

Martin County Relay for Life 2015



-Photo by Bill Whorrall

This past Saturday was the annual Martin County Relay for Life, held at the community building on the fairgrounds. Shown above is the luminary display, honoring those who lost their lives to cancer. Teams raised \$30,000 this year to go to the American Cancer Society.

Shoals gets new athletic director, three teachers

The Shoals School Board met last Thursday, June 11. The board voted to hire John Kirtland as athletic director on a two-year contract at 210 working days per year and a salary of \$53,000 per year.

The board approved hiring Sharon Garsnett as Language Arts teacher and Danielle Turpin as biology/Life Science teacher for the 2015-16 school year.

The board approved William "Bill" Johnson as junior/senior high industrial technology teacher for the 2015-16 school year. She also requested approval for Mr. Johnson to attend Project Lead the Way training in Indianapolis prior to the start of the 2015-16 school year. The board approved.

The board also approved a two-year contract renewal for Austin Malone as elementary principal and Lucas Calhoun as junior/senior high school principal with working days reduced from 220 to 207 days per year with salary remaining the same.

The board approved Myrna Greene as school psychologist/disciplinarian for the 2015-16 school year. Greene holds a master's degree and is licensed by the Indiana

Department of Education as a school psychologist. She will be placed at level five on the certified teacher salary schedule at a starting salary of \$40,610. Mrs. Roush recommended Greene's contract days be set at 191 working days per year.

The board accepted the resignation of Ian Perrotte from the position of junior high soccer coach.

The board accepted the resignation of Kyla Tichenor from the position of elementary Title I teaching assistant. Roush requested permission to post the open position. The board approved. Roush requested permission from the board to post for an additional Title I teaching assistant position. She explained that they have additional Title I money available for the upcoming school year that will fund the additional position.

The board approved the following coaches for the 2015-16 school year:

Girls' varsity basketball volunteer - Tim Howell
Girls' varsity basketball attendant - (See 'LOOGOOTE' cont. on page 2)

Elementary principal and chorus teacher resign from Loogootee

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Loogootee School Board approved the resignation of Terri Smith as elementary principal at their meeting Tuesday, June 16. Superintendent Keller said this resignation came as a surprise. Smith will be transferring to the second grade open teaching position. Smith's contract was extended by one year last November and was slated to end in June of 2017. Smith started as principal in September of 2013 replacing Laura Mattingly.

Keller said they received 12 applications when the position was posted and two of those applicants had elementary principal experience. Both women were interviewed but Keller said Dara Chezem was the best candidate for the position and recommended the board hire her to replace Smith. Chezem's contract will be for two years at \$74,000 per year. The contract is also for 220 days as opposed to the 209 days per school year on Smith's contract. The board approved hiring Dara Chezem. Chezem is the wife of Kent Chezem who was recently hired as the new boys' varsity basketball coach.

The board also approved the resignation of Drew Gray as choral director at LHS. He has accepted the job of Director of Choral Activities at Evansville North High School. Gray was at Loogootee for just one year.

The board approved the following resignations from extra-curricular activities:

-Shawna Walton from elementary spell bowl coach
-Lacy Jeffers from student council sponsor and pep club sponsor
-Brian Whitney from girls' eighth grade basketball coach
-Travis Davis from junior high softball coach
-Sarah Allen from elementary cheer coach
-Megan Miller from co-assistant softball coach

The board approved the following recommendations for elementary extra-curricular activities:

-Tracy McAtee for math bowl
-Beth Buchta and Marcie Arthur for yearbook
-Tara Lengacher for spell bowl
The board approved the following athletic (See SHOALS' cont. on page 2)

Annual Loogootee Summerfest kicks off tomorrow night

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Loogootee Summerfest started tomorrow night, Thursday, June 18. The three-day event will begin at 5 p.m. with opening remarks, and Mayor Noel Harty's welcome on the main stage at 5 p.m. DJ Dave and Linda will then take to the main stage to provide music to the crowd. The craft booths, food stands and amusement rides will be open down the strip on West Main Street from 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. There will be an ice cream social at St John's Lutheran Church also from 5-10:30 p.m.

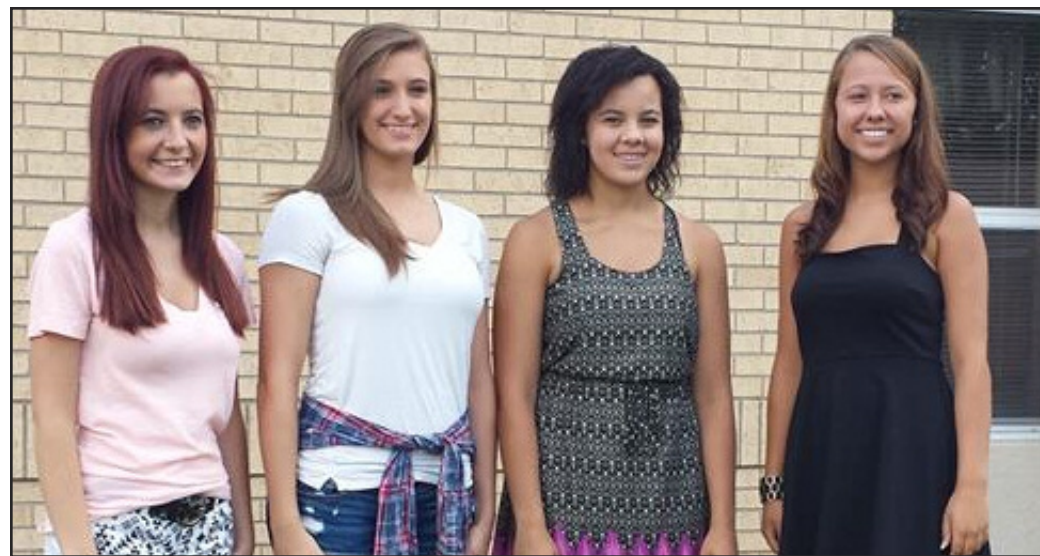
Wacky the Clown will be visiting with the crowd all evening and the beer garden, sponsored by the VFW, will be in the vacant lot on West Main Street from 5 p.m. to midnight. The queen contest will take place on the main stage at 6:30 p.m. and the corporate challenge will begin at 8 p.m.

On Friday night, June 19, again the craft booths and food stands will be open from 5-10:30 p.m. and the ice cream social at St. John's Lutheran will be open from 5-10 p.m. Fit 4 Life will perform an exercise demonstration in front of the main stage from 5-5:45 p.m. The beer garden will be open from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. and the Loogootee Fire Department Smoke House will be open from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Hubba Hubba and the Easy Nows will take to the main stage from 6-7:30 p.m. The band consists of Kenny Andis on drums, Steven Wagler on guitar, Matt Fitzpatrick on bass guitar, and Kent Summers on vocals. Hubba Hubba plays classic hits and new pup funnies just a little faster and closer to the rock/punk genre.

At 8 p.m. Kelly Richey will perform on the main stage.

Events for Saturday, June 20 begin with (See 'SUMMERFEST' cont. on page 2)



-Photo courtesy Summerfest facebook page

Shown above are the 2015 Miss Summerfest Queen contestants. From left to right are Rian Smith, Kelsey Cates, Kendall Riley, and Erin Nelson. Not pictured is Jordan Mann. The queen contest will be held on the main stage on Thursday night, June 18 at 6:30 p.m.



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SHOALS

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Rhonda Sanders

Summer boys' basketball volunteers - JD Turpin, Tim Sorrells, Alan Abel, Josh Sexton, Seth Taylor, Travis Brett, Clarence Brown, Roger Cooper, Kyle Turpin, Drexel Turpin, Larry Sherfick, Mark Armstrong and Mike Cooper

Varsity soccer coach - Jeff Gee

Roush recommended the board approve a request from Beth Ann Hovis for compensation for additional mileage driven during the past four-year contract term. The additional mileage involved driving 3.4 miles per day more than was required according to the bus route description. The board approved the additional compensation in the amount of \$5,043.60. Board Member Dianna Ragsdale stated that she had no issue with paying Miss Hovis for additional mileage driven, but that the request should have been handled differently and submitted in a more timely manner according to when it was actually driven.

Roush provided the board with a copy of the updated additional mileage claim form used by contracted school bus drivers when requesting compensation for additional mileage driven.

The board approved elementary textbook rental amounts as listed below: kindergarten \$54.89, grade one \$78.74, grade two \$62.54, grade three \$82.42, grade four \$78.91, grade five \$77.36, and grade six \$75.66.

The board also approved student fees for some classes as submitted. Junior/senior high textbook rental amounts will be approved at the regular July meeting of the board.

The board held a first reading of the job description for the position of school psychologist/disciplinarian. A second reading will be held at the July meeting.

Candace Roush, superintendent, recommended the board approve cafeteria breakfast and lunch prices for the 2015-16 school year. The prices reflected an increase of five cents for all breakfast prices and an increase of 10 cents for student lunches to meet the price guidelines required by the Indiana Department of Education school lunch program. Half pint of milk-\$0.40; breakfast - all students-\$1.50; breakfast - adult-\$1.90; lunch - preschool-sixth grade-\$2.20; lunch - grades 7-12-\$2.30; lunch - adult-\$3

The board approved scheduling prom for next school year on April 23, 2016.

Theresa Holt, school nurse, requested approval from the board to start an after school walk/run program for students in grades 3-6. Candace Roush, superintendent, recommended the board approve the program. The board approved.

Becky Pendley requested permission from the board to hold student tutoring in the elementary library during the 2015 summer break. The board approved with all fees waived.

The board approved the following field trips:

-Tim Howell took high school boys track team members to Golden Corral in Bedford on June 8 as an award to celebrate completion of track season

-Senior Beta students to Nashville, Tennessee for National Beta Convention June 20-July 2, 2015

The board held a second reading of the procedure for students with head lice. The procedure was approved. The board held a second reading of changes to the student handbooks for the 2015-16 school year. The student handbook changes were approved.

Austin Malone, elementary principal, reported on the following:

-Summer IREAD3 remediation/test update

-Professional development scheduled during summer break

-Student attendance to be highlighted next school year - goal 98%

-Student fundraiser plan for next year - coffee sale

-PRIDE Pass Incentive Program was a huge success!

Lucas Calhoun, junior/senior high school principal reported on the following:

-On behalf of the entire junior/senior high school, I want to offer our condolences to the family of Kevin Phillips for their tragic loss. His spirit and big smile will be missed.

-Testing complete with student re-testing scheduled for late-July; notifications already sent out

-The women's basketball program will have their collegiate visit and clinic on July 7

-Student Success - Johnny Arnett qualified in the high jump at the Jasper Regional!

-The talent show was a tremendous success with over 20 acts who performed in front of the entire school with great courage and success!

-The Junior Division Beta Club took a trip to Holiday World the first week of June. Thank you to sponsor Shannon Wagoner and the other adult chaperones for helping make trip a success!

-Good luck to our Beta Members attending and competing at the National Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. Thank you to sponsor Ken Macy for facilitating their attendance!

-We had 39 graduates cross the stage in front of a full-house. Special thanks to the three senior sponsors, Tina Rue, Teri Kerr, and Bryson Abel; our technology director, Reuben Montgomery; Program printing from Country Pine; and all others who made this day a celebratory success.

-Student's scheduling will be rounding out with our new staff additions.

-Planning is in full-swing for the 2015-2016 school year

-Special thanks to the following: Edith Lane for the donation of Education Box-Tops, Tom Elliott and Pat Keefe for their years of service and a hearty wish of good luck, Carla's Catering for the various meals served at school events these last few weeks, the school board for their presence and time attending graduation, and the entire staff for their hard work in completing the 2014-2015 school year

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next meeting of the board will be a regular session on July 9 at 6 p.m.

SUMMERFEST

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the 5K run and fun walk at the corner of West Main and West First streets. For information, contact Terri Smith at 295-2010 or Chris Bratton at 295-3752. Registration forms can be picked up at the mayor's office. Entry fee is \$20 in advance and \$25 on the day of the race. The walk starts at 7:30 a.m. with the run at 8 a.m. A Texas Hold'em tourney will be held at the KofC at 1 p.m.

Craft booths and food stands will be open from 4 p.m. until 10 p.m. and the beer garden will again be open from noon to 2 a.m. St. John's will also have their ice cream social from 4-10 p.m. and the amusement rides will be open from 2-10:30 p.m.

Toy's Auto Parts and Route 50 Cruisers will sponsor a car show on Church Street at 4 p.m. For information, contact Bo Wilson at 296-6378 or Mary Fields at 295-6201. Tri-Kappa will sponsor a sidewalk chalk contest for kids also at 4 p.m. The Loogootee Fire Department Smoke House will be open from 5-9 p.m.

Michael Cochren & Company will begin their performance on the main stage at 6 p.m. Saturday night. Cochren is a 22-year-old singer/songwriter and worship leader from Southern Indiana.

The Summerfest parade, sponsored by the mayor, Divine Chiropractic, and Chad Wade, Farm Bureau Agent, will begin at 7 p.m. Check-in is from 6-7 p.m. at the high school. For information, contact the mayor's office at 295-4770.

The Rock Show will be on the main stage at 8 p.m. The Rock Show is an 80s tribute band featuring music from Motley Crue, Def Leppard, Quiet Riot, Iron Maiden, AC/DC, Bon Jovi, Metallica and more.

Fireworks will wow the crowd beginning at 10 p.m. to end the 2015 Summerfest.



-Photo courtesy Summerfest facebook page

Shown above are the Summerfest Jr Miss 2015 contestants Jayleigh Harger and Tia Fuhs.



-Photo courtesy Summerfest facebook page

Shown above are the Summerfest Little Miss contestants. From left to right are Cacia Wilcoxon, Brooklyn Summers, Mallorie Sutton, Abigail Nonte, Emily Frisz, and Adelyn Sergent.



-Photo courtesy Summerfest facebook page

Shown above are the Summerfest Tiny Tot contestant. From left to right are Rylee Gibson, Cami Crays, Josie Hawkins, and Montana Scales. Not pictured is Peyton Harger.

LOOGOOTE

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recommendations:

-Luke Woolems for varsity baseball coach
-Adam Tompkins for varsity track coach
-Mike Tippery for varsity girls' tennis coach

-Greg Clark for varsity softball coach
-Brian Whitney for varsity golf coach

The board also approved Tracy McAtee for summer school IREAD remediation.

The board held a first reading of the lunch refund policy. The policy states that graduating seniors can get a refund of any remaining lunch balance of \$5 or above. Amounts under \$5 will be transferred to another sibling if one is in the school or written off.

The board approved lunch prices being raised 10 cents. The elementary will go to \$2.15, the middle school and high school to \$2.40 and adult lunches will go to \$3.25. Breakfast prices will stay the same as last year.

Superintendent Keller explained that the head maintenance, head grounds, and nurse have cell phones that the school pays for at a cost of \$100 per month. She recommended canceling the phone contract and give each person \$10 per pay or \$20 a month and they use their personal cell phones. The school currently pays \$1,200 per year and this will reduce down to around \$800. The board approved.

The board approved appointing Ann Jones Burch and Susan Harrowood to the Loogootee Public Library Board.

Keller told the board that she received a letter from Hoosier Uplands with their intent to proceed with the purchase the Elementary

East building. Everything is expected to be finalized by August 15 and the school will receive the money for the building at that time.

Keller recommended the board approve the Youth First contract to bring a counselor into the school. Residents of the community have pledged \$30,000 over three years and the corporation will put in \$30,000. Elizabeth Christmas will be the counselor and she will be an employee of Youth First, not the school corporation. The board approved the contract.

Sophomore Carson Rayhill spoke to the board again about the 10th grade Honors English class taking a trip to Ireland with students from Loogootee's sister school in Sweden. Rayhill said 12 students and their parents have signed up showing interest in going to Ireland with the students from Sweden. He read letters from several people including students, and teachers and students from Sweden explaining the benefit of the trip for educational purposes. Rayhill said that the cost will be around \$1,500 per person and that will be paid by the parents of students going on the trip and through fundraising. The trip would be for five days in February. The board and Keller discussed issues with finding substitute teachers for that five days, including one to replace the Spanish teacher. They said they would like to have more information on the curriculum for students staying at Loogootee and how education will be affected here for that five days. The two teachers slated to go on the trip Ronetta Bough and Ann Schneider were not present at the meeting to answer questions. Mike Tippery said he would speak to them.

OBITUARIES

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ELIJAH WHITE

Infant Elijah James White passed away at 5:50 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at The Women's Hospital in Newburgh. A resident of Wheatland, he just three days old.

He was born June 7, 2015 in Newburgh; son of Brandy White. During his brief time, he touched many lives and was loved by all who met him.

He is survived by his mother, Brandy White of Wheatland; uncle, Chris White of Washington; maternal grandmother, Cathy White of Wheatland; maternal grandfather, James White of Washington; maternal great-grandmother, Becky Caudle of Illinois; maternal great-grandfather, Rick Murphy of Illinois; many great aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by maternal great-grandmother, Sandy Hotz and maternal great-great grandmother, Ora Hembree.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 27 at Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

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

MARY BETH PLEMENS

Mary Beth "Butch" Plemens (Pinto) passed away peacefully June 8, 2015 in Jackson, Michigan. A resident of that city, she was 75.

She was born February 11, 1940 in Loogootee; the daughter of James and Jeanne Pinto.

She grew up in Loogootee and spent much of her youth working for her mother at the Arrow Café. She made many lifelong friends working in the restaurant business.

She graduated from St. John's High School in 1958 and shortly thereafter married Ralph Plemens. She enjoyed travel and



MARY BETH PLEMENS

lived in North Carolina, California and Hawaii before settling down in Loogootee in 1964.

She loved flowers and pottery and opened up a store in her home in 1976. She also enjoyed following all of the sports that her children and grandchildren participated in.

She later married Bill Wilcoxon and they moved to Brookville.

For the last several years, Mary Beth lived in Jackson, Michigan near her son, Mark, and his family.

She is survived by her daughter, Lori (Tina) Plemens of St. Peter, Minnesota; son, Mark (Penny) Plemens of Chelsea, Michigan; grandchildren, Madison, Emma, Joey and Lily Plemens-Schunk of St. Peter, Minnesota and Ashley and Amber Plemens of Chelsea, Michigan; cousins, Lynn Gee of Loogootee, Von David Baker of Indianapolis and Linda Voger of Mooresville; one niece and several second cousins.

She is preceded in death by her infant son, Jaime; parents, Jim and Jeanne Pinto; and sister, Sally (Pinto) Roseman.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 18 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, officiated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker. Burial will follow in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be held at 10 a.m. until the hour of service on Thursday at the church.

Condolences may be made online at brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

RUTH BOYD

Ruth Inez Boyd passed away 10:40 p.m. June 14, 2015 at the Daviess Community Hospital in Washington. A resident of Shoals, she was 96.

She was born October 22, 1918 in Denver Colorado; the daughter of Valmore and Stella Nugent Hawkins. She married John "Jack" Boyd in French Lick on October 17, 1945 and he preceded her in death on October 3, 1999. She was a homemaker and a member of the Shoals Baptist Church.

She is survived by sons, Garnett Ray and Brenda Boyd of Shoals; Ronald Dale Boyd of Washington; and Gerald Lee Boyd of



RUTH BOYD

Shoals; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter, Wilma Jean Wilcoxon; son, Larry Wayne Boyd; brothers, Lee Edward and Walter Kenneth Hawkins; and sister, Lucille Pinnick.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 18 and a funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 19 at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Commissioners talk about sheriff's department, roads, courthouse

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, June 9.

Steve Stacksteder, Four Rivers, submitted the 2014 annual report and a budget request. He requested \$4,000 for Four River "Red Door" to be included in the commissioners' budget for 2016. Stacksteder invited the commissioners to tour the facilities. Commissioner Gregory gave information to Stacksteder regarding the opening of the community foundation's grant cycle. President George thanked Stacksteder for his service to the community.

Linda Evans-Dillon, veteran service officer, gave her May report. Dillon thanked the commissioners for replacing the door on the garage that houses the veteran's van.

Sheriff Travis Roush came before the commissioners requesting approval to apply for several grants through the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). He will be applying for an Anti-Gang Initiative, Community Policing Development and COPS Hiring Program. The Community Policing Development grant will be used to start neighborhood watches in Shoals and Loogootee and to help defer the cost of the reserve deputy program. The COPS Hiring Program will be used to hire another deputy. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to allow Sheriff Roush to proceed with the grant application process on all grants. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Roush also reported that there are currently 50 inmates in the security center. Training has begun with Corporal Damon Baker and the new K9 Virka. Sheriff Roush thanked Dr. Wallace for waiving the fees associated with the Virka's first check-up and the Loughmiller's for the mobile kennel in the truck.

Andy Ringwald, Civil Defense/EMA, reported that he attended a debris management class.

Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule. Great Lakes will be doing dust control in the county starting next week.

Superintendent Padgett updated the commissioners on several pieces of equipment. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to declare a gravel bucket and a bin surplus. President George made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. The commissioners will take sealed bids on the following pieces of equipment with a minimum bid required: paver-\$1,984, dump truck \$1,267.40, gravel bucket-\$40 and a bin \$500. Bids must be submitted to the auditor's office by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30, 2015. The commissioners will open the bids at the July 7, 2015 meeting. A notice with a detailed list will be submitted to the newspapers.

Due to the courthouse being closed, Friday, July 3, 2015 because of Catfish Festival, the highway department would like to have the following Monday off since they are already closed on Friday. Commissioner Gregory made motion to approve the highway department to be closed on Monday,

July 6, 2015. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

A discussion followed on the continuing problem of phone lines being put in ditches. Superintendent Padgett thanked the Shoals Volunteer Fire Department for washing the undercarriages. He submitted a list of roads set to be repaired or are already finished.

Jerry Earl had a question regarding the bonding of the county roads. Attorney Lett will investigate.

Attorney Lett and Commissioner Gregory will meet with Knox County EMS regarding negotiations on the ambulance contract tomorrow. They will update at the next meeting.

President George gave an update on the purchase of a building for community corrections.

Auditor Roush presented the tourism report submitted by Jim Stoughton.

Due to the recorder's office changing software vendors, the county received a refund of \$10,288.62 from Thomson Reuters.

Felts Lock and Alarm has begun installing the new fire alarm system.

President George offered condolences to Jill Albright on the passing of her step-father, Tom Horsting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m. The next commissioners' meeting will be Tuesday, June 23 at 6 p.m.

Classified ADS

YARD SALES

YARD SALE Saturday, June 20, 8 a.m., at 419 SE 3rd Street, Loogootee. We have TONS to get rid of! Lots and lots of boy clothes newborn to 10, girl's clothes newborn to adult small. Few men's clothes. All clothes are mostly name brand. Two queen bedroom comforter sets (one-Roxy and one-Pottery Barn teen with beanbag), baby girl crib bedding, Eddie Bauer bassinet, palm tree kitchen set (tons of dishes and decor), board games, jewelry, house decor, and much much more!

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JUNE 8

9:45 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Captain Dant and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:12 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across US 50, east of Shoals. Indiana State Highway removed the tree.

10:52 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

1:10 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50, west of Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Corporal Baker responded.

1:30 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to the doctor.

4:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

11:20 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on Hwy 150. Sgt Keller and Shoals Fire responded.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

4:33 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:48 a.m. - Received a report of a noise complaint in Loogootee. Sgt Keller responded and took care of the problem.

5:18 a.m. - Received a report of an odor call in Loogootee. Sgt Keller responded.

8:20 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, north of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

8:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to IU Health.

9:30 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

10:30 a.m. - Major Burkhardt did a speaking engagement at the Shoals Library.

12:42 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

12:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Loogootee 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt transported three inmates to court.

1:35 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

2:41 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took three inmates to court.

4:59 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Major Burkhardt made contact with the subject.

6:39 p.m. - Received a report of a fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. One subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:59 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

10:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

1:18 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:50 a.m. - Received a report of a truck losing its load on US 231 in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Captain Dant, and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

9:10 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to the doctor.

9:45 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took three inmates to court.

11:03 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:20 a.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a welfare check near Shoals.

11:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Loogootee 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:54 p.m. - Received a report of a dog complaint near Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

1:30 p.m. - Received a report of fire wood laying on US 50, west of Shoals. Captain Dant removed the wood.

2:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:59 p.m. - Received a report of animal cruelty in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

3:47 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:06 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No one was transported.

8:09 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was advised.

9:41 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Sgt Keller responded.

9:54 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Daviess County. Sgt Keller and Loogootee Captain Hennette were asked to assist.

10:49 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department took the call.

11:45 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette spoke with the owner.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

3:26 a.m. - Received a report of a drive off without pay in Loogootee. Deputy Harmon took the call.

7:10 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Shoals. Major Burkhardt and Deputy Harmon responded. The subjects were separated.

10:18 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

10:18 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Shoals. Sheriff Roush worked the accident.

10:32 a.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to the funeral home.

10:40 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

11:26 a.m. - Received a report of harass-

ment in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:08 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

1:20 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took five inmates to court.

3:23 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving semis on SR 450. Sheriff Roush took the call.

4:38 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in and theft North of Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Major Burkhardt responded.

5:41 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:38 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Loogootee Officer Nolan, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

8:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:41 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Deputy Harmon and Loogootee Police Department responded.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

3:43 a.m. - Received a report of an unsecure building in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan and Deputy Harmon responded. All was okay.

3:48 a.m. - Received a report of smoke in a house near Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Harmon responded.

9:20 a.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist in Shoals.

1:15 p.m. - Received a report of a two-vehicle accident on US 50 near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain worked the accident

1:28 p.m. - Received a report of a two-vehicle accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles and Martin County Ambulance were dispatched.

2:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance did not transport anyone.

5:30 p.m. - Corporal Baker assisted a motorist near Loogootee.

5:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:12 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50. Deputy Harmon and Corporal Baker checked the driver.

8:15 p.m. - Received a report of cows out near Shoals. Deputy Harmon contacted the owner.

8:30 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Deputy Harmon responded.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

12:45 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

1:51 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:39 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Haysville 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:40 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Deputy McBeth and child protective services responded.

12:26 p.m. - Received a report of trees down on SR 550. The state highway department responded.

1:56 p.m. - Received a report of a smell of smoke in a house in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

2:47 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance did not transport.

3:15 p.m. - Received an animal complaint near Loogootee. ICO Doane responded and removed the animal.

5:50 p.m. - Received a report of a leaving the scene accident near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles and Deputy Harmon responded.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

1:53 a.m. - Received a report of a prowler in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

3:27 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm near Loogootee. Deputy Harmon and Loogootee Officer Norris responded. All was okay.

9:17 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm east of Shoals. Captain Dant checked and all was okay.

9:20 a.m. - Received a dog complaint east of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

9:50 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Captain Dant checked on the subject and all was okay.

11:10 a.m. - Caller reported a tree across Red School Road. Shoals Fire was dispatched.

11:18 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance were dispatched. No one was transported.

12:10 p.m. - Received a report of a one-vehicle accident in Shoals. Captain Dant took the call.

12:20 p.m. - Received a report of a cow out in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

2:05 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded and all was okay.

3:46 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to IU Health.

9:18 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, north of Loogootee. Sgt Keller responded.

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Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JUNE 8

1:26 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on West Williams Street.
 9:45 a.m. - Received a report of a truck and trailer in the ditch on Hwy 50.
 10:50 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on SW 2nd Street. Chief Rayhill responded.
 11:40 a.m. - Male came on station to request a vehicle identification check.
 5:29 p.m. - Caller reported he had loaned his vehicle out and the person hasn't brought it back.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

3:44 a.m. - Caller reported a loud music complaint on Walnut Street.
 8:20 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231.
 10:05 a.m. - Caller reported a parking complaint.
 10:15 a.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.
 5:45 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Park Street.
 6:40 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was paged out to a structure fire on Church Street.
 7:59 p.m. - First responders were requested at IGA for a medical call.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

1:01 a.m. - Captain Hennette and K-9 Roxy assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a drug-related arrest. K-9 Roxy alerted on the vehicle.
 11:32 a.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 South for a medical call.
 2:50 p.m. - Female came on station to report a theft.
 3:10 p.m. - Female caller reported animal neglect.
 4:45 p.m. - Received a report of harassment.
 8:02 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Sherman Street.
 10:50 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a residential alarm.
 11:45 p.m. - Received a dog complaint on North Line Street.
 3:26 a.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

9:30 a.m. - Caller reported a traffic com-

plaint on Broadway Street.
 9:40 a.m. - Male came on station to report a theft.
 11:53 a.m. - Caller reported harassment.
 1:30 p.m. - A male came on station to request a vehicle identification check.
 4:43 p.m. - Received a report of a speeding vehicle on Broadway Street.
 5:16 p.m. - Caller reported their child was bitten by a neighbor's dog. Officer Nolan responded.
 5:58 p.m. - First responders were requested on Queen Street for a medical call.
 6:57 p.m. - Officer Nolan assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a shots fired call in the Shoals area.
 8:42 p.m. - First responders were requested on State Road 550 for a vehicle accident.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

3:43 a.m. - Caller requested a security check.
 1:15 p.m. - Received a call of property damage.
 5:43 p.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.
 6:17 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.
 8:10 p.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.
 8:52 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male operating a red Mustang. Vehicle was located and officers spoke with the driver.
 10:06 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

12:45 a.m. - Caller reported a possible domestic dispute on Butcher Boulevard.
 11:38 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male on Hwy 50. Captain Akles located the male and he checked out okay.
 2:47 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.
 5:14 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Broadway Street.
 5:43 p.m. - Captain Akles was advised to be on the lookout for a yellow Nova involved in a hit-and-run accident on Mt. Calvary Road.
 6:47 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.
 9:49 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

Martin County real estate transfers

Cleo Wilcher and Dorothy Wilcher, of Martin County, Indiana to **Robert Young and Terry Young**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.335 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 16.918 acres, more or less. Tract III: A part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.533 acres, more or less.

Jerry L. Kemp and Betty Kemp, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jerry D. Kemp, Terry L. Kemp, Sheila R. Kemp, and Gayla L. Arvin**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing approximately 1/5 acre, more or less.

Mary Louis McClure, Eddie Lingenfelter, and Cameron Lee Sheetz, of Martin County, Indiana to **Roger D. Strange and Maria P. Strange**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter and a part of the north half of the southwest quarter of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 33.539 acres.

Charles William Wilson, of Wayne County, Michigan to **Acorn Ridge Outdoor Group, LLC**, of Lawrence County, Indiana, the west half of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 35, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, contain-

ing 20 acres, more or less.

The Secretary of Veteran Affairs, of Washington DC to **Cory E. Land and Joella M. Land**, of Orange County, Indiana, Lot Numbered 2 in the Chenoweth Addition to the Town of Shoals, Martin County, Indiana. Commonly known as 210 Second Street, Shoals, IN 47581.

Leon Wittmer and Donetta Wittmer, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Matthew Lynn Wittmer**, of Daviess County, Indiana. Tract I: A portion of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 4 North, Range 5 West of the second principal meridian lying in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.473 acres, more or less. Tract II: A portion of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 4 North, Range 5 West of the second principal meridian lying in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.5 acres, more or less.

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Martin County Court News

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

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

June 2
 Richard O'Conner, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days in the Martin County Security Center with 44 days suspended and credit for 8 actual days previously served and 8 good time credit days. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

Corbin D. Wildman, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days in the Martin County Security Center with 58 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served and 1 good time credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

June 2
 Richard O'Conner, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

June 4
 Americredit Financial Services, Inc. vs. Heather R. Hopkins, civil collection.
 Robert M. Ziegler vs. Judith L. Ziegler, civil tort.

JAIL BOOKINGS

MONDAY, JUNE 8

6:10 p.m. - John Kendall, 50, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and Loogootee Officer Nolan for domestic battery. He has no bond.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

2:40 p.m. - Robin Salmon, 22, of Shoals, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and charged with neglect of a dependent. She is being held without bond.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

1:01 a.m. - Jason Hudson, 35, of Shoals, was arrested by Sgt. Keller and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

8:05 p.m. - Daniel Goepfner, 57, Jasper, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and charged with intimidation, criminal recklessness with a firearm, and pointing a gun. He is being held on a \$50,000 bond.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

11:15 p.m. - Charles O'Connor, 51, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Sexton and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated refusal and is being held without bond.

June 5

National Collegiate Student Loan vs. Bryce Wilson and Karen Wilson, civil collection.

Bank of New York Mellon Trust Co. vs. Larry R. Peek and Doris L. Peek, civil collection.

Garnet D. Kinser vs. Mary M. Kinser, civil plenary.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

June 9
 Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Fifth Third Mortgage Company and against the defendants Kerek A. Gilbertson and Robert K. Crim, for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$82,692.50.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LH & JM Enterprises, Inc. and against the defendant Justin Russell in the amount of \$5,473.21.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed

June 9
 Hoosier Accounts Service vs. James Salmon, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Travis Baker, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Anthony Wilson, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Jacob Divine, complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

June 15
 Jordan Lee Guinn of Loogootee and Jessica Lee Miller of Loogootee.
 Logan Avery May of Loogootee and Kiersten A. Brown of Loogootee.

Accident reports

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

7:50 a.m. - Thomas Arthur, of French Lick, was operating a 2007 Kenworth of JFK Avenue. At this time the boomer broke and released a tele handler from the trailer onto the road. Chief Rayhill was the investigating officer.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

1:28 p.m. - Chassidy J. Bridges, of Loogootee, was operating a 2010 Jeep on Broadway Street when she attempted to turn into a private lot and turned into the path of a 2013 Chevy operated by Ashley Bullock, of Loogootee. Captain Akles investigated.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

5:30 p.m. - John L. Hovis, of Mitchell, was operating a 1999 Ford which was pulling a trailer. Hovis stated that after he crossed the railroad tracks, the boat trailer dislodged from the hitch and traveled south striking the front area at American Legion. Captain Akles investigated.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

Many memories are found in my gardens. This week, I have been picking black raspberries, remembering the family gatherings during raspberry season. Then, as now, the first picking of a patch was the most difficult. Paths had to be made into the best berries, which usually were in the shady areas near the edge of the woods. We would prune out old briars and weeds and cut back the green briars that will bear the crop next year. A few crop-bearing briars would be sacrificed for the paths, but the process would result in better picking conditions for the season.

Once the paths were cut, it was easy for even the small children to walk into the bramble patch and fill their buckets with sweet berries. Of course, our bellies were also full of berries by the time we left the patch.

Berry picking required special uniforms. No matter how hot the weather, we would wear long sleeves and long pants. In those days before insect repellent, we would tape the cuffs of shirts and pants tight to guard against chiggers. Mom would mix Sulphur with lard to dab on the exposed body parts.

The harvest would yield jams, jellies and pies, and some of the jam would end up in one of Mom's famous raspberry jam cake. Once we had enough berries to satisfy our family needs, we were allowed to sell berries to friends in town. That would give us some spending money for the carnival that came for the Fourth of July.

Today, I do not worry about getting every berry from the briars. I get enough berries for my raspberry salsa and leave the others for family members and friends. If they do not get picked, the birds that I love to watch will have a feast.

When the last of the berries are gone, one may take action that will make next year's berry season a little easier. The canes that bore fruit this year should be cut to the ground. Spreading grass clippings around the green briars that will bear next year will

keep weeds down and allow the berries to grow without competition.

Black raspberries are native to Indiana. There are tame varieties that are thornless and produce larger berries, but I prefer the taste of the wild berries. Black raspberries have more fiber than most other fruits and with a low glyceric index, make a wonderful snack.

Red raspberries are also native to North America, but are mostly found in the northeast. In some areas, there appears to have been some natural cross-breeding, resulting in purple raspberries. In the tame berries, crosses have also been made with European raspberries. Both red and black raspberries have had some yellow or golden offspring. While the color of the berries is interesting, most people agree that the taste of the yellow berries does not differ much from the parent variety.

Raspberry picking season only lasts a couple of weeks, so get out and start picking. Make sure you have permission from the property owner before you enter a bramble patch.

Sunday is Father's Day and my own father's birthday was June 23. He has been gone for more than two decades, but there are still many reminders in the garden. Dad was a big man, who worked hard and expected us to do the same. A sports fan he was not. If he came home and found us playing ball, he would tell us if we had that much energy, we should be hoeing the corn patch. We knew that meant it was time to trade bats and gloves for hoes.

The contorted filbert in the garden was planted as a memorial to Dad. Over the years, it has become a large shrub, full of contorted limbs, and certainly one of the stars of the garden in the winter.

I wish all fathers a happy Father's Day. If you still have your father, pick him some raspberries and make some fresh raspberry ice cream. He will appreciate it.

Black bear continues westward path in northern Indiana

Wildlife biologists with the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife say the Michigan black bear that walked into Indiana last week has turned west based on evidence collected over the weekend and reported sightings today near Michigan City.

"Definitely a bear track," DNR wildlife biologist Budd Veverka said after examining photographs of paw prints found near Springville, a small community just north of the Indiana toll road in LaPorte County. "No doubt. And it continues to follow the predicted path based on the terrain."

The black bear, a young male, first entered Indiana in St. Joseph County last week after its movements were tracked from near Muskegon by Michigan DNR officials. A scat pile it left in a resident's driveway just north of South Bend was the evidence DNR needed to confirm the presence of a wild bear in Indiana for the first time since 1871.

Officials from the Indiana DNR and Michigan DNR are working together to track the bear's movements.

Indiana DNR encourages citizens to report sightings of the bear to dfwinput@dnr.IN.gov or by calling (812) 334-1137 during normal business hours or by calling DNR Law Enforcement Central Dispatch, (812) 837-9536, anytime. Photos or videos can be sent to the same email address.

Black bears are shy by nature and tend to avoid human contact. Attacks are rare. Black bears are non-aggressive in most instances and prefer fleeing from humans when given the chance. DNR wildlife biologists offer the following bear awareness tips:

- Don't intentionally feed bears. If a bear becomes accustomed to finding food near your home, it may become a "problem" bear.

- Eliminate food attractants by placing garbage cans inside a garage or shed.

- Clean and store grills away after use.

- Don't leave pet food outside overnight

- Remove bird feeders and bird food from late March through November

- Don't add meat or sweets to a compost pile

- If encountering a bear, don't run. Shout, wave your arms and back away slowly.

Black bears, once a native species in Indiana, are now listed as an exotic mammal and protected under Indiana Administrative Code 312 9-3-18.5 (b-1), which prohibits the killing of a black bear except by a resident landowner or tenant while the animal is "destroying or causing substantial damage to property owned or leased by the landowner or tenant."

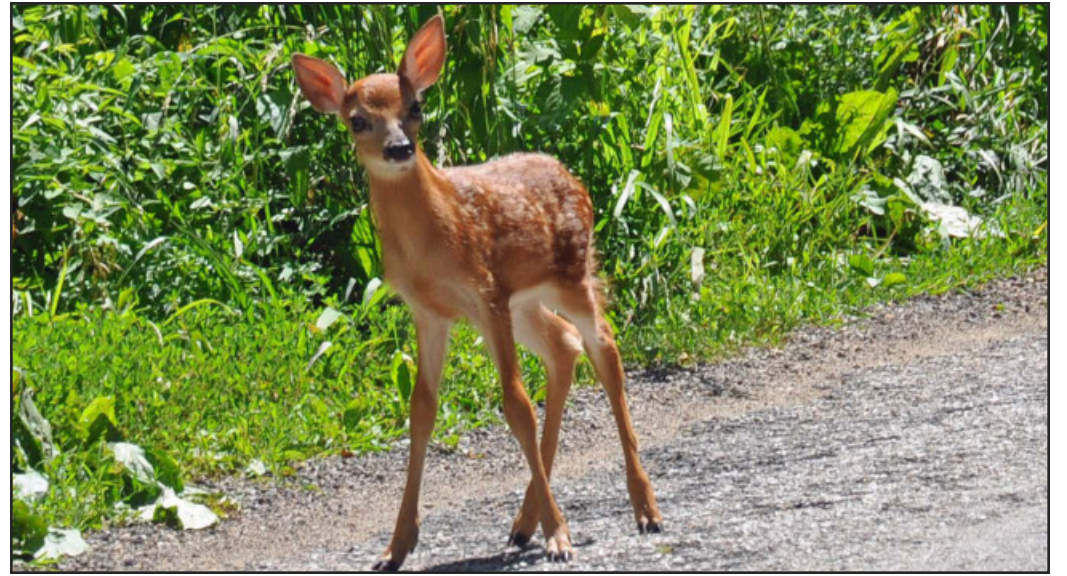
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Practice plant ID at Paynetown State Recreation Area

Learn to identify flowering plants using a field guide during three Flora Field Days this summer at Paynetown State Recreation Area on Monroe Lake.

Naturalist Jill Vance will lead the field days, which are June 28, July 26 and August 30. Each field day runs from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

According to Vance, identifying flowering plants with a field guide is much more useful than trying to memorize individual plants.



Fawn

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrall.com

Sometimes a doe has to leave her babies in order to bring food back for them. This means that a fawn may be left alone for short periods of time. On occasion, a curious human tries to touch or pet the fawn. This is strongly discouraged because deer tend to stay away from areas where they sense predators or humans and may wait for a longer period of time until they believe the coast is clear to finally return to their babies.

Purdue experts: Act now to control giant ragweed

Farmers who spot giant ragweed in their fields should apply a post-emergent herbicide before the infestation becomes unmanageable, even if no other weeds have appeared, two Purdue University plant scientists advise.

If left unchecked, giant ragweed could choke out emerging grain crops and even develop immunity to the herbicides used to control it, Bill Johnson, professor of botany and plant pathology, and Travis Legleiter, weed science program specialist, write in Purdue's Pest and Crop online newsletter.

"A lack of residual herbicide at planting and farmers' hesitation to spray when only the giant ragweed is at the appropriate height often leads to situations where post-emergent applications, regardless of the herbicide of choice, are being made to giant ragweed plants that are much larger than the labeled height," the article states.

Giant ragweed sprouts early in the season and grows rapidly, blocking light from corn and soybean seedlings. Most manufacturers recommend applying post-emergent herbicide when giant ragweed is 4-6 inches tall.

"All too often we see where producers were reluctant to make post-emergent application to a 4-6 inch giant ragweed be-

cause of a lack of other weeds that size and the potential need for a second post-emergence application," Johnson and Legleiter write. "Waiting for other weeds to emerge or for the soybean canopy to further develop will only allow the giant ragweed to continue to grow well past a manageable height and likely affect yields."

The authors say identifying and controlling giant ragweed is especially important as planting season comes to a close. Fields with a history of ragweed infestation are particularly vulnerable.

"As farmers and consultants continue or begin to scout their fields, keep in mind that if giant ragweed is present among smaller weeds, that it should drive the decision for making a post-emergence herbicide application," Johnson and Legleiter write.

To read the full article, go to <http://extension.entm.purdue.edu/pestcrop/2015/Issue10/>

Johnson, Legleiter, and the "Take Action" group, a collaborative effort to raise awareness of herbicide-resistant weeds, have developed a fact sheet on giant ragweed control. To download the fact sheet, go to: https://ag.purdue.edu/btny/weedscience/Documents/50737_12_TA_FactSheet_GiantRagweed_V3_LR.pdf.

Daviess-Martin FSA County Committee looking for nominations

If you know someone interested in serving on a local FSA County Committee, now is the time to submit that person's name as a nominee for the 2015 County Committee Elections. From June 15 through August 3, you can nominate a candidate for your local FSA county committee. And almost anyone participating or cooperating in an FSA program - and of legal voting age - can be nominated. The Daviess-Martin FSA County Committee is comprised of five elected members, each representing a specific geographic region referred to as a Local Administrative Area (LAA). The 2015 election will be held in Local Administrative Area (LAA) #1, which includes the townships of Steele,

Elmore, Bogard, and Madison. You may nominate any eligible voter in these townships.

FSA county committees are a vital link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Through the county committee system, farmers and ranchers have a voice and their opinions and ideas are heard. So make a difference by nominating a fellow farmer.

Download the nomination form at fsa.usda.gov/elections or pick one up at your local FSA Office. Remember, forms must be postmarked or delivered back to the county office by the August 3 deadline. Voting will take place this fall.

flower Guide," bring that, too. Vance also will have copies available for people to use.

For more information, email jvance@dnr.IN.gov, or call (812) 837-9967.

There is an entrance fee of \$7 per in-state vehicle or \$9 per out-of-state vehicle.

Paynetown SRA on Monroe Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2954.htm) is at 4850 South State Road 446, Bloomington, 47401.

"Using a field guide isn't hard," Vance said. "But you do need to practice."

No registration is required. Participants should meet in the overflow parking area at Paynetown SRA, which is on the right after passing the entrance gatehouse.

Beginners are welcome, as are experienced people looking for a practice opportunity.

Participants should bring bug spray, a notebook and pencil, a hat and sunglasses. If you have a copy of "Newcomb's Wild-

Simple tips can help you manage your summer electric bill

Summer is nearly here and so are the higher electric bills that come with it.

"The start of summer is a reminder every year for all of us to use electricity more wisely," said Indiana Utility Consumer Counselor David Stippler. "Taking small steps at little or no cost to the consumer will add up to savings, while also helping to ease the electric grid's workload at its busiest time."

There are a number of steps you can take to help keep your energy expenses in check. The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) recommends that you:

- Unplug chargers for cell phones and other devices when you're not using them. Don't underestimate how much "phantom power" is leaked from a device that's plugged in but not being used. Power strips can help.
- Try not to use exhaust fans, since they can quickly pull cool air out of your home or business. But if you must use one, then only use it for a very short time.
- Turn off all lights, computers, TVs, and other appliances if you are not using them. Use timers for these items in your home when going on vacation.
- Use ceiling fans when you're in the room but turn them off when you leave. Be sure all ceiling fans are set to turn counter-clockwise.
- Keep blinds, shades, draperies, windows, and storm doors closed.
- Raise the thermostat a few degrees if no

one will be home for more than five hours. When someone is there, keep it at the warmest comfortable temperature you can.

- Move TVs and appliances away from the thermostat because of the heat they give off. Move lamps away from the thermostat, too, especially if you're using traditional incandescent bulbs.
- Make sure your air conditioner has a clean filter by changing or cleaning it regularly. Make sure vents aren't covered by rugs or furniture.
- Schedule regular maintenance and tune-ups for your HVAC system. They're important for both efficiency and safety.
- Look at your attic's insulation if you haven't done so in a few years. It may have settled over time and may not be giving your home as much protection as it once did.
- Make sure your ductwork is properly sealed.
- Make sure your clothes dryer vent isn't clogged.
- Check the temperature on your water heater. For most households, it doesn't need to be higher than 120 degrees.
- Clean or vacuum the coils on your refrigerator.
- Close your refrigerator and freezer doors on a dollar bill, and then try to pull the bill out. If it slides out, then your gaskets are loose and are letting cold air seep away.
- Think about getting rid of the extra refrigerator or freezer in the garage or base-

ment. Many utilities will haul old refrigerators and freezers away at no charge if they are still working, and will pay you for them.

- Cook with a microwave or toaster during the day. If the temperature rises above 90 degrees, wait until evening to use the oven, wash dishes, do laundry, or use other large appliances.
- Look for the EnergyStar and WaterSense labels if you're in the market for new appliances. Energy and water efficiency standards have improved dramatically in recent years.
- Make sure you're using energy efficient light bulbs. Light emitting diode (LED) bulbs use less energy than compact fluores-

cent light (CFL) bulbs, which in turn use far less energy than incandescent bulbs. They produce much less heat, as well.

- Sign up for your utility's air conditioning load management program, if available.
- Call your utility or visit its website for information on energy efficiency incentives. Most electric utilities offer home energy assessments, online tools for finding ways to save, or both.
- More tips are available at www.IN.gov/OUCC and at www.energysavers.gov. Consumers without Internet access can call the OUCC toll-free at 1-888-441-2494 to request copies of the agency's tips.

"Assisted Living" musical auditions are June 29-30

Old Town Players community theatre has a unique performance opportunity for men and women age 50-plus. Auditions for the sassy comedy musical "Assisted Living" will take place on June 29-30 at 6 p.m. (EDT), at the OTP Theatre and Arts Center located on Broadway at Fifth Street in Vincennes. A cast of five men and five women is sought; however, casting is flexible and more or fewer individuals may be cast. All parts are available and newcomers are welcome and encouraged to try out.

Music and lyrics for "Assisted Living" are by Rick Compton and Betsy Bennett. Performances will be presented with assistance from corporate sponsor Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana.

A good singing voice is needed and a little dance ability is a plus (but not required). Those who wish to audition should prepare a vocal solo that showcases their singing ability and bring an accompaniment CD, or sing a capella. Auditions will be conducted by the directing team of Vickie Puffer, Kathy Mooney, Jan Day, Jonathan Clark, and Sue Clark. More information is available by contacting OTP at oldtownplayers@gmail.com.

Performances of "Assisted Living" will be August 21-22-23 and 28-29-30. OTP will introduce a new show time of 7 p.m. for Fridays and Saturdays. The starting time for Sunday performances will remain at 3 p.m.

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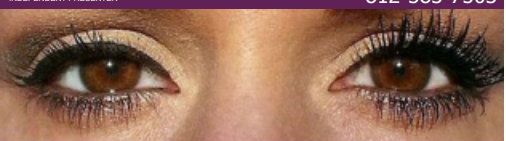
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The Mayor's Den

By Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty



We started May with the first annual city-wide yard sale headed up by Julie Lagree and Don Greene. This new tradition began this year and we hoping to build on it next year and years to come. Saturday the 2nd, I attended the first annual Spring Fling in Shoals at the Tranquil Inn and Spa. The event was a fundraiser for the Martin County Humane Society, with 25 vendors ranging from Mary Kay to candles to Air Vac. Carolyn Howard also was there to sign and sell her latest book. After Spring Fling, I headed to Jack Butcher Arena for the grand march followed by post prom at Lee Kavanaugh Gym. A great time for both students and chaperones! In the evening of Sunday the 3rd, I attended the fundraiser for the Life Savers Relay for Life Team at the Lodge – pulled BBQ pork and steamed chicken and a golden opportunity for both a good meal and to support a great cause. Monday the 4th I had a lunch meeting with Mike Breeden and Terri Kelso of Terri Kelso Insurance at the Corner Café. That evening, our varsity boys' baseball team hosted the Vincennes Rivet Patriots at Les Page Field. The game was scoreless until the 6th inning and our Lions came out on top, winning 3-0.

Tuesday the 5th, I had the privilege of driving the Spanish Club to Mi Pueblo in Washington for their yearly trip. In the evening, I was back at Les Page Field to watch our Lions host Eastern Greene High School and win the match. I spent most of Wednesday the 6th in the office; but that night I was right back at Les Page Field watching the junior high Lions A & B teams hosting the North Knox Warriors: two more wins for our Lions. Thursday the 7th, our boys' varsity Lions hosted the North Daviess Cougars, followed by the junior varsity against the Barr-Reeve Vikings, but our Lions didn't win either match.

Friday the 8th was the annual spring band and awards ceremony under the direction

of Brandon Hagen. The concert was a huge success and many students were honored. Saturday the 9th was Matthew 5:16 Day; and I started the day at St. John Catholic Church for the opening ceremonies. After the beautiful service, I joined Sissy Woody, Cassandra Sanders, and Tiana Marie Sanders dispensing water to the participants in the Loogootee Run Club 5k. Then I made a few deliveries for Hometown Flowers and Gifts as part of the Matthew 5:16 Day activities. Monday the 11th, I attended National Nursing Home Week at the Loogootee Nursing Center. National Nursing Home Week is designated to honor the contributions our mature population have made and continue to make to society. Then I attended the grand opening ribbon-cutting ceremony of "Running with Scissors" - a new beauty shop located on Vincennes Street offering all types of hairstyling, pedicures and cosmetology, with beauticians Jenny Lee, Angie Zins and Brittany Parker. In the afternoon, I went to Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center for their ceremony commemorating National Nursing Home Week. That evening was the monthly City of Loogootee Board of Works and Common Council meetings. Main topics for discussion included the SIDC Housing Rehabilitation Grant available through the county, storm water drainage issues, and an update on the West Boggs Sewer District.

I spent most of the 12th in the office. Wednesday the 13th, WTHI Channel 10 News came to do a follow-up report on where we are today after the downtown fire seven months ago. The broadcast aired on the 5 and 6 o'clock news that evening. Also, the Bedford Bloomington Times Herald came to do an article on the ongoing swimming pool project. That evening was the monthly Summerfest planning meeting with hot topics being sponsors and activities for the event. Following the Summerfest meeting, I went to the LHS auditorium

for the annual 6th grade awards program and senior awards program. As always it was very nice seeing the fruits of all the students' labor being recognized. Thursday the 14th began at the Martin County Learning Center for the quarterly Martin County Community Corrections meeting with the focus of discussion was operations of the entity. After the meeting, I went to St. John Catholic Church for the funeral of Margaret Smith. Mrs. Smith served as the Martin County Recorder and Treasurer throughout the years while also farming. On Friday the 15th I went to both Shoals and Loogootee Elementary Schools to read "The Berenstain Bears and Too Much Teasing" to the younger students. The books were picked to the importance of not bullying fellow classmates. Special thanks to SOAR for sponsoring the event and both schools for allowing us to come. In addition to the book reading, each student received a free book for summer break. That evening was the high school choral concert and awards ceremony at the LHS auditorium. Congratulations to all who received awards for all of their hard work throughout the school year.

Saturday the 16th was the Hot Rod Relay at St. John's Lutheran Church. The yearly Relay is in honor of the late Dale Meyer and is a fundraiser to raise money to find a cure for the disease that has touched so many people's lives: cancer. Each child in the event receives pledges and then rides their bicycle for up to three hours - most worthwhile fundraiser. After the Relay, I went to West Boggs Park to attend the start of the Carter Kerns Legacy 5k Walk and Run. A huge crowd attended and made it quite a success! Monday the 18th, I spent much of the day at the office; and in the evening, I attended the bi-monthly meeting of the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth. Tuesday the 19th was Senior Night at Les Page Field. Unfortunately due to both the girls' softball team and boys' baseball team having their Senior Nights on the same evening, I was only able to attend the one. Both teams, however, came out with wins for the evening. Wednesday the 20th was the monthly Martin County Chamber of Commerce Meeting, this month at Bo-Mac's. Many items were on the agenda with the highlights being the upcoming bicentennial celebration to be held in September of 2016 and the upcoming Loogootee Summerfest and Shoals Catfish Festival. In the evening was the monthly meeting of the Loogootee Parks and Recreation Department. The primary focus centered on operations of the soon to be opened pool in July.

Thursday the 21st was the first graduation of the year at Head Start: pre-school graduation. It was a real honor to be with kids watching them all sing songs and show off what they had learned throughout the year. Congratulations to the 2015 Head Start Class. Friday the 22nd was the Class of 2015 graduation at LHS. The ceremony was an outstanding representation of the class with music provided by both the high school choir and band, along with a power point presentation created by Emma Walters depicting the class throughout their school years. Congratulations Class of 2015. Saturday the 23rd I spent much of the day at Northeast Dubois Softball Field attending a travel league softball tourney where students from all schools throughout the area were represented. Sunday the 24th after worship services, I spent much of the afternoon attending graduation open houses along with one retirement. On Monday the 25th, I attended the Memorial Day Service held at St. John's Cemetery. The ceremony is always a great representation of the ultimate sacrifice paid by so many and honoring those lives lost and the veterans who have passed.

Tuesday the 26th much of the day was spent at the office working on day-to-day

operations while in the evening I headed to North Daviess High School to attend the 2015 IHSAA Girls' Softball Sectional. The first match was the battle of Daviess County as the North Daviess Cougars squared off against the Barr-Reeve Vikings with the Cougars prevailing 8-1. The second match, the battle of Martin County, had our Lions taking on the Lady Rox with our Lions taking home the win. Wednesday the 27th, I began the day at German American Bank, meeting with Jim Stoughton, Marie Hawkins, Kenny Frye, and Ann Wagler to discuss the upcoming 2016 Indiana Bicentennial. After a great discussion, it was decided this would be the first of many meetings in the planning phase of the event. In the evening I headed to the Martin County Recycling Center for our monthly meeting with the highlights of the meeting being grounds maintenance and day-to-day operations of the entity. After the meeting, I attended a special memorial service at Loogootee Christian Church for Evelyn Hilbert. Ms. Hilbert was a lifelong resident of Loogootee who taught in both the Washington and Loogootee systems as well as served as a substitute teacher in the Shoals and Dubois school systems. She was the first girls' track coach at Washington High School and was very active in our community. Thursday the 28th I attended a meeting at the county learning center organized by Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth Director Tim Kinder with representatives of Purdue University. Much of the meeting surrounded discussion related to the local work force and other community needs. In the evening I headed to Les Page Field to attend the first round of the 2015 IHSAA Boys' Baseball Sectional. In the first round game, our Lions hosted the Barr-Reeve Vikings and feel short to the Vikings.

Friday the 29th, I spent most of the day in the office; and in the evening, I was back at Les Page field to watch the second round of action for the 2015 sectional. In the first game, the Shoals Jug Rox took on the Patriots of Rivet, once again putting forth a lot of effort but falling short in the end. In the second round, it was the battle of Daviess County with the Cougars and Vikings squaring off with the Cougars coming out on top in the end. The Cougars went on to win the tournament in 10 innings, winning 1-0.

Saturday the 30th I attended graduation commencement at the SHS gym. 39 graduates in total went through exercises completing 13 years of school. Congratulations to the Shoals Class of 2015. On Sunday the 31st after early worship services, I took off for Lancaster County, Pennsylvania to attend my niece's graduation. I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a most blessed June!!!

On the Home Front

By Linda Evans-Dillon
Martin County Veteran Service Officer

The veteran service officer has an office in the Martin County Courthouse. The hours are Monday 12 p.m.-4 p.m., Wednesday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m.-12 p.m. These hours are subject to change based on the needs of the veterans. As the manager of the veteran's van, I do at times transport veterans to medical appointments. When that happens those hours come out of office hours as this position is part-time. An appointment isn't required but it is best that you call the office to make sure I am in as there are times I am out of the office transporting, meeting with or visiting veterans in the community.

DRIVERS NEEDED for the veteran's van. I am aware that we all have very busy lives and very little free time which is why I am looking for reliable drivers to add to my call list. I am looking for VOLUNTEERS that are willing to transport a veteran possibly one trip a week to medical appointments in the surrounding area. This is not a paid position but I am able to provide \$10 a trip as long as there is money in the "Thank the Driver Fund". You must have an Indiana license and a clean driving record. If interested please contact me.

During the month of May I assisted seven veterans, had eight meetings, took one veteran run, attended zero funerals and visited the Legion's and VFW's in Crane, Loogootee and Shoals twice. The veteran's van took five trips transporting five veterans to VA medical centers and clinics.

The Honor Flight has one trip still available this year. It is scheduled for October

24. Any WWII, Korea or Vietnam veteran interested please contact me for more information.

The Veterans Choice Program is a new, temporary benefit that allows eligible veterans to receive health care in their communities rather than waiting for a VA appointment or traveling to a VA facility. Veterans seeking to use the Veterans Choice Program should call 1-866-606-8198 to confirm their eligibility and to schedule an appointment.

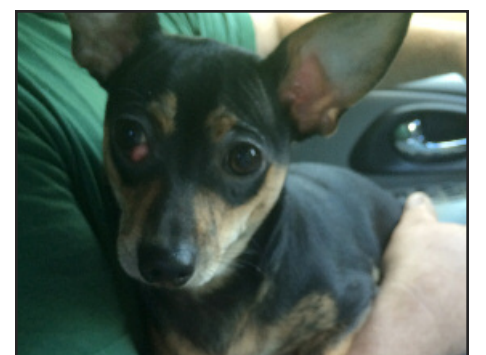
The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that it will change the calculation used to determine the distance between a veteran's residence and the nearest VA medical facility from a straight line distance to driving distance. Any veteran denied because of distance should try again.

Aspen Dental is offering veterans a day of FREE dental service on June 23. It is first come first serve all day. Call the local Aspen for details.

The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs continues their veterans outreach program this year and are scheduled to visit Evansville, October 14, 2015 and Vincennes October 15, 2015. Details of times and locations can be found on their event registration page at: www.eventbrite.com/d/in/veterans-affairs-outreach/

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Animal Shelter featured pets



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Great turn out for Running for our Future 5K, held in honor of Chuck LaSota

On Saturday, June 6, 104 people participated in the second annual Running for our Future 5K. This is the first year it was held in honor of Chuck LaSota, a great friend to the WestGate, NSWC Crane, and running communities.

The community event included a 5K (walk and run) and awarded runners in all age categories, as well as overall winners in both female and male. James Fleetwood (0:21:36) and Hannah Walls (0:21:55)

clutched the overall male and female awards at the race.

The monies collected from 5K entries and sponsorships will continue to fund STEM focused scholarships. Students interested in applying for the scholarship should speak with their school counselor in August when scholarship criteria will be released. The scholarships will be awarded at the 3rd Annual WestGate@Crane College Fair on September 29, 2015.

Attorneys General call for greater protections to curb youth access to e-cigarettes

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller is calling on the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to act on its proposal to add e-cigarettes to the Tobacco Control Act, enabling the agency to regulate these nicotine products similarly to other tobacco products and curb youth access to e-cigarettes.

The FDA proposed the regulation change over a year ago and the public comment period closed August 2014 with no subsequent action from the FDA. As it stands, e-cigarettes remain outside the FDA's authority to protect public health.

While the FDA has refused to act, Zoeller said, youth use of e-cigarettes has skyrocketed and so have the public health concerns associated with these products. A University of Michigan study reports that in 2014 more teens used e-cigarettes than any other tobacco product, with about 16 percent of high school students reporting use of the products. Last year, there were nearly four thousand calls to poison control centers due to exposure to e-cigarettes, more than double the calls made in 2013.

"It's hard to believe we are willing to sit back and watch our children develop addictive smoking habits, after we've fought so hard to reduce youth smoking and tobacco use in America," Zoeller said. "Providing the same regulation of e-cigarettes as we do other tobacco products is critical to stop this new trend in its tracks."

Zoeller and Maine Attorney General Janet Mills recently sent a letter to the FDA as co-chairs of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) Tobacco Committee expressing frustration at the FDA's inaction and urging the agency to approve the new regulations as soon as possible to prevent harm to public health and to ensure e-cigarettes are not marketed to the nation's youth.

In October 2013, Zoeller and 40 other state attorneys general sent a letter to the FDA asking that the agency issue proposed rules and begin regulating e-cigarettes. After the proposed deeming regulations were issued, 29 attorneys general filed comments on Aug. 8, 2014, supporting the

deeming action and recommending that the regulations be strengthened in several respects.

In the recent letter, Zoeller and Mills reiterated the following policy suggestions, urging the FDA to not only include e-cigarettes under the Tobacco Control Act, but also:

Subject e-cigarettes to the same advertising and marketing restrictions as combustible cigarettes.

Ban characterizing flavors.

Require stronger health warnings on e-cigarettes, noting that nicotine is a harmful and addictive product and e-cigarettes contain potentially harmful chemicals.

Prohibit all non-face-to-face sales of tobacco products to prevent youth from purchasing e-cigarettes off of the Internet.

One recent study has shown that minors can easily purchase e-cigarettes online despite some state laws requiring online sellers of e-cigarettes to verify their customers' ages and identities. Indiana has no such law.

While waiting for the federal deeming regulations to take effect, states have stepped up and responded to concerns about electronic cigarettes on their own.

Zoeller joined a coalition of health experts during the 2015 Indiana legislative session in offering a detailed proposal to curb teen use of e-cigarettes. The main tenets of the proposal included taxing e-cigarettes similarly to tobacco products so that they appeal less to kids and including e-cigarettes in the statewide smoking ban.

Though all of these recommendations were not adopted, the Legislature did pass laws requiring that 'vape' shops be licensed and that e-cigarette liquid containers use child-resistant packaging. The Legislature also recommended that a summer study committee be assigned to further study various issues involving e-cigarettes.

"My focus remains on the public health risks associated with rising e-cigarette use among Indiana's teens," Zoeller said. "In my role as consumer protection advocate, I will continue to urge for stronger regulation of these products with addictive properties and other unknown health effects."

Crane Army Ammunition Activity gains new commander

Col. Jim Hooper became the 17th commander of Crane Army Ammunition Activity June 10 at a ceremony overlooking Naval Support Activity Crane's Lake Greenwood.

Hooper assumed command from Col. Robert "Joe" Dixon, Jr, who has been selected to serve as the G4, the senior staff logistician, for III Corps, one of three corps of the United States Army Forces Command and located at Fort Hood, Texas.

A large crowd of Army, Navy and civilians watched as command colors passed from Dixon to Brig. Gen. Kristin K. French, Commanding General of U.S. Army Joint Munitions Command, to Hooper.

Hooper, a distinguished graduate of the Army ROTC program at Lafayette College, was commissioned as an Ordnance Officer in 1992. He most recently served as the Chief of Staff of the 1st Theater Sustainment Command's Operational Command Post located at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

"I'm extremely humbled and honored to be a part of the Joint Munitions Command and Crane Army Ammunition Activity," Hooper said. "Having recently left Kuwait after supporting operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and seven other countries in the Middle East, I can tell you that what happens here at Crane is as important, critical and relevant as it has ever been."

"I look forward to building on the continued coordination and improvement of relationships between Crane and our state and local partners as well as our local communities as Col. Dixon has done over the last two years," Hooper said.

French, who was the guest speaker for the event, praised the many accomplishments the Crane Army workforce was able to achieve under Dixon's leadership, adding that Crane Army has been the JMC installation that has been the most aggressive and successful at restructuring its command.

"Due to Crane's continued emphasis on

Lt. Governor to lead ag trade mission to China

Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann will lead a delegation of 18 representatives from Indiana agri-businesses and state agriculture and rural affairs agencies on a twelve-day agricultural trade mission to China. The group will depart on June 22 and return on July 3.

Lt. Governor Ellspermann explained the goals of the trip, "Based on our successful trade mission to Asia last summer, we know that there is a vast market for Indiana agricultural and food products to feed the billions of people living in this part of the world. Through personal visits with government and industry officials, our delegation will build the relationships that will lead to increased agricultural trade in the years to come."

She added, "Indiana's \$25 billion agriculture industry leads the nation in the production of food products ranging from ducks to popcorn and is in the top five states in corn, soybeans, pork, turkeys and chicken. Our agriculture labs and pharmaceutical companies also provide medicines and products that protect crop and animal health and improve productivity across all of segments of the agriculture industry. We are eager to share this information and show how we can serve the expanding Chinese market."

The itinerary will include stops in Shanghai, Beijing, and Chengdu, as well as visits to Zhejiang Province, sister state to Indiana and Tianjin, the maritime gateway to Beijing.

The cost of the state delegation is being covered through private donations. In addition to Lt. Governor Ellspermann, the state will be represented by State Department of Agriculture Director Ted McKinney and Office of Community and Rural Affairs Director Bill Konyha.

This will be Ellspermann's second inter-

safety and environmentally-friendly operations, Crane Army received OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program Star recertification in January 2014," French said. "This recognition is very difficult to achieve, and it marks this site as an exemplary worksite with a comprehensive, successful safety and health management system that exceeds requirements at all levels."

"Your extraordinary contributions to our nation and to our warfighters are unparalleled," French said. "Your work, day in and day out, allows our warfighters to be successful in their mission to preserve liberty and freedom in countries all over the world."

"I know you are in good hands with my friend Col. Jim Hooper and his wife Dyan," Dixon told the crowd in his speech. "I have great confidence that the team will continue with the many innovations underway and to continuously improve and evolve so that Crane Army Ammunition Activity will continue to be a unique and precious resource for the nation."

French was also positive that Crane would continue to excel in its mission to support military operations all over the world under Hooper's leadership. "I am confident that Col. Hooper's logistics background will serve Crane well," said French. "He has worked at the tactical through the strategic levels of our Army."

A private reception at the base club was held following the ceremony.

Established October 1977, Crane Army Ammunition Activity maintains ordnance professionals and infrastructure in order to receive, store, ship, produce, renovate and demilitarize conventional ammunition, missiles and related components. Crane Army maintains up to one third of the DoD's conventional ammunition inventory. The Activity also provides command oversight of Iowa Army Ammunition Plant, Letterkenny Munitions Center, Pennsylvania, and Milan Army Ammunition Plant, Tennessee.

national trade mission as Lt. Governor. In 2013, she led a delegation to Asia with stops in Japan, South Korea and Taiwan.

The Lt. Governor's trade mission comes on the heels of Governor Mike Pence's jobs and economic development mission to China in May. There, the Governor shared Indiana's strengths during a number of meetings with prominent Chinese companies and multiple government leaders. China is Indiana's fifth largest export partner, with Hoosier companies exporting \$1.4 billion in goods to the country in 2014.

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Tuberculosis investigation ongoing in Southern Indiana

The number of individuals identified as having positive tuberculosis (TB) skin tests has increased from 54 to 85, the Indiana State Department of Health confirmed Monday. These individuals are associated with a student who was confirmed with a case of TB. That student is currently isolated and responding well to treatment.

Additionally, one secondary suspect TB case with symptoms and abnormal chest x-ray has been identified; another individual with an abnormal chest x-ray without symptoms has been identified. The Indiana State Department of Health along with the Clark County and Floyd County health departments are working together in this investigation.

"The Indiana State Department of Health continues to investigate this situation and we want Hoosiers to know that we are offering testing to everyone who has been in close contact of the patient," said State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H. "We want to quickly identify anyone who may have been exposed so we can provide immediate, effective treatment to prevent infection."

To date, 738 individuals have been tested during this investigation. Individuals who have positive skin tests do not have TB disease, but do receive antibiotic treatment so that symptoms do not develop and infection cannot be spread to others.

TB is an airborne disease caused by a bacterium called Mycobacterium tuberculosis. The bacteria usually attack the lungs, but can attack any part of the body such as the kidney, spine and brain. If not treated properly, TB disease can be fatal. TB is spread through the air from one person to another. TB bacteria

are released into the air when a person with active TB disease of the lungs or throat coughs, sneezes, speaks, or sings. People nearby may breathe in these bacteria and become infected. TB is NOT spread by:

- Shaking someone's hand
- Sharing food or drink
- Touching bed linens or toilet seats
- Sharing toothbrushes
- Kissing

"We want to ensure the best possible health for Hoosiers," said Dr. Adams. "Unfortunately, TB can affect anyone and the best way to stop it is to quickly identify individuals with active infections and provide them with the medical care they need to treat their infections."

TB disease can be successfully treated by taking several drugs for six to nine months. It is extremely important to complete the entire course of medication as prescribed to keep from spreading the disease to others and to prevent development of resistance to the drugs.

For information about TB, individuals are encouraged to call the TB Services Hotline at (877) 826-0011. The hotline will be open during the normal Indiana State Department of Health business hours from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Visit the Indiana State Department of Health at www.StateHealth.in.gov. Follow the Indiana State Department of Health on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/isdh1.

Hoosiers who do not have health care coverage or access to a doctor are encouraged to check availability for the new Healthy Indiana Plan—HIP 2.0—by visiting www.HIP.IN.gov or calling 1-877-GET-HIP-9.

Secretary of State Connie Lawson urges citizens to report elder abuse

In recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15, Secretary of State Connie Lawson urges citizens to value and protect Indiana's seniors by reporting possible abuse.

"Although elder abuse comes in many forms – physical, financial, emotional, neglect or abandonment – often several types of abuse will be inflicted at the same time," said Secretary Lawson. "Financial abuse is considered to be the most common form of abuse to elders, costing its victims an estimated \$2.9 billion a year.

To help fight this problem, the Secretary of State's office is joining the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA) and the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) who are partnering to offer tools to identify and report financial abuse or exploitation. Investment fraud is an area of particular concern, as victims can see their life savings depleted with little opportunity to recover financial stability.

"Financial losses through investment fraud scams can be devastating," said Secretary Lawson. "Those who lose their life savings suffer a physical and emotional toll as well as a financial toll. They may become fearful, develop health issues, become depressed and even consider suicide. It's imperative that financial abuse be reported promptly to the proper authorities."

Securities fraud can come in many forms. The investment might be fraudulent, or it could be a legitimate product that is unsuit-

able for the investor's circumstances. Other investment problems include unregistered products, theft of funds or products sold by an unlicensed adviser or broker. Investors and caregivers are urged to "investigate before investing" by calling the Secretary of State's office at 317-232-6682 to verify if the product and person selling it are registered/licensed and to see if there have been any complaints.

"Elder financial abuse is becoming the crime of the 21st century as the growing senior population is increasingly targeted," said Secretary Lawson. "Studies show that family members and caregivers are the culprits in more than half of these cases. Anyone can – and should – report abuse of an elderly person, whether it is physical, emotional or financial."

Securities or investment fraud should be reported to the Secretary of State's office at 317-232-6682. Other types of elder abuse should be reported to the Family and Social Services Administration's Adult Protective Services at 1-800-992-6978 or to local authorities. You may also report abuse through the national Eldercare Locator at 800-677-1116.

NASAA, of which the Secretary of State's office is a member, is the oldest international organization devoted to investor protection. Its membership consists of the securities administrators in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the provinces and territories of Canada, and Mexico. www.nasaa.org

NSA Crane Joint Land Use Study completes milestone

The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) in partnership with the Indiana Office of Defense Development (IODD), Radius Indiana and Matrix Design Group completed a Tiger Team Visit for the Naval Support Activity (NSA) Crane Joint Land Use Study (JLUS).

The NSA Crane JLUS is funded by a grant from the Department of Defense's Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) and contributions by OCRA and Radius Indiana as well as Daviess, Green, Lawrence, Martin and Sullivan counties.

"The recommendations once the JLUS has been completed will help us maintain NSA Crane's economic vitality and sustain its operational mission," said Bill Konyha, OCRA Executive Director.

The Tiger Team Visit was a week-long effort focused on field data collection. Interviews with state and federal agencies, utility partners and community stakeholders were completed to gather a list of existing incompatible land uses around the installation. Information collected in the interviews will be combined with historical data which will be shared in public forums later this year.

Becky Skillman, President/CEO of Radius Indiana said, "We are encouraged by the tremendous participation of the region's elected officials, business and community leaders. All of the stakeholders are eager to protect and grow Crane while learning of increased opportunities for our communities."

A JLUS is a cooperative land use planning effort conducted as a joint venture between an active military installation, surrounding jurisdictions, state and federal agencies and other affected stakeholders. The JLUS effort can directly benefit both NSA Crane and the surrounding region by:

- Encouraging cooperation between the military installation and community offi-

cials

- Preserving long-term land use compatibility between NSA Crane and the surrounding communities

- Promoting community planning

- Protecting the health and safety of surrounding residents and workers

State launches HIP 2.0 ad campaign aimed at helping more Hoosiers take charge of their health

Starting Monday, Indiana officials began blanketing the state with a broad advertising campaign to build awareness of the new Healthy Indiana Plan or "HIP 2.0" – targeting the hundreds of thousands of Hoosiers who qualify for the plan.

On June 15, the state began running advertisements on TV, radio and digital media in all corners of Indiana - expanding to include print, outdoor and transit ads over ensuing months. The state will receive federal matching funds for its \$1.1 to \$1.2 million investment in the outreach effort.

"We're off to a great start implementing the Healthy Indiana Plan 2.0 and enrolling Hoosiers in this proven program," said Governor Mike Pence. "Through this new awareness effort, we aim to reach low-income Hoosiers and ensure they have the information necessary to take charge of their health and lead healthier lives."

To develop an advertising concept, state officials sought feedback from HIP 2.0 members and eligible potential members. The campaign focuses on the health benefits of HIP 2.0, underscoring its provision of preventive measures and medical services that traditionally have failed to reach people without coverage.

The Pence administration worked for months to secure the necessary waiver from the federal government that eventually enabled Indiana officials to reform Medicaid in the state by expanding the Healthy Indiana Plan to cover more uninsured Hoosiers.

Since Gov. Pence announced approval of HIP 2.0 in January, the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) has successfully administered the program — growing membership to more than 283,000 Hoosiers. Some 177,000 Hoosiers have been determined eligible since the program's launch in January. The state has received nearly 260,000 applications for health coverage, and its call centers have re-

ceived nearly 185,000 inquiries about HIP 2.0.

"Our team eagerly met the challenge to implement HIP 2.0 immediately," said John J. Wernert, M.D., FSSA secretary. "Now that the initial influx of new members has been processed, it's time to enter the next phase of our outreach efforts to continue to build awareness."

Agency leaders such as Dr. Wernert and other state officials have participated in more than 60 events across the state since HIP 2.0 was launched. Such events will continue to help educate community groups, residents, health care providers and stakeholders about the program.

More than 71 percent of enrolled HIP 2.0 members are participating in the HIP Plus program, which provides vision and dental benefits. HIP Plus also enables members to avoid copayments because they make monthly payments into a type of health savings account.

"As the ads say, the vision of HIP 2.0 has always been about helping Hoosiers purchase coverage so they can take better care of themselves and be there for their families," said Governor Pence. "And that's exactly what we're seeing happen with this program."

To view the HIP 2.0 TV commercial and/or listen to the radio spots that launch Monday, visit www.in.gov/fssa/hip/2497.htm

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



I've never really thought that cutting, raking, tedding, and baling hay was too much fun but a couple of weeks ago, thanks to Louie Carrico, Jerry, June, Bryan, Blake, Mary Lou, and good pizza, a very pleasant day was had by all. Thanks for a great visit, Louie, and I'm glad you enjoy More Neat Stuff. I think you will agree with most of the following:

SEEMINGLY NORMAL WORDS THAT MEAN SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT IN INDIANA

1. **RANCH** - To you, ranch is just a dressing you put on salad or a dip for your veggies. To a Hoosier, ranch is liquid gold. In the state of Indiana, we are convinced ranch can make anything taste better. A popular choice being pizza dipped in ranch.

2. **SANTA CLAUS** - To you, Santa Claus is just a jolly old fellow who brings you gifts once a year. In the state of Indiana, Santa Claus is a city, a winter wonderland, and home to one of the most exciting amusement parks there are.

3. **COLTS** - To you, a colt is a young male horse. In the state of Indiana, Colts is single handedly the best football team there is. Seriously. We would die for this team.

4. **PATRIOTS** - When you hear the word patriots, you think about the 4th of July. You think about fireworks and people who really love the USA. In Indiana, this isn't a word you ever hear. In fact, Hoosiers tend to think

about fire torches and pitchforks when they hear the word patriots. We consider this to be evil manifested in the form of a football team.

5. **HOOSIER** - No, we did not just start to ask "who's your daddy?" really fast. A Hoosier is someone who lives in Indiana and loves Indiana. We are Hoosiers. HEAR US ROAR.

6. **MANGOS AND GREEN PEPPERS** - Here's the thing.... Don't be surprised if you ask for a green pepper in Indiana and we hand you a mango (or vice versa). How do you know it isn't your state getting the names mixed up, hmm? Maybe Indiana has it right!

7. **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION** - Do what? You throw a Hoosier on a subway and you are going either going to see their eyes spin or fill with stars if they've only ever lived in Indiana. In Indiana we have a bus system, we drive ourselves, we walk, we ride bikes, we take a taxi, or we car pool. None of which we refer to as public transportation.

8. **DIFFERENT SEASONS** - In Indiana, the idea of there being different seasons is hilarious. We consider the weather to be more of an exciting game of chance. It can snow, rain, and creep to 100 degrees all in the same week. And you know what? We like it that way!

9. **TORNADO** - Most people see the word tornado and think, RUN AWAY! In Indiana, it is custom to grab a beer, sit out on the lawn, and watch the twister pass you by.

10. **CORNHOLE** - So, right now you are either saying "corn what??" or you know this phrase because people say "shut your cornhole or shove it up your cornhole". In Indiana, cornhole isn't a negative word at all. In fact, it is a really fun game to play during tailgating parties!

11. **CORN** - When you think of corn, you think of a delicious yellow vegetable on a cob. A vegetable you enjoy during a cook-out. In Indiana, corn is so much more than a vegetable. It is a scenery. Depending on what part of Indiana you are in, you can see corn fields for miles, and miles, and miles.

12. **DEER** - You probably think about Bambi when you think about deer. Such a cute little creature, right? Not in Indiana. In Indiana, these are obstacles strategically placed in the middle of the road to destroy your car. It is also extremely common for these creatures to dart out of nowhere at the last minute just to test your ability to brake or swerve out of the way.

13. **FRENCH LICK** - If you don't live in Indiana, you may not really be sure what to make of this. French Lick is actually the name of a town in Indiana. What did you think we were talking about?!

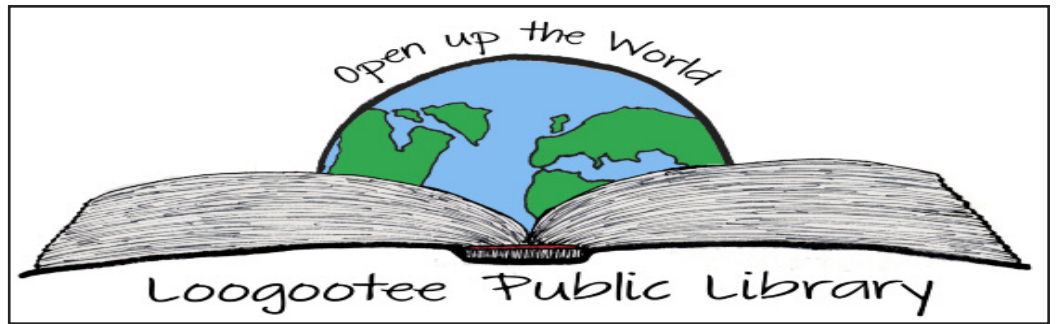
14. **LIGHTNING BUGS** - You may know them as fireflies, but that is not what we call them in Indiana. In Indiana, those nifty little bugs that light up as night are lightning bugs.

15. **SWEEPER** - You know that thing you call a vacuum? It is actually a sweeper in Indiana.

16. **TENDERLOIN** - To some people, a tenderloin is a cut of beef. In Indiana, it is a delicious piece of pork that has been breaded, deep fried, and served on bread. To some Hoosiers, tenderloin is just code word for "let's go to Mug 'N' Bun".

There you have it. The next time you have a conversation with someone from Indiana, you will be more prepared. Can you think of any other words or phrases only used in Indiana?

Make someone smile today!



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Recently, the library staff circulated a survey throughout the community. There were 63 completed surveys returned to the library. Our purpose was to gather information so we can provide the best service to the community. The survey questions were basic and required the individual to rate staff, collection, hours, and space. There were questions about our staff and the majority of people taking the survey were satisfied with the customer service they received. There was one question that asked for suggestions to improve the library and the majority of responses concluded the library needs more space. Some of the suggestions included adding computers, increase programming, increasing DVD and large print collection, plus starting a book club. All of these suggestions are considered but the lack of room within the library limits us to what services (collection) we can offer. Feedback from the survey provides much needed data that we will include in our five-year plan.

The library circulation for the month of May 2009-2015 (In 2009 the library switched to Evergreen Indiana):

2011 - 376
2012 - 873
2013 - 1,508
2014 - 1,589
2015 - 2,370
New Books

Mystery Fiction: "The Fixer" by Joseph Finder and "Charlie Martz and Other Stories" by Elmore Leonard.

Fiction: "Finders Keepers" by Stephen King, "All the Single Ladies" by Dorothea Benton Frank, "Blueprints" by BarBara Delinsky, "The Santangelos" by Jackie Collins, "The President's Shadow" by Brad Meltzer, "Country" by Danielle Steel, and "The Fateful Lightning" by Jeff Shaara.

Inspirational Fiction: "Refining Fire" by Tracie Peterson.

Non Fiction: "Target Israel" Tim LaHaye.

DVDs: "Paddington", "Still Alice", "50 To 1", "Wish You Well", "Black or White", "McFarland USA", "The Boys In The Striped Pajamas", "The Sponge Bob Movie", and "American Sniper".

The library hours are Monday and Tuesday 10-7, Wednesday closed, Thursday and Friday 10-5 and Saturday 9-1. The phone number is 812-295-3713 or check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

Calendar of Events

Chamber meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, June 24 at noon in Wendy's in Loogootee. Please arrive about 15 minutes before the meeting to order you lunch and have some time to network together.

Boy Scouts

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

Cub Scout meetings

For information on joining Cub Scouts, contact Bryan Adams at 295-6652 or 854-

7837.

SOAR Tutoring

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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. To find out how to become a member, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com.

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Martin County Community Learning Center on the fairgrounds.

Soil and Water meetings

The Martin County SWCD meets the third Monday of the month at the SWCD office located at Martin County Learning Center. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays except Thursdays when it is closed. Visit www.martinswcd.com or call at 295-3149.



EVERLYE (EVIE) JEFFERS

Baby girl . . .

Leighton, Ava, and Knox Jeffers are proud to announce the birth of their baby sister, Everlye (Evie) Jeffers. She was born on April 30, 2015, at 11:50 p.m. at Jasper Memorial Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds and was 20 inches long. Evie is the daughter of Josh and Lacy Jeffers, of Loogootee. Maternal grandparents are Skip and Valerie O'Brien and Steve and Mariane Fisher. Maternal great-grandparents are the late Ralph and Ava Nonte and the late Max and Jean Fisher. Paternal grandparents are Dave and Cindy Ritchey and Mike and Cami Jeffers. Paternal great-grandparents are the late Bill Jeffers and Deane Jeffers and the late Lum and Virginia Canada

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First graders put their noses in a book

Martin County SOAR presented “Put Your Name In A Book” program again this year on May 15. The Shoals and Loogootee first grade students were presented with red noses and the book “Magic School Bus Gets Recycled”. Mayor Noel Harty read “The Bernstein Bears and Too Much Teasing” at the Shoals Elementary. Mayor Noel Harty, Martin County SOAR Treasurer Kip Trotter and volunteer Patty Paul were the readers of “The Bernstein Bears and Too Much Teasing” at Loogootee. Each reader

conducted a short discussion on teasing and the message presented in the book.

The volunteers helping at both elementary schools were Beverly McIntosh, Kip Trotter, Patty Paul and Shirley Wagner. Courtney Hughett volunteered at Shoals and Mark Ellis, John Lannan, and Judy Yarnell were Loogootee’s volunteers.

Martin County SOAR hopes that the program will encourage young students to spend some of their summer hours “putting their nose in a book”.



-Photos provided

Shown above on the left is SOAR Treasurer Kip Trotter reading to students at Loogootee Elementary. In the photo on the right is Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty reading to Shoals First Graders.

Lady Rox Girls’ Basketball Summer Clinics

The Shoals girls’ summer basketball clinics will be held June 22-26 in the new gym, for students who will be in grades third through eighth during the 2015-16 school year.

The cost is \$15 per player and the cost includes a t-shirt. Make checks payable to Tim Sanders. No child will be denied participation due to being unable to afford the fee.

Third and fourth graders will meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Fifth through eighth graders will meet Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Please fill out the form below and bring it to the first day of the clinic, or mail to: Tim Sanders, 13367 Chicken Farm Road, Shoals, IN 47581.

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Player’s Name _____

Emergency Phone Number _____

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I do hereby waive, release, and discharge the Shoals School system, coaches, staff, and employees, of and from any and all rights and claims for damage resulting from injury of my child’s person or property, associated with participation in the Shoals Lady Rox Girls Basketball clinics. We, the Parent/Guardian agree to this waiver and release.

Parent/Guardian name (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Date _____ Contact phone number _____

CPR training now being offered online

Four out of five cardiac arrests happen at home. Are you prepared with CPR if a loved one suffers a cardiac emergency? The American Heart Association is making CPR training more accessible by offering online training!

To get started, go to the website, www.onlineAHA.org and select “Course Catalog” to find the appropriate course. Once the online portion is complete, print the certificate and call Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center’s Health and Wellness staff at (812) 996-2399 to schedule a skills evaluation and

complete your certification. The skill evaluations are scheduled for 30 to 60 minutes and are offered for BLS for Health Care Providers, Heartsaver® CPR with AED, and Heartsaver® First Aid CPR with AED.

Cost for the skills evaluations portion is \$30 and will be located in the Health and Wellness Classroom at Memorial Southside Office, 1100 West 12th Avenue in Jasper. For more information, call Memorial Hospital’s Health and Wellness department at (812) 996-2399 or toll free at (800) 852-7273, ext. 2399.

LHS Tennis girls receive honors

On Thursday, May 28, the Loogootee High School Girls Tennis Team held their annual awards dinner. This year’s event was held at the home of senior Erin Nelson. Emily Bateman received the Most Valuable Player Award. Emily finished the year with a record of 14-4 at #1 singles. Katie Sims received the Most Improved Player Award. As a freshmen, Katie posted a record of 14-4 at #3 singles. Breanna Hollaway received the Mental Attitude Award.

On Wednesday, June 3, Emily Bateman was named to the District 7 All District Singles Team. On Wednesday, June 10, Emily

Bateman was named to the Blue Chip All Conference Singles Team. Emily had a 4-2 conference record. Katie Sims was named All Conference Honorable Mention. She posted a 5-1 record at #3 singles. The #1 doubles team of Eden Jenkins and Ashley Lindauer were named All Conference Honorable Mention. They posted a 4-2 conference record and finished the season with an overall record of 13-5.

On Saturday, June 13, Emily Bateman was named All-State Honorable Mention at a meeting held at the state finals at Park Tudor High School.

Dubois County foundations support EMT training

Three local foundations have joined forces to increase the number of Emergency Medical Technicians trained at Vincennes University’s Jasper Campus. The Dubois County Community Foundation, the Memorial Hospital Foundation, and the VUJC Foundation have awarded grants to help students achieve EMT certification.

The Emergency Medical Services and fire departments in Dubois and neighboring counties are experiencing a severe shortage of qualified EMTs and paramedics. The cost of the training that a candidate must cover has been a significant deterrent to those who would be interested in enrolling.

These grants will significantly reduce the cost that must be borne by the individual.

Suzan Henke, director of the Dubois County Emergency Medical Service, said, “This program provides a win-win situation for everyone. The opportunity to train area

fire fighters to become certified Emergency Medical Technicians fills class space and provides the much needed area workforce.

Additionally, and perhaps most importantly, it provides the community with a valuable level of patient care on a first-response level.”

“The partnership of the three local foundations provided the opportunity to address an important need in our area,” said Nona Baker, program director for the Dubois County Community Foundation.

The Basic EMT class will be offered in the coming fall semester, starting August 24, meeting two evenings per week. Interested residents can contact the Admissions Office at VUJC, 812-482-3030. Applicants will be given an opportunity to apply for financial aid as part-time students and assessed to determine their readiness for college-level work.

Report: Indiana retains A-level performance in advanced manufacturing, logistics

Indiana is among the nation’s elite in manufacturing, logistics, tax climate and global reach, says a new report from Ball State University and Conexus Indiana.

The 2015 Manufacturing and Logistics Report Card, issued by Conexus Indiana, the state’s advanced manufacturing and logistics initiative, and Ball State’s Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER), found that Indiana has been leading the nation in these key industrial sectors for the last seven years.

“Indiana successfully withstood the Great Recession and is making amazing strides in expanding its manufacturing and logistics sectors,” said Michael Hicks, director of CBER and the George and Frances Ball Distinguished Professor of Economics at Ball State. “We have witnessed major investments to expand manufacturing and logistics operations across the state in recent years, including hundreds of millions of dollars by General Motors in Fort Wayne, Chrysler/Fiat in Kokomo, Honda in Greensburg, Toyota in Princeton, and Subaru in Lafayette.”

Indiana’s manufacturing health has earned an A for the last seven years, and for five consecutive years, the state has rated an A in logistics health. Both Indiana’s global reach and its tax climate maintained A grades for the seventh consecutive year. All four categories are key components for businesses seeking to move or expand.

The nine categories in the national report card are the most likely issues site selection experts scrutinize, and Indiana maintained or improved its scores in all but one. Worker benefit costs have decreased slightly but remain higher than the national average.

Both benefits and human capital categories are likely topics for debate and policy development in the next General Assembly, Hicks said.

Indiana’s scores in both expected fiscal gap and productivity and innovation continued their three-year improvement, with slightly better than average B- grades in each. Still, the state outscored its neighbors Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin in the fiscal category, and only Michigan earned an A in productivity and innovation.

“We are proud that Indiana continues to lead the Midwest and most of the nation in the 21st century manufacturing and logistics sectors,” said Steven Dwyer, president and chief executive officer of Conexus Indiana. “Conexus Indiana’s vision of Indiana as the

recognized global leader in advanced manufacturing and logistics grows closer each year, as we catalyze the efforts of industry partners and promote better understanding of these sectors to the state’s economic future.”

Hicks provides an analysis of why Indiana’s progress in manufacturing and logistics bodes well for Hoosiers in the companion study The Myth and the Reality of Manufacturing in America.

“There are major misunderstandings among the public and the media about the manufacturing sector,” he said. “The U.S. manufacturing base is not in decline, and we have recovered from the recession. Nor are jobs being outsourced because American manufacturing can’t compete internationally. Moreover new jobs in manufacturing pay well above the average wage.”

The study notes that the Great Recession had lost its stranglehold by 2014, when U.S. manufacturers attained record levels of production.

“Overall, only 13 percent of lost jobs over the past decade, which are less than 4 percent of all manufacturing jobs, can be linked to international trade and most of trade related job losses are in low productivity sectors,” Hicks said. “Changes in productivity, domestic demand and foreign trade all impact manufacturing employment in the U.S., and it’s important to clarify those impacts in order to understand what is happening in the manufacturing and logistics industries.”

Dwyer points out that graduates are already emerging from targeted programs armed with industry-recognized credentials that enable them to move directly into skilled positions with some of the state’s most sought-after employers in automotive, aerospace, biosciences, pharmaceuticals and other high-tech sectors.

This comes when baby boom generation retirees are leaving behind good, well-paying jobs in those sectors, and younger workers are filling those jobs at an unprecedented rate. Recent new hire salaries averaged \$20.06 per hour — almost \$42,000 a year. As millennials move into the workforce, wage gaps between new and existing jobs are primarily age- and tenure-related, he said.

“The Myth and the Reality study points out that sustainable manufacturing employment growth requires high levels of human capital with the appropriate educational skills,” Dwyer said.