

Former mayor questions Loogootee City Council

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Brian Ader, who was in the audience of the Loogootee City Council meeting Monday night, May 11, brought several questions for the mayor and council to answer. Ader was a former mayor of the city.

Ader asked the council how much the pool employees were going to be paid. The mayor replied that the manager will get \$10 an hour, the assistant manager \$9 per hour, lifeguards minimum wage of \$7.25 and concession workers \$6.50.

Ader replied that he didn't believe the concession workers could be paid less than minimum wage.

Mayor Harty replied that since it's seasonal work, there is an exemption in the labor laws that allows the city to pay less than minimum wage and told Ader to look it up.

Ader also asked what the bond payoff was

in the wastewater department and the length of the bond. Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones said she didn't know that question would be asked but she believed it was a 10-year bond. She was unsure of the payoff. Mayor Harty said that the bonds were issued in 2012 and he also believed they were set for 10 years or until 2022.

Ader also raised questions about the depreciation fund. He said 12 years ago the water rates were raised so that money could be put back each month into the depreciation fund to help fund possible upgrades or replacements that may be needed in the water and sewer departments.

Clerk-Treasurer Jones said that the city has not had the money to put into the fund. Ader replied that the purpose of raising the rates was to be able to add money to the fund every month. He said that 12 years is also a long time without increases to the water and sewer (See 'QUESTIONS' cont. on page 2)

Council gives Town of Crane \$20,000 for storm water grant

The Martin County Council met Monday, May 4. Council members present were Randy Winger, Warren Albright, Buck Stiles, Barb McFeater, and Lynn Gee. Council members Richard Summers and Lonnie Hawkins were unable to attend.

Matt Sward, with SIDC (Southern Indiana Development Commission), and Gordon Brinegar, with the Town of Crane, came before the council to request a local match commitment for a storm water improvement grant. SIDC will be applying, on behalf of the Town of Crane, for a grant to improve the current storm water system. The improvements will be done on Early Street, Blandy Avenue and Leahy Street. The total project cost will be \$598,000. The OCRA (Office of Community and Rural Affairs) grant funds will be \$500,000, so there is a need of a local match of \$98,000. The Town of Crane has come up with \$30,000 and their application is in process

with the National Rural Water Association Rural Water Loan for \$48,130. They are requesting that Martin County commit the other \$20,000 needed. Auditor January Roush suggested using county economic development income tax funds for the project. Councilman Albright made a motion to commit the \$20,000 to the Town of Crane for their storm water improvement project. Councilwoman Gee made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Sward will provide a resolution to be signed by the commissioners.

Sheriff Travis Roush, Chief Deputy Josh Greene, and David Vice, Executive Director of the Integrated Public Safety Commission, came before the council to give an update on the P25 migration phases. The Integrated Public Safety Commission is responsible for the public safety radio network. The commission has entered into contract with Mo- (See 'COUNCIL' continued on page 2)

County's fifth graders participate in 22nd annual L.E.A.D. program

The Shoals and Loogootee 5th graders recently concluded their participation in Project L.E.A.D. (Legal Education to Arrest Delinquency) by participating in a mock trial held in the courtroom of the Martin Circuit Court. Judge Lynne E. Ellis presided over the events of the day. In conjunction with the mock trial, the students toured the Martin County Security Center. Project L.E.A.D. is a special curriculum sponsored by the Purdue University Cooperative Service. This was the 22nd year the program has been taught to Martin County youth. This year's program was conducted by Probation Officer Melissa Lottes with assistance from Martin County Extension Educator Jonathon Stevens, along with fifth-grade teachers.

The program was designed to teach fifth graders about the law, the need for laws, and the legal system with emphasis on the juvenile justice system. In addition, the program emphasized decision-making and the consequences of their actions.

The program combined classroom work, hands-on experiences, and speakers from various agencies. The following persons volunteered their time by speaking with the students about various law enforcement-related topics: Judge Lynne Ellis; Prosecutor Michael Steiner; Gary Sprinkle, with Loss Prevention; Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene and Major Burkhardt, with the Martin County Sheriff's Department; Martin County Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins; Robbie Lambert, with his K-9 Unit, Diesel, with Indiana State Police; Martin County Chief Probation Officer Lisa Brittain; and Terrie Decker, with Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village.

As a part of the program, students were asked to submit drawings/logos for a new L.E.A.D. t-shirt. Each student was pro-

vided a t-shirt with the winning logo. This year's design winner was Levi Albright, from Shoals, and Caylin Wagoner, from Loogootee. In addition, each student was required to submit an essay regarding their L.E.A.D. experience. The essay winners from Shoals are as follows: Jaden Jones, 1st place; Haley Fischer, 2nd place; and Carter Roush, 3rd place. The essay winners from Loogootee were as follows: Mikenna Jones, 1st place girl; Rory Tippery, 1st place boy; Jocelyn Strange, 2nd place girl; Reece Tippery, 2nd place boy; Kylie VanHoy, 3rd place girl; and Jon Whitworth, 3rd place boy. Probation Officer Melissa Lottes presented the winners with a certificate and prize sponsored by the program's financial supporters.

Project L.E.A.D. received financial support from the Martin County Probation Department. Organizers would like to thank all of the students for their participation, as well as, the speakers and fifth grade teachers for their help in administering this program.

The mock trial cast from Shoals were as follows:

Judge - Haley Fischer
Court Reporter - Alexis Jones
Bailiff#1 - Victor Dillon
Bailiff#2 - Thomas French
Donna Deckerd - Gracie Wade
Connie Charles - Summer Fromme
Ann Anderson - Lexiss Davisson
Chief Prosecuting Attorney - Blake Cooper
Assistant Chief - Carter Roush
1st Deputy - Kaden Berger
2nd Deputy - Jaden Jones
3rd Deputy - Xaviara Fuartado
4th Deputy - Domenic Wetterling
5th Deputy - Abby Sorrells
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AND LOOGOOTE
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-Photo provided

Shown above are the Loogootee LEAD essay and logo contest winners. In the front row, from left to right, are Kylie VanHoy, Caylin Wagoner, Mikenna Jones, and Jocelyn Strange. In the back row, from left to right, are Jon Whitworth, Rory Tippery, and Reece Tippery.



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Cycle accident

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This past Saturday, May 9 at 11:10 a.m., Kevin Holt, of Loogootee, was operating a 1996 Cadillac on Broadway Street. Holt went to turn east and turned into the path of a 2006 Suzuki operated by Adam Tompkins, of Loogootee. Tompkins was transported to an area hospital complaining of pain. Captain Akles was the investigating officer.

L.E.A.D.

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6th Deputy - Madison Jones
 Donna Deckerd's Defense
 Chief Defense Attorney - Keegan Brock
 1st Assistant - Hayden Burton
 2nd Assistant - Chloe Qualkenbush
 3rd Assistant - Josh Clifton
 4th Assistant - LaRissa McKibben
 5th Assistant - Kelton Williams
 Ann Anderson's Defense
 Chief Defense Attorney - Ashten Tedrow
 1st Assistant - Ele Neeley
 2nd Assistant - Bailee Jones
 3rd Assistant - Darcy Soke
 4th Assistant - Jackson Allrbright
 5th Assistant - Sari Armstrong
 Ken Miller(Store Detective) - Jared Wright
 Barbara Beach(Cashier) - Malin Haviland
 John Smith(Store Manager) - Lance Asbell
 John Doe(Police Officer) - Remington Wright
 Gary Sprinkle(Expert) - Levi Allbright
 Jury
 Foreman - Zeke Wells
 Cody Chandler
 Colin Clingerman
 Kieara Craig
 Mason Fisher
 Cole Gogel
 Brendon Jones
 Emily Jones
 Syndell Watson
 The mock trial casts for the each trial for Loogootee are as follows:

Judge: Grace Gingerich
 Donna's Chief Defense Attorney: Reece Tippersy
 Ann's Chief Defense Attorney: Chantel Greene
 Donna's 1st Assistant Defense Attorney: Annalise Powell
 Ann's 1st Assistant Defense Attorney: Haylie Mathias
 Donna's 2nd Assistant Defense Attorney: Tia Fuhs
 Ann's 2nd Assistant Defense Attorney: Jon Whitworth
 Donna's 3rd Assistant Defense Attorney: Lauren Holt
 Ann's 3rd Assistant Defense Attorney: Tucker Walton
 Donna's 4th Assistant Defense Attorney: Rory Tippersy
 Ann's 4th Assistant Defense Attorney: Grace Foddrill
 Donna's 5th Assistant Defense Attorney: Nick Keller
 Ann's 5th Assistant Defense Attorney: Anna Marie Park
 Chief Prosecuting Attorney: Andrew Powell
 1st Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Mikenna Jones
 2nd Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Kaleb Daniel
 3rd Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Tierlan Norris
 4th Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Jalyann Stoll
 5th Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Drew Williams
 6th Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Grace Lingenfelter
 Kim Miller: Katie Callison
 Barbara Beach: Kylie VanHoy
 John Smith: Jacob Lengacher
 Police Officer John Doe: C.J. Gibbs
 Connie Charles: Olivia Dant
 Donna Decker: Jayleigh Harger
 Ann Anderson: Rachel Lents
 Court Reporter: Miracle Stinson
 Bailiffs: Ethan Todd, Terrika Cathy, Ethan Graber, Kaden Wolf, Mason Roark
 Head Jurors: Logan Moffatt, Abbey Fuhrman, India Arvin
 Jurors: Caylin Wagoner, Jocelyn Strange, Aiden Kain, Tristen Knight, Zoey Lagle, Lexis Overton, Evan Cunningham, Gaven Bledsoe, Isaac Arvin, Emily Welker, Daylon Perkins, Billy Boyd, Jacob Bowman, Tessa Bradley, Kyndal Braun, Wade Graber, Hannah Harshaw, Hunter Lawburgh, Madison McAtee, Tyson Nolan, Nicholas Poole, Trysten Stevens, Hannah Taylor, Ashlyn Troutman, Brandy Allen, Tristin Castro, Sadie Edmondson, Rodney Grimes, Luke Nonte, Aiden Smith, Brady Taylor, and Ashton Godwin

QUESTIONS

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rates as well. He added that he felt something needed to be done before the city was put into a position where they could not afford to pay for a major repair if need be.

Ader said he is not against the pool and he understands it was on its last leg but the original proposal was a brand new pool. He said it was marketed as a new pool to the community.

Mayor Harty said that when discussion of the pool first began, Indiana Pools gave an estimate on what they thought it would cost to build a new pool which is the amount the fundraising goal was set. Then when it was time to get bids, Indiana Pools did not bid. The two companies that did, RenoSys and RL Turner had two different proposals with RL Turner being way out of what was possible with funding. Harty said they went with RenoSys as the only other option.

Bo Wilson noted that it's the same pool footprint but everything is being renovated.

Ader said he felt that when the plans changed it should have been made public. Harty replied that there have been several public meetings where this was made public.

Police Chief Kelly Rayhill presented the council with various ordinances from other cities in regard to noise caused by semi trucks' Jake brakes. He said that the council will have to decide what the maximum decibel would be because the ordinances he found have varying maximums from 55 to 90. Rayhill gave examples of decibels by saying that a large business office's noise would be 60 decibels, a vacuum cleaner ten feet away would be 70 decibels, and a diesel truck 50 feet away traveling 55 miles per hour is 80 decibels. He also said that the ordinance could have different levels for different times of the day.

The council decided to take the ordinances Rayhill collected and go over them before their next meeting.

Jenny Dearwester, with SIDC, spoke to the council about the owner occupied housing rehabilitation grant that the county will be applying for. Since the grant will be county-wide and matching funds add more points to the application, the county would like the city and towns to contribute if possible. Dearwester said the suggestion was for the city to give \$1,500-\$2,000 toward the grant. SIDC is currently accepting applications from homeowners for the grant and said if by some chance no residents from the City of Loogootee re-

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torola to upgrade the system. Vice submitted a worksheet showing the six different phases of the project. Martin County falls in phase II and is set to have the upgrade completed in September. If the upgrade to the current radio system is not completed, Martin County will not be able to communicate with other agencies. The sheriff's department has a certificate of deposit for 911 and recently withdrew \$30,000 to assist in the radio upgrade and for training expenses. The base radio is not an allowable expense from the 911 fund, therefore will have to come from the general fund.

Leslie Bauer, with S.H.O.P, gave an update on the teen center. She is still looking for a building to house the center. Discussion followed. Jenny Dearwester, SIDC, offered their assistance in obtaining grant funding for the teen center.

Jenny Dearwester, SIDC, came before the council to discuss the owner occupied rehabilitation grant the commissioners are applying for. They will be applying for the \$350,000 grant on July 1. The grant is very competitively graded on points. The application will receive five points for local funding of up to \$18,000. SIDC will be taking applications in May at various locations in the county. Councilman Albright made a motion to commit the \$18,000 as the local match for the owner occupied rehabilitation grant. Councilman Winger made the second. The motion passed 4-1 with Councilman Stiles opposing.

Judge Lynne E. Ellis and Deputy Prosecutor Larry Brodeur came before the council to discuss the upcoming murder trial. The trial was

ceive grant funding, no match would be required.

A few residents spoke to the council about storm water that is standing in their yards and causing issues with their homes.

Mayor Harty said they are well aware there are issues with storm water drainage throughout the city which is something they plan to work on, by way of grants.

Council member Fred Dupps said he feels a lot can be done that doesn't require a grant or a large amount of money - such as cleaning out culverts and ditching, such as what the county is doing.

The mayor said there is another round of funding coming up for storm water grants however without implementing a surcharge to water customers, the city would not qualify to apply.

The council opened paving bids from Hunter Paving, of Huntingburg, for \$53,891; E&B Paving, of Chandler, Indiana, for \$105 per ton. Wilson said he believes he said 574 ton would be needed which would make the E&B Paving bid \$60,270

The council voted to go with Hunter Paving.

Roger Downey told the council that Relay for Life will be holding a poker run on June 6 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. He said there will be up to 30 carts in the city going to different locations. He just wanted the council to be aware.

City Superintendent Bo Wilson reported that the fluoride chemical feeder at the water plant needs work. He said they are getting irregular feed rates and it has been rebuilt several times. Living Waters gave a quote for \$4,509 to replace the pump. Wilson said they could eliminate up to \$500 in labor by the city workers doing some of the work. The council voted to go with quote.

Mayor Harty told the council members that if everything goes as planned, the West Boggs Sewer District takeover will happen at the end of October. The sewer district is having a meeting Thursday night and asked some of the council members to attend.

The council approved the following building permits: Kyle Street at 504 Southeast Third Street for a garage, Steven Grishaw at 202 Dewey Street for a mobile home and a garage, Eric and Kristi Thomas at 176 Country Court for a residence improvements, Rick Burch at 111 North Oak Street for a porch, and Jeff and Lisa Nonte at 111 South Mill Street for building improvements.

set for June 2 but has been postponed. Judge Ellis and Deputy Prosecutor Brodeur believe the trial will be in 2015.

Judge Ellis updated the council on a medical service needing to be done before the trial can begin. The sheriff's department will be submitting an additional appropriation for the expense. To save about a week of time, the judge would like to do a technology upgrade in the courtroom before the trial. She is estimating the upgrade to cost \$11,500 but is able to come up with \$3,500 in her budgets to help offset the cost. She will be submitting an additional appropriation for \$6,500 for the upgrade. Deputy Prosecutor Brodeur explained several different issues with the murder trial.

The council recessed at 7:05 p.m. Councilman Winger called the meeting back to order at 7:16 p.m.

Commissioner Dan Gregory and Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett came before the council to discuss the wheel tax. They submitted worksheets that included a five-year plan, budget and the condition of several roads. Commissioner Gregory read off several roads and their rating. Several in attendance including Charles Guy, Bruce Hawkins, Randy Baker and David Sutton spoke in favor of the wheel tax. Councilman Albright questioned the use of Cave Quarries over Indian Creek Quarry for the purchase of stone. Craig Knepp, a representative from Indian Creek Quarry, was present to answer all questions. A lengthy discussion followed on the stone issue and wheel tax.

Due to the absence of two councilmen, a special meeting was set for Monday, May 18, 2015 to discuss the wheel tax further.

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YARD SALES

3RD ANNUAL BELLGRADE Community yard sale, Saturday May 16, 8 to noon. Mark your calendar!!!

BURNS CITY TOWN-WIDE Yard Sales: Saturday, June 13, 8 a.m.-? Mark your calendar!

MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE this Saturday at 1413 S 550 E (Sportsman Rd in Montgomery) beginning at 7. Entire wardrobes in all seasons of name brand, gently used clothes for boys NB-5/6, girls up to size 5, TONS of shoes from youth to adult, baby toys, youth toys, crib, playpen, mattress, kidetc. Women's scrubs and clothing Med-XL, home decor, and so much more!

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MARGARET SMITH

Margaret A. Smith, formerly of Loogootee, passed away, Sunday, May 10, 2015 at Brookside Village in Jasper. A resident of Jasper, she was 93.

She was born September 9, 1921 in Bramble; son of the late Charles and Mary Ellen (O'Maley) Strange. She married Hugh F. Smith on October 19, 1945.

She was the treasurer and recorder of Martin County for a total of 12 years. She also was employed at Crane in the comptroller/payroll division. She was a member



MARGARET SMITH

of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. She was a Gold Star Mother. She lost her son, Michael E. (Mick) Smith while in Vietnam.

She is survived by daughters, Marsha (Ken) Sternberg of Jasper and Lynn Smith of Loogootee; son, Steve (Cheryl) Smith of Martinsville; 11 grandchildren; nine great-

grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; sisters, Miriam Miles of Danville, Illinois, Rozella McAtee of Loogootee and Connie (Pete) Hillenbrand of Evansville.

She was preceded in death by her sons, Charles Owen Smith and Michael E. (Mick) Smith; parents, Charles and Mary Ellen (O'Maley) Strange; sisters, Marcella Jones, Lucy O'Connor and twins, Mary and Martha Strange; brothers, Gilbert, Charles, Mike and Larry Strange.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 14 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, officiated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker. Burial will follow in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13 at Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Condolences may be made online at brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

BUD GOODWIN

Ivan "Bud" Goodwin passed away at 1:40 a.m. May 8, 2015 at Emerald Place. A resident of Washington, he was 88.

He was born May 3, 1927 in Daviess County; son of John R. and Zelma C. (Bacon) Goodwin.

He attended Washington High School and was a WWII Army Veteran. He was an avid bowler. He owned and operated Bud's VW. He was an especially good mechanic on Volkswagens.

He is survived by his wife, Betty L. (McDonald) Goodwin who he married January 27, 1951, his daughters; Brenda Sue (Pat) Mullen of Washington, Sharon Ann (John) Arnold of Washington, and a son; Steven Lane Goodwin of Washington, sisters; Dorris Allison of Washington, Joyce (Bob) Arthur of Petersburg, Cleo (Malcolm) Radcliff of Florida, brothers; Nolan (Shirley) Goodwin of Washington, and Billy Ray (Ginney) Goodwin of Florida, five grandsons; John (Sarah) Mullen, Brian (Tara) Mullen, Adam Ritcheson, Heath Ritcheson, Jaden Goodwin and nine great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death are his parents, and sisters; Orma L. Grimm and Roberta Brower.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 11 at Ed Lee Mortuary with Steve Dayton officiating. Burial with military graveside rites followed at Sugarland Memory Gardens by the Washington American Legion and VFW.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Gentiva Hospice, 3401 S 4th Street, Terre Haute, IN 47802.

Many people are not getting the recommended cancer screening tests

Many adults in the U.S. are not getting the recommended screening tests for colorectal, breast and cervical cancers, according to data published in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. For 2013, screening for these types of cancers either fell behind previous rates or showed no improvement.

Among adults in the age groups recommended for screening, about 1 in 5 women reported not being up-to-date with cervical cancer screening, about 1 in 4 women reported not being up-to-date with breast cancer screening, and about 2 in 5 adults reported not being up-to-date with colorectal cancer screening.

The report found that colorectal cancer testing was essentially unchanged in 2013 compared with 2010. Pap test use in women age 21-65 years was lower than 2000, and the number of mammography screenings was stagnant, showing very little change from previous years.

"It is concerning to see a stall in colorectal cancer screening rates," said Lisa C. Richardson, M.D., M.P.H., director of CDC's Division of Cancer Prevention and Control. "We must find new ways to make people and providers aware that getting tested for colorectal cancer could prevent cancer and save their lives."

Researchers reviewed data from the National Health Interview Survey 2013, which is used to monitor progress toward Healthy People 2020 goals for cancer screening based on the most recent U.S. Preventive Services Task Force guidelines.

The screening data for 2013 show that 58.2 percent of adults age 50-75 years reported being screened for colorectal cancer; 72.6 percent of women age 50-74 had a mammogram; and 80.7 percent of women age 21-65 had a Pap test. All of these percentages are below the Healthy People 2020 targets.

The report found that adults without insurance or a usual source of healthcare generally had the lowest screening test use. For example, fewer than one quarter of adults in these groups reported recent colorectal cancer screening, compared with more than 60 percent of adults with private insurance or a usual source of healthcare. More efforts are needed to achieve cancer screening goals and reduce screening disparities.

The authors did report some good news: the proportion of women in the highest education and income groups who were screened for breast cancer exceeded the Healthy People 2020 target, and the proportion of people age 65-75 who were screened for colorectal cancer was also near the target.

Through the Affordable Care Act, more Americans will qualify to get health care coverage that fits their needs and budget, including important preventive services such as screening for some cancers that may be covered with no additional costs. Visit Healthcare.gov or call 1-800-318-2596 (TTY/TDD 1-855-889-4325) to learn more.

CDC's Efforts to Increase Cancer Screening

The Colorectal Cancer Control Program provides funding to 25 states and 4 tribes across the U.S. The program supports population-based screening efforts and provides colorectal cancer screening services to low-income men and women age 50-64 years who are underinsured or uninsured for

screening, when no other insurance is available. The Screen for Life: National Colorectal Cancer Action Campaign informs men and women aged 50 years and older about the importance of having regular colorectal cancer screening tests. CDC has a new free continuing medical education program for clinicians about colorectal cancer screening at www.cdc.gov/cancer/colorectal/quality/.

The National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program provides access to breast and cervical cancer screening services to underserved women in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, 5 U.S. territories, and 11 tribes.



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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MAY 4

9:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

10:05 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:21 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

12:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

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

3:00 p.m. - Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene took three inmates to court.

4:30 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

5:11 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Shoals. Sgt Keller assisted.

5:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

11:47 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Harmon, and ISP Trooper Sexton responded. The subject was transported to Bloomington Hospital.

TUESDAY, MAY 5

12:31 a.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk driver in Shoals. Sgt Keller took the call.

1:32 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Crane. Sgt Keller responded.

3:51 a.m. - Received a report of cows out north of Loogootee. Due to location, Daviess County Sheriff's Department was notified.

5:04 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:30 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and all was okay.

9:00 a.m. - Major Burkhardt gave an informational talk at a daycare center in Shoals.

12:53 p.m. - Received a report of unauthorized control of a vehicle from the Shoals area. Sheriff Roush took the call.

3:15 p.m. - Received a report of debris on US 50 west of Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded to the call.

7:21 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

9:15 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Crane. Sgt Keller responded.

9:18 p.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.

10:17 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

7:25 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Chief Rayhill took the call.

10:16 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Crane 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. Crane transported the subject to Bloomington Hospital.

11:58 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:06 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Captain Dant worked the accident.

3:08 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Loogootee. Loogootee Police worked the case.

8:36 p.m. - Received a report of an attempted breaking and entering in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

9:11 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation west of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

9:23 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

THURSDAY, MAY 7

12:57 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Deputy Harmon responded.

9:44 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Chief Rayhill responded.

2:15 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Chief Rayhill responded.

2:15 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took four inmates to court.

2:32 p.m. - Received a report of a homeowner needing assistance in Loogootee. Chief Rayhill responded.

4:52 p.m. - Major Burkhardt spoke with parents in Shoals about children walking on railroad tracks.

4:55 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

6:03 p.m. - Received a report of a personal injury accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Harmon and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:38 p.m. - Received a report of a speeding vehicle in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

10:00 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire south of Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert and Shoals Fire Department responded.

FRIDAY, MAY 8

12:49 a.m. - Received a report of a noise complaint in Crane. Deputy Harmon took the call.

2:58 a.m. - Received a report of a car off the road south of Loogootee. Deputy Harmon and Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

11:20 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless semi on US 50 east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded to the call.

1:45 p.m. - Received a call for a welfare check in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance checked person and all was okay.

3:00 p.m. - Received report of a personal injury accident south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene, Major Burkhardt, Martin County Ambulance, and Haysville Fire responded. Dubois County Ambulance transported the subject.

5:35 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Sexton responded.

7:20 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Shoals. Deputy Harmon responded.

9:30 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Deputy Harmon and Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

10:56 p.m. - Received a report of a prowler near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan took the call.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

6:07 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded to the call.

6:56 a.m. - Received a report of an unwanted person at a residence in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles took the call.

10:38 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Dubois County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:40 a.m. - Received a report of a personal injury accident east of Shoals. Shoals 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. One subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

10:55 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm just east of Loogootee. Deputy McBeth responded.

11:15 a.m. - Received a report of a personal injury accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles, Loogootee 1st Responders, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:19 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm near Loogootee. Deputy McBeth responded.

1:11 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

3:37 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Deputy Harmon was given the call.

4:10 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

4:35 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 150 east of Shoals. ISP Trooper Gillespie responded.

6:48 p.m. - Received a report of a fight north of Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert, Deputy Harmon, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

12:58 a.m. - Received a report of loud music in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

9:20 a.m. - Received a report of a battery in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

11:16 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm east of Shoals. Corporal Baker checked the residence and all was okay.

2:14 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was taken to the hospital by personal vehicle.

2:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Loogootee 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to the hospital.

3:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Southwest Medical responded due to the county ambulances being on runs.

4:00 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Shoals. Corporal Baker responded.

6:52 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire Department responded and removed the tree.

8:23 p.m. - Received a report of a funnel cloud on the ground in Daviess County headed toward Martin County. Emergency protocol was put in place.

10:55 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris took the call.

10:58 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing and confrontation near Loogootee. Sgt Keller, Town Marshal Eckert, and ISP Trooper Sexton responded.

Martin County real estate transfers

Anthony G. Jones, of Martin County, Indiana to **Christopher R. Stone**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 117 in the Original Town of Crane, Indiana.

Gary W. Stout and Diana K. Stout, of Martin County, Indiana to **Steven M. French and Emily E. French**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of Section 4, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 6.461 acres, more or less.

Lance M. Baker and Kelly Colleen Ash, formerly known as Kelly C. Baker, of Martin County, Indiana to **Lance Michael Baker**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 5 and 6 in Ackerman's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Zackary W. Brown, of Martin County, Indiana to **Victor D. Murray and Brenda J. Murray**, of Pike County, Indiana, a part of Section 15, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, of Martin County, Indiana, containing 2 acres, more or less, subject to a 0.01 acre easement.

Brian D. Mathies, of Martin County, Indiana to **Noah Michael Callahan and Blake Martina Walker**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 6 and the west one-half of Lot Number 7 in Summers, Cannon and Crane Addition to Loogootee, Indiana.

Eileen R. Dawson, of Newton County, Indiana to **Danny R. Clark and Sheila Clark**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the west half of the northeast quarter section, Section 2, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, second principal meridian, Center Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 10 acres, more or less.

Terry G. Street and Marsha J. Street, of Martin County, Indiana to **Lester C. Hamilton and Chelsi J. Hamilton**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 22 in Walker's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Richard C. Main, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Scott G. Taylor**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West. Said real estate also described as Lot 12.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

As part of the May Tea Party meeting, Martin County Sheriff Travis Roush has agreed to make a presentation on the state of the sheriff's office and to answer questions from the public.

You are cordially invited to attend this meeting on

Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 7 p.m.
in the basement of the Shoals Library.

Light refreshments will be served.

Remember, Sheriff Roush is the **ONLY** elected law enforcement officer in Martin County and is a strong defender of the Constitution.

Free United States Constitutions will be available.



Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, MAY 4

1:47 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

9:10 a.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

11:40 a.m. - Caller requested an officer at the high school to assist with a student.

6:01 p.m. - First responders were requested in Nobles Court for a medical call.

TUESDAY, MAY 5

7:30 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

11:45 a.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

1:20 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted Duke Energy.

5:15 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

7:08 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a 911 hang-up from CVS.

9:05 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver in Sunset Trailer Court.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

12:56 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male on Broadway Street.

7:30 a.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

2:20 p.m. - Caller reported a broken down semi on Broadway Street.

5:22 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

7:07 p.m. - Caller reported harassing text messages.

7:33 p.m. - Caller reported a trespasser on his property. Officer Nolan responded.

8:44 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint on Lincoln Avenue.

9:09 p.m. - Officer Nolan transported a male to Good Samaritan for a medical evaluation.

THURSDAY, MAY 7

2:32 p.m. - Caller requested an officer to assist with getting some personal items from a residence.

4:56 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Jackson Street.

5:39 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

5:25 p.m. - Officer Nolan assisted the Indiana State Police with a traffic stop.

6:05 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a traffic accident.

6:29 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

FRIDAY, MAY 8

2:58 a.m. - Officer Nolan assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department.

8:30 a.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

9:45 a.m. - Female caller reported a theft.

9:46 p.m. - Caller reported a fight in Redwing Trailer Court.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

7:49 a.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

8:35 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver in Redwing Trailer Court.

11:55 a.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.

1:11 p.m. - Caller requested an officer escort a subject off the property at Country Place Apartments.

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JAIL BOOKINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 5

3:22 p.m. - Russell Cook III, 29, of Loogootee, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene and is being held on a Dubois County warrant.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

9:42 p.m. - Jason Salmon, 40, of Loogootee, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and charged with domestic battery and criminal confinement. He is being held without bond.

11:57 p.m. - Bryan Cole, 31, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Nolan and charged with operating while intoxicated refusal, possession of marijuana, and reckless driving. He is being held on a \$20,000/10% bond.

Court News

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

April 30

Dylan R. Erwin vs. Gergory B. Huffman and Federal Express Corporation, civil tort.

May 4

Mary Tackett vs. Roger Hoffman and United Farm Family Mutual Insurance Company, civil tort.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

April 29

Norberta Bullock vs. Deborah A. Haviland, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

May 4

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Rutila Ayres and against the defendant Collin Michael Patton in the amount of \$154.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Personal Finance Company, LLC and against the defendants Russell J. and Georgia R. Purlee in the amount of \$1,053.36.

May 6

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Regina S. Floyd in the amount of \$1,552.05.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

May 6

Sarah Rose Williams of Shoals and James Michael Sexton of Shoals.

May 7

Anthony S. Chestnut of Loogootee and Jennifer L. Yoder of Loogootee.

May 11

Ronald D. Crowder of Shoals and Natasha L. Tharp of Shoals.

Children's Mental Health Initiative serves all 92 Indiana counties

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month, and the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) and the Family and Social Services Administration's (FSSA) Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) have combined efforts to connect children with appropriate mental health services without court intervention. The Children's Mental Health Initiative (CMHI) was launched in 2012 to help children who were not eligible for Medicaid, and whose private insurance didn't cover the cost of more intensive mental health services. CMHI connects Hoosier children and families in crisis to local community health centers. CMHI became available statewide (all 92 counties) in March 2014, and has received 1,636 referrals since its launch.

"We are very pleased with CMHI," said Lisa Rich, DCS deputy director of services and outcomes. "Before CMHI, in order for children to receive these intensive mental health services the child needed to be labeled a delinquent or a child in need of services (CHINS). CMHI removes the stigma for families in crisis."

Oftentimes, children and families in crisis need help from multiple agencies and it can be difficult for families to navigate the government systems to gain access to needed services. Instead of multiple agencies evaluating a child's need, through CMHI, DCS and FSSA work together to determine the best way to get each child the services they need.

Families needing CMHI can visit www.in.gov/dcs/cmhi to find their local access site, and to get more information about the program.

Accident reports

THURSDAY, MAY 7

9:50 a.m. - Lucy A. McAtee, of Loogootee, was operating a 1997 Ford in the back Marathon parking lot when she backed into a 2004 Ford owned by Christina and Robert Daniels. Chief Rayhill investigated.

2:15 p.m. - David Bottiglierie, of Exira, Iowa, was operating a 2012 Peterbilt in the Marathon parking lot when his trailer struck a power pole. Chief Rayhill investigated.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

11:10 a.m. - Kevin Holt, of Loogootee, was operating a 1996 Cadillac on Broadway Street. Holt went to turn east and turned into the path of a 2006 Suzuki operated by Adam Tompkins, of Loogootee. Tompkins was transported to an area hospital complaining of pain. Captain Akles was the investigating officer.

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To see Bill's website for books and art go to www.billwhorrall.com

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

After a harsh winter and a cool spring, it is now time to begin gardening in earnest. Transplants should be safe and all of those seed packets that instruct us to sow after the danger of frost is past may now be opened and the seeds put into the earth.

When selecting transplants, bigger is not always better. Healthy transplants about six inches high will often catch up to larger plants in a short time. Often larger plants that have been growing in greenhouses become a bit leggy. Some try to dig deep holes to put the roots deep in the ground, but often the ground at such a depth is cool and slows plant development. Another option is to lay the plant down in a trench and turn up only the end of the plant. While this will result in more roots forming along the stem, it may make it harder for the plant to adapt to its new surroundings and it may be difficult to stake the plants.

The most popular transplants are, of course, tomatoes. Area greenhouses and garden centers have plants of many varieties. Tomatoes may be divided into two categories: determinate and indeterminate. Determinate tomatoes will set a large number of tomatoes that will mature over a relatively short period of time. Indeterminate tomatoes will continue to set a few tomatoes until killed by frost. Obviously, commercial growers prefer the determinate varieties, which will allow them to harvest a field all at once. Determinate varieties tend to be shorter and are easier to stake or cage. However, if you are wanting to plant only a few plants to have tomatoes to eat for an extended time, indeterminate plants may be the way to go. Grown on a strong trellis, they will continue to produce until frost, barring disease.

Upcoming events at Patoka Lake

Patoka Lake Dam & Tower Tour

Enjoy a special presentation by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Saturday, May 23 at 10 a.m. Meet at 9:30 a.m. E.D.T. at the Patoka Lake Nature Center to car caravan to the Patoka Lake Dam or meet us at the Dam off Highway 545. Discover the detailed operations of reservoir management for flood control as the guide takes you inside the actual Dam Tower structure! How is the lake level and spring flooding controlled? Who built the Patoka Reservoir & Dam in the 1970s? Bring family and friends, and join in this fun informative program.

Hike to Totem Rock

Join the Patoka Lake Naturalist on Sunday, May 24 at 12:30 p.m. for an extended hike to Totem Rock. Hike along beautiful creeks, rock outcroppings, and lush hilly forest landscape. Hear stories of life along the Patoka River for Native Americans and the early European settlers. Participants should bring refreshments & wear sturdy hiking shoes for this 3.5 mile trek back in time. Discover the history behind Totem Rock and the people who once called this area home.

Participants should meet at the Nature Center no later than 12:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time to begin this journey.

Bowhunter Education Class

A Bowhunter Education Course is slated for Saturday May 30 at the Patoka Lake Nature Center. Class will run from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. E.D.T. All instruction will be by certified Indiana volunteer hunter education instructors. The course will cover ecological considerations, preparation for the hunt, shot placement, effective and safe hunting, field experience, tree stand safety, blood trail tracking and much more. Experienced bowhunters and those wanting to learn more are encouraged to register for this advanced hunter education course. Lunch is being provided by the Dubois County Sportsmen's Club and will be available to all participants. There is a 30 student limit for the class and pre-regis-

tration is required. A \$15/student fee will cover the cost of books and class materials. This fee is due at time of registration. Register by calling Stephen at (317)403-0581 or by emailing bowhuntereducation@gmail.com.

Kayaking at Patoka Lake

Bring your kayak and join the naturalist on Saturday, May 30, 9:30 a.m. at the South Lick Fork Boat Ramp on Highway 164. Enjoy a morning on the waters of Patoka as you look for beaver, bald eagles, osprey, kingfishers and other wildlife along the way. Travel under the Highway 164 causeway and watch the barn swallows fly! Hear stories of the reservoir and its creation. Bring binoculars, life vests, refreshments and sunscreen for this journey. Non-motorized boat launch permits are required and will be sold at the event for \$5.

For more information regarding this program, kayak rentals, or other interpretive events, please call the Nature Center at 812-685-2447.

Kids' Fishing Derby

Grab your friends, family, fishing pole, tackle and bait, and head over to Patoka Lake on Saturday, June 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for the annual Kids' Fishing Derby. Park at the Modern Campground Center Shelterhouse at 8:30 a.m. to register and then take a short stroll down to the Fishing Pond for a friendly competition. This event is for children 12 years of age and under and they must be accompanied by an adult. Prizes will be awarded for the biggest fish, most fish caught, and more! The award ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. Bring your lawn chairs, sun screen and refreshments, and join in the fun!

The entrance fee of \$7 per vehicle for Indiana residents (\$9 out of state) is required for the Newton Stewart State Recreation Area, Patoka Lake, located north of Wickliffe Indiana, Highway 164. For more information regarding this program other interpretive events please call the Nature Center at 812-685-2447.

In recent years, heirloom varieties have become a fad. Be wary of plants from chain stores labeled simply as "Heirloom" tomatoes. Heirloom is not a variety, but a class of varieties. Heirlooms are generally classified as any open-pollinated variety that has been around for several generations. Popular American heirloom tomatoes include Brandywine, Mortgage Lifter and goat bag. When the iron curtain fell, a new group of heirlooms that had been bred over the years in Eastern Europe made their way to our shores. The popularity of heirloom tomatoes usually stems from their superior flavor. Many of the hybrid varieties have been bred to provide more uniform fruits that ship well and look good in the supermarkets. Heirloom varieties may not be pretty, but they almost always have more tomato flavor than the hybrids.

When preparing to plant tomatoes, do not choose a locations where you have grown tomatoes for the past two years. Also avoid locations where other nightshade relatives have been planted, including peppers, eggplant and potatoes. Many diseases are shared by these plants and the diseases over-winter in the soil.

After planting, I recommend applying a layer of organic mulch around the tomato plants. Use aged grass clippings, leaves, straw or even shredded paper. The mulch will help keep soil temperatures and moisture even and will hold down weeds. Mulch applied now will save a lot of work later in the season.



Spotted Sandpiper -Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrall.com

The Spotted Sandpiper is the most widespread breeding sandpiper in North America. The male takes the primary role in parental care, incubating the eggs and taking care of the young. One female may lay eggs for up to four different males at a time.

First case of H5N8 avian influenza diagnosed in Indiana backyard poultry flock

On Monday, the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) has been notified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Veterinary Services Laboratory that poultry from a backyard (hobby) flock in Whitley County tested positive for highly pathogenic H5N8 avian influenza.

Avian influenza does not present a food safety risk; poultry and eggs are safe to eat. The Centers for Disease Control considers the risk of illness to humans to be very low.

BOAH veterinarians collected samples from the flock, after the owner reported several chickens became ill and died. The hobby flock contained 77 birds of various species, including ducks, geese, chickens and turkeys. In a rapid response effort, all of the birds were removed from the site, to ensure no ongoing risk of disease spread. BOAH is reaching out to poultry owners in the Whitley County area to raise awareness and determine if the disease has spread.

Initial response to this finding has been swift and focused, with coordination among BOAH, USDA, Indiana State Poultry Association and the Indiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory. Governor Mike Pence has been fully informed and has directed all relevant agencies to provide a robust response in support of BOAH's efforts. Indiana is a leading poultry-producing state, nationally ranked first in the production of ducks, second in egg-type hatch, third in egg layers and fourth in turkeys.

REPORTING

Backyard poultry owners are encouraged to be aware of the signs of avian influenza and report illness and/or death to the USDA Healthy Birds Hotline: 866-536-7593. Callers will be routed to a state or federal veterinarian in Indiana for a case assessment. Dead birds should be double-bagged and refrigerated for possible testing.

Signs include: sudden death without clinical signs; lack of energy or appetite; decreased egg production; soft-shelled or misshapen eggs; swelling or purple discoloration of head, eyelids, comb, hocks; nasal discharge; coughing; sneezing; incoordination; and diarrhea. A great resource for backyard bird health information is online at: www.healthybirds.aphis.usda.gov

UPDATES and INFORMATION:

Situation updates and status reports about ongoing avian influenza activities, along with critical disease-related information, will be posted online at: www.in.gov/boah/2390.htm. Users may subscribe to email updates on a link at that page.

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Rec fees changing at state parks and forests

Entrance and recreation fees at Indiana state parks and state forests will change in 2015 in response to increasing operating costs.

Entrance to most state parks and three state forest recreation areas will increase from \$5 per in-state vehicle to \$7. DNR officials, however, said visiting a state park or forest is still a great value and that the experiences and activities available are well worth the price of admission.

"Indiana's state parks and state forests are places where memories are made," DNR Director Cameron Clark said. "A family of four can still hike, swim and enjoy nature exhibits and programs for less than the cost of dinner or a movie."

Indiana's state properties also play an important economic role in nearby communities. They provide jobs and serve as partners in local and regional tourism activities. They are also destinations for exercise, including walking, running, biking, and swimming.

Many activities, from guided hikes to bicycling to children's crafts, are free after paying the gate fee.

The fee overhaul, the first since 2006, will allow state parks and forests to maintain the services that visitors expect. Revenue generated from the fee increases will support staffing and the purchasing of supplies and equipment.

The entrance fee changes affect all state parks and three state forest properties that have entrance gates — Ferdinand State Forest, Starve-Hollow State Recreation Area in Jackson-Washington State Forest, and Deam Lake State Recreation Area in Clark State Forest.

Among the other key fee changes are:

- Out-of-state admission at most properties will increase from \$7 to \$9 per carload.

- At Prophetstown State Park, in-state admission will increase from \$5 to \$8 per carload and out-of-state admission will increase from \$7 to \$10 per carload.

- Out-of-State admission at Indiana Dunes State Park will increase from \$10 to 12.

- A \$4 increase in most camping sites and a \$2 increase in rooms at state park inns.

- A \$2 increase for state forest primitive camping.

- Annual passes will increase from \$40 to \$50.

- An annual motorized boat launch permit will increase from \$22 to \$25.

These changes become effective May 13. Other fee increases for state parks and state forests will take effect July 1 or November 1, pending approval by the Natural Resources Commission.

A list of all the fee changes for 2015 and responses to frequently asked questions are at stateparks.IN.gov/2391.htm.

All existing reservations for camping and inns made prior to May 13 will be honored at the current rates, as will already-purchased annual passes and boat launch permits and other recreational permits.

Questions about the fee increase can be sent to INParkForestFees@dnr.IN.gov.

Since the state parks system began in 1916, it has operated under a funding structure in which its users pay for most its costs. User fees pay about 70 percent of state park operational costs. Appropriations from the State's General Fund pay the rest. That 30 percent equates to about \$1.39 per Hoosier in taxes each year.

The public can save money before the changes go into effect by:

- Visiting a park for free this Saturday, May 9, Free Entrance Day.

- Buying an annual pass or boat permit or making camping and inn reservations before May 13, when the new entrance and camping fees go into effect.

- Buying a "SPRGo Pack." SPRGo Pack rates will not change until the end of August. The pack includes an annual pass, gift cards, and choice of boat permit or horse tag. Packs are available at stateparks.IN.gov/7313.htm.

- Visit indianainns.com for information on specials and discounts, and follow Indiana State Parks on Facebook for special promotional codes, drawings for inn or camping gift cards.

Purdue expert: Statewide planting pace little changed over past 20 years

BY DARRIN PACK
Purdue University News Service

Despite advances in farm machinery and crop management practices, the maximum number of Indiana corn and soybean acres planted per week in 2015 is not much different than 20 years ago, according to a new article by Purdue Extension corn specialist Bob Nielsen.

"Certainly, individual farmers can plant more acres of corn and soybeans per day with today's large field equipment than 20 years ago," Nielsen said. "This fact encourages optimism that delayed starts to the planting season can be overcome by the ability of today's modern planters to plant a greater percentage of the state's crop per week when 'push comes to shove.'"

Nielsen's review of historical statewide planting progress as reported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service, however, suggests that there has been little improvement in the pace of planting much of the state's total crop acreage. He said a possible reason could be that there are fewer farmers planting a similar number of acres statewide today compared with years ago.

"The number of corn and soybean growers in Indiana has decreased over time, and those remaining are farming more acres than they did 20 years ago," he said. "Even though farm machinery is larger today and covers more acres per day than 20 years ago, fewer farmers are farming more acres and so total planting progress, in terms of percent of total acres per week, remains fairly unchanged."

The article, "Corn and Soybean Planting Progress in Indiana Over the Years," appears

online at www.kingcorn.org/news/timeless/PlantingPace.html.

Nielsen said the quickest corn planting week in the past 20 years was in 2001, when 2.9 million acres were planted in a single week, accounting for half that year's total crop. In 2014, Hoosier corn farmers planted 2.4 million acres in a single week, or about 41 percent of the total crop.

The most soybeans acres planted per week also happened in 2001, when 2.4 million acres were planted in a week, about 42 percent of that year's crop.

Nielsen's Chat 'n Chew Café blog is available at www.kingcorn.org/cafe.

Take a kid to a park on May 16

Governor Mike Pence has signed a proclamation declaring May 16 as the official Kids to Parks Day.

Indiana State Parks is joining the National Park Trust in promoting getting children to visit local, state and national parks. Parks in Indiana and across the country will offer special children's programs on May 16.

Many of Indiana's state parks are preparing special programs, including hikes, fishing events, crafts and other programs. Call your favorite park, or go to stateparks.IN.gov to find schedules and contact information for the 32 state parks.

The National Park Trust is "encouraging children across the country to explore their neighborhood parks and discover science, history, nature and adventure right around the corner or just across town."

"Indiana State Parks is proud to join in that effort, and hopes to see many visitors," said Vicki Basman, chief of interpretation for Indiana State Parks.

National report details expected job openings in ag, related fields

BY KEITH ROBINSON
Purdue University News Service

Nearly 58,000 jobs will open annually across the United States in occupations involving food, agriculture, renewable natural resources and environment over the next five years, according to an employment outlook led by Purdue University.

The report, released Monday, May 11, was produced by Purdue University's College of Agriculture with grant support from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

The jobs reflect a need for a highly skilled and trained workforce to support the food, agriculture and national resources industries amid projections of a world population that is expected to grow from 7 billion people today to 9 billion by 2050, noted Sonny Ramaswamy, NIFA director.

That will create many opportunities for college graduates in those fields, said Allan D. Goecker (pronounced GER'-ker), assistant dean emeritus of Purdue's College of Agriculture and lead author of the report "Employment Opportunities for College Graduates in Food, Agriculture, Renewable Natural Resources, and the Environment, United States, 2015-2020."

"These graduates are essential to address U.S. and global priorities of food security, sustainable energy and environmental quality," Goecker said.

The report projects that 46 percent of the estimated 57,900 new job opportunities each year will be in management and business. Twenty-seven percent will be in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, the so-called STEM areas. Jobs in food and biomaterials production will comprise 15 percent, and 12 percent of the openings will be in education, communication and governmental services.

Details of the report are available on a website created by Purdue at www.purdue.edu/usda/employment. Some highlights:

- * While most employers prefer to hire graduates of food, agriculture, renewable natural resources and environment programs, graduates from these programs only fill about 60 percent of the expected annual openings. Even as enrollments in these programs increase and the job market becomes somewhat more competitive, good employment opportunities for the next five years are expected.

- * Growth in job opportunities will be uneven. Employers in some areas will struggle to find enough graduates to fill jobs. In a few areas, employers will find an oversupply of job seekers.

- * There should be a strong employment market for e-commerce managers and marketing agents, ecosystem managers, agriscience educators, crop advisers and pest control specialists.

- * Job opportunities in STEM areas are expected to grow, with the strongest markets for plant scientists, food scientists, sustainable biomaterials specialists, water resources scientists and engineers, precision agriculture specialists and veterinarians.

- * Women make up more than half of the food, agriculture, renewable natural resources and environment higher education graduates in the U.S.

The report is the eighth in a series of five-year projections initiated by USDA in 1980.

Marcos Fernandez, associate dean of Purdue Agriculture and director of its academic programs, said this newest edition might be the most comprehensive of all. He convened his counterparts from across the country during a joint session of both land-grant and other colleges of agriculture directors of academic programs during a meeting of the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities in Washington, D.C., to analyze and discuss the data.

"Academic and non-academic leaders from throughout the country - over 70 in all - reviewed a draft of the report and extensively discussed the findings, trends and recommendations with one another and the report's authors," he said.

Vintage Indiana festival offers taste of award-winning wines

BY SALLY BONNEAU
Purdue University News Service

The fruits of the Indiana wine industry will be showcased at the 16th annual Vintage Indiana Wine and Food Festival from noon to 6 p.m. on June 6 at Military Park in downtown Indianapolis.

More than 300 wines from nearly 30 award-winning Indiana wineries will be available to sample and buy by the bottle or case in the state's biggest celebration of Hoosier wines.

The event will also feature cuisine from popular restaurants and food trucks and a variety of items from local artisans. Festivalgoers can learn the art of pairing wine and food during demonstrations at the pavilion stage and enjoy the music of Indy favorites Zanna-Doo, Living Proof and Jennie DeVoe.

The festival is limited to adults 21 and older. Guests must provide identification to enter.

Advance tickets are available for \$25 at participating wineries, Marsh supermarkets and online. Tickets can also be purchased at the gate for \$35. Designated drivers can attend for \$10 and will be provided with unlimited water and soft drinks for free. Early admission tickets, priced at \$50, will allow festivalgoers to enter and buy wines at 11 a.m., an hour before the official opening.

A portion of each ticket sold will benefit Dots in Blue Water, a northern Indiana organization that provides clean drinking water to Haiti and other developing countries.

"This year's Vintage Indiana festival not only will be a fabulous day of outstanding wines, great food and wonderful entertainment but also provide the opportunity to ensure a most basic need to people in Haiti and other countries," said Jeanette Merritt, marketing director for the Purdue Wine Grape Team and director of the event.

Vintage Indiana raised \$10,000 for Dots in Blue Water at last year's event.

The event will be at 601 W. New York St. Parking is available at nearby Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis lots and in downtown lots and garages near Military Park.

The JW Marriott, within walking distance of the festival grounds, is offering a Vintage Indiana Weekend Package that includes two tickets and discounted room rates.

Vintage Indiana is presented by Indiana Wines, based at Purdue University.

More information about the festival is available at www.VintageIndiana.com.

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Indiana earns recognition as 6th best state for business

Indiana ranked first in the Midwest and sixth nationwide as the best place to do business by Chief Executive magazine. It is the only Midwestern state ranked in the top 10.

The magazine's "Best & Worst States For Business" ranking is based on surveys of more than 500 CEOs. According to Chief Executive, the results of the 11th annual survey show that CEOs favor states with progressive business development programs, low taxes and a quality living environment.

"We've worked hard to create a low-cost, pro-growth economic environment here in Indiana," said Governor Mike Pence. "This ranking confirms what we already know as Hoosiers. With an honestly balanced budget, robust infrastructure and a top-notch workforce, Indiana is a state that works for business."

As highlighted by Chief Executive, Indiana became the first Midwestern right-to-work state in 2012, a law that was upheld by the Indiana Supreme Court last year. Since its passing, more than 100 companies have indicated to the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) that its passage was a factor in their decisions to locate or expand operations in Indiana. Collectively, these projects account for approximately 10,000 projected new jobs and more than \$2.3 billion capital investment in the state.

Indiana's 6th place ranking makes it the only Midwestern state in the publication's top 10. Among neighboring states, Kentucky ranked 28th, Ohio ranked 22nd, Michigan ranked 43rd and Illinois ranked 49th.

This Chief Executive magazine ranking is the latest in a series of national accolades for Indiana's business climate. Last year, Indiana was ranked best in the Midwest and 7th overall in Area Development maga-

zine's "Top States for Doing Business" as well as best in the Midwest and 7th in the nation in the Pollina Corporate "Top 10 Pro-Business States for 2014" study.

Chief Executive magazine is a bi-monthly publication for top management executives published by the Chief Executive Group LLC. Founded in 1977, the Chief Executive Group LLC is headquartered in Greenwich, Connecticut. The full survey results are available at <http://chiefexecutive.net/best-worst-states-business/2015>.

Governor signs education agenda bills reforming state board of education

Governor Mike Pence last Thursday signed three agenda bills focused on improving education in Indiana.

"Hoosier parents deserve to know that we are committed to investing in the future of our children and that begins by building a strong foundation for all schools," said Governor Pence. "The achievements of this legislative session highlight our commitment to high-quality education, and by passing bills that offer local options to innovate and improve, Indiana ensures that our focus remains on improving student outcomes. I said in December that this would be an education session, and I'm thankful to the members of the General Assembly for maintaining that focus in both the biennial budget and in several important education bills."

The Governor signed SEA 1, which allows State Board of Education members to elect a chairperson annually from the members of the board, starting after December 31, 2016.

"This law represents a good faith effort to reform the Indiana State Board of Education so it can better serve our students, parents, teachers, and administrators, and I am pleased to sign it into law," said Governor Pence. "These reforms will give our State Board of Education an opportunity for a fresh start as they serve our kids, our families, our teachers, and our schools."

Governor Pence also signed the following agenda bills on education:

-HEA 1638, provides school corporations with options to improve themselves at the local level before they reach state intervention. It also accelerates the state intervention timeline for failing schools from six years to four years to ensure students attend high-quality schools.

-HEA 1009 gives teachers, principals, and superintendents more flexibility to innovate at the local level by creating an innovation network school plan that will improve student outcomes and free them from burdensome regulations.

Governor Pence signed several additional bills on education:

-SEA 500, which originated from local school leaders, repeals burdensome and outdated regulations on schools.

-SEA 267, which creates a dual language immersion pilot and adds a diploma seal signifying the student is bi-literate.

-HEA 1108, which requires teacher training programs to prepare teachers to recognize when a student may need to be referred to the school's multidisciplinary team to determine the student's special learning needs, including learning needs related to dyslexia.

-SEA 509, which provides an award of up to \$500 during a student's final semester if they are scheduled to graduate with a postsecondary degree that is aligned to priority economic sectors as identified by Department of Workforce Development.

To learn when bills reach the Governor's desk or to subscribe for updates when bills are signed, visit www.in.gov/gov/2015bill-watch.htm.



NSWC Crane holds ceremony to celebrate arrival of EA-6B Prowler

On the morning of Tuesday, May 5, a Navy EA-6B Prowler aircraft performed flyovers of Naval Support Activity (NSA) Crane in route to the Monroe County Airport in Bloomington for the final flight of this particular aircraft. A ceremony was held on the tarmac to celebrate the arrival of the retiring Prowler, scheduled to be transported to NSA Crane to become a historical static display. The EA-6B was accompanied by the EA-

18G Growler, slated to take over the electronic warfare mission of the Prowler for the Navy.

Remarks were offered by Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffrey Elder, EA-6B Deputy Program Manager Maj. Mark Amspacher and NSWC Crane Spectrum Warfare Systems Department Director Janna Foxx.

Amspacher stated, "The EA-6B Prowler has a long and distinguished history as the Naval Services' primary Electronic Warfare platform. The EA-6B was never the airplane that garnered all of the attention at air shows or received the appreciation it deserved from the beginning, but over time its mission and criticality to the fleet was recognized. Following Operation Allied Force, the Prowler was demanded by component commanders in almost every theater and, over the last decade, it is impossible to know how many lives the EA-6B has helped to save during recent operations in Iraq and Afghanistan."

NSWC Crane employees have provided over 40 years of technical support to the Prowler's ALQ-99 Tactical Jamming System (TJS). The ALQ-99 TJS provides offensive electronic attack capabilities that enable the Prowler to shut down enemy air defenses and communications systems by jamming signals within the RF electromagnetic spectrum. NSWC Crane has the highest concentration of electronic warfare experts within the Department of Defense (DoD) and is responsible for research, development, engineering and maintenance of electronic warfare weapons systems.

Prowlers have participated in every military conflict involving U.S. and coalition aircraft since 1971. The EA-18G will be the mainstay of the DoD Airborne Electronic Attack (AEA) capability into the 2030s, with NSWC Crane keeping the aircraft's AEA systems effective and available.

Former EA-6B Program Manager Captain John Green is quoted as saying, "The need for electronic warfare is the highest it has ever been and Crane's ability to deliver the technology that saves warfighter lives is more important than ever. When the Navy needs electronic warfare, Crane answers the call."

NSWC Crane Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffrey Elder noted that the arrival of the Prowler and its upcoming display are important to Crane's workforce—past, present and future. "This is more than 40 years of our heritage," he stated. "We're proud to make this happen."

NSWC Crane is a naval laboratory and a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) with focus areas in Special Missions, Strategic Missions and Electronic Warfare. The Warfare Center is responsible for Multi-domain, Multi-Spectral, full life cycle support of technologies and systems enhancing capability to today's Warfighter.

Commission orders deny \$2.6 billion in rate requests

Indiana Utility Consumer Counselor David Stippler made the following statement regarding last Friday's Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) orders denying the seven-year infrastructure plans filed by Duke Energy and Indiana Michigan Power (I&M):

"The IURC orders denying the requests from Duke Energy and Indiana Michigan Power (I&M) are significant victories for consumers. They also send a strong statement to utilities that when they seek higher rates, they must clearly justify their requests with sufficient cost support."

"A 2013 Indiana law allows energy utilities to seek IURC approval of seven-year plans for basic infrastructure improvements, and then recover the costs through rates as they are incurred. Duke Energy's \$1.87 billion infrastructure plan included numerous projects beyond the law's scope. But more importantly, Duke Energy's case-in-chief did not include line-item breakdowns or other sufficient details - as required by law - that would have allowed for a meaningful review of its cost estimates. The OUCC and additional consumer parties to this case argued that the utility's request should be rejected for those reasons."

"I&M's effort to increase rates to pay for vegetation management was among the OUCC's principal concerns regarding I&M's \$787 million plan. OUCC witnesses argued that these costs may be appropriately sought and recovered through a general rate case which allows for a full review of the utility's finances, but are beyond the scope of the expedited rate relief allowed under the 2013 law. By denying I&M's requested seven-year plan, the IURC held both I&M and Duke Energy to the same standard."

"We are genuinely pleased with the results contained in these commission orders."

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National unemployment rate stays at 5.4 percent for April

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 223,000 in April, and the unemployment rate was essentially unchanged at 5.4 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Job gains occurred in professional and business services, health care, and construction. Mining employment continued to decline.

Household Survey Data

In April, both the unemployment rate (5.4 percent) and the number of unemployed persons (8.5 million) were essentially unchanged. Over the year, the unemployment rate and the number of unemployed persons were down by 0.8 percentage point and 1.1 million, respectively.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rate for Asians increased to 4.4 percent. The rates for adult men (5.0 percent), adult women (4.9 percent), teenagers (17.1 percent), whites (4.7 percent), blacks (9.6 percent), and Hispanics (6.9 percent) showed little or no change in April.

The number of persons unemployed for less than 5 weeks increased by 241,000 to 2.7 million in April. The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) changed little at 2.5 million, accounting for 29.0 percent of the unemployed. Over the past 12 months, the number of long-term unemployed has decreased by 888,000.

In April, the civilian labor force participation rate (62.8 percent) changed little. Since April 2014, the participation rate has remained within a narrow range of 62.7 percent to 62.9 percent. The employment-population ratio held at 59.3 percent in April and has been at this level since January.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) was little changed at 6.6 million in April, but is down by 880,000 from a year earlier. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been cut back or because they were unable to find a full-time job.

In April, 2.1 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, little changed over the year. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

Among the marginally attached, there were 756,000 discouraged workers in April, little different from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them.

The remaining 1.4 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in April had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 223,000 in April, after edging up in March (+85,000). In April, employment increased in professional and business

services, health care, and construction, while employment in mining continued to decline.

Professional and business services added 62,000 jobs in April. Over the prior 3 months, job gains averaged 35,000 per month. In April, services to buildings and dwellings added 16,000 jobs, following little change in March. Employment continued to trend up in April in computer systems design and related services (+9,000), in business support services (+7,000), and in management and technical consulting services (+6,000).

Health care employment increased by 45,000 in April. Job growth was distributed among the three major components—ambulatory health care services (+25,000), hospitals (+12,000), and nursing and residential care facilities (+8,000). Over the past year, health care has added 390,000 jobs.

Employment in construction rose by 45,000 in April, after changing little in March. Over the past 12 months, construction has added 280,000 jobs. In April, job growth was concentrated in specialty trade contractors (+41,000), with employment gains about evenly split between the residential and nonresidential components.

Employment declined over the month in nonresidential building construction (-8,000).

In April, employment continued to trend up in transportation and warehousing (+15,000).

Employment in mining fell by 15,000 in April, with most of the job loss in support activities for mining (-10,000) and in oil and gas extraction (-3,000). Since the beginning of the year, employment in mining has declined by 49,000, with losses concentrated in support activities for mining.

Employment in other major industries, including manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, information, financial activities, leisure and hospitality, and government, showed little change over the month.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls remained at 34.5 hours in April. The manufacturing workweek for all employees edged down by 0.1 hour to 40.8 hours, and factory overtime edged down by 0.1 hour to 3.2 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 33.7 hours.

In April, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 3 cents to \$24.87. Over the past 12 months, average hourly earnings have increased by 2.2 percent.

Average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees edged up by 2 cents to \$20.90 in April.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for February was revised from +264,000 to +266,000, and the change for March was revised from +126,000 to +85,000. With these revisions, employment gains in February and March combined were 39,000 lower than previously reported. Over the past 3 months, job gains have averaged 191,000 per month.

Indiana launches revamped IN.gov website

The State of Indiana last week announced the launch of the revamped IN.gov and my.IN.gov. The revised site is geared toward mobile users and offers a new feature that enables users to personalize content via my.IN.gov.

Users are staying longer at the IN.gov site, averaging more than 10 minutes per visit — up 52.6 percent over 2013-2014. To meet the growing demand, website designers have created a portal enabling citizens to find information more quickly and easily. The key changes include an improved search functionality, simplified site navigation, and more information on the homepage determined by an analysis of user patterns.

The search function has been adapted to include webpages, online services, news and events, state employees and forms. Results begin populating immediately and users can shift among categories to easily find information. Search results can be refined by the category portal, such as “Business & Agriculture” or “Residents,” or by agency.

Refinements were made to the my.IN.gov (MIG) portal to improve the dashboard functionality and create a unique experience with an emphasis on personalization, automation and hyper-localized content.

Other new additions to MIG include the Travel Advisory, which lists the travel status in each county. This is one of the most accessed sites during times of severe weather. Now users with a MIG account can select counties in which they have interest and receive automated email notifications when any chosen county has a change in status.

GovDelivery, the state’s enterprise email notification and text message system, has been incorporated into MIG so all users’ email subscriptions are displayed in one location. Users can manage subscriptions and are supplied with suggested email subscrip-

Governor allows two gaming bills to become law without signature, vetoes third

Last Friday, Governor Mike Pence announced he will allow two gaming bills to become law without his signature and vetoed a third gaming bill.

The governor will allow HEA 1540 to become law without his signature. This legislation allows riverboat casinos to move on land within their current footprint, outlines procedures for legislative ratification of a tribal gaming compact negotiated between the governor and the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi Indians, as well as establishing caps for casinos and racinos.

He also will allow SEA 252 to become law without his signature.

This law will increase per diem for Horse Racing Commission members, allows the Horse Racing Commission to use breed development funds to promote the horse racing industry, and codifies the current standards regarding days of racing as previously established by the Indiana Horse Racing Commission.

“Most Hoosiers know that I oppose an expansion of gaming in Indiana, but I recognize that gaming has become an important part of the economy of many communities in our state and is an important part of our state budget,” said Governor Pence.

“From early in the legislative process, I made it clear that I would not stand in the way of reforms that would allow these businesses to remain competitive with surrounding states so long as it did not constitute an expansion of gaming in Indiana. HEA 1540 and SEA 252 meet this standard and, as such, I will permit them to become law without signature.”

The Governor vetoed HEA 1270, which allows Advance Deposit Wagering, expanding gambling on horse races to include not only in-person bets, but also those made by electronic means.

“This legislation is contrary to my long-time position against online gaming,” said Governor Pence. “Advance Deposit Wagering, not currently permitted in Indiana,

tion topics determined by the relevancy of their MIG content. Currently, there are 2.9 million unique users of subscriptions.IN.gov.

Adding local content to MIG was a priority. A map layer, for example, shows where police have located methamphetamine production. Meth production is a growing problem and one that leaves health and environmental concerns in its wake. It also leaves new homeowners with clean-up costs.

The map alerts people to potential hazardous areas near their homes or at addresses of properties they are considering purchasing. Local school data is included in a searchable chart. Statistics include the average of each county’s school grades, grades by school corporation and individual school grades. Graduation rates for individual schools, school corporations and private schools are also accessible.

In addition to the IN History photo gallery — a rotating display of images tied to the current month — a new monthly video will be produced showcasing a unique historical fact. The month of May highlights how Ray Harroun, winner of the first Indianapolis 500, invented the rear-view mirror.

The site was developed by the Indiana Office of Technology and Indiana Interactive.

IN.gov Quick Facts:

- 3.5 million unique visitors per month.
- 40 percent of site visitors are mobile users.
- More than 550 million page views since 5/6/14.
- IN.gov consists of more than 55,000 webpages and more than 250 websites.
- More than 200 online services offered.
- 6 million online transactions in 2014/2015.
- 32 million emails sent to users of <http://subscriptions.IN.gov> in past year.

would also violate my position on expanding gaming here in Indiana.”

The governor did sign SEA 327, which applies to charity gaming at schools, churches, veterans organizations and police and fire departments.

For a full list of the bills Governor Pence has signed, visit Bill Watch: www.in.gov/gov/2015billwatch.htm.

Indiana HIV outbreak response update

State health officials announced yesterday that the number of HIV cases in the southeastern Indiana outbreak is now at 153 confirmed cases.

One-Stop Shop Update at the Community Outreach Center

Services provided include: access to state-issued ID cards, birth certificates, job counseling and local training, enrollment in HIP 2.0 insurance, HIV testing, HIV care coordination, substance abuse referrals, and vaccinations against tetanus, Hepatitis A and B.

Total Services Utilized: 1,113

HIV Testing: 230

Immunizations: 231

Bureau of Motor Vehicles: 90

LifeSpring Mental Health Services: 67

HIV Care Coordination: 49

Department of Health Vital Records: 167

Family and Social Services Administration (HIP 2.0 enrollment): 250

Job Referrals through Indiana Department of Workforce Development: 29

Scott County Needle Exchange Program Update

Total Visitors: *288

*Includes new and returning participants to the mobile unit and the Community Outreach Center.

Estimated Needles Brought In: **10,469

**Needles brought in include both from the needle exchange program and community returned needles.

Total Needles Provided: 13,001

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Accomplishments of 2015 legislative session

BY MIKE PENCE
Governor of Indiana

Governor Mike Pence penned the following op-ed regarding accomplishments of Hoosiers from the 2015 legislative session.

Last December I called upon the Indiana General Assembly to make this an education session, and the results are clear. In this biennial budget, we made historic investments in education at every level from pre-K all the way through our adult high schools, because education will not only help our people succeed; it will help our state succeed.

From our pre-K pilot program to our K-12 schools, tuition support and pension support for our teachers, we have invested in our future like never before.

This budget includes a historic investment in K-12 education and continues our commitment to paying good teachers more with \$70 million in teacher performance funding. Half of these bonuses can go into teachers' base pay to reward them long-term for their excellent work.

Since I took office, we have worked to make career and vocational education a priority in every high school in Indiana again. Our Regional Works Councils have been identifying high-wage, high-demand jobs on a regional basis, and now we are continuing our historic commitment to career and vocational education with nearly \$50 million in new resources and incentives for schools to offer courses in high-wage, high-demand jobs.

We have provided new pathways to success for students by supporting public charter schools with the first-ever facilities funding, including \$20 million in grants and \$50 million in construction funds. We expanded our educational voucher program,

now the largest in the country, by eliminating the dollar cap on vouchers and raising the cap on the Scholarship Grant Organization tax credit. These will open doors of opportunity for disadvantaged families to choose the best school for their kids. And, we're providing second chances to those who have dropped out of high school with more funding for adult high schools.

Additionally, the budget bill provides funding for the Regional Cities Initiative to bolster regional economies and attract talent, and \$200 million in new Major Moves 2020 funding for highway construction and expansion. It also builds on our efforts to reduce the heartbreak of infant mortality and provides for domestic violence prevention and treatment. It doubles funding for the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs, ensuring that the men and women of our armed forces have the resources they need upon returning home.

If we stopped right there, we could declare this a successful session, but we also began the process of adding a balanced budget amendment to Indiana's constitution to require future lawmakers to continue the good fiscal practices of recent years by passing honestly balanced budgets. We also simplified our tax code, created the state's first fire training academy, and provided for a new State Archives building and a new inn at Potato Creek State Park to mark Indiana's bicentennial.

Hoosiers can rightly consider this legislative session a success. I commend the members of the General Assembly and thank them for helping us provide flexibility and funding for students, parents, teachers and schools; for protecting our state's future economic growth and fiscal integrity; and for caring for the health and well-being of the people of Indiana.

\$158M settlement reached with Sprint, Verizon over mobile cramming

Attorney General Greg Zoeller announced Indiana's involvement in two more multi-state settlements with major mobile phone carriers – Sprint and Verizon – resolving allegations that the companies placed unauthorized charges for third-party services on peoples' cell phone bills, a practice known as "mobile cramming." Zoeller announced similar settlements with AT&T and T-Mobile in 2014.

An estimated 750,000 Indiana customers of Sprint and Verizon combined may be eligible for refunds that could exceed \$120 million nationally.

Indiana is joined in the Sprint and Verizon settlements by the attorneys general of the other 49 states and the District of Columbia, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Phone customers who have been "crammed" often have charges, typically \$9.99 per month, for "premium" text message subscription services (also known as "PSMS" subscriptions) such as horoscopes, trivia, and sports scores that the consumers have never heard of or requested. All four mobile carriers announced they would cease billing customers for commercial PSMS in the fall of 2013.

"These collective settlements with the major cell phone providers for alleged mobile cramming will hopefully prevent overcharging schemes like this from occurring again," Zoeller said. "However, people should always be on the lookout for unfair or deceptive billing practices. Read and understand the terms and charges of your monthly bills with all of your service providers. If something isn't right, work with your provider to get it fixed or, if that doesn't work, file a complaint with our office."

Under the terms of the settlements, Sprint will pay \$68 million and Verizon will pay \$90 million. Of these amounts, Sprint and Verizon are required to provide \$50 million and \$70 million, respectively, to customers who were victims of cramming. Sprint and Verizon will each distribute refunds to harmed consumers through redress programs that will be under the

supervision of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Sprint will also pay \$12 million to the participating states and \$6 million to the FCC, while Verizon will pay \$16 million to the states and \$4 million to the FCC.

Sprint and Verizon customers who believe they were "crammed" can submit claims under the redress programs by visiting www.Sprint-RefundPSMS.com and/or www.CFPBSettlementVerizon.com. On those websites, consumers can submit claims, find information about refund eligibility and how to obtain a refund, and can request a free account summary that details PSMS purchases on their accounts. Individuals with questions about the redress programs can visit the program websites or call the settlement administrators at: (877) 389-8787 (Sprint), and/or (888) 726-7063 (Verizon). The settlements, like the settlements entered into by AT&T and T-Mobile in late 2014, require Sprint and Verizon to stay out of the commercial PSMS business – the platform to which law enforcement agencies attribute the lion's share of the mobile cramming problem. Under each of the four settlements, the carriers, including Sprint and Verizon, must also take a number of steps designed to ensure that they only bill consumers for third-party charges that have been authorized, including the following:

The carriers must obtain consumers' express consent before billing consumers for third-party charges, and must ensure that consumers are only charged for services if the consumers have been informed of all material terms and conditions of their payment;

The carriers must give consumers an opportunity to obtain a full refund or credit when they are billed for unauthorized third-party charges;

The carriers must inform their customers when they sign up for services that their mobile phone can be used to pay for third-party charges, and must inform consumers of how those third-party charges can be blocked if the consumers do not want to use their phone to pay for third-party products; and



Reflecting on a successful 2015 session

The final day of the 2015 legislative session, also known as Sine Die, has passed and legislators are now back in their districts. While most of us will be returning to full-time jobs and look forward to being back home, it was an honor to serve our community and represent your voice at the Statehouse. We accomplished a lot in the House this session, but I wanted to highlight the most important bill I worked on as a freshman legislator —our state budget.

This session, House Republicans made a commitment to pass an honestly balanced budget that protects Hoosier taxpayers while continuing to invest in and improve the quality of our state's education system. As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, I was eager to work with my fellow committee members towards this goal, and I am pleased to say we delivered on our promises.

One of our top priorities was to strengthen our investment in education and our state budget reflects that. We allocated over \$16 billion to K-12 education, which is up \$474 million from the previous budget and is the largest increase in state history. We also raised the foundation level, which is the base amount that each school receives per student, by nearly 11 percent over the biennium.

Additionally, we showed our commitment to supporting hardworking Hoosier teachers. For the first time in Indiana, we are providing a \$100 tax credit for teachers who spend their own money on classroom supplies. The budget also includes a \$70 million appropriation which will be given

as performance bonuses to reward teachers who are rated as effective or highly effective. Over the next two years, the budget also dedicates \$10 million to recruit STEM teachers.

The House Republicans have a proven track record of fiscal integrity, and by managing our finances responsibly, we were able to accomplish many of the priorities outlined in our legislative agenda. I was proud to continue that legacy. The budget is structurally balanced and maintains a healthy surplus and strong reserves, which will protect our state in the event of another economic downturn. It also allows us to maintain Indiana's triple-A credit rating, providing a financial cushion for schools, local governments and state entities to borrow money for less.

Reflecting on my first session, I am thankful for the support my family and community have provided me as well as the opportunity to serve on the Ways and Means Committee, where I am able to use my experience as a business owner to build upon our state's fiscal foundation.

We passed a lot of bills out of the General Assembly this session, many of which will have a positive impact on southwest Indiana. I encourage you to continue contacting me with your thoughts and concerns regarding the budget or other issues affecting our community and state. I can be reached at 317-234-9447 or h63@iga.in.gov.

Rep. Braun (R-Jasper) represents portions of Daviess, Dubois, Pike and Martin counties. He serves on the Roads and Transportation Committee and Ways and Means Committee.

The carriers must present third-party charges in a dedicated section of consumers' mobile phone bills, must clearly distinguish them from the carrier's own charges, and must include in that same section information about the consumers' ability to block third-party charges.

Under the court ordered agreements, Indiana

Pence signs balanced budget focused on education

Last Thursday, Governor Mike Pence signed HEA 1001, the biennial budget bill for fiscal years 2016-2017, which is focused on education. The governor signed the legislation, which was part of his 2015 legislative agenda, at Perry Worth Elementary School in Lebanon.

"The 2015 legislative session of the Indiana General Assembly was an education session, and the biennial budget I signed into law today speaks volumes of its success," said Governor Pence. "Over the course of the next two years, Indiana's future looks bright with a budget that is honestly balanced, holds the line on spending, reduces state debt, and maintains our reserves, all while making historic investments in education, innovation, and reform. I commend the men and women of the Indiana General Assembly, especially Senate President Pro Tem David Long and Speaker of the House Brian Bosma, for their tireless efforts to ensure quality education opportunities for Hoosiers and a sound fiscal future for Indiana."

Over the biennium, HEA 1001:

-Includes more than \$480 million in new money for K-12 funding, as well as an improved funding formula to ensure dollars more closely follow each student;

-Allocates \$70 million in teacher performance grants;

-Invests \$20 million to continue Indiana's first pre-K pilot program started last year;

-Appropriates \$48 million to build on the governor's vision to make career and vocational education a priority in Indiana high schools;

-Designates more than \$66 million for adult high schools to provide Hoosiers who may have dropped out of high school with a second

chance to earn a diploma;

-Supports school choice by lifting the dollar cap on vouchers and increasing the cap on the Scholarship Granting Organization tax credit from its current amount of \$7.5 million to \$8.5 million in fiscal year 2016 and \$9.5 million in fiscal year 2017; and

-Reduces the funding disparity between charter and traditional public schools by providing charter schools for the first time ever with facility and transportation funding of \$500 per pupil.

Building on the governor's work to improve the health and well-being of Hoosiers, HEA 1001 also appropriates funds to reduce infant mortality and allocates \$5 million in new funding for domestic violence prevention and treatment. The budget bill demonstrates the administration's commitment to economic development by providing \$84 million in funding for the Regional Cities Initiative, which will help to bolster regional economies and attract talent, and \$200 million in new Major Moves 2020 funding for highway construction and expansion. It also doubles the funding of the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs, ensuring that the men and women of our armed forces have the tools and resources they need upon returning home.

In anticipation of Indiana's bicentennial in 2016, the budget bill provides \$50 million in funding for the State's Bicentennial celebration, including a new state archives building and a new inn at Potato Creek State Park. All of the costs for the bicentennial are offset by funding from a lease of underutilized state cell tower capacity and will be of no cost to taxpayers.

Shoals and Loogootee L.E.A.D. essay contest winners

SHOALS L.E.A.D. ESSAY WINNERS

FIRST PLACE WINNER

How the L.E.A.D. Program Has Influenced My Life

By Jaden Jones

L.E.A.D. has influenced my life in many ways and it has taught me that one bad choice can ruin your whole life. For example, if you make the decision to drink and drive not only you might get put in jail but you could die and endanger others. Your choices are very important!

One particular speaker has influenced me the most and his name is Mike Steiner. His message was one bad decision can ruin your life. Mr. Steiner stands out because he told us how drunk driving is a bad choice to make because you're endangering others. He told us a sad story of what bad choices can do.

While I was in L.E.A.D., I learned that bad choices can affect your whole life. A bad decision like not brushing your teeth one night isn't going to affect your whole life, but bad choices like shoplifting will. I also learned that it is important to learn from your mistakes because if you don't you'll keep getting into trouble.

While I was in the L.E.A.D. program I learned that I always want to make the right choices in my life. L.E.A.D. has taught me what I should think about while I'm growing

up. That is what I've learned in L.E.A.D. SECOND PLACE WINNER

How the L.E.A.D. Program Has Influenced My Life

By Haley Fischer

The L.E.A.D. program has influenced my life by making me a better person by teaching me right from wrong. One person that influenced my life in L.E.A.D. was Judge Ellis. The second person who influenced my life are the State police and, Diesel, the police dog. The last person who influenced my life was Mike Steiner by teaching me what could happen if you do drugs and drink alcohol.

Judge Ellis influenced my life in L.E.A.D. by telling the class if you want to be a Judge it takes seven years of school. She also taught us it doesn't matter how old you are you can still follow your dreams. Judge Ellis had to go to law school for years and three years of regular college. Being Judge is hard work because you can have a ton of law suits in a week, in fact, more than 56. Judge Ellis has influenced me so much that I am thinking about being a judge when I get older.

The state police influenced my life by teaching me the different kinds of drugs that you should not use. Diesel, the K-9 dog, taught the class that if you hide the drugs Diesel will find them no matter what. I also learned that police dogs can be pets when they are not working. I learned not to do

drugs because I don't want to get bit by Diesel and they are not good for you.

The last person who influenced my life in L.E.A.D. was Mike Steiner by teaching me what could happen if someone does drugs and drinks alcohol while they are driving. If you do drink and drive you could harm others that are driving on the same road when they are not doing anything wrong. Mike Steiner also influenced my life by teaching me what it takes to be a prosecutor and how many years it takes to be a prosecutor. Mike Steiner influenced my life, like Judge Ellis, by me thinking about being a prosecutor when I get older.

That is how the L.E.A.D. program has influenced my life and made me a better person. The people that I mentioned, Judge Ellis, the state police, Diesel, and Mike Steiner, are the people that gave a message; it influenced my life and made me a better person. I really appreciate all the people that came in and spoke to the 5th grade. They really helped me in the long run.

THIRD PLACE WINNER

How the LEAD Program Influenced My Life

By Carter Roush

L.E.A.D. has influenced my life in many ways. Each speaker spoke about ways to stay out of trouble.

The speakers I liked most were Sheriff

Travis Roush and his two Deputies, Josh Greene and Andy Burkhardt. Sheriff Roush handcuffed me so I knew what it felt like. It taught me that I don't ever want to be cuffed and taken to jail. They also spoke about their uniforms and police trucks. Each Deputy had on a different uniform.

L.E.A.D. also taught me that I never want to get in trouble. You can go to jail if you shoplift, do drugs, or drink and drive. Doing drugs is not only bad for your health but you could lose your family and friends. Drinking and driving is very dangerous. L.E.A.D. taught me to make good decisions. It also taught me not to be pressured by my friends.

L.E.A.D. has taught me to stay out of trouble so I will be able to go to college and be successful.

The better decisions I make the better off I will be. I cannot let friends pressure me into making bad choices. This is how L.E.A.D. influenced my life.

LOOGOOTE L.E.A.D. ESSAY WINNERS

FIRST PLACE BOY

How L.E.A.D. Has Influenced My Life

By Rory Tippery

Lead has influenced my life by teaching me that life is about choices, and that you have to decide now whether you are going to make good choices or bad choices. Lead has taught (See 'ESSAYS' continued on page 12)

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LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL ESSAYS



2015 Senior SPOTLIGHTS



CHASE WILCOXEN

Chase Andrew Wilcoxon is the son of Scott and Christie Wilcoxon. While in high school, he was in student council his freshman year, band in 9th and 10th grades, Peers his sophomore year, French Club in 10th and 11th grades, and SADD his senior year. He ran cross country all four years and track in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. Chase plans to attend Indiana University after graduation and study business.



JONBENET WAID

JonBenet Nicole Waid is the daughter of Scott Waid and Staci Waid. While in high school, she was in the musical, chorus, SADD, student council, and FACS Club in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades; in Pep Club and Spanish Club her freshman year, did job shadowing her sophomore and junior years, and in America Club and Twin Rivers her senior year. JonBenet plans to go on to college and study criminology.



JAYCE WAGONER

Jayce Patrick Wagoner is the son of Pat and Nikki Wagoner. While in high school, he has been in SADD, student council, Pep Club and Spanish Club all four years; FACS Club and served as class treasurer in 9th and 10th grades; was in America Club in 11th and 12th grades, did job shadowing his junior year, and served as an intern his senior year. He has played basketball all four years, and played golf and tennis his freshman and sophomore years. Jayce plans to attend IUPUI after graduation and study business.



ALLIE WALKER

Allie Michelle Walker is the daughter of Brian and Melinda Walker. While in high school, she has been in SADD, Beta Club, Pep Club, and Spanish Club all four years; Peers in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades; did job shadowing her sophomore and senior years, was a cadet teacher her junior year and was class secretary in 11th and 12th grades. She also served as SADD Representative. She played basketball her freshman and junior years and was volleyball manager in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. Allie plans to attend Indiana University after graduation and study business.



WAYLEE WAGONER

Waylee Lane Wagoner is the daughter of Mike Wagoner and Marcia Wagoner. While in high school, she has been in Lionettes, SADD, Beta Club, Lion Pride, Pep Club, student council, chorus, and a cheerleader all four years; in show choir and French Club in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades; was in the musical her freshman, sophomore and senior years; in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, America Club, and Peers her junior and senior years; and did job shadowing her senior year. She was also class vice president all four years, and Pep Club President and Beta Club Vice President her senior year. She played softball and volleyball all four years. Waylee plans to attend Indiana University after graduation and study physical therapy.



JANSON SHERER

Janson Marcus James Sherer is the son of Mark and Sharon Sherer. While in high school, he has been in band all four years and has been a cadet teacher his senior year. Janson plans to attend the Art Institute after graduation and study media arts/animation.

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me that some choices are bigger than others, and that some will be harder to make than others. Lead has also taught me the court system, and the consequences of making bad choices.

The one speaker who influenced me the most was Gary Sprinkle. Gary Sprinkle works for loss prevention and is an amazing speaker. He has funny entertaining stories that still influence us to make good choices.

Gary Sprinkle taught us the consequences of bad choices, and how they can affect you throughout your life. He taught me that making good choices is important no matter how old or young you are. He taught us that if we want to make good choices later on we have to start now, and that if we start now the harder choices in life will be easier and easier as life goes on.

LEAD has really influenced my life and taught me how important it is to make good choices. I would like to thank everyone who has helped with LEAD and all of the speakers who took time off of their day to speak to us. I will remember LEAD throughout my life and what the amazing program has taught me.

FIRST PLACE GIRL

How the L.E.A.D. Program Has Influenced My Life

By Mikenna Jones

The L.E.A.D. program has changed and influenced my life in many ways. When I first heard about the program, I thought it would be boring speeches about not doing drugs and stuff like that. However, I was wrong. It was actually fun. And I learned many life lessons. These lessons have changed the way I think about life and the choices I will make.

It has also influenced who I hang around with and who my friends are. I want to hang around positive people who make good choices. I also want to set a good example for younger kids.

L.E.A.D. has even made me want to work hard to improve my grades. I want to do this because if I get a good education now, I can get a job I will enjoy later. Here's a quote that describes this, "Plant a good seed now and collect a great harvest later."

If I don't make good choices, I may not be able to reach my goals in life. Thanks to the L.E.A.D. program I know that now.

The Legal Education to Arrest Delinquency program has also convinced me to make good choices concerning alcohol and drugs. I will not do drugs or hang around people who are associated with drugs. I won't do underage drinking or ever drive intoxicated.

I will also respect the law and police officers. I learned that I should show respect and obey the law because if people don't obey the law, the world would be in chaos. Also, it would be rude to disrespect police officers because they do a lot to help our community. I want to obey the law because if I get in trouble, I could be sent to juvenile detention and that would affect my career and life.

I am thankful that the L.E.A.D. program was available for my 5th grade class and I was able to hear all the guest speakers. I believe the L.E.A.D. program has, and will continue to influence me to do the right thing and make the right choices. It didn't say I had to be perfect like some programs do. It just wants to help me make the right decisions so I can make the most out of life.

I appreciate all of the people taking their time to lead me in the right direction.

I truly believe that the L.E.A.D. program will help me as I walk down the road of life. I won't be a negative person. I won't do drugs. I will be positive. I will make good choices.

There is a quote that describes the L.E.A.D. program. It is, "Give a child a fish, feed him for a day. Teach a child to fish, and feed him for a lifetime." L.E.A.D. has reinforced the importance of good choices. I hope this desire to do the right thing "feeds" me for the rest of my life.

SECOND PLACE BOY

How the L.E.A.D. Program Has Influenced My Life

By Reece Tippery

There are many things I learned from the L.E.A.D. program. In L.E.A.D., we learned about how a bill becomes a law, and the con-

sequences of disobeying the law. Two guest speakers who really influenced me were Gary Sprinkle and Mr. Steiner.

The first person that influenced me was Mr. Steiner. Mr. Steiner influenced my life when he told us the story of the families' lives that had been ruined. He also influenced me when he told us about the man who has to look in the mirror every day and accept that he had killed someone, and how terrible he feels. This influenced me because it made me never want to be that person!

The second person that influenced me was Gary Sprinkle. Gary Sprinkle influenced me when he told us about the man that was hiding packs of cigarettes in the men's restroom at Walmart and then putting individual cigarettes in his pocket and stealing them, and that he took the time to do a 24-hour stakeout to catch him, this influenced me because it showed how dedicated he was to catch law breakers.

I learned a lot from L.E.A.D., and I really enjoyed it. I think it will benefit me and help me make better choices.

SECOND PLACE GIRL

How the L.E.A.D. Program Has Influenced My Life

By Jocelyn Strange

L.E.A.D. stands for legal education to arrest delinquency. L.E.A.D. is all about making good choices.

I need to choose my friends wisely because they have such a big influence over me. I that now. This program has been a life changing experience for me. I didn't realize how bad decisions can mess up your whole life. It's all about good choices to get good results.

My dreams and goals could be stopped if I get in a bad situation and don't handle it the right way. I don't want that to happen. I want to be successful and have the kind of life I deserve. I won't let anything stop me! This is why L.E.A.D. is so important. It shows why I need to be serious about my life now! Opportunities don't just keep coming at a person. You have to be ready to hang on and to do what is best for you.

THIRD PLACE BOY

How the L.E.A.D. Program Has Influenced My Life

By Jon Whitworth

Do 'undo a serious mistake. You can't undo an arrest or stop an accident once it has already happened. Drinking and driving, shoplifting, and drugs can ruin your life. These choices can and will impact your life in a horrible and bad way.

Thanks to L.E.A.D. I know that I will make good choices and not let myself down or my family. I want to go to college and achieve my dreams and goals. This is only possible with a positive attitude and a lifetime of good choices.

THIRD PLACE GIRL

How the L.E.A.D. Program Has Influenced My Life

By Kylie VanHoy

L.E.A.D. has influenced my life in many ways. We learned about the guest speaker jobs, life lessons, and we also learned about laws; and the consequences if the laws are broken. Two guest speakers who influenced me were the Judge of Martin County: Judge Ellis, and the Prosecutor of Martin County: Prosecutor Steiner.

One of the people who influenced me was Judge Ellis. She has a hard job to be responsible to the people of Martin County. When she took time to come and talk to us she taught us to be responsible, to not make dumb choices, and trouble doesn't lead to trouble forever; because you can work your way through it and try to become a better person. Another guest speaker who came and talked to us is Prosecutor Steiner. Prosecutor Steiner has a mentally challenging job; he says that he needs to have a little box in the back of his head to keep the horrific thing that he has seen from keeping him awake at night and haunting him. He told us a story about a family who was severely hurt, and one person killed in a very bad car accident caused by a drunk driver. His lesson I think was about bad choices will almost ALWAYS lead to bad consequences.

I really appreciate all of the guest speakers taking time out of their day and coming to talk to us about good choices and our future. L.E.A.D. has humongously influenced my life and my future.

Loogootee Elementary bypasses one million pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House

Loogootee Elementary helped "Pick Up the Tab" for the Ronald McDonald House of Indiana.

Loogootee Elementary began collecting aluminum tabs from soda cans to help generate funds to help provide a "home away from home" for families of seriously ill or injured children receiving treatment at Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health and other Indianapolis-area hospitals.

The pop tab recycling campaign began about ten years ago and has generated over \$500,000 dollars for the Ronald McDonald House of Indiana. With the support of groups like the Loogootee Elementary School this year and Loogootee Elementary East, several years ago, over one billion tabs have been collected!

Loogootee Elementary began collecting tabs on January 5, 2015. Students from Mrs. Mullen's class have been the representatives in their homerooms to help collect tabs, and count and weigh tabs from their classmates. They have also helped distribute daily "thank you" slips to each child who brought pop tabs in.

On Friday, May 1, 2015-in just four months, the school hit their one million mark.

On May 27 at 10 a.m., The Ronald McDonald Loogootee Junior High Golf Team competes

On April 30, the Loogootee Junior High Golf Team traveled to French Lick to compete against Springs Valley. The Lions suffered a loss by a score of 201-212. Low scorer was Max Christmas with a 48.

On May 1, the Lions competed in a tri-meet at Paoli, against Borden and Orleans. Loogootee placed second with a score of 222, Orleans 221, and Borden 250. Low scorer was Max Christmas with a 44.

Next on May 2, the Loogootee Junior High Golf team competed in a twelve team tournament. Loogootee placed fifth out of 12 with a team score of 439. Max Christmas had the low round of 95 and placed seventh overall.

This past Monday, the Lions traveled to Washington Country Club. The Lions were edged out by a count of 185-187. Jarett Arvin and Nathan Seals tied for low score with a 46. The Lions overall record is 8-7.

The will have their final match of the year on May 18 at Lakeview Golf Course.

Donald House of Indiana will send a representative to the school and they will have a ceremony to present a plaque to the school. The local McDonald's are generously donating something for each student. They are also donating surprises to the student representatives and the two top pop tab collectors!

Along with students, the following businesses and organizations donated tabs to the school: Catholic Churches of Martin County, Breaktime Bar and Grill, VFW, Four Rivers Services.

Also, many people from the community that didn't have children in this school contacted the school via Mrs. Mullen and brought pop tabs in.

Loogootee Recycling Center donated the use of containers to put the tabs in and Goodman's Recycling agreed to come to the school and pick up the tabs, transport them, weigh them and provide a check payable to the Ronald McDonald House of Indiana based on the weight per pound of tabs.

Shoals JH Track Teams win Blue Chip

The Shoals Boys' Junior High Track Team won the Blue Chip Conference meet last Thursday by 50 points. Winners were Levi Pendley in the 400-meter and 200-meter, Caleb Belcher in the long jump, Tanner Doane in shot put, and Jacob Ivey in the 110-meter hurdles. Levi Pendley was the Blue Chip high point winner with 36 points and Caleb Belcher second with 35 points. Tanner Doane scored 22.

The Shoals girls also won the Blue Chip after a scoring error proved them to be the winner by three points. Barr-Reeve was incorrectly announced as the winner by half a point. This was changed on Friday and the trophy will be moved to Shoals. Alyssa Howell scored 28 points to lead the way and Maggie Shaw scored 21.

LHS Girls' Tennis results

The Loogootee Girls' Varsity Tennis Team pulled off a double header last night, Tuesday, May 12 against Bloomfield and North Daviess. The Lady Lions were victorious in both, defeating Bloomfield 4-1 and North Daviess 5-0. There were no junior varsity matches with Bloomfield. The varsity moved to 10-6 on the season.

"It was nice to pick up two wins in a rare weeknight double header. One goal this season was to reach 10 wins. We accomplished that today," said Head Coach Mike Tippery.

Varsity results
Loogootee 4, Bloomfield 1
#1 Singles Emily Bateman (L) defeated Emily Bucher 6-4, 6-3

#2 Singles Mariah Long (B) defeated Erin Nelson 4-6, 6-3, 6-3

#3 Singles Katie Sims (L) defeated Sierra Kirkley 6-1, 6-1

#1 Doubles Ashley Lindauer/Eden Jenkins (L) defeated Lexi Place/Rachel Hasler 6-7 (7), 6-1, 7-6 (1)

#2 Doubles Emma Walters/Tara Pennington (L) defeated Mollie Sue Knight/Kendra Gadberrry 6-0, 6-1

Varsity results
Loogootee 5, North Daviess 0
#1 Singles Emily Bateman (L) defeated Nicole Woodruff 6-0, 6-0

#2 Singles Katie Sims (L) defeated Madeline Riggins 6-1, 6-1

#3 Singles Tara Pennington (L) defeated Hannah Beasley 6-1, 6-2

#1 Doubles Ashley Lindauer/Eden Jenkins (L) defeated Mackenzie Mullins/Madison Bors 6-0, 6-0

#2 Doubles Emma Walters/Breanna Hollaway (L) defeated Michelle Dinkins/Kelsea Sherrill 6-0, 6-0

Junior varsity results
Loogootee 2, North Daviess 0
#1 Singles Jody Seals (L) defeated Kristen Rhoton 6-0

#2 Singles Cora Hedrick (L) defeated Kristen Rhoton 6-2

The next match is Thursday, May 14 against WRV (Senior Night).

The team took on Owen Valley this past Saturday, May 9. Both the varsity and junior varsity walked away with clean sweep wins, 5-0 and 2-0.

Varsity results
#1 Singles Emily Bateman (L) defeated Kirsten Norman 6-1, 6-3

#2 Singles Erin Nelson (L) defeated Darby Deford 6-3, 6-2

#3 Singles Katie Sims (L) defeated Liz Walcott 6-2, 6-0

#1 Doubles Ashley Lindauer/Eden Jenkins (L) defeated Tara Langley/Brooke Swope 6-4, 6-0

#2 Doubles Emma Walters/Breanna Hollaway (L) defeated Jami Harris/Abbey Wells 6-2, 7-5

Junior varsity results
#1 Singles Shayna Stuffle (L) defeated Jessica Jemison 6-3

#1 Doubles Megan Mathies/Abbey Williams (L) defeated Amanda Samick/Kaitlen Allen 6-2

Last Thursday, May 7, the teams went up against Paoli. The varsity was defeated 3-2 and the junior varsity won 4-0.

Varsity results
#1 Singles Meagan Dooley (P) defeated Emily Bateman 6-1, 6-2

#2 Singles Jessica Fullington (P) defeated Erin Nelson 6-3, 6-2

#3 Singles Katie Sims (L) defeated Alyx Ross 6-0, 5-7, 6-0

#1 Doubles Ashley Lindauer/Eden Jenkins (L) defeated Shelby Meredith/Alyssa Osborn 7-6 (6), 6-3

#2 Doubles Lexi Osborn/Brandie Hankins (P) defeated Emma Walters/Tara Pennington 6-0, 6-1

Junior varsity results
#1 Singles Shayna Stuffle (L) defeated Hannah Sanders 6-2

#2 Singles Cora Hedrick (L) defeated Hannah Sanders 6-2

#1 Doubles Breanna Hollaway/Kendal Riley (L) defeated Laundon Goldsby/Katie Ables 6-0

#2 Doubles Abbie Williams/Megan Mathies (L) defeated Laundon Goldsby/Katie Ables 6-0

SBOE approves new A-F rules for school accountability

The Indiana State Board of Education (SBOE) gave final approval for A-F Rules for school accountability at its monthly regular business meeting last Thursday in Indianapolis. The A-F Rules will go into effect beginning with the 2015-16 school year. It is a product of more than a year of work by the SBOE, Department of Education (IDOE), public hearings and comment,

and participation by many stakeholder groups.

SBOE staff provided an overview of the fundamental changes made in the new A-F Rules, including:

- At the strong urging to Hoosier teachers and administrators, Indiana's new A-F school accountability system gives equal weight to student growth and student performance;

-Per federal requirements, accountability category of "A" shall only be awarded if achievement gaps are addressed;

-Schools too small to receive an accountability category shall not have consequences imposed; and

-Creation of atypical school options.

The board tabled many proposed changes to the rules by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), which had not been shared with the board previously and were submitted hours prior to the meeting. The board agreed to work closely with IDOE on technical changes that can be submitted to the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) during its technical review period.

The board voted 8-1 to approve the final A-F rules. Board Member Andrea Neal (5th District) was the only member present to vote no.

"This rule affects every student, teacher, and school in Indiana," said At-Large Board Member Gordon Hendry. "This rule reflects the overwhelming desire of teachers and administrators to give equal weight to student performance and growth in the state's new A-F model."

More information about the rules is available at <http://in.gov/sboe/2604.htm>.

In other business the board approved lead partner and school turnaround operator funding and processes, state-approved CTE course titles and standards and benchmarks for teacher prep programs. The board also extended the spring ISTEP+ testing window to May 15 for all districts using paper and pencil versions of the test.

Most materials presented at the May 7, 2015 SBOE Regular Business Meeting can be found at <http://in.gov/sboe/2619.htm>. The next SBOE meeting is scheduled to be held on June 3, 2015 in West Lafayette at Purdue University's Stewart Center (128 Memorial Mall, West Lafayette, IN 47907).

Vibrant Stories Real Life History

Faith Healer's Daughter and *Liza, Ever Always* are together a captivating story, written after extensive research and based on the truth.

The story takes place in the 1800s in Lost River Township in Martin County, IN, French Lick, Mile Lick (West Baden), Orleans, Orangeville and Paoli in Orange County, IN.

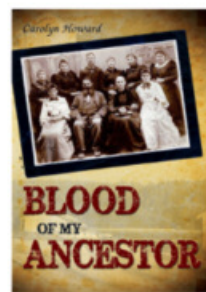
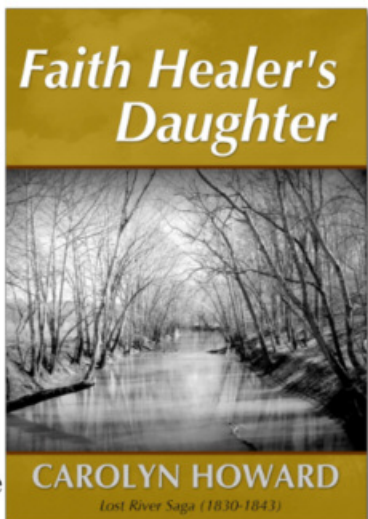
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I've always liked the emails about the things children say. Sometimes they make more sense than what adults say.

CHILDREN WRITING ABOUT THE OCEAN

1. If you are surrounded by ocean, you are an island. If you don't have ocean all round you, you are incontinent. (Mike, age 7)

2. Some fish are dangerous. Jellyfish can sting. Electric eels can give you a shock. They have to live in caves under the sea where I think they have to plug themselves in to chargers. (Christopher, age 7)

3. Sharks are ugly and mean, and have big teeth, just like Emily Richardson. She's not my friend any more. (Kylie, age 6)

4. This is a picture of an octopus. It has eight testicles. (Kelly, age 6)

5. When ships had sails, they used to use the trade winds to cross the ocean. Sometimes when the wind didn't blow the sailors would whistle to make the wind come. My

brother said they would have been better off eating beans. (William, age 7)

6. The ocean is made up of water and fish. Why the fish don't drown I don't know. (Bobby, age 6)

7. On vacation my Mom went water skiing. She fell off when she was going very fast. She says she won't do it again because water fired right up her big fat butt. (Julie, age 7)

8. My dad was a sailor on the ocean. He knows all about the ocean. What he doesn't know is why he quit being a sailor and married my mom. (James, age 7)

STORY TOLD BY A POLICEMAN

I witnessed a kid light a joint in the car next to my black and white cruiser at a stop light. He sees me and rips it out of his mouth. I let him go ahead of me and subsequently stop him.

By the time I exited my cruiser to approach him, he ate the joint. During our encounter, he turns pale, then green, then pukes up his entire Bertucci's dinner on his lap. I kick him loose with a warning as I laugh all the way back to my cruiser.

Ponderisms

1. When you talk you are only repeating what you already know. But when you listen, you might learn something new. -Dalai Lama

2. Some people make your laugh a little louder, your smile a little brighter, and your life a little better. Try to be one of those people.

3. It is during the worst times of your life that you will get to see the true colors of the people who say they care for you.

4. The federal government, which has "Tomahawk" cruise missiles, and "Apache", "Blackhawk", "Kiowa" and "Lakota" helicopters, and used the code name "Geronimo" in the attack that killed Osama bin Laden, officially objects to the name of the Washington Redskins.

Make someone smile today!

Animal Shelter featured pet



Bandit, shown above, is a male basset hound mix. He has a very long body and a super deep bark. He's simply adorable. He is very friendly, loves attention and is fine with other dogs. He is neutered and had all his shots. Adoption fee is \$60. The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter has 29 cats waiting for a home. Adoption fee for all cats is \$20 for a limited time! If interested in adopting, 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.

Calendar of Events

Youth Football League meeting

The Martin County Youth Football League Board will meet Wednesday, May 13 at 7 p.m. at the Loogootee Park. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, May 14 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. Some items on the agenda include a proposal from Hoosier Uplands to operate the preschool program, first reading of the student handbook, summer athletic schedules, and the addition of digital electronics as a high school course. The meeting is open to the public.

Recorder's office closed May 15

The Martin County Recorder's office will be closed Friday, May 15, 2015. The office will not be able to record documents due to the installation of new computer software.

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Monday, May 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. Some items on the agenda include second readings of the student handbook, transfer policy and graduation policy; book adoption and summer projects. The meeting is open to the public.

County council special meeting

The Martin County Council will hold a special meeting Monday, May 18 at 6 p.m. in the commissioners' room of the courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the wheel tax. The meeting is open to the public.

Sons of the American Revolution

The Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution, Daniel Guthrie Chapter will hold their quarterly meeting on Tuesday, May 19. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. with the meeting at 7 p.m. at the Free Methodist Church on R Street in Bedford. This will be the group's special award night for law enforcement, firefighters, heroism, military service, Eagle Scouts and NSSAR Essay Contest Chapter

winner. Everyone is welcome to attend. The dinner cost is \$13 each.

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

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

Solid waste board

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

Humane society meetings

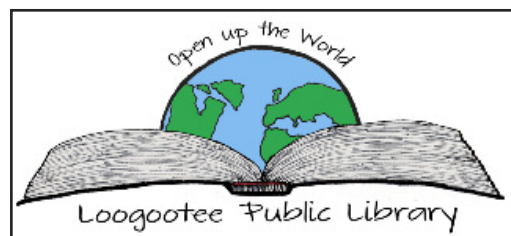
The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend. To find out how to become a member, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com.

Tourism meetings

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

Soil and Water meetings

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



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FOLL (Friends of the Loogootee Library) will be having the annual Book/Yard Sale on Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 8 a.m. to noon. The sale will include books, DVDs, audio CDs, household items, dishes, knickknacks, puzzles, small appliances, and a lot of miscellaneous.

New Books

Mystery Fiction: "The Burglar Who Counted the Spoons" by Lawrence Block, "Solitude Creek" by Jeffery Deaver, "Dry Bones" by Craig Johnson, "Forgotten Room" by Lincoln Child, and "Ming Tea Murder" by Laura Childs.

Fiction: "The Guest Cottage" by Nancy Thayer.

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