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Shown above on the left is John Drake, Martin County Community Foundation Board Member, presenting a \$4,000 check to Ernie Martin, Loogootee High School, on the right. The grant money was awarded to Martin for a 3D printer for the engineering and tech lab at the high school.

LHS receives funds for 3D printer

On Monday March 17, John Drake of the Martin County Community Foundation presented a \$4,000 check to Loogootee High School for the purchase of a Stratasy 3 Dimensional Printer

According to Ernie Martin-Loogootee Jr-Sr High School Engineering and Tech Lab Teacher "3D Printing is essential skill that many tech jobs in the near future will require."

The grant was awarded to the Loogootee Jr/Sr High School Engineering & Tech Lab last year during the 2013 Martin County Community Foundation Grant Cycle.

The MCCF Board of Directors is comprised of volunteers from the community

committed to making Martin County a better place for future generations. Select board members and Martin County community representatives comprise the Grants Committee.

The Martin County Community Foundation is a public charity recognized by the IRS as a 501 (c)(3) whose mission is to responsibly take in endowed funds and provide grants to worthwhile projects, improving the quality of life in Martin County and enhancing the value of the foundation to the community. For information on giving back to Martin County through the Community Foundation contact Executive Director Jason T. Jones at (812) 295-1022 or at mccf@rtccom.net.

Howard's new book focuses on Lost River

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Local author Carolyn Howard has recently published her second book, Faith Healer's Daughter, the first in a series about families living in Lost River in Martin County. The books are based on actual events.

Howard made a name for herself locally when she published "Blood of My Ancestor" in 2012, a story of the Lyon and Goldsberry families of Martin County and the tragic death of one of the story's main characters, Adaline Cannon. Adaline was Howard's great aunt which is what compelled her to write the story.

Faith Healer's Daughter the Lost River Saga tells the story of four people, their lives, and how those lives intertwined. Those four people were Liza Stanfield, Albey Qualkenbush, John Ritter, and Dr. William Bowles. Faith Healer's Daughter is the first installment in that series, based on a true story from events that occurred in southern Indiana in the 1840s.

In Faith Healer's Daughter, Howard is not related to the families in the book but became intrigued by their story. After watching and commenting on a YouTube video about The Archer Gang, Howard met Phil Tomlinson, who ended up becoming her critical editor and research assistant. Tomlinson is related to the subjects in "Faith

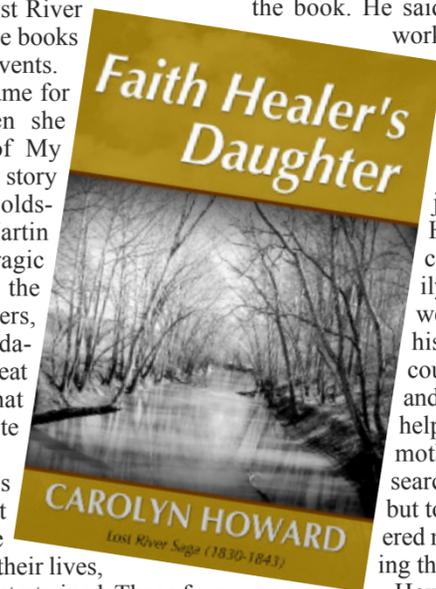
Healer's Daughter" – two of the main characters are his great grandparents. He is also related to a few other minor people mentioned in the book.

Tomlinson said he read Howard's first book and then found the Facebook page for the book. He said he knew Howard was

working on her next book but was having trouble with the research. He said he had been working on his family's genealogy and, more as a joke, put the link on Howard's page saying she could write about his family if she wanted to. A few weeks later Howard called his bluff and asked if she could write about his family and if he would be willing to help her. Tomlinson said his mother had done some research before he met Howard but together they have uncovered much, much more in writing the book.

Howard said she gave Tomlinson a lot of say in the book including renaming the characters. He was involved in the process the entire way, reading drafts of the book and looking over Carolyn's research. He said, however, that there is a lot he still doesn't know, including what will be written in the next volumes of the saga. As far as working with Howard, Tomlinson said, "It's been a real pleasure. I've had so much fun."

Howard said that any person's life, if they led one of interest, can fill an entire book. In this case, she said five or more may end (See 'HOWARD' continued on page 2)



Three generations of ladies attend Hoosier Girls State over 50-year span

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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50 years ago, in 1964, Clydea (Baker) Jones, representing Shoals High School, was chosen to attend Hoosier Girls State. 20 years later, Clydea's daughter Michelle (Jones) DeFord also went to Hoosier Girls State representing Shoals High School. Now, this year, 30 years later Clydea's granddaughter and Michelle's daughter, Darby DeFord will be going, representing Owen Valley High School in Spencer. Three generations spanning 50 years.

Hoosier Girls State is a program designed to teach young ladies the meaning of citizenship. Girls spend a week living and learning the political system through a "pretend" city, county and state. Girls are chosen by their American Legion Auxiliary Unit as delegates from their school. Once girls arrive, they are assigned to one of two political parties – Federalist or Nationalist. The girls learn the political party structure and each files for an elective office and then campaigns. Once elected, they serve in that office. Girls chosen must be enrolled in an

Indiana high school or certified home school as a junior, be in the upper half of her class academically, and be sponsored by an American Legion Auxiliary Unit. The girls should also be interested in government, have leadership abilities, be honest and possess good character.

Clydea said she doesn't remember what she ran for during her time at State 50 years ago but knows she wasn't elected. While she didn't go on to run for real public office in her adult years, she did work in the courthouse for the assessor and clerk.

During Michelle's time at State, in 1984, she ran for the office of mayor and won. Michelle said her experience was wonderful. "I learned a lot about the political process I did not know and made lots of special friendships with girls all over Indiana," she said. Michelle didn't go into politics as an adult but did work summers in the clerk's office for then-clerk Carolyn McGuire.

Darby said she may run for sheriff or possibly even governor. She said she spoke to a friend who attended State in the past and ran for sheriff. Darby thought the campaign (See 'STATE' continued on page 2)



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Shown above, from left to right, are Michelle (Jones) DeFord, Darby DeFord, and Clydea (Baker) Jones. All three generations of ladies were chosen to attend Hoosier Girls State while they were juniors in high school.

GET OUTDOORS

Because Reality TV Is Still Just TV

DAVIESS-MARTIN JOINT COUNTY
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

WEST BOGGS PARK

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HOWARD

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up being published about these families from Lost River.

Howard began researching Faith Healer's Daughter soon after her last book was published, in November of 2012. She lists more than 150 sources that she used to help write the story. Seven months later, in May of 2013, she started putting the book together. She continued to research as she wrote.

Howard said she feels that her skill in storytelling is getting better – becoming more mature. She said Faith Healer's Daughter contains many more descriptions and moves at a slower pace. She said she also worked very hard to keep herself out of the story.

One difference in "Faith" compared to her last book is politics. One of the main characters in the book, William Bowles, is in politics, which Howard said is not her strong suit, especially politics of the 1840s. "I studied in depth the attitude of the country of that time period and I believe I did a good job writing from my characters' perspectives. I had to study the life of Indiana Governor James Whitcomb, the history of Indianapolis as well as read journals from the proceedings of the state legislature," she said.

She said she also had to write about slavery from a southerner's point of view. Since part of her story takes the reader to New Orleans, Howard said she spent six weeks studying the history of Louisiana. "I spent another several weeks after that studying slavery in Louisiana in the 1840s as well as how sugar plantations were run," she said.

Howard said she also got a lot of help from Neal Sheetz, who helped her learn about pioneer living, and her copy editor, Tina Sizemore.

As of today, Faith Healer's Daughter is only available in e-book download but paperback copies will be available for order any day. To download a digital copy, you can visit www.amazon.com or www.bn.com. Carolyn will have some pa-

perback copies of Faith Healer's Daughter at a book signing she will be doing at The Candy Mill on Friday, April 4 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Candy Mill is located at 108 Mill Street in Loogootee, behind Gasoline Alley. Howard will also have copies of her first book, "Blood of My Ancestor" available for purchase.

She will also host an open house at The Normandy Arms' Community Center, 600 Normandy Drive in Evansville on Saturday afternoon, April 26 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Howard has already begun to work on volume two of the saga. Faith Healer's Daughter covers the years 1830-1843. The next volume will cover the years 1844-1848. The entire saga, once all the books are published, will cover the years 1830-1922. "My four main characters from Lost River Saga are so interesting, I felt I owed them several volumes to fully tell their life stories," she said.

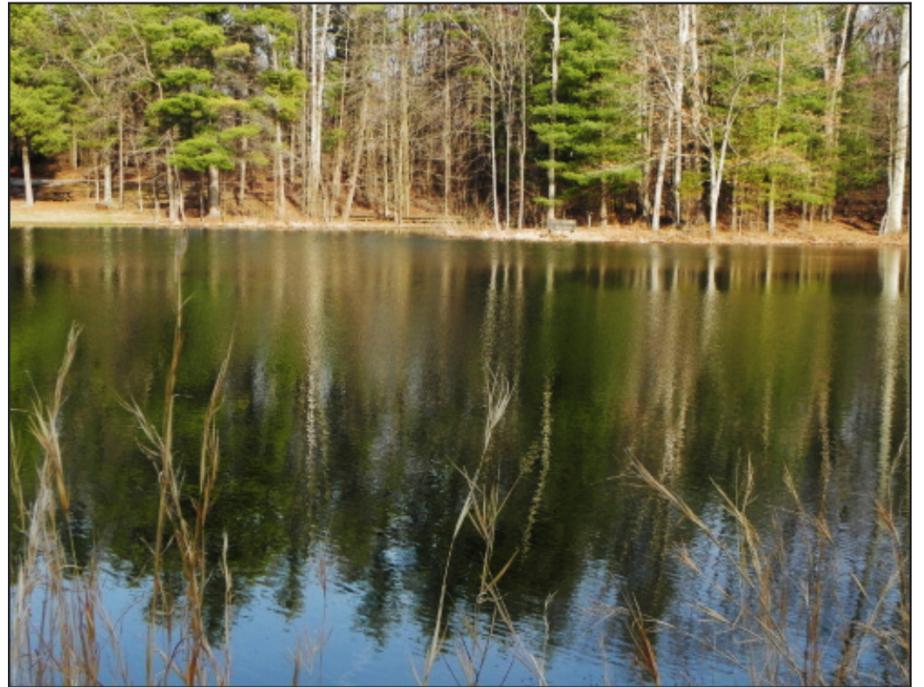
Carolyn was born in Monticello, Indiana and moved to Evansville with her parents in 1977 where she still lives today. She studied music at the University of Evansville and is a full-time musician who teaches private music lessons and serves as the Director of Music at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. She has one daughter, Stephanie.

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sounded interesting and even got ideas for her own campaign. Before she gets there though, Darby may go for the "big one" and run for governor. She said she has no plans to go into politics after her schooling is over but after attending State, she could change her mind. Right now, Darby wants to go to medical school and become a surgeon. Darby is also the daughter of Wally DeFord.

This year's Hoosier Girls State will be held at Trine University in Angola from June 22-28. More information on the program can be found at www.hoosiergirlsstate.org.



Signs of green

-Photo by Misty McKibben

Spring may not last very long this year and it feels like it will never officially get here with snow in the forecast again later this week. But the beauty of everything coming back to life is worth the wait.

Spring is Coming

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Martin County Humane Society's

4TH ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION

Saturday, April 12 at Loogootee High School Cafeteria

Dinner from 4-7 p.m. Live Auction starts at 7 p.m.

Items to be in the auction so far include:

Duck Dynasty - autographed photo of Duck Commander men
Coney Island Sunlite Pool & Classic Rides Cincinnati - (4) tickets
Evansville Purple Aces - (4) tickets to a men's basketball home game
Mesker Park Zoo & Botanical Garden - (4) tickets
Holiday World - (2) tickets
Sybaris Pool Suites - (2) package discount certificates
Columbus (Ohio) Zoo & Aquarium - (4) passes, 2 adult, 2 child
Big Splash Adventure Water Park - (7) tickets
Martin County Journal - One year of service directory ads
Printing Express - 500 business cards
White Steamer - (2) \$10 gift cards
Bill Whorral - large painting
Walt Disney World (Orlando) (4) theme park tickets
The Lodge of Loogootee - (4) \$50 gift certificates
Gasthof Amish Village - one night's stay at Gasthof Village Inn
Laurie's Flowers & Gifts - \$50 gift certificate
The Bodyshop Gym - One month membership
Greene's Body Shop - \$50 gift certificate & (5) t-shirts
Muffler Menders - drill
Williams Bros. Pharmacy - \$20 gift card
Pizza Junction - 16-inch two-topping pizza
Martin County Video - 30-day exercise & (2) movie rentals
Blake Hi-Y Car Wash - (2) car wash certificates
KRB Vending - \$50 gift certificate

Kentucky Kingdom & Hurricane Bay - (4) tickets
West Boggs Park - (1) 2014 gate pass
KRB Vending \$50 gift card
Wendy's Loogootee - (2) combo meals & (6) junior frosty's
Carquest Shoals - jumper cables
Builders Best - drill
Liz's Ceramics - stone cat plaque
Mattingly Feed Store - (1) bag dog food & (1) bag bird seed
Indianapolis Indians - (4) tickets to April or May game
Erin Like, Scentsy - Scentsy gift basket
Indiana University - autographed photo of IU Volleyball Coach Sherry Dunbar
Greenwell Hardware folding jab saw/utility knife & fixed blade knife
Here's Your Design - \$50 off a \$100 purchase
Jones Marathon - \$25 gift card
Bender Lumber - (2) Quikrete concrete floor painting kits
Paul's Snapper - gas can
AMC Theatres - (6) movie passes
Denny's - (2) \$8 gift certificates
Grandy's Jasper - (2) \$6 gift certificates
Lori Street - (2) paintings
Late Show with David Letterman - (2) tickets to a taping
St. Louis Cardinals - (2) tickets
Wallace Vet Clinic - (4) packages of flea & tick medicine for dogs
The Nutro Company - Coupon for bag of dog food & bag of treats

Indiana Beach - (4) Funday tickets
Loughmiller Machine, Tool & Design - camp fire ring
Indiana Ice - (4) tickets
Indianapolis Zoo - (2) tickets and (1) parking pass
Cincinnati Reds - (4) view level or (2) terrace line seats
Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra - (2) tickets to a Pop or Classical Concert Series
Mutts Comics - autographed Mutt comic by Patrick McDonnell
Kong - dog toys/treats gift basket
Walton's Greenhouse - plant
Washington Times-Herald - 6-month subscription
French Lick Indoor Karting - (2) races
Indianapolis 500 - (2) shirts, (1) hat, (1) umbrella, (1) poster, (4) shot glasses, (2) glass ornaments
West End Flower Shop, Bedford - IU plaque & cat memorial stone
Wildtree (Christine Marley) - (2) gift baskets
Joe Gibbs Racing - (2) t-shirts
Indiana State University - (4) tickets to a men's home game
Leann Acton-Anderson - "Movie night" gift basket
Chicago Cubs - (2) tickets to game vs. Cincinnati Reds
The Candy Mill - candy gift basket
King's Island - (2) tickets
Full Out Tumble & Cheer - one month of free classes
Goodies for all Occasions/Jennifer Wagler - \$25 gift certificate

Have something to donate? Call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com or message us on facebook!

Dinner menu: Hamburger or hot dog, cole slaw, potato salad, chips, drinks and dessert for just \$5!
Our new t-shirt will be available for purchase too!

OBITUARIES

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DOROTHY HOLT

Dorothy L. Holt, formerly of Shoals, died at 8:20 a.m. on Thursday, March 20, 2014 at the Loogootee Health Care and Rehab Center in Loogootee. A resident of Loogootee, she was 86.

She was born September 20, 1927 in Lawrence County; the daughter of William and Elsie (Rainey) Inman.

She was a homemaker and attended Shoals Holiness Church. She enjoyed gardening and spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by four sons, Larry Dean and wife, Debbie Holt; Donald and wife, Shirley Holt, both of Shoals; Ronald and wife, Susan Holt, of Loogootee; and Ed and wife, Jackie Holt, of Shoals; five sisters, Laveda Kelsey of Franklin, Mary Lacory and Jane Cavney, both of Indianapolis; Fern Doty of Bowling Green, Kentucky; and Neva Myrtle of Kansas City, Kansas; one brother, Glen Inman of Bedford; 11 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, William and Elsie (Rainey) Inman; three brothers, David, Denny and Carl Inman; one daughter, Sally Holt; and one sister, Lois Knight.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 22 at Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals.

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

ELIZABETH CLARK

Elizabeth Mae Clark passed away March 18, 2014. A resident of Indianapolis, she was 92.



She was born May 16, 1921 in Shoals; the daughter of Thomas and Amy Walters.

She worked as a nanny for the Stuhldreher Family, at Allison Transmission during WWII, and as an LPN for HAC. After retiring from HAC in 1980, she spent her time volunteering in nursing homes and as a tutor in schools. She was a Sunday School Teacher at Crestview Christian Church. Mae was a member of Castlevue Baptist Church in Indianapolis.

She is survived by her sons, Don Harold (Sherry) Daubenspeck and Jon Richard Daubenspeck; step-daughters, Sue (Craig) Thomson and Diana (Suzanne Rogers) Clark; grandchildren, Diane E. Daubenspeck (Jeff) Brown, Richard E. Daubenspeck, Richard W. Daubenspeck, Patti M. (Daubenspeck) Creech, Jon C. (Ashley) Daubenspeck, Kevin J. Daubenspeck, Ty (Heather) Thomson, and Colin (Heather) Thomson; 16 great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild, many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. The funeral service was held Saturday, March 22 at Flanner and Buchanan, Carmel.

Those who wish to express condolences to the family, or sign the guest registry may do so by visiting www.flannerbuchanan.com.

HELEN R. GOOTEE

Helen R. (Colvin) Gootee passed away at 9:34 a.m. Saturday, March 22, 2014 at Washington Nursing Center. A resident of Montgomery, she was 94.

She was born September 10, 1919, in Corning; the daughter of Charles L. and Agatha A. (Fields) McDonald. She attended Reeve Township schools and St. Mary of the Woods High School. She worked as a cook for Barr-Reeve schools for 22 years. She loved to cook and especially baking pies before she became ill. She was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church, St. Peter Altar Society.

She is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Ruth and Leo Barley of Cannelburg; son-in-law, Don Mattingly of Loogootee; six grandchildren, Chris Clark, Debbie Bar-



HELEN GOOTEE

ley, Leo Barley Jr., Mike Mattingly, Diana Beckman, and Kim Downs; 13 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren

She is preceded in death by her first husband, John Colvin, on April 3, 1978; her second husband, Edward Gootee, on January 20, 1991; one son Michael Colvin; one daughter, Nancy Mattingly; two sisters, Mildred Brothers and Irene Harden; and one brother, Joe McDonald.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated this morning, Wednesday, March 26 at St. Peter Catholic Church, with Rev. James Koresse as celebrant. Burial followed in St. Peter Cemetery.

Ed Lee Mortuary was in charge of arrangements. Memorial donations may be given to St. Peter Cemetery, P.O. Box 10, Montgomery, IN 47558. Condolences may be sent the family online at www.edleemortuary.com.

JIMMIE LUEBKE

Jimmie Sue Luebke died Saturday, March 22, 2014 at Hillside Manor Nursing Home in Washington. A resident of Montgomery, she was 84.

She was born April 4, 1929 in Florence Alabama; the daughter of George Mackey and Bessie Miller. On July 26, 1945 she married Richard Luebke and he preceded her death on July 3, 1998.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed working in her garden planting flowers and vegetables, cooking and baking and embroidering. Also, she was an Indianapolis Colts and Pacers fan.

She is survived by three daughters, Leia Lona and husband John Cathey of Jacksonville, Florida; Francelia Dillon of Washington, and Cindy Granger of Vincennes; two sons, Barry and wife Mary Jane Luebke of Montgomery and Joseph Luebke and partner, Tom Wright, of Washington, DC; daughter-in-law, Mrs. Dennis (Cece) Luebke of New Harmony; five sisters, Betty Jane Howard of Sebring, Florida; Charlene Wright of Birmingham, Alabama; Jonella Prestridge of Florence, Alabama; Feonia Lannan who she raised of Loogootee, and Marshall Ann Taylor of Florence, Alabama; one brother, David Miller of Chicago, Illinois; 15 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, George Mackey and Bessie Miller and one son, Dennis Luebke.

Funeral services will be conducted this morning, Wednesday, March 26 at Brocksmith-Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery. Burial followed in St. Martin's Catholic Cemetery in Whitfield.

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

LINDA CLIFTON

Linda Dianne Clifton, formerly of Shoals, passed away Friday, March 21, 2014 at 9:20 a.m. at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 62. She was surrounded by her loving family at her passing.



LINDA CLIFTON

She was a graduate of Shoals High School and was employed 15 years as an associate of Jasper Walmart. She was a member of the Shoals American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary Aerie #2442 and Shoals V.F.W. Auxiliary.

She is survived by five sons, Michael Wayne Clifton of Shoals, David Shane Lents of Shoals, Jason Todd and Mary Lents of Shoals, Brian Eugene and Toni Clifton of Shoals, Cory Lee Lents and Devin Dorsett

of Shoals; companion, Mike McLaughlin of Loogootee, 13 grandchildren, one great-grandson, one sister, Brenda McCauley of Shoals; and one brother, Chad Erwin of Jasper.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Donald and Michael Erwin and sister, Norma Erwin.

A funeral service was conducted Tuesday, March 25 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Online condolences can be made at www.queenlee.com.

MARGARET HENDRIX

Margaret June Hendrix passed away March 20, 2014 at Medco Health and Rehabilitation in French Lick. A resident of French Lick, she was 91.



She was born June 11, 1922 in Martin County (near Rusk); the daughter of Noah Kerns and Ollie "Jones" Kerns. She also had a twin sister, Blume. She married Kenneth Hendrix on March 7, 1943, and he preceded her in death on December 21, 1991. To this union was born a son,

Kern, and a daughter, Dianne. She and Kenneth enjoyed their farming and Angus cattle. June loved working in her garden, flowers and sewing. They were 4-H leaders for many years.

She was a faithful member of the Powell Valley Church, former member of the W.S.C.S. and held many offices in the church. She was also a member of the Powell Valley Home Extension Club for more than 50 years and a member of the Flower and Garden Club. Her door was always open and she enjoyed all the activities and fellowship with family and friends.

She is survived by one son, Kern and Beverly Hendrix of West Lafayette; one daughter, Dianne and David Butler Shoals; five grandchildren, Darin and Drew Butler, Blair and Brent Hendrix, and Stephanie "Hendrix" Kennedy; four step-grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, Jessica, Kayla and Kaden Butler; Dallas, Jakob and Audra Hendrix; and Savannah, Grace and Rocco Kennedy; seven step-great-grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four sisters, Essie Mae Harder, Grace Fuhrman, Mary Harder and Blume Sher-

Indiana consumers to begin receiving \$2.6M in refunds from e-book antitrust case

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller announced electronic book customers will receive refunds beginning Tuesday as a result of a multi-state price-fixing case involving five major U.S. publishers.

About 370,000 Indiana e-book buyers will receive more than \$2.6 million in refunds over the next three days as a result of settlements reached between the publishers and 33 state attorneys general, including Indiana. Refund amounts will range from about \$0.73 to \$3.17 per e-book, with the higher amounts for those on the New York Times best seller list.

"Customers were ultimately the ones harmed by the decision made by Apple and these publishers to set e-book prices in order to knock out competition," Zoeller said. "Many states and the federal government worked diligently together to hold the parties responsible and ensure consumers were refunded."

In 2012, the U.S. Department of Justice and 33 states filed lawsuits against Apple Inc., Hachette Book Group Inc., HarperCollins Publishers L.L.C., Penguin Group (USA) Inc., Simon & Schuster Inc., and Holtzbrinck Publishers LLC d/b/a Macmillan over allegations the companies conspired to artificially raise the retail prices of e-books. In July of 2013, Apple Inc. was found to have violated antitrust laws, and the company is currently appealing the decision. The U.S. District Court for the



VIOLET HOVIS

fick; and five brothers, Ollis, Homer, Oscar, Alton and Bert Kerns.

The funeral service was held Monday, March 24 at "The Church" at Powell Valley in Shoals. Officiating were Randy Stevens, Chris Stevens, and Wayne Pendley. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery in

Shoals.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to "The Church" at Powell Valley c/o Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home, P.O. Box 50, French Lick, Indiana 47432 or to the Medco Health and Rehabilitation Activities Department at 457 South State Road 145, French Lick, Indiana 47432.

Arrangements were handled by Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home in French Lick. Condolences may be made on their Facebook page, Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home, or at their website www.brosmer-kemplefuneralhome.com.

VIOLET HOVIS

Violet Virginia (Miller) Hovis passed away Monday, March 24, 2014 at 1:10 a.m. at the Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 87.

She was born April 16, 1926 in Muncie; the daughter of Odie and Clysta (Stanley) Miller. She married Clyde Hovis on July 19, 1947 and he preceded her in death on August 28, 1997.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Truelove United Methodist Church.

She is survived by two sons, James Clyde and Brenda Hovis of Oakland City and Dale Wayne and Terri Hovis of Washington; one brother, Donald O. Miller of Cannelburg; three grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, 17 step great-grandchildren, and eight step great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Clyde Hovis; one brother, Glen Miller; one sister Vera Carrico; one grandson, and one step-granddaughter.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 27 until the hour of service at 11 a.m. at Lee Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial will be in Goodwill Cemetery.

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

Southern District of New York approved the settlements with the publishers in December of 2013.

Overall, 23 million e-book customers nationwide will receive more than \$166 million as a result of these multi-state settlements.

The refund amount will be applied either as an account credit or made out in the form of a check, and will be based on the number of eligible e-books a consumer purchased between April 1, 2010 and May 21, 2012. Whether a consumer receives a credit or check depends on the retailer through which the e-book was purchased:

Amazon, Apple, Barnes & Noble, Kobo or Sony: These consumers should have received email notice from the retailer or from the settlement claims administrator, advising how to use or activate credits in their current accounts. Sony customers should have received email notice from the administrator which is also responsible for dispersing refund checks.

Google or any other retailer: These consumers were required to file a claim form by October 21, 2013, in order to receive a check from the administrator.

All eligible consumers could have requested to receive a check by the administrator if they filed a "check request" by October 21, 2013. For more information on the settlements visit www.ebooksagsettlements.com.

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

9:30 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle in Loogootee.

3:20 p.m. - Received a report of a civil disturbance in Shoals.

4:17 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute.

6:14 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

8:01 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

2:45 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down and across the roadway on Red

School Road. Shoals Volunteer Fire Department responded and removed the debris from the roadway.

3:21 p.m. - Received a report of a personal injury accident on U.S. 231 North.

8:15 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute.

MONDAY, MARCH 17

1:12 a.m. - Received a report of a subject blowing a whistle and screaming in Shoals. Deputy Harmon responded subject advised she had ran someone off her property.

10:16 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

3:41 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute.

3:52 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 South.

8:55 p.m. - Received a report of a structure fire in Shoals. Shoals Volunteer Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance service responded.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

3:52 a.m. - Received a report of a grass fire in Shoals. Shoals Volunteer Fire Department responded.

9:48 a.m. - Received a report of a smoke smell inside a residence in Shoals. Shoals Volunteer Fire Department responded.

3:45 p.m. - Received a report of identity theft.

5:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

8:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

6:30 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down and across the roadway on Butler Bridge Road.

5:00 p.m. - Received a report of a civil dispute.

6:29 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

1:42 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

11:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

3:21 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire on Windom Road. Shoals Volunteer Fire Department and Lost River Volunteer Fire Department responded.

3:24 p.m. - Received a report of a personal injury accident on U.S. 231 S.

5:45 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

5:30 a.m. - Received a report of a per-

sonal injury accident on U.S. 231 North.

5:23 p.m. - Received a report of a fire on Woody Road. Indian Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, and Shoals Volunteer Fire Department responded.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

6:20 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 N.

8:37 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

1:10 p.m. - Received a report of a prowler in Loogootee.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

12:40 a.m. - Received a report of a personal injury accident on Hwy 150 near Asbel Road. Shoals Fire, Lost River Fire, Martin County Ambulance, Marshal Eckert, and Deputy Harmon responded. Subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital by Martin County Ambulance.

4:00 a.m. - Received a report of a grass fire on Dover Hill Road. A Loogootee officer responded and advised residents they had to monitor the controlled burn.

8:56 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Scenic Hill Road. Martin County Ambulance transported subject to St Vincent Dunn Hospital.

11:09 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Loogootee Nursing Center. Martin County Ambulance transported subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:14 p.m. - Received a report of a car/deer accident near the Jug Rock on Highway 50. Deputy Nolan responded.

10:10 p.m. - Received a report of a flue fire on State Road 450. Shoals Fire, Williams Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and civil defense responded.

MONDAY, MARCH 24

5:54 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute on Ironton Road. Martin County Chief Deputy Dant responded.

Loogootee Police Department log

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

5:39 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

8:46 p.m. - First responders were requested for a medical problem in Sunset Trailer Court.

10:05 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

10:49 a.m. - Caller reported harassment.

6:54 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out for lift assist.

7:56 p.m. - Caller reported the CSX arms down at the railroad tracks.

9:19 p.m. - Officer Nolan transported a male for an emergency detention.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

5:01 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang-up in Redwing Trailer Court.

3:34 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out

to a vehicle accident on US 231.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

7:15 a.m. - Caller reported problems with her daughter.

11:30 a.m. - A male came on station to report his daughter as a runaway.

2:26 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

4:34 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

10:52 p.m. - Officer Nolan reported some suspicious juveniles behind the high school.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

11:30 a.m. - Caller reported debris in the roadway near Church Street.

1:00 p.m. - Sgt. Hennette responded to an alarm at the high school.

1:05 p.m. - Caller reported a male refused to leave at the El Dorado.

3:07 p.m. - Caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a child custody exchange.

8:45 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint on SW 2nd Street.

8:51 p.m. - Caller reported loud music in Shaded Estates.

9:50 p.m. - Caller reported a male buying alcohol to minors.

11:00 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Cedar Street.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

2:10 a.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

3:00 p.m. - Male caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a child custody exchange.

The Loogootee Police Department would like to notify the public on a local scam involving the German American Bank. Caller will advise that your debit card has been compromised. They will then ask you to dial one. Don't respond to this scam.



CITY OF LOOGOOTE
MAYOR NOEL D. HARTY
EXECUTIVE ORDER
PROCLAMATION

To All To Whom These Presents May Come, Greetings!

WHEREAS, Thousand of brave Americans have demonstrated their courage and commitment to freedom by serving the Armed Forces of the United States of America in active duty posts in Afghanistan, Iraq and around the world; and

WHEREAS, More than 19,000 of Indiana's children and youth have been directly affected by the military deployment of at least one parent; and

WHEREAS, These children and youth are a source of pride and honor to us all, and it is only fitting that we take time to recognize their contributions, celebrate their spirit, and let our men and women in uniform know that while they are taking care of us, we are taking care of their children and youth; and

WHEREAS, The recognition of a Month of the Military Child will allow us to pay tribute to military children and youth for their commitment, their struggles and their unconditional support of our troops-because when parents serve in the military, their kids are heroes too; and

WHEREAS, A month-long salute to military children and youth will encourage local community support to provide direct support to military children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Noel D. Harty, Mayor of the City of Loogootee, Indiana, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of April 2014, as

THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

and do hereby urge all citizens, businesses and government leaders to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities that honor, support and thank military children.

In Testimony Whereof, I have set my hand and name to be official the seal of Loogootee this 15th day of February in the Year of our Lord 2014 and of the Independence of the United States 238.

BY THE MAYOR: *Noel D. Harty*

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Martin County Court News

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed March 14

Charles and Sharla Needs vs. Douglas Wilker and DJW Transport, LLC, civil tort.

March 17

Midland Funding, LLC vs. William Tolley, civil collection.

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Katrina L. Jones, civil collection.

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Danny Clark, civil collection.

Discover Bank vs. Megan R. Crays, civil collection.

Portfoloi Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Kerry Adkins, civil collection.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Georgia Purlee, civil collection.

Bryan M. Cooper vs. Susana L. Cooper, petition for dissolution of marriage.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New suits filed March 13

WSW Properties, LLC vs. Margie Holt, complaint.

Heartland Real Estate, LLC vs. AMS Servicing, LLC, complaint.

James R. Parsons vs. Robert Robbins, complaint.

March 14

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Daniel L. Watts, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Justin S. Davis, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Jessica L. Jackson, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Courtney Hudson, complaint.

March 17

Renewing Management, Inc. vs. Julie A. Montgomery, complaint.

Larry Phillips vs. Steven Huff, complaint.

Arley Arthur vs. Mark Parks, complaint.

Arley Arthur vs. Dustpa and Amber Kramer, complaint.

Martin County real estate transfers

Brenda J. Jewell, of Martin County, Indiana to **Steven Lee Jewell and Jessica Ruth Rincker**, of Lawrence County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 3 West containing 0.5 acres, more or less.

Roger C. Parsons, of Martin County, Indiana to **Shad L. Arvin**, of Martin County, Indiana, beginning at the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter in Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, in Martin County, Indiana, containing 68 acres, more or less. Except a section containing one acre, more or less.

Leonard P. Seal, of Martin County, Indiana to **Stewart E. Blake and Mary Ellen Blake**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 3 in Block "D" in the Loogootee Land Company's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Anna Lou Mathias, of Martin County, Indiana to **John M. Mathias, Susan M. Ackerman and Christine A. Walker**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number One in Belair Village in the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Rosa Marie Tedrow, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Gary Dean Neukam**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West.

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Paoli Subdistrict, 1222 Greenbriar Drive, Paoli, IN 812-723-4411

Tell City Subdistrict, 15077 Old State Road 37, Tell City, IN 812-836-2112

Vincennes Subdistrict, 3650 South US Highway 41, Vincennes, IN 812-895-7403

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HELP WANTED

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Jail bookings

THURSDAY, MARCH 20
3:10 p.m. - Jason Roach, of Shoals, was arrested by Martin County Major Burkhardt on a Martin County warrant.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21
12:00 p.m. - Amy Gibson, of Shoals, was arrested by Martin County Major Burkhardt on a Knox County warrant.

Accident report

TUESDAY, MARCH 18
7:25 a.m. - Carolyn Wagler, 63, of Loogootee, contacted the Martin County Sheriff's Department about a deer accident she was involved in. Wagler stated she was westbound on Reinhart Road at approximately 7:05 a.m. when a deer entered the roadway. Wagler's 2010 GMC Sierra struck the deer causing damage to the right front quarter panel. The investigating officer was Sergeant Keith Keller with the Martin County Sheriff's Department.

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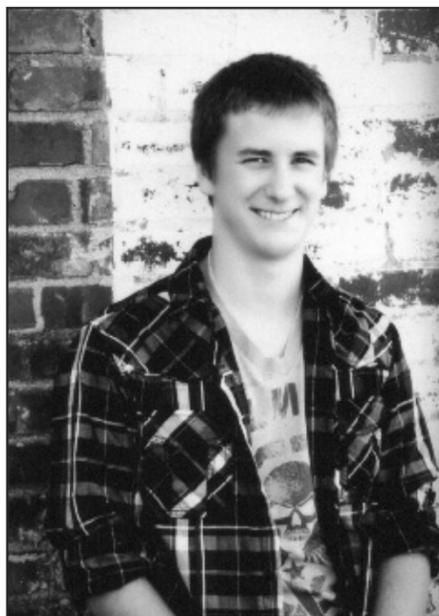


2014 Senior SPOTLIGHTS



SHELBY HUDSON

Shelby Lynn Hudson is the daughter of Sheila Hudson and Tom Hudson. While in high school she was in the chorus all four years. She was in Spanish Club her freshman year, SADD and student council her junior year, and was on the year-book staff and served as a cadet teacher her senior year. Shelby plans to attend Vincennes University after graduation and study nursing.



JOSHUA LAMPERT

Joshua Steven Lampert is the son of Steven and Jessica Lampert. While in high school he has been in band all four years and was in the FACS Club in 9th, 10th and 11th grades. He played intramural basketball his senior year and played golf all four years. Josh plans to attend Indiana State University after graduation and become an automotive engineer.

Term three

FIFTH GRADE

High honors: Shealyn Arthur, Austin Brittain, Aaron Dant, Bryant Eckerle, Madelyn Miller, Adie Nolley, Sara Street, Jasye Thompson, Isabelle Waggner, Philip Wagler, Jaelyn Walker, and Conner Wilcoxon

Honor roll: Delanie Bateman, Seth Blackwell, Cody Carrico, Caden Chandler, Maria Chestnut, Asia Crim, Mikel Flanagan, Emily Gingerich, Ashlyn Holt, Macy McAtee, Mattie Milligan, Daniel Park, Matthew Poole, Jared Sullivan, Karoline Tedrow, Kallin Trambaugh, Brittany Walker, Jace Walton, Jalen Wildman, Jordan Wildman, Anna Wilson, and Ayden Wilson

Perfect attendance: Shealyn Arthur, Seth Blackwell, Austin Brittain, Cody Carrico, Maria Chestnut, Samantha Cook, Zane Cropp, Trey Fuhs, Seth Gillick, Emily Gingerich, Jatelin Nicholson, Aspen Salmon, Brayden Sutton, Tristan Tinkle, Josh Venters, Isabelle Waggner, Philip Wagler, Conner Wilcoxon, and Jalen Wildman

SIXTH GRADE

High honors: Danielle Abel, Liz Burch, Cassidy Esch, Jack Fellers, Tyler Harbison, Christopher Jones, Logan Keller, Jayden Leatherman, Lindsey Robinson, Nathan Seals, Wyatt Street, Chelsie Sutton, Melaina Tippery, Emily Wade, Elly Wagler, Sarah Wagler, Makenzie Wagoner, and Garrett Williams

Honor roll: Jarrett Arvin, Hannah Bailey, Max Blackwell, Alex C. Bowling, Kaitlyn Bruner, Aspyr Carrico, Katherine Gilbert, Luke Gregory, Maura Gregory, Landon Harder, Conner Hedrick, Trinity Howell, Logan Jacobs, Lauren Kain, Kendra Lythgoe, Lawson McCloskey, Sean Page, Brittany Potts, Rachel Robinson, Jayden Sheetz, Jessie Stoll, Emily Thomas, Sebastian Toy, Madison Wagoner, Bethany Welker, McKenzie White, and Blake Wright

Perfect attendance: Max Blackwell, Alex C. Bowling, Liz Burch, Emily Crane,

Jamie Cronin, Ashley Epperson, Katherine Gilbert, Tyler Harbison, Landon Harder, Conner Hedrick, Logan Jacobs, Christopher Jones, Logan Keller, Jayden Leatherman, Kendra Lythgoe, John Edward Riley, Lindsey Robinson, Rachel Robinson, Wyatt Street, Melaina Tippery, Emily Wade, Elly Wagler, Bethany Welker, and Blake Wright

Registration open for STEP camp for high school students considering engineering

BY JUDITH BARRA AUSTIN
Purdue University News Service

Registration is open for next summer's Purdue University Seminar for Top Engineering Prospects (STEP).

STEP is a one-week camp for high school students entering their senior year who are interested in studying engineering. It provides an opportunity to explore disciplines within engineering and the careers for which an engineering degree can prepare a student.

Participants are chosen on the basis of academic performance and work on teams using imagination and creativity to solve a multifaceted design challenge. Students will be involved in collaborative classroom experiences that will help them develop the skills that engineers need.

STEP students will tour departments within the College of Engineering and visit local companies where engineers work.

The program runs from Sunday afternoon through lunch on Friday. Students stay in campus residence hall rooms.

Two sessions are available: July 13-18 and July 20-25. Cost is \$910 for those who register by March 31; \$960 after that.

The application and more information are available at <https://engineering.purdue.edu/Engr/InfoFor/Honors/STEP>

STEP can be contacted at 765-494-7217.

Loogootee and Shoals SCHOOL MENUS

LOOGOOTEE ELEMENTARY

Breakfast

Thursday, March 27

No School – Spring Break

Friday, March 28

No School – Spring Break

Monday, March 31

Cereal, string cheese, fruit

Tuesday, April 1

Biscuits and gravy, banana

Wednesday, April 2

Egg patty, ham patty, wheat toast, pears

Lunch

Thursday, March 27

No School – Spring Break

Friday, March 28

No School – Spring Break

Monday, March 31

Chicken nuggets, French fries, peas, peaches, milk

Tuesday, April 1

Potato soup, grilled cheese, cheese and crackers, pears, milk

Wednesday, April 2

Spaghetti, salad, breadstick, pineapple, milk

LOOGOOTEE INTERMEDIATE AND JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL

Lunch

Thursday, March 27

No School – Spring Break

Friday, March 28

No School – Spring Break

Monday, March 31

Chicken nuggets or pizza, French fries, peas, peaches, salad plate, milk

Tuesday, April 1

Potato soup or pizza, grilled cheese, cheese and crackers, pears, salad plate, milk

Wednesday, April 2

Spaghetti or pizza, salad, breadstick, pineapple, salad plate, milk

SHOALS SCHOOLS

Breakfast

Thursday, March 27

No School – Spring Break

Friday, March 28

No School – Spring Break

Monday, March 31

Muffin top, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, April 1

Cereal, granola bar, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, April 2

Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Thursday, March 27

No School – Spring Break

Friday, March 28

No School – Spring Break

Monday, March 31

Breaded chicken sandwich with whole grain bun, salad boat, green beans, peaches, milk

Tuesday, April 1

Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, applesauce, honey wheat roll, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: sausage pizza or chef salad

Wednesday, April 2

Chicken nuggets, baked hash browns, fresh broccoli with ranch dip, pears, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: ham and cheese sandwich or chef salad

Shoals High School 2014 SENIOR Spotlights



AARON QUALKENBUSH

Aaron Wade Qualkenbush was born on February 20, 1996. He is the son of Shawn Qualkenbush and Jennifer Carrico. He has two brothers, Andrew Qualkenbush and Ethan Carrico. Aaron enjoys backroading. His future plans are to become a diesel mechanic.



ASHLEY PAYNE

Ashley Marie Payne was born on February 29, 1996. She is the daughter of James Payne and Stacy Stone. Her siblings are Caleb, Austin, Jonathan, Ethan and Emily Payne, Peyton and Levi Stone, and Elizabeth Enlow. While in high school, Ashley participated in softball, IMPACCT, SADD, and media. Her favorite song is "Small Town Kid" by the Eli Young Band. Ashley plans to attend USI to major in dietetics, and minor in nutrition.

New Beginnings Community Church WEEKLY MESSAGE

Return to God - Acts 3

Unlike Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy, Jesus Christ was a real person. History is clear, HE existed and died on the cross. Unlike fables, stories and folklore, Jesus Christ actually was born and lived and died. You don't have to have faith that Jesus was a real person, it is just a fact. HE was!

The waited messiah who had been told about, who had been prophesied about, who had been written about, who would come and save the world from sin that held mankind in depravity since Adam and Eve fell to sin in the garden, is Christ. It is no longer a mystery.

Peter speaks to the religious leaders in Acts chapter three about their spiritual ignorance,

even though they knew scripture they did not realize that Jesus was the savior they were waiting for. They put Him to death. And the reason they were ignorant was because of their hard hearts. Many people today have hard hearts because of sin in their lives.

Ephesians 4:18-19 (NASB) being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.

Peter tells us in this passage how to get out our spiritual ignorance and be forgiven our sins and a time of God's refreshing in His

presence will come. What he says to do is first: repent. Repent means to have a change of mind about ourselves, our sin, and Jesus Christ. Repentance is much more than "feeling sorry for your sin". As the little Sunday school girl said, "It means feeling sorry enough to quit!" Then he tells us to return to God or be converted and exercise saving faith in Jesus Christ. Why is that so important? Because without it you miss the best that God has for you. The Bible says if we return to Him He will not turn His face from us. He will also give us a heart to know who He is; to really know God.

So what happens when we do what Peter is telling us to do? Your sins will be wiped away. It reminds me the commercial about

Bounty, the quicker picker-upper. Jesus is the quicker picker upper. He blots out our sin when we repent and return to Him. Because we do this, He gives us a time of refreshing from the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We desperately need a refreshing and a turning back to God in our nation, in our state, in our city, in our families and especially in our very own lives.

This week (Wednesday thru Saturday) you can experience that refreshing all week each night at 7 p.m. for the event we are calling Return to God. David Frasier, from Bedford, will be speaking each night and each night there will be special music. Everyone is invited to the family cook-out on Sunday at 2 p.m. Hope to see you there!

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Governor Pence signs legislation improving education, workforce development for Hoosiers

At Monday's Indiana Career Council meeting, Governor Mike Pence signed legislation to provide workforce development opportunities for Hoosiers. Following the meeting, the Governor signed bills that will improve education in Indiana.

"Hoosiers deserve schools that work for all our kids whether they are headed to college or careers, and they deserve more access to adult education," said Governor Pence. "Through the bills I sign today, our state renews its commitment to education innovation and to helping to provide Hoosiers of all ages with the tools they need to succeed in college, in the workplace and in life."

Governor Pence signed the following agenda bills at Monday's meeting:

HEA 1064, which tasks the Indiana Career Council with conducting a study of career and technical education programs reaching 157,000 students across the state by August 1, 2014. The Career Council will examine current career education programs to determine their impact on college and career readiness, employment and economic opportunity as well as their geographic proximity and collaboration with higher education facilities and faculty.

SEA 330 to create a new performance-oriented program to help adult workers get the skills they need to succeed in today's economy. The bill ensures better skills for adult learners through coordination of education and training in high wage, high demand fields with the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the Commission on Higher Education.

HEA 1028, which permits further expansion of adult high schools that serve students who have dropped out of high school before receiving a diploma. With approximately 11 percent of Hoosiers ages 25 to 64 holding less than a high school diploma, the legislation will ensure additional opportunities for learning and growth across the state. The bill requires adult high schools to

provide quality learning environments through flexible scheduling, dual credit or industry certification course offerings, and support for students to transition into the workforce.

Governor Pence also signed a non-agenda bill on workforce:

HEA 1213, which requires the Indiana Career Council to appoint a subcommittee to review and make recommendations for improvements to the current Core 40 diploma course offerings.

In addition, Pence signed education agenda bills Monday:

SEA 321 to allow a charter school operator with multiple charter schools the flexibility to allocate funding across its school campuses in order to best serve the needs of its students.

SEA 205, which provides clarity and guidance for ending State Board of Education intervention for those schools that receive an "F" letter grade for six years under Indiana's current A-F accountability system (turnaround academies), as well as for the affected school corporations and special management teams, in order to minimize academic interruptions for students and educators.

HEA 1319 to provide a study committee regarding further analysis of a Choices for Teachers program, which would provide a stipend to teachers who apply for and get a job teaching in a low-performing public school or a public charter school serving a high percentage of low-income students.

He also signed several non-agenda bills including:

HEA 1321, which authorizes Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) to enter into an agreement with a school management team to establish innovation network schools within certain IPS schools.

The governor also signed a number of other bills Monday. Learn more by visiting Bill Watch: www.in.gov/gov/2014bill-watch.htm.

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative
Mark Messmer



Promoting our Hoosier homegrown agriculture

Now that session has come to an end, I believe it is important to keep you informed of the new laws that we have passed and how they will affect you. Over the next few weeks, I plan to cover a variety of topics ranging from criminal code revision to public health. This week, I would like to focus on our efforts to promote our Hoosier homegrown agriculture.

Although much of the media's attention was devoted to the divisive issues this session, in reality, we passed a lot of good, common-sense legislation with the support of Democrats and Republicans alike. An example of this is House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1046, to which I served as a co-author. This legislation was passed unanimously by both chambers and permits a person to receive a 100 percent property tax deduction against the assessed value of a heritage barn given that the barn meets four specific criteria.

These criteria are: that the barn was constructed before 1950; that it retains sufficient integrity of design, materials and construction to clearly identify the building as a barn; that it is not being used for agricultural purposes in the operation of an agricultural enterprise; and that it is not being used for business purposes.

The Office of Tourism and Development will now also promote these heritage barns through print media, electronic media and other hospitality opportunities. Heritage barns are part of our cultural heritage, and providing a property tax deduction on these structures will ensure that they remain a part of our state's agricultural landscape.

Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) 114 also promotes our rich heritage by allowing students an excused absence from school if they participate in State Fair activities. With some school start dates getting bumped up, we thought that it was only fair to allow 4-H participants and their families up to five excused absences for participating in the State Fair.

The 4-H program has been a part of Indiana for a long time, and this will afford students a significant educational opportunity that can't be replicated in the classroom.

This is not the only legislation we passed this session dealing with the State Fair. Indiana was previously one of only two states that prohibited alcohol sales at the State Fair until we passed legislation allowing it to happen this year. It is important to note that the way that we addressed this issue maintains a balance between those who want that option and those who would rather not be around alcohol. Hoosier breweries and wineries will be able to showcase their products in age-restricted areas.

I was present when the Executive Director of the State Fair Commission, who is in favor of this measure, testified in front of the House Public Policy Committee. She explained that they envisioned a beer garden setting, "similar to Disney," that would ensure a safe, controlled and respectable environment. No alcohol would be brought in or taken out, and there would be controlled entrances and exits so that only those 21 and older are admitted. Ultimately, the State Fair is about Indiana's agricultural products, and this will simply allow Indiana small business breweries and wineries to grow and market their product.

Many times, when people think about laws, they think of them as being restrictive. However, as you can see, we passed a great deal of legislation this year to give Hoosiers more rights. Like I said, over the next few weeks, I will be discussing a variety of those bills, but if there is specific legislation that you would like to learn more about, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached via email at h63@iga.in.gov or by phone at 317-232-9620. In addition to addressing your concerns directly, I may even include it one of my columns, so stay tuned!

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

Attorney General: Justice system needs both sides represented in court

BY GREG ZOELLER
Indiana Attorney General

Several same-sex couples recently filed lawsuits seeking to strike down Indiana's traditional marriage definition law. As Indiana attorney general, I have been asked why my office is defending the statute in court when some AGs in other states are not defending their states' traditional marriage laws from similar lawsuits. I explain that I took an oath to represent and defend Indiana's state government and its existing statutes. I don't make the laws – that's the Legislature's job – but I have a solemn obligation to defend those laws while there is a good-faith defense, and I cannot shirk my duty nor abdicate that responsibility to others.

This is not personal advocacy on my part or by the lawyers who work in my office. Whenever the State of Indiana is sued, you – the taxpayers and citizens of the state – are really being sued collectively, and you are entitled to counsel. The correct course of action is for the attorney general to provide a good-faith defense – within the resources already available – until and unless the U.S. Supreme Court decides to the contrary. The justice system cannot work if one side is not represented by counsel or if the attorneys presume that they are judge and jury in their own cases and fail to zealously advocate for their clients.

Some have asked if in providing this defense I am on "the wrong side of history." They note my counterpart, the Kentucky attorney general, recently announced he no longer would defend his state's traditional

marriage definition. But even he defended his state's marriage law at the federal district court stage, and his decision not to continue representing his state's position on appeal does not mean the law will go undefended. Instead, the Kentucky governor had to hire outside counsel to defend the statute in court. Was the Kentucky attorney general on the "wrong side of history" when he represented his client, but suddenly on the "right side of history" when outside lawyers were called in at significant cost to Kentucky taxpayers to do so?

Unlike Kentucky, Indiana does not need outside counsel to defend its own duly-enacted laws the Legislature passed. My office can do so readily within our existing budget, approved by the Legislature in advance, using our own salaried attorneys who do not charge billable hours and who would be paid the same whether these lawsuits were filed or not.

It's worth noting what happened in California where the Proposition 8 constitutional amendment defined marriage in the traditional way. When that definition was challenged in federal court, California's attorney general declined to mount any legal defense. When the U.S. Supreme Court heard the Proposition 8 case last year, it ruled that because the law was not defended by the State of California, the law's private defenders lacked legal standing, and there could be no conclusive ruling on Proposition 8's constitutionality. That left the question of state-level marriage definitions muddled and left our nation in suspense. How exactly is the lack of a legal

defense on the "right side of history"?

My office will defend an Indiana statute, as we do every day in numerous cases, as long as a good-faith defense exists – and with the marriage definition law, it still does. Indiana courts previously have upheld Indiana's marriage law, and the U.S. Supreme Court has previously permitted states to license marriage as between one man and one woman. While there are various challenges of multiple states' laws now working their way through the federal appeals court pipeline, until and unless the U.S. Supreme Court rules otherwise, the State of Indiana has the right and obligation to enforce its longstanding statute and

Judges want community input on child support guidelines

The Domestic Relations Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana is holding a public hearing and seeking comment on Indiana's Child Support Guidelines. Members of the public, judicial officers, attorneys, and parents are invited to attend the hearing, which will also be webcast. The hearing will be Friday, May 16 from 10 a.m.-noon E.D.T. at the Indiana Statehouse Supreme Court Courtroom, 3rd Floor, Indianapolis.

Those interested in speaking at the hearing and/or submitting comments need to visit www.in.gov/judiciary/4188.htm to learn details. For example, speakers need to sign-up in advance, will be limited to five minutes and organizations must designate a single person to appear as a representative.

Written comments will also be accepted until May 27, 2014 and can be submitted

defend it from plaintiffs' lawyers.

When plaintiffs challenge statutes, I never complain; federal courts exist to decide such questions. I hope that Hoosiers on all sides of this controversial issue will show civility and respect toward each other while the court does its work.

But when two opposing attorneys represent their clients to the best of their skill and ability, neither lawyer is by virtue of their courtroom role on the "wrong" side of history. Both serve as advocates before the court that makes the rulings that ultimately make the history. When we lawyers take an oath to represent our client, we can't shirk our duty.

online at the website above, or through the mail at the following address: Indiana Judicial Center c/o Domestic Relations Committee, 30 South Meridian Street, Suite 900, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-3564.

The child support guidelines are used by Indiana's judicial officers to make decisions about child support in dissolutions of marriage, legal separations, paternity cases, Title IV-D proceedings, and all other actions for support.

The domestic relations committee is composed of judicial officers from across Indiana and receives staff support from the Indiana Judicial Center.

The committee will review public comments to assist in recommending amendments to the guidelines to the Indiana Supreme Court.

The court has final authority over the guidelines.

Recycling center sets clean-up date

The Martin County Solid Waste Management District will host a spring clean-up at the recycling center in Loogootee on Friday, April 25 from 9-4 p.m. and Saturday, April 26 from 8 a.m.-11:30 p.m. This event is for all Martin County residents and businesses only. This is an opportunity for everyone to clean out the garages, attic, and homes of unwanted trash, and junk that plagues every one.

The center will accept items such as mattresses, indoor and outdoor furniture, carpeting, bagged garbage and other bulky items. They ask that you separate materials for recycling from the trash.

What will be recycled: all scrap metals, such as TV towers, metal fence, and appliances.

They do not throw out: Newspaper, magazines and catalogues, plastic bottles, tin cans, aluminum cans, cardboard, hardback

books, paperback books, phone books, plastic film such as grocery sacks, and dry cleaning bags. Never throw away your junk mail or any personal records that contain your name. The recycling center has a shredder for you to use.

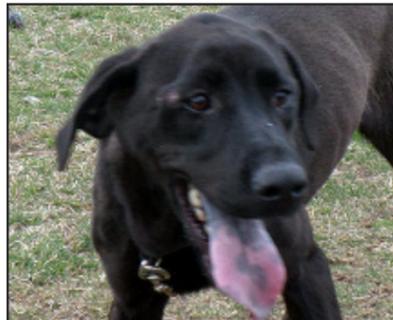
A truck load will be \$10. Tires; auto and small pick-up truck size are \$2 each; if you have rims add one dollar. Tractor and semi tires are \$15 each. Paint and paint products are \$1 each; if you have larger than gallon size the prices is \$1 per gallon. Appliances with Freon are \$10 each. Computer monitors are \$5 each and TVs are \$5 and up depending on how big the TV is.

If you cannot afford the fees, please call the recycling center and arrangements will be made for you to dispose of your stuff.

For more information, please call 295-4142.



Humane Society featured pets



Shown above is Tara a three-year-old lab mix. Tara has a sister, Sara, that looks exactly like her. They are both full of life, very energetic. Below is Asher, a male cat around a year old. He is very playful and loving. If interested in adopting either one of the animals, stop by the shelter at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Shelter hours are Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appt. For information, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com. You can find all of the adoptable dogs and cats at the humane society on Petfinder or Facebook.



Goodwill Cemetery to hold spring clean-up

Saturday, April 5 has been picked as "Spring Clean-Up" for Goodwill Cemetery. The cemetery committee is asking for volunteers to attend to help with the cleanup. There are several flower arrangements that have been blown off and sticks down. If you cannot make it Saturday, volunteers can still help with cleanup any evening in April. Leave bag(s) by trash container.

If you have a gravesite that you maintain at Goodwill, please remove all arrangements that are weather worn and arrange the area for the upcoming mowing season. Remember, mowers and trimmers need to be able to get close to each grave marker.

The cemetery committee is also asking if you would like to help with the mowing season by making a donation to the cemetery please do so by sending to: Goodwill Cemetery, P.O. Box 24 Loogootee, IN 47553. Your donation is tax deductible.

Calendar of Events

Loogootee School Board special meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet in executive session on Thursday, April 3 at 9 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss strategy for the implementation of security systems and receipt of information about prospective employees. The meeting is closed to the public in accordance to I.C. 5141.56.1, (2)(C) and (5).

Fit for A 5K

Fit for A 5K is under the direction of Megan Jones and Hawkins Health Center. Participants will complete two group training sessions a week for six weeks to prepare for a 5K. Training dates will begin April 1 and will continue every Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. All sessions will begin at Hawkins Health Center 211 SE First Street, Loogootee. Participants will be able to choose if they want to participate in a running program or walking program. Cost for the training is \$25 and all proceeds will benefit the Loogootee Girls' & Boys' Run Clubs. The combination of fitness training and passion to promote health in the community will create enthusiasm and athletic development in participants. To register or for any questions call Hawkins Health Center at 812-295-3346.

Community-wide VBS

Last year four area churches came together for a community wide vacation bible school. Since it was successful, the churches are doing it again this year. They will be having their first meeting on Thursday, April 3 at 6 p.m. in the Shoals Public Library. Anyone interested in participating should attend. Bring your datebook and ideas. If you are unable to attend but are interested, please call Julie Fithian at 247-2162.

New Beginnings Church event

Return to God (it is never too late) with David Frazier will be held at New Beginnings Community Church Wednesday, March 26 thru Saturday, March 29 each evening at 7 p.m. and Sunday March 30 at 10:30 a.m. A cookout will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday. The church is located at 200 W Main, Loogootee. Everyone invited. Further information, call Pastor Ernie Canell at 812-709-0258.

Vote machine testing

Notice is hereby given that the public testing of Accu-Vote OS Tabulators and Accu-Vote TSX units to be used in the 2014 Primary Election will be conducted in the commissioners' room at the Martin County Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals on Monday, March 31 at 1 p.m. This public test is open to the general public per (IC 3-11-22). The last day to register to vote for May 6 Primary election is Monday, April 7. The first day to vote absentee in the clerk's office is Tuesday, April 8.

Youth football meeting

The Martin County Youth Football League will be holding their first meeting open to the public on Thursday, March 27 at 6 p.m. in the upstairs of the Loogootee Legion. This meeting will establish our board members for 2014 and provide any information to anyone wanting to learn more about the league.

Boy Scouts

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

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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 second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Martin County Community Learning Center on the fairgrounds.

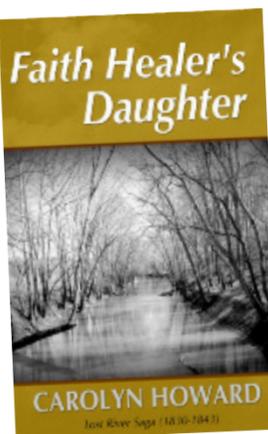
Soil and Water meetings

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

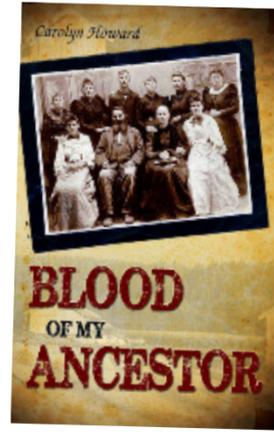


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"Faith Healer's Daughter" & "Blood of My Ancestor"



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ABOUT THE BOOKS

Faith Healer's Daughter

Liza Stanfield and Albey Quackenbush were normal kids growing up in the 1840s on Lost River in southern Indiana. They lived with their parents on the farm, worked hard and loved life.

John Ritter was studying hard to become a medical doctor with the goal of making his world a better place.

Enter Dr. William Bowles. Dr. Bowles would do anything to become powerful, including body snatching for his own medical research and stealing the wife of a wealthy Louisianan planter away from her husband. How do the ambitions of Dr. Bowles lead to a homicide that could've ruined Albey and Liza's lives? And what does John Ritter eventually do to take this powerful man down?

Lost River Saga tells the story of these four people, their lives, and how their lives intertwined. Faith Healer's Daughter is the first installment in that series, based on a true story from events that occurred in southern Indiana in the 1840s.

Blood of My Ancestor

Goldsberry Hollow was a rural community in Martin County, Indiana that was first settled in the 1800s by the Goldsberry family. When Alanson Lyon moved his family into the hollow in 1864, it made the Goldsberry family unhappy, because Alanson was a wealthy man who built a large home and set up a large farm.

When Alanson died, his son, Joel, became the owner of the farm. About the same time, John Goldsberry's daughter, Malinda, became pregnant, but she wasn't married. To keep her father from beating her to death, Joel took Malinda and her daughter into his home, hiring her as his housekeeper. Joel fell in love with Malinda and eventually married her.

Malinda also had an older sister who lived in the hollow whose name was Margaret. When Margaret's husband died just a few months after Malinda did, the Goldsberrys naturally assumed Joel would marry Malinda's sister. When Joel didn't marry Margaret but married Adaline Cannon instead, a family feud broke out, resulting in Adaline's murder.



In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

March is Disability Awareness Month and as our gardens awaken from the winter slumber, I thought it would be a perfect time to discuss gardens for persons with disabilities. While there are some people who live life at such a pace that they rarely even notice the landscape around them, most people enjoy beautiful gardens. I think that is because God originally placed mankind in a garden, and we have an inner longing to restore that relationship with the creator and all creation. Most of our state, national and local parks center around gardens and natural areas. They are there to be enjoyed by all, regardless of ability or disability.

In Indiana, we are fortunate to have the beautiful "Garden for Everyone" at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. This garden is a wonderful example for others to follow in creating spaces that will lend enjoyment to all.

Accessibility is the first barrier that must be addressed. To allow everyone to enter, a garden needs to have paths that are accessible to all. The surface needs to be firm enough to allow wheelchairs to roll and wide enough to accommodate chairs and to allow some people to walk beside another person for assistance. While this may be difficult in our home garden, I believe that all public gardens need to make an effort to accommodate persons with disabilities.

Gardens need to appeal to all of our senses. While it is true that sight is the sense most of us associate with enjoying a garden, a well-planned garden may be enjoyed by persons with vision-related disabilities. Fragrance is also an important part of gardens. Of course, we all remember the scent of lilacs, lavender, irises and roses. Such floral scents are a part of our gardens that trigger fond memories. However, there are other plants that add fragrance. Many herbs release scents when they are touched. Creeping thyme or chamomile planted along pathways will creep out onto the surface and wonderful scents are released when someone steps on them. Other herbs may have scented flowers that will release smells when touched. Even the scent of soil and mulch, while not as pleasant to most as the scent of flowers and herbs, is important to the total sensual experience of a garden. Not all flowers have nice odors. I have often tricked visitors to Sandhill Gardens into sticking their noses into blooms of certain plants that depend on flies as pollinators.

Webinar to focus on key March USDA report

BY JENNIFER PIOTROWSKI
Purdue University News Service

Farmers and agribusiness managers who want to understand the implications of the Grain Stocks and Prospective Plantings report released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on March 31 are invited to participate in a free webinar hosted by the Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture.

The webinar, "Implications of the March 31 USDA Reports," will be from noon to 1:30 p.m. (EDT) on April 1.

Presenters are Purdue Extension agricultural economists Chris Hurt and Corinne Alexander. Jim Mintert, professor of agricultural economics and assistant director of Purdue Extension, will serve as a moderator.

"The Grain Stocks report will help market participants understand the level of grain use so far this marketing year," Hurt said. "This is important for corn, where export usage has been very strong. The report may also provide some clues regarding reductions in corn use for feeding due to the porcine epidemic diarrhea virus in hogs.

"Soybean inventories are expected to be very tight again this year, and the level of soy-

bean stocks is expected to provide indications of whether soybean prices need to move higher to force buyers to cut consumption."

The Prospective Plantings report is the first indication of which crops U.S. farmers intend to plant this spring. It provides the first peak into potential grain supplies for 2014 crops.

Hurt said some farmers might change their 2014 planting decisions based on what the report tells them.

"Agribusiness managers need to be aware of these last-minute planting adjustments as they are in the process of securing the seed, fertilizer and chemicals that farmers will use this year."

The webinar will include Hurt and Alexander's outlook for grain prices based on the reports. They also will offer grain-marketing strategies for producers to manage the price risks they will face.

Participants can find more information and register for the webinar on the Center for Commercial Agriculture website: www.agecon.purdue.edu/commercialag/.

The report itself will be available at noon on March 31 on USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service website at www.nass.usda.gov.

Many of these plants have scents that smell like rotting meat in order to attract the flies. While such smells are not pleasant to our olfactory sense, they contribute to the total experience of the garden.

The sense of touch is also important in gardens. A gardening experience should be tactile. Plants with soft leaves, such as mulleins and lamb's ear, almost beg to be touched. While it is necessary to avoid touching plants with thorns and prickles, there are many different tactile sensations available by touching leaves and stems. Some are slick and leathery, while others are rough and delicate. I also like to include the hardscape of a garden in the tactile enjoyment. Some benches are made of stone, while others have soft padding. Statuary may be touched to feel the different textures of the materials and the shape of the piece itself. Even the warmth of the sunny places and the coolness of shade are a part of the tactile experience of a garden.

Sounds are also important to gardens. The chirping of songbirds is one of my favorite parts of my garden. Keeping the use of pesticides to a minimum will help make the garden attractive to songbirds. Offering food and water will also bring them in. Some plants also add to the sounds of a garden. I love to hear the wind rustling the tall grasses and bushes. Baptisia, or wild indigo, is a plant in the pea family that has seed pods that hang on for months after the blooms have faded. The pods make a wonderful sound when moved by passers-by or the wind. Of course, wind chimes and wind harps also make pleasant sounds. One of my great plans for Sandhill Gardens is a system of outdoor speakers which will allow me to play music that can be heard throughout the garden.

Finally, the sense of taste helps us to enjoy gardens. Taste does not have to be limited to the vegetable patch or the orchard. There are many plants that grow in the garden that are edible. However, I do stress that no one should put any plant matter into his or her mouth if unsure if it is good to eat or not. There are also many plants that are poisonous or have unpleasant tastes, so always learn from an expert what may be tasted, and only do so after washing the plant to remove any chemical or natural pathogens.

Home gardeners: 'Don't be fooled' by spotty nice weather

BY KEITH ROBINSON
Purdue University News Service

Planting a home garden at the first sign of spring weather might cause big problems later, especially when more freeze days are likely ahead, a Purdue Extension horticulture specialist says.

"Don't be fooled by the odd warm day we will be experiencing here and there over the next few weeks," warned Larry Caplan, Extension horticulture educator in Vanderburgh County in southwest Indiana. "The soil is still quite cold, so anything you plant is just going to sit there."

Caplan said that since the soil is wet, digging and tilling now ultimately will cause more compaction problems than gardeners otherwise might have.

He also noted that there is still plenty of opportunity for a freeze, where the temperature drops below 32 degrees Fahrenheit. Generally, the average period of the last freeze date is April 11-20 for the southern portion of Indiana and April 21-30 for the northern.

Caplan cautioned that those dates are only averages, meaning that there is a 50 percent chance another freeze will occur after these dates. "We still have a 10 percent chance of a freeze up to two weeks after these dates," he said.

A graphical map showing the average freeze dates in Indiana and other Midwest states is available on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's website at www.crh.noaa.gov/images/ind/freeze-dates_32_spring.png.

Caplan said "warmth-loving plants" such as tomatoes and peppers are most susceptible to early-spring cold snaps. Even a brief exposure to 32 degrees will cause damage to the foliage and plant. And if the soil hasn't warmed "the plant will just sit there and refuse to grow, even if there isn't a frost."

Caplan said cold-tolerant plants, such as broccoli and cabbage, are not hurt by a light

April weather outlook: No major changes in weather patterns

BY KEITH ROBINSON
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Indiana farmers getting ready for spring planting can get a good idea of what they most likely will have to work with in April just by looking across their fields now.

Wet or dry conditions they see are unlikely to change much over the month, said State Climatologist Dev Niyogi, based at Purdue University. If the soils are in good shape now, they should be ready for planting on time. But for fields that are too wet now, farmers can expect planting delays.

"Our best indication of the trend at this stage is persistence in weather patterns we have been experiencing," Niyogi said. "We do not see anything drastically changing in the short term. We will be where we are."

Niyogi said the weather likely will change toward more favorable conditions in the latter half of the growing season when an El Niño warming trend is expected to develop.

"This change comes on slowly," he said. "It takes several months before we get a good grip on trends."

For April, the average temperature could be about 2 to 4.5 degrees below normal for the month, with the worst cases in southern counties, according to an analysis by Ken Scheeringa, associate state climatologist. He reviewed temperatures over the past century and weather models of the U.S. Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center, which believes that the winter pattern will continue over the U.S.

While the average temperature would be below normal, Scheeringa noted that it

would show a trend toward moderation relative to the two previous months. Indiana's average temperature in February was about 8.7 degrees below normal, and March was running 6.6 degrees below normal.

Looking ahead through the end of June, Scheeringa said the average temperatures for the three months could be 0.4 degrees to 2.7 degrees below normal, with the worst cases again in the south.

Providing an outlook for precipitation is more difficult because there are no strong climatic signals for April, Scheeringa said. But he said if the cold pattern continues, Indiana could expect more of the Alberta clipper-type systems, which tend to carry less moisture when they go through the state.

Purdue Extension corn specialist Bob Nielsen said corn farmers should not be overly concerned about the weather forecast for spring planting. That is because planting date by itself has "little predictive power" for absolute yield potential.

"Yield is determined by the cumulative effects of the season-long multitude of yield-influencing factors," Nielsen said. "Growers should simply 'go with the flow' and deal with what Mother Nature gives them."

Although soybeans typically are planted after corn, Extension soybean specialist Shaun Casteel said soybeans are more responsive to timely planting than is corn. If farmers are delayed in planting corn until late April or early May, he said soybeans should be planted at the same time.

"Late April to early May planting of soybeans is more critical for soybeans than for corn," he said.

freeze of 28-32 degrees. "But if the temperature falls not much lower than that you'll see damage," he said.

Gardeners can find out when it is safe to plant their vegetables by referring to the Purdue Extension publication, Indiana Vegetable Planting Calendar, available at www.hort.purdue.edu/ext/ho-186.pdf.

The publication lists more than 55 of the most common vegetables planted in Midwest gardens. It divides Indiana into four districts, enabling gardeners to choose the best dates to plant individual crops based on geographic location.

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SCOUTING MATTERS

By Mike Leighty - Odon Troop 481 Scoutmaster

SOME Thoughts On - LOYAL

Keeping with the theme of breaking down the 12 points of the Boy Scout Law, this month the focus is on point # 2 - "LOYAL." The purest definition of loyalty is an unwavering allegiance to someone or something. However, the history books are full of misguided faithfulness or devotion to a person, government, ideal, or a cause. When mishandled, loyalty can get you in plenty of trouble. I do not believe this point in the Boy Scout Law is looking for a level of "blind" loyalty to the movement or anything of the sort. Rather, the BSA is looking for a growing understanding of what it actually means to become loyal to a cause, ideal, custom, institution, or product.

It is true there are many aspects of loyalty. Philosophers want to debate what things one can be loyal to. Some argue that one can be loyal to a broad range of things, while others argue that it is only possible to be loyal to one thing at a time. I take a different view because as Yogi Berra once quipped, "You can observe a lot by watching." How true this is and many of us have that perfect, observable example of loyalty right under our feet... a good dog. Of course, this probably upsets you cat lovers. However, let me tell you a story about the lesson on loyalty I observed via an old family friend and what I learned from this gentle giant.

This story begins almost 20 years ago when we moved to Odon. Harley, a loveable - bigheaded - slobbering mutt was two years old and exceeded 100 pounds; my son was only one at the time. I will never forget the day we packed up and moved. There was Harley proudly riding in the front seat of the truck as if he was on a new adventure, ready and willing to experience something grand. Upon arrival at our new home, the men went to work unloading; women to work unpacking, I decided to keep Harley out of the way by tying him to a tree in his new front yard.

It was at this time the adventure began because it wasn't long before the neighborhood dogs came to investigate the new beast. They did so in a pack, which was their custom and sensing Harley was tied up they decided to greet him by jumping him at the end of the chain. This initial encounter did not go well. The men came a running to the commotion - the dogs were scattering and Harley looked at me with big eyes saying let me off this chain, I have some business to take care of. We all have these types of conversations with our pets

ya know. Anyway, I obliged and turned him loose and let it be said that Harley made his point, in short order, as well as his presence in the new neighborhood known.

Years later, all the dogs in that neighborhood had become tolerant of one another, sometimes-playful friends, with only an occasional disagreement but they always seemed to handle it themselves. Additionally, my son had grown to an age that he could go outside to his playground and sand box for an afternoon of creative fun either by himself or with an occasional friend.

So what does this story of a dogfight have to do with loyalty? Simple, loyalty is something you cannot teach. It is a passion, a desire - something inside that drives you to commit unwavering allegiance to someone or something. Moreover, occasionally this passion or desire to be loyal is triggered by a bad circumstance. That's what happened to Harley.

For several years thereafter, when my young son would go out to play, that dog, that loyal faithful Harley, would position himself strategically near my son and keep a watchful eye on the surrounding area to assure my son's safety. This wasn't anything taught by me. In fact, I don't recall ever telling Harley to keep an eye out, as if such a simple suggestion would have been easily obeyed. No, this was a self-taught loyalty triggered by a bad circumstance that a good dog remembered and he had no intention of ever allowing that situation to happen again... to him or anyone else.

Harley is no longer with us but I am certain if you asked Doc Lyons in Odon about Harley he would have something to say with a grin on his face. Doc Lyons, my son, and myself were there the day Harley had to be put down due to a spinal stroke. But tear not my friends, blind and hobbling this great beast of loyalty knew and accepted his circumstances because we explained it to him. He knew his work was complete and he was ready. With pride in his heart and a last gesture of loyal dedication, he walked by our side to his final resting place. Of course, that place, a place of loyalty and now honor for our family, the very place where he would sit and stand guard protecting my son is now a monument to a loyal friend. Yes, we can observe a lot from a trusted family friend... simply by watching.

If you would like to learn more about the scouting opportunities in your local area, give me call (812) 295-8417 and I will help you make contact with a local scouting unit.

Yours in scouting, Scoutmaster Mike

Dairy expert: Now is the time to work on the spring checklist

BY JENNIFER STEWART
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With spring approaching, a Purdue Extension dairy specialist says now is the time for dairy producers to assess their farms and work through a checklist of duties, including facility and pasture maintenance and taking inventory of forage supplies.

After a particularly harsh winter with higher-than-normal snowfall, dairy farmers can expect to find a lot of mud in their pastures, cow lots and heifer pens - something Mike Schutz said needs to be addressed.

"Producers who have any animals outside need to be sure those cattle have adequate dry areas to lie down," he said.

Farmers also need to take a look at their feed supplies to determine whether they have enough high-quality forage to keep cows fed until the first forage harvest.

Further, they should be evaluating forage stands as plants start to green up to determine the health of the coming crop. If perennial forages are in bad shape, farmers have some options, said Keith Johnson, Purdue Extension forage specialist.

One of those options to get an early forage harvest to fill a void would be to plant spring oat on land normally used for corn or soybean. Producers who choose this option need to look at plantback restrictions of herbicides used on last year's crop before planting oats.

But because that takes land out of already planned crop production, Johnson said it might be best to consider purchasing forage supplies.

"Producers really need to assess the

severity of their inventory problems," he said. "If the quantity and quality of forage needed can be found from suppliers and the price is reasonable, it may be best just to buy it."

In the meantime, farmers can work on rehabilitating perennial forages or starting completely over.

"If a field of perennial forage winterkilled, the key is to get another perennial forage back into production as quickly as possible," Johnson said.

Many dairy producers also use corn silage in their feed rations and oftentimes employ custom workers to harvest that crop. According to Schutz, dairy producers need to communicate with custom workers as they plan the growing season.

"It's really important to work closely with custom harvesters to plan the timing of corn silage maturity," he said. "That allows custom workers to plan harvest for you and their other clients."

Facilities and equipment maintenance also should be on the list. Many dairy producers have been forced by volatile milk prices and high feed costs to put off some on-farm maintenance for the last few years.

Now that feed costs are down and milk prices have been steadier, profit margins have started to expand. That has put many producers in a better position to improve their farms.

Finally, Schutz said, producers need to keep farm safety on their minds.

"This likely will be a later spring than what we're used to, so people will be anxious to get out there and get their on-farm tasks completed," he said. "It's important that farmers not use speed in place of safety. That applies to all farmers - not just dairy producers."

Spring fling: seed and plant exchange at Patoka Lake

The Patoka Lake Visitor Center will hold the annual spring fling: seed and plant exchange on Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Bring your unwanted or excess garden and plant seeds, tree seedlings, flowering plants and bulbs to exchange for something new! Have too many irises taking up your flower beds or spreading into undesired locations around your home? Dig 'em up and bring 'em in to exchange for a new variety. Have watermelon seeds but interested in growing pumpkins? Swap them out during this annual gardening event! Volunteers will supply a hardy amount of beauties for you to plant in your gardens!

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

Wheat producers need to inspect crop as it breaks dormancy

BY JENNIFER STEWART
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One of Indiana's coldest, snowiest winters in recent history could have damaged some of the state's winter wheat crop - a fact that necessitates field scouting, a Purdue Extension agronomist says.

While snow cover insulates winter wheat from brutal cold, some parts of the state were hit with sub-zero temperatures when wheat was exposed. In that situation, the crop can suffer a number of injuries that force growers to decide whether to go ahead and apply nitrogen or terminate the crop.

"Whether wheat is at risk depends on where it's located in the state," Shaun Casteel said. "The snow blanket protected the crop in some areas, but in others, particularly in the southern part of the state, we didn't have that snow cover."

Even though winter wheat enters dormancy for the cold months, temperatures below 12 degrees Fahrenheit sustained for more than two hours can cause freeze injury to exposed wheat. As the crop advances into the jointing growth stage, the temperature point of injury doubles to 24 degrees.

Injury can be as minor as leaf-tip burn or as major as growing-point termination.

In areas that had some soil freezing and thawing cycles, the wheat crop also is at risk for heaving, a phenomenon where water refreezes in soil pores, lifts the soil, pushes the plants up and exposes the roots to drying out.

A third type of winter injury, Casteel said, is smothering. Wheat most at risk is that which is growing in low-lying field areas that ponded when snow melted, then froze again.

"We had a thaw a couple of weeks ago that caused some ponding," he said. "When ponded water freezes it cuts off the oxygen to the wheat roots underneath. Even though the wheat is dormant, it's still respiring, so cutting off oxygen can cause plant death."

Wheat will start to break winter dormancy once temperatures consistently reach the mid-30s and 40s. At that point, growers will have a better idea of how the crop fared over the winter.

But for some farmers who prefer to topdress nitrogen fertilizer when the ground is still frozen, waiting until green-up presents other challenges.

"Growers have to decide whether they want to spend the money to topdress wheat that might not be alive, or if they want to wait until green-up and then risk having to topdress nitrogen on soggy soils," Casteel said.

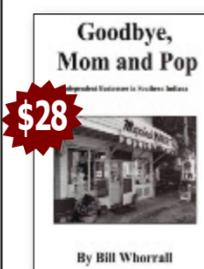
Another option is to topdress a lower nitrogen rate now, observe wheat condition at green-up, and then topdress liquid nitrogen at the jointing growth stage if wheat is viable. Casteel said that while this option isn't ideal, it is possible.

For farmers who find that wheat is in extremely poor condition, Casteel said it might make sense to tear out the crop and plant a spring cash crop such as corn or soybean.

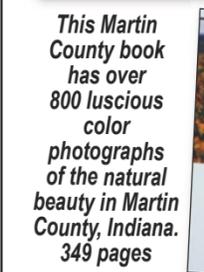
"There are some bad-looking fields out there that were exposed to extreme cold with no snow," he said. "Some of those fields are completely brown, which means they don't have any green tissue for photosynthesis."

More information about winter injury to wheat and wheat production in general is available in Purdue Extension's Wheat Field Guide. The guide is available for \$5 from Purdue Extension's The Education Store (http://www.the-education-store.com) by searching for "ID-448."

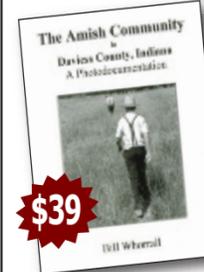
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