



### Big band plays Kehoe

A good-sized crowd was on hand for the third event in the Kehoe Concert Series Sunday night at Kehoe Park as the Fort Wayne-area Blue River Big Band performed. The group entertained the crowd with standards such as "Begin the Beguine," "Sing, Sing, Sing," "Don't Get Around Much Anymore," "When You Wish Upon a Star," "God Bless the Child," "Yesterday," "America the Beautiful," and "R-E-S-P-E-C-T."

Little Hanna Haydl, right, enjoyed Sunday night's Blue River Big Band concert at Kehoe Park by doing a little dancing on the lap of her mother, Lori. The two of them were more than a little familiar with the band's work; Lori's husband and Hanna's father, Kevin Haydl, is the drummer for the group.

The saxophone players of the Blue River Big Band, below — Rolly Stellhorn (standing), Mark Fritz, Ed Rick Brown, and Ed Renz — belt out a number during Sunday night's show. (Photos by Dave Schultz)



### President

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show. Despite the surge in Afghanistan, there are fewer U.S. troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan now than there were when Obama took office last year. Come September, when the Iraq drawdown is complete, the White House says there will 146,000 troops on the ground, down from 177,000 in January 2009.

During his remarks Monday, Obama is expected to speak about the government's efforts to support

### Third

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Ben Miller and Zach Zeis, on board Skateboard, had a little too much steam for the Winfree III crew of Jake Price and Mike Sorg, taking out the over-14 competition. Skateboard also won the People's Choice award.

The second heat in the under-14 competition provided the battle for top honors, with Carson and Cole Sheets on board Dog Paddlin' edging out Gabe and Gus Martinez on Shark Rafter by barely a nose. Dog Paddlin' also won the Best Theme award.

Space Ride, crewed by Alex Hernandez and Gilbert Martinez won the Titanic award.

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those troops, as well as veterans of other wars.

"While our country has sometimes been divided, they have fought together as one," Obama said in the excerpts. "While other individuals and institutions have shirked responsibility, they have welcomed it."

After the speech, Obama was scheduled to attend a fundraising lunch for the Democratic National Committee, his latest stop in a summer fundraising sprint that also includes events in Chicago later this week.

But Georgia's most prominent Democrat, former Gov.

Roy Barnes, won't be joining Obama at either of his stops Monday. Barnes, who is running to get his old job back, had previously scheduled events in southern Georgia, his campaign said.

Distancing himself from the president could be politically smart for Barnes. Georgia is a Republican stronghold that John McCain carried in 2008. A poll conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research Inc. in July had Obama with a 37 percent approval rating in the state. Fifty percent of those surveyed disapproved of Obama's performance.

### Weather

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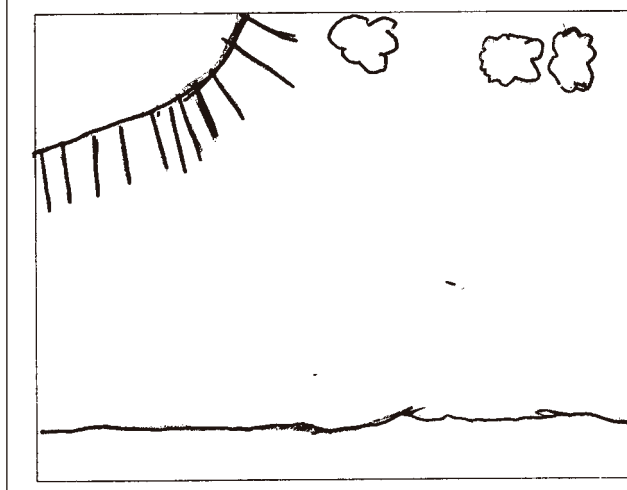
**Today:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. Calm wind.

**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind around 5 mph.

**Tuesday:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny and hot, with a high near 91. Heat index values as high as 95. Southwest wind around 5 mph.

**Tuesday night:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 71.

**Wednesday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 89. Calm wind becoming west around 5 mph.



Today's Weather Picture by Kayleigh Hopkins, Southern Wells Elementary  
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**Monday, Aug. 2 (24-hour observations at 8 a.m.)**  
Hi: 84 Low: 64 Soil Temp: 79  
River Level: 2.14 ft. Precipitation: None

### Louisiana

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lators on Friday reopened state-controlled waters east of the Mississippi to harvesting of shrimp and "fin fish" such as redfish, mullet and trout. Smell tests on dozens of specimens from the area revealed barely traceable amounts of toxins, the federal Food and Drug Administration said.

The tests were done not by chemical analysis, but by scientists trained to detect the smell of oil and dispersant.

Chemical tests on fish for oil-related compounds are routine, but no such test exists for detecting levels of dispersant, said Meghan Scott, FDA spokeswoman. Federal scientists are developing one, she said. It wasn't clear when one would be ready, though.

The dispersants can kill incubating sea life, experts say, though its long-term effects are unknown. In humans, long-term exposure can cause central nervous system problems or damage blood, kidneys or livers, according to the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention.

Congressional investiga-

tors said over the weekend that the Coast Guard routinely approved BP requests to use thousands of gallons of dispersant a day despite a federal directive to cut its use.

Retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen said Sunday that federal regulators did not ignore environmental guidelines, but that some field commanders were given the authority to allow more dispersants on a case-by-case basis.

BP chief operating officer Doug Suttles took reporters on a boat tour of beaches and marshes on Sunday and said "they wouldn't open these waters ... if it wasn't safe to eat the fish." He said he would eat Gulf seafood and "would serve it to my family."

Like most fishermen in St. Bernard, the bulk of Graybill's income comes from oysters, blue crab and shrimp. The first two are still off limits, and the shrimp season doesn't start for two weeks. Graybill had been earning money from BP under the "Vessels of Opportunity" program allowing idled fishing vessels to help

with cleanup work, but that program was scaled back Thursday.

Signs that anglers weren't jumping back into the waters abounded Saturday, especially at the annual Blessing of the Boats in Shell Beach, Hopedale and Delacroix, where the Rev. John Arnone of St. Bernard Catholic Church blessed far fewer than usual.

As Graybill maneuvered his light blue shrimp trawler Saturday near Comfort Island, which borders the open fishing grounds in Chandeleur Sound, fresh globs of oil glistened in the midday sun, staining the orange and yellow boom protecting the island. A dozen or so brown pelicans lazed on the oily boom.

Just the perception that he'll be pulling in oily shrimp, let alone that it might really happen, can greatly reduce the price he can get, he said.

"They capped the well, they stopped the oil, so now they're trying to hurry up and get us back working to where they can say everything's fine when it's not," he said. "It's not fine."

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