Blake for a duplex at 303 Church Street.

City Superintendent Bo Wilson spoke to the council about starting a geobag system for disposing sludge from the wastewater treatment plant. He said issues with both digesters and with the weather getting colder, they need to get rid of it now. To get up and running it would cost \$11,500 - \$8,100 for permanent-type equipment. He said they have spent \$80,000 getting rid of sludge over the past year and a half.

He said they also have the option of taking it to Terre Haute for three cents a gallon but that doesn't include transportation costs.

The council suggested Wilson come back with an updated price as the quote he had on the geobag system was from last year.

The council received information on the pool bond. The total amount will be \$355,000 with the maximum interest rate not exceeding five percent. The money the county council pledged, \$30,000 over the next five years, will go toward repaying the bond. The remaining \$200,000 will come from the city including what was collected via fundraisers. A public hearing will be held December 8 before a second reading

pool, to be hired from outside the county.

18. Jesus enunciated the golden rule,

Make someone smile today!

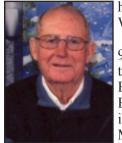


OBITUARIES

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ARNOLD BAUER

Arnold Bauer, age 81 of Washington, Indiana died Saturday, November 8, 2014 at



his home. A resident of Washington, he was 81. He was born August 9, 1933 in Alfordsville; the son of Franklin and Elizabeth (Hedrick) Bauer. He married Janice (Buchta) Bauer on May 19, 1956 and she

ARNOLD survives. BAUER He wa

BAUER He was a graduate of Alfordsville High School and attended The Signal Corps School for United States Army. While in the Army, he was a microwave wireless radio repairman in 1944-1945. He later was employed with Graber Construction and retired in 1998. Arnold enjoyed hunting, fishing and also served on the Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Department. He was a member of Petersburg Holiness Church.

He is survived by his wife, Janice (Buchta) Bauer; three daughters, Linda (Mark) Hamaker of Shoals, Ruth (David) Ward of West Terre Haute, and Lisa (Troy) Schwibbe of Washington; two brothers, Dallas Bauer of Odon and Clyde Bauer of Washington; grandchildren, Jonathan Hamaker, Elizabeth Hamaker, Abigail (Jonathan) Langstaff, Rachel Ward, Esther Ward, and Natalie Schwibbe; and greatgrandchild, Isabelle Hamaker.

He is proceeded in death by his parents, Franklin and Elizabeth (Hedrick) Bauer; and one sister, Norma Gingerich.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, November 14 at Brocksmith-Blake and Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery. Burial will follow in Oak Grove Cemetery – Reeve Township.

Visitation will be Thursday, November 13 from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home and Friday from noon until time of service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Oak Grove Cemetery – Reeve Township. Brocksmith-Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery is in charge of arrangements.

DONNA JO PATE

Donna Jo Wilson Pate died Tuesday No-

Purdue expert: Online holiday

sales likely to be 10 percent of total

vember 4, 2014 as the result of an automobile accident in Hope, Arkansas. A resident of Bloomington, she was 75.

She was born May 8, 1939 in Columbus, Indiana; the daughter of Keith T. Wilson and Lois E. Guinn Wilson.

She had been an optical technician for Dr. James A. Way. As a longtime member of 1st Church of the Nazarene she was a Sunday

school teacher for 30 years and with Ronald at her side worked with Prime Time, Headed TLC, started the prayer blanket ministry and was involved with a jail ministry as well as a host of other positions.

DONNA JO PATE Survivors include a daughter, Lisa Thornberry and her husband Michael of Louisville, Kentucky; a son, Mark Pate of Loogootee; a sister Linda Wilson of Bloomington; five grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son Michael Pate. She died with her husband Ronald G. Pate; a brother in law, Phillip K. Pate; a sister-in-law, Connie Richards; and a close family friend, Gloria Bryant.

Funeral Services were conducted today, Wednesday, November 12 at 1 p.m. in Day & Deremiah-Frye Funeral Home, 4150 E Third St with Dr. James Hicks and Reverend Al Dicer officiating. Burial will follow in Valhalla Memory Gardens.

If friends so desire memorial contributions may be made to the Building Restoration Fund of 1st Church of the Nazarene, 700 W Howe St, Bloomington, IN 47401. Online condolences may be left for the

family at www.DayDeremiahFrye.com.

LAVONNE THOMPSON

Lavonne (Crim) Thompson passed away November 1, 2014. A resident of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, for the past year, she was 88.

She was born March 4, 1926 in Shoals. In 1950 Lavonne married Fred Thompson of Williams. Fred and Lavonne moved from Indiana in the 50's as Fred started his career with Frontier Airlines. After living in

sales will come from mobile devices.

Wyoming, Missouri, Kansas and Arkansas, they were transferred to Tulsa, Oklahoma and lived in Owasso, Oklahoma for 35 years. She was a member of Stone Canyon Church of Christ. At 19 she became a member of the Home Extension Service in Indiana and continued her membership in all the states she lived. She was an active member of the Owasso Pioneers, the local chapter. In 1982 Lavonne was voted Tulsa County

Homemaker of the Year.

She is survived by her sisters, Violette Schreiber, Aloha King, and Ioma Willis; brother, Dwight Crim; daughters Jan Prentice (Ron), Rhea Buchanan (Bill), Regena Tucker

LAVONNE (Bill), Regena Tucker THOMPSON (Dennis), and Kay Wilburn (Doug); son, Mark Thompson; 11 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1992.

A funeral service was held Friday, November 7 at the Mt. Olive Church in Williams. Burial followed in the Mt. Olive Cemetery.

The funeral arrangements were handled by Queen Lee Funeral Home in Shoals and Fred Hunter's Funeral Service in Hollywood, Florida.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.queenlee.com.

RONALD PATE

Ronald Gene Pate, 77 of Bloomington died Tuesday November 4, 2014 as the result of an automobile accident in Hope, Arkansas. A resident of Bloomington, he was 77.

He was born February 1, 1937 in Bloom-

ington; the son of Willie Edward Pate and Edith Marie Elliot Pate. He was retired from the Bloomington Fire Department.

Memberships include 1st Church of the Nazarene where he was a member of the board, a Sunday school teacher and choir member and with Donna at his side worked with Prime Time, Headed TLC, started the prayer blanket ministry as well as a host of other positions and the retired Fire Fighters

Association.



Survivors include a daughter, Lisa Thornberry and her husband Michael of Louisville, Kentucky; a son Mark Pate of Loogootee; two brothers, Austin Pate of Willis, Texas and Don-

RONALD PATE ald Pate and his wife, Val, of Richmond, Virginia; a sister, Lois Byrd of Bloomington; five grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son Michael Pate; and two sisters, Francis Pate and Virginia Lee Pate who both died in childhood. He died with his wife, Donna Jo Wilson Pate; a brother Phillip Pate; a sister, Connie Richards and a close family friend, Gloria Bryant.

Funeral Services were conducted today, Wednesday, November 12 at 1 p.m. in Day & Deremiah-Frye Funeral Home, 4150 E Third St with Dr. James Hicks and Reverend Al Dicer officiating. Burial will follow in Valhalla Memory Gardens.

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Online condolences may be left for the family at www.DayDeremiahFrye.com.



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BY JUDITH BARRA AUSTIN

Purdue University News Service

Feinberg says retail sales are expected to exceed \$70 billion in November and December.

Online holiday sales are expected to be 10

percent to 15 percent higher than last year,

says Richard Feinberg, a Purdue University

Online sales likely will account for 10 percent of all retail holiday spending, up from 9 percent in 2013 and 8 percent in 2012, he says.

While online sales continue to grow, that growth is slowing, Feinberg says.

"Much of the online sales increases the last five years have been fueled by a growth in the number of online shoppers, not how much they spent," he says. "The growth in new shoppers is slowing. So online retailers are faced with having to lure shoppers from other online competitors and enticing shoppers to spend more."

Some other observations from Feinberg on online holiday sales include:

* From 20 percent to 25 percent of online

change dramatically over the next two years as smartphone screen sizes get larger and retailers learn how to improve mobile sales sites."

"Tablets are particularly significant for

mobile sales growth, accounting for some 70

percent of all mobile-based sales," he says.

"It is still difficult for most consumers to

transact on their smartphone. This should

* More retailers will offer free shipping. "Consumers expect free shipping," Feinberg says. "They recommend online stores with free shipping to their friends."

* Price continues to be a dominant factor in online sales.

"Purdue research shows that the majority of online shoppers use price to make buying decisions," Feinberg says. "It's just too easy to compare prices for similar products on the Internet."

* Consumers read and trust online reviews.

"Our research shows that more than half of all consumers – and even more of those under 35 – do online research before buying," Feinberg says. "The reviews can determine where they buy and what they buy."



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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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12:40 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle stopping in the roadway in Crane Village. Deputy Harmon responded.

7:55 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

8:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Dant transported two inmates to court.

8:20 a.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver westbound on US 50 entering Shoals. All on-duty officers were notified.

12:20 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism to a vehicle in Shoals. Chief Deputy Dant responded.

12:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

1:00 p.m. - Chief Deputy Dant transported two inmates to court.

1:00 p.m. - Sergeant Keller transported two inmates to court.

3:18 p.m. - Received a report of a broke down vehicle on US 50 near Peeks Road. Sergeant Keller responded.

4:29 p.m. - Received a report of a harassment to an individual southeast of Shoals. Sergeant Keller and Indiana Conservation Officer Corporal Doane responded.

6:07 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Captain Hennette and Sergeant Keller responded.

6:18 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock east of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller completed the detail.

7:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at the entrance of the Martin State Forest. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to IU Health, Bedford. **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

8:27 a.m. - Received a request for an am-

bulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

8:28 a.m. - Received a report of a possible trespasser at a residence in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

6:54 p.m. - Received a report of a child custody issue. Major Burkhardt was notified.

9:06 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check just east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

2:10 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on US 150 near Mill Road. Deputy Baker responded.

9:25 a.m. - Received a report of an intoxicated male refusing to leave a residence in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Captain Hennette, Sergeant Keller, and Indiana State Police Trooper Lents responded. 10:20 a.m. - Received a report of a stolen item from a residence south of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded. 3:45 p.m. - A subject came to the Martin County Sheriff's Department to speak to an officer. Sergeant Keller spoke with the subject. 4:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance just north of Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper. 5:27 p.m. - Received a request for an officer to remove a subject from her property south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded. 8:30 p.m. - Major Burkhardt transported a female from Lawrence County to the Martin County Security Center for a hold for a court hearing.

ported one inmate to court.

4:33 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver southbound on US 231 near West Boggs Park. All on-duty officers were notified.

5:58 p.m. - Received a report of a trespasser on Mill Road. Major Burkhardt and Deputy Harmon responded.

6:20 p.m. - Received a request for an officer to assist the department of child services south of Shoals. Deputy Harmon responded.

8:17 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle stuck in the roadway on Possum Hollow Road. Deputy Harmon responded.

8:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper. **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

5:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

5:57 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on US 231 near 350 N. Deputy Harmon responded.

8:30 a.m. - Major Burkhardt transported one inmate to court.

11:00 a.m. - Received a report of a canine running loose in Shoals. Major Burkhardt was notified.

11:35 a.m. - Major Burkhardt responded with the department of child services to a residence in Cale.

12:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department, and Loogootee Officer Keller responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

3:37 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

4:37 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on Spout Springs Road. All on-duty officers were notified.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

12:20 a.m. - Received a report of a trespasser just north of Loogootee. Reserve Deputy McBeth responded.

3:00 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer near on Parsons Lane. Reserve Deputy McBeth responded.

5:15 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on US 150 west of Panhandle Road. Sergeant Keller responded.

8:57 a.m. - Received a request for an officer north of Loogootee for a vehicle that ran off of the road into their driveway sometime yesterday. Sergeant Keller responded.

11:13 a.m. - Received a report of a chimney fire north of Shoals. The Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, Williams Fire, and Martin County EMS responded.

7:09 a.m. - Received a report of a com- Deputy Harmon were notified. mercial burglar alarm on Dover Hill Road. Sergeant Keller responded.

2:14 p.m. - Received a report of a lost dog on Jackman Hill Road. Sergeant Keller spoke with the owner.

2:33 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on 650 S west of US 231. Sergeant Keller, Deputy Harmon, Indiana Conservation Officer Mann, and ATM Wrecker responded.

3:02 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance south of Whitfield. Sergeant Keller, Indiana State Trooper Beaver, Indiana Conservation Officer Mann, and Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

3:19 p.m. - Received a noise complaint on Doane Lane in Shoals. Sergeant Keller and

Martin County real estate transfers

Gregory S. Turner and Mary Sue Turner to Laverne Jay Timmer and Joyce Arlene Timmer, the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 33 and ten acres off of the east side of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 33, all in Township 5 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana containing in all 50 acres, more or less.

Aaron Michael Rhoads, of Daviess County, Indiana and Bryan Joseph Rhoads, of Bucks County, Pennsylvania and Mary J. Rhoads Nickless to Jeremy D. Wildman, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 6 and the south one-half of Lot Number 7 in Belair Village in the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Norma Kay Barber, of Martin County, Indiana; Donald E. Neukam, of Daviess County, Indiana; Robert L. Neukam, of Greene County, Indiana; Bryan K. Neukam, of Daviess County, Indiana; and Mark A. Neukam, of Martin County, Indiana to Brittney E. Bateman, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 8 and the north one-half of Lot Number 7 in Belair Village in the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Jeremy D. Wildman, of Martin County, Indiana to Jeremy D. Wildman and Jamie Wildman, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 6 and the south one-half of Lot Number 7 in Belair Village in the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Gunjan Wagner, n/k/a Gunjan Gilbert, of Hancock County, Maine to Pragati Jain, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 5 in the Original Town of Crane.

Jeremy Schepers, of Dubois County, Indiana; Natashia Schepers, of Daviess County, Kentucky; and Tammy Cable, n/k/a Tammy Taylor, of Martin County, Indiana to Gustavo Fuentes-Aguilar, of Daviess County, Kentucky, a part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 5 West containing 0.2 acres, more or less. Russell E. Cook, II and Wendy S. Cook, of Campbell County, Wyoming to Larry A. Bledsoe and Judith K. Bledsoe, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 20.334 acres, more or less.

4:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

5:10 p.m. - Received a report of prowlers in the nighttime hours north of Loogootee. Deputy Harmon was notified.

6:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance just outside of Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to IU Health, Bedford.

8:10 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle sitting in the middle of Main Street near the boat landing in Shoals. Indiana Conservation Officer Mann responded.

9:30 p.m. - Received a request for an emergency detention south of Whitfield. Deputy Harmon and ICO Mann responded. Deputy Harmon transported to Good Samaritan Hospital, Vincennes.

9:39 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

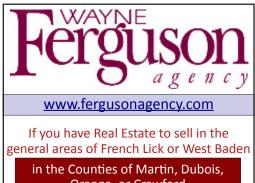
Four arrested on drug charges

A child welfare call resulted in the arrest of three Washington residents and one Loogootee resident on several drug charges last week.

Washington police responded to a call in the 2300 block of Oak Grove Road to check on three children ages 10, 8 and 6.

When they arrived officers determined the children were not home, but at a nearby residence. However police did find drugs including meth, Ciprofloxacin and Cephalexin at the home.

Police arrested 40-year-old William Pilkerton, 34-year-old Bobby Mathewson and 44-year old Anna Marie Crow, all of Washington and 43-year-old Larry Jones of Loogootee on charges of meth, possession of a legend drug and a schedule IV controlled substance, visiting a common nuisance and possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of synthetic marijuana.



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

1:56 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check southeast of Shoals. Deputy Baker responded.

5:36 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle on Indian Springs Road near Wadsworth Lane. Chief Deputy Dant responded.

10:30 a.m. - Chief Deputy Dant trans-

12:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County EMS, Shoals Fire Department, and Sergeant Keller responded. Martin County EMS transported to IU Health, Paoli.

8:13 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle shining a spotlight on Rama Dye Road. Deputy Harmon responded.

9:10 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee due to a 911 hang up call. Deputy Harmon responded. **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

12:35 a.m. - Received a report of a fight in progress at the Loogootee High School parking lot. Deputy Harmon and Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.



Jail bookings

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

1:00 p.m. - Jacqueline Foster, 64, of Bedford, was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated test refusal. Foster, is being held on \$10,000 or 10% bond. Foster was arrested by Sergeant Keller. **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

6:40 p.m. - Rick Crowder, 34, of Shoals, was arrested for criminal trespass and driving while suspended with a prior conviction. Crowder is being held without bond. Crowder was arrested by Deputy Harmon.

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Indiana Board of Pharmacy bans more synthetic drug compounds

The Indiana Board of Pharmacy recently passed emergency rules banning three different types of compounds used in synthetic drugs, such as "Spice" and "K2." The rules were posted on Indiana Register today and will be effective in 30 days.

The emergency rules enacted by the Board will be in place through the 2015 legislative session, allowing the Legislature the opportunity to enact the rules into state statute. This is the seventh time the Board has used its emergency rulemaking powers to fight synthetic drugs since being given the authority by the General Assembly in 2012.

'The Board of Pharmacy is squarely focused on protecting Hoosiers and taking quick action to make sure harmful synthetic drugs aren't available," said Nicholas W. Rhoad, Executive Director of the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency. "These drugs are typically sold under false pretenses to minors, and the consequences can be lethal. We are diligently working with the Indiana State Police and other authorities to safeguard the

health, safety and well-being of Hoosier families and children."

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, Spice products are second to only marijuana in the use of illicit drugs by young people due to its easy access, the misperception that it is 'natural' and that it is not easily detected on drug tests.

"These synthetic drugs are very dangerous, and we are committed to doing our part in combating the manufacturers who try to change the chemical design of these drugs to skirt state law and the retailers selling these products to the public," said Rhoad.

The Board works closely with the Indiana State Police to identify the compounds used in synthetic drugs so that swift action can be taken. Rogue chemists constantly change the chemical formulas of these dangerous synthetic drugs in an effort to stay ahead of lawmakers. Indiana Code allows the Board of Pharmacy to pass emergency rules so that law enforcement can take effective and timely action against this threat to Hoosiers.

VU to open University **Primary Care Clinic in January**

Vincennes University will soon take a major step forward in promoting employee wellness and containing healthcare costs for its employees and the University. VU is set to open the University Primary Care Clinic on its Vincennes Campus in early January, according to an announcement from VU President Dick Helton.

"We understand that our greatest asset is the well-being of our faculty and staff. This on-site clinic was built for them. With a convenient location and the ability to see a medical professional during working hours, we are confident that our employees will reap substantial health and financial benefits. Ultimately, our goal is to give our employees the resources to become better healthcare consumers. VU is prepared to make a substantial investment to provide services and information to our employees that will allow them to choose the highest quality care at the best value, not only locally but statewide and even nationally. Quality information will be the key for employees to make the best decisions for themselves and the University." Helton said.

The clinic will provide a variety of services including primary care for acute and chronic illnesses and minor injuries, preventive care, laboratory services, and wellness education. Located on the first floor of the Young Building, the newly renovated clinic includes five private exam rooms in a state-of-the-art facility where patients will have the convenience of same-day appointments. To accommodate the busy schedules of working families, early morning and evening hours will be offered throughout the week. "We are proud to provide this high-quality medical clinic free of charge to our employees, retirees, their spouses, and dependents who participate in a VU health insurance plan. This is just another way we are investing in the health of the VU faculty and staff. In addition to helping decrease healthcare costs, our hope is that the University Primary Care Clinic, when integrated with our upcoming worksite wellness program, will promote a culture of health that will improve the overall well-being of our employees," Helton

said

In addition to these services. VU will also be collaborating with Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes to provide radiology, imaging, and other specialized care. Good Samaritan will also be providing its expertise and critical software in order to maintain patient medical records.

The University Primary Care Clinic will be staffed by Denah Perry, a nationally certified Nurse Practitioner, in collaboration with Alan Stewart, M.D. Perry brings extensive healthcare and clinical experience to Vincennes University. With over 20 years of nursing experience and 10 years as a nurse practitioner, Perry has broad experience in all facets of healthcare including family practice, pediatrics, and urgent care. Prior to joining VU, she served as a nurse practitioner for Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper where she managed a worksite wellness clinic for several large employers.

"As a nursing graduate of Vincennes University and a former assistant professor of nursing at the Vincennes University Jasper Campus, we are proud to welcome Denah back to the VU family," Helton said.

Dr. Stewart is board-certified in Internal Medicine and earned his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania. In addition to operating a well-respected private practice for many years, Stewart has served as the medical director of the Good Samaritan Hospital Rehabilitation Unit. Among his awards, Stewart was named Medical Provider of the Year in 2006 by Generations for his service in its six-county region. "I commend Vice President Rath and his team for the diligent work they have put into opening this great facility for our employees. With nearly 2,000 individuals covered by VU's health insurance and claims exceeding \$11 million, we continue to look for innovative ways to cut costs while providing the best possible care for our employees and their families. We are excited to welcome Denah and Dr. Stewart to Vincennes University and look forward to the many benefits this clinic will have for years to come," Helton said.

Loogootee Police Department log

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:00 a.m. - Caller reported some vandalism to vehicles parked in the high school parking lot.

9:10 a.m. - Received a report of a dog complaint.

4:30 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

5:00 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on St. Mary's Road.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

6:25 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

10:30 a.m. - Male caller reported a theft. 12:10 p.m. - Caller reported intimidation. Chief Rayhill completed a case report.

5:03 p.m. - Received a report of property damage.

5:27 p.m. - Male caller reported a theft.

9:16 p.m. - Caller reported children riding in a golf cart without seat belts.

10:31 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Reason Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:25 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Butcher Boulevard.

5:08 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

5:10 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

1:20 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Lincoln Avenue.

10:15 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Park Street. Officer later located the vehicle.

12:55 p.m. - First responders were requested on East Broadway Street for a medical call.

2:00 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

4:26 p.m. - Caller reported some males starting a fight on Vincennes Street.

5:40 p.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.

7:21 p.m. - Caller reported a trespasser in Country Court.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:00 a.m. - Caller reported a property dispute at Country Place Apartments.

10:22 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231. Vehicle was later located.

5:20 p.m. - Caller requested assistance in

removing someone from her property. Officer Keller assisted.

11:33 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8:50 a.m. - Captain Akles responded to a business alarm.

11:25 a.m. - Received a report of an illegal fire on SW 1st Street.

9:44 p.m. - Caller reported loud music on Poplar Street.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

12:35 a.m. - Received a report of a fight in the high school parking lot. Officer were unable to locate anything.

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

12:07 p.m. - Caller requested an officer assist in removing a female from her property.

1:51 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 550.

Loogootee Police Department would like to warn citizens of a scam regarding a caller stating that a relative or friend has been arrested and bail money is requested for his or her release. If contacted, attempt to verify the information given to you.





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Deer numbers down, but productive season expected

Indiana deer hunters should expect another productive season in 2014, although they may see fewer deer than in previous years when the firearms season begins November 15.

"There are several factors contributing to reduced deer numbers in certain areas of the state," DNR deer management biologist Chad Stewart said. "Some are by design and some are by external forces."

The DNR is in the third year of a management effort to reduce deer numbers in targeted areas. Another reason for fewer deer was a serious 2012 outbreak of hemorrhagic disease – an often lethal virus transmitted by small flies known as biting midges.

"These numbers are more in line with what should be seen on the landscape," Stewart said. "We recognize these declines and have been responsive in our management by reducing our antlerless quotas in many areas and dropping some counties from the special late antlerless season. In many cases, these are the levels at which we are trying to manage our herd."

In addition to basic bag limits, hunters can purchase bonus licenses to take additional antlerless deer based on a county's assigned quota. Bonus licenses can be used in any season, except the Urban Deer Zone Season, using the equipment that is legal for that sea-

son.

The bonus antlerless quota was reduced this year for 19 counties. As a result of those reductions, six fewer counties are eligible for the special late antlerless season (December 26 through January 4, 2015) than a year ago.

With no hemorrhagic disease reported in 2014 and few reports of deer being affected by last year's hard winter, Stewart anticipates a deer harvest similar to that of 2013 (126,635 deer) but short of the record set in 2012 of 136,248 deer.

The firearms season runs November 15-30. Hunters with a firearms license may take one antlered deer. Bonus licenses are required to take additional deer with firearms.

"Hunters in the north are likely to see deer numbers at lower levels than they are accustomed to seeing," he said. "Historically, deer herds tend to rebound quickly from outbreaks of hemorrhagic disease, but that hasn't been the case in northern Indiana."

Stewart sees a different picture in southern Indiana.

"Hunters there should continue to see good numbers of deer," he said. "The balance of deer cover and the absence of lingering effects from any disease outbreak have produced ample opportunities for hunters to be successful."

DNR receives grant to help communities recover from ash borer

Indiana communities in the Great Lakes watershed can apply to receive portions of \$100,000 in federal grant money to use for tree-planting projects to improve water quality.

Planting trees will help mitigate the communities' loss of trees affected by the emerald ash borer insect (EAB), according to Carrie Tauscher, director of the DNR Division of Forestry's Community and Urban Forestry program, which received and will distribute the grant.

The grant is part of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI), a cooperative effort between federal, tribal, state and local partners aimed at improving water quality. The project is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and administered by the Forest Service. It supports local efforts to improve the collection, storage, infiltration, and evaporation of rainfall and storm water.

Planting trees reduces flooding and storm water overflows that cause raw sewage to enter waterways.

"Even in its first year after planting, a young 3-inch tree can intercept around 400 gallons of storm water," Tauscher said. "Imagine planting 800 trees. That is 320,000 gallons of storm water intercepted by the trees."

Tauscher said she hoped to begin accepting applications in late winter or spring.

The EAB grant was one of two GLRI grants awarded to DNR. Another, announced last week, will provide \$35,000 to replant trees in the Indiana Dunes State Park campground. Planting will likely take place in spring 2015.

People interested in receiving information on DNR urban forestry grants, including the GLRI funds can subscribe to the grants information listserve. To subscribe, go to dnr.IN.gov/forestry and click on the red envelope icon on the left side of the webpage. Entering your email will take you to a second webpage where you can subscribe for "Urban Forestry: Grants Information."



-Photo by Bill Whorrall

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Shown above is a yellow shafted flicker which is a large woodpecker. The oldest known "yellow-shafted" Northern Flicker lived to be at least 9 years 2 months old, and the oldest "red-shafted" Northern Flicker lived to be at least 8 years 9 months old.

Study: Farmers and scientists divided over climate change

BY NATALIE VAN HOOSE Purdue University News Service

Crop producers and scientists hold deeply different views on climate change and its possible causes, a study by Purdue and Iowa State universities shows.

Associate professor of natural resource social science Linda Prokopy and fellow researchers surveyed 6,795 people in the agricultural sector in 2011-2012 to determine their beliefs about climate change and whether variation in the climate is triggered by human activities, natural causes or an equal combination of both.

More than 90 percent of the scientists and climatologists surveyed said they believed climate change was occurring, with more than 50 percent attributing climate change primarily to human activities.

In contrast, 66 percent of corn producers surveyed said they believed climate change was occurring, with 8 percent pinpointing human activities as the main cause. A quarter of producers said they believed climate change was caused mostly by natural shifts in the environment, and 31 percent said there was not enough evidence to determine whether climate change was happening or

The survey results highlight the division between scientists and farmers over climate change and the challenges in communicating climate data and trends in non-polarizing ways, Prokopy said.

house gas emissions globally. Focusing on the causes of climate change,

however, is likely to polarize the agricultural community and lead to inaction, said study co-author Lois Wright Morton, professor of sociology at Iowa State University. To foster productive dialogue, she said, scientists and climatologists need to "start from the farmer's perspective."

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"Farmers are problem solvers," she said. "A majority of farmers view excess water on their land and variable weather as problems and are willing to adapt their practices to protect their farm operation. Initiating conversations about adaptive management is more effective than talking about the causes of climate change."

The gap in views on climate change is caused in part by how individuals combine scientific facts with their own personal values, Morton said.

"Differences in beliefs are related to a variety of factors, such as personal experiences, cultural and social influences, and perceptions of risk and vulnerability," she said.

Prokopy advises scientists to "recognize that their worldviews may be different than those of farmers. Moderating communication of climate information based on that realization is key."

Climate science could also be better communicated by using intermediaries such as Extension educators and agricultural advis ers to translate data in ways that are most relevant to growers, she said. "Farmers are by necessity very focused on short-term weather, in-season decisions and managing immediate risks," she said. "They're thinking about when they can get in their field to do what they need to do, rather than looking 20 to 30 years down the road." A table of the complete survey results is available https://news.uns.purdue.edu/images/2014/p rokopy-climatetable.pdf The study was published in the Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society available is and at http://journals.ametsoc.org/doi/pdf/10.1175 /BAMS-D-13-00172.1. The surveys were conducted as part of two large-scale projects, Useful to Usable and the Corn-based Cropping Systems Coordinated Agricultural Project, which aim to help farmers in the Midwest adapt to climate change. The projects were funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture. Purdue University, Iowa State University and the Iowa Natural Resource Conservation Service also provided funding for the research.

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"Talk" to DNR Expert about firearms deer season on Facebook today

Facebook followers of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources can "talk" online with deer biologist Chad Stewart about Indiana's firearms deer season from 2-3 p.m. (EDT) today, Wednesday, November 12 on the DNR's Facebook wall.

Stewart will discuss bag limits, license and equipment requirements, urban deer zones, venison donation opportunities, and all 2014-15 firearms deer season regulations. Participants are invited to join the conversation and bring any questions they would like answered.

Future topics, instructions on how to join a conversation on Facebook, and commentguidelines are posted at ing dnr.IN.gov/7315.htm.

To join a chat, go to the DNR's Facebook wall, facebook.com/INdnr, and click "like" (if you are not already a "friend").

You may begin typing questions during the time slot. The DNR experts will answer questions as time allows.

"Whenever climate change gets introduced, the conversation tends to turn political," she said. "Scientists and climatologists are saying climate change is happening, and agricultural commodity groups and farmers are saying they don't believe that. Our research suggests that this disparity in beliefs may cause agricultural stakeholders to respond to climate information very differently."

Climate change presents both potential gains and threats to U.S. agriculture. Warmer temperatures could extend the growing season in northern latitudes, and an increase in atmospheric carbon dioxide could improve the water use efficiency of some crops. But increases in weather variability and extreme weather events could lower crop yields.

Growers can manage the potential risks linked to extreme rain events and soil degradation by using adaptive strategies such as planting cover crops, using no-till techniques, increasing the biodiversity of grasses and forage and extending crop rotations, Prokopy said. These strategies contribute to soil health and water quality and also help capture carbon dioxide, reducing the amount of greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere by agricultural systems. Currently, agriculture accounts for 10-12

Purdue economists advise grain producers to keep an eye on the bottom line

By Darrin Pack

Grain producers should consider cutting costs to prepare for what could be several years of lower crop prices, Purdue University agricultural economists say.

"The message right now is to maintain your liquidity and protect your working capital," said Michael Boehlje, a specialist in agricultural finance. "That means holding onto your savings and keeping a very close eye on your bottom line."

A good first step, he said, would be to restructure any outstanding debt.

"If you have short-term loans, leases or purchase agreements, talk to your lender and see if you can extend the term to reduce your monthly payments," he said. "Many lenders have become risk-averse in this environment and might not be willing to refinance, but it would be a good idea to look into the possibility as soon as possible."

Chris Hurt, a marketing specialist, said there were plenty of other ways for farmers to tighten their belts, including streamlining their operations to become more efficient and avoiding any unnecessary purchases.

"Many farmers bought new trucks, tractors or combines over the past few years, so the good news is that they don't have to worry about replacements," he said.

He suggested that producers think about deferring any large investments in land or buildings until the market stabilizes.

Nearly ideal weather conditions this summer should result in record corn and soybean yields. Expectations of large global grain supplies have driven prices down to their lowest levels since 2010, when corn was selling at about \$3 per bushel.

"Current futures prices are suggesting that over the next few years, we may see corn prices average near \$4 a bushel and soybeans around \$10 per bushel," Hurt said. "Total costs of production today are closer to \$5 for corn and \$12 for soybeans. So, sig-

nificant downward adjustments will need to be made in costs, or market prices will have to recover" he said.

Current harvest prices for corn in Indiana are in the low-to-mid \$3 range and soybeans prices are around \$10.

With lower prices, crop farm incomes are under downward pressure. Hurt estimates that net incomes for the crop sector in Indiana will drop by 30 percent in 2014 compared to last year, and another 35 percent decline is likely for 2015.

The agriculture sector could face downward pressure for the next few years, but a collapse is unlikely, Hurt said. Several key economic factors - including slowly growing demand for grain and low interest rates - indicate the sector could be headed for a soft landing rather than a crash.

"Historically, the market has gone through boom and bust cycles," he said. "This looks more like a boom-moderation cycle. Most farm families will be able to adjust, but they will have to make changes."

Hurt said downturns in the agriculture sector can last three to five years or longer.

Then again, he said, there are forces that could ease some of the downward pressure, including greater grain demand from China, higher biofuel mandates from the U.S. government and bad global weather in maize grain (corn)-producing regions.

"World grain supplies are adequate, but they are not at surplus levels. This means prices can recover with smaller production, or over time as usage builds" Hurt said.



Purdue economist: Thanksgiving turkey prices up this year

BY KEITH ROBINSON Purdue University News Service

Thanksgiving holiday food shoppers will find adequate supplies of turkeys but at higher prices, depending on the type and whether grocers pass the increases on to customers or eat the loss themselves, a Purdue University agricultural economist says.

Wholesale prices of turkeys are expected to be 8-10 percent higher than last year, said Corrinne Alexander, who tracks trends in food prices. The U.S. Department of Agriculture predicts wholesale prices for Eastern market whole turkey will be between \$1.12 and \$1.16 per pound in the fourth quarter of this year, compared with \$1.05 per pound this time last year.

The higher prices for turkeys primarily are being driven by higher feed costs following the drought of 2012, Alexander said.

She said how the higher wholesale prices translate into retail prices depends on individual retailers' pricing decisions.

"The actual price you pay will vary depending on whether you purchase whole or turkey parts; frozen or fresh birds; fresh, precooked or complete turkey meals; brand names; and the value of store coupons and price specials," she said.

More stores are offering free-range and organic turkeys at premium prices, she said. Also, fresh birds will be priced higher than frozen, with the price of fresh turkeys more sensitive to increases in wholesale prices.

Many stores, Alexander said, will feature turkeys at below cost or offer special prices for frequent shoppers or large birds. "Turkey is often priced as a loss leader."

Alexander said retail turkey prices typically fall from August to December as a result of increased supplies and feature pricing.

To complete the traditional Thanksgiving meal, Alexander said:

* Cranberry producers are expecting a very good crop, with prices expected to remain at the same levels as last year.

* There will be adequate supplies of sweet potatoes this year. But with strong demand, prices are expected to be about the same or slightly higher than last year.

* Prices of white potatoes are expected to be about the same this year.

And what about the cost of preparing Thanksgiving dinner? Alexander said energy prices are higher than last year, so it will cost more to prepare and cook the dinner. She said natural-gas prices are about 6 percent higher than last fall, while electricity prices are up about 3 percent.

But people driving to someone else's house for dinner or taking a trip by car that holiday weekend will pay less for gasoline because prices are so low at this time. Alexander said they are down about 4 percent compared with last year.

Although Alexander noted that Americans eat well, spending about 10 percent of their average income for food - much lower than in many other countries budgets for many people are tight because of unemployment, minimal wage increases and inflation's continued erosion of fixed incomes.

"For these families, any food price rise is significant," Alexander said. "We should remember those who are less fortunate and share our food bounty."



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Birthday cards

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Loogootee Middle School Students in Mrs. Nikki Wagoner's 6th grade class are making monthly birthday cards for residents at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehab through Angel Worx. Mrs. Pam Summers is assisting with this monthly project. These students are great examples of paying it forward.



Thanking veterans

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Loogootee Sixth Grade Social Studies Students from Mr. Sanders's and Mrs. Wagoner's classes made over 150 Veterans Day cards to distribute to veterans in area nursing homes. Mr. Sanders will deliver the cards personally. He stated, "This is something my social studies classes have been doing every year. The kids really enjoy thanking the veterans for their service, and it means a lot to the veterans to get the cards."



Shoals Students compete in Lego Competition

peted at the Lego Competition Saturday at Evansville.

The students programmed their robots, made their Lego designs for the robot competition, picked a project to advance in learning, researched it and presented it to judges as well had a skit or something to tell about their project, worked on core values and presented that information and completed a task that the judges asked them, and last but not least was the robot games. A lot of work after school was put into to this competition.

The RoxStars won the Core Value Award and will advance to the state competition at

Shoals had 3 of the 16 teams that com- Fort Wayne in December. The RoboRox won the Rising Star Award and the Rox-Bots came in 2nd in the Robot games and was the highest scoring team from Shoals in the Robot Games.

Rox Stars was Robert Sullivan, Gracie, Maggie, and Cassidy Shaw, Tristan Peterson, Noah Stoll, Olivia Alcorn, Andrew Newland, and Zane Lake.

RoboRox was Evan Wagoner, Melanie Hawkins, Alan and Lydia Cook, Leila Sango, Jarod Wright, Elijah McCarty and Alexis Rush.

RoxBots was Lance Asbell, Eli Stoll, Mallory Waggoner, Bryce Tolbert, Sari Armstrong, Bryce Baker and Nick Tuttle.



LJHS Volleyball awards

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Loogootee Junior High Volleyball awards were held Tuesday, November 4. 8th grade winners above were Olivia Wininger (Most Improved), Sydney Davis (Offensive MVP), Calli Wininger (Defensive MVP), and Kashten Burch (serving 128 points). 7th grade award winners below were Brittany Potts (Most Improved), Emily Potts (Serving), and Chelsie Sutton (Passing).



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Shown above are the teachers from Loogootee with the teachers from Vallentuna Gymnasium. In the front row, from left to right, are Rhi Graves, Angelica Granqvist, Nicole Wade, Mia Cedervall, and Ronetta Bough. In the back row, from left to right, are Dave Smith, Helena Henrikson, Rickard Engkvist, Rick Graves, Joakim Lund, and Cecilia Berg

Loogootee teachers travel to Sweden

Teachers from Loogootee Community School recently traveled to Sweden as a part of the Global Teacher Exchange Program. Loogootee teachers Ronetta Bough, Rhi Graves, Rick Graves, David Smith and Nicole Wade went in hopes of building collaborative relationships with teachers in Sweden. "There are so many things we can learn from teachers around the world. By broadening our global perspective, we can gain insight into new ways to educate children, assess their learning and share new perspectives with our students," said Nicole Wade.

While in Sweden, Loogootee teachers worked with teachers from Vallentuna Gymnasium, located in Stockholm, Sweden. In addition, they formed professional relationships with teachers from a charter school, Vallentuna Friskola and two other schools, Karlbergsskolan and Lovisedalsskolan.

When asked what they could take back to Loogootee School, David Smith commented, "I'd like to see our students write letters to begin communicating with our new friends in Sweden."

There are many opportunities for teachers at Loogootee to work with teachers from Stockholm. The GTEP participants are committed to exploring these opportunities to benefit the students in Loogootee Schools.

Thank you to everyone who voted for me for Martin County Council District One. I appreciate everyone's support and look forward to continuing to serve as your councilman.

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Food pantry donations

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The Loogootee Middle School Student Council grades 5 and 6 have been collecting food pantry items during the month of November in each of their homerooms. Pictured are food pantry committee members Rachel Lents, Luke Nonte, Nick Keller, Jalynn Stoll, Andrew Powell, Hannah Harshaw, Lauren Holt, and Austin Brittain along with their sponsor, Mrs. Nikki Wagoner. They would like to thank all 5th and 6th graders for their donations.



Drug safety

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Andy Burkhart, Major with the Martin County Sheriff's Department, is shown above educating Loogootee Middle School 5th grade students about drug safety. During a series of visits, Officer Burkhart helped students learn how to make smart choices for life. Students learned about the harmful effects of tobacco, alcohol and drugs. The information is shared in 5th grade so students can get a jump start in making positive choices that will last a lifetime.



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Notes from the WIC Nutritionist

BY ELIZABETH WHITE Martin County WIC Nutrtionist

With the holidays upon us one of the main things on everyone's minds is great FOOD!!!! However many people can actually put on weight during the holidays. Here are some tips for holiday eating to help maintain your weight and healthy eating habits during this wonderful eating frenzy. I am sure you have seen these before but it is always good to get a reminder.

-Everything in moderation so watch your portion sizes.

-Half your plate should be fruits and vegetables (without sauces).

-Make sure the food you take to a meal is a healthy choice.

-After the meal while you are visiting with your family and friends, don't hang around the food, or better yet put the food away out of sight and get it back out for the next meal time.

-Don't forget to continue your exercise routine; this will also help you maintain your weight through the holidays.

The WIC program provides supplemental nutritional foods, referrals, breastfeeding support, and nutrition education for pregnant women, nursing women, infants, and children 1-5 years. The Martin Co WIC clinic is open Monday and Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please call 247-3303 to make an appointment.

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Kearston Anderson selected Miss Vincennes University 2015

Kearston Anderson was selected Miss Vincennes University 2015 Friday night at VU's Red Skelton Performing Arts Center.

Kearston is a Theatre major with a Spanish minor at VU. She graduated from South Knox High School in Vincennes where she was an academic honors diploma recipient and served on the student council. Kearston performed a jump rope routine to "Blame It On the Pop." Kearston is the daughter of Scott Anderson and Lori Edwards of Vincennes.

First runner-up was Camille Watson who graduated from Lincoln High School in Vincennes. There she was involved with the Art Honor Society and soccer, and was a recipient of an Academic Honors Diploma. She is an Electrical Engineering major at VU, a Blue and Gold Scholarship recipient, a Twentyfirst Century Scholar, and is on the Dean's List. She sang "Corner of the Sky" from the musical Pippin for her talent presentation. Camille is the daughter of Robert and Marilyn Watson of Vincennes.

Second runner-up was Kateland Bailey who is a Radiography major at VU. Kateland also received the Community Service award. She graduated from Northeast Dubois High School in Dubois, Indiana, where she participated in cheerleading, track and field, and was a qualifier for the pole vault. For her talent presentation she performed a dance to "Bellas Finals." Kateland is the daughter of Ezra and Teresa Nichols of Huntingburg, Indiana.

Third runner-up was Kiersten Cole who graduated from Shenandoah High School in Middletown, Indiana, where she earned a cosmetology license. She intends to complete a Fashion Merchandising degree at VU and hopes to own and operate a bridal boutique, salon, and spa. For her talent presentation she performed a dance to "Wings." Kiersten is the daughter of Dale and Gina Cole of Newcastle, Indiana. Fourth runner-up was Ashley Boruff who graduated from Tipton High School in Tipton, Indiana, where she participated in show choir. Her outside interests include the Church Bus Ministry, Children's Church, mission trips, camp volunteer, and helping with Vacation Bible School. Ashley is a Music Theater major at VU with a minor in Costume Construction. She sang "I Dreamed a Dream" from Les Miserables for her talent presentation. Ashley's parents are David Boruff and Melissa Young. This was the 49th Miss Vincennes University Scholarship Pageant. It is Indiana's longest consecutively running pageant and the only televised pageant in the state. WVUT-TV broadcast the pageant live. The pageant is a preliminary step toward the Miss Indiana title whose winner is then eligible to participate in the national Miss America Scholarship Pageant. Proceeds from the local pageant benefits the Children's Miracle Network, the official national platform of the Miss America Organization.



semi-finalists in competition as well as Miss VU 2014 Hanna Swan, Vincennes, and Master of Ceremonies Will Akins, Merrillville.

Other contestants in the 2015 Miss VU Pageant included Allison Stoup, Crawfordsville; Alexandra Paige Miyahara, Floyds Knob: Hannah Elkins, Medora: Desirae Knowles, Indianapolis; Erica Wilson, Greensburg; Camille Watson, Vincennes; and Carmen Saunders, Indianapolis.

Each contestant participated in five areas of competition: private interview conducted prior to the pageant, on-stage question, lifestyle and fitness in swimsuit, evening wear, and talent. In addition, each presented information about her platform - a socially significant issue or cause on which she works to raise public awareness. In addition to the contestants, the audience also enjoyed the performance of 22 Miss VU Princesses. They include Kinley Andrews, age 3, Emily Bible, age 5, Maggie Boger, age 5, Addison Chattin, age 6, Juleanne Clark, age 4, Matilyn Donaldson, age 4, Kaylyn Dreiman, age 8, Maycie Dreiman, age 6, Madison Elliott, age 9, Elexus Frey, age 8, Kenadee Frey, age 9, Kayla Gladish, age 10, Jaelyn Grumieaux, age 9, Hadley Heath, age 5, Adelynn Lange, age 6, Isabella Lange, age 9, Olivia Lange, age 4, Jaylynn McDaniel, age 5, Naomi Miller, age 5, Brynley Millspaugh, age 5, Jayda Millspaugh, age 9, Emma Parsons, age 4, Ali Patricio, age 6, Ariana Patricio, age 10, Kyndall Quarterman,

Calendar of Events

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, November 13 at 5 p.m. in the central administration office. Some items on the agenda include awarding the school bus contracts, personnel actions, and policy reviews. The meeting is open to the public.

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Tuesday, November 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

Polar Express

Thursday night's dress rehearsal of the popular Polar Express. The tickets are for the 7:30 p.m. performance. The cost is \$29 per person, all of which goes to the Optimist Club's Clothe-a-Child project. To purchase tickets, call Ralph Purkhiser at 936-9323 or 936-0519.

Marriage licenses notice

The Martin County Clerk's Office will not be issuing or recording marriage licenses between November 13, 2014 and November 19, 2014. If you will be getting married before November 19, 2014, you must call 247-3651 to make appointment before November 13.

Boy Scouts

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

Cub Scout meetings

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

contact Bryan Adams at 812-854-7837.

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

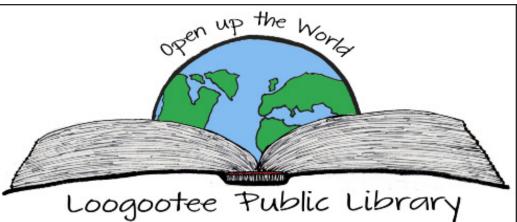
The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend. To find out how to become a member, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com.

Tourism meetings

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

Soil and Water meetings

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



BY DARLA WAGLER Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

In tough times, people frequently turn to their public library for resources. At Loogootee Public Library, a spike in the number of patrons utilizing computers is a result of the economy; needs range from job searches to filing unemployment claims. People must make sacrifices, and many are cutting home Internet service. At LPL, we have seen an increase in the demand for computers among adults and teens, many who lack the skills to utilize the computers effectively. We have had to turn many patrons away due to both staffing and time constraints plus a lack of available computers. The LPL is committed to providing upto-date technology to diverse populations or persons who have difficulty accessing services. In addition, a demand for eBooks and databases by local patrons has brought about many of our new services and programs. From 2006 to 2014, the programming for children and adults has increased both in programs offered as well as individuals attending the programs. In 2006, there were nine programs with 55 people attending, 2007, 10 programs with 25 in attendance, in 2008, eight programs with 65 attending. In 2013, there were 136 programs with 1,589 in attendance. These numbers reflect the community support of the library and what we have to offer. It will be interesting to see the 2014 total programs and attendance with the hiring of the Children's Librarian. New Books:

Fire" by James Patterson, "Flesh & Blood" by Patricia Cornwell, and "Blue Labyrinth" by Preston & Child.

Fiction "Revival" by Stephen King.

Inspirational Fiction: "Dream of Home" by Amy Clipston, "Patmos Deception" by Davis Bunn, and "A.D. 30" by Ted Dekker.

New DVDs: "Maleficent", "A Belle for

The 2015 Miss VU Pageant featured 11



Mystery Fiction: "Private India: City on

Christmas", and "Captain America".

The library hours are Monday and Tuesday 10-7, Wednesday closed, Thursday and Friday 10-5 and Saturday 9-1. The phone number is 812-295-3713. Check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook.

Humane Society featured pets



Lisa is a very young basset/pit mix puppy. She is playful and sweet. If interested in adopting, stop by the shelter at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Shelter hours are Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appt. any day except Sunday.

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Indiana projected to grow more than 336K jobs by 2022

According to data compiled by the Indi- meet this demand." ana Department of Workforce Development, (DWD), the Hoosier State will grow approximately 336,640 new jobs by 2022. This number signifies an employment growth rate of 11.86 percent during that period.

Based on these projections, the bulk of the growth will come from the Manufacturing, Retail Trade, and Healthcare Sectors, which will account for nearly one-third of the projected growth. The Hoosier State will also need to replace 665,953 workers who are retiring and to account for normal job market turnover. This constitutes a total need of roughly 1,002,593 employees over the next decade.

"Since day one, our administration has worked to increase collaboration between employers and educators in order to ensure Hoosiers have the skills they need to succeed in the workforce of today and of the future," said Governor Mike Pence. "These projections compiled by the Department of Workforce Development underscore the critical nature of this effort as employers in our state prepare to hire more than one million employees in the next ten years. I am confident that because of our focus on workforce preparedness and skills training Indiana will have all of the tools needed to

How Does Indiana's Projected Rate of Growth by 2022 Compare With Similar States?

North Dakota 12.76% Indiana 11.86% Kentucky 11.59% Iowa 11.22% Nebraska 9.54% Missouri 8.6% Illinois 8.3% Ohio 8.27% Wisconsin 7.14% South Dakota 7.04% Minnesota 7.03% U.S. Average 11.3%

The information compiled and utilized by the DWD Research and Analysis group to make these projections was derived from the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Employment Estimates (OES) and Quarterly Census of Employment and Wage (QCEW) data. For more Hoosier employment and economic information, visit DWD's Hoosiers by the Numbers website,

www.hoosierdata.in.gov/.

USDOL sources for these projections are located at www.projectionscentral.com/Projections/AboutLT and www.projectionscentral.com/Projections/AboutST.

Kimball International consolidating Idaho-based operations to Southern Indiana

Kimball International, Inc. (NASDAQ: KBAL), a global furnishings manufacturer, announced plans last week to consolidate its metal fabrication operations from Post Falls, Idaho to southern Indiana, creating up to 160 by new jobs 2016. "Kimball and Indiana have something in common-we both know about building," said Governor Mike Pence. "While Kimball builds furniture in Indiana, it's also helping to build a Hoosier economy that's quickly becoming one of the fastest growing in the nation. With 50 states and a world of options, companies like Kimball choose to grow in Indiana, a state where their dollar goes further, bolstered by lower taxes, lower business costs and an even stronger workforce."

The Jasper, Indiana-headquartered company, which produces custom furnishings for the global furniture industry, will invest \$9.54 million to transfer metal fabrication capabilities and assembly operations into three company-owned facilities located in southern Indiana. The company plans to begin the consolidation immediately, which is estimated to be completed within two years. "Today's announcement to better optimize our supply chain and manufacturing footprint, and to reduce our cost structure post-spin, reflects our focus on our markets and positions Kimball for long-term

growth," said Bob Schneider, chief executive officer and chairman of the board of Kimball International. "Savings from this plan will, in part, be redeployed into enhancing our marketing and new product development."

Founded in 1950 in Jasper, Kimball International manufactures design-driven, technology-savvy, high-quality furnishings sold under the company brands National Office Furniture, Kimball Office and Kimball Hospitality. With customers located across the globe, the company has been named a Fortune Most Admired company and one of Forbes' Best in America companies. Kimball has approximately 2,000 full-time employees at 17 locations in Indiana.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered Kimball International, Inc. up to \$1,000,000 in conditional tax credits and up to \$300,000 in training grants based on the company's job creation plans. These tax credits are performance-based, meaning until Hoosiers are hired, the company is not eligible to claim incentives. In 2012, the company's sister brand unit, Kimball Hospitality, announced plans to expand its case goods furniture product line operations in Jasper, investing \$932,000 and creating 20 jobs. The company has since exceeded its hiring expectations, hiring more than 50 employees to date.



NSWC Crane Bolstering Cyber Security for Marine Corps Intelligence

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane ment." Division (NSWC Crane) is using its expertise in cyber security to support Program Manager Marine Intelligence (PMMI) at Marine Corps Systems Command located in Quantico, Va.

NSWC Crane is supporting PMMI's proof of concept tests to improve their security posture by collaborating to engineer the strategic path forward, which could potentially enhance security across the Marine Corps, Department of Defense (DoD), and eventually other Government and non-Government entities.

As the threats of cyber warfare increase, the effort to protect assets across government, industry and academia are becoming increasingly complex. NSWC Crane is connected to the DoD Cyber Security Range using a closed-loop internet protocol (IP) based network. This connection enables NSWC Crane to perform multiple tests between PMMI's tactical intelligence systems, such as penetration tests, source code analysis and PKI-enabled testing, among others, creating an emulated realworld environment for scenarios to take place. These scenarios are proving successful by allowing subject matter experts to identify issues and create solutions before systems are fielded to Marines.

"In an increasingly distributed information technology environment, information security is a critical foundational element of our system design and testing," states Jennifer Edgin, senior technical advisor to the Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps Director of Intelligence. "To meet current and future threats we must think differently about how we manage our system baselines. The virtual approach being taken at NSWC Crane marries best commercial practices with traditional standards to continually assess the security posture in a resource efficient manner which is transformative for our baseline manage-

NSWC Crane is performing continuous, uninterrupted scans for PMMI over a secure virtual private network through the use of the cyber security range. These scans prevent any time-lapse between known, identified threats and the automated deployment of required patches, which magnifies the security and safety of systems and in turn, saves time, money and potentially lives.

This testing allows NSWC Crane and PMMI to develop processes and procedures to support emerging requirements to include a policy shift from the current DoD Information Assurance Certification and Accreditation Process system accreditation process to the Risk Management Framework process that includes continuous monitoring and more restrictive baseline management requirements. It is also allows subject matter experts to execute the program and train personnel in the use of new software tools to meet these requirements. In summary, it will allow a more efficient execution of life-cycle maintenance of tactical information systems

This virtual capability saves travel time and dollars while maintaining system effectiveness. Without the secure network, couriers and engineers were required to travel back and forth to install patches and perform tests which incurred thousands of dollars in cost. This network and proof of concept is saves money and enables transactions to take place in minutes rather than weeks.

NSWC Crane is a naval laboratory and

a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command 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.

Indiana Supreme Court: Right to Work Law is constitutional

In a 5-0 decision, the Indiana Supreme Court last Thursday ruled that Indiana's right to work law prohibiting involuntary union dues does not violate the Indiana Constitution.

The Supreme Court decided the State of Indiana's appeal of a Lake County court's ruling last year that had struck down the right to work law the Legislature passed in 2012. In a six-page opinion authored by Justice Brent Dickson, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the State's position that the statute is constitutional and it overturned the lower court's ruling, meaning the State can continue to enforce the right to work law. Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller's Office defended the statute in court as was its duty.

"The ruling by our Supreme Court confirmed that the people's elected representatives in the Legislature were within their

legal authority to craft an economic policy prohibiting involuntary union dues and this policy does not violate the Indiana Constitution. Though Hoosiers have differences of opinion on this issue we all should show respect for the Court and the legal process by which laws are tested," Zoeller said.

The State had appealed two separate Lake County court rulings on the right to work law to the state's highest court, and the Supreme Court decided the first one today, Zoeller et al. v. Sweeney et al. The Court has not yet heard argument on the State's separate appeal of the second legal challenge, in theUnited Steel case, and the lower court's ruling there remains under a stay order.

The same Sweeney plaintiffs previously had challenged the right to work law in federal court, but both the U.S. District Court and the U.S. 7th Circuit Court of Appeals

found the state law did not violate federal law or the federal constitution. The plaintiffs then filed a challenge in Lake County, prevailed there, and the State appealed. On September 4, with new Indiana Chief Justice Loretta Rush presiding over oral argument for the first time, the Indiana Supreme Court heard the State's appeal in the Sweeney case. Indiana Solicitor General Thomas M. Fisher of the Attorney General's Office argued the statute is constitutional.

As lawyer for the state government, the Attorney General's Office defends state statutes the Legislature has passed from legal challenges plaintiffs' lawyers file. Defense of the right to work statute has been through the AG's Office's regular budget approved by the Legislature in advance, with no outside counsel used.



PLAY MORE GAMES FOR LESS

Page 12 **National unemployment** at 5.8 percent for October

by 214,000 in October, and the unemployment rate edged down to 5.8 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Employment increased in food services and drinking places, retail trade, and health care.

Household Survey Data

Both the unemployment rate (5.8 percent) and the number of unemployed persons (9.0 million) edged down in October. Since the beginning of the year, the unemployment rate and the number of unemployed persons have declined by 0.8 percentage point and 1.2 million, respectively.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rate for whites declined to 4.8 percent in October. The rates for adult men (5.1 percent), adult women (5.4 percent), teenagers (18.6 percent), blacks (10.9 percent), and Hispanics (6.8 percent) changed little over the month. The jobless rate for Asians was 5.0 percent (not seasonally adjusted), little changed from a year earlier.

In October, the number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was little changed at 2.9 million. These individuals accounted for 32.0 percent of the unemployed. Over the past 12 months, the number of long-term unemployed has declined by 1.1 million.

The civilian labor force participation rate was little changed at 62.8 percent in October and has been essentially flat since April. The employment-population ratio increased to 59.2 percent in October.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) was about unchanged in October at 7.0 million. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been cut back or because they were unable to find a full-time job.

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

Among the marginally attached, there were 770,000 discouraged workers in October, essentially unchanged from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 1.4 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in October had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose creased by 214,000 in October, in line with the average monthly gain of 222,000 over the prior 12 months. In October, job growth occurred in food services and drinking places, retail trade, and health care.

Food services and drinking places added 42,000 jobs in October, compared with an average gain of 26,000 jobs per month over the prior 12 months.

Employment in retail trade rose by 27,000 in October. Within the industry, employment grew in general merchandise stores (+12,000) and automobile dealers (+4,000). Retail trade has added 249,000 jobs over the past year.

Health care added 25,000 jobs in October, about in line with the prior 12-month average gain of 21,000 jobs per month. In October, employment rose in ambulatory health care services (+19,000).

Employment in professional and business services continued to trend up over the month (+37,000). Over the prior 12 months, job gains averaged 56,000 per month. In October, employment continued to trend up in temporary help services (+15,000) and in computer systems design and related services (+7,000).

In October, manufacturing employment continued on an upward trend (+15,000). Within the industry, job gains occurred in machinery (+5,000), furniture and related products (+4,000), and semiconductors and electronic components (+2,000). Over the year, manufacturing has added 170,000 jobs, largely in durable goods.

Employment also continued to trend up in transportation and warehousing (+13,000) and construction (+12,000).

Employment in other major industries, including mining and logging, wholesale trade, information, financial activities, and government, showed little change over the month.

In October, the average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls edged up by 0.1 hour to 34.6 hours. The manufacturing workweek was unchanged at 40.8 hours, and factory overtime edged down by 0.1 hour to 3.4 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls edged up by 0.1 hour to 33.8 hours.

Average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 3 cents to \$24.57 in October. Over the year, average hourly earnings have risen by 2.0 percent. In October, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees increased by 4 cents to \$20.70.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for August was revised from +180,000 to +203,000, and the change for September was revised from +248,000 to +256,000. With these revisions, employment gains in August and September combined were 31,000 more than previously reported.

Michigan-based auto seat mechanism supplier chooses Indiana for new operations

Fisher Dynamics, a division of Fisher & Co., announced plans last Thursday to establish its first Indiana operation here, creating up to 169 new jobs by 2017.

The St. Clair Shores, Michigan-headquartered company, which supplies engineered seating systems and mechanisms, will invest \$13 million to lease, renovate and equip a 113,000 square-foot manufacturing facility at 2301 St. George Road in Evansville. With renovations slated to begin this December, Fisher Dynamics anticipates operations to begin May of 2015, allowing the company to expand its manufacturing and assembling production for front row seat structures.

"In Indiana, we know what it takes to help companies like Fisher Dynamics succeed," said Governor Mike Pence. "From our pro-business environment to our hardworking Hoosier workforce, Indiana's economy is on the move and our reputation continues to resonate across the nation and world as a state that works."

Fisher Dynamics, which currently has 660 full-time employees across the country and 1,700 around the globe, plans to begin hiring technical and production employees in January 2015. Interested applicants can apply by emailing resumes to jobs@fisherco.com.

"Fisher Dynamics is excited to announce the addition of a manufacturing plant in Evansville, Indiana," said John Hrit, vice president of global operations of Fisher Dynamics. "The location of Evansville allows us to service our central U.S. customers. We look forward to working with the community of Evansville. The city has provided great support in the search for our new location."

Founded in 1984, Fishers Dynamics manufactures automotive seating components, including armrests, headrests, latches and seat recliners. With global manufacturing operations in Mexico, China and Poland, as well as operations in Michigan and Texas, the company provides more than 30 million assembled mechanisms to dozens of customer plants and serves customers in the automotive industry across the globe, including General Motors.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered Fisher & Company up to \$1,250,000 in conditional tax credits and up to \$100,000 in training grants based on the company's job creation plans. These tax credits are performance-based, meaning until Hoosiers are hired, the company is not eligible to claim incentives. The city of Evansville will consider additional tax incentives as the request of the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville.

"Fisher Dynamics considered several sites before selecting Evansville as the best place to make a multi-million investment to grow the company for future success," said Evansville Mayor Lloyd Winnecke. "The company will be hiring more than 160 employees over the next two years, with an economic impact of nearly \$22 million a year. These are good paying jobs offering good benefits that will boost our economy and help the Tri-State region thrive."

Mining support provider grows in Vanderburgh County

Pillar Innovations, LLC, a sales and customer service support provider for the mining, oil and gas industries, announced plans last week to expand its operations here, creating up to 15 new jobs by 2017.

The Maryland-based company, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Beitzel Corporation, will invest \$975,552 to purchase and equip a new 20,000-square-foot facility in Evansville. The facility, which will be fully operational by January, will expand the company's storage, workshop and office space and allow the company to increase its steel fabrication and fiber optic cable assembly capabilities.

"Companies don't have to dig deep to find that Indiana is a great place to do business," said Eric Doden, president of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. "As a right-to-work state with a business-friendly tax climate, the Hoosier State is an ideal place for companies to locate and grow. Pillar Innovations' decision to expand here reflects that Indiana is a state that works." Pillar Innovations is currently hiring electrical, mechanical engineers and skilled labor positions. Interested applicants may apply by visiting www.pillarinnovations.com. "Pillar Innovations chose Evansville, Indiana for its expansion primarily because we have found an excellent workforce to build our team with," said Eric Guthrie, assistant manager for operations at Pillar Innovations. "We believe Indiana's right-to-work, business-friendly environment will be key to our company's success."

Founded in 2007, Pillar Innovations started with fewer than 10 employees and has now grown to more than 200 full-time employees across the country. Providing 24-hour support for the mining, oil and gas industries, the company serves customers nationwide, operating five sales and service facilities across five states. The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered Pillar Innovations, Inc. up to \$125,000 in conditional tax credits based on the company's job creation plans. These tax credits are performance-based, meaning until Hoosiers are hired, the company is not eligible to claim incentives. Vanderburgh County will consider additional incentives at the request of Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville.

"The council congratulates Pillar Innovations on their plans to expand and add jobs in Vanderburgh County," said Tom Shetler Jr., president of the Vanderburgh County Council. Companies like Pillar Innovations continue to choose to locate their growth in Indiana. Just last month Mead Johnson Nutrition Company announced plans to expand its operations in Vanderburgh County, creating up to 15 new jobs by 2015. A global leader in pediatric nutrition, the company announced that it will invest \$35 million to upgrade operations and expand capacity at its 300,000square-foot facility in Evansville.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment in-

Department of revenue adds online option for two taxes

Operators of food service businesses such as restaurants and fast food stores have a new online option to submit the Food and Beverage Tax (FAB). Additionally, operators of hotels and motels also may now submit their County Innkeeper's Tax (CIT) online. Those who collect and remit these taxes no longer need to submit paper forms and make paper check payments, but can remit and pay online through the Indiana Department of Revenue's online business tax application, INtax.

This new service represents the department's continued effort to provide electronic self-service options for businesses to securely and conveniently file and pay taxes online.

INtax provides a quick, easy and secure mechanism for businesses to manage their tax filings and payments. INtax is available 24/7 and provides businesses the ability to check their accounts and payments without contacting the department. It also saves businesses from having to manage and mail paper coupons and paper checks.

More than 200,000 Indiana businesses already use INtax to manage their business tax requirements.

Taxpayers can pay FAB and CIT by ACH debit and credit card payments in INtax. The department will mail coupons in December to FAB and CIT taxpayers who have not filed using INtax.

These tax types will be automatically added to INtax accounts that are registered for FAB or CIT. Service providers must add FAB and CIT to client accounts using the "Maintain Client" tab in INtax.

Visit www.in.gov/dor/3469.htm to view CIT rates, and www.in.gov/dor/4039.htmfor FAB rates.

Anyone with questions about filing or paying FAB and CIT through INtax, can contact the INtax hotline at (317) 233-8729.

Thank you to my family, friends and the voters who supported me in my race for Martin County Council. Congratulations to Barb McFeaters and all of the candidates who won their races.

-Richard A. Burch