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Residents respond to proposed new library

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Loogootee Public Library Board and supporters attended the April 1 meeting of the Martin County Council to provide a resolution for the council to approve that increases the property tax levy for the library, in order for them to construct a new building. The synopsis of the council meeting was covered in last week's issue of the Martin County Journal.

The library is currently located on the square in downtown Loogootee and the current building has 3,000 square feet. Librarian Darla Wagler said that they have outgrown the building, where they moved in 2006 from down the road on North Line Street. The library paid \$150,000 for the building in 2006 and it now appraises at \$184,000. The proposed building is 8,344 square feet and includes a partial basement and is estimated to cost \$1.3 million. The library is also applying for a \$500,000 grant and if received, it would increase the construction to \$1.8 million. The proposed library would include meeting rooms, community rooms for public gatherings, teen programs, expanded children's program, and computer labs.

In 2012, the president of the library board at that time, Stephanie McAtee, and Wagler went to the Martin County Commissioners to let them know they wanted to expand the library's tax base. McAtee had explained to the commissioners back then that she felt it was unfair that residents in the City of Loogootee were paying for the library but residents outside the city limits, in Perry Township precincts 5, 6 and 7 and Crane and Rutherford townships were not. The Perry Township Trustee's of-

City council okays downtown light upgrades, discusses drainage issues

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Loogootee City Council met Monday night, April 10. Superintendent Bo Wilson gave the council updates on repairs done at the water treatment plant. Last month, the council had approved spending \$63,000 to replace grinders and a control panel at the sewer plant. Wilson told the council Monday that the cost was less than he expected at around \$53,000.

The well cleaning however ended up costing more. The council had approved spending \$30,000 to clean two wells. Wilson said that pump and motor repairs needed bumped the final cost to \$42,236.

A request from Wilson to purchase new lab equipment and reagents for the sewer plant was tabled at last month's meeting. The cost was \$16,850. The council again discussed what fund the money would come from and in the end tabled the purchase again with Ruth Smith voting against tabling it another month.

Wilson brought back quotes to replace the 65 downtown lights with

the quote from M&M Electric was \$8,710 and the quote from JT Mechanical was \$9,115. Wilson said that if it was just a matter of replacing bulbs, his department could do it but the work involved rewiring. He also noted that switching to LED would not lower the electric bill as the city pays a flat fee for the lights.

It was discussed whether to do half the lights now and half later in the year. In the end, the council unanimously agreed to hire M&M Electric to do all the lights now and the money would come from the city beautification fund that currently has \$9,600.

Council Member Roger Downey told his fellow council members that the city was doing pretty good about spending but they are now operating in the hole so far this year. He wanted his fellow council members to remember to pay attention to the bottom line.

With the city going forward with implementing a zoning ordinance, the next step is to form an advisory plan commission. Four members of the community are to be appointed by the mayor and three residents by the council (See 'COUNCIL' continued on page 2)

McAtee had explained that using the population of the three precincts, it averaged out to each resident paying \$3 a year toward the library. The library ended up being successful in expanding the tax base in 2012.

According to the 2016 annual report filed by the Loogootee Library, there are 5,853 residents who pay taxes toward the library. Of those, 1,416 have a library card, or 24 percent. Outside of the taxing district, 124 individuals have library cards. The library does charge \$33 for a library card to anyone outside the taxing district. The library circulated 38,512 items last year including books, movies, audiobooks, etc. and had 24,816 visitors.

In speaking with several residents (See 'LIBRARY' continued on page 2) Provide feedback to the Martin County Council members by utilizing their contact information below.

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Loogootee Public Library, Martin County, Indiana
Annual Financial Report - 2012
Cash & Investments Combined Statement

Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan 1, 2012	Receipts	Disbursement	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec 31, 2012
101	Operating	\$60,133.65	\$99,382.14	\$99,568.07	\$59,947.72
105	Debt Service	\$5,640.60	\$0.00	\$5,640.60	\$0.00
201.1	Summer Reading Program	\$0.00	\$1,630.00	\$1,522.40	\$107.60
2011	Lirf	\$51,316.07	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$48,316.07
23300	Technology	\$1,823.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,823.91
300	Gates Grant	\$2,515.26	\$0.00	\$1,577.97	\$937.29
401	Gift	\$3,840.83	\$2,773.22	\$233.89	\$6,380.16
61	Rainy Day	\$4,208.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,208.12
GRAND TOTAL		\$129,478.44	\$103,785.36	\$111,542.93	\$121,720.87

Above is the Loogootee Public Library's annual financial report from 2012, prior to the library expanding their tax base to include Perry Township precincts 5, 6 and 7 and Crane and Rutherford townships. Below is their annual financial report from 2016, after that tax base expansion.

Loogootee Public Library, Martin County, Indiana
Annual Financial Report - 2016
Cash & Investments Combined Statement

Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan 1, 2016	Receipts	Disbursement	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec 31, 2016
100	Operating	\$83,981.79	\$263,928.18	\$168,580.49	\$179,329.48
120	Rainy Day	\$4,208.12	\$6,051.06	\$0.00	\$10,259.18
130	Gift	\$1,814.13	\$500.00	\$885.25	\$1,428.88
140	LIRF	\$13,868.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,868.66
143	LIRF/LPL 2013	\$34,646.90	\$891.81	\$731.30	\$34,807.41
145	Technology	\$171.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$171.25
180	Cash Change Fund	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
185	Petty Cash Fund	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
200.1	Federal Tax	\$0.00	\$7,656.22	\$7,656.22	\$0.00
200.2	FICA	\$0.00	\$4,993.16	\$4,993.16	\$0.00
200.3	Medicare	\$0.00	\$1,167.76	\$1,167.76	\$0.00
200.4	State Tax	\$0.00	\$3,207.80	\$3,207.80	\$0.00
200.5	County Tax	\$0.00	\$860.40	\$860.40	\$0.00
200.6	PERF	\$0.00	\$1,173.64	\$1,173.64	\$0.00
201.1	Summer Reading Program	\$19.85	\$1,100.00	\$1,119.85	\$0.00
202	Evergreen Indiana Fines and Fees Fund	\$0.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL		\$138,770.70	\$291,548.03	\$190,393.87	\$239,924.86

Group wants county to save historic Mt. Olive Road bridge

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Greg Sekula, with Indiana Landmarks, a nonprofit organization that works on historic preservation around the state, attended the Tuesday night, April 11, Martin County Commissioners' meeting to discuss with them an historic bridge in the county that his group would like to see saved. The bridge, located just past Indian Creek Quarry, on Mt. Olive Road, known as bridge 21, was built in 1887 by the Indiana Bridge Company. A new bridge was built next to the old bridge in 1988. Sekula said that the bridge is made of wrought iron and is of very high value to historians. "The bridge is a very rare example of its type," he said. "There are only very few of these bridges left." He added that one of the foremost bridge historians he spoke with ranked the bridge as one of the most significant wrought iron bridges in the state.

Sekula said that he wanted to first, bring to the attention of the commissioners, the historic value of the bridge and second, wanted to see about getting a tree, that is threatening to fall on the structure, removed or cut back. He said he wanted to see if the county had any future trail projects or park projects planned where the bridge could be restored and used. If not, he said that

other counties, such as Monroe, Clay, have contacted his organization looking for historic bridges to use in their projects.

He said since the bridge has not been used, it is just withering away and there are grant funds available to help with restoration and removal.

Chuck, who owns the property the bridge sits on, said he doesn't have an issue with the county removing the bridge however he has some of his best farm land that could be in the path of removal and he asked that it not be destroyed. Commissioner Paul George said they would make sure his property wasn't affected.

He asked how much the bridge is worth. Sekula replied that a lot of these historic bridges don't have a lot of monetary value except in the form of scrap metal, but they have historic significance.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett was asked if they could work on removing the tree that threatens the bridge. Padgett said he would go out and look at it.

Chuck said he thought that years ago, the historical society went to a lot of trouble to keep the bridge intact. He said they had put new decking on it and put plaques on the bridge. Sekula said he would get in contact with the historical society to see if they have any (See 'BRIDGE' continued on page 2)

LIBRARY

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since the council meeting, questions arose about the library giving office space, in a new building, to Work One and St. Vincent de Paul, rent-free.

WorkOne is a government-funded program offered by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and helps residents with finding a job or seeking job training. The WorkOne office is currently located in Cooper Plaza in Loogootee.

St. Vincent de Paul is a non-profit Catholic charity that provides services to needy families. According to its website, St. Vincent de Paul's mission is inspired by gospel values. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

Librarian Darla Wagler had told the county council at their last meeting that both organizations provide services to the community that the library cannot which is why having them in the new library would be very beneficial to the community.

St. Vincent de Paul also donated the land where the new library would be

built, next to the current St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry on Park Street.

Other residents spoke out about the location of the new library and felt that it was too far outside of downtown. Library proponents said that the current location does not have adequate parking and many people, mainly senior citizens and children, do not patron the current library because they have to cross the highway. They said the new location would be safer for children to walk to after school.

It was also questioned whether the current library could be expanded. Library Board President Pat Hale had said that Midwestern Engineers had looked at the building and expansion would remove some of their parking and would only increase the library size by one-fourth. In the end, they said it would not be feasible.

County Council Member Lynn Gee offered her opinion saying that many people don't want their taxes raised to fund the library but she feels something needs to be done. She said she has been in the library and there is not enough space to provide programs. She also noted that the library provides free internet access for adults and students, something they may not have access to at home.

County Council Member Randy

Winger said, as of Monday, that he has not heard from any taxpayers about the library project but he was hoping that he would. Winger represents the district that includes Rutherford Township.

After the Martin County Journal published a facebook post looking for input on the proposed new library, 175 comments were received publicly and The Journal also received multiple private messages. A vast majority were not in favor of taxes being increased and many felt the project was too big for the area. Using funding for road repairs instead was a common response. Some commented that they felt the library served the need of the community as it is and that there has not been a growth in population of the county to warrant such an increase in size. It was also mentioned that the Martin County Community Learning Center on the fairgrounds, between Loogootee and Shoals, serves many of the purposes the new library has proposed.

The tax increase, estimated at 0.0771 cents per \$100 of assessed property value would affect all taxpayers in Perry Township, Crane and Rutherford and include residential and commercial properties and farm land. The library's tax rate for 2017 is 0.0683.

Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty said in a statement, "I would like to start off by saying I have always been and continue to be a big supporter of the Loogootee Public Library. Throughout the years, I have been personally involved with the library and have been given the opportunity to read to students of all age groups in the various all year programs offered. I have attended book signings and have on occasion visited the facility to use a computer when other options weren't available. In visiting the library, I have witnessed first-hand the ability to be able to access a computer to be difficult at times due to lack of availability and space. I have also witnessed how crowded the facility can

become when various opportunities offered are utilized. I understand based on figures recently presented by the library that about 20 percent of our population use the facility. Though this may not seem like a lot of people, it comes in at around 1,400 residents. A proposal recently presented by the library is to construct an 8,300-square-foot facility on the property adjacent to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in which St. Vincent's has donated to the library. I understand there has been a lot of feedback from residents regarding the proposed location. Believe me when I say no one would love to see the library stay in the downtown area more than me and though I still haven't given up on the idea however after library officials completing their due diligence a location offering enough facility space and ample parking to date has just not been able to be acquired. A different location, away from the downtown, that I also understand has been mentioned by residents is the former Elementary East building. The building was purchased two years ago, and has now been 80 percent funded with the remaining funding hopefully to be approved in August of this year for the facility to be transformed in to 22 senior housing units. Currently, there is a four-year waiting list in Loogootee for such housing. The real question that seems to be at the forefront amongst residents is, should our property taxes be increased to construct a new library? I would ask, is there more than one option in regards to size and what might those costs be in relationship to raising the tax levy at this time or not raising the levy. If ultimately property taxes have to be increased I feel all of our residents should have the opportunity to voice their opinion on the situation and should!"

The Martin County Council is expected to vote on the tax increase at their May 1 meeting, which begins at 6 p.m. in the courthouse. The meeting is open to the public.

COUNCIL

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The council voted to appoint Jason Greene, Roger Downey and Theresa Nolley. Mayor Noel Harty said he is still working on finalizing his fourth appointment however he wanted to go ahead and appoint Jim Floyd, Denny Green and John Stoll II.

Mayor Harty told the council that he recently spoke with Nicole Bays, with House Investments, about the feasibility study that was needed to possibly bring assisted living housing into Loogootee. Mayor Harty said that House Investments are currently exploring their options and a report should be provided for the council at next month's meeting.

Fire Chief JD Flynn requested permission from the council to purchase a pumper truck with ladder from another fire department for \$18,500. He said the truck is a 1990 model and a new one would cost around \$700,000. Flynn said it's a very good deal that he doesn't want to pass up on. The Loogootee Fire Department's truck is a 1974 model. The council approved the purchase.

Mayor Harty told the council that the Loogootee Park Board has new members, Jessica Poole, who will be the new park board president; Georgia Cunningham and Ron Gilbert. He said he will invite them to the next council meeting to introduce themselves.

Council Member Downey asked about what the city's plan is on tagging abandoned vehicles. Police Chief Kelly Rayhill said that it's a sticky subject and he feels they need to come up with a protocol on which vehicles qualify to be tagged. He asked if they city wanted to tag vehicles on the road, in someone's back yard or what to do if there are multiple unused vehicles on a property.

Downey replied that he felt the protocol was spelled out in the city's ordinance and that some of the cars have been sitting up on blocks for years. "I just don't want the eyesore," said Downey.

Downey said he will do some more research and report back.

Jason Tinkle, from Clark Street, spoke to the council about stormwater drainage issues he's been having for years. He said he has been to the council in the past about these issues but nothing has been done. He said the problem continues to escalate to the point of it becoming a health issue, causing his family sinus problems due to the standing water. He noted that it is also a breeding ground for mosquitoes and his children cannot play in the backyard anymore because it is constantly soggy.

He wanted to know the status of the storm drainage fund. Mayor Harty replied that they are collecting fees from water customers now to go into a special account for storm drainage issues and are applying for grants. They are waiting for the stormwater fund to accumulate. Tinkle said his property rarely dries out until late May and he has counted 15 residences whose stormwater drains into that area.

Richard Taylor said he thought it was illegal for people to let their downspouts drain to other people's property. Wright-Ryan said that is a civil issue, not a city issue and the property owner would have to hire their own attorney.

Tinkle said if he doesn't see the city showing interest in helping the situation, he will have no other choice but to take legal action. He said he doesn't want to do that but he has no other options. Tinkle said he has presented the same information to the previous council years ago, and nothing was done. He added that it was very frustrating not knowing when or if the city would do something to fix it. Mayor Harty said that the city would make an appointment to come over and look at Tinkle's property.

Don Greene, in the audience, complained about the empty lots downtown. He said the concrete drops off and someone will end up getting hurt. He wants to know if the property owner or the city would be liable if something like that happens. He said it's been a year and a half since the buildings were destroyed and it looks horrible and something needs to be done.

BRIDGE

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ideas.

Padgett asked how much it would cost to take the bridge down and move it. Sekula said he wasn't sure because each bridge is different but he could get some general numbers together.

Commissioner George said right now they will work to cut the tree back and keep it in the best shape they can for now.

Sekula also told the commissioners that his organization will be helping market the Williams House on Hwy. 450, owned by Ray Baxter. Had it for sale by owner and they will be looking for someone who would be interested in purchasing the property to restore it. He said this home is also very historically significant.

In other business, Courtney Hughett provided the commissioners with the Martin County Humane Society quarterly report. The animal shelter took in 27 dogs and 14 cats in the first quarter of 2017 and adopted out 35 animals. Hughett told the commissioners that they are again working on trapping feral cats around the county to get them spayed or neutered. She said there are pockets of feral cat colonies that continue to get larger and they are working on controlling them although it is a time-consuming process.

Highway Department Superintendent Leo Padgett requested permission from the commissioners to purchase a mower so his department can mow the steep

banks around the highway garage. He gave the commissioners photos and information on a 2005 model that he wanted to purchase.

After discussion, the commissioners asked Padgett to look into purchasing a four-wheel drive model as opposed to the two-wheel drive model he had presented.

The commissioners voted to hire Robin Haulk as a part-time mower for the highway department.

Emergency Management Director Monty Wolf told the commissioners that his department has weather radios available to the public, preferably to residents to live in mobile homes or homes with the biggest threat of damage in a tornado.

Courtney Hughett asked Auditor January Roush if there has recently been a major reassessment done in the county. Roush said there has not, just the standard reassessment done each year. She said the tax rate did increase a little bit though.

Loogootee Revival Center Easter Service

The Loogootee Revival Center Church, located on corner of Wood and NW First streets, will be celebrating Easter Day with breakfast from 8:15-9:15 a.m. and then service begins at 9:30 a.m.

There will be worship and communion and the children and others will be performing.

Obituaries

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WANDA HELLUMS

Wanda Hellums died unexpectedly at 1:38 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at her daughter Sherri and Tim's home, after a battle of pneumonia from March. A resident of Loogootee, she was 85.

She was born September 8, 1931 in Daviess County; daughter of the late Elmer and Ruth (Godwin) Perkins.

She married the late Charles Hellums on May 14, 1949. She was a homemaker and a member of the Loogootee Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death her husband, Charles; her parents, Elmer and Ruth Perkins and siblings, Meredith Perkins, John Perkins, Jess Perkins, and Beryl England.

She is survived by her children, Mark and wife, Kaye; Sheryl Hellums, and Sherri Hellums; grandchildren, Tracy Stoll and husband, Brad; Jason Davis and wife, Michelle; Chuck Hellums and Justin Hellums, all of Loogootee; step-grandchild, Cole Lawrence of Boonville; one sister, Escal Sexton of Bloomington; eight great-grandchildren, one step-great-grandchild, one great-great grandchild, three step-great-great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held Thursday, April 6 at Sugarland Memory Gardens in Washington.

Memorial Contributions can be made to the hospice of one's choice or the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

MARTIN MEYER

Martin Richard Meyer passed away at the Timbers of Jasper on April 11, 2017 at 6:45 a.m. Formerly of Shoals, he was 87.

He was born December 29, 1929 in Martin County; son of John H. and Anna M. (Ziegler) Meyer. He graduated from Shoals High School in 1947 and Purdue University with a BS in Agriculture. He was a self-employed farmer, and also was employed at the Farm Bureau Co-Op of Loogootee, NWSC Crane and Kimball Electronics.

He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Loogootee and was a Veteran of the United States Air Force during the Korean War.

He is survived by a daughter, Brenda Pennington of Shoals; a son, Lar-

ry Meyer of Jasper; a granddaughter, Deidre Pennington of Loogootee; and two great-grandsons, McColley Dobson and Sawyer Sternberg.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Howard Meyer; and four sisters, Arnetta Defibaugh, Helen Harding, Mary Mullin and Evelyn Peek.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday April 15 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Loogootee with

Pastor Tim Fleace officiating. Burial will be in the Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee.

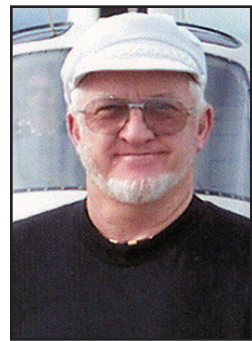
Visitation will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Martin County Humane Society.

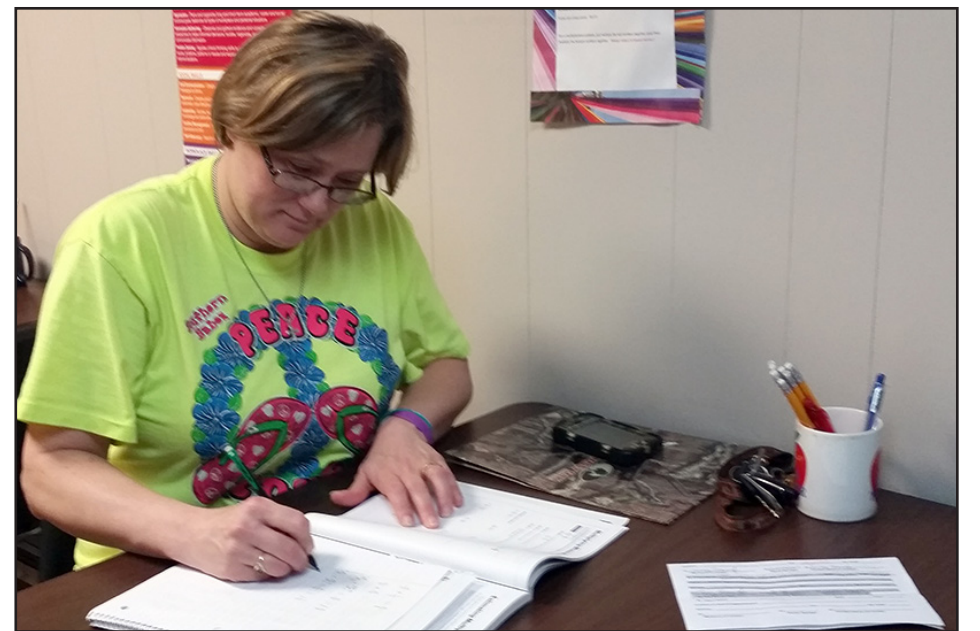
Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals is in charge of the arrangements.



WANDA HELLUMS



MARTIN MEYER



-Photo provided

Joanna Hurst is currently studying math in preparation for the HSE (High School Equivalency) test.

VU offering adult education classes in Loogootee

The Vincennes University Adult Basic Education program is offering free instruction in basic skills to adults in Loogootee and the surrounding counties. Classes are now being offered at the WorkOne office in Loogootee at 123 Cooper Street. Classes are from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

ABE instructor Greg Baugh says you can set your own goals and work at your own pace. You can work individually or in a small group, and best of all, it is absolutely free. Baugh says, "We can help you prepare for college, prepare for the TASC test (formerly called GED), and improve your skills for your job." He states, "Finding a good paying job to support a family without a high school diploma or higher education is difficult at best." He adds, "We have a variety of students. Some have recently dropped out while others come in because they lost their jobs after many years with a company that suddenly demanded more educa-

tion. Some say they just can't help their children with their homework. My goal is to help you achieve your goal. Come in and let's create a plan that works for you."

You must be at least 16 years old to receive services. If you are under 18, you must have documentation from your last school stating you have exited that school. Pretests and posttests are given to determine when you are ready to take the TASC test. In most cases, you can also get the testing fee waived. Test sites are in Vincennes, Bedford, and Bloomington.

Baugh states that he also coordinates with WorkOne to offer free training for some of Indiana's "HOT JOBS" such as CNA, Medical Assistant, HVAC, welding and others. Many jobs go unfilled each day because there are not enough skilled workers to fill them. If you or someone you know who could benefit from these services, call or text Greg Baugh at 812-480-4219.



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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, APRIL 3

9:23 a.m. - Received a report of theft near Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

11:35 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Sheriff Roush responded.

12:00 p.m. - Received a drug complaint in Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

12:15 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Sheriff Roush responded.

12:21 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

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

4:39 p.m. - Loogootee Sergeant Keller assisted with a traffic detail in Loogootee.

6:24 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist south of Loogootee.

6:49 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals on US 50. Deputy Reed responded.

9:04 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

1:08 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Deputy Reed responded. No one was transported.

8:03 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee on US 231. ISP Trooper Weir responded.

9:30 a.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

10:26 a.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

10:55 a.m. - Sergeant Keller took two inmates to court.

1:07 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Sergeant Keller, Captain Dant, Sheriff Roush, Shoals Fire, Town Marshal Eckert, and Martin County Ambulance responded. AirEvac was utilized to transport the subject.

2:45 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

3:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Lost River Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. Memorial Hospital Ambulance assisted with a paramedic intercept. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Memorial Hospital Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:50 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

7:57 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth and Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

8:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist east of Loogootee.

9:20 p.m. - Received a report of a car-

deer accident north of Loogootee on US 231. Major Burkhardt responded.

11:50 p.m. - Received a report of horses out south of Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

3:38 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Salmon, and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded. No one was transported.

9:45 a.m. - Jailer Emmick took one inmate back to Madison Correctional Facility.

11:37 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and all was okay.

6:05 p.m. - All area emergency personnel were notified of severe weather approaching the area.

6:37 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down in Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

12:52 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic near Shoals. Deputy Salmon, Deputy Shinn, and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

8:20 a.m. - Received a report of a runaway juvenile near Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:35 a.m. - Major Burkhardt took three inmates to court.

1:00 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

1:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:30 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

4:03 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

2:35 a.m. - Received a report of a prowler in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd and Deputy Shinn responded.

5:38 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

9:08 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:19 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance was contacted but the subject was transported by personal vehicle.

9:56 a.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a vehicle identification check near Loogootee.

10:45 a.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist north of Shoals.

11:10 a.m. - Received a report of cows out north of Shoals. The owners were contacted.

11:32 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Sheriff Roush responded.

2:30 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to court.

3:24 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Shoals. Sheriff Roush and ISP Troopers Qualkenbush and Beaver responded.

3:29 p.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

4:00 p.m. - Jail Officer Means transported one inmate to the Daviess County Jail.

5:20 p.m. - Jail Officer Means on station with one inmate from Daviess County.

7:48 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

1:35 a.m. - Received a noise complaint near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert and Deputy Shinn responded.

7:14 a.m. - Loogootee Officer McBeth assisted with a traffic detail in Loogootee.

8:14 a.m. - Loogootee Officer McBeth performed a vehicle identification check in Loogootee.

8:20 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:20 a.m. - Loogootee Officer McBeth performed a vehicle identification check in Loogootee.

2:06 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded and all was okay.

6:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hos-

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

3:22 p.m. - Evan Wood, 19, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Chief Rayhill for theft. His bond has been set at \$20,000 10%. Major Burkhardt assisted with the arrest.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

11:15 a.m. - Sasha Vincent, 25, of Owensburg, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on a Martin County warrant. She is being held without bond.

11:15 a.m. - Shylar Vincent, 27, of Owensburg, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

2:48 p.m. - Alexis Minnich, 31, of Bloomington, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with possession of marijuana and paraphernalia. She is being held on a \$25,000 bond. Sheriff Roush assisted with the arrest.

2:48 p.m. - Jeffrey Adams, 31, of Bloomington, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with possession of marijuana and paraphernalia. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. Sheriff Roush assisted with the arrest.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

2:21 a.m. - Tiffany Allen, 23, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Floyd and charged with theft and false informing. She is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

2:24 a.m. - Bryan Burris, 39, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper McBeth and charged with maintaining a common nuisance, neglect of a dependent, and possession of marijuana. His bond has been set at \$25,000 10%.

4:20 p.m. - Patric Guy, 21, of Madison, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, and operating a vehicle while intoxicated with a controlled substance. His bond has been set at \$10,000 10%.

5:53 p.m. - Tatiana O'Malley, 20, of Evansville, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennette and charged with possession of marijuana and operating a vehicle while intoxicated with a controlled substance. Her bond has been set at \$10,000 10%.

pital.

6:33 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

10:06 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. All county units were notified.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

3:12 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

11:48 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:07 p.m. - Received an alarm call east of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded and all was okay.

12:40 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on SR 150, east of Shoals. Sergeant Keller, ISP Trooper Lents, Martin County Ambulance, and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:01 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

3:20 p.m. - Sergeant Keller performed two vehicle identification checks near Shoals.

8:20 p.m. - Sheriff Roush, Deputy Reed, ISP Trooper Beaver, and Town Marshal Eckert assisted Community Corrections Director Collins on a welfare check.

Accident report

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

11:30 a.m. - Penny F. Hunter, of Loogootee, was pulling onto Broadway Street when she merged and struck a 2005 International operated by Justin Mitchell, of Linton. Chief Rayhill investigated.

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COURT NEWS

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CRIMINAL COURT

New Charges Filed

March 2

Ronald L. Johnson, two counts of driving while suspended.

March 3

Angelique Gerkin, possession of methamphetamine; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances.

March 6

Ricky J. Lind, intimidation; pointing a firearm.

March 9

Travis R. Salmon, resisting law enforcement.

Richard A. Davis, Jr., operating while intoxicated; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body.

Ashlyn S. Jewell, assisting a criminal; false informing.

March 13

Christian P. Winter, possession of a synthetic drug or synthetic drug looka-

Real estate transfers

Carl Gibson, of Martin County, Indiana to **Nicholas Alan Strange and Chelsey Dawn Strange**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 36, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 4 acres, more or less.

Carl E. Wiscaver, Sr., Martin County, Indiana to **Wiscaver Properties, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana. Parcel 1: Lots numbered 1 and 2 in Riverfront Subdivision to Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana. Parcel 2: A portion of Lot Number 125 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana, containing 0.127 acre. Parcel 3: Lot Number 124 in the original Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. Parcel 4: A part of the northeast quarter of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.38 acres, more or less. Parcel 5: Lot 1 in Scenic Hill containing 1.443 acres.

Dean M. Steiner and Dana M. Steiner, and Daniel M. Steiner, of Martin County, Indiana to **Robert L. Bratton**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northeast quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.86 acres, more or less.

Elmer J. Graber, of Martin County, Indiana to **Michael C. Jones and Suzette A. Jones**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 8, Township 3 North, Range 4 West.

Mary J. Quick, of Martin County, Indiana to **Michael R. Quick**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: Lots Numbered 8, 9, 10 and 11 in Block Number 4 in the Town of Burns City, Indiana. Also, a section containing 2 acres, more or less. Tract II: Lots Numbered 6 and 7 in Block Number 4 in the original plat of the Town of Burns City, Indiana. Tract III: Lots Numbered 5 and 64 feet off the east side of Lot Number 6 in Kecksville, now Burns City, Indiana.

Kevin John Moffatt and Carla June Moffatt, of Orange County, Indiana to **James A. Knepp**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 31.799 acres, more or less.

like substance; public intoxication.

Derek M. Conklin, public intoxication.

Darren L. Watson, intimidation; unlawful sale of legend drugs; operating while intoxicated.

March 16

Ashley M. Peek, possession of methamphetamine; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances; unlawful possession of syringe; possession of paraphernalia.

Jayce P. Wagoner, strangulation; intimidation; criminal confinement; domestic battery.

March 21

Ryan L. Persinger, battery resulting in bodily injury.

Kent D. Bradley, battery resulting in bodily injury.

Brandon S. Melvin, operating while intoxicated; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more.

Travis R. Salmon, intimidation; resisting law enforcement.

March 22

Ruby K. Martin, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

March 24

Kenneth D. Campbell, dealing in methamphetamine; possession of methamphetamine; maintaining a common nuisance-controlled substances; carrying a handgun without a license; possession of marijuana; possession of paraphernalia.

March 27

Jean W. Amazan, operating while intoxicated; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more.

Travis J. Howell, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more; operating while intoxicated.

Jared W. Welker, operating while intoxicated; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more.

Jasmine R. Volz, possession of a controlled substance.

Steve L. Lewis, dealing in methamphetamine; two counts of possession of methamphetamine; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances; possession of marijuana; possession of paraphernalia.

Richard Bolen, two counts of dealing in methamphetamine; possession of methamphetamine; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances; unlawful possession of syringe; possession of marijuana; possession of paraphernalia; habitual offender, sentence enhancement.

Kimberly K. Dubson, two counts of dealing in methamphetamine; possession of methamphetamine; neglect of a dependent; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances; unlawful possession of syringe; possession of marijuana; possession of paraphernalia.

Timothy E. Ervin, two counts of dealing in methamphetamine; possession of methamphetamine; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances; possession of marijuana; possession of paraphernalia.

Jackie R. Edmondson, Jr., dealing in methamphetamine; possession of methamphetamine; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances.

Jonathan W. Dant, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances; possession of marijuana.

Jordan E. Sipes, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances; possession of marijuana; visiting a common nuisance – controlled substances.

Breanna L. Ervin, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances;

possession of marijuana; possession of paraphernalia.

March 31

Jaqueline R. Mattingly, operating while intoxicated; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body.

Brad A. Zins, invasion of privacy.

Christian D. Stinebaugh, invasion of privacy; false informing.

Jill M. Lake, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances; possession of marijuana.

Brian M. Conley, possession of methamphetamine; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances; possession of paraphernalia.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

March 21

Toby Carwile, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 357 days suspended and credit for 4 actual days previously served plus 4 good time credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

James Ringer, convicted of domestic battery, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 431 suspended and credit for 58 actual days previously served plus 58 Class A credit days. Defendant received 14 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

March 21

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, APRIL 3

12:21 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

4:39 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted with traffic control on Broadway Street.

9:03 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the ambulance service.

9:51 p.m. - First responders were requested on Cedar Street for a medical call.

10:35 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

2:00 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on West Washington Street.

2:20 p.m. - Caller reported a loose dog on Bloomfield Road. Animal Control was contacted.

3:00 p.m. - Male came on station to request a vehicle identification check.

7:57 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint on Park Street. Animal Control was contacted.

9:00 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle in Bowling Trailer Court.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

3:38 a.m. - First responders were requested on JFK Avenue for a medical call.

10:10 a.m. - Caller reported a broken down semi on Hwy 50.

11:30 a.m. - Chief Rayhill and Captain Dant responded to a residential alarm.

1:40 p.m. - Female brought in a lost credit card.

4:52 p.m. - Caller reported a verbal dispute on JFK Avenue.

6:23 p.m. - Caller reported trees down in the city.

6:33 p.m. - Caller reported a line down.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

5:11 a.m. - Received a report of a 911 hang-up in Bellgrade.

10:40 a.m. - Female caller requested a welfare check on a child.

12:01 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted

Toby Carwile, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

James Ringer, criminal confinement, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; three counts of resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

March 30

Crane Credit Union vs. Johnathan Robertson, civil collection.

Crane Credit Union vs. Julia D. Finken, civil collection.

Convergence Acquisitions, LLC vs. Adena A. Schutte, civil collection.

March 31

Ronnie D. Jones, Jr. vs. Brooke M. Jones, domestic relations with children.

April 3

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Kristi Walker, civil collection.

Capital One vs. Randall S. Blackwell. Personal Finance Company, LLC vs. Steve McCauley, civil collection.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

March 29

Medical of Dubois vs. Damon Baker, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Ladema Walton, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Megan R. Crays, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Elgan Stoll, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Deborah True-love, complaint.

with a funeral procession.

4:03 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

2:45 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on Cedar Street.

10:30 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted with a funeral procession.

5:51 p.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

7:33 p.m. - Female reported a civil complaint.

7:48 p.m. - Caller reported property damage.

10:41 p.m. - Monroe County advised of a pursuit and the accused may reside in Loogootee.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

7:14 a.m. - Officer McBeth assisted with a traffic detail.

8:20 a.m. - First responders were requested on Abel Lane for a medical call.

11:20 a.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

5:08 p.m. - Female reported receiving threats.

6:11 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the ambulance service.

8:50 p.m. - Caller reported a possible violation of a protective order.

10:00 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

10:56 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted a motorist.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

12:10 a.m. - Caller reported a possible small fire along the road on Hwy 50.

3:12 a.m. - Male reported a possible theft.

9:46 a.m. - Female reported a lost wallet.

8:19 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Queen Street.

8:39 p.m. - Caller reported a welfare check on a male.

10:07 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless golf cart on Main Street.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



Here are some more puns, my favorite form of humor. Sort of makes you think (which is good for you, by the way.)

PUNS

1. Seamstress is caused by wearing tight clothing.
2. For summer vacation, I decided to go to north-eastern Spain and Basque in the sunshine.
3. I got this new Chapstick the other day. It's the balm!
4. I saw a great comedy show in London. Folks were rolling in the isles.
5. Lack of ram may preclude rack of lamb.
6. How do you catch a bassoon? With a clarinet
7. Why was Zeus so angry? Someone stole his thunder.
8. I wanted to take home some leftovers from the BBQ, but someone foiled my plans.
9. Why don't some couples go to the gym? Because some relationships don't work out.
10. Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.
11. I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind.
12. I'd tell you a chemistry joke but I know I wouldn't get a reaction.
13. Yesterday I accidentally swallowed some food coloring. The doctor says I'm OK, but I feel like I've dyed a little inside.
14. A friend of mine tried to annoy me with bird puns, but I soon realized that toucan play at that game.
15. Did you hear about the guy who got hit in the head with a can of soda? He was lucky it was a soft drink.
16. Have you ever tried to eat a clock? It's very time consuming.
17. I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down.
18. I once got into so much debt that I couldn't even afford my electricity bills. They were the darkest times of my life.
19. Whenever there is an earthquake the geologists are always quick to find fault.
20. I just love wind. It blows me away.
21. He crashed while rowing his boat and suffered a broken skull.
22. Instead of being rewarded for his invention, Dr. Guillotine was charged with neckless endangerment.
23. In an effort to smooth things over and resolve their differences, one gladiator said to the other, "Let's bury the hatchet and go clubbing."
24. The cardiovascular system is a work of artery, but is also really vein.

On an overseas flight, a lawyer and an older man were in adjoining seats. The lawyer asked the senior if he'd like to play a little game. The older man was tired, and he told the lawyer he only wanted to sleep.

But the lawyer insisted the game was a lot of fun. "Here's how it works," he said. "I'll ask you a question. If you can't come up with the answer, you have to give me a dollar. Then it's your turn to ask me one. But if I can't answer it, I have to give you \$20."

The senior figured if he just got this over with, maybe he could get some

sleep. So, he agreed to play.

The first question from the lawyer was "How far apart are the earth and the moon?"

The senior stayed completely silent, reached for a dollar, and gave it to the lawyer. Then he said, "My turn. What walks upstairs backward and comes downstairs forward?"

The lawyer was stumped. He thought and thought. He tried to remember all the riddles he knew. He searched every corner of his brain. He even cheated and asked the flight attendants and other passengers.

Finally, he gave up. He woke up the older man and gave him a twenty. The senior stuffed the twenty in his coat and went immediately back to sleep.

The lawyer couldn't stand it. He woke up the older man and said, "I have to know. What walks upstairs backward and comes downstairs forward?"

The senior got out his wallet, gave the lawyer a dollar, and went back to sleep.

Don't mess with senior citizens when they're napping.

Make someone smile today!

Run the World 5K

Run the World 5K Fun Run/Walk will be held Saturday, April 15, 2017 at Loogootee High School.

The registration desk opens at 8 a.m. The 5K Run/Walk starts at 8:30 a.m.

An award will be presented to the overall male and female in the run. The 5K route includes rolling, paved city streets. The entry fee for the 5K Run/Walk is \$20 before/ on April 14 and \$25 thereafter. Children in strollers are free and encouraged. Ghost runners are welcome! Shirts will be guaranteed for paid pre-registrants.

Registration forms are available at Loogootee High School or you can register by calling 812-295-3254 ext 455 or emailing rhigraves@loogootee.k12.in.us . Late entries will be taken between 8 and 8:30 am on the day of the race. All proceeds from the 5K will help high school students travel to France or Spain .

Hawkins 5K Run/Walk and Fun Run

Hawkins Health Center will be hosting a 5K Run/Walk and a Fun Run for children on Saturday, May 13 with all proceeds going towards the Loogootee High School Cross Country Program. To pre-register, stop by Hawkins Health Center at 1 Loogootee Plaza to pick up a form. Pre-registration is required on or before April 18 and the costs are \$18 for an individual, \$25 for a family, and free for the fun run (\$10 for a t-shirt).

Costs on the day of the race are \$20 for individuals and \$30 for a family. Each family registration includes all in one household but only one t-shirt will be given per family. Additional shirts are \$10 each. All mother's crossing the finish line will receive a free gift!

Registration on race day will be from 8 a.m.-8:45 a.m. The walk will begin at 9 a.m., the fun run will begin at 9:15 a.m. and the run will begin at 9:30 a.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, April 13 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

Board of Works meeting

The Loogootee Board of Public Works will meet in executive session Tuesday, April 18 at 4:30 p.m. in the council meeting room of the municipal building. The purpose of the meeting is to interview prospective employees pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2). The meeting is closed to the public. A public meeting will follow the executive session.

Lutheran Church bake sale

St. John's Lutheran Church will hold a bake sale Saturday, April 15 from 8 a.m. until all items are sold. Due to the possibility of rain, the sale will be held inside the church. There will be cookies, cakes and other items.

Chamber of Commerce meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, April 19 at noon at Pizza Junction. Anyone interested in working with the chamber is encouraged to attend.

Sunday nights of revival

New Beginnings Community Church and Maranatha Tabernacle Church are holding 14 continuous Sunday nights of revival starting January 8 through April 9, 2017. The "Code Blue" (start your heart with God) revival meetings begin at 6 p.m. (EST) each Sunday night and meet at Maranatha Tabernacle Church, 13111 Hwy 231 N., Loogootee. Special revival speakers and worship bands will participate each month. For additional information, contact Pastor Ernie at 812-709-0258 or Pastor Duane at 812-295-4349.

AL-ANON meetings

AL-ANON, a support group for those impacted by substance abuse, meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. at Loogootee Redemption Church.

Attention Senior Citizens

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the Annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogootee provides activities for seniors every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tournaments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirements to participate.

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Karen at 812-709-1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

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 5:30 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend.

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.

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public is invited to attend.

Soil and Water meetings

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

Notes from the WIC Nutritionist

BY ELIZABETH WHITE
Martin County WIC Nutritionist

Oral Health is very important for your child. Children who do not have good oral health can have nutrition problems, too. If their teeth or mouth hurt, they are not going to want to eat or will have trouble chewing nutritious foods. Being a good example by brushing two times a day and seeing the dentist two times a year is a great way to help your children have good oral health. Give your children milk and water to drink.

Children do not need sugary drinks. Always have positive conversations with your child about the dentist and avoid scary stories that involve bad experiences at the dentist. (McMillen Center for Health Education brush! program)

The WIC program provides supplemental nutritional foods, referrals, breastfeeding support, and nutrition education for pregnant women, nursing women, infants, and children 1-5 years. The Martin Co WIC clinic is open Monday and Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please call 247-3303 to make an appointment. To contact the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor, text or call 812-675-1083.

Next Honor Flight is May 6

Honor Flight of Southern Indiana is taking their 6th trip out of Evansville Regional Airport on a chartered American Airlines Airbus A321 filled with approximately 80 veterans and 80 guardians to Washington, D.C. on May 6, 2017.

Honor Flight of Southern Indiana is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices. Honor Flight of Southern Indiana transports America's Heroes to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at their memorials. Top priority is given to senior veterans – World War II survivors, Korean & Vietnam survivors, along with those other veterans who may be terminally ill. It's time to thank our area heroes that never got a proper welcome home & you can do just that by attending the Welcome Home Parade at Evansville Regional Airport on May 6, 2017. Parade begins at 8 p.m. so come early and get a good spot. Follow the INDOT signage for parking.



4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown
Martin County Purdue
Extension Educator



Performing Arts Contest

The Martin County 4H Performing Arts contest will be held on May 1, 2017 in the Community Building. Any current 4H member, including mini's, are welcome to participate. Just prepare a skit, speech, musical number, dance number, or any other talent you have and present it that evening. The event will be judged and the winners in each category moving on to the Area III contest on May 6th. The categories are musical, non-musical, and group.

4-H Camp

This year's 4-H Camp will be June 12-14. Any 4-Her grades 3-8 are welcome. Applications have been sent out through the mail. You are also able to pick one up at the Extension Office. This year's theme is game boards. This is a great opportunity to meet new people from different counties, learn new things, and have lots of fun! Applications are accepted on a first come first served basis.

Club Meetings

Jolly Juniors—Thursday, April 20; Tuesday, May 2; Thursday, May 18; Tuesday, June 6; Thursday, June 22; Thursday, and Thursday, June 29 all at 6 p.m. at Truelove Church.

Jolly Jug Rox—Monday, April 10; Monday, April 24; Tuesday, May 2;

Monday, May 22; Thursday, June 6 and Monday, June 19. The last meeting will be Thursday, July 6. All meetings are at the Hindostan Church from 6-7 p.m. Please mark your calendars and see you at the meetings.

Shooting Sports—Shooting Sports is becoming its own club. Please join us for meetings every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Martin County Community Building starting January 9.

Horse and Pony--

Monday, April 8, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at the horse barn.

Robotics—Every Monday at 5 p.m. through April 15.

Upcoming Events

Livestock weigh-ins

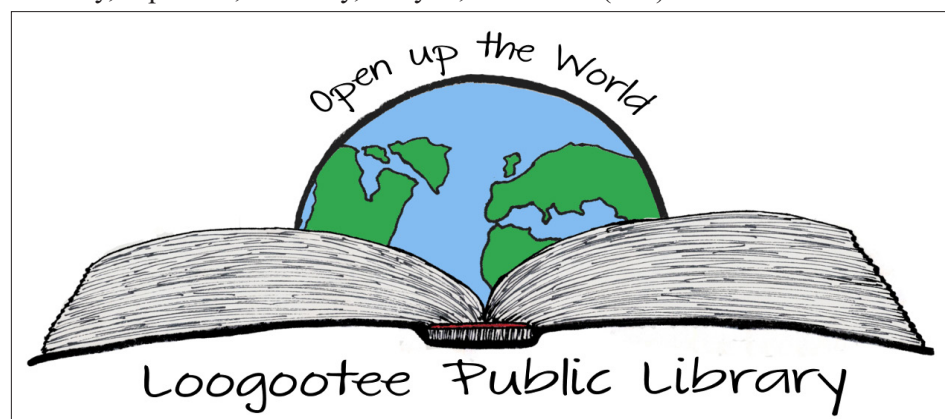
Sheep & Goat: May 6, 2017, 9-11 a.m.

Swine: May 13, 2017, 9-11 a.m.

Poultry: June 17, 2017, 9-11 a.m.

Become a Volunteer

Volunteers for 4-H have the unique opportunity to grow true leaders in our community. Volunteering can be as active as leading a 4-H club or just helping out at fair time. Volunteers learn educational programs to take out to community youth. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call the Purdue Extension Martin County office at (812) 295-2412.



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

FOLL (Friends of Loogootee Library) Yard/ Book Sale will be during the town-wide yard sale, Saturday May 6 from 9-12. There will be books, magazines, DVDs, and yard sale type items but no clothing.

Every year, the library is required to complete an annual report that is due by March 1. The report asks for the number of registered cardholders, what political subdivision the library is located in, library operating income, names of board members, usage, number of books on the shelves, staffing, programs and attendance plus certification related questions. The state library provides a lot of the statistics for this report. Since we belong to their Evergreen Indiana consortium, they have access to our records—we share the same ILS—allowing them to print the reports. I run reports verifying my numbers match with the ones they send me. These reports show the number of items checked out for 2016 was 35,081 items. There were 3,456 eBooks downloaded and 44 eBook registered users. The library has 19,038 books on the shelves even after a major weeding of damaged or out of date materials.

One question we have every year is: How many visits to the library? The state library suggests taking a typical week in April or October and count

the number of people that walk thru the door for the entire week (days you are open) and multiply that number by 52. I delegate this task to my staff and don't even see the numbers until they turn in the sheet to me. It is my responsibility to get these numbers into the annual report by the deadline. Some of the questions concern the library standards and if you don't meet the standards then funding can be withheld. The standards include: you must have a website with hours and location map, operational hours which include evening hours and at least four hours on Saturday, staff certification, children's, young adult and adult programs plus space allocated for each group, and many other questions to gather data for the both state and federal government.

New Books:

Mystery: "The Burial Hour" by Jeffery Deaver, "Lies That Bind" by Stella Cameron, and "One Perfect Line" by Lisa Scottoline.

Fiction: "The General's Women" by Susan Wittig Albert.

Inspirational Fiction: "Behind the Scenes" by Jen Turano and "You'll Think of Me" by Robin Lee Thatcher.

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

-- YOUTH FIRST --

On Thursday April 6, 2017, the Martin County Community Foundation presented Youth First (based in Evansville) a grant to help continue the support of a social worker in the Loogootee Community School Corporation. The Youth First mission is to strengthen our youth and families by providing programs that prevent substance abuse, promote healthy behaviors, and maximize student success.

-- LOCAL SUPPORT --

The Youth First social worker, Ms. Elizabeth Christmas, has been in the Loogootee school system for two years and the grant is to help with a third year. Elizabeth has been working to reduce risk factors and remove barriers to learning as well as to increase protective factors (i.e., mood management, hope, etc.), improve life skills, build resiliency and promote positive social norms.

-- MAKING A DIFFERENCE --

The first year for Youth First in Loogootee (the 2015-2016 school year) had very positive results. There were:

68 students on the caseload,
73 educational presentations,
1334 teacher/staff consultations,
285 parent consultations,
61 referrals to community resources,
2 crisis preventions (critical).

And through February of this 2016-2017 school year, there has already been significant increases in the impact for our students:

87 students on the caseload,
116 educational presentations,
1086 teacher/staff consultations,
671 parent consultations,
148 referrals to community resources,
3 crisis preventions (critical).

The assistance and guidance that our children have available to them through this program is invaluable for their growth, well-being, and success as students and adults.

-- THANKS TO DONORS --

Many people and organizations within Martin County have donated to Youth First to implement and continue this program. And the MCCF is able to support Youth First through donations, both small and large, to the MCCF Education Fund. Many of these donors allow the MCCF to publicly recognize their giving. We appreciate the oppor-

tunity to tastefully thank donors for their generosity because donors make it possible for the MCCF to fulfill its grantmaking mission. For that we want to express our gratitude.

-- QUIET ONES TOO --

The MCCF also strives to faithfully maintain the confidentiality of donor information. For some donors, this includes protecting their anonymity. There are various reasons why a person may prefer to give anonymously. Some may be shy by nature and dislike attention, whether it is in their giving or other facets of life. Others are wary that, should their giving become visible, they may have to deal with solicitations from a variety of causes or organizations in which they may not be interested, or which they may not have the capacity to support.

Some favor anonymous giving because it shields the benefiting organization or people from feeling the need to put on a show for the donor. Still others, in the Biblical tradition of secret almsgiving, wish to keep their egos out of their giving, and feel that anonymity may help preserve the purity or sincerity of their selflessness.

-- WE'RE HERE TO HELP --

Whether a donor permits personal acknowledgment or requests anonymity, the MCCF is always pleased to help connect a donor's concern and resources with the community needs. We've seen that when the people of Martin County see a genuine need, and they have confidence that the need will be effectively addressed, they give generously as their situation allows. That speaks volumes about you, our community, and the spirit of concern and desire to make a difference. If you haven't yet, we ask that you consider giving to a fund that can help meet your community-minded goals.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about the MCCF, please contact the Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

You are also welcome to visit our webpage at www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm, follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF, and "like" the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mccommunityfoundation.



Pictured in the front row, left to right, are Beth Lett, Melissa Courter (MCCF Board Secretary), Elizabeth Christmas (Youth First Social Worker), and Lacey Wade (LMS Principal). In the back row, left to right, are Chip Mahaffey (LHS Superintendent), Curt Johnson (MCCF Executive Director), Ellie Meade (Youth First Regional Development Officer), and Dan Gregory (MCCF Vice-President).



It is the time of the year when the garden changes daily, so make it a point to get out and walk in your garden each day. On my daily walks, I notice new blooms and new growth. Some plants seem to have popped up and grown to great size almost instantly. Still, there are plants that appear bare, but I am in no hurry to pronounce them dead. There are many microclimates within any garden that can affect when a plant will break dormancy and some plants just do not leaf out until the soil warms considerably. I noticed that butterfly bushes on the south side of my house have new growth, while those on the west and north sides still look like dead branches. Since butterfly bushes do not always break dormancy in the early spring, I will give them time to come to life before cutting them back. Even if there is no growth on the old stems, they will likely send up new growth from the roots. The same is true for most of the herbaceous hibiscus varieties. Some plants, notably the passion vines and Cypress vine often do not show up until the middle of June.

Speaking of vines, I have been increasing the number of vining plants at Sandhill Gardens. Vining plants can fulfill many purposes in a garden. A trellised vine may offer height to the garden or act as a focal point. Vines are often used to cover arbors, acting as transitions between various garden rooms. They also help to hide unsightly fences and walls.

In general, vining plants fall into four categories and the supporting structures for each are distinct. Pairing the right plant with the right support will add great interest to the garden.

Some vines climb by means of tendrils, which are specialized leaves or stems having a prehensile capability and being sensitive to contact. When tendrils touch an object, they wrap around and stick to the support. Some plants that use tendrils include grapes, peas, sweet peas, passion vines, melons, cucumbers and vining squashes. The tendrils work best on supports that have a mesh of wire or plastic. That

configuration allows the plant to cling to the support as it continues to grow in height.

Other plants climb by means of adventitious roots that form along the stem. Plants such as Boston ivy, climbing hydrangea, Virginia creeper and poison ivy use their adventitious roots to climb almost any surface. They may even secrete a glue-like sap that enables them to stick to smooth surfaces. Such plants may cause problems for house walls and for trees that they cover as they climb.

Twining are plants that seek a support and wrap themselves around vertical supports. These plants grow will on pergolas, arches and other trellises. Some are light, such as morning glory, while others are heavy, such as wisteria. You will need to do some research to see just how strong the trellis needs to be to support your vine of choice. The twining is sometimes very specialized and can make training plants difficult. For instance, Chinese wisteria always twines in a clockwise manner, while Japanese wisteria climbs by twining counter-clockwise. Both of these may be invasive, so I recommend using only American wisteria in your garden.

The final group of climbing plants are not vines at all. Actually, they do not really climb, but have long canes that would ramble on the ground if not given a support. With these plants, which include the rambling and climbing roses, a support needs to have large enough openings to allow one to weave the canes through them. They may even need some ties or clips to hold them to the supports. Some may appear to climb when they are growing through trees. Some climbing roses will work their way up a tree as the growth tip seeks to get above the canopy to get some sunshine.

Whether fruit, vegetable or ornamental, a climbing plant will make a statement in a garden when paired with the right support. Growing vertically will allow a small garden to greatly increase its capacity and will bring flowers and fruits up to eye-level.

Events statewide for Free Fishing Day, April 15

This Saturday, April 15, is the first of four Free Fishing Days in Indiana in 2017. On these special days, Indiana residents can fish public waters without needing a fishing license or a trout stamp. Free Fishing Days are opportunities for families to learn to fish because adults don't need a license.

Family Learn to Fish events will take place at Eagle Creek Park in Indianapolis from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge near Seymour from 9 a.m. to noon.

Families can fish for trout during special events at Columbia City's Morsches Park from 9 to 10 a.m. and at Spring Mill State Park near Mitchell from 9 a.m. to noon.

More family fishing fun will happen at St. Patrick's County Park near South Bend from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.; Pokagon State Park from 9 to 11 a.m.; Krannert Park in Indianapolis from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Salamonie Lake from 1 to 3 p.m.; and Prophetstown State Park from 2 to 3 p.m.

Richmond's Middlefork Reservoir

will host a youth event called "Hook a Kid Fishing" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

And Prairie Creek Reservoir near Muncie will host its annual Ball State Fishing Day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students can borrow fishing poles and bait at the park office when they show their Ball State ID.

People interested in attending a Free Fishing Day event should contact the host property in advance because some activities may require registration.

The other free fishing days for 2017 are May 20 and June 3-4.

For more info on Free Fishing Days, go to GoFishin.IN.gov.

Deer report now available

The 2016-17 Indiana White-tailed Deer Summary is a comprehensive report of the state's deer herd including information on the deer hunting season, use of depredation permits, deer-vehicle collisions, and disease surveillance efforts. The report can be viewed by visiting, www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/files/fw-DeerSummaryReport_2016.pdf.

Indiana state forests to host open houses starting this month

People interested in how Indiana's state forests operate can share their views at a series of open houses starting this month.

Throughout the year, open houses will be held at the following state forests (SF) and state recreation areas (SRA): Clark SF and Deam SRA; Ferdinand SF; Greene-Sullivan SF; Harrison-Crawford SF; Jackson-Washington SF and Starve Hollow SRA; Martin SF; Morgan-Monroe SF and Yellowwood SF; Owen-Putnam SF; Pike SF; Salamonie River SF, Frances Slocum SF and Selmier SF.

At each event, the DNR Division of Forestry will provide information about recreation, major projects, forest resource management, and planning. Attendees can talk with DNR personnel or, if they prefer, submit written comments. Some open houses will include a facilities tour, guided hike, or interpretive program.

"These open houses provide Hoosiers with a chance to receive first-hand information about how state forests provide diverse wildlife habitat, forest products and recreational opportunities," State Forester John Seifert said. "They also allow us to receive valuable feedback from our neighbors and users about state forest management. I encourage everyone who has an interest to participate."

Events and open houses are (all times are Eastern):

-Morgan-Monroe SF and Yellowwood SF, Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Yellowwood property office. The office is 7 miles southwest of Nashville, off State Road 46. Forester-led hikes will start at 10:30 a.m. and at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call (812) 988-7845.

-Jackson-Washington SF/Starve Hollow SRA, Tuesday, May 16, 2-5 p.m., at the Starve Hollow Forest Education Center. The center is off State Road 235, about 2 miles southeast of Vallonia. A forester-led hike starts at 4 p.m. For more information, call (812) 358-3464.

-Owen-Putnam SF, Wednesday, May 17, 3-7 p.m. at the property office. The office is 5 miles west of Spencer and less than 1 mile north of State Road 46. For

more information, call (812) 829-2462.

-Greene-Sullivan SF, Thursday, June 29, 2-6 p.m., at the property office. The office is on State Road 159, about 1.5 miles south of Dugger. For more information, call (812) 648-2810.

-Selmier SF will have a booth at the Jennings County Fair, July 3-8. The fair is on State Road 3, about 3.5 mile north of North Vernon. Call the property at (812) 346-2286 to find out dates and times the booth will be manned.

-Martin SF will have a booth at the Martin County Fair, July 14-18. The fairground is on U.S. 50, about 2 miles east of Loogootee. Call the property at (812) 247-3491 to find out dates and times the booth will be manned.

-Clark SF/Deam Lake SRA, Thursday, Sept. 14, 3-6 p.m., at the Deam Lake Forest Education Center. The center is off State Road 60, about 5 miles east of Borden. An interpretive nature hike will be available. For more information, call (812) 246-5421.

-Harrison-Crawford SF, Tuesday, September 26, 3-7 p.m. at the property office. The office is off State Road 462, just past the gatehouse for O'Bannon Woods State Park. For more information, call (812) 738-7694.

-Ferdinand SF, Thursday, September 28, 3-6 p.m. at the property office. The office is off State Road 264, about 4 miles northeast of Ferdinand. For more information, call (812) 367-1524.

-Salamonie River SF and Frances Slocum SF, Wednesday, October 25, 3-6 p.m. at the Salamonie River SF office. The office is off State Road 524, about 6 miles east of Wabash. For more information, call (260) 468-2125.

Property staff is also available during normal business hours. Contact information is at dnr.IN.gov/forestry/3631.htm.

The Division of Forestry promotes and practices good stewardship of natural, recreational and cultural resources on Indiana's public and private forest lands. This stewardship produces continuing benefits, both tangible and intangible, for present and future generations.

DNR plans to save some ash trees for future generations

At least some ash trees in Indiana will survive the invasive emerald ash borer (EAB) invasion if a DNR initiative is successful. The agency is using chemical treatments to protect large specimens of ash trees in areas unaffected so far by EAB. The project includes trees in Turkey Run State Park and in several nature preserves.

"We are hoping to save these awe inspiring monarchs of the forest for everyone to continue to enjoy," said John Bacone, director of DNR Division of Nature Preserves.

Candidate trees were identified and tagged by staff from DNR Nature Preserves. Treatments will take place this spring and will include at least a few specimens of all ash species found in Indiana: white, black, blue, green and pumpkin ash.

EAB is a non-native insect that has killed almost all mature ash trees in the northern two-thirds of Indiana. The invasion is advancing south. Without intervention, all ash trees in the state will likely die.

Saving ashes from EAB will require commitment. They must be treated every two to three years. Once the EAB "killing wave" passes through, and most ash trees are gone, treatments may not need to be as frequent.

The reasons for saving at least some large ash trees are several, according to Phil Marshall, forest pest specialist with DNR divisions of Forestry and Entomology & Plant Pathology. One of the most important is that female ash trees that are saved can serve as a seed source for EAB-resistant ash breeding efforts. Some hope that breeding efforts, combined with potential developments to keep EAB populations in check, may lead to the re-establishment of ash trees throughout its range.

For some, the chance to see these large trees in years to come is reason enough.

"The big ash trees that one sees when walking the trails at Turkey Run State Park and Big Walnut Nature Preserve are inspiring, and we hope we can help them remain there going forward," Bacone said.

LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL



2017 Senior SPOTLIGHTS



MIKAYLA WOLF

Mikayla Jade Wolf is the daughter of Paula Wolf and Chris Wolf. After graduation, Mikayla plans to attend Vincennes University. While in high school she participated in Intern (12), Chorus (9-10, 12), Lion Pride (9-11), Pep Club (9-11), Cadet Teaching (11, 12), Show Choir (12), and Student Council (9-11). Mikayla was also a member of the Softball (9-10) and Volleyball (9-10) teams.



JUSTIN SWARTZENTRUBER

Justin Michael Swartzentruber is the son of Mike and Theresa Swartzentruber. After graduation, Justin plans to attend IUPUI to study accounting. While in high school, he participated in Musical (9,11-12), Spanish Club (9), Chorus (9-10, 12), Lion Pride (9-11), Pep Club (9,11-12), Cadet Teaching (12), Madrigals (9), and Show Choir (9,11-12). Justin was also a member of the Golf team (9,11).



ABBIE WILLIAMS

Abbie Elise Williams is the daughter of Brian and Jennifer Williams. After graduation, Abbie plans to attend Vincennes University to study Nursing. When in high school Abbie participated in Math academic team (11), Beta Club (9-12), Chorus (9,10,12), Intern (11,12), Spanish Club (9,10,11), Class secretary (10), she was beta treasurer (12), basketball (9,10), and tennis (9-12).



JUSTIN WAGLER

Justin Robert Wagler is the son of Jo Dee and Bob Wagler. After graduation, Justin plans to attend higher education to study civil engineering. While in high school Justin participated in Spanish club (9,10,11) Intern (12). Justin was the class vice president. Justin also participated in Baseball (9-12), Basketball (9-12).



EMILY BROOKSHIRE

Emily Sue Brookshire is the daughter of Paula Brookshire and Jeff Brookshire. While in high school, Emily participated in Intern (11, 12), Lionettes (9, 12), Spanish Club (9), Beta Club (9), Chorus (9-10, 12), Lion Pride (9-11), Pep Club (9-11), SADD (9, 10), Cadet Teaching (12), and Student Council (9-12). Emily was also a member of the Basketball (9-10, 12), Softball (9, 12), and Volleyball (9-12) teams.

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Lady Lions win Tennis Invitational

The Loogootee Lady Lions Tennis Team won the Loogootee Invitational last Saturday, April 8. The Lady Lions defeated Bloomfield in the finals, 4-1.

Head Coach Mike Tippery said after the matches, "This was a great day to play tennis. In the first match, we got off to a bit of a slow start but finished strong. In the second match, we got off to a good start and struggled a little in the middle of the match but finished strong. Overall, I am pleased with the way we played. Our movement and footwork was much better today and it showed in the results."

Finals

Loogootee 4, Bloomfield 1

#1 Singles Felicity Graf (B) defeated Melaina Tippery 6-3, 5-7, 1-0 (3)

#2 Singles Katie Sims (L) defeated Melea Toon 6-3, 6-2

#3 Singles Emily Wade (L) defeated Kassidee Stahl 6-2, 6-0

#1 Doubles Eden Jenkins/Breanna Hollaway (L) defeated Kendra Gadberry/Kayla Linthicum 6-2, 6-3

#2 Doubles Abbie William/Kashten Burch (L) defeated Maizy Gilliland/E.J. Priest 6-3, 6-0

Semi-Finals

Loogootee 5, North Daviess 0

#1 Singles Melaina Tippery (L) defeated Madeline Riggins 6-2, 6-3

#2 Singles Katie Sims (L) defeated Madison Bors 6-1, 6-1

#3 Singles Emily Wade (L) defeated Michelle Dinkins 6-1, 6-0

#1 Doubles Eden Jenkins/Breanna Hollaway (L) defeated Abby CecilMacie Kane 6-1, 6-1

#2 Doubles Abbie Williams/Kashten Burch (L) defeated Kaylee Wagler/Lauren Kain 6-3, 6-0

Bloomfield 5, Pike Central 0

#1 Singles Felicity Graf (B) defeated Cass Conder 6-0, 6-1

#2 Singles Melea Toon (B) defeated Meredith Benson 6-2, 6-2

#3 Singles Kassidee Stahl (B) defeated Shelby Vaughn 6-3, 6-3

#1 Doubles Kendra Gadberry/Sierra Kirkley (B) defeated Kiersten Jansen/Audrey Keepes 6-3, 6-2

#2 Doubles Kayla Linthicum/Cheyenne Higgins (B) defeated Jaydn Ashby/Grace Smith 6-1, 6-4

Consolation

North Daviess 5, Pike Central 0

#1 Singles Madeline Riggins (ND) defeated Meredith Benson 7-5, 6-2

#2 Singles Madison Bors (ND) defeated Cass Conder 6-4, 6-1

#3 Singles Michelle Dinkins (ND) defeated Shelby Vaughn, 6-2, 6-1

#1 Doubles Abby CecilMacie Kane (ND) defeated Kiernsen Jansen/Audrey Keepes 6-3, 6-4

#2 Doubles Lauren Kain/Chavannah Chestnut (ND) defeated Jaydn Ashby/Grace Smith 6-0, 6-1

Medalist

#1 Singles Felicity Graf (B)

#2 Singles Katie Sims (L)

#3 Singles Emily Wade (L)

#1 Doubles Eden Jenkins/Breanna Hollaway (L)

#2 Doubles Abbie Williams/Kashten Burch (L)

The varsity and junior varsity Lady Lions took on South Knox last Thursday, April 6 at Gwaltney Sports Complex in Washington. The varsity finished with a tie 2-2 and the junior varsity won 2-0.

"Melaina played a complete match from start to finish at #2 Singles. Everywhere else, we got off to a very slow start. As the match went on, we

made adjustments and started to gain momentum. The conditions were tough out there today. There were several rain delays and after three hours, we just ran out of light," said Coach Tippery.

Varsity results

Loogootee 2, South Knox 2

#1 Singles Sam Nardine (SK) defeated Katie Sims 6-2, 6-1

#2 Singles Melaina Tippery (L) defeated Lacey Newton 6-0, 6-0

#3 Singles Lauren McCrary (SK) defeated Emily Wade 6-2, 2-6, 6-1

#1 Doubles Eden Jenkins/Breanna Hollaway (L) defeated Hannah Southwood/Heidi Southwood 2-6, 6-3, 7-5

#2 Doubles Abbie Williams/Kasten Burch (L) vs Macey Wieling/Mykayla Couchenour 2-6, 6-3, 5-5 (match suspended due to darkness)

Junior varsity results

Loogootee 2, South Knox 0

#1 Doubles Madisyn Wade/Brittany Potts (L) defeated Kristin Goodman/Jilian Koby 8-4

#2 Doubles Hope Fischer/Leonna Hedrick (L) defeated Britni Qualkenbush/Emily Myers 8-3

#3 Singles Kristin Goodman/Hailee Cooper (SK) leads Alicja Ackermann/Victoria Ringaard 7-6 (Match will resume at a later date)

Lions "slam" Cardinals

BY GREG CLARK

LHS Head Softball Coach

Loogootee bounced back from Saturday's loss to Mt Vernon with an 11 to 1, five-inning win over the visiting Cardinals of Bloomfield High School. Sydney Davis took her record to 3-1 with the win, and racked up seven more strikeouts on the year. Tyanna Graber took one step closer to the school's career home run record with a grand slam in the 2nd inning, she is two away from "Ty-ing" the record and three away from setting the record.

Bloomfield scored its only run of the game in the first inning when Sidnie Finch hit a wind aided double to the left field fence and scored two batters later on a ground out. Loogootee scored a run in the first on a Julianne Bell single, a steal, a walk to Tyanna Graber, a walk to Sydney Davis and Bell scored on a ground out off of the bat of Mayson Riley.

Loogootee put eight runs on the board in the second inning as they sent 13 Lions to the dish. A one out walk to Maddie Cropp, followed by a single from Shelby Graber and a walk to Julianne Bell loaded the bases for Tyanna Graber's blast into the wind for the grand slam. Breigh LaMar singled, Sydney Davis and Mayson Riley both walked to load the bases, and a hard-hit ball off the bat of Calli Winger drove LaMar home. Sydney Blankenbaker followed that up with an RBI single of her own, before a two-out double from Shelby Graber scored two more Lions.

The bottom of the fifth saw the Lions scored the game deciding two runs. Hits from Breigh LaMar, Sydney Davis and Mayson Riley scored Julianne Bell and LaMar for the 11 to 1, 10-run rule win.

Winning Pitcher – Sydney Davis (3-1) 7 K's, 1 BB

Losing Pitcher – Sidnie Finch (0-1) 1 K – 8 BB

Lions Top 'Dogs, compete in invitational in Kentucky

BY GREG CLARK
LHS Head Softball Coach

Monday night the Lions hosted the Orleans Bulldogs and sent the 'Dogs scampering home licking their wounds after a 4-0 loss to the Costello Field Lions in non-conference softball action. Sydney Davis picked up the win, taking her record to 8-1 on the season, while striking out 13, and helped the Lions to an overall record of 8 and 2.

Tyanna Graber "Ty'ed" the school career home run record at 11, with a solo shot in the first inning, while Julianne Bell tripled home two runs in the fourth. Calli Winger doubled in the fourth as well. The Lions played great defense as the team combined to allow just 4 Bulldog base runners.

Saturday, the Lions traveled to Collins High School in Shelbyville, Kentucky and finished as runner up in the Invitational. Loogootee started out playing Meade Co, KY and won that game 7-4. Sydney Davis twirled the win in the circle, striking out three, while going 3 for 4 at the plate. Emily Brookshire, Tyanna Graber, Julianne Bell, and Mayson Riley all had two hits each, but the big hit was Mayson Riley's deep, two-run shot in the top of the 4th to push the Lions lead to 5 -3, and a lead they would relinquish.

Christian County forfeited their game to the Lions as they felt they had a long trip home, (less than two hours). The forfeit propelled the Lions into the championship game where they would play Anderson County, Kentucky

Emily Brookshire started in the circle for the Lions in the Collins Invitational Championship game against Anderson County and took the loss, but pitched well for only her second bout in the circle in a few years. Jayleigh Wagoner came in with runners on and when asked to produce ground balls

so we could get outs, she did just that, inducing 2 Anderson hitters to roll ground balls. The Lions scored 2 runs in the game, but hit the ball hard, as it was just one of those games where the Lions "hit them where they ain't". One run came in the 4th inning as Breigh LaMar doubled, Mayson Riley singled and Emily Thomas drove home LaMar with a sacrifice fly to center field. In the fifth, Julianne Bell singled, Tyanna Graber singled and Emily Brookshire drove home Bell for the second run in the Lions 12-2 loss. Loogootee fared very well competing against teams six times larger in enrollment and came home as the Collins Invitational runner ups.

Loogootee burst forth with a 6 run first inning on the way to a 7-1 win over visiting Shakamak High School and at Costello Field last Friday night. Sydney Davis pitched the win, while striking out three. Tyanna Graber, Sydney Davis, and Breigh LaMar each had three hits in the game, but it was Tyanna Graber's home run that provided the biggest blast of the game. Julianne Bell and Emily Brookshire each had two hits in the Lions win, while Mayson Riley and Shelby Graber each collected one hit apiece.

Playing in a wind driven rain for most of the game, Loogootee came away from Pike Central with a 6-3 win. Sydney Davis got the well-deserved win, while Julianne Bell, Tyanna Graber, Emily Brookshire each collected two hits. Sydney Davis, Mayson Riley and Shelby Graber each had one hit each. Julianne Bell tripled, Tyanna Graber double, but it was the three-run double by Sydney Davis and was the big hit of the game. Bell and Tyanna Graber each scored two runs while Emily Brookshire and Shelby Graber each crossed the dish one time.



Students, staff of the month

-Photo provided

The Loogootee Elementary Students and Staff Member of the Month for March were recently chosen. In the front row, from left to right, are Ava Jeffers, Reed Brittain, Hailey Thomas, Zeke Jones, Karmen Wilson, Carter Rice, and Cooper VanHoy. In the back row, from left to right, are Landon Bowling, Landon Campbell, Mrs Shawna Walton, Landon Mathies, Olivia Nonte, and Macy Knepp.

Loogootee Elementary Term 3 Honor Roll

THIRD GRADE

High Honors: Paxton Arvin, Mason Britton, Cameron Crays, Brody Gilbertson, Joe Graber, Olivia Nonte, and Owen Tompkins

Honor roll: Anderson Aiman, Chloe Allen, Julianna Baker, Carson Brown, Brooklyn Carrico, Olivia Holt, Riley Jones, Colt Kerns, Brooklyn Knepp, Macy Knepp, Chloe Lawson, Dax Lee, Marley McAtee, Madison Nail, Chloe Ramsey, Montana Scales, Savanna Sitzman, Noah Smith, Olivia Taylor, Declan Todd, Bailee VanMeter, Evan Williams and Donna Yang

FOURTH GRADE

High Honors: Ryken Chandler, Breanna Courter, Brianna Eckerle, Ashley Green, Luke Guy, Kennedy Huff, Judith Park, Ella Parker, and Koen Waggoner.

Honor roll: Anistyn Aiman, Britta Browder, Amber Cagle, Landon Campbell, Abigail Chapman, Olivia Christmas, Noah Esch, AJ Foster, Gunner Fox, Ava Fuhrman, Kayden Hon-

eycutt, Kendall Kemp, Emma Lingenfelter, Dylan Norris, Spencer Stevens, Isaac Tarr, Madison Waggner, Maren Walters, Wade Walton, Macey Wathen, Ruger Wathen, and Cacia Wilcoxon.

JV softball tops Shakamak

BY GREG CLARK
LHS Head Softball Coach

The Loogootee Junior Varsity Softballers topped Shakamak 4-3 last Friday night. Jayleigh Wagoner got the win in the circle, striking out four. Jayleigh led off the bottom of the first with a triple and scored on a double from Emily Thomas, who traded places with Kendall Berry, who traded places with Maddie Cropp as Thomas, Berry and Cropp each doubled.

Loogootee picked up its other run in the 3rd inning as Maelee Hawkins singled and came home on the Chelsie Sutton double.

The win moves the JV Lions to 1 and 2 on the year.

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National unemployment at 4.5 percent for March

The unemployment rate declined to 4.5 percent in March, and total non-farm payroll employment edged up by 98,000, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Employment increased in professional and business services and in mining, while retail trade lost jobs.

Household Survey Data

The unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage point to 4.5 percent in March, and the number of unemployed persons declined by 326,000 to 7.2 million. Both measures were down over the year.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult women (4.0 percent), Whites (3.9 percent), and Hispanics (5.1 percent) declined in March. The jobless rates for adult men (4.3 percent), teenagers (13.7 percent), Blacks (8.0 percent), and Asians (3.3 percent) showed little or no change.

In March, the number of persons unemployed less than 5 weeks declined by 232,000 to 2.3 million. The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was little changed over the month at 1.7 million and accounted for 23.3 percent of the unemployed. Over the past 12 months, the number of long-term unemployed was down by 526,000.

The labor force participation rate remained at 63.0 percent in March, and the employment-population ratio, at 60.1 percent, changed little. The employment-population ratio has edged up over the year, while the labor force participation rate has shown no clear trend.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers), at 5.6 million, was little changed in March but was down by 567,000 over the year. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been cut back or because they were unable to find full-time jobs.

In March, 1.6 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, little changed from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

Among the marginally attached, there were 460,000 discouraged workers in March, down by 125,000 from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 1.1 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in March had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment edged up by 98,000 in March, following gains of 219,000 in February and 216,000 in January. Over the month, employment growth occurred in professional and business services (+56,000) and in mining (+11,000), while retail trade lost jobs (-30,000).

In March, employment in professional and business services rose by 56,000, about in line with the average

monthly gain over the prior 12 months. Over the month, job gains occurred in services to buildings and dwellings (+17,000) and in architectural and engineering services (+7,000).

Mining added 11,000 jobs in March, with most of the gain occurring in support activities for mining (+9,000).

Mining employment has risen by 35,000 since reaching a recent low in October 2016.

In March, employment continued to trend up in health care (+14,000), with job gains in hospitals (+9,000) and outpatient care centers (+6,000). In the first 3 months of this year, health care added an average of 20,000 jobs per month, compared with an average monthly gain of 32,000 in 2016.

Employment in financial activities continued to trend up in March (+9,000) and has increased by 178,000 over the past 12 months.

Construction employment changed little in March (+6,000), following a gain of 59,000 in February. Employment in construction has been trending up since late last summer, largely among specialty trade contractors and in residential building.

Retail trade lost 30,000 jobs in March. Employment in general merchandise stores declined by 35,000 in March and has declined by 89,000 since a recent high in October 2016.

Employment in other major industries, including manufacturing, wholesale trade, transportation and warehousing, information, leisure and hospitality, and government, showed little or no change over the month.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 34.3 hours in March. In manufacturing, the workweek edged down by 0.2 hour to 40.6 hours, and overtime edged down by 0.1 hour to 3.2 hours. The average workweek for production and non-supervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls edged down by 0.1 hour to 33.5 hours.

In March, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased by 5 cents to \$26.14, following a 7-cent increase in February. Over the year, average hourly earnings have risen by 68 cents, or 2.7 percent. In March, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees increased by 4 cents to \$21.90.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for January was revised down from +238,000 to +216,000, and the change for February was revised down from +235,000 to +219,000. With these revisions, employment gains in January and February combined were 38,000 less than previously reported. Monthly revisions result from additional reports received from businesses since the last published estimates and from the recalculation of seasonal factors. Over the past 3 months, job gains have averaged 178,000 per month.



NSWC Crane Deputy for Small Business Matt Burkett kicks off his first #BuyIndiana in his new role. (Photo by NSWC Crane Public Affairs)

NSWC Crane builds business relationships at 2017 Buy Indiana Expo

The Bedford Chamber of Commerce hosted Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division's (NSWC Crane) 20th annual Buy Indiana Expo Tuesday at French Lick Resort and Casino. The event offered companies opportunities to expand their business with government centers, and more than 300 Crane employees were in attendance.

This was the first Buy Indiana Expo for Matt Burkett as NSWC Crane's Deputy for Small Business. Burkett, who had worked in NSWC Crane's Contracting Department since 2006, assumed the role earlier this year when Reggie Joslin retired after 20 years in the position. Joslin originally came up with the idea for Buy Indiana, and he was in attendance on Tuesday to support his successor.

"Buy Indiana is a chance for businesses to relay to the hundreds in attendance what sets them apart from the rest," Burkett said. "It's also a great way for businesses to explain to Crane what they can do in helping us support our No. 1 mission, which is to support the warfighter."

"This is a relationship business. The Buy Indiana Expo is a great way for me to get to know a lot of the businesses in one fell swoop. Otherwise, it's trying to meet with them one at a time on particular days, and that takes a lot of time. This can accelerate the learning process of me getting to know who they are, and they can get to know the buyers from Crane, too. They get a chance to meet them in a comfortable setting and let them know who they are and what they do."

The "Buy Indiana" initiative began in 1997 with a goal of increasing NSWC Crane's spending in the state. In the mid-1990s, approximately 11 to 12 percent of NSWC Crane's total expenditures benefitted Hoosier businesses. Those numbers have more than doubled in the time since then.

NSWC Crane procured \$777 million in products and services last fiscal year, with \$271.5 million going to Hoosier businesses and \$122.1 million paid to Indiana small businesses.

"That's not chump change," NSWC Crane Commanding Officer CAPT JT Elder told the crowd. "That's a lot of dollars coming from NSWC Crane and going out to companies that do the work here in Indiana."

Nearly 200 companies from 14 states participated in this year's expo, where NSWC Crane representatives held breakout sessions/workshops to educate vendors on conducting business with the federal government and connected interested parties with key NSWC Crane contacts.

"The workshops we have are great," Burkett said. "They benefit some of our longstanding industry partners, but they're also very good for some of the folks that are small and medium-sized businesses and are fairly new."

The Buy Indiana Expo not only teaches companies about expanding their businesses into government contracting, but also allows NSWC Crane to find new and innovative products and services to support the United States military.

"It's tremendous to be able to support America itself as well as the American military from here in Southern Indiana," CAPT Elder said. "The relationships built here have allowed us to do the business asked of us by the big Navy. It's no small effort, so I want to thank each and every one of you for that."

Burkett was pleased with the turnout for Tuesday's event, but he urged the businesses in attendance to stay in touch going forward.

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

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IN CONCERT

Lt. Governor Crouch addresses military and defense industry leaders

On Tuesday, almost 300 military and civilian experts participated in the 14th Biannual Nuclear Triad & Advanced Conventional Strike Symposium hosted by the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane to highlight the center's invaluable work through collaboration with the United States Air Force and Navy, in pursuit of both strategic nuclear modernization and other key conventional strike technological requirements.

Military leaders discussed Triad modernization and provided an update on the Air Force/Navy collaboration on strategic programs while industry panels shared their perspective on the collaboration efforts. Also, discussed at the symposium was strategic deterrence and hypersonics which Crane plays a major role in both areas.

During her opening remarks, Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch encouraged successful outcomes from the symposium: "Governor Holcomb and I know Indiana is a great place to do business, and we want others to recognize the wealth of expertise and assets that we already possess. And understand as well the value, magnitude, and significance of Indiana's defense assets."

In addition to Lieutenant Governor Crouch, distinguished speakers included Senator Joe Donnelly, Senator Todd Young, Congressman Pete Visclosky, Congressman Trey Hollingsworth, Vice Admiral Terry Benedict,

the Navy Strategic Systems Program Director, Major General Scott Jansson, PEO for Strategic Systems of the USAF and other senior Air Force and Navy officials as well as representatives from the Indiana Congressional Delegation. The defense industry was well represented with a panel of speakers from Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin, Raytheon, Dynetics, SAIC, and Aerojet Rocketdyne.

Bucshon calls first Facebook Live Town Hall a success

Last Friday, Eighth District Congressman Larry Bucshon, M.D. took dozens of questions from Hoosiers live directly from his Official Facebook Page.

"Today I was able to bring a town hall directly to Hoosiers in the Eighth District of Indiana. It was an absolute success," said Bucshon. "This technology presents a new opportunity for my constituents to reach me from their mobile devices or computers, without ever having to leave their homes. In addition to my regular public events in the district, I will continue my efforts to be available and accessible to Hoosiers utilizing tools like Facebook live."

The event, which streamed live on Facebook, had a reach of nearly 46,000 people.

If you missed it, the entire video can be accessed by visiting www.facebook.com/RepLarryBucshon/videos/1373489039377776/.

INDOT and state police reminding drivers to move over

Governor Eric Holcomb has proclaimed April 3-7 as Work Zone Awareness Week in Indiana. The week marks the ceremonial start to the highway construction season and intends to draw awareness to both motorist and worker safety in work zones.

Not all "work zones" on the road involve construction, but all workers on the road deserve attentive and cautious drivers -- especially in emergency situations. Indiana's Move Over Laws are intended to protect workers performing their necessary duties on Indiana's roadways.

As soon as drivers see flashing emergency lights, they should reduce their speed and increase the distance from the vehicle in front of them. This increases visibility and the ability to safely react to whatever situation is ahead.

On multiple-lane highways, change lanes away from the emergency vehicle if it is safe to do so. This provides a safer space for workers and also helps approaching traffic to better see the emergency vehicle.

If it is not safe to change lanes, drivers should reduce their speed at least 10 mph under the posted speed limit, move as far away as possible within their lane, and proceed with caution. Motorists should not stop in the

road because this can cause a chain reaction of rear-end collisions with other vehicles. MOVE OVER and/or SLOW DOWN.

As you are driving, look well ahead and watch for these vehicles:

- Police vehicles
- Ambulances
- Fire trucks and rescue equipment
- Incident-response vehicles such as Hoosier Helpers
- Highway maintenance vehicles
- Utility service vehicles
- Vehicle recovery equipment such as tow trucks

Violating the law can result in a fine and a license suspension of up to two years if the driver causes damage to emergency equipment, and causing injury or death of an emergency worker can result in a prison sentence.

Even though Indiana's Move Over Laws state that motorists must move over and yield for only emergency vehicles, drivers should also always be courteous to those who are broken down on the shoulder. Give them room so that they can safely repair their vehicles. Be a courteous driver and help prevent tragedy.

An ISP/INDOT Public Service Announcement video concerning highway construction and work zone safety is available at <https://youtu.be/VkyJebbjKHI>

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