

Loogootee to graduate 70 Friday night

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Loogootee High School will hold their graduation ceremony on Friday, May 23, at 7 p.m. in Jack Butcher Arena. The evening will begin with the processional by the LHS Band and opening by Abby Ackerman, Student Council representative.

The high school chorus will then sing the National Anthem followed by "Baba Yetu".

Abby Ackerman will then introduce the class speakers who will talk about words that spell out PLAN.

Speeches will be given by Class Salutatorian and Class President Hannah Walters who will talk about "Passion", Class Valedictorian and Secretary Emma Graber who will talk about "Lessons", Class Vice Pres-

ident Tayler Smith, who will talk about "Achievements", and Class Treasurer Sabrina Stuffle, who will talk about "Navigation".

A slide presentation will be next on the agenda followed by "Battle Hymn of the Republic" by the LHS Band. The presentation of diplomas will then be done by Loogootee Superintendent Laura Hannum and High School Principal John Mullen.

Mr. Mullen will then give his remarks and present the class of 2014. Closing will be done by Abby Ackerman with recessional by the LHS Band.

The LHS Class of 2014's motto is the quote "To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe." by Anatole France. The class flower is the white rose.



EMMA GRABER
Loogootee Class of 2014 Valedictorian



HANNAH WALTERS
Loogootee Class of 2014 Salutatorian

Loogootee Chorus Teacher's resignation not accepted

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A very large crowd turned out last night, Tuesday, May 20 for the Loogootee School Board meeting. Many were in attendance in support of the chorus teacher, Steve Sherohman, who is in his first year at Loogootee replacing Janice Arnett who had been choral director at the school for 41 years. Over the past few days word spread through the school that Sherohman had been forced to put in his resignation or face dismissal. At Tuesday night's meeting Sherohman said, "It's not been easy to step into a legend's footsteps." He said he wants to be at Loogootee but will respect the board's decision if they do accept his resignation.

One parent Jeff Lyon said he wasn't sure what was going on or why Sherohman had been asked to resign but he has gotten to know him and thinks he is a great teacher. He said Sherohman may have made mistakes throughout the year, even though he doesn't know what they are, but we all make mistakes. He said that regardless of who took over for Janice Arnett, they person was not

going to be given a chance.

Ashley Jones spoke for Sherohman saying that when Arnett resigned last school year and Sherohman was hired, hostility and judgment arose instantly. "How can we judge someone we didn't even know?" she asked. Jones went on to say that her fellow classmates took the time to get to know Sherohman and accept him. She said he never made decisions without consulting with his students. She asked what kind of leader would make decisions without consulting with the students who are directly affected by that decision.

Kent Fellers spoke next saying he wasn't even aware there were issues with Sherohman. He asked the board what the issues were. Board President Scott Hall replied that personnel issues cannot be discussed in open meeting.

Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty said that he has attended all the music programs including the one this past Friday night, which he said was the best one of the year. He said he agreed with what Lyon said.

Several students spoke next fighting back tears as they defended Sherohman.

Sherohman's colleague Rhi Graves spoke out in support of him saying he has grown the music program this year and is an asset to the school.

Sherohman's wife, Jen, told the board that her husband had no choice but to submit his resignation even though he didn't want to. "He wants to stay," she said. She said she hoped the school board took into consideration that so many students were brave enough to come to a board meeting and speak out in support of their teacher. "I encourage you to take some time and consider everything these kids are here to say," she said.

Melissa Hedrick, who has two daughters in chorus, said that Sherohman is not Mrs. Arnett, and shouldn't be expected to be Mrs. Arnett. She went on to say that God is being taken out of the school system and Sherohman has incorporated God into his music and she is very happy he is doing that. She said she has never met Sherohman before but as a parent in the audience at the chorus

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Shoals School Board votes to shorten the school day

Meeting minutes provided by Andrea Qualkenbush, Shoals School Corporation Secretary

Superintendent Joan Keller asked the Shoals School Board at their meeting last Thursday, May 15 if they had considered the results of the recent survey regarding the possibility of shortening the school day. Following discussion, approval was given to shorten the school day for students by 25 minutes daily. Junior/senior high passing periods will also be changed to allow five minutes between each class. The shortened student day will allow teachers to use the additional time in their work day to collaborate with other teachers and for professional development.

In personnel action, the board accepted the resignation of Robert Evans from the position of junior/senior high school industrial technology and Project Lead the Way teacher effective at the end of the current school year. Principal Roush requested approval from the board to ad-

vertise the teaching position vacated by the resignation of Robert Evans. The board approved.

The board also accepted the resignation of Melissa Hampton from the position of Title I Teaching Assistant effective at the end of the current school year.

The board approved the following people to work on the cleaning crew during the summer of 2014: John Hopkins, Larry Jones, Julie Royston, Greg Hampton, Miranda Albright, and Jamie Hayes.

She also requested permission to hire additional summer workers to assist with the heavy lifting required when moving classroom furniture to clean and wax the classroom floors. Approval was given.

The board approved a medical leave request from Phyllis Crews.

The board approved the Chemistry 2 class to take a field trip to the Indiana University chemistry building in Bloomington on May 23.

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Martin County's jobless rate 23rd lowest in the state for April

Martin County's jobless rate dropped again, moving from 5.5 percent in March to 4.7 percent in April. The county had the 23rd lowest unemployment rate in the state for April, tied with Jay and Warren counties.

In April, the county had 5,229 residents in the workforce with 246 of them without jobs. In March, there were 5,141 residents in the job market with 284 of them unemployed. In April of last year, Martin County had a jobless rate of 5.6 percent with 5,172 residents in the workforce and 291 of them without jobs.

Daviess County also saw a decrease in

their unemployment going from 4.5 percent in March to 3.8 percent in April. The county sat in third place in the state for lowest unemployment rate.

In April, the county had 15,019 residents in the workforce with 565 of them without jobs. In March, there were 14,972 residents in the job market with 674 of them unemployed.

In April of last year, Daviess County had a jobless rate of 5.1 percent with 14,874 residents in the workforce and 756 of them unemployed.

Dubois County's unemployment rate also

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Memorial Day Ceremonies

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, the American Legion Post 120 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9395 will pay homage to the veterans of all wars with a visit to the cemeteries listed below. A special ceremony directed to our departed comrades will be presented. The public is invited to attend one or all of the ceremonies.

- 9 a.m. - Burns City
- 9:30 a.m. - St. Joseph's
- 10 a.m. - St. Mary's
- 10:30 a.m. - Goodwill
- 11:15 a.m. - St. John
- 12:15 p.m. - St. Martin's
- 12:45 p.m. - Truelove
- 1:30 p.m. - South Martin



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CHORUS

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programs, she is pleased with what she sees him trying to do.

Brandi Hennette said her son, who is in chorus, is not athletically inclined but excels in music. She asked why the school was getting rid of a teacher that helped her son develop his talent. She added that her son was in the musical this year, something he would have never tried out for before. She said her son is a "C" and "D" student, but thanks to study sessions during the musical practices, he is now on the honor roll. She added that she is thankful that Sherohman is a man of God.

During personnel, when Sherohman's resignation came up, Board Member Shawn Howell made a motion to accept with Nancy Summers making the second. On the final vote, Scott Hall, Larry Craney, and Tim Bradley voted against the resignation so it was not accepted.

The board also unanimously voted to hire Joan Keller as the corporation's new superintendent. Keller currently serves as superintendent at Shoals. Keller will have a three-year contract at \$97,000 a year.

Prior to the start of the meeting, School Board President Scott Hall read a statement to the audience regarding Larry Weitkamp's contract. He said that when administrator contracts were extended in 2013, Weitkamp was not included in that. Weitkamp's contract runs out on June 30, 2015. "I believe now this is a personnel issue that will not be discussed in public," he said.

In response to being hired Keller said she hopes to live up to the board's expectations. "Our goal is to look where we are and always move forward," she said.

In other personnel issues the board accepted the resignation of Tim Sanders as junior high cross country coach and thanked him for the work he has done. Sanders said he would be happy to work as a volunteer when needed if his schedule allowed.

The also accepted the retirement of Becky Allen as elementary teacher. Mattingly said Allen has been with the school for 36 years and will be missed. She added that with the low numbers of enrolled kindergarteners, it is not known at this time if another teacher will be needed. The board gave Mattingly the go ahead to replace the position if it is needed.

The board voted to officially hire Terri Smith as elementary principal. Smith has been serving as interim principal this school year.

The board approved Josh Mullis to serve as part-time athletic director and part-time teacher.

The board voted to hire Doug Mayfield to take the place of Ernie Martin in the engineering and technology education position. Mayfield has been a life sciences teacher at Union Dugger and has 20 years teaching experience. He has the ability to add technology and industrial arts to his license.

Angie Callison was approved to be the iRead remediation teacher through the summer for third grade students that did not pass

the test.

In extra-curricular positions for the next school year, the board approved Jason Hennette as golf coach, Mike Tippery for girls' tennis coach, Adam Tompkins as co-ed track coach, Luke Woolems as varsity baseball coach, Greg Clark as varsity softball coach, Mark Potts as seventh grade boys' basketball coach, and Brian Whitney as eighth grade girls' basketball coach.

Board member Scott Hall told the audience that unfortunately the state has put forth incentives to entice teachers to retire before July of this year. Therefore the school is losing long-time, experienced teachers. He said the state has determined that Loogootee is not an "A" school academically. He said they have never visited the school or went into the classrooms and there is nothing he can do about it. He urged parents to take some extra time to sit down with their children and help them with their schoolwork. He said the board is doing their best to hire good teachers and asked that the public work with them during this transition period.

The board voted to go into negotiations with Hoosier Uplands regarding the proposal they submitted for the purchase of former Elementary East. No information was given in regard to what was in the proposal.

The board approved several textbook adoptions for next school year.

Interim Superintendent Laura Mattingly told the board that a change was made to the student handbooks regarding the removal of the no "F" policy for student athletes. The school will now use IHSAA requirements for student athletes.

Board Member Larry Craney clarified that the policy on no boots does not apply to cowboy boots, only boots with large heels.

Mattingly went over the list of projects that were planned for the summer months. They included painting the two bottom tennis courts to match the others, finishing the air conditioning project in the intermediate school, carpeting offices and the stage and ramp at the elementary school, painting the elementary hallways, painting the wood paneling in the high school and the hallways in the junior high, improvements to the third and fourth grade bathrooms in the elementary, renovating and upgrading of bathrooms in the high school lobby and the high school teachers' lounge, refinishing the floors in the gyms at Elementary East and the high school, refinishing and painting the auditorium floor, and renovating the locker rooms at JFK Gym. She added that once the school receives money for the safe schools grant, doors will be changes to card entry for staff members.

Ronetta Bough and other teachers who recently took a trip to Loogootee's sister school in Sweden, showed a slide presentation on highlights of the trip explaining the differences between the two schools. Loogootee will continue to work with the Sweden school. Bough said the program has captured the attention of the state and she, along with the school coordinator in Sweden, will be meeting with the state superintendent in the future.

SHOALS

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The board approved the junior class to hold their annual magazine sales fundraiser during August and September of 2014.

The board gave approval to purchase diplomas and diploma covers from Jostens for classes graduating in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

The board approve the Shoals Jr. High Baseball Program to use the field and facilities for practice and games March – August, 2014, with all fees waived.

The board approved Jennifer Mauntel as IREAD3 summer remediation teacher for four days in June of 2014.

The board gave approval for the prom to be held Saturday, April 25, 2015.

Superintendent Keller recommended the board renew the clinical affiliation agreement with Vincennes University through July 31, 2016. The agreement allows the school corporation to provide clinical experiences for nursing students. The board approved.

The board held a first reading of the non-teaching handbook and job descriptions for non-teaching positions. Superintendent Keller outlined the proposed updates and asked the board to contact her with any additional input or suggestions prior to the second reading which will be held at the June 12, 2014 regular meeting. The board discussed proposed additional changes to the student handbooks with both building level principals. The board tabled the second reading and approval of the student handbooks until the June 12, 2014 meeting in order for the additional changes to be made.

The board reviewed the student transfer policy and grade level capacity limits. No changes were made to the student transfer policy, but Superintendent Keller recommended the board modify the grade level capacity limits according to projected enrollment and staffing for the upcoming school year. The board approved.

Austin Malone, elementary principal, and Candace Roush, high school principal / assistant superintendent, reported on several events including:

- Completion of project LEAD trial
- Completion of ISTEP and IREAD3 testing – remediation and celebrations
- Elementary science fair – Friday, May 23rd 6-7 p.m.
- DOME theater event for elementary stu-

dents

-Elementary spring music program – Tuesday, June 3rd at 1 p.m.

-Elementary awards program – Wednesday, June 4th at 1 p.m.

-Citizenship challenge awards will be given during last week of school

-Charlie Applestein's professional development was successful

-Eleven junior/senior high students attended Crane Science Fair – Shoals students awarded 3rd place and Senior High Jackson Award.

-Junior/senior high awards ceremony – Wednesday, June 4 at 6 p.m.

-Congratulations to Special Olympics students for winning spirit award!

-Junior/senior high spring music concert went very well

-Junior high academic team awarded several blue ribbons for 1st place at Mt. Vernon on Saturday, May 3. 53 teams competed statewide – math and social studies team placed 11th and science team placed 18th

-Junior/senior high final exams to take place the last three days of school

-Graduation practice – Wednesday, June 4 at 10 a.m.

Superintendent Keller reported on the following:

-ADM estimate has been turned in to state

-New education standards have been adopted

-Firearms are now allowed on school property by adults according to law. School policy will be reviewed.

-Compensation model was approved by state

-There will be no school on Monday, May 26 for the Memorial Day Holiday

-The last student day is Wednesday, June 4

-Graduation ceremony for the class of 2014 will be held on Saturday, June 7 at 2 p.m.

Superintendent Keller reported that recently they have had some issues concerning bicycles and skateboards being used on the running track. She asked for approval from the board to have signs put up indicating that these items are not allowed in the track area. The board approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

The next meeting of the board will be an executive session scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. on May 22, 2014. A special session, open to the public, will follow at 5:30 p.m.

JOBLESS RATE

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went down in April to 3.5 percent, from 4.4 percent in March. The county had the lowest unemployment rate in the state for April.

In April, the county had 21,768 residents in the workforce with 764 of them without jobs. In March, there were 21,539 residents able to work and 937 of them were without jobs. In April of 2013, Dubois County's jobless rate was 4.9 percent with 21,219 residents in the workforce and 1,030 of them without jobs.

Orange County's jobless rate decreased from 6.9 percent in March to 6.2 percent in April putting them in 25th place in the state for highest unemployment, tied with Fulton, Ohio, and Tipton counties.

In April, the county had 9,888 residents in the workforce with 609 of them without jobs. In March, there were 10,082 residents able to work with 695 of them unemployed. In April of last year, Orange County had a jobless rate of 8.1 percent with 10,032 residents in the workforce and 816 of them without jobs.

Lawrence County's unemployment rate went down from 8.3 percent in March to 7.2 percent in April. The county had the fifth highest jobless rate in the state last month.

In April, the county had 21,357 residents in the workforce with 1,539 of them without jobs. In March there were 21,461 residents able to work with 1,791 of them unemployed.

In April of last year, Lawrence County had a jobless rate of 10.2 percent with 21,388 residents in the workforce and 2,171

of them without work.

The top ten spots in the state with the highest jobless rate in the state for April were: Vermillion at 8.2 percent, Fayette and Lake at 7.6 percent, Jasper, LaPorte, and Vigo at 7.3 percent; Lawrence at 7.2 percent, Miami at 7 percent, and Crawford, Starke and Washington at 6.9 percent.

The top ten spots in the state with the lowest jobless rate in the state for April were: Dubois at 3.5 percent, Hamilton at 3.6 percent, Daviess at 3.8 percent, Bartholomew at 3.9 percent, Kosciusko at 4.1 percent, Knox, Hendricks, and Boone at 4.2 percent; LaGrange at 4.3 percent, Whitley, Switzerland, Pulaski, Monroe, Jackson, Hancock, Gibson, and Adams at 4.5 percent.

Indiana's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate decreased 0.2 percent to 5.7 percent in April. Last month marked the ninth in a row of unemployment rate declines in the Hoosier State. Indiana's unemployment rate has decreased by 2.1 percent over the past year and has remained below the national rate for the past four months.

The Hoosier state also added 4,400 private sector jobs in April. Since July of 2009, the low point of employment in the state, Indiana has added a total of 220,300 private sector jobs, one-third of which have come from the Manufacturing sector alone (+75,200).

Indiana's labor force increased by 11,700 in April, marking the seventh straight month of labor force growth. Additionally, Indiana's labor force participation rate exceeded the national rate in April for the first time since July of 2009.

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OBITUARIES

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MARY WALKER

Mary Naomi Walker went to be forever with her Lord at noon May 14, 2014 at the Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, she was 89.

She was the last of nine children born to Elias Oscho and Rille Mae (White) Harbinson, and she was born in Rutherford Township on November 27, 1924.

She married the love of her life, Rev. Elza V. Walker, on August 26, 1966 in French Lick, Indiana, and he preceded her in death on November 3, 1995.

She graduated from Loogootee High School and attended Bible College at the Frankfort Bible College in Frankfort, Indiana. She worked a few years for the Reliance Shirt Factory in Loogootee, but quit to take care of her ailing parents. She found caregiving to be a good fit for her, and never

returned to work outside of the home again, preferring to be a caregiver to family members when called upon, and assisting her husband with pastoral duties in several Indiana counties. Presently, Naomi attended the Mount Zion Wesleyan Church where she served as pianist and organist.

She will be truly missed by her family, including, daughter, Alfreda and Leland Gibson of Loogootee; seven grandchildren and several great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one daughter, Bernadine Choate; four brothers and four sisters.

A funeral service was held Saturday, May 17 at the Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church in Rutherford Township.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Mount Zion Wesleyan Church.

Lee Funeral Home was in charge of

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

WARREN GARDINER

Warren H. Gardiner passed away Friday evening, May 16, 2014 in Davis Gardens Health Center. A resident of Terre Haute, he was 93.

He was born October 31, 1920 in Loogootee; the son of Isaac Gardiner and Mary Williams Gardiner.

He was an Associate Professor of Business at Indiana State University where he taught at Laboratory School and was their golf coach for 27 years before his retirement.

He was a 1953 graduate of I.S.U. with a B.S. degree in Education, received his M.S. degree in Education at I.S.U. in 1956 and studied post-graduate work Indiana University. He served on the Board of Directors of I.S.U. Credit Union for 20 years and was a member of Indiana State Teachers Association, Indiana Business Teachers Association and National Business Teachers Association. He was a past president of Indiana Retired Teachers Association and was very active with Meals on Wheels where he served as a past president and volunteered for many years. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Evangelical Lutheran Church where he participated in Bible Study and was a former treasurer of the church and served as a United States Naval Air Corps pilot during World War II having attained the rank of Lieutenant. He was also a long-time member of the B.P.O. Elks Lodge #86 where he enjoyed golfing in their golf leagues and was a member of I.S.U. Varsity Club.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda G. Miller Gardiner; his son, Donald Gardiner of Richton Park, Illinois; his daughter-in-law, Ann Gardiner of Tulsa, Oklahoma; two grandchildren, Duane Gardiner and his wife, April, of Houston, Texas and Donna Jo Castleberry and her husband, David, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; two great-grandchildren, Lauren Gardiner and Ava Gardiner; a sister, Edna Yarnell of Shoals; and a sister-in-law, Margaret "Mickey" Gardiner of Terre



WARREN GARDINER

Haute; several nieces and nephews including Cheryl Benway and her husband, Michael, of Indiana and Norma Willyard and her husband, Carl, of Shoals; several great-nieces and great-nephews including Kyle Willyard of Indiana; two step-daughters, Kendra Bidwell and her husband, Kevin, of Kentucky and Elizabeth Gummere and her husband, Paul, of Florida; and two step-sons, Bradley Stephen Miller and his wife, Mary, of Knoxville, Tennessee and Lloyd R. Driggers and his wife, Priscilla, of Terre Haute; nine step-grandchildren, Kyle Bidwell, Kenley Bidwell, Corey Thomas, Devin Miller, Dakota Miller, Hunter Miller, Christopher Gummere and his wife, Wendy, Toni Collier and her husband, John, and Dan Gummere and his wife, Angie; five step-great-grandchildren, Rochelle Gummere, Jonathan Collier, Jennifer Collier, Cameron Miller and Stephanie Driggers; two step-great-great-grandchildren, Dane Driggers and Emoni; and his caregiver, Stacey "Morning Glory" Zilinga.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Flossie Gardiner; his second wife, Frances E. Gardiner; two brothers, Wilbert Gardiner and Richard Gardiner; a sister, Ida Brown; a half-sister, Lula Harris; two half-brothers, Floyd Stanley and John Stanley; a granddaughter, Laurie Ann Gardiner; and a step-grandson, Wade Driggers.

Funeral services were conducted today, Wednesday, May 21 at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church with Pastor Jacob R. Sutton officiating. Burial followed in Roselawn Memorial Park with Military Graveside Honors provided by VFW Post #972. Callahan & Hughes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. The family kindly requests that memorial contributions may be made to Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 645 Poplar Street, Terre Haute, IN 47807. Funeral information may also be found at www.callahanandhughes.com.

Dr. Ted Waflart certified by MROCC as medical review officer

Dr. Theodore Waflart, Jr. recently qualified as a certified Medical Review Officer (MRO). Dr. Waflart is a physician at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center's Industrial Medicine Clinic (IMED), located at 695 West 2nd Street in Jasper. Federal law (49 CFR Part 40 of the Federal Register) mandates that a certified MRO must make the final determination of whether a positive laboratory test represents substance abuse. Certification is intended to ensure the public of quality services and the maintenance of ethical conduct by qualified physicians involved in drug and alcohol testing review.



DR. TED WAFLART

Dr. Waflart was certified by the Medical Review Officer Certification Council (MROCC), an independent physician-based certifying body that conducts a rigorous and extensive application process and written credentialing examination to identify licensed physicians with the highest professional standards of medical expertise and practical skills necessary to evaluate drug and alcohol test results in public and private sectors of the workplace. Today, the U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, most Fortune 500 corporations, and many smaller companies require employee drug

and alcohol testing. More than 20 million forensic drug test specimens are processed by certified laboratories every year, and the results of the laboratory tests are reviewed and interpreted by highly credentialed physicians acting as MROCC-Certified MROs.

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SUMMERFEST PARADE REGISTRATION FORM JUNE 21, 2014 AT 2:00 P.M.

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Entry category (Please circle which BEST fits):

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Description of entry (Please circle all that apply, indicate how many of each and describe below):

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| Marcher/Walker | Car/Van/Vehicle | |
| Horse/Carriage | Tractor/Wagon | |

Please describe any special needs for your unit (i.e. placement in parade, arriving late) or additional comments or information. _____

On June 21, all parade entries must arrive at Loogootee High School parking lot between 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.; judging will start promptly at 1:30 p.m. Return entry form by June 9, 2014 to: City of Loogootee Mayor's Office, JFK Avenue, Loogootee, IN 47553. Questions? Need more information? Contact Mayor Noel Harty's Office at 812-295-4770.



Church honors graduates

-Photo by Bill Whorrall

On Sunday May 18 St. John's Lutheran Church honored graduates and confirmands. From left to right are Matt Newkirk, Neal Whorrall, Summer Shaw, and Ashley Jones.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MAY 12

10:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

5:54 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with injuries on State Road 550. Indiana State Police, Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Volunteer Fire Department responded.

8:20 p.m. - Received a report of a fire on Emmons Ridge Road. Lost River Volunteer Fire Department responded.

TUESDAY, MAY 13

5:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane.

8:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

12:41 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Brickyard Road.

3:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

4:00 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane.

6:27 p.m. - Received a request for an am-

bulance in Shoals.

9:06 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Brickyard Road. Martin County Civil Defense responded and removed the debris from the roadway.

10:08 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

11:08 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

7:24 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

11:12 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 North.

2:37 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Boyd Hollow Road.

3:08 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

6:31 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

7:24 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down and across the roadway on U.S. 150. Shoals Volunteer Fire Department responded

and removed the debris from the roadway.

7:34 p.m. - Received a report of a transformer on fire on Brett Road. Shoals Volunteer Fire Department responded.

8:00 p.m. - Received a report of two trees down and across the roadway in Lost River Township. Lost River Volunteer Fire Department responded and removed the debris from the roadway.

8:50 p.m. - Received a report of a trespass on Harper Hill Road.

9:40 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on State Road 450 near Owens Road. Martin County Civil Defense responded and removed the debris from the roadway.

10:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

THURSDAY, MAY 15

2:55 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down and across the roadway on U.S. 150.

4:47 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down and across the roadway on State Road 450.

9:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Burns City.

9:53 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

6:53 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on U.S. 150. Shoals Volunteer Fire Department responded and removed the debris from the roadway.

7:19 p.m. - Received a report of property damage.

FRIDAY, MAY 16

6:50 a.m. - Received a report of an injured deer on Butler Bridge Road.

9:04 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

12:50 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle in the water on Powell Valley Road.

1:54 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

3:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

4:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

10:40 a.m. - Received a report of a burglary in Loogootee.

4:30 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person on Emmons Ridge Road.

7:06 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

8:09 a.m. - Caller reported horses out on Reinhart Road. Loogootee Officer Hennette responded.

11:38 a.m. - Received requested an ambulance at Stonebrook Apartments. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals 1st Responders responded.

5:58 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance at McDonalds in Loogootee. Deputy McBeth responded.

6:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Rutherford Road. Haysville 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

MONDAY, MAY 19

5:59 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on Deep Cut Lake Road. Chief Deputy Dant responded.

Off duty trooper stops to assist motorist, jails him for drug warrants

Rather than get assistance after running out of gas, a Cannelburg man found himself being taken to jail for outstanding narcotics warrants.

At about 10:30 p.m. last Friday night, Trooper Brock Werne was off duty when he stopped to assist a vehicle that had run out of gas on US 231 at 1st Street in Jasper. Trooper Werne performed a license check while speaking to the driver, Justin S. Blake, 33, Cannelburg, and found that Blake was wanted through Daviess County on five separate charges, including possession of methamphetamine and possession of a controlled substance, both felonies. Blake was placed into custody without incident and transported to the Dubois County Security Center, to be extradited to Daviess County.

The Indiana State Police is committed to the service of the citizens of Indiana, regardless of being on or off duty.

Blake was arrested for the following outstanding warrants: possession of methamphetamine, a Class D Felony, possession of a controlled substance, a Class D Felony, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor, and false informing, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Martin County real estate transfers

Charlotte Ann Meyer, of Martin County to **Mark W. Arvin**, of Martin County, Indiana, that portion of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West of the Second Principal Meridian, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 1.981 acres, more or less. Except 0.038 acres and 0.028 acres.

Charles H. Hamilton and Donna M. Hamilton, of Martin County, Indiana to **Rhonda Holt**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 35, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 4.798 acres, more or less.

Connie S. Thewes, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Seng Farms, Inc.**, of Dubois County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 35, and a part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 36, all in

Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Lost River Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 62.631 acres.

Ryan T. Burris, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Brian A. Dant**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 10 in Oliver and Taylor's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Tangelia Hunt, of Martin County, Indiana to **Sharon Craft and James Hunt**, Lot Number 23 in Doe Run Subdivision to Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana.

John Kenneth Walker, of Daviess County, Indiana to **John Kenneth Walker** transfer on death to **Stephen Patrick Walker**, for his life then to **Lindsey Marie Walker and Leah Marie Walker**, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lot Number 149 and Lot Number 148 of the City of Loogootee, Indiana except 10 feet along the west side of Lot Number 148 deeded to **Vonda Lee Wining**.

Loogootee Police Department log

MONDAY, MAY 12

8:30 a.m. - Caller requested to speak with an officer regarding her daughter.

1:10 p.m. - Female came on station requested assistance in obtaining personal property. Chief Rayhill assisted.

4:46 p.m. - Female caller reported a theft.

7:10 p.m. - Captain Akles responded to a business alarm.

7:20 p.m. - Captain Akles responded to a 911 hang-up.

7:45 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious activity on Ackerman Drive.

11:55 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Church Street.

TUESDAY, MAY 13

10:50 a.m. - Caller reported a civil violation.

12:49 p.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department was paged out to an accident on Bloomfield Road.

11:46 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on Church Street.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

8:45 a.m. - Caller reported finding drug-related items.

10:35 a.m. - Male caller requested assistance in obtaining personal items.

5:49 a.m. - Caller reported that someone may need assistance on East Broadway Street.

8:08 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage at Chuckles.

THURSDAY, MAY 15

12:30 a.m. - Caller requested an officer regarding the welfare of a child.

9:40 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

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

4:09 p.m. - Caller reported an unrestrained child in a vehicle.

4:12 p.m. - Caller requested a vehicle check.

Accident reports

MONDAY, MAY 12

11:22 a.m. - John R. Glass, address unknown, was operating a vehicle in on Broadway Street when he merged into the outside lane striking a 2007 BMW operated by Kaylee Diamond, of Shoals. Captain Akles investigated.

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Martin County Court News

Persons listed on criminal charges are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

CRIMINAL COURT New Suits Filed April 3

Timothy W. Norman, maintaining a common nuisance, a Class D Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Jennifer L. Norman, maintaining a common nuisance, a Class D Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Dillon Norman, maintaining a common nuisance, a Class D Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Robert F. Neal, theft, a Class D Felony.

April 4

James R. Parsons, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Zechariah J. Stoll, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Tyson J. Wilke, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

April 8

Brad M. Edwards, operating a vehicle as an habitual traffic violator, a Class D Felony.

Brian L. Connerly, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

April 11

Charles A. Kline, criminal confinement, a Class D Felony; domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor.

April 17

James K. Salmon, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

April 21

Charles E. O'Conner, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor.

April 24

Amanda D. Boyd, possession of methamphetamine, a Class D Felony.

April 30

Lowell G. Sanders, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Elizabeth L. Yoder, illegal possession of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

James R. Honeycutt, criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Angela D. Allbright, theft, a Class D Felony.

James C. Mesarosh, Jr., theft, a Class D Felony.

James T. Epperson, theft, a Class D Felony.

CRIMINAL JUDGMENTS AND SENTENCING April 25

Melanie F. Wiscaver, convicted of neglect of a dependent, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 1,095 days in the Martin County Security Center with 1,083 days suspended. Defendant received 1,083 days of probation.

Melanie F. Stepanek, convicted of forgery, a Class C Felony. Sentenced to serve 1,460 days in the Martin County Security center with 1,052 days suspended. Defendant received 1,052 days of probation.

May 7

Julie E. Lents, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days in the Martin County Security Center with 34 days suspended and credit for 13 actual days previously served and 13 good time credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED April 25

Melanie F. Wiscaver, domestic battery, a Class D Felony, dismissed; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Melanie F. Stepanek, theft, a Class D Felony, dismissed; check deception, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed May 9

David Brett, Jr. vs. Carolyn Brett, petition for dissolution of marriage.

May 12

Procol, Inc. vs. Brian Brown, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS May 9

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Gregory Isaacs in the amount of \$737.11.

May 13

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Beneficial Financial, Inc. and against the defendant Leslie M. Doyle in the amount of \$62,047.74.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Capital One Bank and against the defendant Kerry W. Harner in the amount of \$1,939.29.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Beneficial Financial I Inc. and against the defendant Lowell G. Sanders in the amount of \$58,008.35.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and against the defendant Margaret Shubert in the amount of \$1,270.80.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed May 7

Dennis M. Stepanek vs. Becky Rush (Doyle), complaint.

Marie Truelove vs. Angel Royer and Jim Nicholson, complaint.

May 13

Martin County Co-Op Credit Union vs. April E. Wilson, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS May 9

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Larry Phillips and against the defendant Steven Huff in the amount of \$1,494.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff James Parsons and against the defendant Robert Robbins in the amount of \$924.

MARRIAGE LICENSES May 12

Brannon M. Mehringer of Loogootee and Tanya Dawn Parsons of Loogootee.

May 14

Jason L. Jones of Shoals and Brooke A. Schultheis of Shoals.

May 16

Lucas Trent Schoultz of Loogootee and Megan Marie Katherine Whitworth of Loogootee.

Indiana State Police to conduct sobriety checkpoint in Daviess County

Troopers from the Indiana State Police Jasper Post will be conducting a sobriety check point at an undisclosed location in Daviess County on Friday, May 23, 2014. Those drivers passing through the check point area should have their licenses and registrations ready to present to troopers, and will only be detained briefly while troopers determine whether further investigation is necessary.

The purpose of the sobriety check point is to remove those motorists from the highways who are alcohol and/or drug impaired and poses a danger to all who use the roadways. Impaired drivers are responsible for billions of dollars in property damage, personal injury, and death annually.

Reminders so motorists do not find them-

selves "Over the Limit and Under Arrest":

- Plan ahead and always designate a sober driver before consuming alcohol.
- Don't drive your vehicle if you've been drinking alcohol. Call a taxi or sober friend.
- Take care of your friends. Never let a friend drive while impaired.
- If you are hosting a party, always offer non-alcoholic beverages. Make sure all of your guests leave with a sober driver.
- Never provide alcohol to anyone under the legal drinking age of 21.

Motorists encountering another vehicle being operated erratically are encouraged to dial 911 or call the Jasper Indiana State Police Post at (812) 482-1441 or (800) 742-7475. Be prepared to give a description of the vehicle, location, and direction of travel.



Sergeant educates on "Move Over" law

BY KEITH KELLER
Sergeant, Martin Co. Sheriff's Dept.

A four-year-old Florida boy has started a movement on social networking sites Facebook and Twitter about the Move Over Law. The boy lost his mother, Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Chelsea Richard, when she was struck and killed while investigating an accident on I-75 in Florida. All vehicles involved in the crash were pulled off onto the shoulder of the roadway when the second crash occurred. A pickup pulling a trailer failed to slow down and/or move over and ran off of the roadway striking and killing Trooper Richard, the tow truck operator, and a severely injured a third pedestrian. The pedestrian died in the hospital a few days later.

I have been with the Martin County Sheriff's Department for six and a half years and can recall some close calls myself. Indiana has a Move Over Law that is in place and enforced. The following is taken straight from the Indiana Code Book:

IC 9-21-8-35

Emergency vehicles; yield of right-of-way

Sec. 35. (b) Upon approaching a stationary authorized emergency vehicle, when the authorized emergency vehicle is giving a signal by displaying alternately flashing red, red and white, or red and blue lights, a person who drives an approaching vehicle shall:

(1) proceeding with due caution, yield the right-of-way by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to that of the authorized emergency vehicle, if possible with due regard to safety and traffic conditions, if on a highway having at least four (4) lanes with not less than two (2) lanes proceeding in the same direction as the approaching vehicle;

or

(2) proceeding with due caution, reduce the speed of the vehicle to a speed at least ten (10) miles per hour less than the posted speed limit, maintaining a safe speed for road conditions, if changing lanes would be impossible or unsafe.

(c) Upon approaching a stationary recovery vehicle, a stationary utility service vehicle (as defined in IC 8-1-8.3-5), or a stationary road, street, or highway maintenance vehicle, when the vehicle is giving a signal by displaying alternately flashing amber lights, a person who drives an approaching vehicle shall:

(1) proceeding with due caution, yield the right-of-way by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to that of the recovery vehicle, utility service vehicle, or road, street, or highway maintenance vehicle, if possible with due regard to safety and traffic conditions, if on a highway having at least four (4) lanes with not less than two (2) lanes proceeding in the same direction as the approaching vehicle; or

(2) proceeding with due caution, reduce the speed of the vehicle to a speed at least ten (10) miles per hour less than the posted speed limit, maintaining a safe speed for road conditions, if changing lanes would be impossible or unsafe.

This law pertains to all emergency vehicles including police, fire, ambulance, recovery vehicles (tow trucks), utility service vehicles, and highway maintenance vehicles. Most roadways in Martin County are two lanes or less. Therefore, it may sometimes be difficult to change lanes. If you cannot change lanes, SLOW down. Please, help protect the police officers that protect you and the other public service employees providing different services for the community.

Jail bookings

TUESDAY, MAY 13

1:14 p.m. - Heather West, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee City Captain of Police Akles on preliminary charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

9:48 a.m. - Heather Way, of Shoals, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Wilson on a Martin County warrant.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

9:25 p.m. - April Hotz, of Shoals, was arrested by Indiana State Police Sergeant Dana Miller on preliminary charges of operating while intoxicated with a minor passenger, neglect of a dependent, and habitual traffic violator.

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Loogootee Chorus holds concert

2014 Loogootee Girls Basketball Camp



-Photos by Courtney Hughett

Loogootee Junior/Senior High School held their Spring Choral Concert last Friday night. Grades six through 12 performed various musical selections such as "The Lion Sleeps Tonight", "Ho Hey, Ho Hey", "Stand by Me", "You Have Wings to Fly", "Amazing Grace", "Danny Boy", and "Praise His Holy Name". The students were directed by Choral Director Steve Sherohman. In the photo at the very top are high school chorus students. The photo below that are the junior high students and to the right are the junior high and sixth grade students.



The 2014 Loogootee Lady Lions Basketball camp will be for all interested players in grades 3rd-8th grade and will be held on the dates and times listed below.

This program is designed to teach the fundamentals of the game.

The cost to attend this camp is \$25 per child or a family with multiple children participating will be \$40 for the entire family. Each camper will receive a t-shirt. No girl will be denied participation for the inability to pay. Each child will receive a sign-up sheet at their classrooms.

If you have any camp questions, please do not hesitate to contact Coach Chad Wade at 812-295-8324.

Camp Schedule: Camp will be held at Jack Butcher Gymnasium

3rd-4th: 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. (June 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24 and 26)

5th-6th: 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (June 3, 5, 9, 10, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24 and 26)

7th-8th: 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. (June 3, 5, 9, 10, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24 and 26)

LHS Golf Team competes in Blue Chip

The Loogootee Golf Team played in the Blue Chip Conference on Saturday, May 17 at Country Oaks. Loogootee placed second in the conference tournament.

Loogootee was led by Wyatt Wade with 85, Josh Lampert with 87, Jess Divine with 89, and Jordan Clark with 97.

Loogootee's total score was 358. Vincennes Rivet won the conference. Wyatt Wade and Josh Lampert were named All-Conference for their scores.

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Team Crane Science Fair

Team Crane recently hosted the 30th Annual Team Crane Science Fair at WestGate Academy in which area middle school and high school students competed in a variety of categories with self-made projects for cash prizes and awards. Assistant Secretary of the Navy, (Energy Installations and Environment) ASN, (EI&E) Dennis McGinn gave the opening remarks at the start of the fair.

“STEM is vital to the work that we do in the Navy,” said ASN (EI&E) McGinn. “We will always need people in STEM related jobs to lead our country in the future.”

The categories included behavioral and social sciences, botany, chemistry and biochemistry, consumer science, earth space and environmental science, inventions, math and computers, medicine and health, microbiology, physics and zoology. Awards were presented by numerous professional organizations that included Federally Employed Women (FEW), American Society of Naval Engineers (ASNE), Association of Old Crows (AOC), American Society of Quality (ASQ), Society of Women Engineers (SWE) and Toastmasters. Sadly, Mr. James Jackson, an area retired science teacher passed away last year and for the first time wasn't at the fair to present the award named in his honor.

Team Crane leadership provided judging for the competition and NSWC Crane Chief of Staff Angie Lewis and other Team Crane leadership presented the awards to winning contestants.

“This was a great opportunity to interact with young, brilliant minds and to encourage STEM studies,” said Lewis.

In attendance for additional scientific demonstration was the Wonderlab of Bloomington and Vincennes University.

The fair was attended by 24 Senior Participants, 49 Junior Participants representing the following 11 local schools: Bloomfield Jr. High School, Castle Jr/Sr High School, Clay City Jr. High, Jasper Middle School/High School, Linton Stockton Jr. High, North Daviess Jr/Sr. High School, Orleans Jr. High School, Paoli Sr/Jr High School, Pike Central High School, Shoals Sr/Jr High School, and Pike Central High School.

In all, 51 awards were given to 29 students.

- Jackson Award
- Junior Division
- Jasper Middle School
- North Daviess
- Orleans
- Linton
- Castle North
- Senior Division
- North Daviess High School
- Paoli High School
- Castle High School
- Shoals High School
- Pike Central High School
- FEW Award
- Junior Division
- Kimber Schnarr- Jasper Middle School
- Senior Division
- Laundon Goldsby- Paoli High School
- ASNE Award
- Junior Division
- Kimber Schnarr- Jasper Middle School
- Senior Division
- Arjun Dhawan- Castle High School
- Association of Old Crows (AOC)
- Junior Division
- Matthew Ross- Orleans Middle School
- Senior Division
- Arjun Dhawan- Castle High School
- American Society of Quality
- Junior Division
- Ethan Winner- Jasper Middle School
- Senior Division

- Rachel Cadle- Paoli High School
- Toastmasters Overall
- Claire McCance- Jasper High School
- Society of Women Engineers Top Engineering Design
- Junior Division
- Olivia Smith- Jasper Middle School
- Senior Division
- Laundon Goldsby- Paoli High School
- Best Overall Award
- Arjun Dhawan- Castle High School
- Overall Award
- Junior Division
- Austin Rawlins- Castle North Middle School
- Senior Division
- Arjun Dhawan- Castle High School
- Category Awards
- Junior Division
- Behavioral & Social Sciences
- 1st- Olivia Smith- Jasper Middle School
- 2nd- Ella McKinney- Linton Stockton Junior High
- 3rd- Mary Katehopf- Jasper Middle School
- Biology
- 1st- Katelin Henry- North Daviess Junior High
- 2nd- Laurel Hubster- Jasper Middle School
- 3rd- Abby Stoll- Shoals Junior High
- Chemistry & Biochemistry
- 1st- Emma Grow- Jasper Middle School
- 2nd- Savannah Hogg- Clay City Junior High
- 3rd- Carson Brown- Linton Stockton Junior High
- Engineering, Mathematics and Inventions
- 1st- Ritik Shah- Castle North Middle School (Inventions)
- 2nd- Ethan Winner- Jasper Middle School (Inventions)
- 3rd- Austin Rawlins- Jasper Middle School (Inventions)
- Medicine & Health
- 1st- Ashton Padgett- Orleans Middle School
- 2nd- Ankush Dhawan- Castle North Middle School
- 3rd- Kimber Schnarr- Jasper Middle School
- Physics
- 1st- Hope Jordan- Orleans Middle School
- 2nd- Caleb Metcalf- Jasper Middle School
- 3rd- Duncan Gerkin- Orleans Middle School
- Senior Division
- Biology
- 1st-Hannah Thill- Paoli Senior High School
- 2nd- Rachel Cadle- Paoli Senior High School
- 3rd- Carrie Winklepleck- North Daviess High School
- Chemistry & Biochemistry and Earth, Space & Environmental Sciences
- 1st- Joseph Hetman- Pike Central High School (Chem & Biochem)
- 2nd-Laundon Goldsby- Paoli Senior High School (Chem & Biochem)
- 3rd- Brooke Swartzentruber- North Daviess Sr. High School (Chem & Biochem)
- Mathematics and Physics
- 1st- Arjun Dhawan- Castle High School
- 2nd- Braden Lawyer- North Daviess Sr. High School
- 3rd- Nicole Woodruff- North Daviess Sr. High School
- NSWC Crane is a Naval laboratory and a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) with focus areas in Special Mission, Strategic Missions and Electronic Warfare. The Warfare Center's research and development efforts support the warfighter by providing capabilities and resources to advance technologies for the military.



Sarah Wagler wins state math award

Mrs. Glenda Ritz, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, joins the Indiana Council of Teachers of Mathematics and Loogootee Intermediate School in recognizing the efforts of Sarah Wagler, the 2014 Loogootee Intermediate School sixth-grade student recipient of the Indiana Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM) Mathematics award.

Sarah received the ICTM Award for Excellence in Mathematics for the 2013-2014 school year. The future looks bright with students like Sarah leading the way! We as members of ICTM and Loogootee Intermediate School are proud of Sarah's efforts.

Sarah is the daughter of Jennifer Wagler and Brian Wagler. She is a 6th grader in Mrs. Nikki Wagoner's class. Sarah has maintained an "A" average all year. She also participated in Math Fax, placing first in the state. In addition, Sarah was a captain on the Loogootee Intermediate Math Bowl team that finished first at their local competition.

Loogootee Girls' Tennis finish regular season

The Loogootee High School Girls' Tennis team took on White River Valley last Thursday.

The varsity Lady Lions were defeated 1-4 and the junior varsity won, 3-1.

The varsity finished the season 4-13.

The girls will battle in sectional play tonight and tomorrow at home. Tonight, Wednesday, May 21 the first match will be Paoli vs. Loogootee at 4:30 p.m. and tomorrow night will be Barr-Reeve vs. Northeast Dubois at 6 p.m.

The championship game will be Thursday night at 5 p.m.

Varsity results
WRV 4, Loogootee 1

#1 Singles Jenny Wagner (WRV) defeated Emily Bateman 6-2, 6-3

#2 Singles Amy Ragle (WRV) defeated Erin Nelson 6-4, 6-3

#3 Singles Rachel Woods (WRV) defeated Tara Pennington 6-3, 6-7 (7), 6-4

#1 Doubles Ashley Lindauer/Emma Walters (L) defeated Lea Arnold/Brittany Froeschke 6-2, 6-1

#2 Doubles Brooke Stoner/Joshlyn Held (WRV) defeated Ashley Jones/Kendall Riley 6-4, 7-6 (6)

Loogootee 3, WRV 1
#1 Singles Shayna Stuffle (L) defeated Maria Bluck 8-1

#1 Doubles Breanna Holloway/Eden Jenkins (L) defeated Cassie Robbins/Piper Deykes 8-2

#2 Doubles Meghan Mathies/Abbie Williams (L) defeated Makense Allen/Brooklynn Sizemore 8-5

#3 Doubles Maria Bluck/Elizabeth Lamar (WRV) defeated Kaitlyn Dickens/Moriah Bussinger 8-4



- LOOGOOTE ELEMNTARY**
- Breakfast**
- Thursday, May 22**
Egg patty, sausage patty, wheat toast, mixed fruit
- Friday, May 23**
Cereal bar, sausage link, apple
- Monday, May 26**
No School - Memorial Day
- Tuesday, May 27**
Biscuit and gravy and mixed fruit
- Wednesday, May 28**
Donut and pineapple
- Lunch**
- Thursday, May 22**
Soft taco, lettuce, corn, applesauce, milk
- Friday, May 23**
BBQ pork, baked beans, chips, mixed fruit, milk
- Monday, May 26**
No School - Memorial Day
- Tuesday, May 27**
Chicken fajita, lettuce, refried beans, applesauce, milk
- Wednesday, May 28**
BBQ ribs, baked beans, French fries, peaches, milk
- LOOGOOTE INTERMEDIATE AND JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL**
- Lunch**
- Thursday, May 22**
Soft taco or pizza, lettuce, corn, applesauce, salad plate, milk
- Friday, May 23**
BBQ pork or pizza, baked beans, chips, mixed fruit, salad plate, milk
- Monday, May 26**
No School - Memorial Day
- Tuesday, May 27**
Chicken fajita, lettuce, refried beans, applesauce, milk

- Chicken fajita or pizza, lettuce, refried beans, applesauce, salad plate, milk
- Wednesday, May 28**
BBQ ribs or pizza, baked beans, French fries, peaches, salad plate, milk
- SHOALS SCHOOLS**
- Breakfast**
- Thursday, May 22**
Cereal, graham cracker snack, fruit, juice, milk
- Friday, May 23**
Biscuits with jelly, yogurt cup, fruit, juice, milk
- Monday, May 26**
No School - Memorial Day
- Tuesday, May 27**
Cereal, granola bar, fruit, juice, milk
- Wednesday, May 28**
Cinnamon roll, fruit, juice, milk
- Lunch**
- Thursday, May 22**
Beef and cheese nachos, refried beans, lettuce and cheese boat, pineapple, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: cheese nachos or chef salad
- Friday, May 23**
Bosco sticks with marinara sauce, salad boat, peaches, juice cup, brownie bar, milk
- Monday, May 26**
No School - Memorial Day
- Tuesday, May 27**
Fish sticks, macaroni and cheese, green beans, fruit cocktail, corn bread muffin, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: ham and cheese sandwich or chef salad
- Wednesday, May 28**
Chef salad, carrot sticks and cucumber slices, crackers, pears, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: pepperoni pizza

LHS Senior honors and scholarships

The following seniors were awarded academic honors and scholarships at a ceremony last Wednesday night.

Abby Ackerman – first term honor roll, second term honor roll, first semester honor roll, first semester Advance Environmental Science classroom award, third term honor roll, PEERS award, Academic Honors Diploma, Loogootee School Scholarship Trust, Butcher/Gee Hall of Fame Athletic Alumni Scholarship, and K of C Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship

Cheyenne Axsom – second term honor roll, first semester honor roll, third term high honor roll, second semester novels classroom award, and Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

Michala Beasley – first semester psychology classroom award, PEERS award, President's Education Award, Academic Honors Diploma, Loogootee School Scholarship Trust, Rita Butcher Scholarship

Forrest Carroll – Blue Chip Academic Conference Science Certificate

Webb Crane – Core 40 with Technical Honors Diploma, Loogootee School Scholarship Trust, Vincennes University Technical Honors Diploma Scholarship, and Vincennes University Foundation Scholarship

Kyle Craney – first term honor roll, first semester perfect attendance, third term honor roll, and Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

Gabby Daniel-Cox – first term honor roll, second term honor roll, PEERS award, and Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

Caleb Dant – Academic Honors Diploma
Chantel Dobson – Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

David Donnersberger – second term honor roll, Academic Honors Diploma, and Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

Brooke Dunn – PEERS award and Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

Austin England – Seven-year band participation award

Tom Fellers – Seven-year band participation award

Nathan Folster – Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

Justin Gibson – Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

Emma Graber – first term high honor roll, second term high honor roll, first semester high honor roll, first semester Spanish IV classroom award, first semester Chemistry 106 classroom award, third term high honor roll, second semester Chemistry 106 classroom award, second semester Spanish IV classroom award, Blue Chip Academic Conference Math Certificate, President's Education Award, PEERS award, Academic Honors Diploma, Loogootee School Scholarship Trust, Spanish Scholarship, Red Cross Award, National Beta Scholarship, and Lilly Endowment Scholarship

Jaleena Graber – first term honor roll, second term honor roll, first semester honor roll, Loogootee School Scholarship Trust, Vincennes University Foundation Scholarship

Kasie Green – first term honor roll, second term honor roll, first semester high honor roll, third term high honor roll, second semester yearbook classroom award, PEERS award, and Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

Garrett Greenhalgh – Purdue University Indiana Academic Super Bowl Area Competition Participation Award

Gage Harder – first term honor roll, second term honor roll, first semester honor roll, third term honor roll, Academic Honors Diploma, and Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

Taylor Hayes – first term honor roll, first semester honor roll, second semester Advanced Comp/British Literature classroom award, Academic Honors Diploma, Loogootee School Scholarship Trust, Butcher/Gee Hall of Fame Athletic Alumni Scholarship, and Gerdon Jones Memorial Scholarship

Ashley Hembree – Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

Shelby Hodges – third term honor roll and Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

Liam Hollihan – Academic Honors Diploma and Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

Tristan Horsting – Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

Shelby Hudson – Loogootee School Scholarship Trust and DK Conolty Scholarship

Katie Kidwell – first term honor roll, second term honor roll, first semester honor roll, and Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

Nicole Knight – first term honor roll, second term honor roll, first semester honor roll, third term honor roll, second semester speech and communication classroom award, and Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

Josh Lampert – first semester honor roll, seven-year band participation award, Academic Honors Diploma, and Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

Adam Lark – first term honor roll, second term honor roll, first semester honor roll, first semester speech classroom award, third term honor roll, President's Education Award, Academic Honors Diploma, Loogootee School Scholarship Trust, and National Beta Scholarship

Allison Lythgoe – President's Education Award, Academic Honors Diploma, Loogootee School Scholarship Trust, Vincennes University Academic Honors Diploma Scholarship, and University of Evansville Academic Scholarship

Matt Mathies – first term honor roll, second term honor roll, first semester honor roll, Academic Honors Diploma, and Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

Aaron Means – Core 40 with Technical Honors Diploma and Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

Casey Miller – Core 40 with Technical Honors Diploma

Alexis Neely – second semester sociology classroom award, Loogootee School Scholarship Trust, and Hoosier Uplands Scholarship

Zachary New – second semester tech theatre classroom award

Tylan Norris – first term honor roll, Core 40 with Technical Honors Diploma, and Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

Molly Raney – Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

Trevor Resler – third term honor roll, second semester government classroom award, PEERS award, Academic Honors Diploma, Loogootee School Scholarship Trust, Jasper Engines and Transmissions Scholarship and Page Scholarship

Demi Richardson – first term honor roll, second term honor roll, first semester honor roll, PEERS award, President's Education Award, Academic Honors Diploma, Loogootee School Scholarship Trust, and Red Cross Award

Kenedi Rohlman – first term high honor roll, second term high honor roll, first semester high honor roll, first semester economics classroom award, first semester Spanish III classroom award, first semester anatomy and physiology classroom award, third term high honor roll, second semester anatomy and physiology II classroom award, second semester Chemistry 105 classroom award, second semester Spanish III classroom award, second semester calculus classroom award, Blue Chip Academic Conference Math Certificate, Purdue University Indiana Academic Super Bowl Area Competition Participation Award, PEERS award, President's Education Award, Academic Honors Diploma, Loogootee School Scholarship Trust, DK Conolty Scholarship

Beth Sander – first semester French IV classroom award, second semester French IV classroom award, and Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

Tyson Sanders – first semester honor roll, second term honor roll, first semester honor roll, and first semester sociology classroom award

Kelsy Seals – first term honor roll, second term honor roll, first semester honor roll, third term honor roll, Blue Chip Academic Conference Math Certificate, PEERS award, seven-year band participation award, John Philip Sousa Band Award, Academic Honors Diploma, Loogootee School Scholarship Trust, and Ben Trout Scholarship

Taylor Smith – first term honor roll, second term honor roll, first semester honor roll, first semester Advanced Comp/British Literature classroom award, seven-year band participation award, President's Education Award, Academic Honors Diploma, Loogootee School Scholarship Trust, and Loogootee Jr./Sr. High School Student Council Scholarship

Carol Spears – first term honor roll, Loogootee School Scholarship Trust, and German American Scholarship

Bobby Stacy – Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

Tyler Stoll – first semester English 12 classroom award and Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

Holly Street – first term honor roll and Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

Sabrina Stuffle – first term honor roll, second term honor roll, first semester honor roll, PEERS award, Loogootee School Scholarship Trust, DK Conolty Scholarship, and Vincennes University Jasper Center Arnold F. Habig Scholarship

Liz Truelove – third term high honor roll, Loogootee School Scholarship Trust, and St. Vincent DePaul Scholarship

Ethan Wade – second term honor roll, first semester honor roll, third term honor roll, seven-year band participation award, and Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

Mackenzie Walker – first semester government classroom award and Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

Hannah Walters – first term honor roll, second term honor roll, first semester honor roll, President's Education Award, Academic Honors Diploma, Loogootee School Scholarship Trust, Judge Ellis Student Council Scholarship, LHS/Coke Student Service Scholarship, Red Cross Award, Loogootee Jr./Sr. High School Student Council Scholarship, and Tri Kappa Scholarship

Matt Weitkamp – first term honor roll, second term honor roll, first semester honor roll, third term honor roll, President's Education Award, Academic Honors Diploma, and Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

Brandon Wilz – first term honor roll and third term honor roll

Christina Ziegler – first term honor roll, second term honor roll, first semester honor roll, third term honor roll, Academic Honors Diploma, and Loogootee School Scholarship Trust

Madison Zins – Loogootee School Scholarship Trust



Scholastic Stars

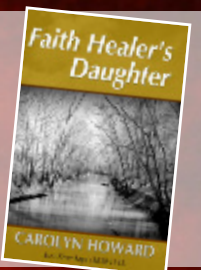
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Area Scholastic Stars were honored Monday, May 19 at an awards dinner in Bedford. 31 area students were nominated by their schools for their achievements in academic and extra-curricular activities as well as their levels of community involvement and their leadership skills. The students represented Bedford North Lawrence, Mitchell, Orleans, Springs Valley, Paoli, Shoals and West Washington schools. The "GOLD" team of the top 20 seniors represents outstanding academic achievement and a commitment to community. Both Nicole Harder, daughter of Kevin and Joni Harder; and Ariel Hert daughter of Retha Hert were awarded plaques for the Gold Star Level. The "SILVER" team of 11 seniors represent high ideals of education.

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Governor Pence unveils HIP 2.0 plan for uninsured Hoosiers

Governor Mike Pence last week announced his plans to advance private, market-based Medicaid reforms in Indiana. Pence unveiled HIP 2.0, a consumer-driven health care coverage program for low-income adults that builds on Indiana's history of consumer-driven health care and would replace traditional Medicaid for all non-disabled adults. HIP 2.0 adds choices for Hoosiers that further promote HIP's consumer-driven model, while providing new incentives for members to take personal responsibility for their health.

"Reforming traditional Medicaid is essential to creating better health outcomes and curbing the dramatic growth in Medicaid spending," said Governor Pence. "HIP 2.0 takes consumer-driven Medicaid reform to the next level by replacing traditional Medicaid for many in Indiana with a plan that empowers participants to take charge of their health and to be cost-conscious consumers."

Among its many innovations:

- HIP 2.0 introduces a new HIP Employer Benefit Link plan that supports participation in employer-sponsored insurance plans.

- It maintains and increases the Personal Wellness and Responsibility (POWER) account, modeled after a Health Savings Account, from which members would pay for medical services.

- It provides a new option for families to be covered by the same health plan.

- It facilitates linkages to employment services and rewards individuals for securing employment and moving off public assistance.

HIP 2.0 will be an option for Hoosiers ages 19 to 64 with incomes up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level, which for 2014 is approximately \$16,105 annually for an individual or \$32,913 for a family of four. It creates a benefit structure similar to commercial health insurance plans. HIP 2.0 will not raise taxes and will be fully funded through Indiana's existing cigarette tax revenue and Hospital Assessment Fee program, in addition to federal Medicaid funding.

HIP 2.0 incents Hoosiers with incomes below 138 percent of the federal poverty level to contribute to their POWER account by rewarding those who contribute with access to the HIP Plus plan, an enhanced benefit plan that covers dental and vision care.

Individuals who do not make financial contributions will maintain coverage through the HIP Basic plan. The HIP Basic plan will provide all essential health benefits, but will not cover vision and dental care, provides a less generous pharmacy benefit, and will require copayments for all services. Members with incomes more than 100 percent of the poverty level would have access only to the HIP Plus plan and would be incented to make their contributions or risk losing access to the program.

"The modified design of HIP 2.0 maintains emphasis on the principles of personal responsibility and represents our continuing efforts in Indiana to find innovative, fiscally responsible ways to get people the care they need," said Debra Minott, Secretary of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration. "All individuals in HIP will have incentives to get recommended preventive services and manage their POWER account funds appropriately."

Expanding the Healthy Indiana Plan will alleviate the coverage gap created by the Affordable Care Act (ACA). While there is no longer a waiting list for the Healthy Indiana Plan, HIP 2.0 also eliminates enrollment limitations in the current program. Also unlike traditional Medicaid, the Healthy Indiana Plan reimburses providers at 100 percent of the higher Medicare rates, ensuring more provider participation and leading to greater access to health care services. HIP 2.0 adds maternity benefits to the Healthy Indiana Plan program and removes annual and lifetime limits.

"There are two futures in health care – government-directed health care or consumer-driven health care," said Pence. "Indiana has chosen consumer-driven health care and intends to give eligible Hoosiers the power to make their own health care decisions through HIP 2.0."

More information about HIP 2.0, including the waiver itself, is available at www.HIP.in.gov. There will be a 30 day formal public notice and comment period during which Hoosiers can review the waiver and submit comments to the State. During the public comment period the State will conduct two separate formal public hearings that can be attended in-person or by phone or webcast.

Zoeller says number of unwanted robocalls trending down

If you own a phone chances are you have received a call from an automated voice asking you to press "1" for a service you don't want or need.

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller said while these calls are annoying there's good news for Hoosiers. New complaint data reveals the number of robocalls placed to Indiana residents continues to drop.

For example, two years ago the attorney general's office received about 1,000 robocall complaints per month and now that number is down to 550.

"While it is good news that there are fewer complaints of robocallers, it's clear that more must be done," Zoeller said. "Each year the largest category of complaints with my office still involve violations of the no call law and robocall statute. I know Hoosiers are frustrated and that's why we are dedicated to curbing these types of calls."

In April, Zoeller and Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster held the first-ever national "No-Call Law Enforcement Summit." The summit helped state and federal agencies identify best practices on how to stop unwanted calls and prosecute violators.

Zoeller was a strong proponent of a resolution passed by Indiana state legislators this year which called on the Federal Communications Commission to more aggressively regulate telemarketing calls and robocalls

that violate Hoosiers' telephone privacy.

Last year, the Indiana attorney general's office received more than 14,000 Do Not Call complaints with more than 50 percent involving robocalls. Since January, the attorney general's office has received nearly 4,000 complaints from consumers who received a telemarketing call from either a live operator or prerecorded message.

In Indiana, most robocalls are illegal regardless of whether or not a consumer's number is registered on the Do Not Call list. Exceptions include calls from school districts to students, parents or employees and businesses advising employees of work schedules. It is also legal if a live phone operator first obtains your permission before playing a pre-recorded message.

The next quarterly deadline to help reduce annoying sales calls and text messages is Tuesday, May 20. Consumers can register their residential landline, cell, VOIP or prepaid wireless numbers. Individuals do not need to re-register unless their address has changed. To sign up or to confirm a number is already on the list, visit www.IndianaConsumer.com or call 1.888.834.9969. Out-of-state area codes can also be added as long as the billing address is located in Indiana. Those consumers who are registered and receive an unwanted call can file a complaint by visiting www.IndianaConsumer.com.

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative
Mark Messmer



Celebrating Memorial Day

For many Hoosiers, Memorial Day weekend is one of the first opportunities to enjoy the beginning of summer. Some may invite family and friends over for a backyard cook-out while others enjoy the weekend at one of Indiana's many state parks.

As we participate in these activities, which are so central to the American way of life, it is important to remember the real reason why Memorial Day is a national holiday. It isn't so that people can have a day off work, or just an excuse to dust off the old grill; it is a day to remember the men and women who have fought to make all of this possible, our men and women in uniform.

In honor of Memorial Day, I want to highlight what we are doing here in Indiana to make life a little easier for our veterans when they return home. This session, we passed House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1242 to ensure that Hoosier veterans are not discriminated against because of their status as a veteran when seeking employment. It may seem hard to believe that any company would do that, but it does happen.

National Guardsmen also find themselves in similar situations, as employers are reluctant to hire an individual who could be deployed at any time. Our family business has always been proud to hire active-duty National Guard members.

Looking for employment, particularly when you have a family at home depending on you, can be very stressful. This can be even more difficult when you know that the odds are stacked against you. In an effort to help our veterans and reduce their unemployment rate, HEA 1242 makes it illegal for an employer to use discriminatory hiring practices against them.

We also passed Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) 352 to help military families that are in need. This legislation increases the timeframe in which veterans can receive support from the Military Family Relief Fund

(MFRF).

This fund provides grants that may be used for needs such as food, housing, utilities, medical services, transportation and other essential family expenses. As a result of this change, approximately 26,000 post-911 veterans will be eligible to apply for assistance through the MFRF.

Those who have never received support from the fund will be given preference, and the Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission must set a maximum amount that can be given each year. This will allow the fund's current balance of over \$7 million to be used to support our well-deserving Hoosier veterans and their families while also maintaining the fiscal integrity which has made Indiana the envy of the nation.

While this provides a glimpse at two of the new laws we passed this session, I take great pride in honoring our veterans outside of the legislature as well. Last Sunday, I kicked off the holiday one week early by participating in the Patriot Guard Riders Memorial Service Program when they made their Southwest Indiana stops in Dubois and Celestine. This program is for veterans who have lost their lives in service to our country, and as part of the program, I played taps, which if you aren't familiar, is a musical piece, often on a trumpet, which is used at U.S. military funerals.

On Memorial Day, I will also be participating in the Winslow American Legion Memorial Service, playing taps there as well. But this time, I will be joined by my daughter, and we will play an echo taps. This is an excellent way to combine our family's love of music with our deep-seated appreciation for those who serve our country. I look forward to this opportunity to honor our veterans, and I hope that you will join me this Memorial Day, in honoring them as well.

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

Summer gasoline prices: Steady as they go, unless . . .

BY KEITH ROBINSON
Purdue University News Service

Declining demand for gasoline coupled with increased oil refining capacity in the U.S. should help to keep the price of gas this summer below \$4 per gallon in the Midwest barring any disruption of supply, Purdue University energy economist Wally Tyner says.

Tyner expects pump prices to run about 6 cents higher than last summer and typically range between \$3.45 and \$3.90 per gallon, except in the Chicago area, where gas prices are higher because of clean-air rules.

But he cautions: "As you might expect, it depends. There are no certainties."

Prices could go higher over short periods if supplies are disrupted anywhere in the system, said Tyner, the James and Lois Ackerman Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics.

Tyner noted that prices of gasoline that motorists pay at the pump primarily are determined by crude oil prices, which have been running about \$4 per barrel higher than a year ago. That normally means higher gasoline prices.

Crude oil prices are determined by global supply-and-demand forces, but their price and availability also can be influenced by events such as the political instability that has gripped Ukraine. While U.S. crude oil production has increased significantly,

crude oil imports still account for 40 percent of the nation's supply, Tyner said.

Domestic gasoline consumption, however, has been declining, from 141 billion gallons in 2007 to 133 billion last year.

"Part of the decline is due to the recession, but a big part also is due to increasing fuel economy in our cars," Tyner said. "Even though we are driving about the same number of miles, it takes less gas to go that distance."

With decreased consumption of gasoline and more refining capacity, the U.S. is now exporting both gasoline and diesel, Tyner said.

"So today, the price of gasoline in foreign markets also influences what our price will be at the pump here," he said.

Even though there is more refining capacity in the U.S., there are fewer inventories of gasoline, diesel and propane than in the past, Tyner said. All of those fuels are below their historic normal levels partly because companies are keeping lower stocks.

"That means any supply disruption such as a refinery outage or pipeline problem can send prices shooting up," he said. "And when this happens, it is common for the prices to come down slower than they went up."

Gasoline prices also vary by region of the country. Prices last week, for example, ranged from \$3.44 per gallon on the Gulf Coast to \$4.02 on the West Coast. They were \$3.60 in the Midwest.

Commissioners discuss road issues

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, May 13.

The meeting was recorded and notes taken by Kathy Collins due to the absence of Auditor January Roush. Roush was attending the state board of accounts called auditor's conference.

Dale Tedrow voiced his concerns with the dust control on Emmons Ridge Road.

Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, submitted the two-work schedule and bridge inspection reports. He updated the commissioners on several road and bridge repairs. Superintendent Padgett presented pictures of a bridge repair on Wood School Road. A concerned citizen advised about a fence issue on Poplar Grove Road. Attorney Lett will investigate. Superintendent Padgett thanked Ralph Mauder for his assistance in cleaning up after the recent storm. The mowing crew will start as soon as possible. Graber Post would like to concrete 800 North and have the highway department replace two culverts. Due to lack of communication, Commissioner Paul George and Superintendent Padgett are not aware of where the project stands.

Commissioner Kevin Boyd made a motion to take the Constellation Natural Gas quote under advisement till the May 27, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Dan Gregory

made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve Ruth Smith to the community corrections advisory board for another four years. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Kathy Collins, community corrections director, presented the commissioners with a letter from the advisory board concerning the safety concerns with road crew. The advisory board requested that County Attorney Lett review the issue and reply in writing to the advisory board. The road crew will continue mowing, weed eating sites but have temporarily halted the picking up of dangerous waste from the roadside. A discussion followed on ideas for road crew to do throughout the county. If not-for-profits organizations need work completed, please contact community corrections.

President George gave the April veteran service report.

County Attorney submitted the first draft of the personnel policy.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. with a motion by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by President George. All were in favor and the motion passed.

State Road 58 to close in Daviess County

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces that State Road 58 (S.R. 58) will be closing west of Interstate 69.

Contractor's crews will be closing S.R. 58 from the junction of State Road 358 (S.R. 358) to the junction of U.S. Route 231 (U.S. 231). Crews will be replacing a drainage structure under the roadway, 0.36 miles east of S.R. 358.

Work will begin on or after Thursday, May 29, at approximately 8 a.m. local time. It is anticipated the roadway will re-open to traffic by 5 p.m. on Monday, June 16,

weather permitting.

No through vehicle traffic will be allowed, however local residents will have access to the point of closure. All lanes of traffic will be closed at the structure. The official detour will follow S.R. 57, S.R. 54 and U.S. 231.

INDOT reminds motorists to follow the posted work zone speed limit, use caution and consider worker safety when traveling through a work zone. For the latest news and information about INDOT, please visit www.in.gov/indot.



NSWC Crane Employees garner second Technology Transfer Award

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) employees Dr. Gerald Manke and Mr. Timothy Bradley received a Federal Laboratory Consortium Award for Excellence in Technology Transfer (T2) on April 23 in Rockville, Maryland. This is the second award for the pair recognized for utilizing their expertise with Ultra-Short Pulse Lasers (USPL) to foster commercial and military technology transfer.

Manke and Bradley have utilized the T2 mechanisms of cooperative research and development agreements (CRADAs), education partnership agreements (EPAs), small business innovation research awards (SBIRs), and mentoring assistance to companies which has led to a \$16M portfolio of USPL investments and technology developments.

"These two gentlemen are national leaders in understanding how to utilize technology transfer mechanisms to advance research and the national economy," said John Dement, Technology Transfer Program Director at NSWC Crane. "They have 5 CRADAs, 34 SBIRs and two start-up companies to show for their efforts. As we develop collaborative partnerships like the ones recognized by this award, both the military and the commercial sector benefit."

USPLs deliver electromagnetic pulses measured in femtoseconds, a time span so brief that the pulses alter the way light interacts with matter. One of the key attributes

of these pulses is that, unlike conventional lasers, they produce no heat and do not damage the targeted material beyond the intended extent. This capability enables USPLs to remove material more cleanly and precisely than ever before possible.

A few of examples of the technology advancing to the commercial market is that currently automotive fuel injectors are now being cut so precisely that they deliver 30-percent greater fuel efficiency; more precise eye surgery is being performed with less risk; and glass screens on consumer electronics are being made much stronger.

NSWC Crane's T2 program seeks to license and collaborate with local individuals, companies and academic institutions for the purpose of transferring government protected innovations for commercialization ultimately spurring economic development and transfer back into the federal government.

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's research and development efforts support the Warfighter by providing capabilities and resources to advance technologies for the military.

For more information on the NSWC Crane's technology transfer opportunities contact John Dement at john.dement@navy.mil.

Economic development takes center stage at the Purdue University/Radius Indiana Summit

Radius Indiana and Purdue University presented the 2014 Economic Development Summit on May 15 at the French Lick Resort. The summit provided the opportunity for elected officials, economic development professionals and other community leaders to engage with experts in economic development from around the state and Purdue University.

The program began with speakers setting the stage by defining economic development, and presenting regional industry and economic data. Featured keynote speaker, Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership President/CEO John Sampson, highlighted successful strategies and best practices implemented in the northeast region. Bo Beaulieu, Director of the Purdue Center for Regional Development, presented an industry sector analysis as well.

"Our work to make sure that the Radius Indiana region thrives and is prosperous is critical," stated Becky Skillman, President/CEO of Radius Indiana. "We continue to collaborate with experts and advocates to move the best ideas forward. In this way, the summit provides the opportunity for key connections to be made between employers, civic leaders, and state and local officials."

"Every region of the state has its own unique story to tell," said John Sampson, President/CEO of the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership. "I am very pleased to represent Northeast Indiana as a part of this summit to share our experiences. Collaboration is one of our core values. It's only by sharing lessons learned that we can develop

the creative approaches needed to advance the economies of our individual regions and the entire state of Indiana."

Three moderated panel discussions were held on key topics facing economic development today; including, supporting and growing existing businesses and nurturing a climate of entrepreneurship, attracting new businesses, and effective collaboration. The moderators of each panel were David McKinnis, Director of the Purdue Technical Assistance Program, Ron Arnold of the Daviess County Economic Development Corporation, and Bo Beaulieu, Director of the Purdue Center for Regional Development.

According to Barbara J. Alder, Director of Purdue University Office of Engagement for Indianapolis, "Purdue was honored to partner with Radius Indiana to demonstrate additional ways in which the capabilities of the University can be used to further economic development and business growth efforts in this region of the state. As Indian's only land-grant university, we have a long-standing commitment to engagement and outreach, and this is one of the ways we can work toward achieving that important mission."

The focus of the panels included re-emphasizing the continued need for collaboration between all stakeholders and localities in the eight-county Radius Indiana region, and beyond.

"Regional cooperation is no longer a buzz phrase," Becky Skillman commented. "For the Radius Indiana region, it's a blueprint for action."

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Calendar of Events

Shoals Alumni Banquet

The Shoals High School Alumni Banquet is Saturday, June 28 at the Shoals High School Gym. Doors open at 4 p.m. The dinner starts at 6 p.m. If you would like a reserved table, call Norma Baker at 812-388-6641.

Baker Family Reunion

The descendants of Cesar and Mary Baker will be having the Baker Family Reunion on Sunday, June 8 at the Shoals Senior Citizen Center. Food will be served at noon. Bring a covered dish and your table service.

Shoals School Board special meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, May 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the central administration office. The only item on the agenda is personnel actions. An executive meeting will be held prior to the open meeting and pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1 the items to be discussed will be (5) to receive information about and interview prospective employees and (9) to discuss a job evaluation of individual employees. The executive meeting is closed to the public but the 5:30 p.m. meeting is open to the public.

Relay for Life survivor dinner

Martin County always celebrates cancer survivors with a dinner which will be held May 28 at the Martin County Community Building. Every cancer survivor is welcome to attend and bring a guest. This dinner will be catered by Carla's Catering who will donate her services. In order to send out invitations, the survivor committee must know who the survivors are and we need to update their list. Please send your information to Survivor Chairman Paula Ringwald at 3799 US Highway 50 Loogootee, or email her at paularingwald@gmail.com or call at 812-295-3475 or co-chair Shelly Ringwald at 3867 US Highway 50, Loogootee, or email her at timothy.ringwald@gmail.com. Or call at 812-698-0612. All survivors are also urged to attend the Relay for Life event and walk the Survivor Lap if possible. After

ACCTS School Supply Giveaway

This is the eleventh year for the Area Churches honoring Christ Together in Service (ACCTS) School Supply Giveaway. The first ten years have averaged over 80 students served each year. This year's signups are being held in Shoals at the Shoals Library and the Hoosier Uplands/WIC office and in Loogootee at the Loogootee Library and the St. Vincent De Paul store. The School Supply Giveaway is for those Loogootee and Shoals students in kindergarten through 6th grade (2014-2015 school year) needing assistance. A parent or guardian must sign up students between Tuesday May 27 and Wednesday June 25.

The school supplies will be handed out on Saturday July 26 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Loogootee High School lobby to Loogootee students signed up by June 25. Shoals students signed up by June 25 will receive their school supplies in the classroom on the first day of school.

the survivor lap you will once again be joining the committee, team captains, and participants in a meal served at Loogootee High School where the Relay for Life Event will be held on May 30-31 starting at 6 p.m. This year the event will be held inside the gymnasium with air-conditioning so the weather will not be an issue. Please send your name, address, shirt size, cancer diagnosis date and type of cancer as soon as possible to Paula or Shelly.

Head Start preschool classes

Head Start is now taking applications for the fall preschool classes. Head Start is a kindergarten readiness program at no-cost for qualifying families. Please call 812-295-4700 to enroll your child.

Son of the American Revolution

The Daniel Guthrie Chapter, Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution will hold their 2nd quarter meeting on Tuesday, May 20. The Free Methodist Church on R Street in Bedford will host the meeting. Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. with the meeting starting at 7 p.m. They will be inducting new members and presenting numerous awards and citations. The program will feature a few of the South Eastern Revolution Battle sites. All are welcome to attend.

Boy Scouts

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

GED exam fees

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Solid waste board

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

Humane society meetings

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

Tourism meetings

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

Soil and Water meetings

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



New tractor

-Photo provided

The City of Loogootee received their new tractor this week replacing the current 30-year-old one. The city council voted at their meeting last week to purchase the new tractor due to parts not being available anymore for the old one. Shown above, from left to right, are Jordan VanMeter, Mayor Noel Harty, Tyler Stoll, Mike Taylor, and Bo Wilson.

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Purdue ag economist offers insights to latest farm bill

BY JENNIFER STEWART
Purdue University News Service

A Purdue Extension agricultural economist has published two articles that include analysis of what the 2014 farm bill could mean for farmers and agriculture in the Midwest.

The articles, "What Will the 2014 Farm Bill Mean for Midwest Agriculture?" and "Beginning to Evaluate Choices in the Farm Bill," were authored by Roman Keeney and are available for download free of charge in the most recent edition of the Purdue Agricultural Economics Report.

The bill, formally named the Agriculture Act of 2014, was signed into law Feb. 7, but many of the law's specific rules are left to the U.S. Department of Agriculture to interpret and implement. And while the new programs outlined in the bill will apply to the 2014 crop, Keeney said it's likely signups won't be available until late in 2014.

In his articles, Keeney explains the ways the farm bill has changed agricultural policy, outlines the new farm revenue protection programs and helps farmers start to evaluate their program decisions.

"The new farm bill is a major overhaul of commodity policy in the United States," he said. "The articles provide an overview of those changes, introduce some of the decisions farmers will be making, and considers the continuing evolution of U.S. agricultural policy."

One of the biggest changes farmers will see is the elimination of the longstanding di-

rect and countercyclical payments system. Instead, lawmakers decided to offer farmers a more robust insurance and revenue protection system.

Part of what makes farmers' revenue protection program decisions so important is that farmers are locked into their enrollment decisions for the five-year life of the farm bill, which runs through 2018.

The programs they'll be offered:

* Price Loss Coverage (PLC), a price protection program that triggers payments when market year average prices fall below target levels, which are called reference prices.

* Agricultural Risk Coverage County (ARC-C), a revenue protection program that triggers payments when the county revenue per acre falls below a benchmark revenue guarantee per acre set for the county.

* Agricultural Risk Coverage Individual (ARC-I), a revenue protection program that triggers payments when there is a revenue-per-acre shortfall on the individual farm that falls below a benchmark revenue guarantee per acre for that farm.

The decision is more in-depth than just selecting a program per farm. Farmers will be able to enroll different commodities into different programs. There also are some additional options available with all three programs - all highlighted in Keeney's articles.

The USDA is expected to have the remainder of the farm bill rules interpreted this summer, giving farmers time to learn more before they enter the enrollment period later this year.

Weather impacting aquatic plants in area lakes

This year's late winter thaw and cool spring weather have slowed the growth of aquatic plants in northeast Indiana lakes. This should, according to DNR officials, delay and may even reduce the need to use chemical herbicides to control vegetation in lakes where there are such issues.

Each year residents at more than 125 area lakes hire commercial pesticide applicators to spray aquatic weeds where they interfere with boating and swimming. To legally do so, applicators must first obtain a permit from the DNR.

"The amount of weed control done each year has a lot to do with the weather," said Jed Pearson, a DNR fisheries biologist. "Water temperature, the number of sunny days, and rainfall can have a big effect on aquatic plant growth."

The seasonal timing of herbicide applica-

Monroe Lake beaches won't open Memorial Day weekend

Due to high water, beaches at Monroe Lake will not open on Memorial Day weekend.

Recent rains and river levels downstream have forced the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to restrict the outflow at the dam, resulting in high water at Monroe Lake.

These conditions will not change before the holiday weekend. Monroe Lake beaches, which are at Fairfax and Paynetown state recreation areas, will remain closed.

All boat ramps are currently still open at the lake.

Monroe Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2954.htm) is at 4850 South State Road 446, Bloomington, 47401.

tions also depends on water temperature and various growing stages of the plants.

"We typically see fluctuations in plant growth from year to year," Pearson said. "That makes it difficult for local lake associations and lake residents to plan and fund their weed control programs."

It also can create some common misconceptions about plant ecology.

"Just because plants are more abundant one year and cover wider areas doesn't mean a lake is getting polluted," Pearson said. "And just because fewer plants are growing this year doesn't mean they won't be back next year."

To show how much aquatic plants vary from year to year, Pearson cites data that he and other DNR biologists have collected at 47 lakes over the past four years.

On a region-wide basis, plant coverage was greatest in 2012, a year marked by an early spring and record warm temperatures with less rainfall. As a result, lakes were much clearer than normal. Aquatic plants depend on how deeply sunlight can penetrate. Clearer lakes tend to have more vegetation and at greater depths.

In 2012 leafy plants typically covered 75 percent of the area where they could potentially grow, an area biologists call the littoral zone.

In contrast, leafy aquatic plants covered an average of 65 percent of the littoral zone in lakes during 2013 after a cold and wet spring.

The number of species also varied. More species grew per site in 2012 than 2013. Moderate numbers of were present in 2010 and 2011.

"But not all species followed the same trend," Pearson said. "Coontail, one of the most common species, was more abundant in 2013 even though overall plant coverage was less. Plants respond differently to different conditions."

So what does all this mean?

"Lake residents need to take a long-term view of plant management and not overreact to short-term yearly changes," Pearson said.



Between showers, I was able to actually get a little work done in the garden last week. Since the soil was far too wet for any planting, I used the time between showers to do some pruning. With the cool spring so far, I had put off pruning roses to see if they would leaf out. However, like most gardeners in this area, I found that there was a lot of winter kill on the rose canes, so the pruning was extensive. Actually, I am hoping the damage was just from the winter kill. The dreaded rosa rosette fungal disease has attacked many roses in southern Indiana, including many Knock-out roses. If the disease is present in a rose bush, it will kill the bush within a couple of years. Once infected, there is no cure for the disease. One sign of the disease is "witch's broom" growth on roses. If you see this growth on canes, cut it out and keep an eye out for further signs of the disease. The disease is also attacking the multi-flora roses that plague our area, so there is little chance of being able to stop the spread of the disease. One may spray roses with a preventative fungicide, but if the plant is already infected, the spray will have no effect.

I did notice some signs of growth in my large crape myrtle, so I will wait awhile longer before pruning there. Once the new growth has come out, I will prune out the dead parts of the crape myrtle. Mimosa trees are still bare, but I will wait awhile longer before cutting them to the ground. Even if the top of the tree is dead, it is likely that they will re-grow from the roots. The same is true for butterfly bushes. Some of them have had good spring growth, while others show no leaves as yet. I will wait before taking drastic measures.

Ground temperatures remain cool, so there is no hurry in planting tomatoes, peppers and eggplant. Little growth will occur until the soil temperatures are warmer, so one need not be in a great hurry to get the transplants in the ground. The crop may come in a little later than normal, but there is still enough summer weather ahead to allow the late crop to mature. Sometimes,

the delayed crop will actually show improvement because the pest cycle is interrupted.

Sweet potatoes require even warmer soil temperatures to thrive, so I recommend waiting awhile to set out plants. A great way to grow sweet potatoes is to make a ridge of soil and cover it with a sheet of black plastic. The plastic will warm the soil. In a couple of weeks, cut holes in the plastic, through which the transplants may be planted. The vines of the sweet potato will soon cover the plastic, with no competition from weeds. This fall, cut back the vines before frost is predicted. Remove the plastic and harvest the roots, which will be easy to dig out of the ridged soil.

The good part of the cool weather is that cool-season crops may stick around a while longer than usual. Lettuce and other greens bolt when hot weather arrives, but the cool weather will extend the harvest. Keep cutting leaves as long as they keep their flavor.

I have had several inquiries about daffodil foliage. While it may be tempting to cut the foliage after the daffodils have finished blooming, one should leave the foliage until it turns yellow. The bulbs are still being fed by the photosynthesis in the foliage, and cutting it away may result in fewer flowers next year. Once the leaves have turned yellow, they may be cut. However, I like to plant other perennials, such as hostas, near the daffodils. The hosta foliage will hide the unsightly daffodil foliage and means one fewer clean-up chores for me.

I had a wonderful time at the gardening events at which I spoke over the weekend. I especially enjoyed the event at the West Baden Springs sunken gardens. Despite having been under water recently, the gardens are beautiful. One need not be a hotel guest to visit the gardens. I always take out-of-town guests to see the gardens there.

I have also had several visitors at Sandhill Gardens. As usual, there is a lot of work to do here, but the beauty of the spring floral display has been breath-taking, and I love sharing it with others.

Get outside this Memorial Day weekend

DNR campgrounds and cabins at state parks, state reservoirs and state recreation areas are booked to capacity for Memorial Day weekend, except for Trine State Recreation Area in Angola, where recently renovated cabins are still available.

Trine SRA is near Pokagon State Park and was dedicated in a grand opening last week. It offers 12 overnight cabins, most of which were available for reservation as of Monday.

For picnics and other day-use gatherings, shelters at locations statewide remain available.

Shelters not reserved 48 hours in advance are open on a free, first-come, first-served basis on the day of arrival.

Reservations for cabins and shelters can

be made at Camp.IN.Gov or by calling 1-866-6CAMPIN (1-866-622-6746).

If you're looking for a road trip, but not sure where to go, find property maps and facility information at stateparks.IN.gov.

If you're too late to make a reservation for the upcoming holiday weekend, don't miss out on camping over July 4th, Labor Day or anytime this summer. Cabins and campsites are still available, but will go quickly once Memorial Day passes.

Visit Camp.IN.Gov or call 1-866-6CAMPIN (1-866-622-6746) to reserve your favorite cabin, shelter or campsite.

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Hoosiers encouraged to learn more about viral hepatitis

Viral hepatitis is a silent epidemic that affects more than 4 million Americans. In 2011, more than 6,000 cases of viral hepatitis were reported in Indiana, including the most common types, hepatitis A, hepatitis B and hepatitis C. May 19 is the second annual Hepatitis Testing Day and Hoosiers are encouraged to learn more about hepatitis and how to protect themselves.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), viral hepatitis is the leading cause of liver cancer and the most common reason for liver transplantation. Most individuals who have viral hepatitis are not aware of it. Knowledge of the disease and its risks are essential to improve screening and testing which can reduce illness and death from hepatitis. State health officials are encouraging Hoosiers to take action to increase viral hepatitis awareness and take the initiative to get tested.

"Hepatitis can be a serious illness leading to liver disease and liver cancer," said State Health Commissioner William VanNess,

M.D. "Talk to your healthcare provider about vaccination and testing."

Hepatitis A is spread through ingestion of fecal matter (stool) of an infected individual. Hepatitis B and C are spread through contact with infected blood. Hepatitis B is also commonly spread from an infected mother to her baby during childbirth. Common modes of transmission for both diseases include intravenous drug use and sharing of contaminated needles, including those used for tattoos and body piercing, and other injection drug equipment. Although there is currently no vaccine for hepatitis C, there are vaccines for both hepatitis A and B.

Symptoms of hepatitis A, B and C include nausea, anorexia, fever, malaise, abdominal pain, jaundice and dark urine. However, it may also show no symptoms or very mild symptoms that can be mistaken for another illness. Up to 75 percent of people infected with hepatitis C do not know they have it. Laboratory testing is the only way to know for certain if someone has viral hepatitis and

what kind.

State health officials recommend a one-time hepatitis blood test for hepatitis C for everyone between the ages of 49 and 69 years of age. This one test can help protect the health of Americans from liver disease and potentially save thousands of lives.

DC Bombers opener May 30

The Dubois County Bombers 2014 Season will kick off Friday, May 30 at historic League Stadium, in Huntingburg, featuring a world famous Trick Dog Show and dedication of the Heartland Historic Baseball Trail. First pitch is slated for 7 p.m. (Eastern) against the Fulton Roaders.

The Flying Houndz Trick Dog Show, will perform between innings and after the home opener. Performing a unique, one-of-a-kind family fun show, the Flying Houndz consist of nine superstars performing acrobatic Frisbee catching stunts and interactive dog tricks.

For more information, visit the Viral Hepatitis Prevention page on the Indiana State Department of Health's website at <http://www.in.gov/isdh/25797.htm>. For important health and safety information, or follow us on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/isdh1.

Prior to the first pitch, historic League Stadium has been selected to dedicate the new Heartland Historic Baseball Trail to pay tribute to significant historic baseball landmarks along the I-64 corridor. League Stadium is one of six sites starting with the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory (Louisville), and includes the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame (Jasper), Gil Hodges Mural (Petersburg), Gil Hodges Field (Princeton) and Bosse Field (Evansville). The pre-game ceremony will feature dignitaries from all of the designated sites. Tickets available at the stadium box office. Gates open at 6 p.m.

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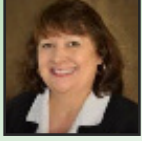
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