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New principal hired at Loogootee *General Election information*

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The Loogootee School Board officially hired Chip Mehaffey as the new superintendent at their meeting Monday night, May 16. Mehaffey will take Dr. Joan Keller's place when she leaves at the end of June.

The board also voted to hire Chad Musselwhite as the new high school principal, replacing Mehaffey. Musselwhite comes to Loogootee from Edgewood High School where he has been employed for 14 years. He served as math teacher and chair and co-chair of several committees. He also coached sports including girls' varsity basketball, varsity boys' golf and varsity girls' golf.

Musselwhite earned his undergraduate degree in 2002 from Indiana State University in math education. He earned his master's degree and his administrator's license from Indiana Wesleyan University. He graduated from Jasper High School in 1997. He and his wife, Erica, have two children, Alice, 5, and Jack, 3.

The school received 26 applications and a committee consisting of Dr. Keller, Mehaffey, Lacey Wade and Dara Chezem interviewed the applicants.

During patron input, High School Track Coach Adam Tompkins asked the board why he was being fired from his coaching position. He said he has been there for the kids and has not been told he has done anything wrong. Board Member Brent Courter told Tompkins that this was not on their agenda. Tompkins replied that he heard it was on the agenda. Courter said it was not but thanked Thompson for his input.

In other personnel, the board approved Steven
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-Photo by Noel Harty
Shown above is the new Loogootee High School Principal Chad Musselwhite with his wife, Erica, and their two children, Alice and Jack. Musselwhite was hired by the Loogootee School Board at their meeting Monday night.

Shoals School Board approves personnel, donations

The Shoals School Board met last Thursday, May 12.

The board approved the following personnel actions:

-Lindsey Douglas – maternity leave request

-Kandi Tichenor – resignation from position of elementary Title I teaching assistant

-William O. Johnson – approval of separation agreement

-Permission to post Title I teaching assistant, varsity girls' basketball coach and industrial technology and/or agriculture teacher upon completion of interviews and board notification.

Amy Money addressed the board and answered questions regarding the PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) process.

The board accepted the following donations:

-Approval of donation of \$100 from Kappa Kappa Kappa to the high school art department

-Performance Seed LLC – \$200 Shoals Athletic Department/boys' basketball

-Pizza Junction – \$500 Shoals Athletic Department/boys' basketball

-Shoals Lions Club – \$1,000 Shoals Athletic Department/boys' basketball

-Jason Jones Trucking – \$250 Shoals Athletic Department

-Pinnacle Land Surveying – \$100 Shoals Athletic Department/boys' basketball

-Bo Mac's – \$500 Shoals Athletics/boys' basketball

-Jones Oil Co. – \$1,000 Shoals Ath-

letic Department/boys' basketball

-Monsanto Grant from Witt Farms – \$2,500 Shoals Athletic Department

The board approved the following field trips:

-Chorus to Loogootee Nursing Center on May 13

-Spanish Club Students in grades 11-12 to Los Bravos on May 17

-Spanish Club Students in grades 9-10 to Los Bravos on May 18

-3rd Grade PRIDE celebration trip to Spring Mill on May 23

-Rox Café Students to Hagen's Restaurant in French Lick on May 17

-Elementary fundraiser reward trip to French Lick for laser tag on May 16

Mrs. Roush recommended the board approve offering a half-day pre-school

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Roads, emergency communications top commissioners' meeting

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, May 10.

Justin Dorsey, a property owner in Lost River Township, came before the commissioners in regard to Davis Lane. Dorsey submitted pictures, a survey and a letter from the Hoosier National Forest concerning Davis Lane. Dorsey requested the commissioners acknowledge the historic road another 600 feet beyond where it currently ends. Once the commissioners agree to this, he agreed to restore that part of the road to the county's specs. After he restores the road, the county will be responsible for maintaining it. Dorsey has followed the procedures in notifying the adjacent property owners. A lengthy discussion followed. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to allow

Dorsey to restore Davis Lane and then the county will maintain. The motion died due to lack of a second. Attorney Lett questioned several issues. He recommended the commissioners contact the adjacent property owners. The commissioners directed Attorney Lett to send out letters to the property owners in question.

Sheriff Travis Roush came before the commissioners to discuss the communication problems throughout the county. Members of the Lost River Fire Department, Shoals Fire Department and Civil Defense/EMA joined him at the table along with Brett Richardson, Communications Commander, and Colby Blake, of the sheriff's department. Sheriff Roush informed the commissioners that members of all lo-

cal emergency departments have been meeting and discussing the communication issue for a while. Several vendors have visited the radio sight locations throughout the county to examine the equipment. Both Richardson and Blake explained in detail the issues all departments are having. They received a quote from Harmonic Electronics to fix the communication problem at hand but a long term solution is needed. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to declare an emergency to spend up to \$7,000 with Harmonic Electronics to replace the radio equipment and to purchase the digital/analog repeater. The funds are available in the state-wide 911 fund. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Tuesday July 5, by noon, is the last day for a political party to fill a vacancy on the ballot. At this time there is a vacancy in the following county offices:

For the Republican Party - county auditor and county coroner

For the Democrat Party - judge of the circuit court, county surveyor and district 1 commissioner

Wednesday, July 27 is the first day to file petition of nomination for school board. Friday, August 26, by noon, is the last day to file petition of nomination for school board.

The following school board positions will appear on the ballot: Loogootee has two at-large and Shoals District 2, 3, and 5.

The last day to register to vote for the General Election is Tuesday, October 11. The first day for absentee voting in the clerk's office will be Wednesday, October 12. You can request an application for absentee by mail at any time.

Please contact the clerk's office with any questions at 812-247-3651.

Entries sought for county essay contest

"Martin County: What I like best." is the theme of an essay contest sponsored by the Martin County Indiana 2016 Bicentennial Celebration Committee. All youths 16 years of age and younger are invited to submit a handwritten essay of no more than 200 words describing what they like the best about living in Martin County. Imaginative original artwork may be included. All participants will receive a Martin County Ambassador Pin, and all appropriate essays will be included in the official time capsule for the county. The writer of the winning essay will receive a Bicentennial Medallion and will be invited to read the essay at the official celebration in September. Essays will be judged by and will become the property of the Bicentennial Committee.

Please include your name, age, address and contact phone number. Essays should be mailed to: Marie Hawkins, P.O. Box 12, Shoals, IN 47581. The deadline for submission is Monday, May 30.

Communications Commander Richardson updated the commissioners on the phase II project to go to all 800 MHz radios. The communications committee will meet again June 15, 2016 at 6 p.m. at the civil defense building. He also updated the commissioners on the CodeRED notification system. The commissioners need to decide who will be in charge of CodeRED. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve Communications Commander Brett Richardson as the primary point of contact for the CodeRED system. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. There will be eight people allowed access to the system, two from the sheriff's department and (See 'COMMISSIONERS' cont. on page 2)

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program next year due to not enough applications being received for an all-day program. The board approved.

The board approved the following fundraisers:

-Dance Team to hold bake sale at Shoals Jay C Store on May 21

-Dance Team to hold car wash on school grounds on June 4

The board held a second reading and approved the state-mandated gang policy for all public schools, and the credit card policy.

The board held a second reading and approved the school wide information technology assistant job description. They also gave permission to post the job opening.

The board held a first reading of the cafeteria returned check policy. The second reading and approval is scheduled for the June meeting.

Austin Malone, Elementary Principal, reported on the following:

-Push continues for our student attendance goal of 98 percent

-ISTEP and IREAD3 testing is completed

-Special Education students visited Holiday World on Wednesday. Thank you to the anonymous donor for providing the funds for this trip!

-Currently in the process of looking into software to be used next year as part of the new technology integration into the classroom

-Lunch with Law Enforcement was held on Wednesday with several officers attending

-Upcoming Events: elementary awards day – Thursday, May 26 at 1 p.m.; spring music program – Wednesday, May 25 at 1:30 p.m.; SPA year-end celebration – Friday, May 20; Field Day – Tuesday, May 24; attendance award

trip to Spring Mill – Monday, May 23

-Thank you to the following: Prom Committee for the donation of several discount cards for student awards; Psi Iota Xi Sorority for \$200 preschool donation; Larry Sherfick for excellent job organizing ISTEP testing materials; cafeteria workers for all they do for our students; congratulations to the new Dr. Roush!

Lucas Calhoun, Jr. Sr. High School Principal, reported on the following:

-Spring band and chorus concert was a huge success

-Project SAFE Prom presentation was held with most junior students attending

-Boys' STEM night was held last week

-Sr. Beta Club is preparing to send students to National Convention in New Orleans

-Call Me Jim program is coming up for 7th grade students. Funded partially by a donation from the Loogootee St. Vincent De Paul Organization

-Senior trip scheduled for Kings Island has been changed to Holiday World

-Huge thank you to the Athletic Director John Kirtland as well as Wayne and Roger for going above and beyond this spring sports season

-Graduation practice will be held Thursday, May 26 in the morning

-Awards Night scheduled for Friday, May 27 at 7 p.m.

-Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2016 will be held on Saturday, May 28 at 2 p.m.

-Special Thanks to the Martin County Soil and Water Board for donations to the Choir and the FFA Program

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. The next meeting of the board will be a regular session on June 9 at 6 p.m.

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Wagler at CTE teacher for half a day beginning in the fall. Has engineering background.

They also approved Corey Jacobs, Tyra Fuhs, Ellen Dant, Emily Bateman and Gabe Nolley as summer help and Brittany Bateman and Marcie Arthur for summer iRead.

The board held a second reading and adopted the gang policy.

The board held a second reading of the student handbooks. They were approved.

The board then discussed building improvements. The cost to have windows in the junior high replaced is \$113,658 and \$40,039 at the elementary. The windows will not be replaced until the fall.

As far as lighting, Dr. Keller said they were unsure how much money would be left over to do lighting. She said they may need to wait to see if any additional expenses arise once the roof replacement is further along. The original plan for the lighting was to replace the junior high and elementary school. Having the lighting replaced would save an estimated \$3,000 a month on the electric bill. The board discussed also replacing the gym's lighting. The

COMMISSIONERS

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civil defense and each fire department will have one, leaving one available to use at the county's discretion. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the Martin County Auditor as a user of CodeRED. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. The notification system should be implemented within the next two weeks. All weather alerts will go out automatically. Commissioner Gregory thanked all the volunteer firefighters and EMA personnel for their service.

Commissioner Gregory made a motion to name a new road in Mitcheltree Township Lake View Drive. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Sheriff Roush reported to the commissioners that the medical contract with Quality Correctional Care allows for the nurse to be on sight 10 hours a week. Due to the population increase, Sheriff Roush recommends the contract be increased to 12 hours a week. President George suggested getting a quote for 15 hours also. Sheriff Roush will report back to the commissioners when more information is known. He also recommended putting an ordinance in place for what can be purchased from the commissary for the sheriff's department. Sheriff Roush will draft an ordinance for the commissioners to approve. There are currently 42 inmates at the jail with two being department of corrections.

Monty Wolf, EMA/civil defense, updated the commissioners on the planning grant they are applying for. He will be attending a DPC meeting next week.

Kathy Collins, Community Corrections Director, informed the commissioners that her program will be receiving an additional \$84,800 to help offset the costs of HB1006. Due to this funding she will be hiring a full-time programmer in July. She also submitted a proclamation from the State of Indiana that declared May 1-7, 2016 as Correctional Employee Week. There will be a lunch for the local correctional employees later in the month. The lease agreement has been approved by Teresa Nolley in regards to the Haw-



-Photo by Noel Harty

Current LHS Principal Chip Me-haffey will take over the superintendent position starting July 1, 2016.

issue was tabled until the June meeting.

Dr. Keller discussed the need for a food service director. This is a requirement for school. The food service director must have a associates degree in food and nutrition. Dr. Keller said this is an extremely comprehensive job. The board gave Keller permission to see if there was any interest in the position.

kins Healthcare building. Director Collins will review and report back. She also requested approval to apply for a TANF grant for \$109,000. This grant funding will be used for training employees. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the application for the TANF grant. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett submitted his two-week work schedule. Superintendent Padgett and the commissioners agreed to repair a part of Killion Mill Road. He also updated the commissioners on the beam replacement on Spout Springs Bridge. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to proceed with the beam replacement on Spout Springs Bridge and to use the SEA 67 funds available. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Superintendent Padgett proceeded to discuss the need for a new ton truck and possibly new fuel trucks. Terri Alcorn, Highway Clerk, informed the commissioners that the letting for bridge 11 was on May 5, 2016. There were five bids received and the project was awarded to Ragle, Inc for \$932,286.95. The county will need to provide \$250,067.35. If the county decides not to proceed with the project it will cost the county \$250,000. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to proceed with bridge #11. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Auditor Roush submitted the tourism report on behalf of Jim Stoughton.

Auditor Roush also submitted the compensation hours as of 4/30/16.

President George recommended that Custodian John Jones spray the outside of the courthouse on the weekends when no one is in the building.

Auditor Roush discussed the circuit breaker report with the commissioners. The county as a whole will lose \$92,489.10 due to property tax circuit breakers.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m. with a motion made by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by Commissioner Boyd. The next commissioners' meeting will be held Tuesday, May 24 at 6 p.m.

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MARY ELLEN ALBRIGHT

Mary Ellen Albright, 83, of Shoals, passed away peacefully at her home at 5:23 p.m. Monday, May 16, 2016. A resident of Shoals, she was 83.



She was born in Connersville on July 17, 1932; daughter of Roy and Opal Mae

(Tolley) Stewart. She lived in Bicknell from September 1932 until February of 1941 when the family then moved to Dayton, Ohio.

In May of 1950 she graduated from Alexandria High School in West Alexandria, Ohio, and the next month on June 10, she married Larry Dee Albright at the Shoals United Methodist Church. They celebrated 64 years together in the scenic Martin County she loved so much.

She was a faithful member of the Shoals United Methodist Church and member of the Shoals Order of the Eastern Star. She was past PTA president at Shoals Community Schools. She obtained her insurance agent license and real estate broker's license and along with her husband Larry, owned and operated the Albright Agency for 45 years.

Larry and Mary Ellen were the parents of three children, she referred to as her first baby, baby son, and baby girl respectively; Larry Douglas and Cathy Albright of Corydon; Harold Bradley Albright and Lee Clark of San Diego, California; and Connie and John Clements of Virginia Beach, Virginia; grandchildren, Whitney and Jon Muscutt, Allison and Brad Spine, Jill and Kwame James and Cassie Clements; great-grandchildren, Amare James, Jasmine James, Brooklyn James, Nash Muscutt, and Ethan Allen Spine, all whom were the pride and joy of her life. She is also survived by, in her words, "my favorite and only brother", Bill and Gerry Stewart of Shoals; niece Robin Crouse of Cleaveland, Ohio; nephew Billy Stewart, and sister-in-law Dorothy Albright of Shoals.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and husband, Larry, on January

22, 2015.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, May 19 at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Pastor Joseph Seger will officiate the funeral service on Friday at 11 a.m. at the Shoals United Methodist Church. She may be viewed at the church from 10 a.m. until the hour of service. Burial will follow in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Shoals United Methodist Church Building Fund. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Condolences may be made online to the family at www.queenlee.com.

LOGAN CRANEY

Logan W. Craney passed away Friday, May 13, 2016 from injuries sustained in an ATV accident. A resident of Cannelburg, he was 24.



He was born November 18, 1991 in Jasper; son of Terry and Denise (Mattingly) Craney.

He was a 2010 graduate of Barr-reeve High School. He then attended Vincennes University and graduated with a degree in welding. He enjoyed hunting, farming, and thoroughly enjoyed life.

He was employed by National Gypsum and Burriss Farms. He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

He is survived by his parents, Terry and Denise (Mattingly) Craney of Loogootee; sister, Kyla (Tyler) Greene of Loogootee; brother, Lance Craney of Loogootee; nephew, Cale Greene; niece, Kora Greene; aunts, Kathy Berry of Montgomery and Nancy Kirts of Columbus, IN; uncles, Tony (Sherri) Craney of Princeton and Dennis (Joanne) Harmon of Odon; many cousins and special friends.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Alice C. and Warren Mattingly; paternal grandparents, Joanne and Leo Craney; uncle, John Kirts.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth

Walker and concelebrants, Rev. Joseph Erbacher and Rev. Leo Kiesel at 10 a.m. this morning, Wednesday, May 18 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. John Catholic Cemetery.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

DONNA BARROW

Donna (Speed) Barrow passed away at 12:15 a.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 72.



She was born September 27, 1943 in Akron, Ohio; daughter of the late Otis and Willette (Daugherty) Speed.

She enjoyed fishing and spending time with family and grandchildren. She was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and volunteered at the Loogootee Senior Citizen Center.

She is survived by her children, Harold (Connie) Flanagan of Loogootee, Pam Chrisman of Loogootee and Teresa (Brian) Voegerl of Huntingburg; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; siblings, Mary Beatrice, James Hall Jr., Linda Hawley, Carl Hall and Jerry Hall; sister-in-law, Phyllis Speed; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Philip Barrow, who passed away September 2, 2015; parents, Otis and Willette (Daugherty) Speed; and brother, Bill Speed.

Donna will be cremated with a memorial service at a later date. Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

CLYDE "WHITEY" HAWKINS

Clyde L. "Whitey" Hawkins went to be with his Lord on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 8:11 p.m. at the Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A lifelong resident of Shoals, he was 89.

He was born July 19, 1926 at the old Martin County Jail; the son of James Grover and Grace Elizabeth (Hickman) Hawkins.

He formerly served as Sheriff of Martin County and retired from the Indiana Department of Transportation. He was also a Conservation Officer for the State of Indiana. He was well known as a politician serving on both the State of Indiana and National Dem-



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ocratic Committees. He also served as Martin County Commissioner and Martin County Councilman at Large. Whitey graduated in 1945 from Shoals High School and joined the United States Army, serving in World War II. He was very faithful to serve with the American Legion Honor Guard, and until his health declined he rarely missed honoring his fellow comrades.

He was a member of the Shoals American Legion Hanson McFee Post #61, American Patriot Lodge F. & A.M. Oolitic, Shoals V.F.W. Post #8589, 40/8th Voiture Locale No. 107 Vincennes, and Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #2442. He was a devout member of Shoals St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, and lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 732 Loogootee.

He is survived by his wife, Helen (Ervin) Hawkins of Shoals; four daughters, Debra Jan Strange of Shoals; Lynette Kay Jones of Bloomington; Micky Ann Crew of Shoals; and Wendy Jenea Colglazier of Springville; seven grandchildren, Steve Strange, Rainell Cushman, Chris Roush, Brittany Stalcup, Derek Sipes, Bethany Tuomi and Jarrod Lents; two step-granddaughters, Candace Clark and Cassi Crew; 10 great-grandchildren; one step-great granddaughter, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Hubert Hawkins, John Grover Hawkins, Charles Hawkins and Bob Hawkins; four sisters, Gene Cropp, Lucille Jarboe, Mildred Beaver and Wanda Stiles, and great granddaughter, Haylei Sipes.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday, May 16 at the St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Shoals. Burial followed in the Springhill Cemetery. American Legion Post #61 and Indiana Sheriff's Association Honor Guard conducted graveside services.

Serving as pallbearers were Steve Strange, Chris Roush, Chris Cushman, Christopher Cushman, Derek Sipes and Jarrod Lents. Honorary pallbearers were Bruce Hawkins, James "Buck" Stiles, and Alex Strange.

Preferred Memorials to the Indiana Sheriff's Association or Indiana State Police Memorial Fund.

Condolences may be made online to the family at www.queenlee.com.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MAY 9

5:39 a.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Deputy Reed and Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

6:13 a.m. - Received an alarm call north of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded and all was okay.

10:22 a.m. - Corporal Baker took one inmate to court.

12:40 p.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle in Crane. Corporal Baker responded.

12:54 p.m. - Received a report of a semi needing assistance east of Shoals. Captain Dant and ICO Mann responded.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Captain Hennette responded.

2:15 p.m. - Sheriff Roush transported one inmate from New Castle Correctional Facility for court.

6:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

6:40 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

8:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Sergeant Keller, Loogootee Captain Hennette, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:27 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

TUESDAY, MAY 10

12:36 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

7:55 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Captain Dant responded.

10:30 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

11:05 a.m. - Sheriff Roush performed a welfare check in Shoals.

12:13 p.m. - Corporal Baker and Dispatcher Abel on station with one inmate from Madison Correctional Facility for court.

1:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

1:55 p.m. - Received a report of a drive off without paying in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

2:10 p.m. - Corporal Baker assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

5:11 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

5:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the

subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:49 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

5:46 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

9:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

9:30 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

10:27 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:30 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

10:46 a.m. - Received request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:50 p.m. - Sergeant Keller and Chief Deputy Greene took four inmates to court.

2:35 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

2:39 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

2:45 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

3:15 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

3:46 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

3:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

4:15 p.m. - Received a report of a missing child in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded and the child was located.

5:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Sergeant Keller, ISP Trooper Beaver, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:57 p.m. - Received a request for first responders in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

6:27 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:48 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

7:43 p.m. - Received a report of a transformer on fire north of Shoals. Williams Fire responded.

7:55 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down in Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

8:19 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Loogootee. Civil defense removed the tree.

9:25 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Loogootee. Civil defense removed the tree.

9:34 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Loogootee. Civil defense removed the tree.

THURSDAY, MAY 12

6:53 a.m. - Received a report of a low hanging limb on Hwy 150, east of Shoals. The state highway department was notified.

7:05 a.m. - Sheriff Roush transported one inmate to the New Castle Cor-

rectional Facility.

8:40 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded. The subject was ticketed.

1:50 p.m. - Corporal Baker took two inmates to court.

6:13 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Shoals. Corporal Baker and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

8:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

FRIDAY, MAY 13

12:16 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:47 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, west of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded and checked the vehicle.

7:34 a.m. - Received a dog complaint east of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

9:16 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:28 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:45 a.m. - Received several reports of cows out east of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

11:10 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road north of Shoals. Martin County Highway responded.

1:30 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism to a grave in Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

2:16 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took one inmate to court.

2:28 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

3:39 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on Hwy 450. Sergeant Keller responded.

3:41 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

4:26 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:05 p.m. - Deputy Floyd transported one inmate to the Orange County Jail.

7:32 p.m. - Deputy Floyd performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

SATURDAY, MAY 14

12:50 a.m. - While on foot patrol, Major Burkhardt and K9 Officer Asher found an unsecure commercial building. They were able to clear the building and secure it.

1:24 a.m. - While on foot patrol, Major Burkhardt and K9 Officer Asher found another unsecure commercial building. The owners were contacted.

2:18 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Todd responded. The owner was contacted.

11:08 a.m. - Captain Dant performed a vehicle identification check north of Shoals.

11:47 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism near Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

11:50 a.m. - Received a request for

an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:50 p.m. - Received a report of a tree limb blocking Hwy 450, north of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

3:40 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense removed the tree.

8:29 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:30 p.m. - Received report of an accident north of Loogootee. Civil defense, Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, South West Medical, and Air Evac was notified. Martin County and Daviess County Sheriff's Office personnel were on the scene. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:29 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Deputy Reed responded.

11:16 p.m. - Deputy Reed and Deputy Floyd assisted the Daviess County Sheriff's Office with a detail.

SUNDAY, MAY 15

12:34 a.m. - Received a report of an incident involving juveniles near Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

4:20 a.m. - Received a report of property damage south of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

9:22 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:30 p.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

6:58 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle near Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

8:28 p.m. - Received report of cows out near Shoals. The owner was contacted.

9:00 p.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

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ARRESTS

THURSDAY, MAY 12

2:10 p.m. - Christopher Wade, 28, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Detective Starr for child molestation and incest. He is being held without bond.

11:58 p.m. - Karen Porter, 54, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Nolan for operating a vehicle while intoxicated and is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

April 19

Jason M. Santiago, convicted of driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 299 days suspended and credit for 33 actual days previously served plus 33 Class A credit days. Defendant received 9 months of probation.

Dakota L. Simmerman, convicted of battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 361 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class 1 credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

April 21

Timothy W. Norman, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 92 days suspended and credit for 44 actual days previously served plus 44 Class A credit days. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

Douglas E. Sims, Jr., convicted of maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 545 days with 465 days suspended and credit for 40 actual days previously served plus 40 Class A credit days. Defendant received 15 months of probation.

April 26

Adam B. Vonderheide, convicted of operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 355 days suspended and credit for 5 actual days previously served plus 5 Class 1 credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

May 2

John B. Tow, convicted of voluntary manslaughter, a Class A Felony. Sentenced to serve 30 years with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 10 years suspended and credit for 693 actual days previously served plus 693 Class A credit days. Defendant received 10 years of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

April 19

Dakota L. Simmerman, domestic battery, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

April 21

Timothy W. Norman, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Douglas E. Sims, Jr., possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

April 26

Adam B. Vonderheide, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

May 2

John B. Tow, murder, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

May 6

Penny Mac Loan Services, LLC vs. Victor D. Murray and Brenda J. Murray, mortgage foreclosure.

May 9

Discover Bank vs. Paul D. Brassine, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

April 22

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff National Collegiate Student Loan Trust and against the defendant Crystal S. Bentley in the amount of \$16,624.83.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

May 4

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Auna L. Beasley in the amount of \$830.64.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Crystal L. Fultz in the amount of \$1,759.31.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Leland Mackey in the amount of \$6,121.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Shannon Reinhart in the amount of \$542.69.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Sherry Wagoner in the amount of \$355.95.

May 13

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Misty D. Hart in the amount of \$1,308.33.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

May 16

Matthew W. Murray of Loogootee and Jaclyn B. Howell of Loogootee.

Martin County real estate transfers

Sheri J. Bowling, of Martin County, Indiana to **Dennis L. Wagoner**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northeast quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, being also portions of the previously platted Lot #1, #2, #3, #4, #27, #28, #29, and #30 in the Town of Mt. Pleasant, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.09 acres, more or less.

Angela J. Mayfield and Douglas W. Mayfield, of Martin County, Indiana to **M&J's Quality Construction, Inc.**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.16 acres, more or less.

J. Marlene Baugh, of Martin County, Indiana to **Norma J. Baker and Amanda J. Stewart**, of Martin County, Indiana, a tract of and in the southwest quarter of Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing .44 acres.

Rita J. Bowling, of Greene County, Indiana; **Connie (Gee) Hall**, of Lake County, Florida; **Vicki Marchino**, of Daviess County, Indiana; **Mark J. Bowling**, of Martin County, Indiana; and **Kevin J. Bowling**, of Hamilton County, Indiana to **Sheri J. Bowling**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 7 and Lot Number 8 in Ack-

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, MAY 9

5:39 a.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the sheriff's department with a property damage accident.

2:00 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on Church Street.

3:00 p.m. - Male came on station to report a phone scam.

6:12 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on Church Street.

6:19 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

6:28 p.m. - First responders were requested on Reinhart Road for a medical call.

8:13 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the ambulance service on a medical call.

TUESDAY, MAY 10

8:05 a.m. - Received a call of a reckless driver on Hwy 50. Chief Rayhill located the vehicle and the driver was cited.

6:02 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

10:30 a.m. - Caller requested an officer at the school for a student causing problems.

2:39 p.m. - First responders were requested on Queen Street for a medical call.

2:45 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on Park Street.

3:15 p.m. - Received a call of a reckless driver on US 231. Officer was unable to locate.

4:29 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a child.

6:27 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to Love Cemetery Road for a lawn mower on fire.

THURSDAY, MAY 12

8:40 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50. Captain Hennette located the vehicle and cited the driver.

7:31 p.m. - Caller requested an officer assist her in getting some personal belongings back.

8:53 p.m. - First responders were requested on Vine Street for a medical call.

FRIDAY, MAY 13

4:00 p.m. - Caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a possible battery.

6:00 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody violation.

SATURDAY, MAY 14

4:15 p.m. - Female came on station to fill out a juvenile pick-up order.

4:31 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Kentucky Avenue.

5:47 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

8:30 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the ambulance service.

SUNDAY, MAY 15

5:45 p.m. - Received a call of a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

5:50 p.m. - Caller reported a stolen cell phone.

9:05 p.m. - Caller reported an out of control child.

10:00 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported to be on the lookout for a stolen motorcycle from Shoals.

erman's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Charles D. Hellums, of Martin County, Indiana to **Howard L. Jackson and Linda A. Benedict**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of Section 4, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 14.639 acres, more or less. Also, part of the northeast quarter of Section 4, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 6.835 acres, more or less. With the exception of 3.750 acres and 4.242 acres, more or less.

Danny J. Gregory and Barbara J. Gregory, of Martin County, Indiana to **David J. Gregory**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 17, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.42 acres, more or less.

John H. Kenworthy and Deborah J. Kenworthy, of Martin County, Indiana to **Larry W. Kemp and Norma R. Kemp**, of Daviess County, Indiana.

Tract I: Part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 8, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Second Principal Meridian, Perry Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 21.39 acres, more or less.

Tract II: Part of the southwest of the southeast quarter of Section 8, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Second Principal Meridian, Perry Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 16.72 acres, more or less. Tract III: Part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Second Principal Meridian, Perry Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 9.35 acres, more or less.

Robert D. Toy and Penelope R. Toy, of Martin County, Indiana to **Rose Ann Bridges and Douglas Dean Bridges**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Lots 16 and 17 in Cray's Addition to the town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Neil A. Strange, of Martin County, Indiana to **Floyd Leon Hawkins**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 20 in Roger's Addition to Loogootee, Indiana.

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More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



THIS IS Really Pretty Accurate: EATING IN THE FIFTIES

1. Pasta had not been invented. It was macaroni or spaghetti.
2. Curry was a surname.
3. A take-away was a mathematical problem.
4. Pizza? Sounds like a leaning tower somewhere.
5. Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.
6. All chips were plain.
7. Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.
8. Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.
9. Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.
10. Chickens didn't have fingers in those days.
11. None of us had ever heard of yogurt.
12. Healthy food consisted of anything edible.
13. Cooking outside was called camping.
14. Seaweed was not a recognized food.
15. 'Kebab' was not even a word, never mind a food.
16. Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold.
17. Prunes were medicinal.
18. Surprisingly muesli was readily available. It was called cattle feed.
19. Pineapples came in chunks in a tin; we had only seen a picture of a real one.
20. Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than gasoline for it, they would have become a laughing stock.
21. The one thing that we never ever had on/at our table in the fifties...was elbows, hats and cell phones!

I HAVE EVERYTHING!

- I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 50 years later.
- I don't have to go to school or work.
- I get an allowance every month.
- I have my own pad.
- I don't have a curfew.
- I have a driver's license and my own car.
- I have an ID that gets me into bars and the whiskey store.
- The people I hang out with are not scared of getting pregnant.
- And, I don't have acne.
- Life is great.

THOUGHTS TO THINK ABOUT

1. If the average person walks 1,000 miles per year, and drinks 556 glasses (35 gallons) of wine per year, then the average person gets 30 miles per gallon . . . which is pretty good.
2. If a woman is always right, and a man is always wrong, then if a man tells a woman that she's right, is the man right or wrong?
3. When faced with two choices, simply toss a coin. It works not because it settles the question for you but because in that brief moment when the coin is in the air, you suddenly know what you are hoping for.
4. Good friends help you find import-

ant things when you have lost them – things like your smile, your hope, and your courage.

5. To all the people who are loving and kind to me – Thank you for the sunshine you bring into my life.
6. We have finally reached our “wonder years.” We wonder what day it is. We wonder where we parked. We wonder where our glasses are.
7. Be kind to one another – even if you disagree on stuff.
8. I enjoy hanging out with people that make me forget to look at my phone.
9. Push harder than yesterday if you want a different tomorrow.
10. Don't feel bad if people remember you only when they need you. Feel privileged that you are like a candle that comes to their mind when there is darkness.
11. Someday us old folks will use cursive writing as a secret code.
12. Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road to life is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision.

Make someone smile today!

Entries being accepted for SummerFest Parade

“Happy Birthday, Indiana” is the theme for this year's SummerFest Parade to be held on Saturday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m. Line-up is at the high school parking lot between 5-6 p.m.

The parade committee would like to honor community's older citizens as we celebrate our states Bi-Centennial year. They would love to honor citizens born 1926 and before. If you have a family member who fits this age group, please contact the mayor's office at 812-295-4770 to make plans for parade day.

For any parade entries please stop in the mayor's office for entry form or call 812-295-4770.

MCCF to hold grant seekers meeting

The Martin County Community Foundation will hold an informational meeting for grant seekers on Thursday, June 2. The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. in the meeting room of the community learning center at the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds and will provide details of the 2016 MCCF Open Grant Cycle.

The timeline will be announced, the grant process will be reviewed, and attendees will be given the MCCF application packet at the conclusion of the meeting. Applications will be available at the MCCF office and online beginning Tuesday, June 14 for those organizations unable to attend.

The Martin County Community Foundation Open Grant Cycle is open to 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, governmental entities, and educational institutions serving the residents of Martin County.

To RSVP for the meeting, call (812) 295-1022 or email mccf@cfpartner.org by May 31.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Great U.S. 50 Yard Sale

The Great U.S. 50 Yard Sale is rapidly approaching. On Saturday, May 21 many potential treasures will be available for area bargain seekers. The sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Shoals High School parking lot. So far, items available for sale include handmade crafts, My 31, Avon, collectibles, puzzles, Longaberger, Wheatenware, and clothing. It isn't too late to join the fun! If you are interested in space rental, please contact Linda Sherfick at 812-247-3060.

CPR, First Aid training available

The American Heart Association will hold an authorized CPR and First Aid training at WestGate Academy Conferencing & Training Center for the public Thursday, May 26 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The authorized trainer for both sessions is Cheryl Oliver. Cost: \$75 (Both CPR and First Aid); \$45 (CPR only); and \$30 (First Aid only). To register contact Cheryl at cprplussouin@gmail.com or (812) 968-4578.

Community Fun Night

The Shoals Parent Association (SPA) will be hosting a Community Fun Night on Friday, May 20 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Shoals High School gym. Admission is free. There will be free games and activities for the kids. The Shoals Band Boosters will have concessions available for purchase. They will have a silent auction for themed baskets that each elementary class has put together. Bidding will end at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school-age children every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 200 West Main Street next to the post office. For more info, call 812-709-2525.

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RAQUEL FITHIAN

Raquel Fithian graduates from Johnson University

On April 30, 2016 Raquel Fithian graduated Magna Cum Laude from Johnson University in Knoxville, Tennessee. She received a degree in non-profit business management and a second degree in human services. Her future plans include getting married in June to Cole Osborne, of Covington. They will be moving to Footville, Wisconsin where Cole has started his career as pastor of a local church. Once she is settled, Raquel will look for work where she can utilize her education.

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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.

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Shoals Public Library. The public is invited to attend.

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.

Remember our heroes this Memorial Day

This holiday is not just about a three-day weekend, or the Indianapolis 500, or family cookouts, or opening a pool. These are the events we all look forward to, if Indiana weather permits. But the true meaning is to honor those brave Americans that fought and died so that we all have the opportunity to enjoy all the activities we anticipate for the long weekend. This Memorial Day, we should take the time and opportunity to pay tribute to thousands who paid the ultimate sacrifice to defend the United States and the principles upon which America was founded.

During the Civil War, the First and Second World Wars, Korea, Vietnam and through the Cold War, hundreds of thousands of young men were drafted or volunteered for military service. And thousands never returned from these conflicts; in some cases their remains were never recovered. These are the men and women in uniform for which Memorial Day was created. This holiday is intended to be a reminder that we should remember those that fell in combat, cherish and thank those families that may still not know what happened to their loved one, and to celebrate the lives of all those that gave “the last full measure of devotion”.

There are over two thousand veterans buried in Martin County and many of them died in combat. These military men and women deserve to be remembered and celebrated by their families and descendants throughout the year, but especially on Memorial Day.

The Loogootee American Legion Post will once again conduct Memorial Day ceremonies at surrounding cemeteries on Monday, May 30. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend these ceremonies, and help the Legion and VFW celebrate the sacrifices the men and women of the Armed Services have made to defend our way of life. The men and women currently serving may be the real super heroes of our lives, because without them, other superheroes could not exist.



Every garden needs a little whimsy. Gardens should be enjoyable and little touches that bring a smile to the owner and to visitors are an important part of design. The type of whimsy you choose depends on your own tastes and your tolerance for silliness.

There are some classic whimsical items that are sometimes considered tacky by the critics. I, personally, like to shock critics. The most well-known of these icons is the garden gnome. The gnome has become a classic and there are many games played with these figurines. While the classic gnome was dressed in red and white, one may now find them in a variety of colors. I have seen gnomes made of plastic, resin, wood and concrete. One may find them in a variety of poses. I know a family that takes its gnome on vacations and they make a point of taking pictures of the gnome in front of famous places. These pictures are shared with family and friends. In your garden, a gnome may be front and center, but more often they are placed in a more secret place, where finding them is a little surprise. Under the canopy of a weeping tree or bush is a great place for a garden gnome. Some gardeners play games by moving a gnome around, allowing visitors to try to find the gnome.

Another classic is the flock of pink flamingos. The bright pink birds on stilted legs will attract attention. In the south, flamingos are often found in botanical gardens, where they wade in water features. The plastic versions may be used for decorations around pools or water features. Since they draw attention, a flock of flamingos is often used to announce milestone birthdays. Some florists offer flocks for rent, placing them in the front yard of a friend or family member, along with a sign announcing the birthday.

I love benches in the garden. Practically every garden area at Sandhill Gardens has some sort of seating. This began as a place for my mother to sit when she liked to be in the garden with me during her later years. Now, they offer spots for me to rest for a minute when working in the garden, an increasing necessity as I get older.

The benches themselves supply some whimsy. I have one bench that looks like a large turtle, upon whose back one may sit. I have another seat that looks like a large boulder with a hollow for sitting. I have a mushroom stool and a bench made from old wheels.

Fairy gardens have been garden staples since Victorian times, but have had a big revival in recent years. Even within this whimsical movement, there are critics, who claim to be experts on fairy gardens. According to Victorian lore, the fairies spend the winter in underground caves and return to the garden when the Prince Albert daffodils bloom, climbing up the hollow stems and sliding down the large coronas. Purists say that fairies will only live in natural materials, but, come on, they are mythical creatures, so if you want to make a fairy house out of an old shoe or a teapot, feel free to do so. Use your imagination. You may purchase furniture for your fairy garden, but you may use blocks, rocks and household items to make furniture. Old toys may also find a home in a fairy garden. A marble glued to the top of a golf tee makes a miniature gazing globe. Popsicle sticks may become a picket fence. Fairy gardens may be built in the shade of a tree or bush or one may make a garden in any container.

Even the most formal garden needs some whimsy. Do not be afraid to break the rules. It is YOUR garden and it should be pleasing and fun for you, no matter what the critics say. Have fun.

I want to remind readers that there will be a plant exchange at Sandhill Gardens, north of Prospect, this Saturday, May 21 at 10 a.m. Bring plants, garden décor, tools and other garden-related items to trade with other gardeners. At least one person apparently came on the wrong date. When I returned home from a church activity last Saturday, I found some plants sitting outside my garage. Some plants that I had recently acquired for myself had been taken. If you are the one who made this mistake, please come back this week and bring my plants. They were not the plants intended for trading.



Scarlet Tanagers -Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrallart.com

Male Scarlet Tanagers are among the most blindingly gorgeous birds in an eastern forest in summer, with blood-red bodies set off by jet-black wings and tail. They're also one of the most frustratingly hard to find as they stay high in the forest canopy singing rich, burry songs.

Hurt: Now could be the time to switch to soybeans

BY DARRIN PACK
Purdue University News Service

Farmers who have been delayed in planting corn could take advantage of a market rally in soybeans and switch to that crop, Purdue agricultural economist Chris Hurt says.

Soybean prices surged Tuesday, May 10 after a U.S. Department of Agriculture report showed a sharp reduction in global soybean inventories and stronger-than-anticipated demand for U.S. exports.

"Delayed planting this spring may actually turn out to be a financial blessing if farmers end up planting more soybean acres," Hurt said. "Soybean prices have been rising rapidly this spring while corn prices have increased much more slowly."

Since March 1, soybean prices have risen 25 percent, or \$2.20 per bushel, while corn prices are up only 4 percent, or about 14 cents per bushel.

"Given prospects for high priced soybeans and low priced corn, the financial incentive to shift intended corn acres to soybeans has reached new highs," Hurt said.

Based on crop budgets projected by Purdue agricultural economists, soybean farmers stand to earn \$116 more per acre than corn producers this year.

"This is one of the highest incentives to shift from one crop to another we have ever seen," Hurt said.

Soybean prices have been moving steadily higher since January, buoyed

by a weaker U.S. dollar, which triggered unexpectedly high demand from China, the largest export market for U.S. beans. A weaker dollar makes U.S. exports cheaper for foreign buyers.

The rally accelerated late last month when heavy rains threatened to delay the harvest in some regions of Argentina, the world's third-largest soybean producer.

Tuesday's release of the USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand report sparked a renewed wave of buying. July soybean futures prices rose more than 57 cents on the day to close at \$10.84 after falling as low as \$8.59 last November.

July corn futures were up 12 cents Tuesday to settle at \$3.81, still below the psychologically important \$4 level. Corn prices have been held back in part by last month's USDA Prospective Plantings report showing farmers intended to plant more corn acres than analysts expected.

Since that report was issued, there have been indications that farmers across the country could shift up to 3 million acres from corn, with most of that acreage expected to go to soybeans, Hurt said.

"This shift will have a tendency to bring high soybean prices and low corn prices back into better alignment," he said. "Ultimately, farmers in states like Indiana, Michigan and Ohio that have fallen behind on corn planting may benefit financially if they shift some of that acreage to soybeans."

Work on wildflower ID each month at Monroe Lake

Practice identifying wildflowers with a naturalist during Flora Field Days on the first Tuesday of each month at Monroe Lake. Flora Field Days starts in June and runs through October. Each session begins at 9:30 a.m. and lasts about two hours.

The program emphasizes the proper use of an ID key, which allows the user to identify thousands of species. Vance will work with each attendee based on his or her prior experience.

If you've never tried flower identification before, the field days are a great way to learn. If you have prior experience, they are a fun way to practice your skills and maybe add new blooms to your life list.

Sessions are free, but registration is required in advance. The sessions are:

—June 7 at Moore's Creek State Recreation Area; register by June 4 at <http://bit.ly/florafieldjune2016>.

—July 5 at Crooked Creek SRA; register by July 1 at <http://bit.ly/florafieldjuly2016>.

—August 2 at Allen's Creek SRA; register by July 30 at <http://bit.ly/florafieldaug2016>.

Registration will open at a later date for sessions on September 6 and October 4.

For more information, call (812) 837-9967 or email Jill Vance, Monroe Lake interpretive naturalist, at jvance@dnr.IN.gov.

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It's official: Ouabache SP bison are America's mammal

The American bison, recently designated the official mammal of the United States, is connected to Indiana in many ways both past and present.

Best of all, you don't have to go to Yellowstone National Park to see them. Bison are right at home in an enclosed 25-acre range at Ouabache State Park near Bluffton.

"We have a long history of bison both in Indiana and at this particular state park," said Dustin Clark, property manager at Ouabache.

Prior to becoming a state park in 1962, the property was managed as the Wells County State Forest & Game Preserve by the Department of Conservation, DNR's predecessor. It was widely acclaimed as "the greatest wildlife laboratory in the United States" for its raising of pheasants, quail, rabbits, and raccoons, but the site at times also housed black bears, elk, wolves, and bison.

"We have records that date back to 1933 when you could climb the fire tower and look down on the bison herd," Clark said.

On May 9, President Barack Obama signed the National Bison Legacy Act passed by Congress that declared the American bison as the country's official mammal.

Bison once numbered in the tens of millions across their native range in America, but habitat loss, disease and unregulated shooting nearly led to their extinction by the late 1800s.

Although never in great numbers, bison historically were part of the Indiana landscape as they migrated between salt licks in Kentucky and the plains of Illinois on a path close to what is U.S. 150 between New Albany and Vincennes.

Several published sources indicate wild bison were gone from Indiana by 1830, but its appearance on the state seal dates to territorial days of 1800.

The fact the American bison survived at all is due in part to the efforts of a Hoosier — William T. Hornaday.

Grants available for field trips to state parks, lakes

Educators interested in taking students, grades K-12, on field trips to an Indiana state park or state-managed lake in the 2016-2017 school year can receive financial help through the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation (INRF).

The Discovering the Outdoors Field Trip Grant Program is for public, private, parochial or home-school educators, according to INRF director Jody Kress.

"Part of our mission at the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation is to encourage educational programs of DNR," Kress said. "The field trip grant program helps future generations understand the importance of preserving and protecting our natural heritage and resources."

Since the grant program's inception in 2013, 67 grants have been awarded, providing the opportunity for more than 4,500 students to visit state parks at less cost to the schools and students.

Indiana has 24 state parks and eight state-managed lakes eligible for field trip funding that will engage students in learning about Indiana's fish, forest, wildlife, natural habitats and conservation.

"These trips help children understand how previous generations viewed the significance of Indiana's natural and cultural resources, and at the same time let them make great memories that they will carry into adulthood," said Ginger

Born in Avon in 1854, Hornaday was a taxidermist and zoologist who traveled the world gathering specimens for the U.S. National Museum. It was in that capacity he noticed the decline of the American bison and teamed with Theodore Roosevelt to form the American Bison Society in 1905.

Hornaday reported in 1899 that only about 1,000 bison remained in the West. In 1907, while working at the Bronx Zoo in New York, he oversaw shipment of 15 bison to a wildlife refuge in Oklahoma. It was the first animal reintroduction in the United States.

A year later, the National Bison Range was established as a sanctuary near Missoula, Montana, and the American bison has made a slow but steady recovery to an estimated 500,000 animals on public land and private ranches across the country. There are a handful of bison farms in Indiana.

Hornaday, a prolific writer of 20 books and numerous articles for the Boy Scouts of America handbook and Boys' Life magazine, was inducted to the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation's Conservation Hall of Fame in 2010.

Whether or not the bison at Ouabache State Park are direct descendants of Hornaday's reintroduction efforts is unclear, but the park herd numbers 11 strong today with 10 males and one pregnant female.

"We've had upwards of 18 in the past, but 11 seems pretty good," Clark said. "It gives a fair amount of space for them to roam and still manage to feed themselves. We supply some grain, but mostly as a treat."

Morgan Napier, a recent Indiana University graduate, is employed as an animal behavior intern at Ouabache this summer. Her duties include work on a feeding pen, observation of bison behavior, and ensuring the park complies with federal regulations.

To watch a video about Ouabache State Park's bison, go to <https://youtu.be/7t9aVOC6KvM>.

Murphy, deputy director for stewardship for DNR State Parks.

The maximum grant award is \$250 per application.

Applications are accepted from May 1-June 30 prior to the school year for which the grant is requested. Applications must be postmarked no later than June 30.

Applicants will be notified by Aug. 1 regarding potential grant awards.

The grant application is at IN.gov/inrf/educate.html.

The INRF is accepting donations to the fund from individuals, businesses or anyone who supports the idea of getting kids outdoors.

The fund was established in memory of Tom Huck, a longtime DNR employee who was an ardent supporter of outdoor experiences for children.



For further information, including how to donate, email DiscoverOutdoorsGrants@dnr.IN.gov.

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Making A Difference

**By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director**

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-- LEGACY SOCIETY --

Anyone with a desire to give back to our community with a deferred gift can join the Legacy Society. Legacy Society members share their passion with other generous people who have also provided for Martin County's future in their estate plans. By notifying us of your gift and completing a "Statement of Gift Intention" form, you can become a member of the Legacy Society. We consider it an honor and privilege to recognize our Legacy Society members as examples in our community of how to make a difference in yet another important way. You tell us how much information you wish to disclose or you can remain completely anonymous.

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-- WHEN AND HOW --

Any time you are drafting or changing your will or estate plans, you may want to consider adding a charitable endowment gift. Your financial advisor or legal advisor can provide professional guidance related to your specific estate, income goals, beneficiaries, taxes and other considerations.

Once you've decided the details of your deferred gift, provide the MCCF a copy of the portion of your estate planning document that pertains to the gift. The amount of the gift does not need to be revealed to us. Then sign the "Statement of Gift Intention" form and provide it to the MCCF.

It's that easy to become a Legacy Society member and be able to make a difference for years to come.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

If you would like to hear more about becoming a member of the Legacy Society, please contact the MCCF Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

More information is also on our website at www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm or on the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation.

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PUBLIC WELCOME!

Loogootee JH Track Boys finished 2nd in Blue Chip meet

The Loogootee Junior High Track Team traveled to North Knox on May 6 to compete in the Blue Chip Conference meet. The boys' team was very successful, placing 2nd as a team, their best finish in years. North Knox won the meet.

Levi Pendley "ran the table", winning all four of his events (100-meter, 200-meter, long jump, and 400-meter) en route to receiving the Conference Individual High Point award.

Also scoring points were: Jonathan Hager - 4th in the 110-meter hurdles and 3rd in the 300-meter hurdles; Nathaniel Hart - 2nd in the 800-meter, 4th in the 1,600-meter, and 2nd in the high jump; Jamie Cronin - 5th in the long jump.

The 400-meter relay team (Kain, Wright, Brittain, and Cronin) finished 3rd and the 1,600-meter relay team (Brittain, Kain, Wagler, Hart) finished 5th.

The junior high girls placed 8th. Assistant Coach Sanders commented, "The team exceeded our expectations for Blue Chip. The effort the entire team put forth this season was evident. Coach Wesley and I are very proud of them. We are a young team, with just a few 8th graders, so we are looking forward to next season."

LHS Girls' Tennis wrap up regular season

The Loogootee High School Girls' Varsity Tennis Team finished out their season on Saturday, May 14 with a win against Washington Catholic, 5-0 but also a defeated against Barr-Reeve, 2-3.

Head Coach Mike Tippery said after the matches, "In the first match against Barr-Reeve, we got off to a great start in Singles. Emily and Katie played a solid match throughout. Jody played a great first set but was not able to sustain her good play against a tough opponent. At #2 doubles, we were in control of the third set but were just not able to put Barr-Reeve away. To their credit, they fought back to win that match. After the tough loss to Barr-Reeve, I was pleased the way the team responded against WC. It was a tough day to play tennis. The team played through the elements finishing with a 5-1 record and a tie in the Blue-Chip Conference."

The varsity finished 13-3 overall for the season.

- Results
- Barr-Reeve 3, Loogootee 2
 - #1 Singles Emily Bateman (L) defeated Natalie Schultheis 6-1, 6-0
 - #2 Singles Katie Sims (L) defeated Brianna Yoder 6-3, 6-4
 - #3 Singles Annie Graber (BR) defeated Jody Seals 2-6, 6-0, 6-1
 - #1 Doubles Bethanie Knepp/Leah Bullock (BR) defeated Emma Walters/Tara Pennington 6-3, 6-2
 - #2 Doubles Jayna Wagler/Bailey Graber (BR) defeated Eden Jenkins/Breanna Holloway 6-3, 4-6, 6-4
 - Loogootee 5, Washington Catholic 0
 - #1 Singles Emily Bateman (L) defeated Hannah Ashby 6-0, 6-0
 - #2 Singles Katie Sims (L) defeated Caroline Burch 6-0, 6-0
 - #3 Singles Jody Seals (L) defeated Amanda Aldridge 6-0, 6-0
 - #1 Doubles Eden Jenkins/Emma Walters (L) defeated Brooklyn Allen/Claire Jarrett 6-1, 6-4
 - #2 Doubles Tara Pennington/Breanna Holloway (L) defeated Grace Bassler/Emma Schuler 6-1, 6-1

Lady Lions win on Senior Day

BY GREG CLARK
LHS Softball Head Coach

The Lady Lions Seniors, Renee Whitman, Paige Walton and Bailey Davis, celebrated Senior Day at Leo J Costello Field the best way possible, by winning the game her on Saturday. The Lady Vikings of Barr Reeve High School came to town and Loogootee took the contest 10-0 in 5 innings, pushing the Lady Lions conference record to 5-0 and the overall record to 14-4. Sydney Davis got the win, taking her record to 13-3 and 5-0 in the conference.

Loogootee got off to a good start as they plated two runs in the first inning off of a Julianne Bell single and steal, a double by Tyanna Graber and a single by Senior, Bailey Davis, that plated

both Bell and Graber. The second inning saw four more runs for the Lady Lions. A lead-off walk to Senior, Renee Whitman, followed by a misplayed ball by the Vikings, put Julianne Bell at the Plate and she utilized her skill and speed to lace an inside the park home run scoring three of the Lions four. Tyanna Graber reached safely but was forced out at second. With Bailey Davis on first, Breigh LaMar ripped a double to left center, driving home Davis.

Loogootee scored four more runs in the bottom of the fifth inning. Senior, Paige Walton, led off the inning by sending a single into left field, two outs later, Julianne Bell singled, and Tyanna Graber doubled home both Walton and Bell. Bailey Davis walked, and a Breigh LaMar double to left center

sent both, Shalyn Bruner (In to run for Graber) and Davis home for the game ending runs.

"I want to say thanks to our seniors and to their parents for making the four years they have been with Loogootee Softball so much fun. I have enjoyed having each of them around the ball park and they make coaching easy. Thank you Renee Whitman, Paige Walton, and Bailey Davis!" said Coach Greg Clark.

Lady Lions JV lose to Shakamak

BY GREG CLARK
LHS Softball Head Coach

Loogootee finally got the nod to play another JV game after an eight-day layoff due to weather and scheduling issues, but the ladies lost 10-6. Jayleigh Wagoner pitched well, but the Laker bats placed the ball where the fielders weren't and so she suffered the loss. Maddie Cropp scored the Lady Lions first run when she singled, stole second and scored on a base hit by Kendall Berry. The 4th inning was the big one for the Lions as they pushed five runs across the plate. Kenall Berry, Mallory Berry, Maelee hawkins, Shalyn Bruner, and Halle Sheetz all singled and scored in the inning.

Lady Lions claim Blue Chip title

BY GREG CLARK
LHS Softball Head Coach

The Lady Lions of Loogootee claimed the first-ever outright Blue Chip Softball Championship with their win over Shoals Monday night. Sydney Davis pitched the win for the Lady Lions allowing three hits, while striking out 10 in the 22-0, five-inning game.

The Lions scored quickly and often, putting 21 runs on the board in the first three innings, then adding a single run in the 4th before hanging a zero on the board in the fifth. Tyanna Graber had two doubles and triple, while driving in three for the Lions. Julianne Bell went 4-4 with two runs batted in, and a stolen base. Paige Walton was 2 for 3, with two runs batted in and two runs scored. All of the Lady Lions made a contribution in the win, as almost all made plate appearances, with Maddie Cropp ripping a double, Kendall Berry singling up the middle, and Halle Sheetz singling to right.

The Lady Lions played well in conference play, scoring 71 runs, while giving up 10. Loogootee was also strong in the circle with Sydney Davis getting 41 strike outs in 36 innings of work. The Lions host Vincennes Lincoln on Thursday night and Evansville Bosse on Saturday, before heading to North Davies for Sectional 63 action on Monday night.

Lady Lions top Shakamak

BY GREG CLARK
LHS Softball Head Coach

The long trip to Jasonville was well worth it for the Lady Lions last Friday night as they topped the Lady Lakers by a score of 4 to 0.

Sydney Davis got the win in the circle for the Lions, while Shakamak freshman sensation Jona Lash, took the loss. Shakamak had runners in scoring position in 4 of the game's 7 innings, but they Lady Lions made play after play to keep the Lady Lakers off of the scoreboard.

Loogootee got its first run of the

game in the 3rd inning when Calli Winger singled up the middle and then was sacrificed to second by Julianne Bell. Tyanna Graber singled up the middle and Winger scampered all the way home on the on the hit to give the Lady Lions a 1-0 edge.

Loogootee would run three in the 6th inning as Winger led off with a single, Julianne Bell singled, and Tyanna Graber singled home Winger. After a sacrifice to move the runners by Bailey Davis, Breigh LaMar had the big hit of the night, doubling to left center to drive home both Bell and Graber for the final runs of the game.



Loogootee UMC Celebrates 2016 Graduates

On Sunday, May 15, Loogootee United Methodist Church celebrated those graduates in the Class of 2016 who have been a part of the church through the years. Pictured left to right are Alexis Cowen, Jurnee Davis, Mariah Bridgewater, Renee Whitman, Shayna Stuffle, Seth Wagler, Chayce Tolver, Brandon Lindsey, Cole Walker, Bailey Davis, and Paige Walton. Not pictured, but also honored were Bladen Allbright and Amanda Stice.

LHS Track Teams finish out regular season

The Loogootee High School Boys' Track Team traveled to North Knox on May 12 while the girls went to Northeast Dubois. On the girls' side, Kirsten Spears placed 6th in the 100-meter dash. The boys' finished overall 4th in the conference only behind Northeast Dubois, South Knox, and North Knox with a score of 48.

The 4x800 relay team placed 5th, 4x100 relay team placed 4th, and the 4x400 relay team placed 4th. Jake Simmons placed 2nd in the 100-meter. Jon Krzesniak placed 2nd in the 400-meter. Jonathan Jones placed 2nd in 110-meter hurdles, 3rd in 300-meter hurdles, and was conference champion in long jump. Several athletes were in the finals but were just short of placing. Cade Chezem made it to the finals in both

110-meter hurdles and 300-meter hurdles. Josh Cook made it to the finals in discus. Chris Hager finished 8th in the 800-meter. "It was overall a fantastic day seeing all the hard work of these kids pay off. I couldn't have asked for better performances going into sectional," said Coach Adam Tompkins.

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BEN WILSON

Benjamin Ryan Wilson is the son of Karen Wilson and Michael Wilson. While in high school, Ben was in Student Council in grades 9 and 10 and was an intern in 11th and 12th grades. He was boys' basketball manager all four years. After graduation, Ben plans to attend Vincennes University and study product design.



RENEE BURCH

Renee McCabe Burch is the daughter of Tracy Burch and the late Paul Burch. While in high school, she has been in band, Beta Club, Spanish Club, Pep Club, SADD, and Student Council all four years; in Peers and Lion Pride in 9th grade, FACS Club in 9th and 10th grades, was a cadet teacher and intern in 11th grade and was a member of Right to Life and served as an intern her senior year. She was Class Secretary in 9th-11th grades and Class Treasurer her senior year. She played softball and was manager of the volleyball team in 9th and 10th grades. Renee plans to attend USI and study nursing.



GAVIN WITTMER

Gavin Michael Wittmer is the son of Todd and Julie Wittmer. While in high school, he has been in band and Spanish Club all four years and Beta Club his junior and senior years. He played tennis all four years. Gavin plans to attend Vincennes University and Purdue University and study electrical engineering.



TAYLOR HARDWICK

Taylor Patrece Hardwick is the daughter of Terry Hardwick and Toni Jenkins. While in high school, she has been in Spanish Club, Pep Club, SADD and Beta Club all four years; a Lionette in 9th, 11th, and 12th grades; in Student Council and FACS Club in 9th-11th grades, did job shadowing her sophomore year and an intern her senior year. She was Captain of the Lionettes her senior year. She played volleyball in grades 9-11. Taylor plans to attend IU-PUI and study health sciences.



LANDON WITTMER

Landon Jeffrey Wittmer is the son of Todd and Julie Wittmer. While in high school, he was in band and Spanish Club all four years and in Beta Club in 9th, 10th and 12th grades. He played tennis all four years. Landon plans to attend Vincennes University and Purdue University and study mechanical engineering.



BAILEY HOLT

Bailey A. Holt is the son of Keith and Lori Keller and Tony and Amy Holt. While in high school, he has been in band all four years and was a cadet teacher his senior year. Bailey plans to join the Air Force after graduation.

WestGate Academy Open House to feature Vincennes University information

Vincennes University will feature its education and training programs at an Open House on May 19, 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. EDT, at the WestGate Academy Conferencing and Training Center, located just outside the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Crane.

The Open House is an opportunity to explore VU degree options and classes, tour the WestGate Academy, explore financial aid and veteran support services, and introduce Accuplacer testing that establishes eligibility and placement with programs.

VU will offer an electronics certificate program at the WestGate Academy and provide advising on a 15-week CNC machinist program offered at the Vincennes University campus, both leading to opportunities in rewarding careers. The Right Skills Now-CNC Machinist program is approved by the

Department of Veteran's Affairs and housing and scholarships are available.

Both programs require no prior experience to enroll.

This fall VU will introduce 8-week evening courses at WestGate Academy.

Courses beginning August 22 include English 101 and Sociology 151. Courses beginning October 19 include Mathematics 102 and Communications 143. All of the courses will help build the foundation of credits needed toward a college degree or certificate. Eligible students may have this certification paid in full with available grant funding.

For more information about programs and courses, everyone is invited to the May 19 WestGate Academy Open House. For questions, call toll-free 800-880-7961 or go to www.vinu.edu/westgate.

ACCTS School Supply Giveaway in 13th year

This is the 13th year for the Area Churches honoring Christ Together in Service (ACCTS) School Supply Giveaway.

The first 12 years have averaged over 90 students served each year. This year's signups are being held in Shoals at the Shoals Library and the Hoosier Uplands/WIC office and in Loogootee at the Loogootee Library and the St. Vincent De Paul store. The School Supply Giveaway is for those Loogootee and Shoals students in kindergarten

through 6th grade (2016-2017 school year) needing assistance. A parent or guardian must sign up students between Tuesday, May 31 and Thursday, June 23.

The school supplies will be handed out on Saturday, July 23 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Loogootee High School lobby to Loogootee students signed up by June 23. Shoals students signed up by June 23 will receive their school supplies in the classroom on the first day of school.

4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown
Martin County Purdue Extension Educator

Upcoming Events

Livestock weigh-ins for the fair have been set for the spring. They will take place at the fairgrounds.

Poultry -vJune 18, 2016, 9-11 a.m.

Share the Fun

Congratulations to Kanton Dearwester. He received second place at the Area III Performing Arts Festival (Share the Fun). Kanton sang "Count on Me" by Bruno Mars. Because he placed so well, he will be performing at the State Fair this summer. We're so proud of you Kanton!

4-H News

Are you interested in Robotics? We are in need of a volunteer to lead our Robotics Club. If you are interested, please call Stacy at 812-295-2412.

Like us on Facebook! Just search for Purdue Extension Martin County #PurdueExtension

We are also adding new things to our webpage, visit us at <https://extension.purdue.edu/Martin/Pages/default.aspx>

We need volunteers! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with 4-H, please call or stop by the office.

Jolly Jug Rox 4-H Club Meetings are on the following dates: June 7, June 20, and July 7

The meetings are at Hindostan Methodist Church from 6 to 7 p.m.

Jolly Juniors Club Meetings are on the following dates: May 26, June 9, June 23, and July 7

The meetings are held at Truelove Church at 6:30 p.m.

Lost River Ruskrats Club Meetings are on the following dates:

May 26 at 7 p.m. at Beth Bruner's home

Dream Team Club Meetings are on

the following dates: May 21 at 10 a.m., June 5 at 4 p.m., June 18 at 10 a.m., June 26 at 4 p.m., July 2 at 10 a.m., July 10 at 4 p.m., and July 11 one-half hour before fairgrounds cleanup

The meetings are held at Loogootee City Park. If raining, call club leader Jacqueline Esch.

Camps and Programs

The following camps, tours, and programs are available for 4-H members. For more information please

4-H Round Up. Come into the office to register. Deadline is June 1, 2016.

News from Purdue Extension

Best fruit tree for central Indiana

Q. Do you have a suggestion of a good/easy to grow fruit trees in the Indianapolis area? Any tips on the "how to" will be appreciated. - N.D.

A. A dwarf, scab-resistant apple cultivar would likely be the best adapted of the fruit trees for the central Indiana area. There are quite a few cultivars to choose from. Most apple cultivars require cross pollination from a compatible cultivar in order to reliably set fruit. It is best to use as pollinizers those cultivars that bloom about the same time as the main cultivars. Purdue has a number of resources for the "how to."

Purdue Fruit Gardening Resources: <https://hort.purdue.edu/ext/Purdue-FruitResources.html>

Purdue Apple Cultivars for Indiana: <https://hort.purdue.edu/ext/HO-165.pdf>

Purdue Managing Pests in the Home Fruit Planting:

<http://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/ID/ID-146-W.pdf>

<https://www2.ag.purdue.edu/hla/Hort/Documents/mw>

New report shows Indiana debt among lowest in the nation

Governor Mike Pence touted the state's prudent fiscal management, following the publication of Moody's annual Investor Service State Debt Medians report. According to the report, while states like Illinois and California are struggling with large amounts of public debt, Indiana's tax-supported debt ranks among the lowest in the nation.

"Keeping a strong handle on our tax-supported debt is a mark of good day-to-day public service, and proves we're managing our state budgets with prudent fiscal management and responsibility," said Governor Pence. "Over the past decade, our state has established a history of being a good fiscal steward for the people of Indiana, and this report is just another indicator that we are consistently honoring that trust."

While other states are struggling with increasing public debt per capita to grow their economies, Indiana is growing and diversifying its economy in a way that efficiently manages its existing tax base. Unlike other states, Indiana has not over committed the revenue it takes in from taxpayers.

"In keeping our tax-supported debt low, Indiana can be more flexible and nimble in reacting to market and economic changes, including weathering emergencies or capitalizing on opportunities in an economic expansion," said Dan Huge, director of the Indiana Finance Authority.

Citizens in neighboring Illinois, for example, are burdened with \$2,522 of tax-supported public debt per household. Whereas in Indiana, tax-supported debt ranks in at \$463 per Hoosier

household.

"In a nutshell, the data shows Indiana is growing its economy without financially strapping future generations," said Mark Pascarella, director of debt management with the Indiana Finance Authority.

The Moody's report was developed based on an analysis of calendar year 2015 debt issuance and fiscal year 2015 debt service. Indiana was also noted in the report for its AAA credit rating, another indicator of Indiana's smart financial management.

CDC announces funds for states and territories to prepare for Zika

U.S. states and territories can now apply to CDC for funds to fight Zika locally. More than \$85 million in redirected funds identified by the Department of Health and Human Services is being made available to support efforts to protect Americans from Zika infection and associated adverse health outcomes, including the serious birth defect microcephaly.

"These funds will allow states and territories to continue implementation of their Zika preparedness plans, but are not enough to support a comprehensive Zika response and can only temporarily address what is needed," said Stephen C. Redd, M.D. (RADM, USPHS), director of CDC's Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response. "Without the full amount of requested emergency supplemental funding, many activities that need to start now are being delayed or may have to be stopped within months."

Under the latest announcement, \$25 million in FY 2016 preparedness and response funding will go to 53 states, cities, and territories at risk for outbreaks of Zika virus infection. Recipients will receive funds based on the geographic locations of the two mosquitoes known to transmit Zika virus, *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus*; history of mosquito borne disease outbreaks; and size of population. Jurisdictions will use the funds to strengthen incident management and emergency operations coordination; information management and sharing; and community recovery and resilience.

State, local and territorial health officials can use the funds to rapidly identify and investigate a possible outbreak of Zika virus disease in their communities; coordinate a comprehensive response across all levels of government and non-governmental partners (including the healthcare sector); and identify and connect to community services families affected by Zika virus disease.

Applications for the funds are due to CDC by June 13, 2016. Funds will be disbursed during the summer and remain available through July 2017.

Earlier this year, states and cities currently participating in the Epidemiology and Lab Capacity (ELC) program became eligible for more than \$60 million to:

- build laboratory capacity,
- enhance epidemiological surveillance and investigation,
- improve mosquito control and monitoring,
- keep blood supplies safe, and
- contribute data to the U.S. Zika Pregnancy registry.

Applications for these funds are due May 27, 2016, and will be disbursed during the summer.



Two Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) employees have recently been elected to serve on the Federal Laboratory Consortium (FLC) for Technology Transfer Midwest Regional Committee. (Photo by NSWC Crane Public Affairs)

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NSWC Crane Office of Research and Technology Applications (ORTA) and Technology Transfer (T2) Program Manager and Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program Manager Brooke Pyne has been elected to serve as the committee's regional coordinator and NSWC Crane Agreements Administrator and ORTA Agreements Administrator Jenna Dix has been elected to serve as the committee's deputy regional coordinator.

As regional coordinator, Pyne's goals are to foster T2 activities within the Midwest FLC Region with academic, industrial and commercial partners to communicate the innovation and technologies developed in federal laboratories throughout the region. Additionally, Pyne aspires to further expand the connections and relationships between the Midwest regional labs and government scientists, as well as to explore the collaboration between the T2 and SBIR and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs.

Two designated spaces to open specifically for wounded veterans at WestGate Academy

In conjunction with Armed Forces Day and Military Appreciation Month, WestGate Academy and WestGate@Crane Technology Park are proud to announce the unveiling of two newly purposed parking spaces May 19 to honor those who have served our country; one space will be specifically for Purple Heart recipients and the other space will be specifically designated for all wounded veterans. WestGate Academy, as well as the Technology Park, stand in support of those who have dedicated their lives to serving our country.

Several speakers and representatives will be in attendance including Brian Romans, founder of Romans Warrior Foundation (key to organizing reserved veteran spaces), Brenda Goff from U.S. Senator Dan Coats' office, Jerry Parkinson from U.S. Senator Donnelly's office, Larry Ordner from U.S. Congressman Larry Bucshon's

As deputy regional coordinator, Dix's goals are to assist the regional coordinator in accomplishing her goals for the FLC Midwest Region as well as act as an engaged partner in helping to achieve those goals. She also aspires to assist in enhancing the critical relationships of laboratory staff across the region and work to further the collaboration across the laboratories. Additionally, she will work to assist the T2 staff across the Midwest region in achieving their T2 goals through establishing and enhancing connections with academic and industry partners, as well as communicating the technologies and innovation developed at the laboratories to potential partners throughout the region.

FLC is the nationwide network of federal laboratories that provides the forum to develop strategies and opportunities for linking laboratory mission technologies and expertise with the marketplace.

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane (NSWC Crane) is a naval laboratory and a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA). The warfare center is responsible for multi-domain, multi-spectral and full life cycle support of technologies and systems enhancing capability to today's warfighter.

office, and Indiana State Senator Mark Messmer will be playing the national anthem on trumpet.

The ceremony will include speakers, a reveal of the designated spaces, an explanation the purpose and the need for these spaces, and cake following the ceremony. The public is welcome to participate in this event.

The dedication will take place May 19 at WestGate Academy at 11 a.m.



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See what's new at Indiana's state parks this year

Indiana State Parks is nearing its 100th summer recreational season and working hard to make sure visitors have a good experience this year.

The system of 24 parks and 8 reservoir properties has finished or will complete this year hundreds of improvements to enhance campgrounds, restrooms and trails.

Partners and volunteers have helped with many of the projects. Non-profit "friends" groups have contributed thousands of dollars and hours.

"Creative and dedicated employees stretch the dollars that you pay when you enter the gate, rent a campsite, launch a boat or attend a special workshop or program," said Ginger Murphy, deputy director for stewardship at Indiana State Parks.

A complete list of park improvements is at stateparks.IN.gov/2441.htm.

Indiana State Parks celebrates its centennial this year. The system began 100 years ago with the opening of McCormick's Creek and Turkey Run state parks. The public can find information about activities and projects related to the centennial at INStateParks100.com.

- Park improvement projects include:
- At Brookville Lake, three comfort stations in the Mounds State Recreation Area campground are being remodeled.
 - At Brown County State Park, 12 new "cabin suites" will open in 2016 at Abe Martin Lodge. Each suite will sleep up to six people. Also, 14 new vault toilets will replace existing toilets in the family and horseman's campgrounds.
 - At Raccoon State Recreation Area

on Cecil M. Harden Lake, the new paved and accessible Centennial Trail will provide a safe and scenic way to walk from the campground to the beach.

- At Chain O'Lakes State Park, 46 campsites were lengthened and upgraded to 50-amp service. This brings the number of sites with 50-amp service to 66.
- At Fort Harrison State Park, the third play area of the dog park will open this summer.
- At Indiana Dunes State Park, a new beach comfort station next to the pavilion has changing rooms and outdoor showers. Also, the Dunes Kankakee Trail was extended from the park to the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, making the park more bike and pedestrian friendly.
- At Mississinewa Lake, drainage in

the campground was improved. Also, campground pads will be rehabbed and expanded during spring and summer.

- At O'Bannon Woods State Park, the Class A campground has a new playground. Also, work is underway for the reopening of Wyandotte Caves this summer.
- At Prophetstown State Park, a new entrance road will be open by the end of May. The road winds through prairie and fields and along a sand-and-gravel mining operation that will eventually be a recreational lake for the park.
- At Spring Mill State Park, dredging of Spring Mill Lake is complete. The lake is ready for fishing, kayaking and canoeing. It will be dedicated as a Centennial Legacy Project with a celebration in September.

Tyner: Gasoline prices should stay low for summer despite supply disruptions

BY KEITH ROBINSON
Purdue University News Service

Current supplies of gasoline and expected production this year should keep prices at the fuel pump 40-60 cents per gallon lower than last summer despite supply disruptions that have pushed prices higher in recent months, especially in the Midwest, Purdue University energy economist Wally Tyner says.

"We enter the summer season with gasoline and crude oil markets a bit out of kilter," he said.

Tyner said U.S. crude oil and gasoline supplies are above normal, which would suggest that prices should fall. But he noted that several disruptions in sup-

plies globally have moved prices higher. Crude oil prices have increased about 80 percent since January, from \$26 per barrel then to \$47 on Monday, May 16.

"Yet all the forecasts call for global production to exceed consumption through the end of 2016," he said. "So what, we might ask, is going on?"

Here's the situation, as Tyner explains it:

* There have been long-term supply issues in Nigeria and Venezuela. Production in Nigeria is at a 22-year low because, in part, of civil war, and political instability in Venezuela "continues to put a drag on production," he said.

* A labor strike in Kuwait halted production there for several days. That strike

has now ended.

* The biggest disruption affecting the Midwest involves the Canadian oil sands, where a widespread fire in Alberta province shut down Canadian oil sand production. Although the fire was not in the oil sands area, it destroyed the living paces of most of the workers, so production was halted. That resulted in a loss of 1 million barrels per day for U.S. imports.

Because the largest refinery in the Midwest gets a large share of its crude from the Canadian oil sands, particularly affected are consumers in Indiana, Michigan, Illinois and Ohio, Tyner said.

"So the bad news is that until Canadian oil sand production gets back up to

normal, we are likely to see higher prices than in previous weeks," he said.

Despite that, Tyner said the standard production and consumption trends suggest prices at the pump staying fairly steady over the summer.

Consumers are expected to drive more this summer, but production should keep prices 40-60 cents per gallon lower than the summer 2015 range of \$2.60 to \$2.80.

"Of course, just like the Canadian wildfire, unforeseen supply disruptions can always send prices up temporarily," Tyner said. "But with global production forecast to exceed consumption through 2016 and inventories already high, we should be able to weather any temporary disruptions."

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