

## Highway department still going after wheel tax

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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Last night, Tuesday, April 14, Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett presented the Martin County Commissioners with information requested by the county council on the highway department's budget. Commissioner Paul George was not present for the meeting.

Commissioner Dan Gregory had gone to the council last week requesting they once again consider implementing a wheel tax. The council and members of the audience had requested that Padgett provide information on where the department is spending the current funding it gets annually. The highway department received \$1.6 million last year and that was cut to \$1.2 million this year. The wheel tax would bring in an estimated \$300,000 if put into effect at the

max rate.

Last year, the highway department had an income of around \$1.6 million which included \$113,469 from Crane timber sales, \$39,516.92 from DNR timber sales, and \$10,894.60 from national forest money. A majority of the rest came from the motor vehicle highway (MVH) fund which is mainly subsidized through gas tax and license fees and is distributed by the state. More than \$592,000 of last year's budget was spent on salaries and health insurance. The highway department has 12 full-time employees and one part-time.

Also, from last year's budget, \$204,739 was spent on stone, \$291,743 on asphalt, \$183,852 on vehicles and equipment including payments, repairs, maintenance and tires; \$104,899 was spent on gas, diesel and oil; \$43,047 was spent on workman's comp, \$30,970 was spent on culverts,

\$27,865 was spent on liability and casualty insurance, \$9,414 was spent on radios and maintenance of radios, \$8,148 was spent on winter mix for the roads, and \$27,469 was spent on concrete, road signs, hardware and tools, weed spray, tower rental, CDL testing requirements, professional services, and other garage supplies. \$19,758 was not appropriated into a specific category and the cost to run the highway department offices was \$19,667. Office expenses included utilities, telephone, trash service, the security system, office supplies, office equipment, business and travel expenses, postage, and repairs to the building and office equipment.

Superintendent Padgett said he is not ready to give up on the wheel tax yet because it is needed.

Commissioner Dan Gregory said he had told the council to email him specific ques-

tions they may have regarding the wheel tax but he had not heard from any of them. He requested that Auditor Roush send out an email asking the council again.

Gregory spoke about the five-year plan that was also suggested by the council. He said that a committee can be formed to write it up or Padgett could do it himself. He said it would be more of a wish list as there are many things that happen to roads or bridges over a five-year period that cannot be predicted. He told Padgett that they could speak later about setting up a work session on creating the plan.

Gregory also noted that most people are against the wheel tax because it is a new tax. He said when it gets explained, most people are okay with it considering it may only be \$25 for cars and \$40 for semis when getting license plates.

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## City council approves change order for pool construction

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The Loogootee City Council approved the first change order from Renosys for the pool construction at their meeting Monday night, April 13. The original contract was for \$522,600. The new cost is \$552,959.50 with the addition of \$30,359.50. The original contract did not include the slide at a cost of \$68,000. Since the city did the demolition work, that amount was deducted from the contract and the slide was added, therefore the reason for the change order. Mayor Noel Harty said that as some of the options get added and when work is done by the city or other entity that would reduce the amount owed to Renosys, a change

order is required. Change orders have to be approved by the council.

In other pool-related business, the council approved amending the salary ordinance to include pool staff. The pool manager would receive \$10 per hour, the assistant pool manager would receive \$9 per hour, lifeguards would receive \$7.25 per hour, and concession workers would receive \$6.50 per hour.

The council also approved additional appropriations to pay the pool staff for 2015, originally not budgeted for this year. The pool manager will be paid \$2,510, the assistant pool manager \$2,273, lifeguards \$9,349.38, and concession workers \$3,350.50. The city's share of FICA and Medicare will be \$1,924.22, the cost of con-

cession items to sell is \$2,500, the possibility of additional liability insurance of \$2,000, the increase of water totaling \$2,500, electric bills totaling \$180, telephone costs of \$105, chemicals for the pool totaling \$2,025, equipment costs of \$500, and petty cash money needed at \$100. The total amount needed for this year is \$29,827.10 based on a pool open date of July 1, 2015.

The council approved purchasing two decibel meters for \$300 each so the police department can enforce a "Jake Brake" ordinance in town with semis. Police Chief Kelly Rayhill said that the noise ordinance would also need to be changed to include what decibels would be a violation. He said signs will also have to be posted stating the noise ordinance in city limits is enforced.

The ordinance will be updated at the next council meeting.

City employee Mike Taylor was recognized for 25 years of service to the city.

Matt Eckerle, with Umbaugh and Associates, spent quite a bit of time speaking to the council about TIF (tax increment financing) districts. Mayor Harty said that there are possibly four areas in the city that would qualify as TIF districts, including the downtown area destroyed by the fire. TIF is a public financing method that is used as a subsidy for redevelopment, infrastructure, and other community-improvement projects. Eckerle explained that residential properties in a TIF district do not have a different property tax rate than other non-TIF residential areas, it affects commercial and

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## Keefe resigns from Shoals School

The Shoals School Board accepted the resignation of longtime teacher Patricia Keefe at their meeting Thursday, April 9. The resignation will be effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year. Keefe has served as English 10 teacher as well as grant writer, corporation testing coordinator, high ability coordinator, and title I and title II coordinator for the school. She was employed with Shoals for 25 years. The board thanked Miss Keefe for all her hard work and dedication and stated that she will be greatly missed.

The board accepted the resignation of Chrissy Henninger from the position of elementary teaching assistant. The board thanked Mrs. Henninger for her services and wished her well with her new position. The board approved posting the teaching assistant position immediately.

The board approved the following people to serve as substitutes during the 2014-15 school year: Thomas Potts as substitute teacher and school nurse substitute and Ellen Hampton as cafeteria substitute.

Mrs. Roush recommended the board approve the addition of new course titles for the high school agriculture program for the 2015-16 school year. The new courses will be agribusiness management, animal science, plant and soil science, and natural resource systems. The board approved.

The board approved posting for summer mowing applicants for the upcoming summer season.

Mrs. Roush provided the board with an overview of the details being planned for the new preschool program to be offered for the 2015-16 school year. She requested permission to advertise for outside groups or companies interested in overseeing a preschool program in the building. The board approved the program and the advertising.

Mrs. Roush recommended the board approve scheduling graduation for the class of 2015 to be held at 4 p.m. on May 30, 2015. Approval was given by consensus.

Marie Hawkins was present and donated a copy of her second published book titled "The Firefly that Helped His Friends" to the elementary library. The board thanked Mrs. Hawkins for the donation.

The board reviewed updates to the corporation wellness policy. A second reading will be held at the May 14 meeting of the board.

The board approved the following field trips:

-Junior class students to Washington High School for Project Safe Prom Presentation on April 21

-Sixth grade to Howell Park in Evansville, IN on May 5

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# SHOALS

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-Fifth grade to Martin County Courthouse for LEAD Trial and jailhouse tour on May 6

-Students to Bedford North Lawrence for 2015 Special Track and Field Program on May 7 and 8 (permission to accept donations from public is requested)

-Fifth grade to Angel Mounds in Evansville on May 13

-Fourth grade students to Crane Science Fair on May 22

The board approved the following facility usage requests with all fees being waived:

-Girl Scouts request approval to meet in cafeteria or another available classroom after school through the end of the 2014-15 school year.

-Alumni Association requests permission to hold Alumni Banquet in gymnasium on Saturday, June 27, 2015 with setup the day prior.

-The Hoosier Basketball Academy during the months of April-July of 2015. The exact dates and location will depend on availability of facilities and other school sponsored events already scheduled.

The board approved the operating agreements with North Lawrence Career Center as well as joint services for the 2015-16 school year.

The board approved participation in the Indiana DOE Virtual Academy for summer school courses during the summer of 2015. She noted that it is free to students and the school has successfully been part of this program in past summers.

Mrs. Roush gave the board a letter from Mike Cooper, JBL Program Volunteer requesting approval to continue offering the JBL Program next school year. Mr. Cooper also requested that the board consider purchasing some new equipment for the program. The board discussed the request but tabled action until a future meeting.

During administrator reports, the board reviewed the annual report from Brad Peterson, athletic director.

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

-Spring Testing Season will begin April 20 with English, biology, and algebra ECA and ISTEP-math and language arts

-Junior high academic team traveled to Paoli to compete and they represented the school in a great way. They are now preparing for the state meet

-Miss Keefe created a March Poetry Madness competition and students have been participating/reading/voting online

-Alex Tedrow received a special commendation from the Indiana State Senate for his gold medal at the state competition

-The Class of 2015 participated in an outing at the Indiana State House (tour and talk) as well as a visit to the Indiana State Museum

-Students are scheduling their classes for the 2015-2016 school year. Special thanks to guidance counselor, Mr. Sherfick, for the multiple presentations he's made to every grade level

-Looking at strategies to further encourage more ECA bus driver participation

-Copy of the 2015-16 student handbook is in the hands of staff with the direction to evaluate and make suggestions for the upcoming school year

-Career and Technical Education CTE Fair April 10 at Westgate Academy

-Harlem Wizards game on April 16

-Science Fair at Crane on April 22, the science department is conducting a couple of practice days during lunch hours in the days beforehand

-Safe Prom Program at Washington High School on April 21. Juniors attending. The school has two seniors participating as actors

-Prom is April 25

-Senior Beta Initiation is set for May 7 and a separate event for Junior Beta is also coming up. More details will be forthcoming

-May 14 the School Smiles Program will be at the school

-Planning events for 2015-2016 school year: coordinating a November 18 visit from a professional speaker covering the topic of the dangers of alcohol abuse and driving under-the-influence

Austin Malone, elementary principal, reported on the following:

-ISTEP: Multiple Choice begins Monday, April 20, currently at over 6 hours per grade

-IREAD3 results and remediation

-Instructional assignments for 2015-2016

-Kindergarten Round-Up all day April 10 and currently 38 kids have been signed up

-Junior Rox Robotix Team underway

-Music program "Seeing the USA the Miss Hickman Way" Thursday, May 28 at 1 p.m. in the old gym

-Awards Program Friday, May 29 at 1pm in the old gym

-Field Trips: kindergarten, April 10, French Lick Train; 1st grade, April 10, WonderLab; 2nd grade went last week to Marengo Cave; 3rd grade, May 1 to Lincoln Boyhood Home; 4th grade, April 16 to Squire Boon Caverns; 5th grade, May 13 to Angel Mounds and May 6 to LEAD Trial at the courthouse; 6th grade, May 5 to Howell Conservation Park

-Special Track and Field Day (a/k/a Special Olympics) Thursday and Friday, May 7 and 8

-School safety specialist - final training in Indianapolis on Wednesday, May 20

Candace Roush, superintendent, reported on the following:

-Thank you to Ms. Keefe for her many years of dedication and teaching to the Shoals Community School Corporation. She will be missed dearly.

-The old gym will be sealed this summer and the gym will be shut down from June 25 through July 12.

-The state school funding formula is still up in the air at this point. There are some differences between the house and senate versions so we will continue to wait and see how it turns out.

-The department of child services is celebrating Child Prevention Month and would like to offer child DNA kits to interested parents in case of an emergency. This service has been offered by the state police in the past.

-The front of the high school painting project is still on hold due to the rainy weather.

-Student handbooks will be brought to the May board meeting for a first reading.

-A bond plan was presented to the school board to help take care of some needed projects around the school such as maintenance the roof, chimney, and classroom ceiling tiles. A timeline will be presented to the board and hopefully some of the projects can be completed during the summer when students are not in session.

-Summer cleaning crew will be hired at the next board meeting. A plan on the number of cleaning projects and hours needed was presented to the school board.

-They are excited to finally post the social worker position for the 2015-2016 school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The next meeting of the board will be on May 14 at 6 p.m.

# WHEEL TAX

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Padgett also reported that both Gradalls are down for repairs right now. He said he has three crews out filling potholes.

Jenny Dearwester, with SIDC, told the commissioners about an upcoming housing and rehabilitation grant with the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority for \$350,000 that is due July 31. The grant, if awarded, would rehab 14 homes in Martin County at \$21,800 each. Dearwester said that a 10 percent match is required on the grant and that more points are awarded if the county provides additional money to the project. The 10 percent match in the past has come from a grant through the USDA. She said that the county's contribution can be anywhere from \$2,000 to \$18,000 which would add one to five points to the application. The commissioners discussed approaching the cities and towns asking them to contribute since the houses included in the grant could be in any area of Martin County.

Dearwester also noted that by targeting at least 50 percent of homes with owners 55 and older or disabled, it would also add 10 points to the application.

She said they would start accepting ap-

plications in May and the grant will be awarded on October 22.

The commissioners tabled discussion of the ambulance contract.

The Martin County Humane Society provided the commissioners with their quarterly report. Humane Society President Josh Hughett asked if the commissioners had discussed giving the society a truck on the surplus list at the highway department. The truck is a 1995. After discussion, the commissioners voted to remove the truck from the surplus sale and donate it to the humane society.

Linda Dillon, veteran service officer, gave the commissioners her report for March. She said there were six trips in the veteran van - two to Bloomington, two to Indianapolis, one to New Albany, and one to Louisville. Four trips were cancelled by the veterans and Dillon assisted nine veterans for the month.

One volunteer driver was submitted by Dillon for approval but the commissioners requested more information on the woman since no one was familiar with her. Dillon said she would talk with her more to find out her background.

# COUNCIL

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industrial real property for the most part. TIF districts can be scheduled to end after a chosen amount of years. Eckerle said it costs around \$7,500 for Umbaugh to do the work to establish a TIF district.

The council approved building permits for St. Vincent de Paul at 516 Park Street for an addition and for Adam Greene on Wood Street between Greene's Body Shop and Urgent Care for a commercial addition.

The council approved blocking off the municipal building parking lot on May 2 for a yard sale.

The council discussed the Boy Scout room in the annex building and the fact that it was no longer being used by the scouts. Wilson said that there are things that need to be cleaned up in the room. The council decided to send a letter requesting it be cleaned up within 30 days.

The Knights of Columbus on West Main Street asked that a handicap parking spot be added to the front of their building. They will paint the spot. The council approved.

City Superintendent Bo Wilson briefly discussed bids for paving. He said there will probably be around \$50,000 in the budget for paving but they will have to wait to see how much money will be received. Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones said she has already sent out the advertisement for paving bids.

Wilson said he got an estimate of \$4,500 from M&M Electric for a pump with lighting for the fountain on the square. He said

it was more than he anticipated and he wasn't sure if lighting was a necessity. The quoted pump also offers different water spraying features. He said the current pump is probably more than 40 years old and has electrical issues. Council member Richard Taylor said they just needed a basic pump, without anything elaborate. Council member Rick Norris also noted that more than one quote should be received. The council requested that three quotes be received. The mayor asked Clerk-Treasurer Jones if the money could come from the EDIT fund. Jones replied that she thinks it should come out of park and recreation and then added that there is no money in the park and recreation budget. She noted that she doesn't think everything needs to come out of the EDIT fund. Harty replied that if the park and rec budget doesn't have any money then where would the money come from. Jones said that it could come from the council's budget. No decision was made however.

Jones also told the council that money will be needed for the municipal fall election, around \$12,000. The city doesn't typically have a fall election so the money was not budgeted. She said she budgeted \$18,000 for the primary election and didn't think all of that would be used.

At the end of the meeting Council Member Taylor requested the police start ticketing people who place dumpsters in no parking areas on city streets or areas that block visibility for drivers.

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# OBITUARIES

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## BILLY WININGER

Billy Wayne Wininger passed away Monday, April 6, 2015 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 71.

He was born in Bedford on August 9, 1943; son of the late John T. and Nellie Pearl Wininger.

He enjoyed taking care of the farm animals, such as horses, chickens and goats. He loved to ride his moped, tell jokes and carving. He attended Loogootee Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church.

He is survived by four sisters, Goldie (Danny) Clark, Annie (Bruce) Nicholson, Ruth Gilbert and Mary Kelsey, all of Loogootee; nieces, Tammy Clark and Cindy Clark, both of Loogootee, Debra Parsons and Charlotte Browder, both of Shoals; nephews, Danny Ray Clark, Bruce Ray Nicholson, Robert E. Gilbert and James Nicholson, all of Loogootee; and many great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; half brothers, Robert Robbins and Richard Robbins; and brother-in-law, Robert Gilbert.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 11 at Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church in Loogootee, officiated by Rev. Johnny Simmons. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Brooksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be made online at [brooksmithblakefuneralhomes.com](http://brooksmithblakefuneralhomes.com).

## CAROL VORIS

Carol Voris passed peacefully with her family at her side at 6:03 p.m. Monday, April 13, 2015, at Johnson Christian Village in Bedford. A resident of Bedford, she was 83.

She was born April 3, 1932, in Washington; the daughter of Wilson and CAROL VORIS Helen Joyce (Furry) Chenoweth. She spent her life teaching and sharing her love for music and for her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

She was a graduate of Shoals High School, 1950; Evansville College, with a BME, 1954 and earned her Master's in Music Education from Indiana University, 1957; she was a lifelong teacher having taught music, grades 1-12 in Allendale, Illinois, 1954-1956, and then teaching for three decades at Bedford Jr. High School and Bedford High School, as well as Bedford North Lawrence High School and Shawswick Elementary and Middle Schools, during which time she also di-

rected many musicals. She was a member of, and choir director at First United Methodist Church, Bedford, for over 50 years and also gave private lessons on the piano as well as the harp. She was also active in musical performances staged at Little Theatre of Bedford.

Surviving are one son, Joseph (Amy) Voris of Bedford; one daughter, Elizabeth Voris of Bedford; four grandchildren, Ashley (Will) Collins of Ellettsville; Drew (Devin) Lemke of Bedford; and Evan and Emma Voris of Bedford; one great grandchild, Aubriana Collins; one brother, John (Carolyn) Chenoweth of Arkansas; one sister, Susan (Bent) Olsen, Michigan; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and one niece.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, April 17 at First United Methodist Church, Bedford, with Rev. Michelle White officiating. Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery, Shoals.

Friends may call on Thursday, 3-8 p.m. at Ferguson-Lee Funeral Home, Bedford, and from noon until 1 p.m. Friday, at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Music, in honor of Carol Voris.

## DAVID PROBASCO

David C. Probasco passed away at 5:57 a.m. Monday April 13, 2015 at Cathedral Healthcare Center in Jasper. A resident of Shoals, he was 66.

He was born August 7, 1948 in Shoals; the son of Luther and Margaret (Butler) Probasco. He married Debra J. Johnson on May 8, 1989 in Daviess County.

He was employed for 44 years at the French Lick Springs Resort in golf course maintenance. He loved his job and was well known for his designs when he mowed the roughs for the golf course. He attended Martin County Schools and was of the Christian faith.

He is survived by his wife, Debra of Shoals; one daughter, Tonya Probasco of Shoals; three sisters, Loretta Jent of Oolitic, Marilyn Mills of French Lick, and Wanda Probasco and Gene Merchand of Dubois; and one brother, Arthur Probasco of Shoals.

He is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Violet Way; and a twin brother, Dennis Probasco.

Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. this evening, Wednesday, April 15 at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. There will be no funeral service and cremation will follow. Burial will be at the Butler Cemetery at a later date.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

## DELPHIA HECKARD

Delphia Doris (Sims) Heckard passed away at 9:15 p.m. April 11, 2015 at the Northwood Retirement Community in Jasper. A resident of Shoals, she was 89.

She was born August 25, 1925 in Dover



DELPHIA HECKARD

Hill; the daughter of the late William Ivan and Blanche (Walton) Sims. She married William N. "Bill" Heckard on August 8, 1947 in Vincennes and he preceded her in death on September 21, 2003.

She attended Martin County Schools. She received her GED in 1972 and had the highest test score in the State of Indiana at that time. She then attended Indiana University, taking courses in accounting.

Known to be a very industrious lady, who always worked hard and took great pride in her work outside and within the home, she was formerly employed as a secretary for Shorty Miller Tax Preparer, Miller's Hat Shop in Shoals, Farm Bureau Insurance Agency, Red Gold Tomato Factory in Indianapolis, was a bus driver for the Shoals Community School Corporation, and managed the bookkeeping and accounting for Heckard's Timber. She retired from the Indiana Department of Revenue in 1990, after 21 years.

A lover of music, dancing, and attending Broadway shows, she also enjoyed embroidering, cooking, canning, tending her rose garden, traveling and feeding her birds. Delphia collected and had a vast knowledge of antiques. She was especially proud that she and her husband were able to attend the inaugurations of Presidents Nixon and Reagan.

As a child she attended the Dover Hill United Methodist Church and after marrying Bill they joined the Shoals United Methodist Church and raised their family within the Shoals congregation.

She held memberships in several organizations, including, Martin County Republican Women's Club, Shoals Order of the Eastern Star, Daughters of the American Revolution, Shoals Hanson-McFee Post #61 American Legion Auxiliary, and Fraternal Order of Eagles #2442 Auxiliary.

She is survived by her children, Norman W. (Sharon) Heckard of Bedford; William Malcolm "Bill" (Rita) Heckard of Bloomington; Grace D. (Ronald "Pete") Dunlap of Smithfield, Kentucky; Cathy L. (Calvin) Evans of Shoals, Ricky L. Heckard of Loogootee; and Darwin I. (Dianna) Heckard of Shoals; grandchildren, Jeff W. Heckard of Newburgh; Brian S. Heckard of Bedford; William "Boomer" Heckard of Shoals; Casey L. Heckard of Bloomington; Travis R. Ashcraft of Bloomington; Kristine N. Midwood of Willimantic, Connecticut; Stephanie L. Parsons of Louisville, Kentucky; Amanda K. Heckard of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Heather D. Evans of Shoals; Lindsay R. Tolin of Indianapolis; Nathan S. Heckard of Bedford; and Alisha Truelove of Shoals; 25 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Bill; two sisters, Maxine Baker and Kizzie Walton; brother, Jasper Sims; and a son in infancy.

Visitation will be from 4-9 p.m. Thursday, April 16 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. The funeral will be Friday at 1 p.m. at the Shoals United Methodist Church, with viewing one hour prior to the service. Pastor Joseph Seger and Pastor Michael Schlaegel will be officiating the service. Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals.

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### MONDAY, APRIL 6

12:21 a.m. - Sgt. Keller gave aid to a battered woman with no place to stay. She was transported to Bedford Police Department for lodging in a local motel.

4:17 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals 1st Responders, Sgt. Keller, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:01 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Loogootee 1st Responders, Chief Deputy Greene, Deputy Dant, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:25 a.m. - Received a report of a drunk or sleepy driver on US 50. Sheriff Roush found the vehicle and all was okay.

8:50 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Dant took an inmate to court.

12:03 p.m. - Received a report of a horse loose in Loogootee. Chief Rayhill was unable to find the animal.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Spring Hill Cemetery. Deputy Harmon responded.

2:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:51 p.m. - Received a report of a theft near Shoals. Sgt Keller took the call.

6:55 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance in Shoals. Sgt Keller spoke with all parties involved.

7:20 p.m. - Received a report of a theft near Loogootee. Deputy Dant is working the case.

### Martin County real estate transfers

**Verlin Wagler**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Alexis Denise Wagler**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 35 and 36 in Oliver and Taylor's Addition to Loogootee, Indiana.

**Dwight M. Cox a/k/a Dwight Marvin Cox and Viola M. Cox** to the **Dwight M. Cox Trust**. Tract I: Lot No. 1 in Block No. 2 in the Town of Burns City, Indiana. Tract II: Lots Numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 in Block 2 in the Town of Burns City, Indiana.

**Mary Jane Bullock**, of Tippecanoe County, Indiana to **Timothy E. Lawrence**, of Martin County, Indiana, the south half of Lots Number 66 and 67 in Campbell and Breen's Addition to Loogootee, Indiana.

**Jonell K. Payne**, of Maricopa County, Arizona to **Timothy E. Lawrence**, of Martin County, Indiana, the south half of Lots Number 66 and 67 in Campbell and Breen's Addition to Loogootee, Indiana.

**Rachel Downey**, of Pinellas County, Florida to **Timothy E. Lawrence**, of Martin County, Indiana, the south half of Lots Number 66 and 67 in Campbell and Breen's Addition to Loogootee, Indiana.

**Melanie Downey, Tony Downey, Roger Scott Downey, Stacy Hornaday, Elaine Sue Bruner, and Alice Ann Weisheit**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Timothy E. Lawrence**, of Martin County, Indiana, the south half of Lots Number 66 and 67 in Campbell and Breen's Addition to Loogootee, Indiana.

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**Amy R. Moffitt**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Habitat for Humanity of Martin County, Inc.**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.41

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### TUESDAY, APRIL 7

1:03 a.m. - Received a call about a reckless driver on US 231 north of Loogootee. LPD officer Norris and Sgt Keller responded.

3:26 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance assistance just west of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and helped with transport to Daviess County.

6:05 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Crane. Deputy Dant responded.

7:21 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

1:37 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but no one was transported.

3:00 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50. Deputy Harmon responded.

3:19 p.m. - Received report of a domestic disturbance in Loogootee. Chief Rayhill took the call.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

9:45 a.m. - Deputies Dant and Harmon took three inmates to court.

11:08 a.m. - Received a report of a strong odor of a gas near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Sheriff Roush investigated.

11:08 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

11:30 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity near Shoals. Deputy Harmon and Major Burkhardt responded.

**Bonnie L. Troutman**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Gregory A. Seng, Phillip J. Seng, and Steven G. Seng, d/b/a Seng Bros**, of Dubois County, Indiana, a part of the south fractional Section 21, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 170.47 acres, more or less.

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Proceeds to benefit In His Hands Daycare and Preschool, a ministry of the Dover Hill Christian Union Church. Proceeds from the concessions will benefit the Shoals Band Boosters and proceeds from the Wizards souvenir sales will benefit Ryan's Hope.  
For more information contact Mike Newland at 812-709-0517.

Various times - Received several calls of trees down in and around the county.

7:40 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. LPD and Major Burkhardt responded.

9:06 p.m. - Received a report of a smell of smoke in Loogootee. LPD and Martin County Ambulance were dispatched.

10:11 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Major Burkhardt was dispatched.

10:20 p.m. - Received a request from a citizen in Shoals needing assistance. Mar-

shal Eckert responded.

10:41 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but no one was transported.

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### THURSDAY, APRIL 9

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Loogootee, was arrested by Sgt. Keller and Loogootee Officer Norris on drug-related charges as well as neglect of a dependent. She is being held on a \$25,000 or 10% bond.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

8:32 p.m. - John Wagler, 42, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Nolan and charged with domestic battery and interfering with reporting a crime and is being held without bond.

page and informational video which explains what drivers need to know before visiting a license branch. BMV license branch locations and hours can be found at www.in.gov/bmv/2337.htm.

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# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, APRIL 6

6:01 a.m. - First responders were requested to Bellgrade Avenue for a medical call.

12:10 p.m. - Caller reported a horse loose on South Kentucky Avenue.

2:15 p.m. - Don Lannan came on station to report damage to his vehicle.

8:25 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the Trooper Lents on a search warrant on SE 1st Street.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 7

1:03 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

10:25 a.m. - A city employee reported damage at the city park.

11:15 a.m. - A male came on station to report a theft of medication.

11:30 a.m. - Female requested extra patrol.

11:33 a.m. - Male caller requested a vehicle identification check.

12:35 p.m. - Female caller requested two vehicle identification checks.

3:19 p.m. - Female caller reported her son was out of control.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

12:35 p.m. - Male reported a civil complaint.

1:20 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male on North Line Street.

4:55 p.m. - Loogootee Dispatch activated the severe weather siren due to a tornado warning.

9:08 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to Bowling Trailer Court for a report of smoke in a trailer.

10:00 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in Shaded Estates.

11:09 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle in Shaded Estates.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 9

8:00 a.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

11:20 a.m. - Caller reported a suicidal

male. Chief Rayhill and the Martin County Ambulance Service responded.

11:45 a.m. - Male caller reported being harassed.

1:10 p.m. - Female caller reported harassing text messages.

4:47 p.m. - Caller reported a traffic violation.

5:32 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

6:45 p.m. - Caller reported a person in a black Taurus dumped off a puppy in the bowling alley parking lot. Martin County Humane Society was contacted.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 10

1:34 a.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a 911 hang-up on Park Street.

12:35 a.m. - Captain Akles responded to a suicidal subject. Male was later transported to a local hospital.

9:56 p.m. - Officer Nolan checked on a suspicious vehicle on Dewey Street.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 11

10:22 a.m. - Captain Akles responded to a disturbance in Redwing Trailer Court.

10:55 a.m. - First responders were requested on Abel Lane for a medical call.

4:18 p.m. - Caller reported a parking violation.

8:34 p.m. - Caller reported being harassed.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 12

1:26 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance in Redwing Trailer Court.

4:47 p.m. - Caller reported someone driving an older model four door white Honda had stole her dog. The dog is an English Bulldog. Officers were unable to locate this vehicle.

6:43 p.m. - First responders were requested in Bowling Trailer Court for a medical call.

7:32 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a suicidal subject.

## Two Jasper ISP Troopers honored at awards ceremony

Two Troopers from the Indiana State Police Jasper District were honored last Friday afternoon at an awards ceremony at the Indiana Government Center.

Trooper Michael Allen and Trooper Jeremy Galloway were presented awards for their service to the State of Indiana.

Trooper Michael Allen was awarded as the 2014 Jasper District Trooper of the Year.

This award was presented to Trooper Allen for achieving outstanding enforcement efforts in the areas of traffic and criminal enforcement, case and crash investigations, public information programs and community service; and for exemplifying the professionalism and integrity expected of an Indiana State Trooper.

The O.W.I. award was presented to Trooper Galloway for his efforts in removing impaired and intoxicated motorists from Indiana's roadways. Trooper Galloway was awarded for his efforts of arresting 40 impaired drivers in 2014.

The actions and dedication to duty of Troopers Allen and Galloway are in keeping with the finest traditions of law enforcement and reflect great credit upon themselves and the Indiana State Police Department.



TROOPER MICHAEL ALLEN



TROOPER JEREMY GALLOWAY



## Raise awareness and help prevent sexual assault this April

The issue of sexual assault has been gaining awareness in recent months as more and more survivors are coming forward to tell their stories. Sexual assault is still a big problem in our country. According to RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network):

Every day in the United States, there are 804 incidents of sexual assault.

That makes for about 293,000 victims of sexual violence every year.

One in six women and one in 33 men will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime.

We still have a long way to go towards ending sexual assault, but we believe that there is hope. In honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), we can all work together to create a culture of healthy relationships and end sexual violence. This month, RAINN is highlighting four steps to being an active bystander. Using the C.A.R.E. acronym, these steps emphasize the role of friends and loved ones taking action:

Create a distraction: Do what you can to interrupt the situation. A distraction can give the person at risk a chance to get to a safe place.

Ask directly: If you see someone who looks uncomfortable or is at risk, intervene and talk to the person who might be in trouble. If you feel safe, find a way to de-escalate the situation and separate all parties involved.

Refer to an authority: Keeping your friends safe doesn't have to fall entirely on you alone. Sometimes the safest way to intervene is to involve someone who has more influence than you.

Enlist others: It can be intimidating to approach a situation alone. Enlist another person to support you. There is safety in numbers.

There are plenty of other ways to get involved during SAAM and speak out against sexual violence. Check out the list below, or visit RAINN.org or the National Sexual Violence Resource Center for more info

Middle Way House can help you: Martin County Office (812) 295-2993. Their 24-hour crisis line is (812) 336-0846. You can call collect. They offer help with personal/legal advocacy, shelter house, and transportation. Help spread the word against Sexual Assault Awareness Month!

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## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser  
Purdue University Master Gardener

After the recent storms, I have had several inquiries about pruning out damaged limbs on trees and shrubs. While I would normally caution that cuts made now will result in fewer blooms on spring-blooming shrubs and trees, by all means, one should prune out broken limbs. Cuts should be made just off the collar where the limb branches from the larger branch. Do not use tar, paint or commercial sealer on the cut. Purdue arborists have studied the use of such wound covers and have found that the tree or shrub will heal faster if just left alone. Within weeks, the plant will compartmentalize the wound and it will begin to scab over. If the plant's shape has been affected by the damage, you may wish to do some selective pruning to reshape the plant. However, I would choose to wait until just after the shrub has finished blooming, which is the time most spring-blooming shrubs should be pruned.

The spring blooming perennials and bulbs continue to brighten the landscape. As the daffodils and tulips complete their bloom cycle, it is advised to cut the bloom stalk off, preventing the formation of seeds. For some, who have too many such clumps to be able to trim all of the bloom stems, at least try to do the stems of the more recently planted bulbs. Seed formation will draw the plant's resources away from bulb growth and division, which is the most desirable area to which energy should be directed.

Please note that this trimming applies only to the bloom stalk and not to the leaves of the plant. Over the next few weeks, the leaves will continue photosynthesis, enabling the bulb to set blooms for next year. The leaves should be allowed to yellow and die in place. I know that some gardeners who want neat

beds do not like to leave the dying foliage, but the alternative is to have few blooms in subsequent years. It is also not advised to braid or otherwise tie up the foliage. The entire leaf surface needs to be able to do its work.

There are ways to hide the dying foliage. My favorite way is to plant other perennials near the bulbs. One must be careful not to disturb the bulbs, but it is perfectly safe to interplant. In shady areas, hostas are good plants to hide the dying foliage. The hostas are already beginning to show leaves and will be large enough to hide the bulb foliage as it starts to die back. In sunny areas, peonies, tall sedums and bee balm will soon grow tall enough to hide the clumps.

There are always new flowers to bring interest when one group fades. Woods poppies have burst onto the scene with bright yellow blooms borne on interesting foliage. These woodland gems re-seed generously, so it is always a surprise where new plants come up. They are not problem plants, as the new plants may easily be moved or passed along to others. Another plant I have been encouraging to spread around in shady locations is Virginia bluebells. The blue flowers are one of the few true blues in nature. Another source of blue is the tiny sprays of flowers of brunnera. Usually grown for the mottled leaves in various patterns, the sprays of tiny blue flowers lend a sense of whimsy to the garden.

I have heard many gardeners lament that most perennials do not have long periods of flowers, but I have learned that each bloom must be appreciated in its season. I can hardly wait for the next bloom I know will follow.

## Changes in urban fishing program for 2015

Go FishIN in the City, DNR's urban fishing program, will continue to stock 5,000 channel catfish in communities throughout Indiana to enhance angling opportunities for Hoosiers living in urban areas.

This year, fish will be stocked on two occasions instead of three.

Half of the fish will be stocked before the first Free Fishing Day, April 18. The second half will be stocked before Free Fishing Weekend, June 6-7.

Lakes stocked include: Diamond Valley Park Pond and Garvin Park Lake, Evansville; Dobbs Park Pond, Terre Haute; Kranert Park Lake and Riverside Park Pond, Indianapolis; Lakeside Pond, Fort Wayne; Meadowlark Pond, Carmel; Munger Park Pond, Lafayette; Robinson Park, Hobart; and Washington Township Park Pond, Avon.

A map of locations and more information is at [wildlife.IN.gov/7508.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/7508.htm).

DNR's CookIN Gone Wild: Field to Table program visited Meadowlark Pond in Carmel for some catfishing action last year. See a video at [youtube.com/watch?v=rl-](http://youtube.com/watch?v=rl-)

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Go FishIN in the City started in 2012 as a partnership between DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife and Terre Haute Federal Prison Complex, which has an indoor aquaculture facility. DNR supplies the prison with channel catfish around 8 inches long and the prison grows these fish to 13-18 inches before stocking.

## Spring turkey season starts next Wednesday

Are you ready to see some gobblers? The 2015 spring turkey season runs from April 22 to May 10. Youth season is April 18-19.

The bag limit is one bearded or male turkey for the spring season. Spring turkey hunting is allowed statewide.

To hunt wild turkey, a valid turkey hunting license and a valid game bird habitat stamp privilege are required.

To buy a license online, visit [www.in.gov/ai/appfiles/dnr-license/index.html](http://www.in.gov/ai/appfiles/dnr-license/index.html)



## Pollinated

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, [www.billwhorrall.com](http://www.billwhorrall.com)

The wasp above got into a little bit of dandelion pollen. Dandelions are a great source of nectar to many different kinds of pollinators.

## Martin State Forest open house is July 10

Martin State Forest will host an open house at the Martin County Fair on Friday, July 10, from 6-10 p.m.

Forestry staff will be available to provide information about recreational activities, projects, forest resource management, and planning. Attendees can talk directly with DNR personnel or, if they prefer, submit written comments.

"These open houses provide Hoosiers with a chance to receive first-hand information about how the state forests are working to provide diverse wildlife habitat, forest products and recreational opportuni-

ties," said State Forester John Seifert. "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."

Property staff is also available during normal business hours. Go to [dnr.IN.gov/forestry](http://dnr.IN.gov/forestry) for contact information or to schedule a visit.

The Division of Forestry promotes and practices good stewardship of natural, recreational and cultural resources on Indiana's public and private forest lands.

## Purdue specialist: Choose, plant trees wisely for energy efficiency

BY KEITH ROBINSON  
Purdue University News Service

Homeowners can make their yards not only more attractive but their homes more energy-efficient by planting the right trees in the right place, a Purdue Extension urban forestry specialist says.

Lindsey Purcell said trees create a cooling effect during the hot summer months and allow for passive solar gain - heat directly from the sun after leaves have fallen - during winter months.

"However, proper selection and placement is critical to make this work," he said.

Purcell noted that trees offer many functional and aesthetic benefits, shade being the most common. Because of this, proper placement of the tree is essential.

"The tree can actually become a liability if it conflicts with infrastructure or just does not provide any useful shade at all," he said. "For shade where it's needed most that also allows

## Campground hosts needed at Indiana State Parks

Indiana's state parks are looking for volunteers to serve as campground hosts in exchange for free camping during their service.

Hosts work a minimum of 20 hours per week. The volunteer period varies at sites, based on the number of applicants and on the amount and type of work required.

Properties needing hosts are Turkey Run State Park for April; Potato Creek anytime from July through August; Pokagon State Park for August through September; and Brown County State Park anytime April through October.

Properties are looking for dedicated campers who enjoy working outdoors, with other campers and park guests, and with DNR staff.

A list of site availability and information about hosting duties is at [stateparks.IN.gov/2404.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/2404.htm); or contact the property where you would like to serve as a host.

Completion of a volunteer application is required. Download a volunteer application form at [stateparks.IN.gov/2443.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/2443.htm).

passive solar gain in the winter months, you must use an energy-efficient design."

Purcell offered this advice in selecting and planting trees:

- \* Select good-quality trees that are suitable for your location from a reputable source.

- \* When choosing trees for shade and solar gain, select larger, deciduous-canopy trees primarily for the south-facing side of the house, then on the west and east. In the summer, when the sun is high in the southern sky, the leaves will provide shade and, as a result, help cool the house. In the winter after the trees have lost their leaves and the sun is lower in the sky, openings such as windows will allow for direct heating, provided the openings are not blocked, such as by foliage and other vegetation.

- \* On the north side of the house, minimize exposure to prevailing winter winds with evergreen-type trees. Purcell advises against planting evergreen trees near the house on southern exposure. "Such trees may provide some shade and screening, but they will also block out the warming effects of the sun during winter months."

- \* Be sure the height and spread of the tree when mature will fit the location before planting it. This will allow the tree to spread into the design space naturally without excessive pruning that would be needed to prevent conflicts with the house.

But Purcell noted that the tree still must be close enough to the house for the canopy to provide shade. "A good rule of thumb is to plant the tree at least 20 feet from the house. For larger shade trees, you may need to plant as far as 40 feet from the house to ensure room for growth."

Purcell provides additional guidance in a posting titled "Plant for the Sun" on the Purdue Department of Forestry and Natural Resources blog "Got Nature?," at [www.purdue.edu/gotnature](http://www.purdue.edu/gotnature). The posting includes a diagram of proper tree placement near a house.

Additional information on tree selection and planting is in the free publication FNR-433-W, available on the website of Purdue Extension's The Education Store at [www.edustore.purdue.edu](http://www.edustore.purdue.edu).

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## DNR studies walleye mortality on Monroe Lake

DNR biologists are tagging walleyes on Monroe Lake to study fishing mortality for the species.

During the last couple of weeks, biologists have used electrofishing to catch walleyes for tagging.

"So far we have tagged 78 walleyes with an overall goal of tagging at least 200 over the next couple of weeks," said Sandy Clark-Kolaks, Indiana DNR southern region fisheries research biologist.

The majority of those caught were male fish and ranged in length from 19 to 27 inches. Walleyes will be tagged with either a single or double plastic spaghetti tag near the dorsal fin.

Anglers who catch a tagged walleye should remove the tag with a knife or scissors and return the tag to the DNR. The study will help biologists understand how many walleyes anglers harvest from Monroe Lake and when.

"Information from studies from like these help us with modeling of different length-limit scenarios," Clark-Kolaks said.

Tags can be returned through tag return envelopes available at boat ramps, boat ramp gate houses, the Paynetown DNR office or the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife field office in Bloomington.

On the envelopes are questions about name and address, the tag(s) number, and whether you harvested the fish. Tag envelopes can be returned to any location where they were obtained.

Please only include tag(s) from one fish per envelope. Tags also can be mailed to the DNR Bloomington Field Office, 5596 E. State Road 46, Bloomington, IN 47401, with the above information included.

For more information, visit [wildlife.IN.gov/3279.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/3279.htm) or email Clark-Kolaks at [sclark-kolaks@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:sclark-kolaks@dnr.IN.gov).

## Foreign persons must report U.S. agricultural land holdings

The Executive Director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Daviess-Martin Counties, Kent Mason, reminds foreign persons with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States that they are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

"Any foreign person who acquires, transfers or holds any interest, other than a security interest, including leaseholds of 10 years or more, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction," said Mason.

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) reports with the FSA county office that maintains reports for the county where the land is located.

"Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural

land," said Mason.

For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use. For example, reports are required when land use changes from nonagricultural to agricultural or from agricultural to nonagricultural. Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such as the owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign.

Data gained from these disclosures is used to prepare an annual report to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States.

For more information regarding AFIDA and FSA programs, contact the Daviess-Martin County FSA office at (812) 254-4780 or visit the USDA website at [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov).

## Honeybee die-off less severe this year

BY DARRIN PACK  
*Purdue University News Service*

The honeybee population appears to have survived the winter in better shape than a year ago, but still faces several significant threats, a Purdue University honeybee specialist said.

After the brutally cold, wet winter of 2013-14 in much of the U.S., observers reported one of the largest bee die-offs ever recorded, with a mortality rate of about 65 percent for Indiana, said Greg Hunt, professor of entomology. Based on his primary investigation and discussions with beekeepers, Hunt estimated this year's losses at about 29 percent.

"It seems much better than the year before, even though it was another cold winter," Hunt said.

Honeybees are essential to agriculture because they pollinate food plants such as fruits, nuts and vegetables. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, honeybee pollination is worth about \$15 billion a year in crop production.

But the honeybee population has been declining for years, with the U.S. losing about one-third of its hives annually, Hunt said. Experts estimate the number of honeybee colonies in the U.S. dropped from about 4 million in the 1970s to about 2.5 million now.

The reasons for the bees' decline aren't entirely clear, Hunt said, although there are likely a number of contributing factors.

Especially baffling is a phenomenon known as colony collapse disorder, when adult worker bees disappear from their hives for no apparent reason, leaving the

immature bees in the colony to starve.

"Although colony collapse disorder has generated a lot of attention, symptoms haven't been seen in Indiana or in other states in the past two years," Hunt said.

A class of insecticides called neonicotinoids, commonly used on soybean and corn seeds, has also been identified as a threat. In a 2012 study, Hunt and other researchers found high levels of concentrated neonicotinoids in dead bees around agricultural fields.

It is believed the neonicotinoids are absorbed by the talc used in planting and spread to surrounding plants and soil when the talc is released as exhaust from the planting machinery.

Another significant danger facing the bee population is a parasite known as a Varroa mite. The mites feed on bee larva and transmit viruses. If left unchecked, a mite infestation can destroy an entire colony.

The reddish-brown mites are tiny, but visible to the unaided eye. Beekeepers who notice too many mites in their hive should use a commercially available pesticide designed specifically to control Varroa mites, Hunt said.

"The earlier an infestation is identified, the better chance you have of saving the colony," he said.

Replacing a hive that has been lost or damaged by Varroa mites or other causes can be expensive and time-consuming, Hunt said.

"Normally, the bees are ready to pollinate in mid-May," he said. "If a beekeeper has to replace a colony, pollination could be delayed until mid-June."

## Walnut Twig Beetle detected in Indiana

The Walnut Twig Beetle (WTB), *Pityophthorus juglandis*, the insect involved in Thousand Cankers Disease of Black Walnut (TCD), has been detected in Indiana for the first time at a Franklin County sawmill.

The beetle was detected in a trap placed at the sawmill for a 2014 statewide survey for WTB.

Additional WTBs were found during an inspection of walnut logs and lumber at the sawmill.

TCD is caused by the fungus *Geosmithia morbida* that is transmitted by WTB.

The beetles bore into walnut branches, feeding on the tree's tissues and depositing the fungus that creates a canker, or dead area, under the bark. Multiple feedings cause the formation of thousands of cankers under the bark and destroy the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients. Gradually the tree dies.

Tests for the fungus from the collected beetles and walnut samples in Franklin County are ongoing. So far, the fungus has not been detected.

Surveys at the sawmill have not detected any infested walnut trees. Another

survey is planned for this summer for the area surrounding the sawmill.

State Entomologist Phil Marshall has ordered the sawmill quarantined. The sawmill is working with the DNR and is destroying walnut material on the property to prevent movement of TCD from the property.

In 2014, TCD was discovered in a black walnut plantation in Yellowwood State Forest in Brown County. That plantation has also been quarantined.

Franklin County is not under quarantine because TCD has not been detected in a walnut tree in the county.

Movement of walnut logs, lumber and other walnut material within Indiana is not restricted. Movement into and out of Indiana is restricted.

Contact the DNR Division of Entomology & Plant Pathology for assistance to move walnut.

Of the other 100-plus survey locations in 2014, no WTB was detected.

The other states with TCD are Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and eight western states.

More information on TCD can be found at [dnr.IN.gov/entomolo/6249.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/entomolo/6249.htm)

## USA Today names Indiana Dunes one of nation's top 10 state parks

USA Today has named Indiana Dunes State Park one of the nation's "10 Best State Parks."

A panel of experts nominated 20 state parks to be considered for the 10 Best list. USA Today then encouraged the public to vote during March. Indiana Dunes State Park finished seventh. It was promoted in USA Today and online at [10best.com/awards/travel/best-state-park](http://10best.com/awards/travel/best-state-park).

"Many people, especially those from outside the area, don't realize what a jewel the park is until they see it for themselves, Baughman said. "We hope this recognition encourages people to come visit and experience the park for the first time."

With more than 6,000 state parks nationwide, it is excellent that experts and the public recognized the uniqueness and wonder of the dunes, said Lorelei Weimer, Indiana Dunes Tourism Executive Director.

"We are so fortunate to have a natural wonder in Porter County, and it's great to see Indiana Dunes State Park getting the national recognition it deserves," Weimer said.

USA Today previously chose Indiana Dunes State Park as the best place to hike in Indiana and one of the top 51 places to hike in the nation. The park has also been recognized as a great destination by CNN, Parent's magazine and National Geo-graphic.

Indiana Dunes State Park ([stateparks.IN.gov/2980.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/2980.htm)) is at 1600 North 25 E. Chesterton, 46304.

## Youth Ambassador program highlights state parks

Nine volunteer youth ambassadors are documenting their visits to Indiana's state parks through photos, videos and blogs at [AmericasStateParks.org](http://AmericasStateParks.org).

The ambassador program is a youth-led movement promoting the outdoors to other young adults. Ambassadors share their passion for the outdoors in hopes of inspiring others to experience what state parks offer.

The goal of Indiana's youth ambassadors is to visit all 32 Indiana state parks, and help tell each property's story.

"We have some talented writers and photographers posting wonderful pictures and blogs," said Jody Heaston, volunteer coordinator for the DNR Division of State Parks. "It's great to see these young adults enjoying the properties."

To see biographical information for the Indiana youth ambassadors and read their work, visit [AmericasStateParks.org/Ambassadors-State/Indiana](http://AmericasStateParks.org/Ambassadors-State/Indiana).

Information about other volunteer opportunities at Indiana state parks and reservoirs is at [StateParks.IN.gov](http://StateParks.IN.gov). Click on "How You Can Help" under "Stewardship Links."





## Indiana HIV outbreak response update

State health officials reported a total of 106 cases of HIV-related cases (95 confirmed and 11 preliminary positive cases) on Friday, April 10.

Services are being provided at the Austin Community Outreach Center, 2277 W. Frontage Road, Austin. The Center has new hours on Tuesday and Friday to help better accommodate the community. It is now open from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday; noon-6 p.m. on Sunday.

A free shuttle service is being provided by Grace Covenant Church. Participants in need of transportation service to and from the Community Outreach Center from Austin can call (317) 617-2223.

All figures provided are current through 3 p.m., Monday, April 13, 2015.

One-Stop Shop Update at the Community Outreach Center

ISDH opened a One-Stop Shop at the Austin Community Outreach Center on Monday, March 30, in coordination with local partners and other state agencies. Services provided include: access to state-issued ID cards, birth certificates, enrollment in HIP 2.0 insurance, HIV testing, care coordination, substance abuse referrals, and vaccinations against tetanus, Hep-

atitis A and B.

Also, on April 13, the Department of Workforce Development began providing job counseling and local training.

Total Services Utilized: 266  
 HIV Testing: 65  
 Immunizations: 55  
 Bureau of Motor Vehicles: 27  
 LifeSpring Mental Health Services: 19  
 Department of Health Vital Records: 36  
 Family and Social Services Administration (HIP 2.0 enrollment): 63  
 Indiana Department of Workforce Development WorkOne: 1

Governor Pence's Executive Order  
 Governor Michael R. Pence signed a comprehensive emergency executive order on March 26, declaring a public health emergency in Scott County and permitting Scott County Health Department to design and administer a limited and focused short-term needle exchange program. The program will be implemented under the supervision of the Indiana State Department of Health and will expire on April 25, 2015.

Scott County Needle Exchange Program Update

Operated by the Scott County Health Department, the needle exchange program includes Scott County residents only. Participants will be counseled as to their drug use and provided needles based upon their use for a week. Participants are asked to return used needles for proper disposal.

Participants will be provided with substance abuse, mental health and other appropriate resources at every visit, as well as sharps containers for safe disposal of used needles. The program will collect basic demographic information for research and statistical purposes, but will not be collecting names.

Location: Austin Community Outreach Center

Total Visitors: 43  
 Estimated Needles Brought In: 580  
 Total Needles Distributed: 1,516

On April 13, the Scott County Health Department took the mobile needle exchange unit into the community for the first time. The mobile unit was open for approximately one hour and was forced to close for the day due to rain. The mobile unit is schedule to be open daily from 3-6 p.m., but times may vary due to staffing limitations and weather.

Community Guidance for Needles  
 What to do if you find a needle:

Do not attempt to touch a needle or pick it up. Contact Scott County Dispatch at (812) 752-5550 to report the location of the needle within the community. If possible, stay with the needle and direct officers to it.

What to do if you are accidentally stuck by a used needle:

Wash the injured area right away with soap and water. Immediately go to the Emergency Department at Scott Memorial Hospital and tell the healthcare provider you have had a needlestick. Do not pick up the needle or attempt to take it with you. Report the location of the needle to Scott County Dispatch at (812) 752-5550.

## VA announces 2015 Community Outreach Events In 11 cities

The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs will visit 11 Hoosier communities throughout 2015, holding Community Outreach events that offer "one-stop shopping" opportunities for veterans, active duty members and their dependents. Participants will be able to connect with needed services, introduce themselves to prospective employers and meet with Indiana Women's Veteran Coordinator Laura McKee.

All events are free. To help organizers plan and staff each event, veterans can register for the free events at any location [www.eventbrite.com/o/indiana-department-of-veterans-affairs-7582640517?s=35148890](http://www.eventbrite.com/o/indiana-department-of-veterans-affairs-7582640517?s=35148890)

Each event will be held from noon to 4 p.m. (local time) in the following communities:

May 7 – Indianapolis – Lawrence National Guard Armory, Drill Floor/Gym, 9920 East 59th St., Indianapolis

June 25 – Gary – Ivy Tech Community College, Gary Campus North Building Multi-Purpose Room, 1440 East 35th Ave., Gary

July 16 – Terre Haute – Ivy Tech Community College, The Community Room, 8000 South Education Dr., Terre Haute

July 23 – Lafayette – Ivy Tech Community College, Ivy Hall, 3101 S. Creasy Lane, Lafayette

August 4 – Ft. Wayne – Ivy Tech Community College, Gymnasium, 3701 Dean Rd., Ft. Wayne

August 5 – Richmond - Ivy Tech Community College, Johnson Hall, 2357 Chester Blvd., Richmond

September 9 – Sellersburg - Ivy Tech Community College, Ogle Hall Community Room, 8204 Highway 311, Sellersburg

September 10 – Columbus, Ivy Tech Community College, Columbus Learn-

ing Center, 4555 Central Ave, Columbus  
 October 7 – 38th Division National Guard Armory, Drill Floor/Gym, 3912 W. Minnesota St., Indianapolis

October 14 – Evansville – Ivy Tech Community College, 3501 North 1st Ave., Evansville

October 15 – Vincennes – Vincennes University, ICAT Building, Room 142, 1002 North 1st St., Vincennes

Those interested may attend more than one community outreach event and may check [www.in.gov/dva/index.htm](http://www.in.gov/dva/index.htm) and go to the bottom of the viewing page to find updated information. Or they may call 317-232-3910 or 1-800-400-4520.

"We will be staffed appropriately to offer a wide range of services at every location," said Deanna Pugh, Director of Veterans Employment and Education. "Each event is designed to provide information and assistance with VA benefits, claims processing, remission of fees and even what to do if someone wants to enroll or return to college. Our IDVA Outreach Team will assist our veterans in their employment needs from start to finish. We are looking forward to visiting all these communities to connect our veterans with a broad variety of resources to help them with their personal and professional lives."

In January, Governor Mike Pence named United States Air Force veteran Laura McKee as the state women's veteran coordinator. McKee will be at each location to discuss issues with female veterans.

Since its establishment in 1945, the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) has remained focused on aiding and assisting Hoosier veterans and qualified family members or survivors, who are eligible for benefits or advantages provided by Indiana and the U.S. government.

## Extend your tax filing deadline

Today, April 15, is the deadline to file individual income tax. If taxpayers can't meet this deadline, there are two options to get additional time to file.

Taxpayers can submit an extension of time to file form to either Indiana or the IRS. This gives taxpayers until November 16 to gather documents and file their state returns. However, taxpayers still must pay any taxes owed by April 15 and are liable for interest accrued on any unpaid amount.

The IRS offers a federal extension of time to file (IRS Form 4868). If taxpayers file an IRS extension, they do not need a separate extension for Indiana.

Indiana Form IT-9 can be filed if a taxpayer does not have a federal extension. The form must be mailed to the department and postmarked by April 15.

Those requesting an extension need to

determine if they owe any state tax. To avoid penalty, taxpayers should pay at least 90 percent of the tax due when filing for the extension.

Penalties will be waived if taxpayers file and pay the remaining balance by the extension date.

Filing taxes electronically is the fastest and easiest way to ensure returns are processed on time. Two million taxpayers qualify to use INFreefile, the department's free filing program. Visit [www.freefile.dor.in.gov](http://www.freefile.dor.in.gov) for more information.

If you need last-minute assistance or have questions about your return, call the department at (317) 232-2240.

For more information about this year's tax season, please visit [www.in.gov/dor](http://www.in.gov/dor).

## Standard and Poor's: A balanced budget requirement would strengthen Indiana's government framework

In a report released yesterday, Standard and Poor's commented on the balanced budget constitutional amendment, one of the governor's agenda items, and reaffirmed Indiana's AAA credit rating. Indiana has held AAA ratings with all three agencies, Standard and Poor's, Moody's, and Fitch Ratings, since April of 2010.

"Indiana continues to stand out because of our strong economic climate," said Governor Pence. "We've lowered taxes, held the line on spending, and maintained our reserves, all of which help Indiana keep its competitive edge. As we look to the future, I urge the General Assembly to pass a balanced budget amendment in the coming days to ensure Indiana's credit rating and

overall fiscal reputation remain strong."

The report states: "Neither Indiana's constitution nor statutes require the state to initially approve or maintain a balanced budget throughout the year. The governor has requested that the legislature consider a balanced budget constitutional amendment which is currently being evaluated by the House of Representatives. In our view, although the state has managed its finances well in the absence of this requirement, a balanced budget requirement would strengthen Indiana's government framework."

The report in full can be found at [www.in.gov/ifa/files/RatingsDirect\\_Analysis\\_1393764\\_Apr-14-2015\\_13\\_48.pdf](http://www.in.gov/ifa/files/RatingsDirect_Analysis_1393764_Apr-14-2015_13_48.pdf).

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# Governor Pence reminds Hoosiers to stay safe

With spring season here, it's important to know that Hoosiers face an increased risk of injury and even death while on construction jobsites or performing projects at home.

Whether a project takes place in the yard or on the street, there are important steps residents should take to keep themselves and those around them safe. To be safe this season, Hoosiers should practice safe digging, pay attention in work zones, give construction workers space, and slow down and avoid distractions on the road.

"Safety should always be a priority and now is a great time to remind ourselves of the steps we can take to keep Indiana residents and employees safe," said Governor Mike Pence.

## Practice Safe Digging

The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) remind Hoosiers to make a free call to Indiana 811 at least two full working days prior to a scheduled digging project. This will allow utility locators to visit the proposed excavation site and mark the approximate location of buried utility lines. Every six minutes, a buried utility line is damaged because someone decided to dig without first calling 811. This risky behavior can result in inconvenient outages, costly repairs, personal injury, and even death. Remember that time, erosion, and root structure growth can shift the locations of utility lines so a call to 811 before every project is important. If work is planned in a public right of way, contact the appropriate state or local agency to obtain a permit prior to starting the project.

## Give Roadside Workers Space

Hardworking Hoosiers are on job sites throughout the state, working to build, repair, and replace infrastructure and architecture. Indiana law requires drivers to move over or slow down when encountering stopped utility, emergency or highway vehicles at work. Drivers should change lanes away from a vehicle with flashing lights, if they can do so safely. If not, motorists should reduce their speed 10 mph under the posted limit and proceed with caution. Drivers should not stop in the roadway unless directed, as this may cause a secondary incident. We all play an important part in helping our fellow Hoosiers get home from work safely. Make sure to Plan ahead and allow extra time when traveling through work zones.

## Slow Down and Avoid Distractions

Work zones leave no room for distractions and require attentive, cautious driving habits. Do not use cell phones while driving, especially in a work zone. Several studies show drivers using a phone are four times more likely to be in a crash. Other distractions, anything other than driving, can be just as dangerous. Motorists face fines of up to \$1,000 for speeding, up to \$5,000 for driving recklessly or aggressively, and up to \$10,000 and/or a prison sentence of up to eight years for injuring or killing a worker. These fines are used to fund additional Indiana State Police work zone patrols.

Both at home and away, Hoosiers should keep safety top of mind. Together, we can keep our homes, streets, and each other safe.

## VU and WGU Indiana team up to provide opportunities to grads and employees

Vincennes University graduates and employees will benefit from a new partnership between VU and WGU Indiana, the state's online university. Under the agreement, WGU Indiana will provide enrollment discounts for specific master's degree programs to VU employees and its graduates in exchange for promotional efforts by VU.

"We believe this partnership will provide expanded opportunities for our students and employees to pursue their educational and professional goals," said VU Provost Charles Johnson. "As Indiana's oldest college, we are delighted to partner with Indiana's youngest, WGU Indiana, to provide these services."

For VU employees and graduates interested in enrolling in WGU Indiana degree programs, WGU will provide a five percent tuition discount for four academic terms, create a unique URL to link VU employees and graduates to WGU Indiana's website, and promote this opportunity through publications and quarterly onsite presentations.

"WGU Indiana provides continuing education opportunities to students around the state and we are thrilled to be able to extend these to VU students and staff," said WGU Indiana Chancellor Allison Barber. "With over 50 accredited online bachelor's and master's degree programs in four distinct colleges we really have something for everyone." WGU expects an influx of students with Vincennes ties now that the partnership is signed, due in large part to the tuition discount and the potential for VU grads to accelerate their degree schedule thanks to WGU's competency-based model.

"WGU students, including those in our master's degree programs, are able to move at a quicker pace than their peers at other institutions because once they've demonstrated mastery of a subject they are able to move on in a course." added Chancellor Barber.

In addition to their partnership with VU, WGU Indiana maintains credit transfer policies in partnership with community colleges throughout the United States. Additionally, the online university offers tuition discounts to transferring students from sev-

eral other local universities and offers discounts to employees of corporate partners, including Good Samaritan Hospital. These tuition discounts are available in addition to the more than \$200,000 in scholarships reserved for WGU Indiana students.



The Martin County Veteran Service Officer has an office in the Martin courthouse. The hours are Monday from noon-4 p.m., Wednesday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m.-noon. An appointment isn't required but suggested as there are times I am out of the office meeting with or visiting veterans in the community.

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

During the month of March the veteran service officer assisted nine veterans, had seven meetings, took one veteran run, attended one funeral and visited the Legions and VFWs in Crane, Loogootee and Shoals. The veterans' van took six trips transporting six veterans to VA medical centers and clinics.

The Honor Flight has one trip still available this year. It is scheduled for October 24. Any WWII, Korea or Vietnam veteran interested, please contact me for more in-

formation.

The Moving Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall is coming to Central Indiana: On April 30 through May 4 2015, the moving Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall will be on display at the old Fort Harrison area in Lawrence, Indiana, one block north of the finance center on the historic Lawton Loop Parade field. It will be open 24 hours a day, but the opening ceremony is on May 1. It is sponsored by the Fort Harrison Veteran's Center Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 295.

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

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

Office/contact information is 812-247-2210 or e-mail martincountyvso2013@yahoo.com. For transportation needs please call 812-247-2450.

## Dr. Bucshon to hold U.S. Service Academy Day

Eighth District Congressman Larry Bucshon, M.D. (IN-08) will hold an informational session for all high school students interested in applying to one of the U.S. Service Academies on Saturday, April 18 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. CDT (Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. CDT) at VU Gibson County Center for Advanced Manufacturing & Logistics - 8100 South U.S. Highway 41 Fort Branch, Indiana 47648

The event will offer 8th district high school students the opportunity to learn more about the United States Service Academies, the application process, congressional nominations, and the everyday life of a Service Academy Cadet. More information on the event is available at <http://bucshon.house.gov/event/us-service-academy-day-0>.

Representatives from these five academies will be in attendance:

- The U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO
- The U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT
- The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY
- The U.S. Military Academy in West Point, NY
- The U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD

Each year, Dr. Bucshon has the privilege of nominating a limited number of high school students to attend four of the five service academies. The application process for a congressional nomination from Bucshon's office for the class of 2020 will extend from March 1, 2015 until October, 1 2015.

For more information on the application process, students can visit <http://bucshon.house.gov/serving-you/military-academy-nominations> or contact

Samantha in Congressman Bucshon's Evansville District Office at 812-465-6484.

## Lt. Governor opposes proposed National Guard funding cuts

Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann joined 24 other Lt. Governors in a letter to President Obama opposing the administration's proposed budget cuts for the National Guard. The 2016 Army budget eliminates 8,000 Army National Guard positions. The letter states,

"As a unique state-based military force, the National Guard is the only military force that is shared by the states and the federal government. It is a ready, reliable, and essential force that responds to national disasters and emergencies, and is critical to peace and security at home and abroad."

The Lt. Governor noted that Indiana has the 4th largest National Guard in the United States with a force of 15,800 civilian and military personnel. She added, "The Indiana National Guard has served the citizens of Indiana and has provided well-trained forces to support the cause of freedom throughout the world. The Guard has also been critical in enhancing Indiana's military assets including the development of the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center."

"Much our Indiana National Guard's success has been under the outstanding leadership of General Martin Umbarger who next month is concluding his eleven years of service as Indiana's Adjutant General and 45 years in the National Guard. Throughout his career he has earned the respect of his troops, his colleagues in state government and the citizens of Indiana. I am honored to support National Guard funding on behalf of citizen-soldiers like General Umbarger and the men and women under his command."

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# REMC elects new trustees and officers, distributes awards

The Daviess-Martin County REMC Community Fund, Inc. recently elected two new board trustees and officers. Outgoing trustees are Danny Compton and Marsha Boyd. New trustees are Gary Mundy and Ruth Frette. Board officers elected are President Jerry Osmon, Vice President Gina Toy, Secretary Sherry Wade and Treasurer Jean Corbin.

Operation Round Up is a voluntary, convenient and effective way for electric co-op customers to help the community in which they live. Participants consent to have Daviess-Martin County REMC round up their electric bills to the next whole dollar. Operation Round Up then puts the customers' nickels and dimes to work in their community.

The latest allocation - \$7,500 - was presented to recipients chosen by the community fund's board of trustees for the first quarter of 2015. Recipients were:

- Mitchell Church of Christ Bread of Life: \$2,500
  - Southwest Indiana Meth Alliance/Daviess County Strengthening Families Program: \$2,500
  - Griffith Elementary: \$1,000
  - City of Loogootee Pool Fund: \$1,000
  - Senior and Family Services, Inc.: \$500
- Groups in the community may submit applications to the Operation Round Up program. The board of trustees evaluates those applications and distributes funds. The funds are allocated according to the program's by-laws to benefit organizations for community

service projects, economic development, education and youth programs, environmental projects, and emergency assistance or disaster relief.

For more information on the Operation Round Up program or the application process, contact Theresa Showalter at the REMC at (812) 295-4200 or (800) 762-7362. The deadline for second quarter applications is May 29.

## Sparrow ID workshop at Monroe Lake, May 3

Monroe Lake is offering a sparrow identification workshop at its Stillwater-Northfork Wildlife Area on May 3.

Even practiced birders can have trouble with sparrow identification because there are many sparrow species that look similar.

The 90-minute workshop will start at 8 a.m. and will be led by local birder Wendy Anderson, who worked on a field project involving sparrow identification. Part of the workshop will be outdoors.

The workshop is limited to 12 people, ages 14 and older. Advance registration is required by April 28 at [bit.ly/sparrow2015](http://bit.ly/sparrow2015). The program fee is \$5 per person.

For more information, contact Jill Vance, Monroe Lake interpretive naturalist, at [jvance@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:jvance@dnr.IN.gov) or (812) 837-9967.

The Stillwater-Northfork Wildlife Area on Monroe Lake ([stateparks.IN.gov/2954.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/2954.htm)) is located at the southern end of McGowan Road, east of Bloomington off State Road 46.



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The Southwest Indiana Meth Alliance/Daviess County Strengthening Families Program was awarded a \$2,500 Operation Round Up grant. The program provides family meals for the Strengthening Families Program in Daviess County. Program Director Hope Heffernan, left, accepts the check from Theresa Showalter, Daviess-Martin County REMC Administrative Assistant.

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## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



Two sisters, one blonde and one brunette, inherit the family ranch. Unfortunately, after just a few years, they are in financial trouble. In order to keep the bank from repossessing the ranch, they need to purchase a bull from the stockyard in a far town so that they can breed their own stock.

They only have \$600 left. Upon leaving, the brunette tells her sister, "When I get there, if I decide to buy the bull, I'll contact you to drive out after me and haul it home."

The brunette arrives at the stockyard, inspects the bull, and decides she wants to buy it. The man tells her that he will sell it for \$599, no less. After paying him, she drives to the nearest town to send her sister a telegram to tell her the news. She walks into the telegraph office and says, "I want to send a telegram to my sister telling her that I've bought a bull for our ranch. I need her to hitch the trailer to our pickup truck and drive out here so we can haul it home."

The telegraph operator explains that he'll be glad to help her, then adds, "It's just 99 cents a word." Well, after paying for the bull, the brunette only has \$1 left. She realizes that she'll only be able to send her sister one word.

After a few minutes of thinking, she nods and says, "I want you to send her one word: comfortable."

The operator shakes his head. "How is she ever going to know that you want her to hitch the trailer to your pickup truck and drive out here to haul that bull back to your ranch if you send her just the word comfortable?"

### Dr. David Rizk appointed to Memorial Hospital staff

David Rizk, M.D. was recently appointed to the active medical staff at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center.

He provides hospitalist services at Memorial Hospital, managing the medical care provided to hospitalized patients for other primary care physicians.

Dr. Rizk received his medical degree from Ain Shams University in Cairo, Egypt, completed a residency in family medicine at Trover Clinic and Foundation in Madisonville, Kentucky, and served as chief resident at Baptist Health in Madisonville.

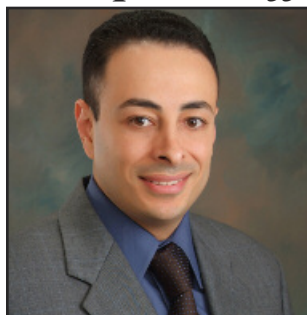
The brunette explains, "My sister's blonde. The word's big. She'll read it very slowly ... com-for-da-bull."

#### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.
2. God made man before woman so as to give him time to think of an answer for her first question.
3. Every morning is the dawn of a new error.
4. I want to be the reason you look down at your phone and smile, and then walk into a pole.
5. I've decided I'm not going to be a crazy cat lady when I'm older. I'm going to be a "crazy book lady" that has books by the thousands.
6. Why did the cowboy adopt a weiner dog? He wanted to get a long little doggie.
7. How did the farmer meet his wife? He tractor down!
8. I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped onto their belt or purse. I can't afford one. So I'm wearing my garage door opener.
9. Employment application blanks always ask who is to be called in case of an emergency. I think you should write, "An ambulance."
10. Birds of a feather flock together and then crap on your car.

#### Make someone smile today!

He is certified by the American Board of Family Medicine.



DR. DAVID RIZK

## Calendar of Events

### Loogootee School Board special meeting

The Loogootee School Board will hold a special meeting this Friday, April 17 at 4:30 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The only items on the agenda are personnel actions for the boys' varsity basketball coach and the drama department for costumes and props. The meeting is open to the public.

### Loogootee Library meeting rescheduled

The monthly Loogootee Public Library Board meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, April 20 at 5:30 in the library.

### Boy Scouts

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

### Cub Scout meetings

Cub scout meetings are held at Loogootee United Methodist Church on the first, third, and fourth Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Bryan Adams at 812-854-7837.

### SOAR Tutoring

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### Solid waste board

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

### Humane society meetings

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

### SICIL to sponsor craft show for persons with disabilities

The Southern Indiana Center for Independent Living will once again sponsor a craft show and sale for crafters with disabilities in conjunction with the Orleans Dogwood Festival town-wide yard sale. According to SICIL Orange County Outreach Coordinator Ralph Purkhiser, the town of Orleans has again allowed SICIL to use a lot southwest of the stoplight on the Orleans square to showcase the crafts.

Any crafter or artist with a disability may participate. Participants will be responsible for their own tables, chairs and shade structures. Set-up is free.

The show will be on Saturday, April 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To sign up for a space or for more information, contact Purkhiser at 812-936-9323 or ralph@sicilindiana.net or call the SICIL office at 812-277-9626.

### Tourism meetings

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

### Soil and Water meetings

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

## Carter's Legacy 5K to be held May 16

Ed and Alyssa Kerns, along with their families and the Martin County Community Foundation invite you to participate in a 5K walk/run in memory of Carter Lee Kerns. Carter died in a tragic accident the day before his first birthday. Determined to bring good from tragedy, his parents founded the Carter Lee Kerns Memorial Fund, a permanent endowment fund established at the Martin County Community Foundation. Annual payouts from this fund will go to support non-profit organizations that work to enhance the lives of children and families in Martin County. All race proceeds will go to the Carter Lee Kerns Memorial Fund held and administered by the Community Foundation Partnership Inc. on behalf of the Martin County Community Foundation.

The 5K run/walk will be at West Boggs Park on May 16, 2015. Packet pick-up starts at 8:30 a.m., and the race starts at 10 a.m. The registration fee is \$30 for ages 16+, \$15 for ages 5-15 and free for kids under 5. All paid participants will receive a t-shirt and goodie bag. All kids under 5 will receive a special prize. Medals will be awarded for the top finishers. All race participants will be entered into a raffle for great prizes. Additional raffle tickets will be available for purchase.

You can sign up at: <http://www.wizathon.com/carters-legacy-5k> Or, send in a paper form with a check made out to Carter's Legacy 5K. If you need a paper form, contact Sharon Kerns (812) 295-6989, Ed Kerns (812) 709-9737, Alyssa Kerns (502) 640-4483, Angie Zins (812) 709-0120, Martin Zins (812) 709-1777 or email [carter5k@frontier.com](mailto:carter5k@frontier.com).

## Animal Shelter featured pet



Mikey is a male, 9 week old lab/pit mix puppy. He has had his first shots. His sister, Missy, is also still available for adoption. She is brown with some black on her face. If interested in adopting Mikey or Missy or one of the shelter's many other dogs or cats, stop by the animal shelter at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Shelter hours are Monday and Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appt.

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# The Mayor's Den

By Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty



The month of March roared in like a lion with cold weather and snow. On the afternoon of the 1st, I attended the annual Lion Backers Banquet at the LHS cafeteria. This year's event hosted a big crowd with a great guest speaker, Dr. Jordan Hawkins. Dr. Hawkins, who is a former player and program director for the LHS basketball program, talked about the many similarities between the 1986 basketball team (which had the same record as our current Lions) that went on to win the sectional and all the way to the final game in the regional that year. A great meal and time was had by all. Monday the 2nd began on a somber note as I assisted with the funeral of Stan Hodges. Mr. Hodges was retired from Crane and was formerly in the armed services. Tuesday the 3rd, I began the day performing my duties preparing document duplication at Loogootee Elementary. In the early afternoon, I attended the visitation of David Sturgeon at Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home. Mr. Sturgeon is the father of Loogootee residents Kayla Sturgeon and Dylan Sturgeon. He resided in French Lick and was employed by Nancy Baer Trucking.

In the evening, I attended first round of action of the 2015 IHSAA Boys' Basketball Sectional at Jack Butcher Arena. Our Lions took on the Barr-Reeve Vikings in the first game and the Vikings came away with the win. The second game was the Washington Catholic Cardinals vs. the Vincennes Rivet Patriots, with the Cardinals prevailing and moving on to the second round of the tournament. On Wednesday the 4th was Martin County Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting, and we met at The Lodge. The focus was all about the upcoming annual dinner scheduled for St. Patrick's Day. Due to the inclement weather, all events and meeting were canceled for the evening. I spent most of the day of Thursday the 5th in the office working on day-to-day operations. That evening, however, I attended the local emergency planning committee meeting at the Martin County Civil Defense Building. Local agencies represented were the Martin County Civil Defense, Martin County Health Department, our fire and police departments, and Lost River Fire Department. Friday the 6th I headed to Jack Butcher Arena for the second round of the 2015 IHSAA Boys' Basketball Sectional. In the first game, the Buggy Bowl II, the Barr-Reeve Vikings squared off against the North Daviess Cougars. Despite a fierce battle from the Cougars, the Vikings won by a large margin. The second match was the Vincennes Rivet Patriots vs. the Cardinals of Washington Catholic. The Cardinals gave a good match, but the Patriots won with a nice margin as well. Saturday the 7th, Karen Slaven and I went to Springs Valley High School as we were both asked to judge the public speaking contest and creed for Future Farmers of America (FFA). If you are surprised we were asked to judge for FFA, you aren't the only one and it was a tough decision of who would move on to state after hearing all the very creative projects. We both thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

In the evening, I headed to the Shoals American Legion for the Tammy Butler Benefit. Great food and song was enjoyed by all. Monday the 8th started out on a sad note as I assisted with the funeral of Mr. Daniel (Dano) Arvin at St. Martin's Catholic Church. Dano was known for many things but will be missed the most for his strong faith and generosity towards others. In the evening, it was time for our monthly board of works and common council meetings. The highlights of the meetings concentrated on the purchase of new oxidation equipment for the city's water plant and a new computer for city hall. Then, I headed over to Jack Butcher Arena to attend the final game of the 2015 IHSAA Class 1A Boys' Basketball Sectional: the Vincennes Rivet Patriots taking on the Barr-Reeve Vikings with the Vikings ending up with a nice-size win and the 2015 title. Tuesday the 10th, I began the day at Loogootee Elementary performing my document

duplication duties and then headed to city hall and spent the rest of the day in the office. Wednesday the 11th, the chamber of commerce had its final planning meeting (at The Lodge) for the upcoming annual dinner. Thursday the 12th I attended the quarterly Martin Co. Community Corrections Meeting at the Martin County Learning Center. Our main focus involved current operations and looking towards the future. After that meeting, I went back to city hall to meet with Richard Burch, President and CEO of Midwestern Engineers, and Bo Wilson, city public works superintendent, to discuss operations of the water department.

Friday the 13th was the Loogootee United Methodist Church's annual fish fry, which just gets better every year. Saturday the 14th I attended the cracker barrel session at Martin County Community Building, sponsored by Martin County Farm Bureau Inc. Legislators present were State Senator Eric Bassler, State Representative Mike Braun, and State Representative Matt Ubelhor. The many issues discussed included education, annexation and enclosed hunting. After the session, I went to Jack Butcher Arena to watch the final quarter of the second game of the 2015 IHSAA Boys' Basketball Regional: the Orleans Bulldogs taking on the Wood Memorial Trojans, with the Trojans prevailing. The first game was the Vikings of Barr-Reeve taking on Christian Academy and the Vikings had taken the win by a 13-point margin, moving on to the final game. That evening was the battle to find out who would move on to semi-state and claim this year's regional title, and the Vikings claimed it!

Sunday the 15th, after worship services, I attended the matinee performance of "The Promise" at Antioch Christian Church. I strongly recommend if you've never attended this performance, you should make a special effort to do so next year. After the play, I drove back to The Lodge to attend the bar-b-que rib dinner event with all proceeds going to help assist with expenses for this year's musical, "Annie." Monday the 16th I assisted with the funeral of Walley Mitchell at St. John Catholic Church. Mr. Mitchell is that father of Loogootee residents Tracey Burch, Anna Marie Crays, and Barb Mitchell and son, Walley. Mr. Mitchell will be most missed for his great spirit of competition and love for faith and family. Following the funeral, I went to city hall to attend a fraud protection meeting facilitated by Harding, Shymanski & Co. In the evening was the monthly executive board meeting of the Martin County Alliance for Economic Development. Many issues were discussed and acted upon. Tuesday the 17th (St. Patrick's Day) I began at Loogootee Elementary doing my volunteer duties and then went back to city hall for the rest of the day. That evening was the annual Martin County Chamber of Commerce Dinner at St. John's Community Building and featuring guest speaker former IU great Kent Benson. Mr. Benson spoke about his great success playing at IU; and also our mutual favorite game - the game of life! He spoke a lot of his faith and how it has brought him along his journey through life and to where he is today. The delicious meal was catered by Carla's Country Catering, the music provided by the Loogootee High School Choir under the direction of Drew Gray; and of course, the large crowd enjoyed our special speaker. It was a delightful evening and a big success for the Chamber.

Wednesday the 18th, I spent much of the day working on day-to-day operations. The evening, however, I attended two meetings: the monthly Summerfest meeting followed by the monthly Martin County Solid Waste meeting. Jolene McAtee has been working very hard seeking sponsors for the longtime SummerFest event and I thank her for her continued hard work and efforts. Thursday the 19th I spent most of the day in the office. Friday the 20th, Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson, Assistant Superintendent Mike Taylor and park board members Karen

Slaven and Janie Frye and I met with Gary Novinski with Renosys at the current pool site to discuss and mark the proposed areas for demolition. In the evening was another meeting back at the current pool facility with Iliam Wagler to receive a price estimate on proposed fencing around the site. After the meeting, Mr. Wagler and I went to St. Martin's Catholic Church to attend the wedding rehearsal of Franz Dages and Denise Martin. Saturday the 22nd was Ag Day at the Martin County Community Building. Many booths of interest in the agricultural scene were set up with a great number of attendees present for the event and the morning breakfast. As usual the day was a great success. In the afternoon was the wedding ceremony of Frank Dages and Jennifer Martin, and I had the privilege of assisting Fr. J. Kenneth Walker with the most blessed event. A reception at St. Martin's Hall followed the wedding with a most delicious meal served up by Jennifer Wagler. I would like to take this opportunity to wish this new married couple a most blessed marriage and the best of futures. Following the reception, I drove to the Simon J. Graber Memorial Complex for the annual Martin County Humane Society Auction. With over 160 items to choose from, the auction netted around \$7,000. A special thank you to Mark Graber for assisting me auctioneering. Sunday the 22nd I had the honor of assisting with the installation mass of the Very Reverend Fr. J. Kenneth Walker as the Pastor of St. John's Catholic Church. Bishop Charles. C. Thompson of the Evansville Diocese was present to celebrate the mass along with Fr. Leo Kiesel and Deacon Bob Consley. A very nice reception and a delicious meal served by the parish council and parishioners at St. John's Center followed the mass. The day ended on a much sadder note as I attended the Celebration of Life Service for longtime businessman, Harold Green, at the United Methodist Church. Mr. Green owned and operated over around 25 businesses throughout his life and had much success with all of them. He will be most known, however, for his generosity and love of family, friends, and especially children.

On Monday the 23rd I spent much of the day in the office, and in the evening, I headed to Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant to attend the welcome dinner for the six educators visiting from Sweden through the Global Teacher Exchange Program. The meeting emceed by David Smith started out with a prayer followed by the LHS Choir singing "The Star Spangled Banner," and Brian Whitney giving the welcome address. Prior to dinner, the LHS Band also performed, playing timeless music fitting of the occasion. After delicious meal served by Stoll's, presentations were given starting out with our own Axel whom is a foreign exchange student here from Sweden, followed by staff members from Swe-

den and here. Tuesday the 24th began as always - preparing document duplication at Loogootee Elementary. Much of the rest of the day was spent at the office working on day-to-day operations. Wednesday the 25th started somberly as I assisted with the funeral of Rochelle Lents at St. John Catholic Church. Following the funeral, I had lunch at the United Methodist Church at their annual Soup and Sandwich Luncheon. Great food and fellowship was enjoyed by all whom attended. After lunch, I met Duke Energy at our "Welcome" sign erected a couple years ago to discuss the possibly lighting the sign at night. They are going to work on some options and get back to us as soon as possible. Thursday the 26th I attended the Global Teacher Exchange Program Luncheon Smorgasbord at LHS and hosted in Mrs. Ronetta Bough's classroom and prepared by Mrs. Michelle Wesley's Consumer Foods Class. Salad, spaghetti and meatballs, chicken stir fry and various desserts and punch were served and enjoyed by all. The guest speaker for the luncheon was Cathy Blitzer, Global Learning and World Language Specialist, who spoke on international affairs with the primary focus being on free trade and education in Indiana. In the evening was the monthly meeting at the Linton corporate Four Rivers Resources, with the primary focus of the meeting on operations with housing and technology taking the forefront.

Friday the 27th, St. John Catholic Center had their Christ Renews His Parish Fish Fry which was delicious and well-attended. Saturday the 28th, I headed to Bankers Life Field House in Indianapolis to attend the 2015 IHSAA State Basketball 1A and 2A Finals. Two great games were played that morning with the Vikings of Barr-Reeve prevailing in the first match and Park Tudor prevailing in the second. On Sunday the 29th after worship services, I drove to the only other Loogootee in the United States: Loogootee, Illinois. Loogootee, Illinois is around 147 miles from us and has a very sparse population with only one church and no active businesses. The post office closed in 2011 but the building still stands. I had a great time nonetheless visiting with two individuals from the area. One stopped to see if I was a stranded motorist after I was only out my vehicle for no more than a few seconds and another was an actual resident of the town. Monday the 30th I watched the beginning stages of the old city pool demolition. The new pool project is now under way! Tuesday the 31st I attended the Vincennes INDOT Project Open House in Vincennes. There are five current projects in place until 2018 which are funded and cover all areas of the county. I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very blessed April!



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# LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL *LHS Track Team kicks off season*



## 2015 Senior SPOTLIGHTS



**AUSTIN MESAROSH**

Austin Alexander Mesarosh is the son of Heather Kidwell. While in high school, he was in Lion Pride, Pep Club and student council his freshman year; was in SADD in 9th and 10th grades, and played intramural basketball his sophomore year. He played basketball his freshman year and played football at North Daviess in 10th and 12th grades. Austin plans to attend Ivy Tech in Bloomington after graduation.



**BEN BLACKWELL**

Benjamin Robert Blackwell is the son of Rob and Martha Blackwell. While in high school, he has been in Lion Pride, Pep Club, and student council all four years. He was in FACS Club and Spanish Club his freshman year and served as an intern in 11th and 12th grades. He played baseball all four years of high school and basketball his freshman and senior years. Ben plans to attend college after graduation and study electrical engineering.



**KAYETLYN CARTER**

Kayetlyn Renee Carter is the daughter of Stephanie Carter and John Carter. While in high school, she has been in Lion Pride, Pep Club, SADD, and FACS Club all four years. She was a Lionette her freshman year and in the musical and chorus in 9th and 10th grades. She did job shadowing her sophomore year, was in madrigals in 10th and 11th grades, in student council, Teens for Christ, and served on the English Academic Team in 11th and 12th grades. She was on the social studies academic team, in Beta Club, and America Club, and served as an intern her senior year. She also served as SADD Treasurer in 10th and 11th grades and America Club Treasurer her senior year. She played tennis her junior and senior years. Kayetlyn plans to attend Ivy Tech after graduation and study phlebotomy and business.



**HUNTER CRAYS**

Hunter Danielle Crays is the daughter of Kelly and Jerry Lee. While in high school, she was in Lion Pride and Pep Club her freshman and sophomore years, in FACS Club and SADD in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades; was on the yearbook staff her junior year, and served as an intern and a cadet teacher her senior year. Hunter plans to attend Indiana University or the University of Southern Indiana after graduation.



**TRAVIS CRANEY**

Travis Lawrence Crane is the son of Larry and Toni Crane. While in high school, he was in Spanish Club his freshman year and served as an intern his senior year. Travis plans to attend Vincennes University after graduation and study precision machining.

The Loogootee High School Track team held their first meet last Thursday, April 9 at Northeast Dubois. Also a part of the meet were Crawford County and Paoli.

This year's girls' roster includes Alissa Whitehead, Colie Farmer, Emily Whitworth, Estralia Brewer, and Kayla Taylor, all freshman; Kirsten Spears, a junior; and Ariel Jones, a senior.

In last Thursday's meet, the LHS girls placed 4th.

Kristen Spears finished 4th in the 100-meter dash (13.88) and 5th in the 200-meter dash (31.96); Colie Farmer finished 5th in the 300-meter hurdles (1:04.63) and Kayla Taylor placed 5th in the 400-meter (1:29.48).

The 4x100-meter relay team of Kirsten Spears, Colie Farmer, Emily Whitworth and Alissa Whitehead placed 3rd with a time of 1:01.09.

The boys' roster for this year includes Christopher Hager, Josh Cook, and Logan Randolph, all freshmen; Sean Kiser, Nick Reinhart, Jonathan Jones and Jake Simmons, all sophomores; and Bladen Allbright, Tyler Resler, Joey Wilson, Jonathan Krzesniak, Nick Bowling and Trenton Neely, all juniors.

The boys placed 3rd last Thursday beating Paoli.

Jonathan Jones was tied for 2nd in the 110-meter hurdles (17.4), 2nd in the 300-meter hurdles (44.06), and 5th in the long jump (17'05.25); Jake Simmons finished 4th in discus (105'5) and 2nd in the 200-meter (24.24); and Jonathan Krzesniak was 1st in the 400-meter (55.55).

The 1,600-meter relay team of Jonathan Krzesniak, Jonathan Jones, Christopher Hager and Jake Simmons, placed 2nd with a finishing time of 3:58.

Coach Adam Tompkins said after that first meet, "I was super proud of many of the in-

dividuals and I will say shocked on how Jonathan Krzesniak did. I ask them to give it their all and he sure did tonight and it paid off. Also incredibly proud of all the freshman performances we had. The work of this young team speaks for itself."

On Friday, April 10, the boys' team competed against Bloomfield and Eastern Greene.

Jonathan Jones finished 2nd in the 110-meter hurdles (17.89), 1st in the 300-meter hurdles (44.79), and 2nd in long jump (16'8.5); Jonathan Krzesniak placed 2nd in the 100-meter (12.44) and 1st in the 400-meter (56.96); Jake Simmons finished 1st in the 200-meter (24.38), 4th in shot put (31'5), and 4th in discus (86'5); Logan Randolph finished 4th in the 3,200-meter (12:43); and Tyler Resler placed 4th in the 110-meter hurdles (23.4).

The 400-meter relay team, consisting of Tyler Resler, Sean Kiser, Jonathan Krzesniak, and Logan Randolph, placed 1st with a time of 53.47. The 1,600-meter relay team, consisting of Jonathan Krzesniak, Jonathan Jones, Christopher Hager, and Jake Simmons, placed 2nd with a time of 4:02.

The LHS girls' team ran against Bloomfield, Eastern Greene, and Barr-Reeve.

Emily Whitworth finished 2nd in the 100-meter hurdles (24.05); Kirsten Spears placed 2nd in the 100-meter (14.46) and 3rd in the 200-meter (31.25); Kayla Taylor finished 3rd in the 400-meter (1:26.53); Colie Farmer placed 2nd in the 300-meter hurdles (1:03.52); and Alissa Whitehead finished 4th in the 200-meter (34.6) and 4th in the 100-meter (15.91).

The 400-meter relay team, consisting of Kirsten Spears, Colie Farmer, Emily Whitworth, and Alissa Whitehead placed 2nd with a time of 1:02.37.

## Study: Most K-12 schools lack engineering-centered education

BY EMIL VENERE  
*Purdue University News Service*

A study aimed at improving engineering education in public schools found that only a dozen states clearly define and lay out engineering curricula for K-12 students in their science standards, and only four of these states present a "comprehensive" inclusion of engineering. Researchers are trying to improve engineering education in public schools to address a national need for highly skilled engineers for the workforce.

"For me the real need is to have more diverse ways of thinking in engineering," said Tamara Moore, an associate professor of engineering education at Purdue University. "One of the requirements of a good engineering team is to have people coming at a problem from lots of different directions. We need a more diverse population of engineers, but I also want people to be more engineering literate. I want all people to have an understanding of the importance of engineering in the fabric of our society."

The researchers have created a framework that includes 12 indicators to define the ideal K-12 engineering education. They used the framework to assess state-level standards in science for all 50 states and also to new "Next Generation Science Standards" from the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences. Findings were detailed in a research paper published in March in the Journal of Research in Science Teaching. The paper was authored by Moore; Kristina M. Tank, an assistant professor in Iowa State University's School of Education; Aran W. Glancy, a doctoral student and research assistant at the University of Minnesota; and Jennifer A. Kersten, formerly at the University of Minnesota. Of the 12 states that explicitly include engineering in their standards, four were comprehensive: Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota and Oregon. Three were nearly comprehensive: New York, Pennsylvania and Washington. And five were non-comprehensive: Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

The framework elevates engineering design

to the level of scientific inquiry within the academic standards and was described in a previous paper by the same authors published last year in the Journal of Pre-College Engineering Education Research.

"I am hoping people will use this as a way to look at curricula, as a way to look at whether or not engineering is taught meaningfully," Moore said. "So much of engineering in K-12 focuses on tinkering with stuff, figuring out how a toy works, for example. What is needed is a more plan-full way of thinking of it, a more analytical approach that asks how an engineer would solve a problem and then teaches science and mathematical thinking through engineering."

For example, when teaching the subject of heat transfer to sixth-graders, the conventional "inquiry-based approach" might ask students to examine how objects or materials melt and to measure the rate of heating in different materials.

"But an engineering, design-based approach might say, 'let's create a design feature to help keep this penguin-shaped ice cube from melting,'" she said. "Or, 'does sticking a Mylar sheet between my hand and a hot light bulb reduce the heating on my hand?'"

The research is now being used in a curriculum-development project called EngrTEAMS: Engineering to Transform the Education of Analysis, Measurement and Science, an \$8 million National Science Foundation-funded research project.

The researchers are working with 200 teachers in St. Paul, Minnesota, and surrounding suburbs, to introduce the approach for 15,000 students in fourth through eighth grades. The project began in 2012 and includes professional-development workshops for teachers in the school districts.

"We bring in about 50 teachers a year, so we've got about 100 teachers involved at this point," Moore said. "They then pilot it in summer in STEM camp with students who just come for fun. Then they do the whole unit in their classroom during the school year and we observe."

The districts span highly diverse, urban populations, to far less diverse rural schools.

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