

Steiner, George, Hennette, Stiles win Primary

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

In last night's Primary Election, just 28 percent of Martin County's 7,808 registered voters took the time to cast a ballot. Incumbent Martin County Prosecutor Mike Steiner defeated former judge, Joe Howell, in last night's primary election, 811 to 431. There is currently no Republican on the ballot for the General Election in November.

In the commissioner district two democrat race, incumbent Paul George defeated John Collins 779 to 435. George does not currently have opposition in the fall election.

In the race for Perry Township Trustee on the Democrat ticket, current trustee Jason Hennette soundly defeated Joe McAtee 416 to 222. Hennette will now face Republican Ernie Canell in November. Canell finished with 237 votes.

James "Buck" Stiles edged out incumbent Keith Gibson for county council district two

on the Republican ticket. There is currently no Democrat on the ballot for the General Election.

In the General Election, incumbent for county council district four, Democrat Lynn Gee (received 262 votes) will go up against Democrat Karen Hickman (received 120 votes).

Randy Wininger, county council district one, and Barb McFeaters, county council district three, are both currently unopposed for the fall election. They received 204 and 181 votes respectively last night.

This fall Gerald Montgomery (received 716 votes) will go against Ann Stewart (received 785 votes) for county clerk.

Current Sheriff Rob Street received 971 total votes in the Primary and is currently unopposed as a Democrat in the General Election.

Current Assessor Carolyn McGuire, Republican, received 715 votes last night and is also currently unopposed for the fall election.

In the other township trustee races, current Mitcheltree Township Trustee James Norman, Republican, (received 50 votes) will go against Tammy Jo Gore, Democrat, (received 63 votes) in November.

Terry Street took the Democrat ticket for Rutherford Township Trustee with 47 votes, Charles Hamilton, Republican, took the Center Township Trustee nod with 117 votes, Exzelia Montgomery, Republican, took the Halbert Township Trustee ticket with 194 votes, and Millie Brown, Republican, held on to the Lost River Township Trustee position with 32 votes. All four are currently running unopposed in the fall election.

Everyone who ran for township advisory board was automatically pushed through the Primary since there were three or less candidates and three were needed to serve for

each board. In Mitcheltree Dan Butler received 45 votes, Charity Tolbert received 41 votes, and Sharon Belcher received 39 votes. In Center Township, Larry Downs had 113 votes, Kenneth Brett had 110 votes, and Gerald Wilcoxon had 92 votes. In Halbert Township, Kimberly Albright finished with 169 votes, Travis Montgomery finished with 158 votes, and Stevie Horton finished with 135 votes. In Lost River Township only two people put their names on the ballot, Alice Butler, who finished with 23 votes and Bruce Fithian who finished with 21 votes. And in Perry Township, Brandi Hennette had 396 votes, Julie Green had 388 votes and Sue Hunt had 319 votes.

In the state races, for congress district eight, on the Republican ticket, Martin County voters chose Larry Bucshon over (See 'ELECTION' cont. on page 2)

Commissioners discuss veteran service office, road crew safety

Meeting minutes provided by Martin County Auditor January Roush

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, April 29.

Linda Dillon, veteran service officer, submitted her March report. Dillon also thanked the commissioners for the pay raise and office space. Her office will be located in the Martin County Courthouse. Her hours will be Tuesday and Thursday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. A press release will be done when VSO Dillon has moved into her new office space.

President Paul George thanked Coroner Mark Franklin, Recorder Gerald Montgomery, Custodian John Jones, Auditor January Roush, and Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins for their involvement getting the veteran service officer's space ready.

Assessor Carolyn McGuire submitted a contract with AS2, Inc. AS2, Inc. will provide an oil and gas management software program for the assessor's office. The cost of the program will be \$2,500, and \$1,500 thereafter for yearly support. Attorney Lett had reviewed the contract and had no legal objections. Commissioner Dan Gregory made a motion to approve the AS2, Inc. contract. Commissioner Kevin Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Andy Ringwald, Civil Defense/EMS, updated the commissioners on recent activities. There will be a LEPC meeting, Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at 6 p.m. at the civil defense building. Ringwald also updated the com-

missioners on the radio system upgrade.

Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, submitted the two-work schedule and the year-end report for review. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to pay two employees at the mechanics' hourly pay rate until a mechanic is hired. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. The employee who has been out on workman's compensation will return to work tomorrow with no restrictions.

Superintendent Padgett updated the commissioners on the river slides. The commissioners advised Padgett to place barricades up on the West River Road slide. Attorney Lett requested they send out notices for proposals for the special project. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to send notices out to requested proposals on the special project. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Superintendent Padgett made a recommendation that the commissioners hire Garrick Cooper to fill the vacant mechanic position. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to hire Garrick Cooper as the highway mechanic. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. The department will go to four, ten hour days starting Monday, May 12.

Attorney J. David Lett, recommended the commissioners approve the Accurate Controls, Inc. contract for the door control panels at the security center with the following changes: e-Verify added and name changed from sheriff to commissioners. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the Accurate Controls, Inc. contract with the stated modifications. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Kathy Collins, community corrections director, came before the commissioners with road crew safety issues. Director Collins showed pictures and paraphernalia related to meth that Jerald Harner, road crew supervisor, and the road crew have had to pickup. She is concerned with the safety and liability issues. ISP Trooper Pirtle, who is certified in (See 'COMMISSIONERS' cont. on page 2)



-Photo provided

In the front row, from left to right, are Demi Richardson, Kenedi Rohlman, Allison Lythgoe, Hannah Walters, and Emma Graber. In the back row, from left to right, are Michala Beasley, Trevor Resler, Matthew Weitkamp, Tayler Smith, and Adam Lark.

Tri Kappa hosts Top 10 Academic Dinner

BY AUDREY ROBINSON
Tri Kappa

On Sunday, May 4, Loogootee-Shoals Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa hosted the 5th Annual Tri Kappa Top 10 Academic Dinner. The top ten students select a mentor who helped them succeed throughout their school career. They write a short essay about that teacher/mentor. The essay is framed and presented to the teacher/mentor by the student after the dinner. The students were presented a gift from Delta Tau which consisted of a thumb drive etched with their initials. Delta Tau Chapter would like to congratulate the students from Loogootee High School on their upcoming graduation and we wish them well in their future en-

deavors.

This project takes the majority of the members in one way or another to make it successful. A special thank you to Kathy Lingenfelter who planned and cooked the meal. She had help from Jill Walker, Ashley Graber, and Judy Kluesner. A special thank you to Pam Summers, Maggie Schnarr, Ashley Graber, Dena Lyon and Beth Lett for decorating the Loogootee Methodist Church for the event. A special thank you to the servers and clean-up crew. We would also like to thank Brenda Edwards for helping to plan the event.

This project was presented to Delta Tau Chapter five years ago by Beth Lett at which time the members agreed that this was a great project for us.



Sunday, May 11

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ELECTION

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Andrew McNeil, 588 to 217. Larry Buschon also won the statewide vote with 30,839 to McNeil's 10,364. Buschon will not face Tom Spangler in the General Election. Spangler received 730 votes in Martin County last night.

In Martin County, voters chose John Waterman in the Republican state senate district 39 race with 429 votes to Eric Bassler's 419 votes but district wide, Bassler ended up edging out Waterman 6,817 to 6,458.

Republican Matt Ubelhor will take on Democrat Jeff Sparks in the General Election for state representative district 62. In Martin County, Ubelhor received 224 votes and Sparks received 210.

In the Republican race for state representative district 63, in Martin County, Mike Braun defeated Richard Moss 352 to 207. Braun also won district wide 4,610 votes to 2,292.

The Crane precinct had the lowest voter turnout with just 7.5 percent (14 voters) of the 187 registered voters casting a ballot. Lost River was the second lowest at 17 percent with just 74 of the 427 registered voters turning out.

The highest voter turnout was at South Halbert precinct with 122 of the 337 registered voters casting a ballot, or 36 percent. Southeast Halbert had the second highest turnout with 107 of the 311 registered voters showing up, or 34 percent.

COMMISSIONERS

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meth lab disposal, is willing to educate the community corrections department on the proper measures to follow when meth related trash is found.

Attorney J. David Lett, requested permission to apply for a Historical Document Preservation and Digitization Grant. This grant allows for the hiring of a consultant to analyze the conditions of historical records and report recommendations. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Attorney Lett recommended to the commissioners that they approve a letter of engagement with Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele & Associates, a human resources consulting

firm. The firm assists with personnel policy administration, review and updates policies and recommends revisions. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the letter of engagement. Commissioner Boyd made the second with the contingent that the commissioners have final review before contact is made. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Auditor Roush presented to the commissioners the circuit breaker report and an article concerning a new law revamping the state's criminal code.

Judge Lynne Ellis thanked the commissioners for the new thermostat in the courtroom.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

| | Perry 1 | Perry 2 | Perry 3 | Perry 4 | Perry 5 | Perry 6 | Perry 7 | Crane | S. Halber | N. Halber | SE Halbert | W. Memphi | E. Memphis | Rutherford | S. Center | N. Center | Lost Rive | Mitcheltr | TOTALS |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| United States Congress (District 8) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Larry D. Bucshon (Rep.) | 41 | 31 | 17 | 21 | 22 | 48 | 43 | 4 | 40 | 41 | 44 | 34 | 20 | 36 | 23 | 58 | 27 | 38 | 588 |
| Andrew T. McNeil (Rep.) | 12 | 13 | 5 | 8 | 11 | 18 | 19 | 4 | 27 | 16 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 13 | 6 | 17 | 10 | 12 | 217 |
| Tom Spangler (Dem.) | 81 | 77 | 26 | 43 | 50 | 76 | 35 | 4 | 22 | 35 | 25 | 55 | | 40 | 28 | 49 | 16 | 45 | 707 |
| Indiana Senate (District 39) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eric Bassler (Rep.) | 27 | 21 | 9 | 18 | 17 | 47 | 35 | 4 | 18 | 22 | 23 | 20 | 16 | 31 | 19 | 44 | 22 | 26 | 419 |
| John Waterman (Rep.) | 27 | 27 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 26 | 29 | 4 | 57 | 36 | 35 | 23 | 15 | 20 | 12 | 34 | 16 | 26 | 429 |
| Indiana State Rep. (District 62) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Matt Ubelhor (Rep.) | | | | | | 58 | 49 | 8 | | | | | | | | 62 | | 47 | 224 |
| Jeff Sparks (Dem.) | | | | | | 75 | 37 | 5 | | | | | | | | 50 | | 43 | 210 |
| Indiana State Rep. (District 63) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mike Braun (Rep.) | 36 | 22 | 16 | 17 | 20 | | | | 38 | 37 | 37 | 28 | 23 | 36 | 18 | | 24 | | 352 |
| Richard Moss (Rep.) | 16 | 25 | 6 | 13 | 11 | | | | 32 | 24 | 18 | 18 | 6 | 15 | 11 | | 12 | | 207 |
| Martin County Clerk | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gerald D. Montgomery (Rep.) | 45 | 38 | 20 | 30 | 28 | 58 | 43 | 8 | 72 | 53 | 49 | 36 | 25 | 42 | 25 | 65 | 30 | 49 | 716 |
| Ann Marie Stewart (Dem.) | 79 | 73 | 27 | 48 | 51 | 80 | 36 | 5 | 24 | 44 | 33 | 60 | 22 | 39 | 34 | 55 | 17 | 58 | 785 |
| Martin County Assessor | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carolyn S. McGuire (Rep.) | 46 | 40 | 20 | 30 | 29 | 64 | 47 | 7 | 62 | 53 | 49 | 35 | 24 | 45 | 26 | 66 | 29 | 43 | 715 |
| Martin County Sheriff | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Robert F. "Rob" Street (Dem.) | 103 | 94 | 29 | 72 | 64 | 107 | 48 | 6 | 30 | 49 | 37 | 67 | 28 | 49 | 41 | 65 | 23 | 59 | 971 |
| Martin County Prosecutor | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| R. Joseph "Joe" Howell (Dem.) | 39 | 37 | 8 | 32 | 33 | 46 | 26 | 1 | 14 | 24 | 6 | 34 | 11 | 23 | 17 | 37 | 4 | 39 | 431 |
| C. Michael Steiner (Dem.) | 88 | 79 | 24 | 60 | 43 | 86 | 30 | 5 | 29 | 46 | 39 | 65 | 28 | 40 | 40 | 44 | 30 | 35 | 811 |
| Martin County Commissioner District 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| John R. Collins (Dem.) | 43 | 41 | 12 | 37 | 31 | 37 | 13 | 1 | 20 | 28 | 15 | 40 | 23 | 19 | 32 | 22 | 9 | 12 | 435 |
| Paul R. George (Dem.) | 76 | 71 | 22 | 55 | 39 | 83 | 37 | 5 | 24 | 43 | 34 | 56 | 16 | 41 | 25 | 59 | 26 | 67 | 779 |
| Martin County Council District 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Randy Wining (Dem.) | | | | | 58 | | | | | | 37 | | | 46 | 42 | | 21 | | 204 |
| Martin County Council District 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| John Keith Gibson (Rep.) | | | | | | | | | 49 | 13 | | 8 | 7 | | | | | 6 | 83 |
| James A. "Buck" Stiles (Rep.) | | | | | | | | | 28 | 49 | | 39 | 26 | | | | | 47 | 189 |
| Martin County Council District 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barbara D. McFeaters (Rep.) | | | | | | 66 | 47 | 7 | | | | | | | | 61 | | | 181 |
| Martin County Council District 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lynn Gee (Dem.) | 94 | 81 | 27 | 60 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 262 |
| Karen A. Hickman (Rep.) | 41 | 33 | 19 | 27 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 120 |
| Center Township Trustee | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Charles S. Hamilton (Rep.) | | | | | | | | | | | | 27 | | | 25 | 65 | | | 117 |
| Halbert Township Trustee | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Exzelia Montgomery (Rep.) | | | | | | | | | 71 | 53 | 45 | | 25 | | | | | | 194 |
| Lost River Township Trustee | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mildred C. Brown (Rep.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 32 | | 32 |
| Mitcheltree Township Trustee | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tammy Jo Gore (Dem.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 63 |
| James Norman Pup (Rep.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 50 |
| Perry Township Trustee | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jason Hennette (Dem.) | 85 | 83 | 23 | 58 | 31 | 89 | 42 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | 416 |
| Joe McAtee (Dem.) | 43 | 30 | 12 | 34 | 44 | 45 | 13 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 222 |
| Ernest S. Canell (Rep.) | 36 | 35 | 18 | 26 | 23 | 53 | 40 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | 237 |
| Rutherford Township Trustee | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Terry J. Street (Dem.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 47 | | | | | 47 |
| Center Township Advisory Board | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gerald Wilcoxon (Rep.) | | | | | | | | | | | | 30 | | | 18 | 44 | | | 92 |
| Kenneth L. Brett (Rep.) | | | | | | | | | | | | 28 | | | 23 | 59 | | | 110 |
| Larry L. Downs (Rep.) | | | | | | | | | | | | 29 | | | 23 | 61 | | | 113 |
| Halbert Township Advisory Board | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Travis Montgomery (Rep.) | | | | | | | | | 59 | 42 | 43 | | 14 | | | | | | 158 |
| Stevie J. Horton (Rep.) | | | | | | | | | 48 | 39 | 36 | | 12 | | | | | | 135 |
| Kimberly L. Albright (Rep.) | | | | | | | | | 68 | 44 | 42 | | 15 | | | | | | 169 |
| Lost River Township Advisory Board | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alice Dianne Butler (Rep.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 23 | | 23 |
| Bruce Fithian (Rrep.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 21 | | 21 |
| Mitcheltree Township Advisory Board | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sharon K. Belcher (Rep.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 39 |
| Charity (Belcher) Tolbert (Rep.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 41 |
| Dan J. Butler (Rep.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 45 |
| Perry Township Advisory Board | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Julie Green (Dem.) | 75 | 68 | 19 | 52 | 46 | 87 | 36 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | 388 |
| Sue Hunt (Dem.) | 68 | 53 | 21 | 41 | 34 | 68 | 31 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | 319 |
| Brandi Hennette (Dem.) | 88 | 72 | 19 | 48 | 39 | 81 | 44 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | 396 |

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OBITUARIES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014 ~ Martin County Journal

DAVID TAYLOR

David A. "Henry" Taylor died at 12:15 p.m. on Friday, May 2, 2014 at the Timbers of Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, he was 85.

He was born April 17, 1929 in Martin County; the son of Alonzo and Mary (Summers) Taylor.

He was retired from Kimball International and was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He is survived by one son, Danny Taylor of Kansas City, Kansas; one daughter, Jane Taylor of Indianapolis; one stepdaughter, Rita Harsha of Jasper; two step-granddaughters, Karla French and April Hotz, both of Shoals.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Alonzo and Mary (Summers) Taylor; his second wife, Lorena P. Taylor in 1999; his

third wife, Ora Taylor on April 18, 2014; and one son, David Taylor.

The body David A. "Henry" Taylor was cremated and burial will be at a later date. The Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

FORREST RANDLE LANKFORD

Forrest Randle Lankford passed away on Thursday, May 1, 2014. A resident of Loogootee, he was 73.

He was born in Burns City on August 28, 1940; the son of the late Forrest and Ethel (Bethel) Lankford.

He was a member at St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. He worked many jobs over the years including: Davis Homes in Indianapolis, Doyle Lumber Company and at Street Construction where he worked



RANDLE LANKFORD

as a carpenter. He was also the maintenance man at the Martin County Senior Citizens Housing in Loogootee.

Randle will always be remembered for his laugh, his sense of humor, and the world's greatest; husband, dad, grandpa, father-in-law, uncle, cousin and friend. He enjoyed playing golf with Tom and Carl, hunting with his grandson, spending time with his family and watching and cheering on his beloved Loogootee Lions.

He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Mary Evelyn Lankford; two daughters, Paige (Kelly) Shafer of Scottsburg and Randee Lankford of Mesa, Arizona; one sister, Nettie Billman of Indianapolis and two grandsons Cody and Tristan Shafer. He is

also survived by a host of extended family, cousins and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents Forrest and Ethel (Bethel) Lankford, and two sisters Eva Mae Lankford and Mary Hanger.

A memorial visitation and mass will be held Saturday, May 17 at St. John Catholic Church located at 408 Church Street in Loogootee.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers please send to Loogootee High School attn. Loogootee Athletic Department for the Boys' and Girls' Basketball Program.

Spring Valley Funeral and Cremation Services in New Albany Indiana are entrusted with the arrangements. Online condolences can be made at www.springvalleyfuneral.com.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

3:53 p.m. - Received a report of horses out of the fence and roaming.

4:11 p.m. - Received a report of a brush fire on State Road 550. Shoals Volunteer Fire Department responded.

4:38 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire on Anderson Road. Lost Rive Volunteer Fire Department responded.

6:17 p.m. - Received a report of a found firearm in Shoals.

9:10 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Loogootee Police Department log

MONDAY, APRIL 28

Unknown time - An employee at Chuckles reported a theft of fuel.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

2:52 p.m. - Female caller reported a battery. Captain Akles responded.

7:38 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on Bloomfield Road.

11:10 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted a motorist.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

4:06 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

5:26 p.m. - First responders were requested for lifting assistance in Shaded Estates.

5:45 p.m. - Male caller reported a battery.

5:58 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

6:30 p.m. - First responders were requested on Vine Street for a medical problem.

1:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

10:08 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

10:39 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals.

4:07 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals.

11:45 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Crane.

MONDAY, APRIL 28

9:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

2:09 p.m. - Received a request for an am-

6:37 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on North Line Street.

7:31 p.m. - Received a 911 hang-up on Industrial Avenue.

10:22 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Queen Street.

11:43 p.m. - First responders were requested on Nobles Court for a medical problem.

THURSDAY, MAY 1

Unknown time - Caller reported a property damage accident at McDonalds.

FRIDAY, MAY 2

11:54 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a residential alarm on Country Court.

12:17 p.m. - Male caller reported a civil violation.

1:23 p.m. - Caller reported a verbal dispute on Ackerman Drive.

SATURDAY, MAY 3

2:03 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to an alarm at the high school.

4:42 p.m. - Caller reported loud music in Shaded Estates.

5:31 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver in the city pool parking lot.

11:08 p.m. - Officer Nolan charged a female juvenile with minor consuming.

SUNDAY, MAY 4

1:03 a.m. - Officer Nolan assisted the county with an out-of-control juvenile.

5:32 a.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the county with a traffic stop.

2:48 p.m. - Caller requested an officer check the welfare of some dogs.

4:21 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

5:06 p.m. - Caller reported property damage in the IGA parking lot.

5:42 p.m. - Caller reported loud music in Shaded Estates.

10:33 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

12:01 p.m. - Washington Police Department advised of a runaway possibly in our area.

4:10 p.m. - Female requested assistance in getting some of her property back.

4:03 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

7:02 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

9:05 p.m. - Caller reported a theft from Dollar General.

balance in Loogootee.

4:34 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

5:51 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Cale.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

2:30 a.m. - Received a report of a structure fire on Misty Road. Williams Volunteer Fire Department responded.

8:47 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance Service, Shoals Volunteer Fire Department and AIR EVAC life team responded.

10:55 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Shoals.

1:43 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

4:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

7:23 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Dover Hill.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

9:29 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Highway 50, east of Loogootee.

3:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

5:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

6:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

6:30 p.m. - Received a request for an am-

balance in Loogootee.

THURSDAY, MAY 1

No call log received from the sheriff's department.

FRIDAY, MAY 2

No call log received from the sheriff's department.

SATURDAY, MAY 3

3:03 p.m. - Received a report of kids riding four wheelers in the Indian Springs area. Deputy Harmon responded.

10:14 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance on Peggy Hollow Road. Deputy Baker responded.

SUNDAY, MAY 4

8:23 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm on Hwy. 50 in Shoals. Deputy Harmon responded and all was okay.

4:07 p.m. - Received a report of a theft at Martin State Forest. Deputy Harmon responded.

4:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at the Loogootee Nursing Center. Martin County Ambulance transported subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:45 p.m. - Received a report of a stolen moped from Shoals. Deputy Baker responded.

6:37 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Shoals. Deputy Baker responded.

10:30 p.m. - Received a report of a drive-off from Chuckles in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

Indiana State Police encourage motorists to watch for motorcycles

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and the Indiana State Police remind all motorists and motorcyclists to share the road and practice safe driving habits.

Many serious and fatal crashes occur when motorists turn in front of motorcyclists. Be aware of motorcycles, especially at intersections and while making turns and lane changes. It is difficult to accurately judge the time, speed and distance of an approaching motorcycle. Before you drive through an intersection or make a left turn, check the position of oncoming motorcycles at least 2-3 times.

Troopers urge all motorcycle riders to wear helmets. According to the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, 151 motorcycle fatalities occurred in Indiana during 2012. Of those fatalities, 122 people were not wearing helmets. Not wearing a helmet might save you two seconds, but it could cost you the rest of your life.

Construction zones and uneven road surfaces can also be a deadly area for motorcyclists. Indiana State Police and the

Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) encourage all motorcyclists to be extra vigilant while riding through these sites. Many roadways will be resurfaced over the next several months and motorcyclists should be aware of "edge traps," which occur when one lane is higher than the other. An inexperienced or inattentive motorcyclist can easily lose control when encountering these "edge traps."

Troopers offer the following safety tips for motorcyclists:

- Wear a DOT approved helmet and riding safety gear.
- Don't consume alcohol while riding. During 2012, 36 motorcycle fatalities occurred in Indiana involving alcohol.
- Be visible. Ensure your headlight, tail-light and brake light work properly.
- Wear high visibility clothing.
- Use lane positioning to increase visibility and watch for turning vehicles.
- Avoid riding in blind spots.

Jail bookings

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

11:30 a.m. - James Brim, of Loogootee, was arrested on a Martin County warrant by Chief Deputy Dant.

12:14 p.m. - Jessica Jackson, of Shoals, was arrested on a Martin County warrant by Major Burkhardt.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

5:08 p.m. - Isadore Brown, of Shoals, was arrested on a Knox County warrant by Major Burkhardt.

THURSDAY, MAY 1

6:27 p.m. - Phyllis A. Grissom, 60, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Police after a report of a shoplifter at Family Dollar. Grissom was charged with theft and transported to the Martin County Security Center.

Accident report

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

12:32 p.m. - Rita L. Ash, of Loogootee, was backing a 2004 Buick from the Wendy's parking lot when she backed into a 1998 Ford owned by Brent Fellers, of Loogootee. Captain Hennette investigated.

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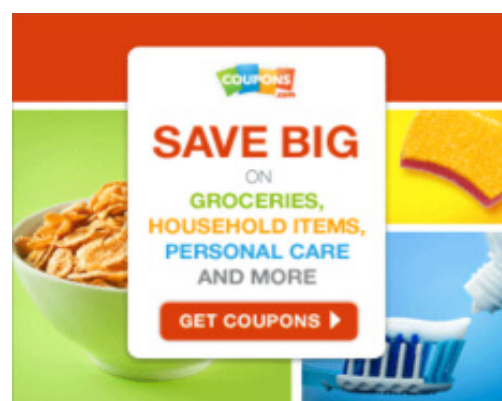
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Radius Indiana presents \$100,000 to both VU and the City of Bedford

Becky Skillman, President/CEO of Radius Indiana made two presentations of \$100,000 on behalf of the Regional Impact Fund, administered by Radius Indiana. The contributions to the City of Bedford and Vincennes University both honor commitments by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation in 2008.

Each county's local economic development organization had secured the funds for education projects in their county.

"As we meet with site selectors from around the country, we consistently hear that one of the first pieces of information a business considers in making a location decision is the trained workforce available in that area," said Becky Skillman. "Regions with a well-trained available pipeline of talent have the most opportunity for new jobs. Radius Indiana is proud to be a partner in this project that will play a key role in developing a globally competitive workforce."

The first presentation, made to the City of Bedford, represented funding requested by the Lawrence County Economic Growth Council as matching funds to be applied to the Stone Gate Arts & Education Center, a City of Bedford Stellar Grant project. The Stone Gate Arts & Education Center will be located in the northwest corner of the downtown square, featuring an adaptive reuse of a currently vacant building. Oakland City University and Ivy Tech University will expand their offerings as they relocate the Bedford Area Learning Center into the building. The Indiana University Flagship center will also partner to offer Mandarin language courses, deepening the relationship and offering more cultural exchange opportunities with Bedford's sister city in China. The mixed use facility will also feature a black box theater for cultural events, and space will be available for art showings and additional functions.

"The Lawrence County Economic Growth Council requested this funding in anticipation of downtown revitalization efforts, and to support educational resources to build a strong, ready workforce poised for business attraction or expansion within the community and surrounding areas," said Gene McCracken, Executive Director of the Lawrence County Economic Growth Council.

State police participate in nationwide Drug Take Back Day along with DEA

The Indiana State Police participated in the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) eighth Drug Take Back Event which resulted in Hoosiers across Indiana dropping off unwanted prescription drugs.

The first DEA Drug Take Back Event took place in September of 2010 and resulted in 2.4 tons of drugs being dropped off for disposal. The results are in for the most recent Drug Take Back event from this past Saturday, April 26, 2014 which resulted in 12 tons of drugs being dropped off.

The Indiana State Police drop off locations contributed 1,752 pounds to the statewide total.

The nationwide totals will be available next week.

The Indiana State Police has partnered with the DEA in each Drug Take Back event. This popular public service event helps reduce the improper disposal of unwanted prescription drugs by providing an alternative to flushing them down the toilet, placing them in with the regular trash or leaving them in the home and making them susceptible to unintended or illegal use.

Mayor Shawna Girgis commented, "Due to these partnerships with Radius Indiana, the Lawrence County Economic Growth Council, and local and regional educational institutions, the offerings at the Stone Gate Arts & Education Center will result in a trained and ready workforce that supports NSA Crane, industry, business attraction and expansion efforts; and will benefit the local community, region, state of Indiana, and national defense."

Construction on the project will begin next year, and will be complete in 2016.

The second \$100,000 presentation was made to Vincennes University President Dick Helton. Dubois Strong, Dubois County's economic development organization, obtained the funds on behalf of Vincennes University to help fund the Center for Technology Innovation and Manufacturing.

Michael Cummings, Interim President of Dubois Strong said, "The investment reflects our belief that education is key to Dubois County's economic competitiveness. Continued prosperity in Dubois County requires that we provide people with skills that will improve our workforce and drive the economy forward."

The Center for Technology Innovation and Manufacturing collaborates closely with employers, industry associations, workforce agencies and government entities to tailor its education and training programs to more effectively meet the needs of employers throughout central Indiana.

"Despite the encouraging progress we've seen, wide opportunity and achievement gaps continue to exist, putting central Indiana's economy at risk. The Center for Technology Innovation and Manufacturing equips students with education and training that prepares students for jobs that are slated to make up nearly half of all new job openings in the coming years," said President Dick Helton, Vincennes University. "We appreciate the support of our partners as we take innovative measures in education that will help keep this region's economy strong and growing."

The Regional Impact Fund supports projects that are regionally-beneficial to Radius Indiana's eight counties. Those interested in information on requirements or the submission process can contact Radius Indiana.



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Shown above are the Indiana State Police recruits as oath of office is administered during the graduation ceremony in the State Capitol.

Indiana State Police graduate 47 new state troopers

Gov. Mike Pence delivered the keynote speech welcoming 47 new troopers to the Indiana State Police. The graduation ceremony was held in the rotunda of the State Capitol. Each graduate took the oath of office, delivered by the Honorable Brent E. Dickson, Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, after which each trooper was presented their badge.

The 73rd State Police Academy began November 10, 2013 after 3,000 applications were submitted and narrowed to 80 people who were selected to start the academy. Of the 80 that started, 47 crossed the graduation stage having completed 25 weeks of training that included 600 hours of classroom instruction as well as nearly 300 hours of hands-on practical and scenario based training exercises.

With graduation completed, the new troopers will report to one of 14 state police posts across Indiana to begin three months of on-the-job training with a Field Training Officer. After successful completion of the

field training the new troopers will start solo patrol in their assigned district. Graduating were Paul W. Arnold, Roberts M. Augst, Ethan A. Back, Jeremy A. Brice, Jonathan T. Cole, Philip M. Cooley, James W. Crisp, Brandon T. Dersch, Steven W. Glass, Kyle M. Hall, Mark W. Hanna III, Justin A. Hansen, Nicholas A. Hatfield, Jonathan P. Haugh, Justin R. Heflin, Timothy J. Henning, James A. Herbert, Carson W. House, Ross S. Johnson, Trent A. Jones, Brent D. Lemberg, James H. Manning, Jayson Massey, Jared K. McQueary, Riley K. Nungester, Earnest Paige, Jr.; Eric J. Powers, Jonathan R. Price, Shayne R. Roman, Lamar E. Saunders, Aryaun N. Smith, James P. Smith, William J. Stancy, Jordan A. Steptoe, Andrew R. Taylor, Steven L. Tipton, Bradley S. Tucker, David R. Vido, Brett A. Walters, Andrew D. Watson, Dustin S. Whitaker, Dexter M. Whitten, Robert A. Whyte, Mitchell A. Wier, Jacob M. Wildauer, Richard K. Williams, Jr.; and Michael S. Wright.

Indiana State Police will be participating in "Click It or Ticket"

Motorists who refuse to wear their seat belts – beware. Indiana State Police announced that Indiana's 2014 "Click It or Ticket" seat belt enforcement campaign will begin Friday, May 9 and continue until June 1.

This national mobilization will also take place over the Memorial Day holiday period and is supported by thousands of law enforcement agencies and traffic safety advocates across the country. In Indiana, more than 250 law enforcement agencies will conduct special patrols – day and night, to identify and ticket unrestrained drivers and passengers.

Although "Click It or Ticket" has been credited with increasing Indiana's seat belt usage rate, we still have to improve to save even more lives. Statistics show wearing your seat belt increases your chances of sur-

viving a crash by more than 50 percent.

Motorists should be prepared to see more law enforcement on the roads during this special enforcement period.

Special patrols will take place around the clock, and if law enforcement finds you on the road unbuckled at any time, you can expect to get a ticket. No excuses and no exceptions.

"Click It or Ticket" is an annual enforcement effort that is supported by federal highway safety funding awarded to more than 250 state and local law enforcement agencies from ICJI's Traffic Safety Division. Indiana's enforcement mobilization is reinforced by paid, statewide advertising combined with targeted public outreach efforts aimed at comprehensively promoting the life-saving benefits of regular seat belt use to all motorists.



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Sgt. Curt Durnil is shown transporting prescription drugs turned in at the Bloomington Post for disposal

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Shoals High School 2014 SENIOR Spotlights

LOGOOTEER HIGH SCHOOL 2014 Senior SPOTLIGHTS



JAMIE BENNINGTON

Jamie Allen Bennington was born on April 4, 1996. He is the son of James Bennington and Cindy Christmas. Jamie's siblings are Tyler McGuire, Tristan Bennington, and Matt and Hannah Henderson. He enjoys driving and hanging out with his friends. His favorite song is "Teenagers" by My Chemical Romance. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Jones. Jamie plans to be successful and happy.



RICHARD DAVIS

Richard James Davis was born on October 22, 1995. He is the son of Ernie and Peggy Davis. He has several siblings, Joseph, Ernie, and Brighton Davis, Ginger Watts, and Belinda McDonnell. His in-laws include Misty Davis, Daniel Watts, Richard McDonnell. While in high school, Richard participated in Spanish Club and media. His favorite song is "Let Her Go" by Passenger. His favorite teacher is Mr. Stephenson. Richard plans to attend Vincennes University for Robotics/Mechanical Engineering.



DYLAN BYERS

Dylan M. Byers is the son of Mallissa Byers and David Pitman. While in high school, he was in pep club his freshman and senior years, was a cadet teacher his junior and senior year and job shadowed his senior year. He ran track his freshman year. Dylan plans to attend Vincennes University and study precision machinery.



HANNAH WALTERS

Hannah L. Walters is the daughter of John and Amber Walters. While in high school, she was in beta club, SADD, spell bowl, Spanish Club, pep club, and student council all four years. She was in FACS Club in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades, in Lion Pride her junior year, was a cadet teacher in 11th and 12th grades and did job shadowing her senior year. She also served as class president in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. She was student council historian, secretary, and vice president; SADD vice president, Spanish Club president, FACS Club historian, and Beta vice president. She also competed on the English academic team her junior year. She played tennis all four years of high school. Hannah plans to attend IUPUI and study pre-pharmacy.



REBECCA WITTMER

Rebecca Wittmer is the daughter of Ben and Nancy Wittmer. She plans to enter the workforce after graduation.



CAROL SPEARS

Carol Grace Spears is the daughter of Rhonda Hardwick and Leroy Spears. While in high school, she was in pep club all four years, in SADD in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades, in Spanish Club and Lion Pride her freshman year, did job shadowing and yearbook her sophomore year, was a cadet teacher in 11th grade, and served as an intern her junior and senior years. Carol plans to attend Ivy Tech after graduation and study speech therapy.



MICHAEL STEWART

Michael L. Stewart is the son of James Stewart and Debbie Stewart. While in high school, he served as a cadet teacher his junior and senior years. Michael plans to join the National Guard after graduation.

Loogootee Golf results

The Loogootee Golf Team took on Barr-Reeve and North Knox at Country Oaks Golf Course on Monday. The Lions shot 184, the Vikings finished with 179 and North Knox shot 188. Loogootee was led by Jess Divine with 44. Wyatt Wade finished with 46 and Jordan Berry and Jordan Clark each shot 47. The Lions play tonight at Crane against Eastern Greene.

Lady Lions Volleyball to hold golf scramble

The Loogootee Lady Lions Volleyball Team will be sponsoring a four-person golf scramble at Eagle View Crane on Saturday, June 14 with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Entry fee will be \$50 per person or \$200 per team and there will be a skin pot. There will be two flights and payout will be 1st and 2nd in each flight. To enter as an individual or a team, please contact either Doug Denson at 812-709-0296 or James Hager at 812-295-8284. To ensure there will be enough golf carts available, deadline to register is June 7. Food will be available at the golf course.



Students, staff of the month

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Loogootee Elementary Students and Staff Member of the Month for April have been chosen. They are Jorgia Fishel, kindergarten; Kennedy Huff, first grade; Hailey Hennette, second grade; Ethan White, third grade; Analise Powell, fourth grade; and Brenda Edwards, staff member. The students have been chosen by their teachers because they possess positive character qualities of respect, caring, integrity, responsibility, and self-discipline as well as their perfect or outstanding attendance for the month of April, no detentions or loss of recess for behavior issues, they exhibit good effort daily, and they also work well with classmates with a cooperative attitude. These students serve as excellent role models for other students in our school! The staff member of the month is nominated by the school staff.

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Homeschool group to graduate 17 students

Families First Home Educators will be celebrating the graduation of some of their members May 17 at 6 p.m. at the Free Methodist Church at 1155 Troy Road in Washington. There are 17 kids graduating, however, only six will be participating in the ceremonies on May 17.

Families First Home Educators have members in Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Knox, Martin and Pike counties. The families involved not only teach their children, they sponsor events throughout the year. They have a boys' basketball team and a girls' volleyball team. They plan field trips, holiday parties and athletic events. They have also organized a co-op to help the children to learn to work and socialize with others. If you would like to get involved or learn more, please contact the steering committee at www.fhedu.org.

The following are the six students that will be a part of the ceremony on May 17.

ALYSSA FITHIAN

Alyssa Fithian is the 16-year-old daughter of Bruce and Julie Fithian. She has one older sister, Raquel. Alyssa lives in Shoals. While in high school, Alyssa played volleyball for the Daviess County Crusaders. She is active in Shoals Christian Church and Loogootee United Methodist Church youth groups. Alyssa will be attending Johnson University in Knoxville, Tennessee, where she will major in sports fitness leadership.

ADRIANNE LEHMAN

Adrienne Lehman is the daughter of Chester and Janice Lehman. Her hobbies include playing the violin and reading books. She plans to attend Vincennes University this fall and major in nursing.

DAMARIS MOORE

Damaris Faith Moore is the youngest daughter of Tracy and Brenda Moore, of Burns City. Damaris has two siblings, Alicia Moore, (2010) and James Moore, (2012) both are homeschool graduates. Damaris' interest are photography, baking/cooking, crafting, playing violin and piano, reading and spending time with her family and babysitting children. Her dreams for the future are to start a photography and card business and one day marry a wonderful Christian man, homeschool her many children and live on a homestead. Her favorite verse is as follows, Acts 17:34 "Howbeit certain men clave unto him and believed..... And a woman named Damaris, and others with them."

ANDREA GRABER

Andrea Graber is the daughter of Frank and Barb Graber. She is a ten-year member of the Daviess County 4-H program. She has received high honors throughout her school years and plans to attend Pensacola Christian College after high school to major in elementary education.

ALYSSA FITHIAN



ADRIANNE LEHMAN



DAMARIS MOORE



ANDREA GRABER



BRITTANY WEAVER



OWEN TEGMEYER



Brittany Janae Weaver is the daughter of Tim and Michelle Weaver. She has been homeschooled throughout high school, in affiliation with the Families First Home Educators. She has been involved in Crusaders Volleyball, both as a player and as team captain in her senior year. She also enjoys her involvement in her church's youth group as well as keeping up with all of her friends and family.

OWEN TEGMEYER

Owen Jacob Tegmeyer is the 18-year-old son of Mark and Patty Tegmeyer and the grandson of the late Wiley and Dixie Marchbanks, and Larry and the late Esthermae Tegmeyer, all of Petersburg. He is currently employed with Evans and Son RV Sales in Petersburg. He is preparing to pursue an Associate of Science Degree in Criminal Justice with concentration on law enforcement.



LOOGOOTEE ELEMENTARY
Breakfast
Thursday, May 8
 Breakfast pizza, peaches
Friday, May 9
 Apple stick, string cheese, mixed fruit
Monday, May 12
 Mini pancake, orange
Tuesday, May 13
 Biscuit and gravy, pineapple
Wednesday, May 14
 Pop Tart, apple

Lunch
Thursday, May 8
 Fish, baked beans, slaw, oranges, milk
Friday, May 9
 Chef salad, pretzel and cheese, pineapple, milk
Monday, May 12
 Breaded tenderloin, scalloped potatoes, peas, applesauce, milk
Tuesday, May 13
 Popcorn chicken, tossed salad, carrots, mixed fruit, milk
Wednesday, May 14
 Spaghetti, tossed salad, green beans, peaches, breadstick, milk

LOOGOOTEE INTERMEDIATE AND JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL
Lunch
Thursday, May 8
 Fish or pizza, baked beans, slaw, oranges, salad plate, milk
Friday, May 9
 Chef salad or pizza, pretzel and cheese, pineapple, milk
Monday, May 12
 Breaded tenderloin or pizza, scalloped potatoes, peas, applesauce, salad plate, milk
Tuesday, May 13
 Popcorn chicken or pizza, tossed salad,

carrots, mixed fruit, salad plate, milk
Wednesday, May 14
 Spaghetti or pizza, tossed salad, green beans, peaches, breadstick, salad plate, milk

SHOALS SCHOOLS
Breakfast
Thursday, May 8
 Cereal, graham cracker snack, fruit, juice, milk
Friday, May 9
 Pop Tart, string cheese, fruit, juice, milk
Monday, May 12
 Blueberry muffin, orange slices, juice, milk
Tuesday, May 13
 Cereal, granola bar, fruit, juice, milk
Wednesday, May 14
 Cinnamon roll, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch
Thursday, May 8
 Taco salad with whole grain chips, refried beans, lettuce and cheese boat, pineapple, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: beef and bean burrito or chef salad
Friday, May 9
 Cheese pizza, sweet potatoes, fresh carrot sticks, orange slices, cookie, milk
Monday, May 12
 Hot dog with whole grain bun, baked beans, pears, juice cup, milk
Tuesday, May 13
 Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, salad boat, applesauce, whole grain garlic breadstick, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: ham and cheese sandwich or chef salad
Wednesday, May 14
 Chicken nuggets, broccoli and cheese, peaches, honey wheat roll, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: peanut butter and jelly or chef salad

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
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It is time to plant!

With our frost-free date of May 10 just around the corner and no frost in the forecast up to that date, planting of warm-season crops may proceed. However, there really is no great rush. Our cool spring has meant that the soil temperatures have been slow to rise and transplants may still be stymied by temperatures below optimum. Warmer temperatures in the forecast should hasten the rise in soil temperatures, so waiting another week or so to plant may actually result in a better crop.

It is also time to begin direct seeding. If the instructions on the seed packet indicate that one should plant after all danger of frost is past, you may now do so safely. Follow the spacing and planting depth instructions on the packets and your crop should be ready for harvest in the number of days indicated on that same package. All of that information comes from years of plant trials and it is usually very accurate. Of course, weather conditions, diseases and insect damage may cause some crop delays.

It is also safe to begin taking houseplants outside for the summer. Check a houseplant guide for the temperature tolerance levels of you individual plants. Many plant will be fine outside, even if we have temperatures in the upper thirties, but some tropicals will not tolerate temperatures below 50 degrees and should either be kept inside for a while longer or be moved back in if cool temperatures threaten in the coming weeks.

At Sandhill Gardens, the beautiful weather of the past week has brought a parade of blooms. Many of the wildflowers in the woodland garden have continued to bloom. Bluebells, Spanish bluebells, Jacob's ladder, three types of trillium, fire

pinks, jack-in-the-pulpit, shooting stars and reticulated iris all contribute to the show. The hostas and ferns have begun unfurling, adding texture to the garden. Each day brings something new and the expectation is an incentive to be in the garden each day.

The first peony blooms arrived this week. The tree peonies have begun blooming and the conditions have been perfect for those beautiful huge blooms. Last year, the blooms appeared just one day before a storm destroyed them. We have had several days to enjoy the blooms this year, and we still have some trees that have yet to bloom. It has been the best show of tree peonies that I can remember. The transectional and herbaceous peonies are full of buds and will soon be adding their blooms to the garden. With several varieties that bloom in succession, the peony season may last more than a month.

This weekend is the "Black Friday" of garden centers. More plants move during the days before Mother's Day than at any other time of the year. Garden centers in the area are well-stocked and there are some bargains to be had. Cool-season plants, including pansies and violas, have been discounted in most stores in order to clear the way for the summer bedding plants. However, if planted in shade, such cool-season plants may continue to provide color for several weeks. If kept in the shade, it is possible for pansies and violas to go dormant and put on another show when temperatures cool in the fall.

Do not let all of the work to be done in the garden overcome you. Take some time to just sit and soak in the beauty of God's handiwork and offer a prayer of thanks for the beauty around you. You really are near the heart of God in a garden.

Eight conservation officers promoted to sergeant

Eight Indiana Conservation Officers have been promoted to the rank of district administrative sergeant. Each started in the new capacity Monday. The officers and their hometowns are:

—District 1: Ashlee Jackson, Walkerton. (District 1 is Elkhart, Fulton, Kosciusko, Marshall, Miami, St. Joseph and Wabash counties.)

—District 2: Patrick Heidenreich, Fort Wayne. (District 2 is Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells and Whitley counties.)

—District 3: Blaine Gillan, Linton. (District 3 is Benton, Boone, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Warren and White counties.)

—District 4: Ed Bollman, Lapel. (District 4 is Blackford, Delaware, Grant, Hamilton, Henry, Howard, Jay, Madison, Randolph, Tipton and Wayne counties.)

—District 7: Paul Axton, Wadesville. (District 7 is Daviess, Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Martin, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh and Warrick counties.)

—District 8: Terry Allen, Milltown. (District 8 is Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Jackson, Lawrence, Orange, Perry, Scott and Washington counties.)

—District 9: Andy Crozier, Madison. (District 9 is Dearborn, Decatur, Fayette, Franklin, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, Rush, Switzerland and Union counties.)

—District 10: Shawn Brown, Morocco. (District 10 is Jasper, Lake, LaPorte, Newton, Porter, Pulaski and Starke counties.)

A promotion ceremony on April 25 in the State Capitol was attended by Gov. Mike Pence, DNR director Cameron Clark, DNR Division of Law Enforcement commanders and employees, chaplains, family members and friends.

"Our new district administrative sergeants will strengthen DNR Law Enforcement Division's public service mission by augmenting a district headquarter's on-site ability to assist with the public," said Danny East, DNR Law Enforcement director. "We are excited to offer this additional service."



Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton
NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

I've heard several comments that we are having a late spring. I suppose that depends on your definition or basis for the comment. I believe some people are still trying to use 2012 as a comparison. In 2012, we certainly did have an abnormally early spring, so comparing any other year to it, even an average year, will seem later than "normal." I think our "normal" is out of whack.

Probably the most common way of assessing where we are in plant growth compared to other years is comparing Growing Degree Days (GDD). Growing Degree Days are calculated by taking the average between the daily maximum temperature and daily minimum temperature and subtracting the base comparable temperature for each day. Days are then added together to compare periods. There is a fair amount of research tied to GDD's and so it is quite often used to predict planting dates, maturity dates and everything in between on row crops. In 2012, April was really not that much different than the average, but March was a different story; it even surpassed April in GDD's no matter where you were in the state.

Plant growth is highly influenced by the ambient temperatures but also very dependent on adequate moisture and photosynthesis. Heat units without adequate moisture or sunshine are just not the same. Moisture is easy enough to understand, but getting enough sunlight for photosynthesis is important for energy. Photosynthesis probably has less impact on yield as compared to its impact on energy for the plant and for what consumes it. Those soluble carbohydrates in the forages are highest after good sunny days. This variability can even be tracked in a normal day with values peaking in the afternoon and lowest being in the early morning. Numerous days with little or no sunshine can therefore impact forage quality, mainly energy. On the other hand, it is a nice reminder that when you are cutting forages for hay or balage, those forages will have the highest energy when cut on a sunny afternoon.

Where am I going with all of this? I guess to say we are just a little behind the average this year in forage growth. Comparative clippings I've taken over the past few years puts us realistically only about 300-400 pounds of dry matter per acre behind the norm for the southern part of Indiana. Bring on the sun!

Forages are on the verge of really taking off and we will see huge spurts of growth in the next few weeks. Once forages really start growing fast, make sure to keep livestock moving in the rotation. Doing some "top" grazing during this fast growth spurt will help retard seed head production some, and will help keep forages in plant stage two

which is more balanced for animal production. If growth control becomes unstoppable, then that is when you might consider either clipping the pastures to maintain the stand in a more vegetative condition or maybe cut it for hay. Cutting for hay is certainly an option, but I would think twice about it when possible because you must consider the removal of nutrients that you will need to replace and if it was grazed, most would be returned without direct withdrawal from your wallet. Some hay is always going to be needed, but we should always be looking for ways to feed less, ideally from grazing instead.

Top grazing is generally a very short grazing period for the particular field, allowing the grazing livestock to be more selective and take off just enough to slow seed head production some. Even if this field is cut later for hay, grazing can improve forage quality. Most grass hay is best cut in early boot stage, prior to seed head production. Technically, boot stage is when the seed head is still enclosed within the sheath of the flag leaf. Weather will highly influence when we are able to cut hay, so management to delay seed head production or utilizing late maturing varieties of forages can help improve quality when delayed.

Last thought today is to consider using a high magnesium mineral supplement. With some cooler than normal conditions, and lots of very green wet grass, grass tetany is a concern. Locations where more than adequate nitrogen and potassium have been added would be at higher risk. Consult your local veterinarian or Extension educator for more information.

This is a good time of year, with a little extra moisture in the ground, to drive fence posts in the ground for new divisional fences and also to reseed pastures. If you are planning on putting in any waterlines, earlier is usually better and should be ideally done before doing any reseeding in that same field. Thank goodness the days are longer now so we can get more accomplished during this busy time of year.

Enjoy the spring weather and keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities Reminders and opportunities

Purdue Forage Workshop – September 4, 2014 – Purdue Agronomy Farm – details soon.

Pasture Walks & Field Days – Watch your local newspapers and Soil & Water Conservation District newsletters for upcoming pasture walks and field days in your area.

As of September 7, 2013, the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) is now the National Grazing Lands Coalition (GLC).

DNR May camping discount: Book at least two weeknights, get one of them free

A new offer from Indiana State Parks & Reservoirs makes camping more affordable this May for visitors staying multiple weeknights.

Those who book a new campsite reservation for two or more consecutive weeknights (weeknights are considered Sundays through Wednesday) will receive one of those nights for free.

The offer applies to all State Park & Reservoir campgrounds, and to campgrounds at Deam Lake and Starve Hollow state recreation areas.

Reservations can be booked at Camp.IN.Gov or by calling (866) 622-6746. Use the promo code "MAYFREE14" when making your reservation. Reservations for camping can be made until midnight the day before your intended arrival.

The offer expires May 28.

The offer does not apply to reservations made before May 1, or to reservations made in combination with any other discount offer. The offer does not apply to walk-in registrations. All Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays in May, and Sunday, May 25, are excluded from the offer.

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Jasper Engines expanding in Southwest Indiana

Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann joined executives from Jasper Engines & Transmissions, an engine, differential and transmission remanufacturer, last Wednesday, to announce the company's plans to expand its operations in Jasper, creating up to 235 new jobs by 2017.

The homegrown-Hoosier company, which remanufactures drivetrain components, plans to invest \$6.9 million to purchase, renovate and equip a 220,000-square-foot facility located half a mile southwest of its 367,000-square-foot Jasper headquarters. The additional facility will house Jasper Engines & Transmissions' transmission division and is expected to be operational this fall.

"Jasper Engines & Transmissions is a great Indiana economic success story. The company that has prospered and provided hundreds of jobs for Hoosiers for over 70 years is expanding again," said Ellspermann. "We continue to see how our business-friendly tax and regulatory policies plus our dedicated workforce make Indiana a place where companies want to expand and locate. Our record-breaking job growth shows that Indiana truly is a state that works."

Last Wednesday's announcement marks the third expansion by Jasper Engines & Transmissions in recent years, with the company exceeding its jobs goals on all previous projects. In 2012, the company announced plans to expand its headquarters in Jasper, investing \$550,000 and adding 40 new jobs. This followed its 2010 announcement to invest more than \$270,000 to relocate two of its out-of-state operations to its Crawford and Dubois county facilities, creating 65 new jobs.

Jasper Engines & Transmissions currently employs more than 2,600 associates throughout the United States, including more than 1,445 in Indiana. The company has already begun hiring additional manufacturing, maintenance, information technology, distribution, engineering and quality control positions in Jasper.

"When looking at our options for expansion, no other place measured up to the business climate in Indiana," said Doug Bawel, chairman and chief executive officer of Jasper Engines & Transmissions. "Jasper

Engines & Transmissions is growing at a high rate and this expansion is thanks to our hard-working associates and our company's dedication to excellence when producing our products. We are excited to grow production here in Jasper, so for all your engine, differential or transmission needs, look no farther than Jasper Engines & Transmissions."

Founded in Jasper in 1942, Jasper Engines & Transmissions is a remanufacturer of drivetrain components, producing more than 141,474 gas and diesel engines, transmissions and differentials last year alone. Serving customers in the automotive repair, package delivery and aviation industries, the 100 percent associate-owned company has supplied NASCAR teams that have garnered wins on all major track configurations, including Superspeedway, Short Track and Road Course. Jasper Engines & Transmissions operates two remanufacturing facilities in Jasper, one in Crawford City, Ind. and an additional remanufacturing facility in Willow Springs, Mo., with 42 branch locations and two distribution locations across the country.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered Jasper Engine Exchange, Inc. up to \$1,150,000 in conditional tax credits and up to \$200,000 in training grants based on the company's job creation plans. These tax credits are performance-based, meaning until Hoosiers are hired, the company is not eligible to claim incentives. The city of Jasper will consider additional property tax abatement.

"The proposed expansion of Jasper Engines & Transmissions is a reflection of the vibrancy of the Jasper economy and ongoing investments our city is making to create an even better place to live and work," said Jasper Mayor Terry Seitz. "Jasper continues to set the pace for regional economic growth and we value the contributions of companies such as Jasper Engines & Transmissions who work in partnership with the city of Jasper and other economic development stakeholders. Last week's announcement represents significant work by city, state and company officials and it sets the stage for long-range positive impact for both the company and the greater region."

Indiana Medicaid to stop paying for early, elective childbirths

As part of an ongoing statewide effort to improve Indiana's infant mortality rate as well as the overall health of newborns, the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) on Monday announced a new non-payment policy for early elective deliveries. The new policy means that starting July 1, 2014, Indiana Medicaid will not pay a hospital or physician for the delivery of a child prior to 39 weeks gestation that is not medically indicated or occurs naturally.

"Babies born too small or too early are at greater risk for death in their first year of life," said State Health Commissioner William VanNess, M.D. "Babies' brains develop significantly during the last two weeks of gestation, which is why it's critically important to carry pregnancies full-term, unless medically necessary to induce sooner. This policy supports providing infants with the best chance to grow into healthy children."

In January 2013, the Indiana State Department of Health formed the Indiana Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative (IPQIC) to address ongoing issues related to perinatal care. IPQIC recommended that Medicaid adopt a non-payment policy. FSSA's Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) evaluated the request and agreed the policy change would help improve the health of mothers and babies. OMPP also aligned its policy with initiatives by the March of Dimes, the American Congress of Obstetri-

cians and Gynecologists (ACOG), the Indiana Hospital Association, the state's Medicaid managed care entities and many Indiana hospitals and their medical staffs.

FSSA is in the process this week of communicating the details of the policy - including a list of approved medical indications for a necessary early delivery - to medical providers statewide. With this policy change, Indiana will become the fourth state to eliminate Medicaid payment for early elective deliveries. About half of all births in Indiana are covered by Medicaid. The Indiana Hospital Association reports that early elective deliveries now make up less than 3 percent of deliveries in Indiana, compared to 11 percent in 2012.

"This action sends a strong and clear message that we will not tolerate dangerous and unnecessary early childbirths, which puts our newborns at risk and increases costs in Medicaid," said Joe Moser, Indiana Medicaid Director. "We are proud to make this contribution to the state's efforts to reduce infant mortality."

Reducing infant mortality is the state's top health priority. In 2011, the Indiana infant mortality rate was 7.7 deaths per 1,000 live births, making the Hoosier state 6th highest in the nation for infant mortality. For more information about how Indiana is working to reduce infant mortality, visit www.State-Health.in.gov.

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative

Mark Messmer



Putting our children first

Many schools across Indiana will soon be letting out for the summer. But that didn't stop us from working diligently this spring to ensure a safer environment for students when they return to school in the fall.

As a parent, we often feel as if our children are an extension of ourselves. I speak from experience when I say it can be difficult to send your child off to school for seven hours a day, especially in the world we live in today. One of my goals going into this session was to help give parents more peace of mind when their child leaves each morning.

One way that we worked to achieve this was through Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) 85 which passed unanimously out of the House and received overwhelming bipartisan support in the Senate. During the 2013 session, the General Assembly created a school resource officer (SRO) program whereby an armed guard may be appointed to protect a school and assist with the development of a school safety plan. This is not something that any parent wants to even think about a school ever needing, but if something were to happen in Indiana, this would be an essential safeguard for students.

SEA 85 allows the Secured School Safety Board (SSSB) to award a matching grant for schools needing to train a SRO. It also requires a SRO to be employed by a law enforcement agency, appointed as a police reserve officer or special deputy, or employed as a school corporation police officer.

These efforts provide schools with a better understanding of who can be employed as a SRO and ensures that schools can receive financial assistance for SRO training. Ultimately, this legislation was necessary to bring clarity and additional guidance to the school safety legislation we worked on in 2013.

I also strongly supported legislation which deals with high school student athlete concussions. This has become a major concern affecting all sports but particularly football. Starting July 1, a high school ath-

lete who has been removed from play due to a head injury or suspected concussion will not be able to return to play until at least 24 hours after the incident occurred. This should allow plenty of time for any symptoms indicating a significant injury to present themselves.

This legislation also requires football coaches and assistant football coaches who are coaching students under the age of 20 to complete a course concerning player safety and concussions at least once during a two-year period. This is indicative of the increasing awareness that it only takes a split second for a game of football to turn physically devastating.

These pieces of legislation go the extra mile to ensure the safety of Hoosier schoolchildren. We have addressed many other pieces of legislation that also work to protect children, but this was just a quick overview of what Hoosier legislators have worked on to address this high priority issue. If you are interested in learning more about these bills or any other, please visit our website, where you can search for legislation by legislator as well as by subject, at www.iga.in.gov.

Rep. Messmer (R-Jasper) represents portions of Daviess, Dubois, Pike and Martin counties.



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National unemployment stood at 6.3 percent for April

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 288,000, and the unemployment rate fell by 0.4 percentage point to 6.3 percent in April, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Employment gains were widespread, led by job growth in professional and business services, retail trade, food services and drinking places, and construction.

Household Survey Data
In April, the unemployment rate fell from 6.7 percent to 6.3 percent, and the number of unemployed persons, at 9.8 million, decreased by 733,000. Both measures had shown little movement over the prior 4 months. Over the year, the unemployment rate and the number of unemployed persons declined by 1.2 percentage points and 1.9 million, respectively.

Among the major worker groups, unemployment rates declined in April for adult men (5.9 percent), adult women (5.7 percent), teenagers (19.1 percent), whites (5.3 percent), blacks (11.6 percent), and Hispanics (7.3 percent). The jobless rate for Asians was 5.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted), little changed over the year.

In April, the number of unemployed reentrants and new entrants declined by 417,000 and 126,000, respectively. (Reentrants are persons who previously worked but were not in the labor force prior to beginning their job search, and new entrants are persons who have never worked.) The number of job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs decreased by 253,000 to 5.2 million.

The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) declined by 287,000 in April to 3.5 million; these individuals accounted for 35.3 percent of the unemployed. Over the past 12 months, the number of long-term unemployed has decreased by 908,000.

The civilian labor force dropped by 806,000 in April, following an increase of 503,000 in March. The labor force participation rate fell by 0.4 percentage point to 62.8 percent in April. The participation rate has shown no clear trend in recent months and currently is the same as it was this past October. The employment-population ratio showed no change over the month (58.9 percent) and has changed little over the year.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) was little changed at 7.5 million in April.

These individuals were working part time because their hours had been cut back or because they were unable to find full-time work.

In April, 2.2 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, down slightly 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 783,000 discouraged workers in April, little changed from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.)

Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 1.4 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in April had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

Establishment Survey Data
Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 288,000 in April. Job growth had averaged 190,000 per month over the prior 12 months. In April, employment growth was widespread, led by gains in professional and business services, retail trade, food services and drinking places, and construction.

Professional and business services added 75,000 jobs in April. Employment in this industry had increased by an average of 55,000 per month over the prior 12 months. In April, employment growth continued in temporary help services (+24,000), in management of

companies and enterprises (+12,000), and in computer systems design and related services (+9,000).

Retail trade employment rose by 35,000 in April. Over the past 12 months, employment in this industry has grown by 327,000. Within retail trade, job growth over the month occurred in food and beverage stores (+9,000), general merchandise stores (+8,000), motor vehicle and parts dealers (+6,000), and non-store retailers (+4,000). Electronics and appliance stores lost 11,000 jobs in April. Wholesale trade added 16,000 jobs over the month and has added 126,000 jobs over the year.

In April, employment rose in food services and drinking places (+33,000), about in line with its prior 12-month average gain of 28,000 per month.

In April, employment in construction grew by 32,000, with job growth in heavy and civil engineering construction (+11,000) and residential building (+7,000).

Construction has added 189,000 jobs over the past year, with almost three-fourths of the gain occurring in the past 6 months.

Health care employment increased by 19,000 in April, about in line with the prior 12-month average gain of 17,000 per month. Employment in other services, which includes membership associations and personal and laundry services, rose by 15,000 over the month.

Mining added 10,000 jobs in April, with most of the gain in support activities for mining (+7,000).

Employment in other major industries, including manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, information, financial activities, and government, changed little over the month.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 34.5 hours in April. The manufacturing workweek decreased by 0.2 hour in April to 40.8 hours, and factory overtime was unchanged at 3.5 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 33.7 hours.

In April, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls were unchanged at \$24.31. Over the past 12 months, average hourly earnings have risen by 1.9 percent. In April, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and non-supervisory employees edged up by 3 cents to \$20.50.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for February was revised from +197,000 to +222,000, and the change for March was revised from +192,000 to +203,000. With these revisions, employment gains in February and March were 36,000 higher than previously reported.

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Calendar of Events

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Monday, May 12 at 5 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The purpose of the meeting is to hear public input on the proposed superintendent contract. It is open to the public. A closed-door meeting will be held after. According to the corporation, the purpose of the meeting is in accordance with I.C.5141.56.1; (2) (D) strategy for purchase or lease of real property; (6) (A) (B) with respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction.

Relay for Life meeting

2014 Relay for Life of Martin County will hold their next meeting tomorrow night, Thursday, May 8 at the Martin County Community Building. The meeting for committee members will start at 6 p.m. and the team captains meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Discussion will focus on last minute information for the Relay so everyone is encouraged to attend.

Head Start preschool classes

Head Start is now taking applications for the fall preschool classes. Head Start is a kindergarten readiness program at no-cost for qualifying families. Please call 812-295-4700 to enroll your child.

Son of the American Revolution

The Daniel Guthrie Chapter, Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution will hold their 2nd quarter meeting on Tuesday, May 20. The Free Methodist Church on R Street in Bedford will host the meeting. Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. with the meeting starting at 7 p.m. They will be inducting new members and presenting numerous awards and citations. The program will feature a few of the South Eastern Revolution Battle sites. All are welcome to attend.

Loogootee Comprehensive Plan meeting

The next meeting of the Loogootee Comprehensive Plan Committee will be May 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the council meeting room of the municipal building. There is no meeting tonight; due to conflicts it was rescheduled. The public is encouraged to attend.

Boy Scouts

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

GED exam fees

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Relay for Life looking for cancer survivors

Martin County always celebrates cancer survivors with a dinner which will be held May 28 at the Martin County Community Building. Every cancer survivor is welcome to attend and bring a guest. This dinner will be catered by Carla's Catering who will donate her services. In order to send out invitations, the survivor committee must know who the survivors are and we need to update their list. Please send your information to Survivor Chairman Paula Ringwald at 3799 US Highway 50 Loogootee, or email her at paularingwald@gmail.com or call at 812-295-3475 or co-chair Shelly Ringwald at 3867 US Highway 50, Loogootee, or e-mail her at timothy.ringwald@gmail.com. Or call at 812-698-0612. All survivors are also urged to attend the Relay for Life event and walk the Survivor Lap if possible. After the survivor lap you will once again be joining the committee, team captains, and participants in a meal served at Loogootee High School where the Relay for Life Event will be held on May 30-31 starting at 6 p.m. This year the event will be held inside the gymnasium with air-conditioning so the weather will not be an issue. Please send your name, address, shirt size, cancer diagnosis date and type of cancer as soon as possible to Paula or Shelly.

Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Beverly at 812.709.1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

Humane society meetings

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

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the second Wednesday 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.

Generations receives \$30,000 from the Walmart Foundation

Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann last Wednesday joined representatives from Walmart to announce a \$30,000 contribution to Generations to assist with its Meals on Wheels program. The grant – which was given to the nonprofit organization through the Walmart Foundation's State Giving Program – will be used to provide for the nutritional needs of homebound individuals.

"The services that Generations provides are critical to senior Hoosiers health and wellbeing," said Indiana Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann during a check presentation at the Ferdinand Senior Center. "When business and community groups can partner together to serve fellow Hoosiers, everybody wins. Meals on Wheels is even more important as it often provides both nutrition and social interaction in rural settings."

Generations is the Area Agency on Aging that serves older adults, individuals with disabilities and their caregivers in Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Knox, Martin and Pike counties. The Meals on Wheels program provides homebound individuals with regular, nutritious meals and helps them remain independent and in their own homes.

"Senior hunger is a real problem and our Meals on Wheels program is providing a lifeline by serving meals to the most vulnerable, frail and isolated seniors in our six-county service area," said Laura Holscher, Generations Executive Director. "This gift will help us continue to offer this vital program that contributes so significantly to the overall health and wellbeing of our clients."

The contribution to Generations was made possible through the Walmart Foundation's Indiana State Giving Program (SGP). Through this program, the Walmart Foundation supports organizations that create opportunities so people can live better. The Walmart Foundation State Giving Program strives to award grants that have a long-lasting, positive impact on communities across the U.S.

"Walmart is committed to the communities we serve," said Walmart Market Manager Ronda Roberts. "By partnering with organizations with a proven track record like Generations, we hope that we can provide more nutritious meals to homebound Hoosiers in need."

Last year, the Indiana State Giving Program awarded more than \$800,000 to local



Blankets for Riley

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On March 1, Loogootee-Shoals Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa hosted a Riley Children's Hospital blanket event. Members each brought a special little girl to help make Riley Blankets for children at Riley Children's Hospital. Chairperson Kristi Ausbrooks planned the event and it was a huge success! Ten blankets were made and have already been delivered to Riley Children's Hospital. A special thanks to all the Tri Kappa Members and the little girls who came out to help make the blankets. Some members and little girls left before the picture was taken. In the front row, from left to right, are Emily Crane, Rachel Robinson, Breanna Courter, Cora Ausbrooks, Kyleigh Courter, Daisy Warnsman, Melissa Courter, Emma Lingenfelter, and Mattie Milligan. In the back row, from left to right, are Barb McFeaters, Audrey Robinson, Katie Milligan, Kristi Ausbrooks, Sophie Ausbrooks, Christina Crane, Terry Swayze, Kathy Lingenfelter, and Judy Bruner.



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Shown above are Jasper Walmart store manager Jamie Tylka, Walmart Market Manager Ronda Roberts, Generations Executive Director Laura Holscher and Indiana Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann.

organizations such as Blessings in a Backpack, Inc., Media Ministries, Inc., The Salvation Army, West Central Indiana Economic Development District, Inc., and Women's Bureau, Inc. In Indiana, a team of local associates determines needs within each state, reviews eligible grant applications and makes funding recommendations to the Walmart Foundation.

To be considered for support, prospective grantee organizations must submit applications through the Walmart Foundation State Giving Program's online grant application. Eligible applicants must have a current 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status in order to meet

Classes available for high school equivalency exam prep

The Martin County ABE class is now taking new students to prepare them for the High School Equivalency Exam. The class is free and a minimum of 12 hours are required for each student. Students are required to attend four days per week and class times are: (in Loogootee Work One) Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Prospective students under the age of 18 must bring a copy of their High School Exit form. The math test has changed from the older version of the GED and now focuses on higher level algebra and geometry. The essay has also changed to an argumentative or informational essay, which previously was an opinion essay and the new essay requires more thought and focus.

Most test centers are charging \$90 for the

the program's minimum funding criteria. Additional information about the program's funding guidelines and application process are available online at <http://foundation.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/state-giving>.

In 2012, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation gave more than \$1 billion in cash and in-kind contributions around the world. This includes \$1 billion in cash and in-kind gifts in the United States and \$82.2 million in cash and in-kind gifts in international markets. In addition, Walmart, Sam's Club and Logistics associates volunteered more than 2.2 million hours, generating \$18 million to U.S. nonprofits.

TASC test and pre-tests are given in the ABE class and are free at this time. There is a \$10 charge for the pre-test, but Vincennes University has funds to cover the cost for this year (the new fiscal year begins in July 2014). Testing centers are located in Bloomington, Jasper, and Vincennes. Paoli was not chosen as a test site for this year.

Anyone interested in preparation to take the TASC, prep for college entrance exams, or prep for testing with an employer and to fulfill Work Indiana requirements may call Vicki Conrad at 812-606-2056, or show up on any Monday in Loogootee at the class site. Those showing up on Mondays should plan to stay for an entire class, which will include enrollment and a TABE (test assessing basic education) and be punctual. There is no pre-registration.

New Beginnings Church

WEEKLY MESSAGE

BY ERNIE CANELL
Pastor, New Beginnings Church

Psalm 103 is a great encouragement to those who are dealing with the struggles of life and wonder what the answers are in the deepest part of the trial. David gives some advice how to work through those times. We don't know when it was that David wrote this Psalm. It could have been after he was forgiven for the sin that Nathan revealed to him. It could have been after he was healed. No one knows for sure. Whenever it was, David found that praising the Lord was a healing for his soul.

I really like how Steve Furdick preached on this psalm. He said the first step to healing is praise. He said, "Praise is the prescription for our problems." No matter what you are going through, no matter what has hurt you, no matter the situation you are experiencing right now, praise is the answer. God inhabits the praise of His people.

And David gave us five benefits that cause us to praise God from our very soul; from our inward most being.

First: He forgives all our sins. When we have a relationship with and following Jesus, because of what He has done on the cross; our sins past, present and future are forgiven.

Second: He heals all our diseases. Not that we are going to be healed in our present health here and now (although that is possible too), but healed in the most diseased part of our very being, our soul. And one day when we are in heaven with Him there will be no disease at all.

Third: He paid the penalty on the cross to redeem us from spending eternity in the pit.

Fourth: He gives us crowns of lovingkindness and compassion. This is just a glimpse of His love He has for us.

Five: He satisfies our years with good things. Many try to find satisfaction in all kinds of things and never find it. But God promises that He will satisfy us with good things.

Because of all the benefits of praising a God who loved us so much that He gave His only son to die on the cross for you and me, He will give us a strength to make it through. And He gives us the passion and drive to live for Jesus Christ.

If you are reading this I want you to know that Praise is the prescription for your pain. And when you feel like praising Him the least is when you need it the most.

Sunday eight people committed to a mission trip in October to Ecuador. Please pray for the team as they prepare to go. See you Sunday!

Indiana launches initiative to help increase immunizations

The Indiana State Department of Health launched an initiative last week to help new parents get children immunized on time. Starting now, parents of every child born in Indiana will receive a greeting card from State Health Commissioner William VanNess, M.D., congratulating them on the birth of their child. The card reminds parents that vaccines begin at two months of age and a tear-out childhood immunization record is included.

Each personalized greeting card is donated by Hallmark as part of their "For America's Babies" campaign. Indiana joins 24 states in the initiative. New parents, Craig and Amy Monnett and Baby Liam received the first card from Dr. VanNess at the campaign launch at IU Health West Hospital last week. Approximately 83,000 babies are born each year in the state.

"Not all our children in the 19-35 months age range are fully protected from vaccine-preventable illnesses," said Dr. VanNess. "The For America's Babies campaign in Indiana is another way we can help to change that by reminding parents when certain vaccines are due."

Approximately 61 percent of Hoosier children ages 19-35 months receive immunizations on time according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recommended schedule.

For America's Babies was launched in Indiana during National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW), April 26-May 3. Indiana was selected as the launch state by the CDC to call attention to the state's immunization successes, as well as to the importance of remaining vigilant to ensure children are fully protected from 14 vaccine-preventable diseases by their second birthday.

Anne Schuchat, M.D., Director of the CDC National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases and Assistant U.S. Surgeon General, gave a presentation to guests about the importance of infant immunizations as part of the launch.

According to Dr. Schuchat, modeling from CDC estimates that in children born between 1994 and 2013, vaccinations will prevent about 322 million illnesses, 21 million hospitalizations and 732,000 deaths over the course of their lifetimes. This will also net a savings of \$295 billion in direct costs and \$1.4 trillion in total societal costs.

"Vaccinating your children according to the recommended schedule is one of the best ways you can protect them from several harmful and potentially deadly diseases," said Dr. Schuchat. "Parents who are unsure of their children's immunization status should speak with their healthcare professional."

Vaccine-preventable diseases still circulate in the United States and around the world, so continued vaccination is necessary to protect everyone from potential outbreaks. Even when diseases are rare in the U.S., they can be brought into the country, putting unvaccinated children at risk. Nationally, the U.S. is currently experiencing outbreaks of measles, and Indiana has also seen recent outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases, including chickenpox, pertussis and mumps.

Individuals can access their official immunizations records at no cost by visiting www.MyVaxIndiana.in.gov. Records can be viewed, printed, downloaded or faxed through the use of a personal identification number (PIN). PINs may be obtained from healthcare providers and local health departments upon request.

For more information about NIIW 2014, visit the CDC at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/index.html.

To learn more about immunizations in Indiana or Indiana's role in NIIW 2014, visit the Indiana State Department of Health at www.StateHealth.in.gov. For important health information and updates, follow them on Twitter at @StateHealthIn and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/isdh1.

Notes from the WIC Nutritionist

BY ELIZABETH WHITE
Martin County WIC Nutritionist

Hooray!!! It is getting warmer outside so that means it is going to start getting easier to find fresh produce. Yummy, yummy!!!!

WIC participants receive Cash Value Vouchers (CVV's) that they can use to purchase fresh or frozen fruits and vegetables in WIC approved grocery stores. The dollar amount is specified on the voucher. This means that the voucher is just like having cash in your pocket that can be used to buy frozen or fresh fruits and vegetables. The Cash Value Voucher can only be used in WIC approved grocery stores and CANNOT be used at free standing produce stands.

Tips for using Cash Value Vouchers:
-You do not have to use the full amount of money printed on the voucher. However you will not receive any change back.

-If you go over the amount of printed on the voucher you can choose to buy less or

pay the difference with some other form of payment.

-Consider purchasing fixed price items such as a bag of apples, bag of oranges, bag of carrots, etc.

-Buy items that have not been pre-cut. For example a fresh sliced melon will cost more than a fresh whole melon that you can cut and peel at home.

-Use coupons to lower the price of items and shop sales.

-Purchase "in season" for the lowest produce prices.

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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Thank you to everyone who supported me in the Primary Election! I would appreciate your continued support in the General Election on November 4th.

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