



ADDYSON AIMAN

Addyson Aiman awarded 2015 Lilly Scholarship

Addyson Aiman, daughter of Autumn Aiman and Andrew Aiman, has been named the Martin County Community Foundation's 2015 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar. Addyson will receive a full tuition scholarship to a four-year Indiana public or private college or university, along with an annual \$900 stipend for required books.

Addyson, a Loogootee Jr./Sr. High School senior, plans to pursue an undergraduate degree in biology and chemistry at Indiana University or Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis. Following that, she plans to attend the IU School of Dentistry and upon completion, specialize in orthodontics.

"While I know that all of the other applicants were just as qualified, I am truly honored to be the 2015 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar. I give so much thanks to the Martin County Community Foundation and Lilly Endowment for this amazing blessing that has been given to my family and I. It is definitely a dream come true," said Addyson.

Eleven students applied for the scholarship. The selection committee, made up of volunteer community residents, narrowed the field to the final six. Two nominees were submitted to the Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) for final selection of the recipient. ICI is a non-profit corporation that represents 31 regionally accredited degree granting, non-profit, private colleges and universities in the state.

Every year, Lilly Endowment reviews all aspects of the scholarship program, trying to find ways to maximize the effectiveness of the program while maintaining responsible stewardship of the Endowment resources. Lilly Endowment offered one scholarship to the community of Martin County.

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships are the result of a statewide Lilly Endowment initiative to help Hoosier students reach higher levels of education. There were 142 scholarships awarded statewide.

Wheel tax discussion tabled

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Commissioner Dan Gregory went before the Martin County Council Monday night, April 6, to ask them to again consider passing a wheel tax for the county. Gregory spoke on behalf of all three commissioners because Paul George and Kevin Boyd could not be present for the meeting. Gregory started by saying this was the third time he has come to the council about implementing a wheel tax but with the new members on the council, he felt he should bring it forward again to explain. Council Member Lynn Gee was not present for the meeting.

Gregory said that funding for roads has decreased due to the decrease in the gas tax which the county receives a portion of. He said funding is going down while highway department costs are going up, such as payroll and equipment. He added that 50 of the 92 Indiana counties have the local option highway user tax (LOHUT).

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett said the budget for paving for this year was \$180,000 and he has already spent \$20,000 just on patching. He said to do one mile of blacktop, it is around \$88,000, if done right. "We can't maintain them let alone blacktop them," he said about the roads. Padgett

noted that the money from cut timber at Crane has lowered significantly over the years, last year the county only got \$113,000. In 2008, the county received \$590,000. Crane timber money has gone toward road repairs in the past.

Gregory said they would be open to doing additional appropriations instead, if money is available in the county budget. He said if the wheel tax was passed, it would not go into effect until next year and that is if it is approved prior to July 1, 2015. He added that the highway department budget for this year is already set so they know the amount they have to work with.

"It's a discussion you guys can have with us now or we can just walk away," said Gregory.

Council Member Barb McFeaters asked if anyone has talked to the forester at Crane to see what the trend over the next 20 years will be as far as the harvest. Council Member Lonnie Hawkins said that the late Councilman John Stoll had spoken to the forester in the past. McFeaters replied that she believes someone needs to speak to the forester now to see what information could be obtained. Gregory said they would speak to the forester.

McFeaters also asked if the roads are categorized based on how often they are trav-

eled. She said she doesn't see much point in repaving roads that are not getting used very often. Gregory replied that SIDC (Southern Indiana Development Commission) does an annual traffic count on roads and they prioritize based on those results.

Gregory asked the council members if they lived on county roads and if so, were they happy with the condition of their roads. Council Member Buck Stiles replied, "The roads in Martin County suck." McFeaters said she thinks it's a bad time of year for roads and that other counties are having trouble with theirs as well. She said she felt that should be taken into consideration.

"Is this a dead issue? I'm ready to walk out," said Gregory.

Council Member Lonnie Hawkins said that he feels there are two issues. One is the highway department has some immediate needs for funding to fix road problems now and the other issue is being proactive in working on the county roads. He said one is a short-term solution while the wheel tax is more of a long-term solution.

Auditor January Roush noted that the highway department has a surplus of \$291,000.

Gregory was asked how much they were expecting the wheel tax to generate a year. Gregory replied they estimate \$290,000 to \$300,000 and then Loogootee, Shoals, and Crane each get a portion of that as well.

Council Member Randy Winger said his issue now is the same it was eight years ago, without proper drainage, the county will never have good roads. Highway Superintendent Padgett said that roads are fully prepped prior to being paved, with ditching and culvert work being included in that prepping.

Members of the audience spoke out saying they were not completely opposed to a wheel tax however they felt that the highway department needed to provide a five-year or ten-year plan to the council to show where the money would be spent. It was

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Drug tip exposes nearly 1.5 pounds of marijuana in Loogootee residence

A tip phoned into the Indiana State Police Post in Jasper on Monday evening, April 6, revealed drug information with an unfortunate twist.

Monday evening, Senior Trooper Jarrod Lents received information from a citizen concerned about possible drug activity going on at 214 Southeast 1st Street in Loogootee. The citizen was additionally concerned about the activity because a two year old child lived at the residence.

At 7:15 p.m. Monday, Senior Trooper Lents, with Trooper Mitch Wier, Loogootee Officer Rick Norris, and the Indiana Department of Child Services arrived at the Loogootee address to follow up on the information. Officers were met at the door by William Bradley, 28, of Loogootee. Officers could immediately smell the odor of marijuana from outside the door, with the odor

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Tickets on sale now for musical "Annie" at LHS

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Loogootee High School will present the musical "Annie" on Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18, at 7 p.m. both evenings.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in advance from any cast member or at the door the nights of the performances.

With equal measures of pluck and positivity, little orphan Annie charms everyone's hearts despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City. She is determined to find her parents who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City Orphanage run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan. With the help of

the other girls in the Orphanage, Annie escapes to the wondrous world of NYC. In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations and even befriends President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. She finds a new home and family in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary Grace Farrell, and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

Annie, the orphan in the center of the musical, will be played by Jacy Harper and Daddy Warbucks, the billionaire business-

man who takes Annie in, will be played by Brandon Eckerle on Friday night and Trenton Neely on Saturday night. Annie's beloved dog, Sandy, will be played by Roper Bauer. Miss Hannigan, the matron of the orphanage, will be played by Salena Neely; Grace Farrell, Daddy Warbucks' secretary, will be played by Taylor Kaiser on Friday and Matty Jones on Saturday; Rooster Hannigan, Miss Hannigan's brother, will be played by Jake Simmons; and Lily St. Regis, Rooster's girlfriend, will be played by Waylee Wagoner on Friday and Anaya Carrico on Saturday. Orphans Molly, Pepper, Duffy, July, Tessie and Kate will be

played by Chantel Greene, Kylie Hall, Grace Early, Grace Gingerich, Olivia Dant, and Katie Sims. Other orphans are Samantha Cook, Sadie Edmonson, Cassidy Esch, Jayleigh Harger, Brianna Price, Lindsey Robinson, Sarah Wagler, and Elly Wagler.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt will be played by Patrick Albright. Judge Brandeis, who aids in Annie's adoption, will be played by Josh Cook. Bert Healy, the radio announcer who puts out an appeal to Annie's parents, will be played by Carson Rayhill. The three Boylan sisters, who sing

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TAX

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also noted that the highway department's income averages \$1.3 million annually and it would be beneficial to know where that money is going as well. It was also mentioned that a Sunshine Law be put into place if the wheel tax is passed to have it reevaluated in five or ten years to see if the roads are improving. If not, the tax could be removed.

Gregory said that it's hard to plan ahead five years because things happen – bridges go bad, roads collapse, and those things cannot be predicted. He said a plan can be made but the unpredicted expenses can't be. Padgett said that the road he is working on now is 10 miles so a five-year plan with the current funding, he would still be on the same road in five years.

Padgett also commented on the much larger equipment that is now traveling the county roads. He said semis, farm equipment, etc., are tearing up the roads quicker than they can maintain them.

In the end, the council requested that Gregory and Padgett come back with numbers and a plan.

There are 290 miles of road in Martin County, Padgett said 250 miles are blacktopped.

Leslie Bauer came before the council on behalf of The S.H.O.P. The S.H.O.P. is a teen center in Shoals, opened in November of 2014. It is currently located in The River Church. Bauer explained to the council that The S.H.O.P. is to reach at-risk teens, aged 13-17, by providing them with a safe, drug-free, and violence-free place to hang out. She said it's open to any teen but at-risk teens are the ones they hope to reach. She said when the concept of the teen club was discussed, they did not want to affiliate it with any church but there was no other location they could utilize. She said being inside The River Church, it has that "youth

group feel" which is what they did not want. She said the plan is to purchase their own property and they have found one they are interested in but it would cost around \$70,000 to purchase it and do renovations. She came to the council to request any monetary help they would be able to give.

The S.H.O.P. is currently only open on Friday nights from 6-9 p.m. and Bauer said for the first few months they had four or five teens show up. They are now up to 10-12 teens each Friday night. They provide movies, games and snacks for the teens and hope in the future to provide other resources such as tutoring, and computers with internet access for homework. They also plan to expand the hours of the center.

Bauer said they are working on their own 501(c)(3) non-profit status but are currently piggy backing off the non-profit of the Pow-erhouse teen center in Washington. She said they will probably not get their own non-profit status completed until next year.

Council Member Stiles said he thinks it's a very good program but he is not sure where the money would come from and when it would stop being needed from the county. He added that there could be legal issues associated with the county being involved.

Bauer said they have fundraisers planned and have applied for a few grants.

Jason ???, who was in the audience spoke up saying he had property next to the school that may be coming available soon. He said he would not charge The S.H.O.P. rent like he would someone else. He said he would be happy to work with The S.H.O.P. organizers to help in whatever way he could.

The council told Bauer that they would need to research the legalities of helping with the program and Council Member Winger said he would like to hear public input on the project as well.

Sheriff Travis Roush requested that the council approve creating the new position

of captain at the sheriff's department with a pay increase of \$4,000. He said he wants to improve the chain of command in the department and communication. He said it would also provide an incentive for the officers to stay with the department instead of going to another county where they are making more money. In order to be a captain, the officer would have to be with the department for nine years. The captain would receive a salary increase from \$28,576 to \$32,576. The additional money will have to be advertised before the council can approve it but Roush wanted to present it now. The captain would be between a sergeant and a major in the ranks. The council will discuss this again at their May meeting.

The council approved an additional appropriation request from the general fund for the recorder's office to change software companies from Manatron to CSI. Recorder Rhonda Sanders said that Martin County is the only county that still has Manatron. She said she has had a hard time getting any customer service from them which prevents her from doing her job in a timely manner. She has \$6,000 in her budget to help pay for the cost of the software change and the council approved the additional \$14,000.

Judge Lynne Ellis requested \$200,000 for public defender contracts and an upcoming murder trial. She said she does not have \$200,000 in bills due right now but wanted to request more than needed so she had money for bills for the next few months. The council agreed to give \$75,000 for now.

\$1,080 was also approved for a temporary custodian in the courthouse while the regular custodian is on leave and \$3,000 was approved from the commissioners' budget for the community corrections pre-trial home detention program.

The council also approved \$17,335 to pay for the cost of juveniles to be in The Village, a treatment center for at-risk youth.

Council Member Hawkins expressed concern with all the additional appropriations on the agenda, totaling \$240,000 and it is only April. Auditor Roush said there is a surplus in the general fund, if all the additional appropriations on the agenda were approved, of \$428,000.

Josh and Courtney Hughett presented the humane society quarterly report for January through March. The shelter took in 43 dogs and 52 cats and adopted out 30 dogs and 40 cats. The cost of vet bills over the three-month period was \$4,046.45, cost of dog and cat food was \$762.03, and the cost of utilities including trash pick-up and phone/internet was \$2,436.40. The humane society fielded 252 phone calls, emails and social media messages regarding animals. Courtney told the council that the volunteers are working now to trap as many feral cats as possible, with 30 already being caught this month and another 30 planned for the end of the month. The shelter is sending every cat to be spayed/neutered and the ones not returned to where they came from will be tamed and adopted out.

ANNIE

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a trio on the radio, will be played by Hannah Bailey, Hannah Reckelhoff, and Mariah Bridgewater. Officer Ward, who is sent to find Annie, will be played by Josh Cook and Drake, Daddy Warbucks' butler and friend, will be played by Dylan Jones. Warbucks' head housekeeper, Mrs. Greer, will be played by Shania Swigler and the cook, Mrs. Pugh, will be played by Hannah Bailey.

Other cast members serving in various other parts are Jamison Hennette, Jake Carrico, Cruse Bridgewater, Kayla Taylor, Daylon Perkins, Ella Donnersberger, Cassidy Esch, Konner Lyon, CJ Gibbs, Patrick Albright, Brianna Price, Katie Sims



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CALVIN WAGLER

Calvin Dean Wagler went to his heavenly home on April 3, 2015. A resident of Washington, he was 58.

He was born July 10, 1956 in Terre Haute; son of Verda E. (Gingerich) and Anson Wagler. He was raised in Alfordville. He married the love of his life Joie (Shingler) Wagler on September 9,

1989.

He worked as a truck driver for Boyd Grain. He was an Elder at New Hope Christian Church. He enjoyed vacationing in the Smokies and loved the outdoors. His passion was his family and sons.

He is survived by his wife, Joie Wagler; mother, Verda E. Wagler; sons, Anson V. Wagler and Aaron D. Wagler; brothers and

sister-in-laws, David (Connie) Wagler, Mark (Denise) Wagler, Daniel (Rene) Wagler; sisters and brother-in-laws, Dorothy (Daniel) Cox, Janet (Don) Swartz, Rhoda (Dave) Swartz; sister-in-law, Pam (Rick) Puckett, Suzanne (Blane) Crabb; brother-in-law, Kenneth (Bambi) Shingler; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

He is preceded by his father, Anson E. Wagler; and grandparents, Wagler and Gingerich.

Funeral services were held at New Hope Christian Church with Joe Coquillard officiating this morning, Wednesday, April 8, with burial following the service at Berea Mennonite Church Cemetery.

Gill Funeral Service, in Washington, was in charge of arrangements. Condolences can be made at www.gillsince1872.com.

Multidrug-resistant shigellosis spreading in the US

Article via Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

International travelers are bringing a multidrug-resistant intestinal illness to the United States and spreading it to others who have not traveled, according to a report released last Thursday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Shigella sonneibacteria resistant to the antibiotic ciprofloxacin sickened 243 people in 32 states and Puerto Rico between May 2014 and February 2015. Research by the CDC found that the drug-resistant illness was being repeatedly introduced as ill travelers returned and was then infecting other people in a series of outbreaks around the country.

CDC and public health partners investigated several recent clusters of shigellosis in Massachusetts, California and Pennsylvania and found that nearly 90 percent of the cases tested were resistant to ciprofloxacin (Cipro), the first choice to treat shigellosis among adults in the United States. Shigellosis can spread very quickly in groups like children in childcare facilities, homeless people and gay and bisexual men, as occurred in these outbreaks.

"These outbreaks show a troubling trend in Shigella infections in the United States," said CDC Director Tom Frieden, M.D., M.P.H. "Drug-resistant infections are harder to treat and because Shigella spreads so easily between people, the potential for more – and larger – outbreaks is a real concern. We're moving quickly to implement a national strategy to curb antibiotic resistance because we can't take for granted that we'll always have the drugs we need to fight common infections."

In the United States, most Shigella is already resistant to the antibiotics ampicillin and trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole. Globally, Shigella resistance to Cipro is increasing. Cipro is often prescribed to people who travel internationally, in case they develop diarrhea while out of the United States. More study is needed to determine what role, if any, the use of antibiotics during travel may have in increasing the risk of antibiotic-resistant diarrhea infections among returned travelers.

"The increase in drug-resistant Shigella makes it even more critical to prevent shigellosis from spreading," said Anna Bowen, M.D., M.P.H., a medical officer in CDC's Waterborne Diseases Prevention Branch and lead author of the study. "Washing your hands with soap and water is important for everyone. Also, international travelers can protect themselves by choosing hot foods and drinking only from sealed containers."

CDC's PulseNet lab network identified an increase in Shigella sonnei infections with an uncommon genetic fingerprint in December 2014. Further testing at CDC's National Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring System (NARMS) lab found that the bacteria were resistant to Cipro. PulseNet detected several large clusters: 45 cases in Massachusetts; 25 cases in California; and 18 cases in Pennsylvania. About half of the PulseNet cases with patient information were associated with international travel, mostly to the Dominican Republic and India. The San Francisco Department of Public Health reported another 95 cases (nine of them among those identified by PulseNet), with almost half occurring among the homeless or people living in single-room occupancy hotels.

Shigella causes an estimated 500,000 cases of diarrhea in the United States every

year. It spreads easily and rapidly from person to person and through contaminated food and recreational water. It can cause watery or bloody diarrhea, abdominal pain, fever, and malaise. Although diarrhea caused by Shigella typically goes away without treatment, people with mild illnesses are often treated with antibiotics to stop the diarrhea faster. Until recently, Cipro resistance has occurred in just 2 percent of Shigella infections tested in the United States, but was found in 90 percent of samples tested in the recent clusters.

Because Cipro-resistant Shigella is spreading, CDC recommends doctors use lab tests to determine which antibiotics will effectively treat shigellosis. Doctors and patients should consider carefully whether an infection requires antibiotics at all.

To prevent the spread of shigellosis, CDC recommends that people wash their hands often with soap and water, especially after using the toilet and before preparing food or eating; keep children home from childcare and other group activities while they are sick with diarrhea; avoid preparing food for others while ill with diarrhea; and avoid swimming for a few weeks after recovering. Improving access to toilets and soap and water for washing hands may help pre-

vent Shigella transmission among the homeless.

Travelers to developing countries can take additional precautions to avoid diarrhea and minimize infection with resistant bacteria. Choose safe foods and beverages, such as food that is steaming hot and drinks from sealed containers (download CDC's app "Can I Eat This?" to help you make safer food and beverage choices when you travel). Wash hands frequently, particularly before eating and after using the toilet. Take bismuth subsalicylate to prevent travelers' diarrhea and treat it with over-the-counter drugs like bismuth subsalicylate or loperamide. Try to reserve antibiotics for severe cases of travelers' diarrhea.

Health care providers should test stool samples from patients with symptoms consistent with shigellosis, re-test stool if patients do not improve after taking antibiotics, and test bacteria for antibiotic resistance.

For more information on Shigella, please visit: www.cdc.gov/shigella.

Travelers can learn more about food and water precautions to prevent Shigella at: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2014/chapter-2-the-pre-travel-consultation/food-and-water-precautions>.

Classified ADS

YARD SALE

GARAGE SALE Saturday, April 11, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Scenic Hill Road (turn right off of Hwy 50 East @ former Pomp's Tire). Tools and more tools; plumbing/electrical supplies, asst. nails and screws, standing air compressor, arc welder & hood, parts washer, John Deere LT 150 lawn mower, landscape lights and decorative stones, 3-pc. bedroom suite (black and chrome), twin bed, girl's toddler bed, computer desk, movies and PS 2 games, cookware, dishes, bedding, decorations, baby clothes (boys nb-12 mos; girls nb - 2T), jr. clothing sizes 3-7, and much more. Priced to sell! Mark and Shirley Jeffers

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MARCH 30

7:58 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. LPD was notified and all was okay.

8:41 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism and a theft near Indian Springs. Deputy Dant responded to the call.

1:30 p.m. - Deputy Dant took an inmate to court.

2:05 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. LPD Captain Hennette responded.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of a car-dog accident on US 231, north of Loogootee. Sgt Keller responded.

5:00 p.m. - Received a report of a motorist needing assistance in Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

5:06 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

7:37 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

9:30 a.m. - Deputy Dant took two inmates to court.

10:05 a.m. - Received several reports of cows out on SR 450, Brett Road, and Rama Dye Road. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:30 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene transported five inmates to court.

10:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

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

2:00 p.m. - Deputy Dant took an inmate to court.

5:05 p.m. - Received a report of four-wheelers driving recklessly near Burns City. ISP trooper Sexton took the call.

Martin County real estate transfers

James Clevenger and Patricia A. Uber, of Martin County, Indiana to **Lester Wayne Estell**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the northwest quarter of Section 6, Township 4 North, Range 4 West.

Sharon K. Wiles, of Martin County, Indiana to **Richard Martin Thompson**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 6 in the Original Town of Crane.

Stephen J. MacKinnon, of Orange County, Indiana and **Julie A. Montgomery, formerly known as Julie A. MacKinnon**, of Orange County, Indiana to

6:56 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire north of Shoals. Civil defense and Williams Fire Department were notified.

9:58 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist north of Loogootee. Deputy Harmon responded to the call.

10:01 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Good Samaritan Hospital.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

12:24 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

9:02 a.m. - Sheriff Roush picked up an inmate in Daviess County for local court.

9:30 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took two inmates to court.

11:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene responded to a noise complaint at Hindostan Falls.

11:05 a.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted the state fire marshal at a scene north of Shoals.

2:47 p.m. - Sheriff Roush transported an inmate back to Daviess County.

5:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Deputy Dant, Loogootee 1st Responders, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

2:00 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person north of Loogootee. Corporal Baker and a Loogootee officer met with the subject. All was okay.

6:28 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene responded to backed up traffic near the Crane gate. It was caused by the closure of the gate at Burns City.

8:45 a.m. - Report of vandalism to campaign signs in Loogootee. LPD Captain Hennette responded.

11:35 a.m. - Received a report of a theft south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt took the call.

12:50 p.m. - Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, and Major Burkhardt gave an informational presentation at Shoals School.

William T. Senne, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 8, Township 2 North, Range 3 West containing 5 acres, more or less.

Cody M. Sexton, of Martin County, Indiana to **Charlotte Wagoner**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: The south half of Lots Numbered 7 and 8 in J.W. O'Brian Addition to Loogootee, Indiana. Tract II: A part of Lot Numbered 6 in J.W. O'Brian Addition to Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana containing 0.1607 of an acre, more or less.

Cathy L. Evans, William M. Heckard, Norman W. Heckard, Grace D. Dunlap, Rick L. Heckard, and Darwin L. Heckard, of Martin County, Indiana to **Lavern Raber and Anna Barbara Raber, Aaron D. Raber, and Jesse R. Raber**, of Daviess County, Indiana, all that part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, lying south of the centerline of Beaver Creek. All that part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, lying south of the centerline of Beaver Creek. Containing in all 35 acres, more or less.

Lucas D. Wesley, of Martin County, Indiana to **Wade Arvin and Andrew Haggard**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 5 in Oliver & Taylor's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Vicki M. Grindstaff, Joy M. O'Maley and William Max Wagoner, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jeffrey D. Anderson, Julie D. Wittmer and Jennifer D. Lukens**, of Martin County, Indiana, one-half acre in Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West.

2:20 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt, Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene and the Shoals Fire Department responded.

2:41 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:00 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took an inmate to court.

3:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:55 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50. Major Burkhardt took the call.

5:05 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Loogootee 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:45 p.m. - Corporal Baker assisted a motorist on US 50.

11:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:53 p.m. - Received a report of a car fire in Shoals. Marshal Eckert and Shoals Fire Department responded.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

4:57 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across US 231. Martin County Civil Defense and Corporal Baker responded.

7:40 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. LPD Captain Akles responded.

9:34 a.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted a motorist east of Shoals.

10:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:43 a.m. - Received a fire alarm call at Shoals School. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. It turned out to be a false alarm.

12:25 p.m. - Received a report of a large dog on US 50, east of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

12:38 p.m. - Received a report of a road washed out north of Loogootee. Martin County Highway was notified.

12:55 p.m. - Received a report of a theft south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt took the call.

2:49 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:53 p.m. - Received a report of a road washed out east of Loogootee. Martin County Highway responded.

5:15 p.m. - Received a report of an unruly dog in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

5:51 p.m. - Received a request for an am-

bulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:43 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231. Corporal Baker stopped the vehicle.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

12:19 a.m. - Received a report of a noise complaint in Loogootee. LPD Officer Nolan took the call.

9:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:52 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. LPD Captain Akles responded.

12:15 p.m. - Received a report of a bobcat in a live trap near Shoals. Conservation Office Tony Mann took the call.

12:18 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Sgt Keller responded.

3:30 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. LPD Captain responded.

4:03 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. LPD responded.

9:20 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near the fairgrounds. Deputy Harmon responded.

2:21 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

3:55 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231. Deputy Harmon responded.

7:26 a.m. - Received a report of an accident with injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee 1st Responders, Martin County Ambulance, LPD Captain Akles, and Deputy Dant responded. One subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:05 p.m. - Received a report of what sounded like gun shots in Loogootee. LPD Captain Akles responded.

1:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:42 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:53 p.m. - Received a report of an aggressive dog in Loogootee. LPD Captain Akles responded.

3:57 p.m. - Received a report of four-wheelers driving recklessly south of Shoals. Deputy Dant responded and had the four-wheeler towed.

6:62 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation south of Loogootee. Sgt Keller responded.

10:40 p.m. - Received a report of a hurt owl south of Shoals. The conservation officer was contacted.

JAIL BOOKINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

12:28 a.m. - Ronald Collins, 54, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Sexton for operating while intoxicated and is being held on a \$10,000 bond.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

7:50 p.m. - Alan Bleemel, 22, of Loogootee was arrested by Major Burkhardt on a Martin County warrant and no bond has been set.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

8:07 a.m. - Ronald Gebhart, 68, of Loogootee, was arrested for driving while suspended with a prior and no bond has been set.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

1:10 p.m. - Carlis Craft, 23, of Shoals, was arrested by Sgt. Keller on an intimidation charge and is being held on a \$20,000 bond.

1:30 a.m. - Joshua M. Graber, 22, of Shoals, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Nolan and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and transported to the Daviess County Security Center.

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Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, MARCH 30

9:40 a.m. - Caller reported someone shooting a gun around the Redwing Trailer Court area.

4:17 p.m. - Caller reported underage son obtaining tobacco.

8:11 a.m. - Caller reported a possible illegal burn.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

10:52 a.m. - First responders were requested on Queen Street for lifting assistance.

5:10 p.m. - Caller reported a garage had been broken into on Riley Street.

7:43 p.m. - Caller reported trespassing.

9:49 p.m. - Caller reported a possible domestic dispute on Church Street.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

12:24 a.m. - First responders were requested on Crane Street for lifting assistance.

1:11 a.m. - Caller reported her juvenile son was trying to run away from her house.

1:00 p.m. - Chief Rayhill completed a vehicle identification check.

5:43 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

7:13 p.m. - Caller reported an unlicensed driver.

8:49 p.m. - Caller reported loud music near the swimming pool parking lot.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

3:00 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

8:45 a.m. - Caller on Church Street reported vandalism.

12:01 p.m. - Male caller reported having problems with another male.

6:08 p.m. - First responders were requested on State Road 550 for a medical call.

7:38 p.m. - Officer Nolan checked on a broken down vehicle on Hwy 50.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

7:40 a.m. - Female caller reported a theft of medication.

10:00 a.m. - First responders were requested on Redbud Street for a medical call.

2:00 p.m. - Captain Akles responded to a 911 hang-up.

11:15 p.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a business alarm on Hwy 50.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

10:21 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

11:52 a.m. - Captain Akles assisted a motorist at Chuckles.

4:07 p.m. - Female caller reported vandalism.

8:33 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

10:51 p.m. - Caller reported a noise complaint in the high school parking lot.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

2:21 a.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for lifting assistance.

1:05 p.m. - Caller reported someone shooting a firearm around the St. John's Cemetery.

1:35 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

3:53 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint on Queen Street.

Accident reports

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

5:05 p.m. - Katlyn M. Dickens, of Loogootee, was operating a 2003 Dodge and attempting to pull onto JFK Avenue from Butcher Boulevard when she pulled into the path of a 2002 Ford operated by James R. Taylor, of Loogootee. Dickens complained of pain and was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital. Officer Nolan investigated.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

7:28 a.m. - Wilmina Franklin, of Loogootee, was operating a 2004 Pontiac and attempting to turn onto JFK Avenue when she pulled into the path of a 1996 Chrysler operated by Kristie Evans, of Shoals. A passenger in the Evans vehicle complained of pain and was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital. Captain Akles was the investigating officer.

Martin County Court News

Persons listed on criminal charges are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

CRIMINAL COURT

New Charges Filed

March 9

Melanie Stepanek, maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

March 11

Myra L. Winkle, operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Collin M. Patton, criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Tiffany M. Ritter, battery against a public safety official, a Class 5 Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Class 6 Felony.

Jill A. Bradley, battery in the presence of a child, a Class 6 Felony; intimidation, a Class 6 Felony; battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor.

March 13

Travis R. Salmon, residential entry, a Class 6 Felony; two counts of intimidation, Class 6 Felonies; battery, a Class B Misdemeanor.

March 23

Alan D. Bleemel, resisting law enforcement, a Class 6 Felony; reckless driving, a Class B Misdemeanor.

March 24

Raygan L. Roach, reckless driving, a Class B Misdemeanor; speed contest, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Zachary T. Clifton, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor.

March 25

Julie E. Lents, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Casey M. Adams, reckless driving, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Delmar D. Knepp, reckless driving, a

Class B Misdemeanor.

March 30

Richard O'Connor, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

March 25

Kevin L. Graber, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, reduced from a Class D Felony and convicted of operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level of .15, a Class A Misdemeanor. Both counts, to be served consecutively, sentenced to 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 362 days suspended. Defendant received 9 months of probation.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

March 25

Michael R. Quick vs. Melissa A. Klocker, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Donald Gene Nolan vs. Samantha Sue Nolan, petition for dissolution of marriage.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

March 25

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Patrick M. Strange, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Anthony T. Doyle, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Gina L. Divine, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Rosella Cruz, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Mark A. Floyd, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Levi C. Brown, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Jason Wagoner, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Joseph Mumma, Jr., complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Betty S. Survance, complaint.

March 30

VEI Protective Services vs. Martin County Healthcare, complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

March 26

Eric Allen Stout of Loogootee and Tanna Annette Barr of Loogootee.

Justin Allen Senne of Crane and Tracy Elizabeth Todd of Crane.

Loogootee man arrested in Daviess County

An afternoon traffic stop put a suspected drunk driver behind bars and drugs off the streets.

At 1:08 p.m. Monday, April 6, Senior Trooper Jarrod Lents observed a black 1999 Pontiac Grand Am traveling over the speed limit on County Road 900 East, north of County Road 200 North. After speaking with the driver, Nathan M. Williams, 29, of Loogootee, Senior Trooper Lents had probable cause to believe Williams had operated a vehicle while intoxicated. Further investigation during the stop showed Williams was in possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

Williams was found to have a blood alcohol content of .11%. He was lodged, without incident, in the Daviess County Jail.

He was charged with operating while intoxicated with a prior conviction, a Level 6 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; and possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor.

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DRUG TIP

(Continued from page one)

becoming overwhelming after stepping inside. Once inside the residence, officers found Joshua Lee Cropp, 24, of Bedford, and a two-year old male. After Trooper Lents applied for and received a search warrant for the residence through the Martin County Court, officers and Martin County Deputies searched the residence, finding a combined total of nearly one and a half pounds of marijuana, as well as a legend drug. Bradley and Cropp were placed into custody and transported to the Martin County Jail.

A third person, Traci L. Hall-Johnson, 20, of Loogootee, arrived at the residence while officers were on scene; she was additionally taken into custody since she was a resident of the home. The two-year old child was placed with a relative.

This case remains under investigation.

The Indiana State Police continues to ask citizens to call the State Police Post when they have information on possible drug activity, especially if it is occurring around children.

William Bradley, of 214 Southeast 1st Street, Loogootee, was charged with maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 Felony; possession of a legend drug, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; and possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Traci L. Hall-Johnson, of 214 Southeast 1st Street, Loogootee, was charged with neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 Felony; possession of a legend drug, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; and possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Joshua L. Cropp, of 341 Wallner Quarry Road, Bedford, was charged with possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor; and visiting a common nuisance, a Class B Misdemeanor.



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-Deborah R.

In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

Warmer weather the past couple of weeks has caused all of nature to awake from its long winter's nap. The progression of daffodils has peaked, with the fancy mid-season bloomers now stealing the show. I believe the coronas of the King Alfred daffodils have been the largest I have ever seen. With more than 35 different types of daffodils here at Sandhill Gardens, it has been a beautiful parade of blooms.

The hellebores have also put on quite a show. Hellebore blooms were a bit later than usual this year and have only recently hit their peak. The blooms last a long time on the plants, so they will continue to stand out for a couple of weeks. I only have about a dozen different cultivars of hellebores, but one often finds flowers of different colors on the same plant, so a bouquet may still have great variety. The number of blooms per plant has also been impressive. One hellebore along the sidewalk leading to my house has more than two dozen blooms, looking like a mound of waxy, pink blossoms.

Bishop's caps, lungwort and squill play a supporting role in the early perennial bloom show. Pansies and violas are now readily available annuals. Forsythia and witch hazel shrubs have also burst into bloom. These shrubs are the signals that it is time to put down pre-emergent herbicides on lawns, if one is striving for a weed-free carpet.

On the culinary side, the first salad of the season has supplanted the nearly-tasteless

supermarket mixes. I have dined on kale, turnip top, dandelion, violet, primrose and garlic chives. It is nice to have a salad that does not depend on the dressing for flavor.

I wear several hats and this weekend I shall don yet another. Actually, it will be more of a hood. I will be playing a monk at the Blackhawke Manor Renaissance Fair near French Lick. Still, gardening will be my subject of the day. During the middle ages and the renaissance, monasteries were depositories of gardening knowledge, especially the use of herbs for healing. I will be talking about medicinal herbs. We will also be looking around the Sleeping Bear Retreat for wild plants that have healing or culinary uses. I do not claim to be an herbal healer, so the information will come with a disclaimer that while medieval monks used herbs, it would not be a practice I would recommend. Also, no one should ingest any plant if he or she is not absolutely sure of what it is. Many of the plants in a monastery garden may be poisonous if ingested in adequate amounts. However, many of the herbs do have medicinal properties when used in correct ways and correct dosages. Even today, many pharmaceutical companies use plants as a source of drugs and we are finding that the old herbal remedies actually have some standing.

Come out and see me at the renaissance festival. If nothing else, it will be a wonderful way to spend a spring day outside.

Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton
NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

Spring is finally here. Even though some days lately haven't really seemed too spring-like there's no stopping it now. If you haven't already, it is a good time to get out and walk or take the ATV and assess the conditions of each paddock so you can start planning out the year. I generally take a few notes, or at least mental notes, of what could or should be grazed first.

Several years ago I took a white board, one that uses erasable markers, and created a layout of all my pastures with some thin black tape. Using markers, I can track enter and exit periods and rest on this board and also mark any production information I need to note. If being strip grazed, an arrow indicates the direction of movement and timeframes. I try to remember to take a picture of the board for future reference before erasing too much. It is good reference data that helps me understand sometimes why something is looking or reacting the way it does.

I was looking at some paddocks back in late March. One small area certainly appeared to have greened up a little quicker than areas around. At closer inspection it was nice and green, but the green was coming dominantly from a surge of white clover and some struggling orchardgrass and tall fescue. Ground cover was not at all where it should be. Tracking backwards, I found the last time it was grazed was the third week of October and I was out of town. The forage was not dormant yet and this area was overgrazed before I could get back, so I went back to my board and found I had underestimated the available forage and it got grazed harder than what it should have at that time of year.

If I had planned on frost-seeding additional legumes later in the winter, then this could be somewhat beneficial to opening up the sod a little and increasing the ability of that slick little seed to get sufficient seed to soil contact. Obviously, there was a fair seed bank of white clover present. The addition of improved varieties is usually still a good option though.

This scenario creates a few management issues. Number one, the field is going to require a little more rest now. If grazed too quickly, the competitive edge will be on the side of the clover. The grass will need a longer rest period to regain its strength. If the legumes get too much of a foothold, the ratio of legume to grass can get too high and bloat can become a problem. This situation generally starts when the clover exceeds more than 30 percent of the sward dry matter, but it is even more of an issue when the clover starts exceeding 40 percent of the dry weight. Visual dry weight estimates of clover tend to be underestimated. If it looks like 40 percent, it could be 50 percent or more. Finally, grass generally makes up the majority of the production of the pasture. If the grasses are set back too much then production will be reduced and weed stress will most likely increase.

A small area or even one or two paddocks like described above can be dealt with by allowing those areas to rest longer this spring before grazing them. If you have too many areas like this, it might be best to continue feeding hay a little longer. As the old Fram air filter commercial went, "you can pay me now or you can pay me later."

Paddocks that were grazed too tight, too early last year also lack sufficient dry matter or lignin and therefore create a situation where ruminants have a harder time maintaining a good mat in the rumen and quickly get that "sloshy" sound to them. If you bumped into a cow in this condition, you can hear major sloshing around. It is this same cow that I've warned you in the past



to not stand too close behind. She just needs some dry material to balance her rumen.

Now, if pastures were not overgrazed prior to dormancy last fall and also maintained with adequate cover over the winter then they should have good cover with no soil showing. There is a nice amount of dry matter left over from the previous year present and new green grass growth coming up through it. Though not as prominent to start with, the legumes will start increasing soon and make a beautiful stand of forage. Production on this site will be improved, weed issues less, and the carbon to nitrogen ratio will be better balanced allowing you to walk a little closer behind the cows if that is your desire. These areas will also tolerate more grazing under wetter conditions as compared to the first site and these fields make a nice place to calve. Ideally, 80 percent of your pastures should look like this come spring.

I'll end this edition with a comment on cover and the start grazing timeframe. Cover is very important. As the pastures begin greening back up, it is very important to not start grazing too quickly. As the plant begins to green up, it first starts to rebuild its solar panel. Photosynthesis is needed to build back new roots and reserves. The more photosynthesis occurring per acre, the more carbon there is and more potential for increasing soil organic matter. Photosynthesis needs leaf surface area, so that solar panel can move forward. When leaf is removed too early by grazing, the solar panels capability is greatly diminished. We also do not want any bare soil. We want all of the energy from the sun to be captured by that green solar panel. We do not want that energy wasted on heating up bare soil which can increase oxidation of carbon, we want it converted to energy in plants.

Pastures that have had little to no grazing over winter or were stockpiled and not grazed yet are certainly where you should be grazing right now. Year-round grazing systems plan to have sufficient forage to graze during this timeframe and generally are not waiting for spring green up.

Keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities

Grazing 102 to be held June 9-10, 2015 at SIPAC. Grazing 102 is a grazing school designed to help producers understand the main concepts of grazing management. For more information, contact Jason Tower at towerj@purdue.edu or 812-678-4427.

More pasture information and past issues of Grazing Bites are available at: www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/in/technical/landuse/pasture/

Free fishing weekend is now four days

This year, free fishing in Indiana will be held on four different days. During April 18, May 16, and June 6-7, Indiana residents do not need a fishing license or a trout/salmon stamp to fish the state's public waters. Typically, only youth (age 17 and younger) and a few other special anglers are exempt from the license requirement.

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Photographer Bill Whorrall captured two photos with a total of 23 turtles enjoying a relaxing day on floating logs at Paw Paw Marsh. Shown above is one of those photos.

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrall.com

New class of insecticides offers safer, more targeted mosquito control

BY NATALIE VAN HOOSE
Purdue University News Service

Purdue researchers have identified a new class of chemical insecticides that could provide a safer, more selective means of controlling mosquitoes that transmit key infectious diseases such as dengue, yellow fever and elephantiasis.

Known as dopamine receptor antagonists, the chemicals beat out the neurotransmitter dopamine to lock into protein receptors that span the mosquito cell membrane. Disrupting the mechanics of dopamine - which plays important roles in cell signaling, movement, development and complex behaviors - eventually leads to the insect's death.

The researchers used the mosquito genome to pinpoint chemicals that will be more selective than current insecticides, which bind readily to molecules in humans and non-target insects, said Catherine Hill, professor of entomology and Showalter Faculty Scholar.

"These are sophisticated designer drugs," she said. "They're like personalized medicine for mosquitoes - but in this case, the medicine is lethal."

Hill's team showed that DAR antagonists have high potency for both the larval and adult stages of the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito - which transmits yellow fever, dengue and chikungunya - and *Culex quinquefasciatus*, the vector of West Nile virus and the disfiguring disease elephantiasis.

Effective pest control has historically been important in slowing the spread of mosquito-borne diseases. But overuse of antibiotics and insecticides has led to the rise of drug-resistant strains of infectious diseases and the emergence of mosquitoes that can withstand conventional pesticides, a "double whammy," Hill said.

"There's an urgent need for new insecticides," she said. "We are seeing a resurgence of infectious diseases that for the last 50 years we had the luxury of controlling with antibiotics and modern medicine. These diseases are increasingly going to become a problem for people everywhere."

The research team designed DAR antagonists to disrupt molecules that are crucial to mosquito survival. The chemicals are structurally distinct from existing insecticides and target a different biochemical path in the mosquito.

The team is mining a group of about 200 DAR antagonists to find the most promising chemicals for commercial products. The insecticides could be cost-effective compared with current products and would have low environmental impact because of their selectivity, Hill said.

The researchers are also taking steps to minimize the risk that the insecticides could bind with human dopamine receptors, said Val Watts, professor of medicinal chemistry and molecular pharmacology and co-author of the studies.

"Many of the compounds we've identified are selective for mosquito receptors versus human receptors - some at a more than one hundredfold," he said. "Also, some of these compounds are already used as treatments for diseases such as schizophrenia and depression. They are safely handled by physicians and pharmacists



Purdue researchers Catherine Hill and Val Watts are designing insecticides that target dopamine receptors in disease-transmitting mosquitoes. (Purdue Agricultural Communication photo/Tom Campbell)



Mosquito larvae "snorkeling" in the Hill lab. Larvae breathe air through siphon tubes on their abdomens. (Purdue Agricultural Communication photo/Tom Campbell)

every day."

The tougher challenge may be ensuring the insecticides do not affect beneficial insects such as honeybees. While the researchers have identified chemicals that are highly selective for mosquito receptors, they are also exploring the possibility of heightening insecticide specificity by using allosteric modulators, molecules that act like dimmer switches, dialing up or down the cell's response to dopamine.

Similar protein receptors exist in the African malaria mosquito, the sand fly and the tsetse fly, suggesting that DAR antagonists could help control these disease-transmitting insects as well.

"We're going after all the big ones," Hill said.

The paper on the effectiveness of DAR antagonists in *C. quinquefasciatus* mosquitoes was published in *PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases* and is available at <http://journals.plos.org/plosntds/article?id=10.1371/journal.pntd.0003515>

A proof-of-concept study on using DAR antagonists to control *Ae. aegypti* was published in *The Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics* and is available at <http://jpet.aspetjournals.org/content/352/1/53.long>

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Making waves

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrall.com

The Wood Duck nests in trees near water, sometimes directly over water, but other times over a mile away. After hatching, the ducklings jump down from the nest tree and make their way to water. The mother calls them to her, but does not help them in any way. The ducklings may jump from heights of over 50 feet without injury.

Analyst: Soybeans gaining popularity

BY DARRIN PACK
Purdue University News Service

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Prospective Plantings report indicates that farmers nationwide could be looking to soybeans as a financial safe haven in a difficult market, Purdue University agricultural economist Chris Hurt says.

The number of soybean acres could reach an all-time high in 2015 while corn acreage is expected to decline for the third year in a row, according to the report issued Tuesday, March 31 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"This shift is a result of the anticipation of stronger financial returns for soybeans," Hurt said. "Prices for all crops are depressed at the current time, and margins are expected to be tight. However, soybean margins have offered the best alternative of the three major crops."

Soybeans are also comparatively cheap to plant, Hurt said.

"The input costs are about half that of corn," he said. "When margins are tight some farmers prefer to have less total dollars invested in each acre of land."

The U.S. soybean market has been gaining strength in recent years largely due to increased exports to China, Hurt said.

"The growing demand has caused soybean prices to be strong relative to corn and wheat," he said. "This sends strong signals to producers that more soybeans are needed and less corn and wheat."

The annual report showed that farmers across the country expected to plant 89.2 million acres of corn this year, down 2 percent from last year but more than some analysts expected. Producers planned for 84.6 million acres of soybeans, which would break last year's record of 83.7 million acres.

Winter wheat was expected to account for 40.8 million acres, down 4 percent from 2014.

The report, based on a nationwide survey of 84,000 farmers, was conducted in March. Regional responses mostly mirrored the national trends.

Producers in Indiana expected to plant 5.8 million acres of corn this year, down 2 percent from 2014. Ohio growers said they would plant 3.5 million corn acres, down 5 percent.

In Indiana, farmers said they would plant 5.6 million acres of soybeans, up 2 percent from last year. Ohio farmers planned on 5.1 million acres of soybeans, a 5 percent increase.

Farmers in Indiana said they would put in 340,000 acres of winter wheat compared with 390,000 acres last year, a drop of 13 percent. Ohio farmers planned on 550,000 acres of winter wheat this year, down 11 per-

cent from last year's 620,000 acres.

Hurt said corn prices fell after the release of the Prospective Plantings report, and another USDA report the same day showing corn stocks left from the 2014 crop were about 115 million bushels more than expected.

"The combination of more old-crop corn than expected and more 2015 acres than expected was a one-two punch depressing corn prices," Hurt said.

In its quarterly Grain Stocks report, the USDA said soybean stocks totaled 1.33 billion bushels on March 1, up 34 percent from the same time last year.

The amount of corn in storage totaled 7.74 billion bushels, up 11 percent from 2014.

All wheat stocks totaled 1.12 billion bushels, up 6 percent from last year.

DNR Fish & Wildlife honors excellent employees

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife recently honored several employees with Awards of Excellence for 2014.

Awards went to Winamac Fish & Wildlife Area property manager Tony Carroll, LaSalle Fish & Wildlife Area laborer Bob Gasior, Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) program specialist Doug Nusbaum, and the team of employees involved in restoring West Boggs Lake in Loogootee.

Carroll, who started the year as assistant property manager, helped guide Winamac through the unexpected death of its secretary and the departure of the property manager. Carroll worked long hours and took on additional responsibilities to make sure Winamac ran smoothly. He was eventually promoted to property manager.

Gasior was the only full-time employee left at LaSalle after the property manager retired. Gasior ran the property until a new manager could be hired. Gasior then helped the new manager get up to speed.

Nusbaum is an erosion and sediment control expert known for his ability to build partnerships with conservation organizations outside DNR. In 2014, Nusbaum administered a construction project on Prairie Creek in Boone County, a logjam removal on Pigeon River in LaGrange County, sediment removal on Round Lake in Whitley County, and a stream bank stability project into in Lake County.

The team award went to 42 people involved in the West Boggs Lake project in Loogootee. They were led by fisheries biologist Dave Kittaka. Last fall, the lake was drawn down to about 10 percent of its normal volume so that biologists could renovate the lake's fishery. The lake had been invaded by gizzard shad, which had stunted bluegill growth and caused bass numbers to decline.



NSWC Crane offers Indiana companies business opportunities

The Linton-Stockton Chamber of Commerce hosted Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC), Crane Division's 18th annual Buy Indiana Expo Tuesday at French Lick Resort and Casino. The event offers companies opportunities to expand their business through contracts with government centers, and more than 300 Crane employees were in attendance.

The "Buy Indiana" initiative began in 1996 with the goal of increasing NSWC Crane's spending in the state. Now the warfare center, which is one of Indiana's largest employers, solicits local businesses first for purchases not expected to exceed \$25,000 and is especially interested in opportunities

for bankcard purchases of \$3,000 or less. In the mid-1990s, about 11 to 12 percent of NSWC Crane's total expenditures benefited Indiana businesses but now that percentage has more than doubled. The warfare center procured over \$900 million in parts and services last fiscal year, with \$226 million paid to Hoosier businesses.

Nearly 200 companies from 12 states participated in this year's expo, where Crane representatives held breakout sessions/workshops to educate vendors on conducting business with the federal government and connected interested parties with key Crane contacts. Linton-Stockton Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Cheryl Hamilton explained that these partnerships have a huge impact on the entire state. "When you consider the importance of the money Crane spends, it's incredibly significant. You have to step back and view the big picture and the trickledown effect of all the dollars that go into payrolls and contractors—that money is putting shoes on our kids and food on our tables as it makes its way into all of our communities," she stated.

The Buy Indiana Expo not only teaches companies about expanding their businesses into government contracting, but also allows NSWC Crane to find new and innovative products and services to support the United States military. "We want to continue finding both large and small companies to partner with us to help provide the best equipment and technologies to the warfighter while also living up to our responsibility to the American public in the best way possible," stated NSWC Crane Commanding Officer CAPT Jeffrey Elder.

For more information on the "Buy Indiana" initiative, contact NSWC Crane's Small Business Office at 812-854-1542 or smallbusiness@navy.mil.

National jobless rate stands at 5.5 percent for March

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 126,000 in March, and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.5 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week.

Employment continued to trend up in professional and business services, health care, and retail trade, while mining lost jobs.

Household Survey Data

In March, the unemployment rate held at 5.5 percent, and the number of unemployed persons was little changed at 8.6 million. Over the year, the unemployment rate and the number of unemployed persons were down by 1.1 percentage points and 1.8 million, respectively.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (5.1 percent), adult women (4.9 percent), teenagers (17.5 percent), whites (4.7 percent), blacks (10.1 percent), Asians (3.2 percent), and Hispanics (6.8 percent) showed little or no change in March.

Among the unemployed, the number of new entrants decreased by 157,000 in March and is down by 342,000 over the year. Unemployed new entrants are those who never previously worked.

The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was little changed at 2.6 million in March. These individuals accounted for 29.8 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 62.7 percent in March. Since April 2014, the participation rate has remained within a narrow range of 62.7 percent to 62.9 percent. In March, the employment-population ratio was 59.3 percent for the third consecutive month.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) was little changed in March at 6.7 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 March, 2.1 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 738,000 discouraged workers in March, little different 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 1.3 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in March had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased in March (+126,000). Over the prior 12 months, employment growth had

averaged 269,000 per month. In March, employment continued to trend up in professional and business services, health care, and retail trade, while employment in mining declined.

Employment in professional and business services trended up in March (+40,000). Job growth in the first quarter of 2015 averaged 34,000 per month in this industry, below the average monthly gain of 59,000 in 2014. Within professional and business services, employment continued to trend up in architectural and engineering services (+4,000), computer systems design and related services (+4,000), and management and technical consulting services (+4,000).

Health care continued to add jobs in March (+22,000). Over the year, health care has added 363,000 jobs. In March, job gains occurred in ambulatory health care services (+19,000) and hospitals (+8,000), while nursing care facilities lost jobs (-6,000).

In March, employment in retail trade continued to trend up (+26,000), in line with its prior 12-month average gain. Within retail trade, general merchandise stores added 11,000 jobs in March.

Employment in mining declined by 11,000 in March. The industry has lost 30,000 jobs thus far in 2015, after adding 41,000 jobs in 2014. The employment declines in the first quarter of 2015, as well as the gains in 2014, were concentrated in support activities for mining, which includes support for oil and gas extraction.

Employment in food services and drinking places changed little in March (+9,000), following a large increase in the prior month (+66,000). Job growth in the first quarter of 2015 averaged 33,000 per month, the same as the average monthly gain in 2014.

Employment in other major industries, including construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, transportation and warehousing, information, financial activities, and government, showed little change over the month.

In March, the average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls declined by 0.1 hour to 34.5 hours. The manufacturing workweek decreased by 0.1 hour to 40.9 hours, and factory overtime remained at 3.4 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls decreased by 0.1 hour to 33.7 hours.

In March, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 7 cents to \$24.86. Over the year, average hourly earnings have risen by 2.1 percent. Average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees rose by 4 cents to \$20.86 in March.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for January was revised from +239,000 to +201,000, and the change for February was revised from +295,000 to +264,000. With these revisions, employment gains in January and February combined were 69,000 less than previously reported. Over the past 3 months, job gains have averaged 197,000 per month.

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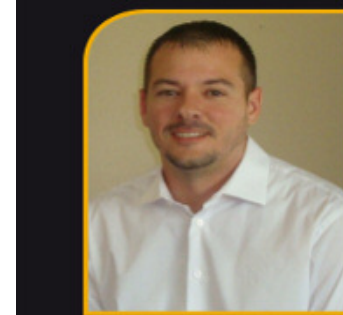
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SBOE moves to shorten ISTEP+, approves changes at Indianapolis Public Schools

The Indiana State Board of Education (SBOE) took action last Wednesday during its regular business meeting in Indianapolis to shorten the length of future ISTEP+ assessments. Fourth District SBOE Representative Sarah O'Brien presented a resolution to theb to reduce the length and cost of future ISTEP+ tests by including only the minimum number of items required by state and federal law and not expanding the test to grades and subjects not currently tested. The SBOE passed Ms. O'Brien's resolution after tabling items 7 and 11.

The resolution sets parameters for contract negotiations between the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) and testing vendors. Ms. O'Brien also cited concerns over IDOE recommendations to cut iRead-3 and voluntary K-2 assessments. She noted the data helps parents and teachers identify if their students are struggling early in their education. She also expressed strong concern over additional reading items IDOE added to this year's ISTEP+ testing that exceeded state and federal requirements and were prohibited by the Indiana Education Roundtable.

"I believe that the current testing costs cover reading components that are not necessary and is an area where we can trim the fat," said O'Brien.

The SBOE also approved multiple resolutions concerning Indianapolis Public Schools

(IPS). The board approved a resolution authorizing IPS to operate Arlington High School, which had previously been operated by an outside turnaround vendor. IPS will operate Arlington, but the school will remain under the jurisdiction of the board. The board also extended a contract with Charter Schools USA (CSUSA) to operate Emma Donnan Middle School through June 30, 2020 and the board passed a resolution supporting the establishment of a K-6 feeder school within the Emma Donnan building, which is consistent with turnaround efforts at the middle school.

"I think for Emma Donnan this is the best approach, which contains clear accountability and performance metrics," said District 7 SBOE Representative Dan Elsener. "We have good leadership guiding this partnership and I look forward to seeing the progress."

In other business, the SBOE passed a motion to conduct an independent validity study of the ISTEP+ assessment to ensure its reliability, and approved accountability measures for adult high schools and Title I funding for at-risk schools.

Most materials presented at the April 1, 2015 SBOE Regular Business Meeting can be found at <http://in.gov/sboe/2616.htm>. The next SBOE meeting will be held on May 7, 2015 in Indianapolis.

Homeland security and public safety community academy registration begins

The public is invited to attend the 8th Annual Vincennes University Homeland Security and Public Safety Community Academies, which will be conducted in both Jasper and Vincennes.

The academies are free and open to the public. Registration is required and is available by contacting the Eta Sigma Iota Homeland Security Professional Society at EtaSigIota@gmail.com. Registration can also be completed online.

Vincennes Campus - <https://eventbrite.com/event/15807924929/>.

Jasper Campus - <https://eventbrite.com/event/15752965544/>.

The purpose of the academy is to bring awareness of topics related to homeland security and public safety. Presentations are expected to include: International and Domestic Terrorism, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Critical Infrastructure, and other associated areas. The presenters are VU students enrolled in the homeland security and public safety baccalaureate degree

program.

The first academy will be held at the VU Jasper Campus on April 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (EDT), in the Center for Technology Innovations and Manufacturing building. The Vincennes Campus Academy will be held on April 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (EDT), in the ICAT building.

This is an approved continuing education event related to concentrations in public safety and homeland security, including but not limited to emergency medical services, fire services, police departments, and other qualifying areas as needed. Homeland Security Community Academy Certificates and continuing education units will be provided at the end of the event.

For more information about the 2015 Homeland Security and Public Safety Community Academies or about the Vincennes University Homeland Security and Public Safety Degree programs, contact Louis J. Caprino, department chair, at 812-888-6830.



APBI meeting helps connect industry with NSWC Crane

Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC), Crane Division hosted its third annual Advanced Planning Briefings for Industry (APBI) meeting on Wednesday, April 1. The APBI meeting provided industry and academia with information on future NSWC Crane technology efforts, requirements and potential contract opportunities in order to help them learn how to do business with the warfare center. This year's theme was "Collaborating for Innovative, Lasting Solutions".

The APBI forum included presentations and discussions concerning ways to collaborate with NSWC Crane and build thriving partnerships to ensure future military success. Speakers explained the warfare center's three mission focus areas of Electronic Warfare, Special Missions and Strategic Missions to help attendees find areas of common interest between themselves and Crane. "Our work is in use 24 hours a day, seven days a week all around the globe," NSWC Commanding Officer Captain Jeffrey Elder explained. "Crane is a highly relevant naval activity and we want you to be a part of us—we want you to share in the pride of supporting the American warfighter. Let us know how we can help

you close that gap between wanting to work for us and starting to work for us."

Guests learned about Crane's current contract landscape, science and technology emphasis and approach to Cyber security initiatives. They also had the opportunity to network with both government personnel and other industry/academia representatives. "We want to make sure that connections are made and communications flow to make all of this relevant to our mission of supporting the warfighter," Elder stated. "Meet with our folks and also meet with your peers. Sometimes it's not the industry/government relationship that helps, sometimes it's the industry to industry peer partnering that allows two or three or more entities to team together to do well collectively as opposed to individually."

Located on the third largest naval installation in the world, NSWC Crane's \$1.5 billion business base supports the Navy by leveraging its technical capabilities to support the warfighter in this rapidly changing combat environment.

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Governor signs Religious Freedom Restoration Act clarification bill

"The freedom of religion for every Hoosier is enshrined in the Constitution of the United States and in the Indiana Constitution, which reads, 'No law shall, in any case whatever, control the free exercise and enjoyment of religious opinions, or interfere with the rights of conscience.' For generations, these protections have served as a bulwark of religious liberty for Hoosiers and remain a foundation of religious liberty in the State of Indiana, and that will not change.

"Last week the Indiana General Assembly passed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act raising the judicial standard that would be used when government action intrudes upon the religious liberty of Hoosiers, and I was pleased to sign it.

"Over the past week this law has become a subject of great misunderstanding and controversy across our state and nation. However we got here, we are where we are, and it is important that our state take action to address the concerns that have been raised and move forward.

"Last weekend I called upon the Indiana General Assembly to clarify that this new judicial standard would not create a license to discriminate or to deny services to any individual as its critics have alleged. I am grateful for the efforts of legislators, business and other community leaders who came together to forge this clarifying language in the law.

"Hoosiers deserve to know, that even

with this legislation, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act enhances protections for every church, non-profit religious organization or society, religious school, rabbi, priest, preacher, minister or pastor in the review of government action where their religious liberty is infringed. The law also enhances protection in religious liberty cases for groups of individuals and businesses in conscience decisions that do not involve provision of goods and services, employment and housing.

"In the midst of this furious debate, I have prayed earnestly for wisdom and compassion, and I have felt the prayers of people across this state and across this nation. For that I will be forever grateful.

"There will be some who think this legislation goes too far and some who think it does not go far enough, but as governor I must always put the interest of our state first and ask myself every day, 'What is best for Indiana?' I believe resolving this controversy and making clear that every person feels welcome and respected in our state is best for Indiana.

"Our state is rightly celebrated for our pro-business environment, and we enjoy an international reputation for the hospitality, generosity, tolerance and kindness of our people. Hoosier hospitality is not a slogan; it is our way of life. Now that this is behind us, let's move forward together with a renewed commitment to the civility and respect that make this state great."

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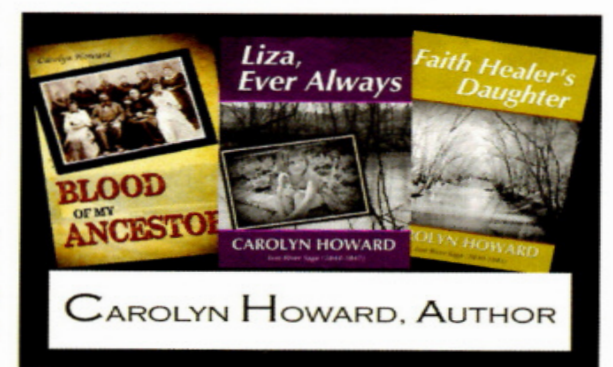
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She will be available after the presentation for questions and to offer guidance to those who are doing their family trees.



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Carter's Legacy 5K looking for participants

Ed and Alyssa Kerns, along with their families and the Martin County Community Foundation, invite you to participate in a 5K walk/run in memory of Carter Lee Kerns. Carter died in a tragic accident the day before his first birthday. Determined to bring good from tragedy, his parents founded the Carter Lee Kerns Memorial Fund, a permanent endowment fund established at the Martin County Community Foundation.

Annual payouts from this fund will go to support non-profit organizations that work to enhance the lives of children and families in Martin County.

All race proceeds will go to the Carter Lee Kerns Memorial Fund held and administered by the Community Foundation Partnership Inc. on behalf of the Martin County Community Foundation.

The 5K run/walk will be at West Boggs Park on May 16, 2015. Packet pickup starts at 8:30 a.m., and the race starts at 10 a.m. The registration fee is \$30 for ages 16+, \$15 for ages 5-15 and free for kids under 5. All paid participants will receive a t-shirt and goodie bag. All kids under 5 will receive a special prize. Medals will be awarded for the top finishers. All race participants will be entered into a raffle for great prizes. Additional raffle tickets will be available for purchase.

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Shot clinic open for kindergartners

The Martin County Health Department Immunization Clinic will be open Friday, April 10 to give shots to children attending kindergarten round-up. Hours for this special clinic will be from 8:30 a.m. until noon and 12:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. In addition to this special clinic date, the health department conducts immunization clinics every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. On the first Wednesday of each month the clinic remains open until 6 p.m. The health department office is located in the Shoals Federal Building (post office).

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



WHY WE MISS RODNEY DANGERFIELD....but remember how he made us, at times, laugh 'til we cried!! He once said...

1. With my old man I got no respect. I asked him, "How can I get my kite in the air?" He told me to run off a cliff.

2. I went to a massage parlor. It was self-service.

3. It's tough to stay married. My wife kisses the dog on the lips, yet she won't drink from my glass!

4. Last night my wife met me at the front door. She was wearing a sexy negligee. The only trouble was, she was coming home.

5. A girl phoned me and said, "Come on over. There's nobody home." I went over. Nobody was home!

6. A hooker once told me she had a headache.

7. I knew a girl so ugly... they used her in prisons to cure sex offenders.

8. My wife is such a bad cook, if we leave dental floss in the kitchen the roaches hang themselves.

9. I'm so ugly I stuck my head out the window and got arrested for mooning.

10. The other day I came home and a guy was jogging, naked. I asked him, "Why?" He said, "Because you came home early."

11. My wife's such a bad cook, the dog begs for Alka-Seltzer.

12. My wife is such a bad cook, in my house we pray after the meal.

13. It's been a rough day. I got up this morning and put a shirt on and a button fell off. I picked up my briefcase, and the handle came off. I'm afraid to go to the bathroom.

14. I was such an ugly kid! When I played

in the sandbox, the cat kept covering me up.

15. I could tell my parents hated me. My bath toys were a toaster and radio.

16. I'm so ugly my father carried around a picture of the kid that came with his wallet.

17. When I was born, the doctor came into the waiting room and said to my father, "I'm sorry. We did everything we could, but he pulled through anyway."

18. I'm so ugly my mother had morning sickness AFTER I was born.

19. Once when I was lost, I saw a policeman, and asked him to help me find my parents.

I said to him, "Do you think we'll ever find them?"

He said, "I don't know kid. There's so many places they can hide."

20. My uncle's dying wish was to have me sitting in his lap; he was in the electric chair.

PONDERISMS:
My voice sounds great when I'm singing with my earphones. Then I take them off, and I realize I sound like a dying walrus.

What do you call a happy cowboy? A jolly rancher

What do you call it when a redhead goes off the deep end? A ginger snap

I've reached the age where my train of thought often leaves the station without me.

Make someone smile today!

Calendar of Events

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, April 9 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. Some items on the agenda include a first reading of the corporation wellness policy, summer school through Indiana Virtual Academy, junior baseball league program requests, and high school agriculture course addition. The meeting is open to the public.

Chamber of commerce meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, April 15 at noon at Los Bravos in Loogootee. Among other things, they will be putting together a committee for the Shop and Taste of Martin County to be held Monday, October 19 at the Martin County Community Building. Anyone wishing to get involved with the chamber is encouraged to attend the meeting.

Loogootee Library meeting rescheduled

The monthly Loogootee Public Library Board meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, April 20 at 5:30 in the library.

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

Terri Sullivan Callaway scholarship

America is facing a critical shortage of nurses of all categories due to the aging population of baby boomers. Salary and benefits are rising to encourage people to enter this field. In addition, nursing qualifies as one of the most personally fulfilling of all occupations.

To address this crisis, Tom and Sue Strange established a nursing scholarship endowment fund with the Martin County Community Foundation to financially assist aspiring young people to pursue the nursing profession. This scholarship is open to one graduating senior this year that will enroll at a university to pursue an education in the field of nursing. The student must be a registered member of one of the Martin County Catholic Churches.

Applications will be available at St. John the Evangelist Church and must be completed and returned by April 15, 2015. Applications should be mailed to: MCCF, P.O. Box 28, Loogootee, IN 47553.

For more information call Dan Gregory, Interim Director of the Martin County Community Foundation, at 812-295-1022 or 812-631-2635.

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.

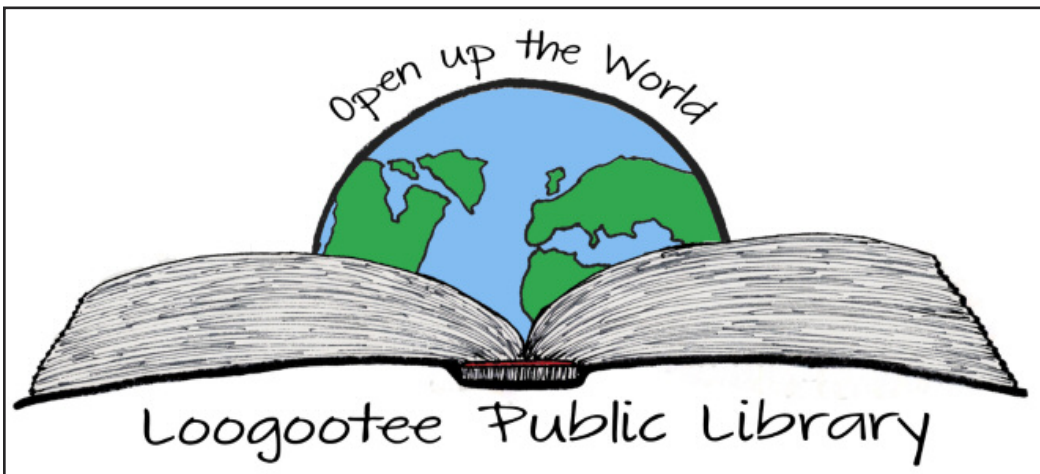
SOAR seeks volunteer tutors

Reading is something that most people take for granted. Yet millions of adults in the U.S. can't read well enough to handle daily life, and many live in Martin County.

SOAR is a volunteer-based non-profit adult tutoring program devoted to improving literacy skills in Martin County. SOAR offers free and confidential tutoring in reading, writing, English, math, work/life skills, and HSE prep (formerly GED). Tutors work one-on-one with adult learners to help open a world of missed opportunities. Helping others improve their skills will change their lives—and yours.

SOAR needs more tutors to work with these students. Free tutor training will be held on Monday, April 20, and Tuesday, April 21, at the community learning center. The training covers characteristics of adult learners, strategies for teaching various aspects of literacy, and practice using the materials. Hands-on lesson planning is also included. All materials, for both the tutor and the student, are free.

For more information or to register for these free classes, call the SOAR office at 812-709-1618 or email martincountysoar@hotmail.com.



BY DARLA WAGLER Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) will have a huge book sale starting at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 16 and last until noon on Saturday, April 18 in celebration of National Library Week. There are many gently used hardbacks and paperbacks, westerns, children's books, DVDs and audiobooks for sale.

National Library Week starts April 13 and we will have prize drawings, activities, crafts, and programs. Please, mark this down on your calendar and plan to celebrate National Library Week with us. Follow us on Facebook and look for the April calendar for dates and times of all activities.

Carolyn Howard's Bring Your Ancestors

To Life program will be Tuesday evening, April 14 at 7 p.m. Please call the library and pre-register.

New Books
Mystery Fiction: "Miracle At Augusta" by James Patterson, "Every Fifteen Minutes" by Lisa Scottoline, "Hot Pursuit" by Stuart Woods, and "Bittersweet" by Susan Wittig Albert.

Fiction: "Miss Julia Lays Down The Law" by Ann B. Ross.

NonFiction: "Get Your Hopes Up" by Joyce Meyer.

Inspirational Fiction: "Chasing Sunsets" by Karen Kingsbury, "Sable Hill" by Shelley Gray, "Double Cross" by Diann Mills, "Miles From Nowhere" by Amy Clipston, and "Buried Secrets" by Irene Hannon.

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Animal Shelter featured pet



ALL CAT ADOPTIONS ARE JUST \$20 until April 15! Shown above is Blonde, a female around 6 months old. Adorable with her smooshed little face. If interested in adopting Blonde or one of the shelter's many other cats, stop by the animal shelter at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Shelter hours are Monday and Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appt.

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Several events planned at Patoka

Kayaking for Beginners at Patoka Lake on Saturday, April 18

Have you ever wished you knew how to kayak or wanted to try it out before buying your own equipment? Join the Patoka Lake Interpretive Naturalists at the beach for a beginners kayaking lesson on Saturday, April 18 at 1 p.m. ET. During this short lesson, participants will get to try their hands at a few different kayaks and paddles. Participants will learn what gear is needed and the best places to paddle on Patoka! All equipment including life jackets will be provided, just bring your friends and family! The entrance fee of \$5 per vehicle for Indiana residents (\$7 out of state) is required for the Newton Stewart State Recreation Area, Patoka Reservoir, located north of Wickliffe Indiana, Highway 164.

In search of spring wildflowers

April showers bring wildflowers. Join Patoka River NWR volunteers and discover what is blooming on the Refuge on Saturday, April 18, at 9 a.m. CST. Meet at the Boyd's Trail parking lot and plan to drive or carpool to a designated location on the Refuge. Exploring will be off trail through the woods. Suitable clothing and shoes, as well as insect repellent, are suggested. To get to the Boyd's Trail parking lot, head east on SR 64 through Oakland City. Just outside of the city, turn left on CR 1275E. In one-half mile, bear left on paved 1300 E which becomes gravel. Continue one mile to the parking lot located on the left side of the road. For further information, call 812-749-3272.

Registration open for Patoka Lake Triathlon

Registration is now open for the 'Head for the Hills' Patoka Lake Triathlon taking place at Patoka Lake beach on Saturday, August 22 at 8:30 a.m. Head for the hills and race for a cause. All proceeds from this event will go to support Patoka's non-releasable raptors; a red-tailed hawk, eastern screech owl and bald eagle. Swim 500 yards in open water at the beach. Bike 12.8 miles along 'hillacious' paved roads within the property. Run 3.1 miles along groomed gravel roads and a paved bike trail. Go to

<http://headforthehillspatokalaketriathlon.it> syourrace.com/ to register. Visit <http://triathlons.dnr.in.gov/> for more information or call (812)685-2447.

If you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring this event please contact the Race Director Dana Reckelhoff at (812)685-2447 or by email at dreckelhoff@dnr.in.gov.

Spring Fling: Seed & Plant Exchange at Patoka Lake Saturday, April 25

Join Patoka Lake Nature Center Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for the annual Spring Fling: Seed & Plant Exchange. Bring your unwanted or excess garden and plant seeds, tree seedlings, flowering plants & bulbs to exchange for something new! Have too many irises taking up your flower beds or spreading into undesired locations around

Purdue vet: Spring signals return of dangerous pet parasites

BY GREG MCCLURE
Purdue University News Service

Warm weather and longer days mean many pets and their owners will be spending more time outside. Spring also brings the return of fleas that can pose as dangerous parasites to pets.

With an ability to reproduce in large numbers in a very short period of time, fleas should be one of a pet owner's top concerns with the start of warmer weather, says Lorraine Corriveau, a pet wellness veterinarian in Purdue's College of Veterinary Medicine. Not only do they cause irritation to pets, but they also are capable of spreading a number of serious diseases.

So, what should be done to help rid pets of these pests?

"Knowing the flea life cycle is one of the best advantages that pet owners can have," Corriveau says. "Fleas go through a four-stage life cycle that can be completed in as little as 14 days, given the right conditions. Attacking various stages of this life cycle

your home? Dig 'em up and bring 'em in to exchange for a new variety. Have watermelon seeds but interested in growing pumpkins? Swap them out during this annual gardening event! Volunteers will supply a hardy amount of beauties for you to plant in your gardens! The entrance fee of \$5 per vehicle for Indiana residents (\$7 out of state) is required for the Newton Stewart State Recreation Area, Patoka Reservoir, located north of Wickliffe Indiana, Highway 164.

Painting opportunity at Patoka on Sunday, April 26

Take a short walk on a paved trail to a beautiful, high altitude view of Patoka Lake on Sunday, April 26 at 1:30 p.m. With the direction of a Naturalist, paint a beautiful scenic picture of sky, water, and trees. This program is perfect for anyone from beginners to those experienced in the arts. An 8x10 canvas, paints, and brushes will be provided for a \$20 fee. Just bring along your own comfy chair. Pre-registration is required before April 19 and the event is limited to the first 15 to register.

Archery Lesson & Family Fun Shoot at Patoka Lake on Saturday, May 2

Meet the naturalist and other certified archery instructors at the Patoka Lake archery range for a beginner to intermediate archery lesson on Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m.-noon. This event is an introduction to the sport and is open to all ages 8 and up. All archery equipment will be provided. Participation is limited to the first 20 registrants. Pre-register by calling the Patoka Lake Nature Center at 812.685.2447. Then join in a friendly archery competition at 1 p.m. using the skills you learned at the lesson or ones you already had. Prizes will be awarded! The entrance fee of \$5 per vehicle for Indiana residents (\$7 out of state) is required for the Newton Stewart State Recreation Area, Patoka Reservoir, located north of Wickliffe Indiana, Highway 164.

Full Moon Paddle at Patoka Lake on Sunday, May 3

Bring your kayak and join the naturalists for a night tour on Patoka Lake Sunday, May 3 from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. The tour will start and end at Painter Creek Boat Ramp on Highway 145. Enjoy the evening light of a full moon as we check out beautiful creek scenery and look for frogs, owls, and other nocturnal wildlife along the way. All participants are required to wear a lifejacket and each boat must have one front facing white flashlight or headlamp. Non-motorized boat launch permits are required and will be sold at the event for \$5, but may also be purchased at the Patoka Lake Office from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. daily.

For more information regarding this program other interpretive events please call the visitor center at 812-685-2447.

Patoka Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2953.htm) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

will help to speed up the demise of the parasites and bring a level of relief to your itchy pet."

While there are many flea products available, Corriveau says most of them will kill only the adult flea.

"Only about 5 percent of the total flea population is present as adult fleas on your pet. The other 95 percent (eggs, larva and cocoons/pupae) are scattered throughout the pet's environment," she says. "In all likelihood, this environment includes the owner's house, furniture and, possibly, even the owner's bed!"

Corriveau says pet owners should consult with their veterinarian to determine the best strategy for eliminating fleas.

"Veterinarians have access to a variety of flea control products that will not only help rid your pet of adult fleas, but also help you break the life cycle and stop any potential reinfestation. Your veterinarian also will be able to make sure that any products you choose are safe and appropriate for your family as well as your pet."



BRENT SCHWARM, M.D.

Dr. Brent Schwarm appointed to Memorial Hospital staff

Brent Schwarm, M.D. was recently appointed to the active medical staff at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. He provides hospitalist services at Memorial Hospital, managing the medical care provided to hospitalized patients for other primary care physicians.

Dr. Schwarm received his medical degree from the University of Illinois Medical School in Peoria, Illinois, and completed a residency in internal medicine at Michigan State University Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies. He is board certified in internal medicine.

Prof on how 150th anniversary of Civil War will, could be remembered

BY AMY PATTERSON NEUBERT
Purdue University News Service

The 150th anniversary of the surrenders at Appomattox and Durham Station that marked the end of the Civil War are approaching, and a Purdue University historian says to truly commemorate the war, the rebuilding and reconstruction that followed in its wake needs to be a part of its remembrance.

"The armies might have put down their guns in April 1865 but that doesn't mean it was all over; they had a country to put back together," says Caroline Janney, a professor of history and the president of the Society of Civil War Historians. "Part of commemorating the meaning of the war requires us to assess both its causes and consequences."

April 9 marks the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox, and many people recognize that as the conclusion of the four-year war that took place 1861-1865.

"Reconstruction is so complicated, and it's easier to talk about battles, and winners and losers, and good guys versus bad guys, rather than the events that led to the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments, the struggles of four million newly freed men and women to find their place in the nation, and of course the North and South reconciling," she says. "We don't have specific dates after

"Steel Magnolias" opens April 17 at OTP

Spring has sprung at last, filling the air with the rich and elegant aromas of hyacinth, daffodil, freshly turned earth, crocus, and magnolia. The dramatic comedy play "Steel Magnolias," featuring a talented cast of six local women, will offer its unique mix of laughter and tears for six performances at the Old Town Players Theatre and Arts Center. The show runs April 17-18-19 and 24-25-26 at the community theatre located at 432 Broadway Street.

"Steel Magnolias" is presented with support from corporate sponsor SCHOTT Gemtron and the suggested rating is PG-13.

Four of the six women in the cast are making their OTP performing debuts, including Cathy C. Combs who will play Clairee; Kristi Deetz who will play M'Lynn; Katherine Gollmitzer who will play Truvy; and Lacey Jae Price who will play Annelle. They are joined by OTP veteran Kathy Mooney in the role of Ouiser and



E. KYE BENNETT

E. Kyle Bennett named hospital President/CEO

E. Kyle Bennett has been named president and chief executive officer of Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. The change in leadership took effect on April 1, 2015.

Bennett first began at Memorial Hospital in 1997 serving as vice president of finance. In January 2013 he was named executive vice president and chief operating officer. Bennett has bachelor's degrees in English and accounting, as well as a master's degree in business administration. He is a certified public accountant (CPA) and holds the status of Fellow in the Healthcare Financial Management Association and the American College of Healthcare Executives. He and his wife, Michelle, live in Jasper and have three children – Claire, Evan, and Ethan.

the spring of 1865 that makes it easy to commemorate the reconstruction process. It's often forgotten."

Janney is an expert in Civil War memory and has written extensively about the process by which the divided nation reunited and reconciled. She is the author of "Remembering the Civil War: Reunion and the Limits of Reconciliation" and "Burying the Dead but Not the Past: Ladies' Memorial Associations and the Lost Cause".

"Every generation understands the past, whether it be the Civil War or another event, through a different lens that is filtered through their own contemporary issues or time," she says.

For example, the war's centennial anniversary, which coincided with the Civil Rights movement in 1961-1965, was marred in controversy especially over the question of the role of slavery played in the war. In comparison, slavery has been a focus during the sesquicentennial.

"Because every generation's lens is different there is no way to tell how we will reflect on the Civil War in the years to come," Janney says.

Janney will be speaking at "Causes Won and Lost: The End of the Civil War" on April 18 in Virginia, and she is the keynote speaker on April 30 for the Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Signature Event "Reconstruction Tennessee."

Leslie Root who will play Shelby.

The directing staff includes Vickie Puffer as artistic director and Zane Grogan as assistant director. Members of the production staff include Chris Witt on lights and sound and Amanda Whitson (Bruceville) as stage manager.

Show times are 8 p.m. (EDT) Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets sold at the door cost \$12 for adults, \$10 for students (age 13+), \$10 for seniors (age 60+), and \$4 for children (under age 13). A discount of \$2 is available on adult tickets purchased in advance at Save-A-Lot, Eyeworks, First Vincennes Savings Bank, and the VU Bookstore.

Group rates and advance reservations are available by contacting Shari Phillips at 812-882-8269 or emailing oldtownplayers@gmail.com. Details about all OTP shows are available at oldtownplayers.org and through the group's Facebook pages.

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WHITNEY PENDLETON

Whitney Colleen Pendleton is the daughter of Jule and Will Beltz and Robert Pendleton. While in high school, she was in pep club and SADD her freshman year. She was in FACS Club in 9th and 10th grades, on the yearbook staff her sophomore year, did job shadowing in 10th and 11th grades and was a cadet teacher her junior year. Whitney plans to attend Vincennes University after graduation and study nursing.



ASHLEIGH POWELL

Ashleigh Zoe Powell is the daughter of Robert and Stephanie Powell. While in high school, she has been in SADD, beta club, Peers, and Spanish Club all four years. She was a Lionette, in chorus and in pep club her freshman year; she was a member of Lion Pride in 9th and 10th grades and in madrigals her sophomore year. She served as a SADD representative her junior year. Ashleigh plans to attend Purdue University after graduation and study graphic design.



MAC OSBORNE

McKinney K. Osborne is the son of Tony and Susie Osborne. While in high school, he was in Lion Pride, pep club, and student council all four years. He did job shadowing his junior year and served as an intern and was in SADD in 11th and 12th grades. He played baseball, ran cross country and played intramural basketball all four years of high school. Mac plans to attend the University of Southern Indiana and study civil engineering.



CONNOR BAILEY

Conner G. Bailey is the son of Carroll and Alisha Bailey. While in high school, he was in beta club and on the fine arts academic team all four years, was in chorus, the musical and madrigals his freshman and sophomore years; in Peers in 9th, 10th and 11th grades and served as a cadet teacher his junior year. Conner plans to attend Ball State University after graduation and study medical technology.



JORDAN BERRY

Jordan Robert Berry is the son of Treshia and Robert Berry. While in high school, he has been in band, beta club and Peers all four years. He was a member of SADD his freshman and sophomore years, in student council in 10th grade, and served as a cadet teacher in 10th and 11th grades. He played tennis all four years, golf in 11th grade and baseball his senior year. Jordan plans to attend IU Southeast and study pharmacy.



-Photo provided

The Evansville Protestant Home had three veterans that attended the first flight. In the front row, from left to right, are Barber McCuiston, Irene Blessing, and William Muller. The veterans each chose a son or daughter to be their chaperone for the day. Their nurse attended as well to assist with medications and any health concerns. In the back row, from left to right, are Cindy Barnett (activity director), Linda Roesch (daughter of Barber McCuiston), Marcia Stillwell (nurse), Arthur Midle (son of Irene Blessing), and Tony Muller (son of William Muller).

Honor Flight of Southern Indiana to become national hub

Today, Wednesday, April 8, Honor Flight of Southern Indiana will officially become the newest Hub of the Honor Flight Network. Board members and other supporters of Honor Flight of Southern Indiana will officially kick off the new hub at a 2 pm. CDT celebration on April 8 at Evansville Regional Airport, which will include the unveiling of a new website and logo. Members of the community are welcome to attend the ceremony.

In October 2014, an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. departed from Evansville for the first time. That initial flight, which brought hundreds of teary-eyed supporters to Evansville Regional Airport, was officially an extension of the Indianapolis Hub of Honor Flight. The second Honor Flight out of EVV – scheduled for May 30, 2015 – will be the first official flight for the Honor Flight of Southern Indiana Hub.

“Clearly the community of Southern Indiana demonstrated back in October that we have the resources, energy and passion for our veterans to warrant having our own Honor Flight Hub,” said Jerry Clewlow, Honor Flight of Southern Indiana Board President. “This is a tremendous honor and a testament to the hard work and support of a great number of individuals and organizations.”

Honor Flight of Southern Indiana will be the 133rd Honor Flight Network Hub. It will serve the Indiana counties of Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Lawrence, Martin, Orange, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh and Warrick.

On May 30, 2015, the same day the next flight for Washington D.C. is scheduled to depart from Evansville, Evansville Mayor Lloyd Winnecke will officially proclaim it “Honor Flight of Southern Indiana Day” in the city of Evansville.

After the success of the inaugural Honor Flight out of Evansville in 2014, a strong committee of volunteers, led by local residents Ashley Gregg and Jerry Clewlow, continued the push to bring an Honor Flight Hub to Southern Indiana Veterans and their families. Applicants for the May 30 flight have been contacted, and Honor Flight of Southern Indiana volunteers are currently working to finalize planning.

About the Honor Flight Network
Honor Flight Network is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America’s veterans for all their sacrifices. Honor Flight transports America’s heroes to Washington, D.C., along with guardians, to visit and reflect at their memorials. Top priority is given to the senior veterans – World War II survivors, along with those other veterans who may be terminally ill. Of all of the wars in recent memory, it was World War II that truly threatened our very existence as a nation and as a culturally diverse, free society. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, an estimated 640 WWII veterans die each day. Our time to express our thanks to these brave men and women is running out.

Since 2005, nearly 140,000 veterans have flown on an Honor Flight. In 2014, 21,261 veterans made a flight.

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