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seen for miles as a fire destroyed a commercial building that housed a restaurant supply business.

The fire in a former bowling alley burned through the roof and smoldered for several hours Monday as fire department officials called in extra engine companies to the blaze at the Commercial Restaurant Equipment building on the city's southwest side.

Officials said no employees were inside when the fire was reported about 10 a.m., and no injuries were reported. Firefighters also were concerned about chemicals inside and around the building.

The fire's cause was not immediately known.

Hauler beefs up Fort Wayne hub

PORT WAYNE — Work has increased at a freight company's hub at Fort Wayne International Airport with the addition of truck deliveries.

Kitty Hawk, a Dallas-based air cargo company, has added about a dozen workers to its 325-person work force in Fort Wayne after extending its scheduled ground service to 35 cities across the country during recent months.

"We've gone from being a five-day-a-week operation to utilizing our facility seven days a week and staffing our operation 24/7," Fort Wayne hub manager Bob Sallaz said. "For the trucks ... the weekend's our busiest time."

Kitty Hawk plans to expand its ground freight network to 46 cities by the end of February and open a regional hub for the ground service in Dallas next month.

— Staff reports

Nine high schools in three counties — Tippecanoe, Benton and Clinton — participate in the cooperative. Purdue and Ivy Tech also participate by offering the students dual high school and college credit for several of the programs.

Classes typically are taught on the high school campuses.

The new video, which is shown to freshmen in their career orientation class, provides examples of the "opportunities you have, and the education and training that are available to you," Harrison teacher Michelle Coors told her students.

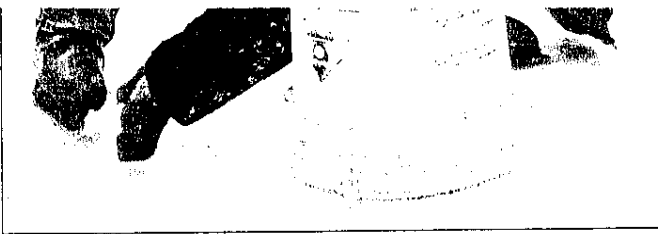
Several students were surprised by the number of programs available.

Kelsi Reed said she didn't realize she could study health occupations in high school. She would like to become an occupational therapist.

Coors encouraged her students to carefully consider the classes.

On the Net

www.wildcatccc-careerlane.net



Ron Lunsford supports his daughter, Olivia, 4, as they skate Monday at Riverside Skating Center in West Lafayette. The center has holiday hours that include two afternoon sessions and one evening session through Jan. 9. For more information, visit www.parks.city.west-lafayette.in.us/riverside.asp or call 743-7465.

By John Terhune/Journal and Courier

Purdue program ranks highly

Purdue News Service

Purdue University's undergraduate landscape and architecture design program was ranked No. 2 in the nation in an annual survey of America's best programs.

In the rankings released Dec. 19 by *DesignIntelligence*, Purdue's program jumped up five notches from last year. The under-

graduate program at the University of Georgia took top honors.

The study ranks programs accredited by the Landscape Architecture Review Board based on a survey of leading landscape architecture firms and practitioners.

The survey targets individuals with direct experience in hiring and evaluating the performance of

landscape architecture graduates. Participants are asked to identify the schools that best prepare their students.

"What sets Purdue's program apart from others is our one-year internship program," said Bernie Dahl, chairman of the program. "Our students have a great level of confidence when

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ple working here who are proud of what they do. For the department to be going through this rough time is hard on all of us," Mills said. "I'm very interested in making sure we're getting back on track ... to ensure that citizens have confidence in us."

But choosing a mediator — among the possibilities is someone with the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police — won't happen until the Police Merit Commission finishes disciplinary hearings for four officers accused of misconduct during a bus trip this summer. That could go into late January or February.

Until then, Mills has initiated confidential one-on-one talks with the officers so they can air their grievances about Marvin or voice other concerns. Those concerns, with no names attached, will be forwarded to the chief.

Last week, Mills sat down with seven WLPD sworn staff. Six more are scheduled to meet with her after Jan. 1 — including Sgt. Kevin Flynn, one of the three commanders who gave Mills

recommends that the former head of detectives be fired.

The 20-year department veteran is accused of crashing his take-home vehicle after returning from the trip and lying about when the wreck occurred, and allowing his minor son to have access to alcohol, among other violations.

State police conducted a criminal investigation concerning the July trip, but charges have not been filed against any officer.

the letter of no confidence Marvin signed by 95 per cent of merited staff.

Flynn, who along with Gary Sparger oversees about 10 officers working the night shift, said those v have already spoken w Mills seem relieved with private sessions.

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Rewind

Local men find good use for used vegetable oil

By Frank Oliver

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Greg Jones will tell you that when he's running down the road in his diesel-powered Volkswagen on 100 percent biodiesel it smells just like fried chicken or French fries.

No joke, he said. "I feel it's the right thing to do," said Jones, who hopes that someday everyone will be able to buy fuel locally, made with oil from local farmers.

Jones and five others from the Lafayette area have formed the Wabash Valley Biodiesel Project. Its mission is to demonstrate sus-

tainable commuting, by producing and encouraging the use of clean and renewable biofuel.

In a pole barn, at the Don Jewell home near Green Hill, the men have assembled a process that takes used vegetable oil, removes the glycerin and — after several steps and hours — produces oil that can burn in place of diesel fuel in cars, tractors and other diesel-powered engines.

Biodiesel fuel, which is not toxic, is classified as a nonflammable liquid by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. This makes a vehicle fueled by pure biodiesel safer in an accident than one powered by petroleum diesel

or the highly combustible gasoline.

Ten Lafayette-area restaurants have agreed to save their used cooking oil for the men to gather and use for their fuel.

Most of the men consider the project a statement.

Moe Parr says, "It's one small step," toward energy independence.

Charlie Payne says, "It's made in the U.S., not somewhere else."

The roots of diesel power go way back to Germany. Rudolf Diesel's first engine ran on its own power for the first time in Augsburg, Germany, on Aug. 10, 1893. It was fueled with peanut

oil, and the day is now observed as International Biodiesel Day.

To learn more about biodiesel, you can attend the Indiana Energy Conference at the Vanity Theater in Crawfordsville on Jan. 7, and for the three following Saturdays. For more information on the conference go to www.indianenergyconference.org or contact Greg Jones at riversid@icwi.com.

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