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## Election brings out 40 percent of voters

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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A little more than 40 percent of the registered voters in Martin County showed up to the polls for the Primary Election yesterday. In the 2012 Primary, just 24 percent cast a ballot.

This year there were 8,118 people registered to vote in the county which is 394 more registered voters than in the 2012 Primary.

Of the 18 precincts in Martin County, Perry 7 had the highest voter turnout with almost 52 percent. East Memphis had the lowest voter turnout with just 16 percent of registered voters casting a ballot.

The only contested race locally was on the Democrat ticket for Martin County Coroner. Tina Franklin defeated Larry Harding 523 votes to 394. Franklin will move on to the General

Election unopposed, unless a Republican is appointed to run against her.

With Donald Trump winning the majority of votes in Indiana, he also was the favorite for Martin County taking 1,398 votes. Ted Cruz (R) finished with 743 votes, John Kasich had 80, Jeb Bush had 17, Ben Carson received 14, Rand Paul and Marco Rubio each had seven, Chris Christie finished with six and Carly Fiorina picked up two votes from Martin County residents.

Martin County residents chose Bernie Sanders on the Democrat ticket for US President. He received 486 votes while Hillary Clinton received 407. Bernie Sanders also won the most votes in the state.

For District 8 Congressman on the Republican ticket, Larry Bucshon defeated Richard Moss 72,507 to 38,974. In Martin County, Bucshon received 1,041 votes while Moss got 1,067.

On the Democrat ballot for District 8 Congressman, Ron Drake narrowly defeated David Orentlicher 29,182 to 29,121. In Martin County though, Orentlicher received 395 votes to Drake's 365.

For United States Senator, on the Republican ballot, Todd Young defeated Marlin Stutzman, 573,982 votes to 295,459. Young will move on to the General Election to face Democrat Baron Hill. In Martin County, Young

had 1,197 votes and Stutzman had 729.

For the Republican race for State Representative in District 62, Jeff Ellington defeated Sawyer Sparks 6,871 votes to 4,066. Ellington will now face Democrat Steve Lindsey in the election in November. Martin County residents also chose Ellington with 383 votes to Sparks' 207.

Voter turnout information for the state will not be available until after the election results are final on May 17.



## Carter's Legacy 5K to be held May 14

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 14, 2016. Packet pick-up starts at 7:30 a.m., and the race starts at 9 a.m. The registration fee is \$25 for ages 16+ (includes t-shirt), \$15 for ages 5-15 (includes t-shirt) and free for kids under 5 (t-shirts can be

purchased for \$10). Ghost runners can sign up for \$20 and although they don't have to run, they will receive a t-shirt. All kids under 5 will receive a special prize.

Trophies will be awarded to the top male and female finisher overall. Medals will be awarded for the top three males and females in the following age categories: under 16, 16-25, 26-35, 36-45, 46-55, 56-65, and 66+.

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.

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, email [carter5k@frontier.com](mailto:carter5k@frontier.com).

If you would like to send a monetary donation, you can send a check payable to the Carter Lee Kerns Memorial Fund c/o MCCF, PO Box 28, Loogootee, IN 47553.

## Commissioners approve contracts, hear from department heads

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, April 26.

Rex Knight, SIDC, came before the commissioners with contracts concerning the workforce development grant. The Office of Community & Rural Affairs released the funds for the grant earlier in the week. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the Grand Administrative Services contract with SIDC for \$14,000. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve the contract with Vincennes University for CNC training services for \$192,000. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Commissioner Boyd made the motion to approve another contract with Vincennes University for security training, electronics, and IT training for \$139,260. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. The total of the four contracts is \$345,260. There are currently 20-22 students enrolled in the program.

Tim Kinder, Martin County Alliance, informed the commissioners of an event to take place at the Westgate Technology Park. The event is called "Get Outdoors Day" and is in conjunction with National Get Outdoors Day. The event will be held Friday, June 10, 2016 from noon to 8 p.m. Kinder requested permission to use a strip of land owned by the county for games during the event. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to allow for the games to be played on a strip of land owned by the county. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Kathy Collins, Community Corrections Director, updated the commissioners on new office space for her department. The contract has yet to be finalized. She is estimating a move-in date of late July early August. Due to an employee on leave, Director Collins

has hired Amy Money as temporary part-time. She will begin employment May 2, 2016. Director Collins also informed the commissioners of the possibility of receiving additional grant funds for community corrections. The additional grant funding is due to the low level offenders not going to the department of corrections. President George thanked Councilman Stiles for his support in getting the new office space for community corrections.

Stacy Brown, Extension Educator, submitted her annual extension report. She also thanked the commissioners for all their support.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett submitted his two-week work schedule. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the department to begin working four 10-hour days beginning May 2, 2016. The county will no longer be paying for half of dust control for taxpayers who request it. An 18x100 area will cost the taxpayer \$118.56 and then will need to contact the highway department for further information.

The trees have been removed near the property line of the rock garage. Theresa Fuhrman thanked the highway and commissioners for their quick response to the situation. Superintendent Padgett updated the commissioners on the beam at Spout Springs Bridge.

Commissioner Gregory made a motion to hire Paul Kaiser and Jon Bratton as part-time mowers for the summer. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Superintendent Padgett also gave an update on the truck repairs.

Councilman Stiles voiced his concern for the dying trees along all the county roads.

Director Collins commended the absentee voting employees Sue Sims and MaryAnn White.

Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the Annual Congress (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)



## LHS Prom Royalty

-Photo via @Loogootee HS Twitter

Loogootee's High School Prom was held this past Saturday. Crowned queen was Kendall Riley and king was Corey Jacobs.

2016 PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS - MARTIN COUNTY (Unofficial)

Table with columns for candidates and precincts (Perry 1-7, Crane, S. Halbert, N. Halbert, SE Halbert, W. Memphis, E. Memphis, Rutherford, S. Center, N. Center, Lost River, Mitchellree, TOTALS). Rows include President, US Senate, Governor, Congress District 8, State Representative District 62, State Representative District 63, Martin County Recorder, Martin Co. Commissioner District 1, Martin Co. Commissioner District 3, Martin County Council At-Large, Martin County Surveyor, Martin County Auditor, and Martin County Circuit Court Judge.

CLASSIFIED ADS

HELP WANTED

THE LOOGOOTEE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER. Qualification standards require that an applicant: A. Must be a resident citizen of the United States. B. Must be 21 years of age to apply and not have reached their 36th birthday by date of appointment. C. Must have a high school diploma or GED certificate. D. Cannot have a felony conviction. E. Cannot have a misdemeanor conviction involving "domestic violence" that would prohibit the applicant from handling a firearm. F. Must possess a valid drivers license from their state of residence. G. Cannot have been dishonorably discharged from the military. H. Must pass a mandatory drug screening test. I. Must be willing to reside in the City of Loogootee. J. Must be physically able to perform duties of a police officer. K. The Board of Works and Public Safety will make the final determination on which applicant will be extended an offer of employment. Applications may be picked up at the Loogootee Police Department, 401 JFK Ave. during normal business hours. Deadline to apply is May 10th.

COMMISSIONERS

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sional School Report. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. The Congressional School CD has a value of \$12,957.40. The interest is paid out twice a year to both schools.

County Attorney Dave Lett submitted the SRI contract for approval. He had no legal objections to the contract. SRI is contracted by the county for tax sale services. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the SRI contract. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. The 2016 tax sale will be held September 20, 2016 at 1 p.m.

Auditor Roush advised the commissioners of employee only parking signs going up in the drive thru area. The courthouse will be closed on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 for Election Day. Absentee voting will continue through Monday, May 2, 2016 at noon.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m. The next commissioners' meeting will be held Tuesday, May 10 at 6 p.m.

JOB FAIR advertisement for Jasper Rubber Products, Inc. featuring a blue oval with 'JOB FAIR' in red text. Text describes the company as a leader in producing automotive, appliance, and filtration products. Job fair details: Saturday, May 7, 2016, 9:00 am - 11:00 am, Humane Resources, 1010 First Avenue, Jasper, Indiana. Includes the Jasper Rubber logo and '100% EMPLOYEE OWNED' text.

The Loogootee Post Prom Committee would like to say THANK YOU to the following businesses: Amber Jo's Head to Toe, American Legion Post 120, Arvin Crushed Stone, Bailey Bros. Used Cars, Inc., Ben Franklin, Big Splash Adventure Water Park, Biggins, Big John's Rods & Reels, Blake Funeral Home, Blake Hi-Y Car Wash, Bo-Mac's, Boyd Grain, Builders Best Lumber & Hardware, Burch Vet, Chad Wade-Farm Bureau Insurance, Chuckles, Coca Cola, Community Building 4-H, Dairy Master, Dr. Rick Bauer, Edward Jones, Elaine Wade, Family Dental Care, First Federal Savings Bank, Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #2442, Freedom Training & Consulting, G&M Wrecker Service, German American, Graber Insealators, Grain Processing Corporation, Gregory Farms, Hawkins Health Center, Hindostan United Methodist Church, Holiday World, Hoosier Business Machine, IGA, Indiana Farm Bureau, Insurance, Indiana University, The Insurance Shop, Jasper Engines & Transmissions, Jay C Washington, JD Shirt Designs, Jostens', K of C Ladies Auxiliary, Kizior & Young, Orthodontics, Knights of Columbus #732, Kountry Kids Daycare, Lett & Jones, Attorneys, Little Scholars Preschool, Loogootee Collision Center, Loogootee VFW, Los Bravos, Loughmiller Machine, Tool & Design Co., Inc., M&M Electric, Marengo Cave, Martin County Credit Union, Mathies Well & Pump, Matthews Excavating, McAtee Sales & Key Associates, Midwestern Engineers, Inc., Monesmith & Wood, Mr. Mayfield and the LHS Shop Class, NASCO, Pizza Junction, Rosie's, RTC Communications, Ruler, Sandra Hovis, Servus!, Southern Indiana Steel, St. John Catholic Church, St. John's Lutheran Church, St. Martin Catholic Church, Subway, The Candy Mill, Toys Auto, Tri Kappa, Truelove United Methodist Church, Uebelhor, US Gypsum, Wagler & Sons Construction, Wallace Veterinary Clinic, Washington Chrysler Center, West Boggs Park, White River Lodge #332.

# Obituaries

## MERVIN LENGACHER

Mervin Leroy Lengacher passed away at 4:24 p.m. Thursday, April 28, 2016 at his home, surrounded by his family and loved ones. A resident of Montgomery, he was 83.

He was born November 19, 1932; son of the late Joseph and Barbara (Stoll) Lengacher.

He was a member of Zion Amish Mennonite Church. He was an ordained minister and was ordained at Zion Amish Mennonite Church. He was a lifelong farmer and carpenter.

He is survived by his second wife of 25 years, Delilah (Wagler) Lengacher of Montgomery; children, Sue (Cliff) Nisly of Partridge, Kansas; Ruth Ann (Rick) Stoll of Indianapolis, Mike Lengacher of Indianapolis, Mark (Angie) Lengacher of Montgomery, Matt Lengacher of Odon, Merv (Gina) Lengacher of Odon and Tim (Dena) Lengacher of Loogootee; step-children, Marla (Ron) Gehman of Brewton, Alabama, and Merlin (Phillis) Wagler of Loogootee; grandchildren, Justin and Jadon Nisly, Heather (Grant) Kuhns, Bridgett (Dan) Esworthy, Holly Stoll, Peyton and Luke Lengacher, Aryika (Waylon) Knepp, Drew and Madison Lengacher, Adam, Ryan and Andrea Lengacher, Megan (Shawn) Dickens, David Lengacher, Christopher and Natalie Gehman, Chase, Lanae, Karlana and Katie Wagler; three great-grandchildren; brothers, Glenn (Verda) Lengacher, Harold (Mary Catherine)



MERVIN LENGACHER

Lengacher and Ray (Cindi) Lengacher, all of Montgomery; sisters, Sylvia (Lester) Marner and Betty Marner, both of Montgomery; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Barbara (Stoll) Lengacher; 1st wife, Orpha Lengacher; brothers, Joe Lengacher Jr. and Edwin Lengacher; and brother-in-law, John Marner.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 2 at Pleasant View Mennonite Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Arrangements were provided by Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery.

## ROBERT D. HOWELL SR.

LCDR Robert D. Howell Sr., (U.S.N., retired), passed away on April 28, 2016. A resident of Bedford, he was 78.

He was born April 25, 1938, in East Liverpool, Ohio; son of Donald and Mae (Waters) Howell. He grew up in Coshocton County, Ohio, and graduated from West Lafayette High School in 1956. While a senior in high school, Bob joined the Navy Reserve, and he entered active duty upon graduation.

He married Margaret "Marge" Craun on November 29, 1956.

He served in the U.S. Navy for 30 years and earned a degree in History and Political Science from the University of Maryland. In his years since his retirement, he was very active in the Daniel Guthrie Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. He served as the State Registrar for many years and held a number of offices in the SAR, including State President. He enjoyed participating in school programs and color guard in parades. In addition, he was active and held offices in the Retired Military Officers Association.

He is survived by his wife, Marge; sons, Robert D. Howell Jr., and his wife, Nancy, of Chesapeake, Virginia;

and Donald Howell of Bedford; daughter, Dianna Ragsdale, and her husband, Cecil, of Shoals; grandchildren, Cori (Chris) Nicholson of Chesapeake, Virginia; Adam (Shelby) Divine and Alex (Erica) Divine of Shoals; Joshua (Kristen) Howell of Chesapeake, Virginia; Bobby (Hannah) Howell, of Bedford; and Evan (Lori) Divine, of Rushville; eight great-grandchildren; and brother, William Howell and wife, Doris, of Maryland

He is preceded in death by one son, Daniel.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. Final interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery. Cresthaven Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, APRIL 25

9:15 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Crane. Crane Fire responded.

9:20 a.m. - Received a report of a possible deceased person east of Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Captain Dant, ICO Doane, Martin County Coroner Franklin, Prosecutor Steiner, and the Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:30 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

12:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:20 p.m. - Captain Dant transported one inmate to the doctor.

12:50 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded and secured the building.

1:00 p.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennette assisted with a funeral detail in Loogootee.

5:12 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

7:00 p.m. - Sergeant Keller performed a vehicle identification check east of Shoals.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 26

6:07 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road south of Shoals. Martin County Highway responded.

6:58 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism near Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

7:54 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

8:32 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to IU Health.

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

11:55 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

12:55 p.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

9:15 p.m. - Received a report of a fire north of Shoals. Williams Fire, Martin County Civil Defense, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

8:53 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:09 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Lost River Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance did not transport.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 28

6:31 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and all was okay.

7:15 a.m. - Received an alarm call east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded and all was okay.

10:07 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

## Accident report

### SATURDAY, APRIL 30

11:55 a.m. Michael R. Murugan, of Bloomington, was backing a 2013 GMC from a parking spot at Old National when he backed into a 2002 Ford operated by John Diamond, of Loogootee. Captain Akles investigated.

10:30 a.m. - Sheriff Roush performed a vehicle identification check north of Shoals.

4:23 p.m. - Received a report of a person causing problems south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt, ISP Trooper Beaver, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

4:33 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:00 p.m. - Received a report of an accident west of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Major Burkhardt responded.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 29

10:05 a.m. - Loogootee Captain Akles assisted with a funeral detail in Loogootee.

1:25 p.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

4:26 p.m. - Received a report of kids playing in the road near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

9:20 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 50, west of Shoals. Corporal Baker responded.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 30

1:02 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Shoals. Corporal Baker and Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

3:46 a.m. - Received request for lift assistance in Crane. Crane Fire responded.

11:05 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

11:35 a.m. - Received report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

1:55 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

1:00 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

1:56 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Shoals.

2:31 p.m. - Loogootee Captain assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

4:28 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Shoals. Corporal Baker and Deputy Floyd responded.

7:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

9:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Crane Ambulance transported the subject to Bloomington Hospital.

### SUNDAY, MAY 1

12:00 a.m. - Received a report of a

## ARRESTS

### TUESDAY, APRIL 26

5:03 p.m. - George O'Connor, 59, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sheriff Roush for OWI refusal by Chief Deputy Greene. Assisting with the arrest were Loogootee Captain Hennette and K9 Officer Roxy. Bond has been set at \$50,000 10%.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

12:00 p.m. - Bambi Jones, 35, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Jared Lents for possession of a schedule drug and maintaining a common nuisance. She is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 30

4:53 p.m. - Amanda Boyd, 26, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Floyd for public intoxication and is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was Corporal Baker.

suspicious vehicle near Shoals. Corporal Baker responded.

1:11 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 150, east of Shoals. Deputy Floyd responded.

12:13 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

## Indiana State Police announces results of 11th Drug Take Back Day

On May 29 and 30 the Indiana State Police partnered with the DEA by participating in the 11<sup>th</sup> Drug Take Back Day. The Indiana State Police District Posts accounted for 14 of the 56 locations and contributed nearly 1,400 pounds to the statewide collection results.

Along with the state police, there were 36 other law enforcement partners/organizations in Indiana that participated in the National Drug Take Back event sponsored by the DEA.

The breakdown of each ISP District collection by pounds is as follows:

Indianapolis- 200  
Fort Wayne- 100  
Lafayette- 30  
Bremen- 5  
Lowell- 34  
Peru- 70  
Evansville- 406

12:33 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

6:41 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded and removed the tree.

7:16 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident. Sergeant Keller responded.



Jasper- 353  
Putnamville- 40  
Versailles- 20  
Pendleton- 59  
Sellersburg- 46  
Bloomington- 33

Based on the success of the Drug Take Back events, plans are in progress for a fall 2016 collection date.

## 1st Annual West Boggs Conservation Day

SATURDAY, MAY 14

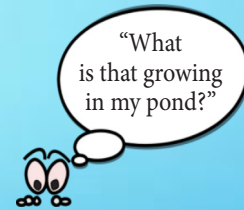
9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

West Boggs Park Lake



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### WEST BOGGS FISHERY UPDATE

Dave Kittaka, IDNR Fishery Biologist

It's been a year and a half since the West Boggs fishery renovation and biologist are monitoring the recovery of the fishery. Dave can tell you what you can expect at West Boggs this summer.

### AQUATIC NUISANCE/INVASIVE SPECIES

Eric Fischer, IDNR Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator

What's out there? What's coming? Prevent headaches, and learn what you can do to stem the tide of unwanted aquatic species.

### POND DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Vince Pitstick, NRCS Soil Conservationist

Where do I begin? How to avoid potential pitfalls of owning a pond? Vince has some tips and things you should consider.

### MANAGING A FISHERY

Debra King, IDNR Assistant Fishery Biologist

So, you built a new pond, now what? Get information on what, how many, and when to stock. Already have a fishery and want to make it better? Let's talk...



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# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed

**April 4**

Joseph W. Pendley, two counts of operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license.

**April 5**

Alva H. Hovis, leaving the scene of an accident.

**April 8**

Ryan M. Simmons, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more.

**April 11**

Victor M. Rodriguez, operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license.

Rita Diedrich, maintaining a common nuisance; possession of a controlled substance; false informing.

Jason W. Baylis, battery in the presence of a child; strangulation; possession of a controlled substance.

Clint A. Watson, operating a vehicle as an habitual traffic violator.

**April 13**

Luke F. Holscher, possession of methamphetamine; theft; operating a vehicle while intoxicated; operating a vehicle while intoxicated with previous conviction within 5 years.

Osmo H. Petty, unlawful possession or use of a legend drug.

**April 18**

Frederick K. Thomas, criminal trespass.

James W. Cunningham, battery.

Brianna R. Williams, harboring a non-immunized dog.

Dylan J. Day, possession of methamphetamine; possession of marijuana.

Eddie J. Cundiff, two counts of possession of methamphetamine; possession of marijuana.

Kaitlynn A. Powers, theft.

Dylan J. Day, child molesting; sexual misconduct with a minor.

**April 20**

Gloria N. Cagle, possession of methamphetamine; unlawful possession of syringe; possession of paraphernalia.

Dylan J. Day, possession of meth-

amphetamine.

**April 25**

Heather A. Brummett, two counts of driving while suspended.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

**April 20**

Amanda Wadsworth vs. Anthony Wadsworth, petition for dissolution of marriage.

**April 21**

White River Cooperative, Inc. vs. Donald P. Johnson, civil collection

Mary J. Price vs. Douglas M. Price, petition for dissolution of marriage.

**April 25**

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance vs. Billy Harbison, civil plenary.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

### New Suits Filed

**April 20**

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Bruce A. Johnson, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Donya L. Ellis, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Adrian T. DeRossett, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Aaron L. Sperling, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Emyrald A. Yearly, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Ricky D. Shields, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Cathy L. Welborn, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Rebeckah J. Babbs, complaint.

**April 21**

Medical of Dubois vs. Karry L. Stoll, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Daniel Combess, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Tracy Webster and Darren R. Webster, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Dustin E. Williams, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Lacy A. Williams, complaint.

Isha E. Wright-Ryan Attorney at Law, P.C. vs. Glen A. Cundiff, complaint.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

**April 28**

Leland C. Mackey of Shoals and PJ Heowener of Shoals.

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, APRIL 25

12:50 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

1:00 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted with a funeral procession.

2:14 p.m. - Male came on station to request transient assistance.

4:13 p.m. - Male requested to speak with an officer regarding a civil matter.

4:59 p.m. - Caller reported a hazard in an alley.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 26

3:30 p.m. - Female reported having problems with her son.

3:50 p.m. - Caller reported a male tried to run him over with a vehicle.

4:42 p.m. - Male reported a scam.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

4:53 p.m. - Caller reported juveniles causing problems.

6:55 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrols.

8:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 28

6:31 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

10:07 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle off the road on Mulberry Street.

3:05 p.m. - Caller requested a wel-

fare check on a male.

7:10 p.m. - Male came on station to report a phone scam.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 29

7:15 a.m. - Caller reported a male with a mental health issue.

10:05 a.m. - Captain Akles assisted with a funeral procession.

9:15 p.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a business alarm.

9:25 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Butcher Boulevard.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 30

1:02 a.m. - Officer Nolan assisted the sheriff's department with a domestic dispute.

11:35 a.m. - Caller reported property damage.

11:37 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle blocking an alley.



2:31 p.m. - Caller requested traffic assistance.

9:28 p.m. - First responders were requested in Crane for a medical call.

## SUNDAY, MAY 1

6:34 p.m. - Female requested assistance in getting belongings from a residence.

10:10 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

**Making A Difference**  
By Curt Johnson  
MCCF Executive Director

-- WHAT IS A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION? --

In previous columns I have talked about the MCCF types of funds, what they can do for the community, and the different ways to give back to your community with your gifts. Now it's time to step back and see what makes a community foundation different from other foundations.

To start with, a community foundation has four roles: it serves as a builder and caretaker of permanent endowment funds; it is a service provider to donors; it is a grantmaker; and it serves as a convener, catalyst, and collaborator within the community.

Characteristics of a community foundation like ours is that it is a tax-exempt, nonprofit, philanthropic institution with a long-term goal of building permanent endowments for the benefit of its county. And a distinguishing factor is that our support comes from the general public, unlike our "cousins", the private foundations, whose financial base most likely comes from a single source.

-- PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS? --

Like our community foundation, a private foundation also has a charitable purpose. However, a single family, business, political or other limited group is its financial source and also controls it. The private foundations have board members who typically serve for long terms, sometimes for life, and usually receive some pay or compensation for their services.

Conversely, the MCCF Board members serve three-year terms with a maximum of two consecutive terms. This protects the community from an undue influence from a particular person and ensures a broad county representation. Also, our board members are all volunteers and receive no compensation, except for the satisfaction of knowing they are making a difference in our county.

-- PUBLIC CHARITIES? --

So how is the MCCF different from other public charities? Most of them provide direct and specific services to the community, such as feeding the hungry, providing shelter, or developing educational programs or growth opportunities. They are what people tend to think of when they use the term "nonprofits." When donors make gifts to these organizations, they are usually making a gift to help the organization perform a specific service.

On the other hand, a community foundation is primarily a grantmaker and not a direct service provider. So rather than focus on servicing a particular community need, a communi-

ty foundation serves donors and the broad needs of the community. Even if the MCCF does provide some direct services (such as nonprofit capacity building or other public interest), it is usually secondary to our mission.

A public charity, as does our community foundation, must have at least one-third of its income from contributions from a diverse group of donors. However, our community foundation generally seeks support through individual gifts in the form of substantial lifetime gifts or bequests (discussed in previous columns) or continuing gifts from committed donors, rather than the small annual gifts that most other public charities target.

-- PHILOSOPHIES --

So, to expand on the four community roles identified at the beginning of this column, four common community foundation philosophies are: building and managing permanent endowments funds to meet broad community needs; providing a central philanthropic vehicle for donors to meet their interests; making broad-based grants to other nonprofit organizations; and providing community leadership including leveraging resources and convening organizations to solve problems.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

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## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



### NURSERY RHYMES WE DIDN'T HAVE AS KIDS...

1. Mary had a little lamb.  
Her father shot it dead.  
Now it goes to school with her,  
Between two hunks of bread.

2. Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,  
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.  
All the kings' horses,  
And all the kings' men.  
Had scrambled eggs,  
For breakfast again.

3. Simple Simon met a pie man going to the fair.  
Said Simple Simon to the pie man,  
'What have you got there?'  
Said the pie man unto Simon,  
'Pies, you dumb butt.'

4. There was a little girl who had a little curl  
Right in the middle of her forehead.  
When she was good, she was very, very good.  
But when she was bad.....  
She got a fur coat, jewels, a water-front condo, and a sports car.

After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother,  
"Mom, I've decided to become a minister when I grow up."  
"That's okay with us, but what made you decide that?"  
"Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and talk, than to sit and listen."

A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon.  
"How do you know what to say?" he asked.  
"Why, God tells me."  
"Oh, then why do you keep crossing things out?"

### RIDDLES

1. How do you count cows? With a cowculator.  
2. What do you call ten rabbits marching backwards? A receding hairline.

3. What do you call a dog magician? A Labracadabrador.  
4. Why shouldn't you play poker in Africa? Because of all the cheetahs.  
5. Why don't oysters give to charity? Because they're shellfish.  
6. Asking a cow, "Why does a milking stool only have 3 legs?" Cow says, "Because I have the udder."  
7. Why did the cows return to the marijuana field? It was the pot calling the cattle back.  
8. What do you call prisoners who take their own mug shots? Cellfies

### SERIOUS THOUGHTS

1. Any teacher worth her salt establishes three understandings with her students:  
a. they will give her undivided attention  
b. they will do as she says  
c. because she says so  
Parents would do well to follow this example.

2. Children that aren't taught accountability for their actions grow up to become adults that think nothing they do is wrong.

3. You either get bitter or you get better. It's that simple. You either take what has been dealt to you and allow it to make you a better person, or you allow it to tear you down. The choice does not belong to fate, it belongs to you.

4. One day you'll be just a memory for some people. Do your best to be a good one.

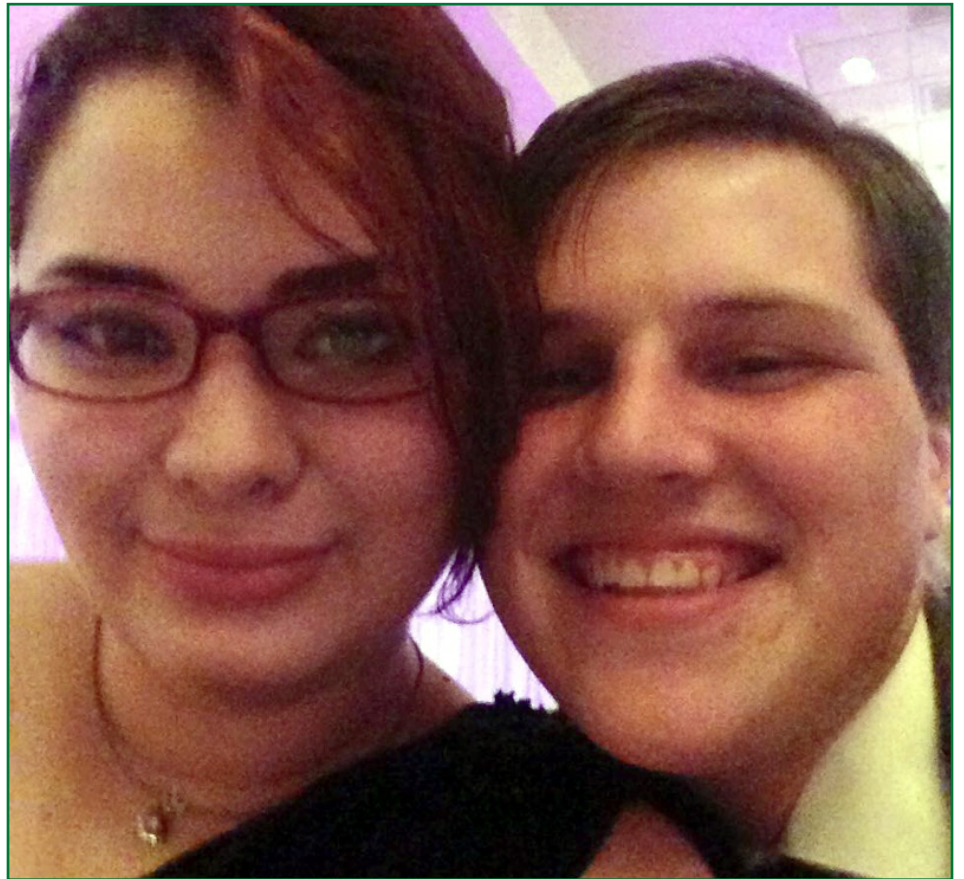
5. If someone treats you badly, just remember that there is something wrong with them, not you. Normal people don't go around destroying others.

6. What you allow is what will continue.

7. Never make permanent decisions on temporary feelings.

8. A person who feels appreciated will always do more than expected.

Make someone smile today!



## Upcoming nuptials

Gracie Wade of Austin, Texas and Eric Wade of Orlando, Florida, along with Ray and Claudie Sanders of Crawfordsville, Indiana, are pleased to announce the marriage of their children, Michael Sanders and Haley Wade, on May 27, 2016 in Georgetown, Texas. Invitations are being sent, but all friends and family are cordially invited to share in this blessed event.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Loogootee School Board meetings

The Loogootee School Board will meet this afternoon, Wednesday, May 4 at 4 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The purpose of the meeting is to hear public comment on the new superintendent's contract. The meeting is open to the public. The board will also meet in executive session Monday, May 9 at 4:45 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive information about and interview prospective employees. This meeting is closed to the public in accordance to I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5).

### Talk to a lawyer for free

The next scheduled free legal advice telephone clinic is Thursday, May 5 between 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. CST. Talk to a lawyer telephone clinic provides an opportunity for the general public to ask legal questions regarding matters of Indiana law and to talk to a lawyer, for free. Co-sponsored by Volunteer Lawyer Program of SW Indiana, Evansville Bar Foundation and Indiana Bar Foundation, this telephonic legal clinic in 2015 allowed 530 callers to ask receive free general legal answers and guidance. To access the telephonic clinic, the numbers are: (812) 618-4845 and 888-594-3449.

### Sons of the Revolution meeting

The 2nd Quarter meeting of the Daniel Guthrie Chapter, Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution will be held Tuesday, May 17 at the Free Methodist Church, 640 R Street, Bedford. Dinner will be at 6 p.m.; the meeting will begin at 7 p.m. They will be presenting the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate to Deputy Sheriff Dustin Rosenberg along with any other business that may come before the floor.

### Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school-age children every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 200 West

Main Street next to the post office. For more info, call 812-709-2525.

### SOAR Tutoring

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### Solid waste board

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

### Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend.

### Tourism meetings

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

### Soil and Water meetings

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

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The spring rains have resulted in lush growth in the gardens. There is no shortage of jobs that need to be completed. It is time to get down a new layer of mulch in beds. Spreading mulch now will mean less weeding later and the mulch will also keep soil moisture even.

Variety makes the garden. By planting a variety of plants, there is always something of interest in the garden. Variety within a plant genus also means that one may enjoy a favorite flower for a longer period. While the old-fashioned lilacs have bloomed and faded, the succession of Korean, Persian, French, Canadian and Japanese lilacs will extend the lilac season for another month. The new re-blooming selections will extend their fragrance even longer. They usually do not bloom well in the hot summer, but cooler weather returning in the fall will trigger another flush of lilac blooms.

Last week saw the last of the daffodils. With more than thirty varieties of daffodils, we have had blooms at Sandhill Gardens for nearly two months. The last of the line were Summer Cheer and Mount Hood. Summer Cheer sports clusters of white blooms with a sweet scent. Mount Hood is one of the largest white daffodils, with only a faint scent.

It seems I have been writing of hellebores for months, but I am totally awed by the lasting quality of these blooms. As they progress, the flowers change colors. In some cases, new blooms exist on the same plant as some older flowers, resulting in a single plant with multiple-colored flowers. There have been many seedlings appearing around the clusters this year and I have dug and potted some for plant exchanges and have moved others to new spots around the gardens.

I must admit that the azaleas have been a little disappointing. Some have been spectacular, but some of the evergreen azaleas suffered from considerable winter burn on the leaves and have been slow to recover. That is not to say that there have not been some wonderful flowers. The best of show have been those in a wooded area below the cliff. Wooded areas often have

a more acidic soil, which is necessary for good azalea and rhododendron growth. The first of May is time to give shrubs some fertilizer. Azaleas and other rhododendrons benefit from an acid-based fertilizer, available at most garden centers.

Warming temperatures have brought the unfurling of hosta leaves. The variety within hostas is staggering. Sandhill Gardens has more than forty different varieties and that is really a small sampling of the available cultivars. Hostas are usually grown for their leaves. Micro varieties have leaves that are no larger than a quarter, while some giant hostas have leaves that are nearly two feet across. The leaves may be deep green, chartreuse, gold, blue or white, with many different variegations. There are even some which have red stems. While many people cut out the flowers of hostas, I prefer to allow them to bloom. In recent years, hybridizers have been concentrating more on the blooms, producing some fragrant varieties. Blooms range from white to pink to lavender.

The spring woodland gardens are always exciting for me. The lungworts continue to supply blue, pink and white flowers. Bluebells and Jacob's ladder have added more blue while the fire pinks catch the eye with bright red blooms. The name "pinks" is from the jagged edges, which look like they have been cut with pinking shears, and has nothing to do with the color. Tiny crested irises blooms range from blue to purple. Kerria and woods poppies add yellow to the mix. Bleeding hearts bring pink, white and red.

Sandhill Gardens is a certified wildlife habitat and I have had a real treat at the bird feeders this week. For the first time ever, I have seen several indigo buntings and red-breasted grosbeaks at the feeders. These birds often travel together. While the buntings may stay here for a while, the grosbeaks are probably just stopping for a visit as they travel to their breeding grounds in northern Indiana. I am thankful that they stopped in for a visit. It has been fun to watch them and enjoy the vibrant colors.

## Bluebird program set for May 14 at Patoka

The Friends of Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge will sponsor a program about bluebirds on Saturday, May 14, at 9 a.m. Central Time (10 a.m. Eastern Time). Besides the life history of the bluebird, retired school teacher, Jerry Hunefeld, will include information he has learned through 45 years of maintaining a bluebird trail in southwestern Dubois County. The hour-long program will take place on the Refuge at the Boyds Trail parking lot, just east of Snakey Point marsh. At the conclusion of the presentation, there will be a drawing for some bluebird boxes which were constructed and donated to this event by the Gibson Southern High School Natural Resources class.

The Boyds Trail parking lot is east of Oakland City and north of SR 64 (watch for the brown Refuge signs on SR 64). Approximately one-quarter mile east of Oakland City, turn north on CR 1275E. In 1/2 mile, bear left on CR 1300E

which becomes gravel. Continue one mile to the parking area located on both sides of the road. For additional information, call (812) 455-5256.

## USDA's Indiana ag statistics now available through mobile app

Anyone needing Indiana agricultural statistics compiled by the U.S. Department of Agriculture can now get them on a free mobile app created by Purdue University. The app, a project of Agricultural Research at Purdue in cooperation with the Indiana field office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Great Lakes Region, provides quick access to information in the Indiana Agricultural Statistics 2014-2015 publication. That publication, produced by NASS, is offered in print and online.

"We wanted to produce this app to satisfy the growing need for easy access to this information," said Karen Plaut, senior associate dean for research and faculty affairs in Purdue's College of

## 4-H NEWS



By Stacy Brown  
Martin County Purdue  
Extension Educator

### Upcoming Events

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

Swine-May 7, 2016, 9-11 a.m.

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

Share the Fun

I have included photos for share the fun from last week. The group picture is of Jolly Juniors, they won for group act. The boy is Kanton Dearwestor, he won for musical curtain act and will be representing Martin County at the Area III Performing Arts Festival this Friday at Washington High School Auditorium.

4-H News

4-H Members the last day to drop and add on 4Honline is May 15. This is two weeks earlier than normal. If you need any help, please call the office.

Any new families to 4-H are encouraged to join us for a special meeting on May 9 at 6:30 p.m. the Martin County Community Building. We will be helping you with 4Honline, projects and answering any questions you may have.

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

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We need volunteers! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with



4-H, please call or stop by the office.

Jolly Jug Rox 4-H Club Meetings are on the following dates: May 16, June 7, June 20, and July 7

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

Jolly Juniors Club Meetings are on the following dates: May 12, May 26, June 9, June 23, and July 7

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

Camps and Programs

The following camps, tours, and programs are available for 4-H members:

4-H Academy@Purdue. Come into the office to register. Deadline is May 15, 2016.

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



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information on farm income by crop and livestock, per-acre yields and total production of crops, production expenses and government payments, including many other relevant data. The information is collected from Indiana farmers, agricultural businesses, USDA Farm Service Agency county staff, Purdue Extension staff and National Association of State Departments of Agriculture enumerators, among others.

The app is available for Apple iPhone, iPad and iPod touch as well as Android users. It can be obtained through iTunes, Google Play and Amazon. Links to those sites where the app can be downloaded are in Purdue Extension's The Education Store.

# Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton

NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

There is new life and activity everywhere; you just have to love spring! Pastures are about as green as they can get this time of year and the grass seems to be growing right before your eyes. Most of our cool season forages are starting the peak portion of their growth curve right now. They can grow so fast during this period that you barely can keep them under control.

When forages are growing fast, you need to rotate the livestock fast. When the forage growth slows down, rotate the livestock slower. Early in the growing season, your main goal should be to maintain as much forage as possible in a vegetative state. Top grazing pastures (removing just the upper portion of the plant) is a good way to flatten that growth curve a little bit. You want to maintain a more vegetative stage because that is quality forage for animal growth and lactation. I consider this stage two growth, the best balance of protein and energy.

New short grass (stage one) tends to be too high in nitrogen (protein). Maturing plants (stage three) have lost quite a bit of their protein and eventually energy, and tend to have more bulk than quality. Most cool season forages hit their ideal nutritional values in the stage two timeframe, but it can be difficult to maintain there.

It can be done with grazing, but you have to be diligent. If you have no issue at all keeping forages in a vegetative stage, then either you are a better manager than me or you have too many animals. If you have enough animals to keep the spring peak growth under control, unless you reduce numbers after that flush, you will probably find yourself short of forage later on as plant growth really slows down. I would rather have too much forage any day than not enough.

By rotating faster in the spring during peak growth, you can flatten out that growth curve slightly. This helps to extend that more ideal forage quality. If it is still getting ahead of you, then clipping as high as possible at very early seed head production can also prolong and promote better quality forage.

If a field or area is a poorer site (lack of fertility, lack of vigor, lower organic matter) and you have to skip an area, this would be the place to do it. Maturing plants have deeper root systems which will add to the health of the soil, provide some healing, pull nutrients from deeper in the profile, and could be strip-grazed later letting the livestock eat the best and leave the rest to help restore the site.

Haying it to control growth has its cost. Nutrient removal, reduced plant diversity and reduced infiltration of rain water due to increased runoff can all take their toll on summer growth potential. I have watched producers cut everything for hay while feeding the cows hay the whole time. If the cows can be grazing, then the cows should be grazing; enough said.

Keep animals moving from pasture to pasture to prevent them from grazing too closely; maintain stop grazing heights of at least four inches. Those heights will be more than four inches if top grazing.

It is not a bad idea to plant a small amount of acreage with some summer annuals. These forages, if started in time and with sufficient moisture at planting, can certainly be a lifesaver later in the

summer. Brassicas and warm-season grass annuals work well. This planting could be a monoculture or better yet a mixture of things. What quickly comes to mind includes most millets (Proso, Japanese, German, Pearl), sudangrass, cow peas, turnips, radishes, and sorghum x sudangrass (BMR). I think a mix is best because it adds a lot of diversity and new microorganisms to the soil to improve it, and balances the protein to fiber better. A diverse mixture of annuals planted before converting cropland to forages, especially warm season grasses, helps to enrich the soil and speeds establishment and provides some pretty nice extra forage.

Beware of poison hemlock. It is becoming more and more common along roads and some fields. All parts of this plant are poisonous when ingested by livestock. It is a biennial, producing only a rosette the first year and then flowers and seed the second year. It is very prolific. It looks a little like a wild parsnip, but will have purplish blotches on the stem. Consult your local extension office for control methods.

I've been asked what inspires me to continue to write this newsletter. I look at it as a "friendly reminder" of things to be thinking about or a "heads up" to what is presently going on or coming up in the grazing scene. I believe in being service oriented. I strive to provide accurate and timely information that will build sustainability into all types and sizes of grazing livestock operations. I hope that some of you will go beyond just being sustainable and strive to increase forage production. The world population is not getting any smaller, and pasture, range, and cropland have to become more productive to meet future needs while decreasing in acres at the same time. We cannot continue to degrade our natural resources in the process.

I've also been asked, "Why keep grazing livestock?" The first answer is, "because someone has to," but it goes way beyond that. Grazing livestock is good for the land and, good for the soil. Livestock provides a healthy product for consumers and it is just something that runs in the blood of a lot of us. I can't imagine not being around a few cows or other grazing animals. There is just something oddly soothing about watching livestock quietly and gracefully grazing on a cool summer morning or viewing the first view of a new born calf.

This is the 100<sup>th</sup> issue of Grazing Bites. I have never asked before, but if you have any comments on the newsletter I'd love to hear from you. You can email me at [victor.shelton@in.usda.gov](mailto:victor.shelton@in.usda.gov).

Enjoy your spring, and keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities

Howard County Pasture Walk – June 7 – Contact the Howard County SWCD for more information.

Eastern Native Grass Symposium – August 29-31 – Tropicana at Evansville. More information coming.

Purdue Forage Management Workshop – September 7 – Purdue Agronomy Farm. For more information go to: <https://ag.purdue.edu/agry/dtc/Pages/forage.aspx>

More pasture information and past issues of Grazing Bites are available at [www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/in/technical/landuse/pasture/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/in/technical/landuse/pasture/)

## 2015 deer harvest up three percent from prior year

Indiana hunters harvested 123,664 deer during the 2015 season, according to data released today by the Department of Natural Resources.

This is a three percent increase from the 120,073 deer taken during the 2014 season.

The antlered deer harvest was 10 percent higher than the 2014 harvest, while the antlerless harvest was 1 percent lower than in 2014.

The overall 2015 deer harvest ranks as the 10th highest in Indiana history. The 2015 antlerless deer harvest ranks 11th highest.

To view the full report, go to [wildlife.IN.gov](http://wildlife.IN.gov) and locate "2015 Deer Report" in the "Hunting and Trapping" panel.

The 2015 season was composed of four statewide segments: youth (September 26 -27); archery (October 1 to January 3); firearms (November 14-29); and muzzleloader (December 5-20).

A late antlerless season was available from December 26 to January 3 in 60 counties, with additional date restrictions for counties with "A" designated quotas.

Also, hunters could harvest additional deer beyond the statewide bag limits in designated deer reduction zones during the deer reduction zone season which opened September 15 and continued through January 31.

Firearms season was the most productive, accounting for 72,555 deer, or

59 percent of the total harvest.

Archery season accounted for 32,753 deer, or 26 percent, followed by the muzzleloader season with 10,784 (9 percent), special antlerless firearms season with 5,105 (4 percent) and youth season with 2,467 (2 percent).

The total number of deer taken with a firearm during the deer reduction zone season was incorporated with the firearms season total, while the total taken with archery equipment was included in the archery season total.

Harvest exceeded 1,000 deer in 58 counties, 2,000 in 17 counties and 3,000 in one county.

Harrison County was the top producer for the third season, with 3,227 deer taken. Benton County had the fewest deer taken (90), followed by Tipton County (114).

The nine counties after Harrison with the greatest harvest in descending order were: Washington (2,891), Franklin (2,890), Switzerland (2,653), Noble (2,624), Dearborn (2,559), Steuben (2,523), Lawrence (2,502), Parke (2,390) and Crawford (2,370).

Three counties set unofficial record harvests in 2015. They were Dubois (2,040), Henry (601) and Lawrence (2,502).

For the first time, all harvested deer were checked in electronically.

Hunters have harvested approximately 3.5 million deer during 64 hunting seasons in Indiana.

## Watch nesting barn owls through DNR webcam

A show of companionship and survival will play out live before the public in a DNR webcam that offers a peek into the lives of a barn owl pair raising chicks. The webcam is at [wildlife.IN.gov/8183.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/8183.htm).

Barn owls are a state-endangered species. The pair on this webcam has been living in a DNR-built nest box inside a metal pole barn in southern Indiana since 2009. These owls have nested every year since 2009.

Barn owls lay their eggs in April, with hatching occurring sometime in May. In 2013, this nest was one of only 18 known barn owl nests in the state.

The goal of the webcam is to promote public interest in birds and raise awareness about efforts to support barn owls.

Information on barn owls and how to help them is at [wildlife.IN.gov/3382.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/3382.htm).

Barn owls are known for their distinctive heart-shaped face, dark eyes and white to golden-brown feathers. They were once common in the Midwest, living in hollow trees and wood-

en barns, and hunting hayfields, idle grain fields, pastures and other grasslands for meadow voles. But many wooden barns are being torn down, and few modern farms offer the land a barn owl needs for hunting.

DNR's Wildlife Diversity Program has been placing nest boxes for barn owls since 1984. The nest boxes, like the one the webcam owls use, give owls a safe place to raise their young.

The barn owl webcam can accommodate 20 viewers at a time.

The barn owl is one of more than 750 animal species, including many rare and endangered animals, supported by the DNR's Wildlife Diversity Program. WDP depends on donations to the DNR Nongame Fund. You can donate by credit card on the DNR website, or you can give all or a portion of your State tax return to the fund by marking the appropriate box on your printed Indiana tax form or when you file electronically. On the printed form, look for the bald eagle logo.

Donations can also be made at [wildlife.IN.gov/3316.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/3316.htm).

## Indiana's trout stream season opened Saturday

The 2016 Indiana trout stream season opened this Saturday, April 30, at 6 a.m. local time and runs through December 31.

There is a daily bag limit of five fish with a 7-inch minimum size limit.

More than 22,000 rainbow trout were stocked in 17 streams across the state by Saturday morning. The trout are produced at DNR's Curtis Creek Trout Rearing Station in LaGrange

County. To complete the stream stockings, personnel and hauling trucks from four northern Indiana hatcheries pitch in.

Anglers 18 years of age and older must have a trout stamp in addition to a valid fishing license to fish for trout.

Information about Indiana trout stocking sites and numbers is at [dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/files/fw-trout\\_stocking\\_plan.pdf](http://dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/files/fw-trout_stocking_plan.pdf).

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**LOGOOTEETEE HIGH SCHOOL****2016 Senior SPOTLIGHTS****REUBEN RITCHEY**

Reuben D. Ritchey is the son of Wayne and Tammy Ritchey. While in high school, he was in band in 9th and 10th grades and was an intern, cadet teacher and did job shadowing his senior year. He also served as president of the FFA his senior year. Reuben plans to attend VU and study agribusiness and diesel technology.

**SHAYNA STUFFLE**

Shayna Suzanne Stuffle is the daughter of David and Theresa Stuffle. While in high school, she has been in Beta Club all four years, in student council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and chorus her freshman year, in Spanish Club, Pep Club, Peers, and was a cadet teacher in 9th and 10th grades; in FACS Club in 9th-11th grades and an intern in 11th and 12th grades. She served as FACS Club Treasurer her junior year and played tennis in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. Shayna plans to attend USI and study dental hygiene.

**BRETT ROBINSON**

Brett Michael Robinson is the son of Audrey Robinson and Chuck Robinson. While in high school, he was in band, Pep Club, and played intramural basketball all four years; was in Spanish Club his freshman year, was in American Club in 10th-12th grades, did job shadowing his sophomore year and was an intern in 11th and 12th grades. He played baseball all four years. Brett plans to attend VU and study electrical engineering and also join the Navy.

## Lady Lions triumph over Lady Spartans

BY GREG CLARK  
LHS Head Softball Coach

Monday night at Leo J Costello Field meant Blue Chip Conference action as the Lady Spartans of South Knox High School came calling. When all was said and done, the Lady Lions took the conference game by a score of 4 to 2, improving the overall record to 9-3, while moving to 3-0 in the conference.

Sydney Davis got the start for the Lady Lions, and with the win, her record is now 9-2 overall, and 3-0 in the conference. But things didn't start out well for Davis and the Lions, as the leadoff hitter singled to left field and the following batter took a walk. A single to left field by the Spartans number three hitter, Chase Keller, loaded the bases, with no outs. But Katie Keller popped up to the pitcher for out number one, then a pop up to the Lady Lions second baseman, Sydney Blankenbaker, recorded out number two. A wild pitch allowed Flanigan to score and moved the runners up 60 feet, but Davis was able to bear down

and get the strike out to end the Spartans first inning threat.

Loogootee posted two runs of their own on the board, but waited until the third inning to do so. Calli Winger got things rolling with a single up the middle. After an out, Tyanna Graber tripled to right center to score Calli, and two pitches into Bailey Davis' at bat, Tyanna scored on a wild pitch. Up 2-1 heading into the bottom of the fifth, Julianne Bell showed that she has some pop in her bat as well as she cranked a 2-2 pitch over the left center field wall for a home run, taking the Lady Lions lead to 3 to 1.

Still up 3-1 going into the bottom of the sixth, Maddie Cropp lined a one out single back up the middle to get things going. Calli Winger followed that single with one of her own, and then Julianne Bell singled to load the bases. Tyanna Graber singled to right to drive home Cropp for the Lions fourth run of the night. But the ladies would have to settle for those four runs, as a pop up and a strike out ended the Lions sixth inning.

## Lady Lions mystify Jeeps

BY GREG CLARK  
LHS Head Softball Coach

In a Blue Chip Conference game that took a little over 48 hours, and two bus rides, to complete, the Loogootee Lady Lions won 8-2 over the NE Dubois Lady Jeeps last Thursday night. The game started on Tuesday, April 26, but due to lightning, the final inning was suspended until Thursday, April 28. Sydney Davis twirled the win for the Lady Lions, taking her record to 8-1, while Claire Mangin suffered the loss for NE Dubois.

The Lady Lions were quiet in the first inning, but Julianne Bell did work a walk and a steal, only to be stranded at second base. The Lady Jeeps though, wasted no time as they scored a run on a leadoff single by Brooklyn Dodd, a walk, a sacrifice bunt and a hard single by Claire Mangin put the Jeeps up 1 after 1. Loogootee put two runs up in the second inning when Paige Walton drew a two out walk. Shelby Graber then benefited from a base on balls. Calli Winger then hit a high bouncing chopper that did not come down in time and resulted in the bases being loaded with Julianne Bell up to bat. Bell singled through the left side to score Walton to tie the game and then a walk to

Tyanna Graber forced home Shelby Graber for the 2-1 Loogootee lead.

The Lions lead was short lived, as NE Dubois took advantage of a lead-off walk, a sacrifice bunt, a single and a Loogootee error to tie the game at 2 all. Sydney Davis came on strong at the end of the inning and got the final out herself by hurling a strike out to Jeep threat. Loogootee jumped out to a four-run lead in the top of the third on walks to Mayson Riley and Tyanna Graber, while Sydney Davis, Shelby Graber, Calli Winger and Julianne Bell all singled. Loogootee added a single run in the 5th, on a single and steal by Bell, a walk to Bailey Davis, and a run scoring single by Mayson Riley. Another run was added in the return trip for the 7th when Tyanna Graber worked an 11 pitch at bat for a walk, then Bailey Davis reached on a hot ground ball to third that the Jeep third baseman misplayed. A wild pitch moved the Loogootee runners up 60 feet. One out later, Breigh LaMar walked to load the bases. Sydney Davis lofted a fly ball to right for the sacrifice fly as Tyanna Graber tagged up and scored.

Sydney Davis had a strong outing in the circle, striking out seven and only allowing one Jeep to reach base after the 2nd inning.

## Loogootee Junior High Track results

The Loogootee Junior High Track Team held a four-way meet at Washington on April 18. The following are the results of that meet.

Boys 5th-7th grades: 1st Washington, 2nd Loogootee, 3rd North Daviess, 4th B-R Lucas Brittain 3rd in 800m, 4th in 1600m.

Levi Pendley: 1st 400m, 1st Long jump, 1st 200m

Matthew Wagler: 2nd 400m

Jace Riley: 4th Shot put

Brayden Sutton: 5th Shot put

Boys 8th: 1st Washington, 2nd Loogootee, 3rd North Daviess, 4th B-R

Nathaniel Hart: 1st 1600m, 2nd 800m, 4th High Jump

Blake Wright: 5th Discus

Jamie Cronin: 1st Long jump

Loogootee 2nd 4x100 relay, 2nd 4x400 relay

Girls JH: Washington, B-R, North Da-

viess, Loogootee

India Arvin 4th 100m

Symphony Lantz: 5th shot put

4x400 relay 2nd

4x100 relay 2nd

The teams also traveled to North Knox on April 20 for a three way meet. The following are the results.

Boys: North Knox 1st, Loogootee 2nd, Bloomfield 3rd

Jonathan Hager: 2nd 110m hurdles, 4th 300m hurdles

Levi Pendley: 2nd 100m, 1st 400m, 2nd long jump, 1st 200m

Jamie Cronin: 4th 100m, 4th 200m

Nathaniel Hart: 2nd 1600m, 3rd 800m, 2nd high jump

Sean Page: 4th Discus

Trevor Guy: 4th 800m

Girls: 1st North Knox, 2nd Bloomfield, 3rd Loogootee

Kaylee Auterson: 4th 400m

South Knox had their leadoff hitter up, Flanigan, to start the seventh and she singled to right center to help get the Spartans going. Orr then singled to left. Both Keller's flew out to Calli Winger in center, but a 2 out single by Hazelman scored Flanigan, and kept the Lady Spartans inning alive. But Sydney Davis buckled down and got the next batter to hit a ground ball that the Lady Lions shortstop, Bailey Davis, gobbled up and fired across the diamond to Paige Walton for the final out, thus securing the 4-2 win for Loogootee.

In JV action, Loogootee took the win over South Knox, 7-1, with Jayleigh Wagoner getting the win. Jayleigh also doubled, as did Kendall Berry. Halle Sheetz had two base hits in the win.

## LHS Tennis goes 11-0

On Monday, the Loogootee Girls' Tennis Teams took on North Daviess at home. Both the varsity and junior varsity teams swept the Lady Cougars, 5-0 and 4-0.

The varsity teams moves to 11-0 on the season.

Varsity results

#1 Singles Emily Bateman (L) defeated Madeline Riggins 6-0, 6-1

#2 Singles Katie Sims (L) defeated Madison Bors 6-4, 6-0

#3 Singles Jody Seals (L) defeated Michelle Dinkins 6-0, 6-1

#1 Doubles Emma Walters/Tara Pennington (L) defeated Mackenzie Mullins/Macy Kane 6-0, 6-1

#2 Doubles Eden Jenkins/Breanna Hollaway (L) defeated Kelsea Sherill/Kaitlyn Allen 6-0, 6-1

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Kashten Burch (L) defeated Mackenzie Wagler 8-0

#2 Singles Cora Hedrick (L) defeated Alysia Petty 8-0

#1 Doubles Meghan Mathies/Abbie Williams (L) defeated Tristen Rhoton/Kiersten Jones 6-0

#2 Doubles Madisyn Wade/Leonna Hedrick (L) defeated Tristen Rhoton/Kiersten Jones 6-0

Last Thursday, Forest Park travelled to Loogootee. The varsity defeated the Lady Rangers 4-1 and the junior varsity won 4-0.

"I give Forest Park a lot of credit today. They came out firing, especially at the doubles positions and caught us a little off guard. I am please the doubles teams fought back and finished strong. Emily and Katie continue to play well at 1 and 2 singles," said Coach Tippery.

Varsity results

#1 Singles Emily Bateman (L) defeated Paige Uebelhor 6-2, 6-1

#2 Singles Katie Sims (L) defeated Lauren Tretter 6-2, 6-4

#3 Singles Emmy Miller (FP) defeated Jody Seals 6-4, 6-4

#1 Doubles Emma Walters/Eden Jenkins (L) defeated Shannon Hentrup/Samantha Wendholt 5-7, 6-4, 6-2

#2 Doubles Tara Pennington/Meghan Matheis (L) defeated Hailey Thayer/Anna Becher 1-6, 6-3, 6-2

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Kashten Burch (L) defeated Kendyll Gaesser 7-6 (1)

#2 Singles Madisyn Wade (L) defeated Emily Nord 6-4

#1 Doubles Breanna Hollaway/Abbie Williams (L) defeated Kendyll Gaesser/Emily Nord 6-2

#2 Doubles Leonna Hedrick/Hope Fischer (L) defeated Faith Schmitt/Olivia Brames 7-5

# The Mayor's Den

By Loogootee Mayor  
Noel Harty

The month of March started with the opening round of the 2016 IHSAA Boys' Basketball Sectional at Jack Butcher Arena. The first match was our Lions hosting the Washington Catholic Cardinals, with our Lions coming out on top. I spent most of Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> working on day-to-day operations in the office. Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> was the \$42 million Eli Lilly grant celebration at the WestGate Academy. The grant will be used to determine career needs and assist schools with offering the proper training for job placement. Many representatives from universities and public schools were present to commemorate the event. After the meeting/celebration, I headed to Jack Butcher Arena to take in the second round of the 2016 IHSAA Sectional Tournament. In the first match for the evening, despite a neck and neck contest the whole way, the North Daviess Cougars took out the Vincennes Rivet Patriots. Our Lions faced the Washington Catholic Cardinals in the second game and we came out with a nice size win. Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup>, members of our middle school choir represented us well in "Circle the State with Song" at Jasper Middle School. After the program, I headed back to Jack Butcher Arena for the final game of the 2016 IHSAA Boys' Basketball Sectional. Our Lions squared up with the Cougars of North Daviess for the sectional title, but we fell short of the win. Best wishes to Seniors Corey Jacobs and Jake Blackwell in your future endeavors.

Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> was the pork chop and chicken dinner fundraiser at the VFW for the high school musical, "Beauty and the Beast." Great food! Monday and Tuesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, I spent mostly in the office. Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> was the bi-monthly Community Services Roundtable at the Martin County Learning Center. Presentations were made by Martin County Child Protective Services, Martin County Head Start and Martin County WIC. That evening was the monthly parks and recreation department meeting. Many issues were discussed with the upcoming opening of our pool in May the main focus. Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup>, I attended the quarterly Martin County Community Corrections meeting at the Martin County Learning Center. The main discussion of the meeting focused on department operations. In the evening was the 30<sup>th</sup> annual "Academic Super Bowl" at Jack Butcher Arena, covering subjects such as English, social studies, science, math, art and interdisciplinary. Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> was "Ag Day" at the Martin County Community Building --- with a great turnout for the always delicious breakfast and the various booths. The little ones really enjoyed the petting zoo sponsored by German American Bank. I left Ag Day and went to Jack Butcher Arena for the opening round of the 2016 IHSAA Regional Tournament. The Wood Memorial Trojans took on Rock Creek High School in the first match which turned out to be a thrilling double-overtime; and the Trojans came out on top by three in a last second shot! Then, the North Daviess Cougars squared off with the West Washington Senators and the Senators took the match by two. I wish I could have attended the evening game to see the Senators claim the 2016 Regional Title; but I left early to meet with our local Cub Scouts and parks and recreation board at the

Loogootee United Methodist Church. The scouts collected bottle caps, making it possible for the parks and recreation department to purchase recycled benches for our pool; and we really appreciate their support! After that meeting was the 1<sup>st</sup> annual "Loogootee High School Right to Life Banquet" at St. John's Center. The banquet began with officers of the local high school chapter speaking giving testimonies of their passion for the "Right to Life" movement, followed by dinner served up by Carla's Catering. The evening ended with two speakers -- including the National President of the "Right to Life Organization."

In the evening of Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> was the final church performance of the LHS Choir at the United Methodist Church. The performance reminded us all of the talented young people we have in our community. Monday the 14<sup>th</sup>, Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson and I met with West Boggs Superintendent Jameson Hibbs. Mr. Hibbs just recently assumed oversight of the park after the most unfortunate passing of Mike Axsom. We enjoyed a great discussion about Mr. Hibbs' vision for the park. In the evening was the monthly board of public works and safety and common council meetings. The main focus of the both meetings were the announcements of the possibility of one full-time and one part-time public works position open with the city and discussion on moving forward with the storm water utility. Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> in the evening, I assisted with "Kindergarten Round-Up" at Loogootee Elementary. This year, three stations were set up, giving future kindergartners a good idea of what to expect in the school year to come. I had the privilege of assisting with the school bus safety station - giving students the opportunity to load and unload a bus and take a brief ride in the parking lot area of the school. It was fun and a great experience. Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon, I went to St. John's Center to assist with the setup of the Annual Martin County Chamber of Commerce Dinner. In the early evening the Summerfest Planning Committee met to discuss the upcoming June event. Following the meeting, I attended the monthly Solid Waste meeting at the Martin County Recycling Center. As always the primary focus of the meeting was operations and looking toward the future of the facility. On Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup>, St. Patrick's Day, I started the morning at St. John's Center, assisting with the final planning stages of our Chamber of Commerce Dinner that evening. Before the dinner, I went to the Methodist Church and introduced State School Superintendent of Public Instruction Mrs. Glenda Ritz. Mrs. Ritz started a program called "Hoosier Family Reading." The program gives children the ability for to read while school is not in session. A special "thank you" to our public library and Terria Fellers for heading up the event.

After that was the Annual Martin County Chamber of Commerce Dinner, attended by around 180 business members, elected officials, educators and citizens -- a huge success. "Thank you" to Mrs. Ritz for being our guest speaker and Carolyn Downey and all the members of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce for all the work to make the dinner a huge success. Other highlights of the dinner included Dr.

Joan Keller receiving the "Gene Shaw Citizen of the Year Award" and Rev. John Simmons who was recognized for his 48 years of service as a school bus driver. The dinner was exceptional too. Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> was the 2016 Regional (OCRA) Office of Community and Rural Affairs Conference at WestGate Academy in the WestGate Technology Park, attended by many elected officials from Southern Indiana, along with service providers. Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>, I attended the annual "Loogootee High School Softball Pancake Breakfast" at the Methodist Church and the LHS musical "Beauty and the Beast Brunch" at the LHS cafeteria. A great time was had by all at both events. Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> was the third organizational meeting for the Catholic War Veterans at St. John's Center. The name of the Post was decided to be Bishop Simon Brute -- after the first Catholic Bishop in our state. Congratulations to George (Bud) Erler who was named the post's first Commander; Ron Riley, Adjunct; Chuck Buxton Treasurer; and Fr. J. Kenneth Walker, Chaplain. Monday the 21<sup>st</sup>, several members of the staff and I went to WestGate Academy for "White Belt Training," offered through Ivy Tech Community College. The training teaches individuals various processes in the day-to-day workplace. Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> was the second planning meeting for third annual "Clean Sweep," sponsored by German American Bank. Ten teams in total have signed up and plans for the April 16 event are now in motion. What a great way for the bank and local service organizations to give back to their community! Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, I attended a follow-up meeting at Old National Bank discussing the recent successful annual Martin County Chamber of Commerce Dinner. Following the meeting, I went back to city hall to meet with Linda Knight and Jessica Potts of Work One regarding a job placement program offered to those who meet specific criteria. The city will be getting two new individuals for the summer - one to work in the public works department and one to assist with office staff at city hall. Both individuals will receive compensation

through the Work One program. In the evening, was the Land Use Planning Group meeting. Many details were discussed of the land use planning process in terms of single residential units, multi housing units, commercial versus residential and the two mile area outside the city limits referred to as the buffer zone.

Following the meeting, my parents and I drove to Indianapolis to stay overnight prior to flying out to Orlando to attend and support the LHS Band's march in Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom. Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>, we met the LHS Band and chaperones at the Rainforest Café located at the entrance of Walt Disney World's Animal Kingdom and we all enjoyed a delicious breakfast buffet. After the hearty buffet, we loaded up and went to Blizzard Beach, followed by Epcot in the evening. Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> began with a nondenominational Easter service, led by band students Carson Rayhill and Renee Whitman. Following the service, we went to Universal Studios Hollywood to spend the day. In the evening a family-style pizza, salad, and pasta dinner was served at Uno's Pizza. The last destination for the day was Disney Quest. Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> was the big day. We spent the morning at Animal Kingdom and Magic Kingdom in the afternoon where the LHS Band marched in the afternoon parade. Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> we spent the day at Universal Studios and Island; and in the evening we all attended the Blue Man Group show, featuring live music and unforgettable entertainment for all age groups. After the performance, the band and chaperones all boarded their tour buses to head home. My parents and I stayed in Orlando one more evening. Because we flew, we beat the band back to Loogootee by about 2.5 hours. A procession led by Chief of Police Kelly Rayhill and Captain Glenn Akles met the band. Much of the day Thursday was spent at the office and in the evening, I attended the monthly Four Rivers Board of Directors meeting at Linton. I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a most blessed April!

## HAPPY 40th BIRTHDAY Josh Hughett



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**FLC State and Local Economic Development Award winners, left to right: Paul Zielinski, NIST/FLC Chair; Norman Hedges, IU Law Clinic; Cliff Wojtalewicz, Purdue University; Brooke Pyne, NSWC Crane ORTA/T2 Program Manager; Dottie Vincent, ONR T2 Director; John Dement, IODD; and Mark Reeves, Oak Ridge National Lab/FLC Vice-Chair (Photo by NSWC Crane Public Affairs)**

## NSWC Crane receives 2016 FLC Award

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) in partnership with the Indiana Office of Defense Development (IODD), Purdue University, the University of Southern Indiana and Indiana University has been awarded a 2016 Federal Laboratory Consortium (FLC) for Technology Transfer (T2) State and Local Economic Development Award for their efforts with the Rural Indiana Technology Commercialization Initiative (RITCI).

The award recognizes successful initiatives that involve partnerships between state or local economic development groups and federal laboratories and was presented to NSWC Crane's ORTA/T2 Program Manager Brooke Pyne during the 2016 FLC National Meeting in Chicago on April 27.

"The FLC is a nationwide network of over 250 federal labs. It is truly an honor to be recognized by a national group

made up of other T2 professionals. The opportunity that T2 provides to NSWC Crane and the impact the program has on state economics amazes me daily and I am proud to be a part of it," Pyne explained.

Rural Indiana Technology Commercialization Initiative (RITCI) is a partnership with NSWC, Crane Division, IODD, University of Southern Indiana, Purdue University and Indiana University. It was launched in 2014 under the premise that most of the segments needed to support Technology-Based Economic Development (TBED) existed in rural Indiana and were mostly funded, but had yet to be connected. RITCI set out to network these segments with a goal of affecting economic impact and further leveraging the national investment made at NSWC Crane.

Over the past eight years, NSWC Crane has significantly increased its technology transfer and commercialization program. NSWC Crane has produced more than 400 pieces of Intellectual Property (IP) and has the goal of achieving 1,000 pieces by the year 2020. Additionally, its model for cultivating intellectual property assets along with its innovative culture is recognized across the Department of Defense (DoD).

Under RITCI, Indiana programs were connected and networked into a 'value stream' that highlighted each program's strength and related their contributions in context to each other. A goal of RITCI was accomplished by guiding local startup companies using NSWC Crane innovations through the 'value stream'. Direct results of this networking included the following: The creation of new startup companies; inventions; product movement toward the market; new patent licensing on NSWC Crane inventions; new cooperative research and development partnerships between NSWC Crane and area companies; new NSWC Crane marketing materials; and blueprints to continue the initiative.

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

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## Scott County public health emergency declaration extended

State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H., announced last week that he has extended the public health emergency declaration for Scott County until May 24, 2017. The decision allows the county to continue to operate a syringe exchange program as part of a comprehensive effort to stop the spread of HIV and hepatitis C until that date.

A total of 191 people have tested positive for HIV in Scott County since an outbreak tied to sharing of needles among injection drug users was identified in early 2015. Indiana law allows counties experiencing epidemics of HIV or hepatitis C as a result of injection drug use to request a public health emergency declaration allowing for syringe exchange under certain conditions. The syringe exchange program guidance can be found at <http://bit.ly/1YWwWpl>.

"Scott County has made great strides in stopping the spread of disease in the past year, but the risk factors that led to the HIV outbreak still exist," Dr. Adams said. "Extending this declaration allows county health officials to continue their efforts to reduce the risks to their community and ensure that this outbreak remains controlled."

Dr. R. Kevin Rogers, Scott County's health officer, expressed his appreciation for the extension.

"Over the past year, the syringe exchange program in Scott County has had a tremendously positive and dramatic impact," Dr. Rogers said. "It has significantly reduced potential harm to our community, dramatically decreased new cases of HIV and hepatitis C and given our health care providers better and regular access to our citizens, who desperately need medical services. Therefore, I am extremely gratified and encouraged that on recommendation by our county commissioners and with the approval of the state health commissioner, the syringe exchange program has been extended another year."

The Scott County Health Department submitted its request for a renewal on April 26, 2015, and received approval on April 29. The declaration had previously been scheduled to expire on May 24, 2016.

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## Indiana recovers 2nd-largest settlement in agreement with Wyeth, Inc.

In the second-largest settlement of its type in recent years, Indiana's Medicaid program will recoup \$9.2 million in a settlement with drug manufacturer Wyeth, Inc., and its parent company, Pfizer, Inc., that resolves allegations Wyeth defrauded the State of Indiana by knowingly underpaying pharmaceutical rebates the state was owed for certain prescription drugs.

Indiana, 34 other states and the federal government will share in a \$784.6 million drug settlement paid by Wyeth, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Pfizer Inc., under an agreement in principle announced this week. Of that, \$371 million goes to state Medicaid programs, including \$9,238,160.98 owed to Indiana Medicaid to reimburse state tax dollars. Counting the federal tax dollars that partially support the state-and-federal Medicaid program, the total amount of recovery allocated for Indiana Medicaid under this settlement in principle is more than \$25 million.

"This settlement represents the culmination of nearly seven years of hard-fought litigation. Medicaid is a program funded by taxpayers' money that covers medical care and prescription drugs for low-income Hoosiers. When a business cheats Medicaid into paying more than should be paid for drugs, then my office will hold them accountable," Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller said.

To contain the costs of Medicaid, Congress in 1990 passed the Medicaid Prescription Drug Rebate Program. When pharmacies are reimbursed by Medicaid for certain outpatient prescription drugs, the pharmaceutical companies who manufactured the drugs then are required to pay rebates quarterly to the state Medicaid programs. The intent of the rebate law is that state Medicaid programs will be able to cover prescription outpatient drugs at the manufacturer's reported "best price" available, thus saving tax dollars.

Two whistleblower lawsuits filed in federal courts in Louisiana and Massa-

chusetts, however, alleged that between 2001 and 2006, Wyeth, Inc., understated the amount of quarterly rebates it owed to Medicaid for Protonix Oral tablets and Protonix IV, in order to reduce Wyeth's financial obligation. Those medications belong to a class of drugs called proton pump inhibitors, which are prescribed to treat conditions such as peptic ulcers and acid reflux disease by inhibiting production of gastric acid in the stomach.

The whistleblower lawsuits alleged that through a complicated scheme, the sales to hospitals of Protonix IV and Protonix Oral tablets were not properly discounted, meaning Wyeth underpaid the rebates it owed and did not allocate the discounts available, and the state Medicaid programs did not receive the manufacturer's best price for the drugs as the rebate law required. (Since the drug costs were covered by the Medicaid program, the State of Indiana was the victim of the rebate scheme, not Medicaid patients.)

Headquartered in Madison, New Jersey, Wyeth, Inc., (now known as Wyeth LLC) was acquired in 2009 by New York-based Pfizer, Inc., after the conduct alleged in the whistleblower lawsuits had ended. Thirty-five states including Indiana, as well as the District of Columbia and the U.S. Department of Justice intervened in the two lawsuits, which were heard in federal court in Massachusetts. After several years, a settlement in principle with Wyeth and Pfizer was reached; Wyeth does not admit legal wrongdoing, but the \$784.6 million in settlement payments will resolve the lawsuits.

Attorney General Zoeller noted that Indiana and other states use the False Claims Act to recoup tax dollars that have been wrongly paid to drug manufacturers and other healthcare businesses through ineligible claims submitted to Medicaid for reimbursement.

Under the False Claims Act, the two plaintiffs who filed the whistleblower lawsuits that exposed the Wyeth scheme are eligible to receive approximately 15 percent of the recovery.

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