

“IF WE CANNOT RECONCILE ALL OPINIONS, LET US ENDEAVOR TO UNITE ALL HEARTS.”

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DR. DAVID L. RICE, OBITUARY EXCEPTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA RELEASE!

Dr. David L. Rice, 90, founding and first president of the University of Southern Indiana, died at 7:10 p.m. (EST) Wednesday, January 15, 2020 in York, Pennsylvania. A native of New Market County, Indiana, Dr. Rice was born April 1, 1929, to the late Elmer J. and Katie Tate Rice, one of 14 children.

In 1967, Dr. Rice and his family came to Evansville. He was the first dean appointed to lead the Evansville campus of Indiana State University, two years after its opening. In 1971, he was named president of the campus and then, in 1976, Indiana State University also named him a vice president of the main campus in Terre Haute, Indiana. By 1985, under his leadership, the Evansville campus evolved into a separate state university, the University of Southern Indiana, regarded for its excellent educational programs and innovative regional outreach projects. When he retired in 1994, it was noted he was one of a handful of contemporary university presidents with a 25-year tenure at the same institution.

During his tenure, enrollment grew from 992 students to 7,443, and the master-planned physical plant on the 1,400-acre campus had capital investments of \$45.2 million. He oversaw the expansion of curricula from limited two-year degree programs with other universities. Under his leadership, USI became the first baccalaureate institution in Indiana to have a degree-transfer articulation agreement with Ivy Tech Southwest, paving the way for all of Indiana to develop a statewide community college system.

Dr. Rice earned his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, and his Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Education, all from Purdue University, where he met his wife, Betty J. Fordice. They married September 10, 1950, when both were completing undergraduate degrees. The following year, Dr. Rice was called to military service and served in the U.S. Army infantry in Korea.

After military service, he taught in the public schools of Wallace, Indiana, while he pursued advanced degrees at Purdue.

Before joining the University of Southern Indiana, Dr. Rice was on the faculty and served as director of research at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. While on faculty leave from Ball State, he was vice president with the Cooperative Education Research Laboratory in Indianapolis and research coordinator in the Bureau of Research for the U.S. Office of Education in Washington, D.C.

An energetic and dedicated citizen, Dr. Rice gave leadership to many efforts to improve the communities in which he lived. He was president of the Board of Commissioners of the Evansville Housing Authority and chair of the Governor's Citizen's Committee for Title Twenty of the Social Services Act. A founder of Leadership Evansville, now called Leadership Everyone, he also served as its president. In 2009, he and his wife Betty received the Leadership Evansville Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Rice was general chair of the Fund Drive of the United Way of Southwestern Indiana, chair of the board of WNIN Channel 9 Public Television, explorer chair of the Buffalo Trace Council Boy Scouts and president of the Indiana Public Broadcasting Society. He also served on the board of the Evansville Museum of Arts, History, and Science; the Indiana Business Modernization and Technology Corporation; the Chamber of Commerce of Southwest Indiana; The Villages, Inc.; Youth Resources of Southwestern Indiana; Evansville Coalition of Adult Literacy; and was active in Rotary. In 2013, Dr. Rice was inducted into the prestigious Evansville Regional Business Hall of Fame. He chaired former Congressman Lee Hamilton's Southern Indiana Rural Development Project. In professional circles, he served the Indiana Conference for Higher Education as its president.

Dr. Rice earned many accolades from public service organizations, including the Salvation Army Service to Others Award, West Side Civitan Citizen of the Year, the National Community Leadership

Conference Alumni Award, Rotary Civic Award, Boy Scout Distinguished Citizen Award and a Sagamore of the Wabash conferred by Indiana Governor Robert D. Orr. An Evansville native, Orr signed into law the bill creating the University of Southern Indiana on April 16, 1985.

In recognition of his University leadership, both the Faculty Senate and the USI Alumni Council endowed scholarships in his name. In 2016, to honor Dr. Rice on his 87th birthday, the David L. Rice and Betty Fordice Rice Presidential Scholarship Endowment was established. The University Library was named in his honor and both he and Mrs. Rice received honorary doctoral degrees from the University.

Upon retirement from the presidency of USI, after 27 years of service, he and Mrs. Rice moved to New Harmony, Indiana in 1994, where they became active in historic preservation and community restoration. Dr. Rice undertook many of the town's preservation efforts. He led the campaign and oversaw the physical restoration of the Rapp Owen Granary, now a center for historical and cultural events in the community. As a commissioner for the bi-state Harmony Way Bridge (White County Bridge Commission) between New Harmony and Illinois, he was an ardent advocate for state and federal funding to stabilize and improve the structure. (Dr. Rice made an impassioned appeal at the August 2014 special public meeting of Posey County Commission, hoping for Posey County to take over operation of the bridge that had been forced to close in 2012.) Although Dr. and Mrs. Rice moved to York Pennsylvania, in 2014 to be close to their daughter, they maintained their home in New Harmony until 2017. For many years, they were members of the Howell United Methodist Church in Evansville and later Johnson United Methodist Church in New Harmony.

Dr. Rice is survived by his wife of 69 years, Betty "Janey" Fordice Rice, and their two children, P. Denise Rice Dawson (Greg) of York, Pennsylvania; and Dr. Michael A. Rice (Mary) of Indianapolis, Indiana. He also is survived by six grandchildren,

Clinton C. Dawson PhD (Lindsay), Kaitlin R. Rice Prinsen MD (Andrew), Abigail Rice Haste MD (Paul), Jill M. Rice (Matt), Mitchell A. Rice and Anna A. Rice; and five great-grandchildren, Carter G. Haste, Adalaj J. Prinsen, Eleanor J. Haste, Bennett A. Prinsen and Emerson L. Haste.

Dr. Rice has three living siblings, Daniel Rice (Ruth Ellen), Alfred Rice (Ruth) and Arthur Rice (Tyke), all of New Market, Indiana. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Ben Rice, Joseph Rice, Robert Rice and Sanford Boraker; and six sisters, Wilma Jean Rice Hart, Louise Rice Bell, Sarah Jane Rice Wilbur, Evelyn Rice Reddish, Kathryn Rice, and Elizabeth Rice Kelly and all of their spouses.

Dr. Rice was buried with military honors at the Fordice Family section of Portland Mills Church in Parke County, Indiana.

Memorial gifts may be made to the University of Southern Indiana (USI) Foundation for the David L. and Betty Fordice Rice Presidential Scholarship Endowment, 8600 University Blvd., Evansville, IN 47712

Condolences may be made online at www.USI.edu/Rice, www.browningfuneral.com, www.machledtservices.com.

COUNCILWOMAN ALSOP CALLS FOR CLOSING RIVER TRAIL INDEFINITELY!

by: Dan Barton
February 2020

At the New Harmony Town Council meeting on Tuesday, January 28th, Councilwoman Virginia Alsop recommended that the Wabash River Cart Trail be closed indefinitely, until further notice.

What follows is the discussion between Councilmembers regarding that topic:

Councilwoman Alsop: I think since I'm in charge of trails that the trail along the river needs to be closed. There's people driving down there in their cars, and it's dangerous. It needs to be closed! If they're caught on it there needs to be something. I don't know if we can give them a fine or what. But that needs to be done!

Councilman Blaylock: I talked to Bobby Grider last year on this. We put up barricades and they threw them in the river and all kinds of stuff. So, Bobby has been wanting a steel cable. There's cable on the

one over on Third Street. I would suggest adding a cable there at the concrete road, at North and Main, where it starts, and one down at the River Trail. Then go back into the woods away where they can't go around it. Put the cable up! The barricades we've been using in the past, when the river gets up, float off or are thrown out. So that needs to be done!

Councilman Williams: Can we post a sign on the cable as to when it will be reopened?

Councilwoman Alsop: It will be closed until further notice! The river goes down and then it's just mud!

Councilman Williams: I think it would be a good P.R.(Public Relations) thing if there was a sign that said, "The Trail Will Reopen When The River..."

Councilwoman Alsop: Yeah, uh! But there needs to be something! A cable or something!

Councilman Blaylock: They will reopen as the weather permits. Last year we caught Hell for not opening the trails. But, the river, guys, if you remember, in 2019, was above flood stage until June. You can't go down there and work in the mud when you're under water. We will work on them when the river gets down. There's no reason to go there when the river goes down; put chat in there and make it all good when it's going to come up the next week and take it away again. I know we caught a lot of flack over it and I apologize for that, but, guys, last year was an extreme case. It was reported that several years back the river came up a lot higher and the trails were opened up a lot sooner. When the river comes up and then falls back down, it's one thing. But, when it comes up and stays two and a half months, it's another. So, believe you me, we will get to working on it as soon as we can.

Councilwoman Alsop: It's already started to rain early this season!

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE REPORT TO TOWN COUNCIL BY TOWN ATTORNEY!

by: Dan Barton
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Town Attorney Erin Bauer reported her findings regarding the Town's interest in the National Flood Insurance Program participation. She said, that the Town Council would have to appoint a Community Rating System (CRS) Coordinator. The Coordinator will then

have to fill out an application and submit it to FEMA, who administers the program.

Each year New Harmony would be assigned a rating, which depends on how many of the 18 activities within the program the Town has completed for points. The number of points determines the Town's grading and what the percentage insurance discount range would be for property owner's.

The problem with small communities is the amount of time and resources it would take to have somebody administer the program. The Town would have to hire somebody or assign the duties to an already existing employee, to be the CRS Coordinator. In the end there may be some insurance discounts, but there's probably going to be some costs associated with it.

The discussion on this matter was tabled by the Town Council until further review can be done.

"SUPER GAUGE" AT NEW HARMONY TO UNDERSTAND WABASH RIVER POLLUTION!

by: Dan Barton

From an excerpt of an article that appeared in the January 30, 2020 Evansville Courier and Press, written by Mark Wilson.

I just couldn't pass up this article that I spotted in the Courier and Press the other day. I'm sure not everyone in New Harmony was able to read it. It talks about how our good ol' Harmony Way Bridge is fulfilling yet another important function in our community and our state.

New Harmony, Ind.— A nonprofit-government partnership has secured funding for and installed a "super gauge" at the Wabash River in New Harmony in hopes of better understanding what goes into the river and how that impacts the environment.

The gauge is doing something past equipment didn't- continuous, almost real-time monitoring of the Wabash's physical and chemical characteristics as the river nears the end of its journey through Indiana to merge with the Ohio and then Mississippi rivers.

As part of the U.S. Geological Survey's "Super gauge network," it measures water quality every 15 minutes, 24-hours a day, 365 days a year.

The gauge and its instruments are housed

on one of the pylons of the currently closed New Harmony Way Bridge that connects Indiana 66 with Illinois Route 14 across the Wabash.

Because the equipment is costly, The Nature Conservancy is partnering with Nestle Purina PetCare, as well other foundations, to help fund it, said Michael Dunn, director of freshwater conservation for The Nature Conservancy.

What makes it a “super gauge,” said Molly Lott, a USGS hydrologic technician, is not just the continuous monitoring, but the ability to monitor for temperature, pH, conductivity, dissolved oxygen, turbidity (particles in the water) as well as phosphates and nitrates (nutrient runoff from farms).

Those nutrient loads, carried downriver by the Mississippi River, contribute to the hypoxic, or a dead zone of low oxygen that forms annually in the Gulf of Mexico and can kill fish and marine life, Lott said.

In addition, according to the USGS, the Wabash is a leading contributor to the dead zone where the Mississippi spills into the Gulf of Mexico, Dunn said. Data from the Wabash super gauge might help work to solve that problem.

The Nature Conservancy of Indiana, USGS and Indiana State Department of Agriculture are hoping the gauge will yield data to better understand whether farm conservation practices meant to curb nitrogen and phosphorus runoff and sediment from field erosion are working.

Lott and a team of technicians visit the gauge ever few weeks to check the equipment and take their own water samples. Those samples are then processed in a mobile lab.

“Indiana has done a tremendous job in the last decade in encouraging farm conservation practices,” Dunn said. “What we will look for are trends in water quality. What is the scale of conservation we need?”

But the problem is not just in the Gulf of Mexico. Too much nitrogen and phosphorus from fertilizer in water can create harmful algae blooms anywhere and deprive fish and marine life of oxygen, said Jeff Frey, deputy director of the USGS Indiana Water Science Center.

That’s money wasted for both farmers whose fertilizer is washed away by rains into nearby water bodies and for taxpayers who pay for treating the water, Frey said.

Conservation agencies have been successful in encouraging farmers to plant cover crops and take other measures designed to keep soil in place and nutrients out of the waterways.

One of the things scientists have already discovered is that 90 percent of the movement of sediment and nutrients tends to occur during the 10 percent of rain storms, Frey said. Through water monitoring, agencies can see when this occurs and encourage farmers to act accordingly.

It can also help scientists understand the impacts of climate change, which has been linked to an increase in precipitation for states such as Indiana.

“The increased intensity of storms could have the ability to overrun the best management practices,” Frey said.

**PAUL GOODMAN
NEW EXPERIENCE COORDINATOR
FOR HISTORIC NEW HARMONY!**

by: Dan Barton
February 2020

I found a leaflet - press release - the other day, at the back door of The New Harmony Gazette office at 505 Main Street. Here is what it said:

First off, I’d like to introduce myself. My name is Paul Goodman and it’s my absolute pleasure to be the new Experience Coordinator for Historic New Harmony. I’m excited to meet you all as we work to prepare for an exciting 2020 season.

One of my first tasks is to review all the tours that we provide...what’s in the tours, how we present the tour, how we can make them better. So, we are sending a quick letter to the amazing homes currently featured on the Historic New Harmony architectural tour. Thank you very much for being a part of it and letting us showcase you home!

For 2020, I am working to update and better present this tour. Currently, we use a company called OnCell that allows visitors to call a phone number to get a recorded message about the site that they are standing in front of. Unfortunately, this system has proven unreliable and is quite outdated. We are ending that contract and creating a professional “keepsake” booklet to better present the walking tours and the information about them. Ultimately, several different walking tours will be made available.

One of our Historic New Harmony Team Members will be by your home to collect the old sign / marker in front of your home. We will replace them later in

the Summer. In the meantime, do we still have you permission to list your home on the tour? Do you have information that you would like us to highlight about you home?

If you would like to add anything or be removed, please give me a call (812-682-4488) or email me at pgoodman@usi.edu.

Best Regards,
Paul Goodman
Experience Coordinator, Historic New Harmony

Thanks for the info, Paul, every little bit helps. The New Harmony Gazette.

**NEW HARMONY TOWN COUNCIL
HI-LITES FOR
JANUARY 2020 MEETING!**
by: Dan Barton
February 2020

* Councilwoman Alsop, on behalf of the Park’s Board members, invited the public to attend the Park’s Board’s meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. held at the Town Hall.

* Council president Blaylock reported that two water lines were being replaced on Main Street as a preventative measure before Main Street is repaved this Spring.

* Alvin Blaylock was re-elected by the Town Council as it’s Town Council President.

*The following is a list of the new Town Department Heads: Gas- Wade/Williams; Water- Blaylock/Wade; Sewage- Watson/Wade; Fire- Blaylock/Alsop; Police- Watson/Wade; Parks-Alsop/Watson; Cemetery- Williams/Blaylock; Trails- Alsop/Watson; Solid Waste- Alsop/Williams; Streets- Blaylock/Williams.

*Town Attorney Erin Bauer was retained for the year 2020.

*It was agreed that the New Harmony Town Council will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m.

*Councilman Blaylock appointed himself to the Posey County Economic Development Partnership. This is a Council President appointment.

*There were two appointments to the Parks Board - Rose Back resigned and was replaced by Kay Giles. David Vondershcher resigned and was replaced by Meagan Patterson.

*Appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals. In December, Roger Wade was

appointed to the Board to replace David Flanders. However, that member needed to be a member of the Plan and Historic Preservation Committee and Roger didn't want to be on that committee. Therefore, since Blaylock is a member of the Plan and Preservation Committee, Blaylock appointed himself to Zoning Appeals. It is a Council President Appointment.

*Liquid Engineering was granted the contract to inspect and do maintenance on the town Water Tower, an inspection required every five years, for the sum of \$3,130. That work will be done in the Summer of 2020.

*The Bid Award for street paving in the Spring of 2020 through a Community Crossing Grant went to E&B Paving for \$102,280.

*Town Council passed a Resolution honoring Dr. David L. Rice.

WEATHER THE CHANGE!

by: **Ann Rains / PlanetPrayers**
February 2020

Wasn't it Benjamin Franklin who said, "The only things certain in life are death and taxes"? Mr. Franklin, I believe that there is one more certainty in life. It is change. Think how our lives have changed over the years. There have been changes in relationships-both family and friends, changes in location, changes in employment. There have been changes in our body shapes, at least personally speaking. And, changes on our planet and in the universe! Our lives are chock full of constant change.

Yet still we find change difficult. How we operate is mostly on an unconscious level-up to 90+ percent. When we are suddenly thrust into a new and/or unusual situation, the first part of our brain to react is the

emotional one. It works faster than the logical, intellectual part of our brain. Who would guess? When our intellect finally kicks in, we might be left with a red face.

As an example: a cup of hot coffee is accidentally dropped into your lap. A first reaction (after leaping up and hitting the ceiling) may be to yell at the person who did this dastardly deed. But, poor lady, she is full of remorse and apologies. Yes, emotions are sometimes quicker than intellect.

Our social networks and friends are extremely important during times of change. Sharing with our social network helps alleviate the uncertainty of change, even the change of losing a pet. Sympathies expressed validates feelings and moves us forward during this time of change and sorrow.

Our brains react to uncertainty, sometimes with fear. Gaining information and making organized plans helps us adjust to change. In studies, it was found that test subjects who were to receive an electric shock reacted more calmly even if they were to receive a strong electric shock than those who had no idea whatsoever of the intensity of electric shock to be administered. We have a need to know!

Whatever the change in one's life, there are always decisions to be made. Believe it or not, making decisions takes a lot of energy. The pre-frontal cortex of the brain handles only a few concepts at a time and good sleep is important for clear thinking.

Therefore, whatever change in which you are now ensconced, get the necessary information, give our intellect time to work, talk with your friends, and pray. You will weather the change.

Isaiah 40:8 "The grass withers, the flower fades. But the word of our God stands forever."

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February Gazette Recipe 2020 Cream of Leek & Potato Soup by: *Denise Rapp*

Nothing tastes better on a cold winters day than a hot bowl of soup.

This mild potato soup is going to hit the spot with its silky texture and harmonious flavors.

Toast up a crusty baguette, and wallah... you have a simply delicious meal prepared.

Ingredients:

1 c. butter
3 leeks, sliced thin & rinsed well
(White and pale green parts)
2 cloves garlic, minced
Salt & Pepper to taste
1 quart chicken broth
2 tbs. corn starch
5 lg Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled & diced small
1 c. Milk
1 c. Heavy cream
1/2 c. Chardonnay
1 tsp Dried thyme
Chopped fresh chives for a garnish

Instructions:

In a large pot, over medium heat, melt butter. Add washed leeks, chopped garlic, salt & pepper and cook until tender. About 15 minutes.

Now add the chicken broth and potatoes and cook until potatoes are tender but not falling apart. About 15-20 minutes
Add starch to cold milk and mix well.

Add milk, cream, thyme and Chardonnay. Cook until thickened.

Season with more salt & pepper.

Serve and garnish with chives

Enjoy!

