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Loogootee to graduate 60, Shoals 46

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Loogootee High School will hold their graduation on Friday, May 26, at 7 p.m. 60 students will receive diplomas.

The evening will begin with the processional by the LHS Band and opening by Kaleb Lyon, Senior Class President. The high school chorus will then sing The National Anthem followed by "The Prayer" arranged by Teena Chinn and "Thank You" arranged by Misty Mosby.

Justin Wagler, Senior Class Vice President, will then introduce the class speakers. The Valedictorian and Salutatorian will give speeches entitled "Mustn't" and "Madness" but as of publication time, they had not yet been chosen.

Tye Collins, Class Treasurer, will present the slide presentation followed by "Battle Hymn of the Republic" by the LHS Band. The presentation of diplomas will then be done by Loogootee Superintendent Chip Mehaffey and High School Principal Andrea Huff.

Mrs. Huff will then give her remarks and present the class of 2017. Closing will be done by Shelby Graber, Class Secretary, with recessional by the LHS Band.

The LHS Class of 2017's motto is "You're only given a little spark of

madness. You mustn't lose it." by Robin Williams. The class flower is the White Carnation.

The Loogootee 2017 graduating class:

Kayla Renee Abel, Sara Catherine Bailey, Abigail Helen Marie Barker, Landon Williams Bell, Sydney Ann Blakenbaker, Colin James Bowling, Emily Sue Brookshire, DeAnna Rae Canell, Chase Carrico, Jordan Ryan Clark, Wade Garet Coleman, Tye Kinsler Collins, Jaylon Michelle Combs, Dylan Dant, Ella Victoria Donnersberger, Sarina Danee Elliott, Breanna Lei Ervin, Cole Matthew Gillick, Jayce William Graber, Lana Graber, Shelby Renee Graber, Kylie Marie Hall, Wilson Hatter, Mya Annette Hedrick, Breanna Nicole Hollaway, Marcus Gerald Hopkins, Joshua Ty Hurst, Eden Breann Jenkins, Jonathon Allan Jones, Mattyson Josie Jones, Tristan Adam Jones, Sean Albert Kiser, Breigh Danielle LaMar, Nolan Herbert Lottes, Lindsey LeeAnn Lukens, Kaleb A. Lyon, Breanna Mari Lytton, Meghan Nicole Mathies, Jacob Robert Nonte, Wyatt James Nonte, Gabriel Ryan Porter, Billy Ray Pruett, Luke Christopher Steven Reed, Nicholas James Donald Reinhart, Tokala Richardson, Mayson Renee Riley, Briar Garrett Sellers, Jacob Stephen Simmons, Kirsten LeeAnn Spears, Griffin Lucas Spring, Kendall Rae Staats, Justin Michael Swartzen-



ALEX TEDROW

Shoals High School Valedictorian



ASHLEY MULLINS

Shoals High School Salutatorian

Loogootee High School's Valedictorian and Salutatorian were not chosen as of publication time.

truber, Shania Marie Swigler, Clayton Robert Thomas, Derrick Daniel Tinkle, Justin Robert Wagler, Kaitlyn Brianna Wagoner, Abbie Elise Williams, Mikayla Jade Wolf, and Alan Xiao Yang

Shoals High School will hold their commencement ceremonies on Satur-

day, May 27, beginning at 2 p.m. 46 students will be receiving diplomas. The afternoon will begin with a processional arranged by Edward Elgar and performed by the junior/senior high school band and followed by the Na- (See 'GRADUATE' cont. on page 2)

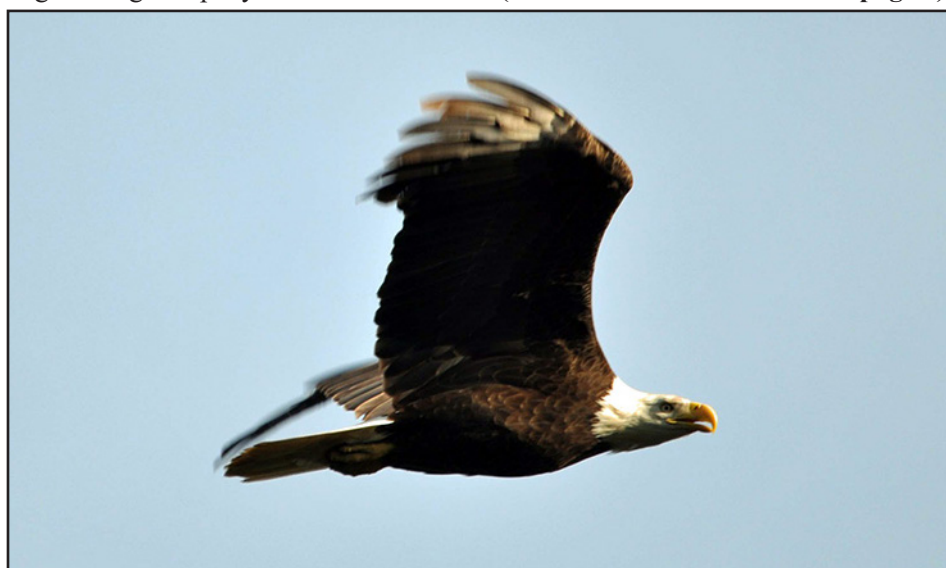
Commissioners discuss road grant, adding more jail beds

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett updated the Martin County Commissioners, at their meeting Tuesday night, May 23, on the Community Crossings grant meeting held last week in Vincennes. Padgett said that the original matching money of \$250,000 was not correct and it was actually \$333,000. The commissioners had questioned the engineering company at their last meet-

ing because they were sure the match was \$333,000. Tim Hunt, with HWC Engineering, had said that INDOT told him it was \$250,000. The commissioners had, however, already encumbered the \$333,000 so the change will not be an issue.

Padgett also told the commissioners that the rules in the grant process have changed dramatically due to some cities and counties abusing the grant monies. He said that some who received the (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)



American eagle

Bald eagles can fly at approximately 30 miles per hour and can dive at 100 miles per hour. The wingspan of an eagle measures from 5.5 to 7.5 feet. An average adult bald eagle weighs about nine pounds and is about three feet in height.

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BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Martin County's unemployment rate fell to 2.5 percent in April, down from 3.6 percent the month before. The county had the 30th lowest jobless rate of the 92 Indiana counties for April, tied with 13 other counties.

In April, the county had 5,048 residents in the workforce and 125 of them were unemployed. In March, there were 5,053 residents able to work and 183 of them were without jobs. In April of last year, Martin County's unemployment rate was 4.2 percent with 5,129 residents in the workforce and 215 of them unemployed.

Dubois County's unemployment rate also dropped from March to April, from 2.9 percent to 1.9 percent. The county had the lowest jobless rate in the state for April, tied with Elkhart and LaGrange counties.

In April, the county had 23,259 residents in the workforce with 440 of them unemployed. In March, there were 23,224 residents able to work and 662 of them without jobs. In April of 2016, Dubois County's jobless rate was 3.1 percent with 23,337 residents able to work and 723 of them unemployed.

Daviess County's unemployment rate dipped to 2 percent in April, down from 3.1 percent the month before. The county had the second lowest jobless rate in the state for April, tied with Adams, Bartholomew, Kosciusko and Hamilton counties.

In April, the county had 15,817 residents in the workforce and 310 of them were without work. In March, there

were 15,803 residents in the workforce and 484 of them without jobs. In April of last year, Daviess County's unemployment rate was 3.5 percent with 15,951 residents in the workforce and 566 of them unemployed.

The top ten spots in the state for the lowest jobless rate for April were LaGrange, Dubois and Elkhart counties at 1.9 percent; Kosciusko, Hamilton, Bartholomew, Adams and Daviess counties at 2 percent; and Boone and Union counties at 2.1 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for the highest jobless rate for April were Vermillion County at 4.3 percent, Lake County at 4.1 percent, Newton County at 3.9 percent, Fayette and Green coun- (See 'APRIL' cont. on page 2)

Memorial Day Honor Guard cemetery schedule

The Honor Guard consisting of veterans who are members of the Loogootee Legion and Loogootee Veterans of Foreign Wars will be making their annual cemetery visits on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29. All community members are welcome and encouraged to attend any or all of these visits, as they honor all deceased veterans for the sacrifice they made for our continued freedom.

9 a.m. - Burn City Cemetery
9:30 a.m. - St. Joseph, Bramble
10 a.m. - St. Mary, Barr Township
10:30 a.m. - Goodwill Cemetery, Loogootee
11:15 a.m. - St. John, Loogootee
12:15 p.m. - St. Martin, Whitfield
12:45 p.m. - Truelove Cemetery
1:30 p.m. - South Martin Cemetery

GRADUATE

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tional Anthem.

The welcome speech will be given by Allison Boyd, Senior Class Secretary and the invocation will be done by Jonathan Sullivan and Aubrey Schlaegel.

"Of Pride and Celebration," by James Swearingen, will be played by the band followed by "We Can Dream," by Pinkzebra, performed by the junior/senior high school choir.

The Salutatorian, Ashley Mullins, will then speak, followed by the Valedictorian Alex Tedrow. A historian speech will then be given by Kelsie Graves, Senior Class Historian.

A video presentation of the Class of 2017 will be done by Hope Baylis and Kelsie Graves.

High School Guidance Counselor Larry Sherfick will then present the class of 2017 and diplomas will be presented by High School Principal Kin-dra Hovis and Superintendent Dr. Candace Roush. Dr. Roush will then give the acceptance of the class.

A farewell address will be given by Kenady Bratton, Senior Class President, along with the turning of the tassels.

Junior Class President Abigail Stoll and Junior Class Vice President Macey Way will present the class flower, the yellow rose.

At the end of the ceremony the band will perform the recessional arranged by Edward Elgar.

The Shoals High School Class of 2017 motto is "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams," by Eleanor Roosevelt. The class colors are blue, purple and silver.

Shoals Class of 2017:

Michael Cain Baker, Makaya Hope Baylis, Alex Lee Bledsoe, Rusty Smith Bonham, Allison Brooke Boyd, Ashley Nicole Boyd, Kenady Alexandra Bratton, Alexander Patrick Brown, Melissa Mae Carrico, Brian Michael Conley, Christopher Corey Cushman, Hunter Wayland Davis, Adam Daniel England,

Shane Austin Enlow, Jace Colton Erwin, Quinton Riley Floyd, Kelsie Paul Graves, Kennedi Lea Jones, Megan Elizabeth Lampert, John W. Lawson, Robert Tyler Lythgoe, Donovan Max Ellis McPherson, Jessica Kaye Montgomery, Ashley Nicole Mullins, Tyler James Mullins, Edmundson Ramboe Neeley, Joshua Paul Neideffer, Kaci Lynn Norman, Mykaela Rose Peterson, Hunter Lee Salmon, Zane Anthony Sanders, Brayton Sanders, Aubrey Leigh Schlaegel, Eli James Scott, Alex Brady Shipman, Levi Richard Stanley Smith, Jonathan Coleman Sullivan, Alex Brian Tedrow, Autumn Leann Terry, Randy Lee Allen Terry, Tanner Allen Dale Terry, Keylee Autumn Tow, Emilee Dawn Wagler, Dylan Kane Way, James Anthony Way, Sean Dallas Wininger, and Zachary Warren Wininger

COMMISSIONERS

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grant, didn't use it for roads, or its intended purpose, and instead put it in the bank to draw interest. He said INDOT will be cracking down on the abuse this grant cycle and will be inspecting work when complete to ensure the money was spent as it was intended. He added that any money left over cannot be used to repair additional roads, but must be returned to the state. The money has to be spent exactly as it was listed in the grant.

Padgett also requested that it be publicized that his highway crew has been out on the county roads ditching, patching and mowing. His employees have reported that cars are speeding around their equipment and causing a hazard. Padgett requested that the public please use caution and practice patience when they see crews working on the roads.

Commissioner Paul George read a request from Sheriff Travis Roush to add 18 more beds in the jail. According to the request, the state jail inspector said there was room in the jail, as is, to add the additional beds. Roush requested a

APRIL

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ties at 3.7 percent, LaPorte County at 3.6 percent, Sullivan County at 3.5 percent, and Crawford, Jasper, Lawrence and Owen counties at 3.4 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate stands at 3.6 percent for April and remains lower than the national rate of 4.4 percent. The unemployment rate is a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people as a percentage of the labor force. Indiana's labor force increased by 4,805 over the previous month with a 16,408 increase in employment and an 11,603 decrease in unemployment. Indiana's total labor force stands at more than 3.32 million, and the state's 64.6 percent labor force participation rate remains above the national rate of 62.9 percent.

"Indiana's unemployment rate reaching its lowest point since 2001 is a tes-

quote from Southern Indiana Steel and they said they could make the best for \$595 each or \$10,710 total. The commissioners approved the quote.

The City of Loogootee was on the agenda to request that a two-mile buffer outside city limits be added to their planning and zoning ordinance. Anyone in the two-mile radius would be required to follow the City of Loogootee's zoning ordinance. Julie Berry, who was to make the request to commissioners, had an emergency and could not make the meeting so the agenda item was tabled until the next commissioners' meeting.

Four Rivers and Ride Solutions approached the commissioners about next year's budget and asked that they be considered again for funding. Ride Solutions explained that due to funding cuts, they would like the commissioners to increase their funding for next year. Commissioner Paul George said he would put the additional money in the commissioners' budget, which would then have to be approved by the county council.

Jenny Dearwester, with SIDC, brought bids for the housing rehabilitation project. County Attorney Dave Lett opened and read each bid. Dearwester said the bids will be reviewed and taken under advisement and she would return to the next commissioners' meeting for approval.

Commissioner Kevin Boyd was not present for the meeting due to a death in his family.

tament to the strength of the Hoosier economy; however, it's also indicative of an ever-tightening labor market for Hoosier businesses," said Steven J. Braun, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD). "I encourage unemployed and underemployed Hoosiers to be steadfast in their job searches and consider training and placement opportunities available at their local WorkOne Career Center."

Braun noted Indiana's historically low number of unemployment insurance claims are also a sign of a constricting labor market. He added that while the figures are certainly positive, they do represent a workforce challenge in meeting current employer demand.

Employment by Sector

Private sector employment has grown by more than 28,700 over the year, despite a decrease of 9,300 over the previous month due to losses in the Manufacturing (-3,200) and Private Educational & Health Services (-3,300) sectors. Losses were partially offset by gains in the Leisure and Hospitality (800) and Financial Activities (800) sectors. Total private employment stands at 2,676,200 and is 700 below the November 2016 peak.

Private sector employment measures jobs and comes from the BLS's Current Employment Statistics (CES) report, which is a payroll survey that measures the number of jobs in the area being surveyed. The other of two BLS reports - the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) report - measures people and surveys households and measures people based on their place of residence. LAUS determines Indiana's labor force and unemployment rate measures.

Occasionally, variances exist between the two sets of data. Due to monthly ebbs, flows and revisions, it is recommended that labor market information be viewed on a year-to-year basis rather than month-to-month. View the Indiana Employment Report Primer for a more detailed explanation of the differences between the LAUS and CES reports.

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ROBERT TREGO

Robert Edward Trego died May 11, 2017, in The Villages, Florida after a lengthy fight with several serious illnesses. A resident of Florida, he was 81.



He was born in Loogootee on February 28, 1936; son of Robert Lee Trego and Bernice Bridget Brown. He had an older sister, Evelyn, and two younger brothers, Gary and Tom, all whom are deceased.

He grew up in the Loogootee and Crane areas of Martin County, graduating from Loogootee High School in 1954. He served in the United States Navy from 1954-1958. He attended Indiana State University in Terre Haute, receiving B.S. and M.S. degrees in Education. Ed cherished his lifelong friendships and memories with his Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity Brothers. He taught in the Vigo County School System (Indiana) for thirty-six years. He began his teaching career for the VCSC in 1962 at Otter Creek Jr. High. His skill set led to his being asked by the VCSC to start the Pre Vocational Education Program for underprivileged students at Gerstmeyer High School. He taught at North High School during its inaugural year. He then returned to Otter Creek Jr. High until 1987 when he moved to West Vigo Middle School as boy's counselor and Dean of Students. Ed coached several years of baseball, basketball and cross country at Otter Creek, Glenn and Gerstmeyer. He taught driver's education during the summer for several years. He loved baseball and coached teams every summer during the 60s and 70s. "Mr. Trego" was known and liked throughout the years by hundreds of former students and he had wonderful memories of them throughout the rest of his life.

After retiring from teaching in 1998, he and his wife moved to The Villages, Florida, where they have lived since 2000 with their beloved little dog, Zoe.

He married first, Donna Shumpert, and was the father of two children, Stephen Robert Trego (Courtney) of Bradenton, Florida and Jane Elizabeth Trego (Mike Pfister) of Zionsville, Indiana. Ed married second, Mary Louise Walton Harding, in 1985, and was step-father to Lori Lee Meyers of Blackwood, New Jersey, and Lance Joseph Harding (Nancy) of Los Angeles, California. There are seven grandchildren, Tatum and Murphy Trego, Jack and Will Pfister, Vanessa and Hope Harding, and Tricia Meyers. There is one great grandson, Talon Sacchetti.

There will be a Memorial Mass at St. Timothy's Catholic Church in The Villages, Florida, June 5, at 8:30 a.m. Burial will be in the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida, at a later date.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, please donate to St. Jude Research Center or the National Alzheimer's Association.

LINDA SUE BRESH

Linda Sue "Susie" Bresh passed peacefully surrounded by her family on May 18, 2017. She was a great warrior battling colon cancer for 8 1/2 years. A resident of Washington, she was 62.

She was born May 29, 1954; daughter of Floyd Taylor and Nancy (Hughey) Taylor-Strockbine. She married her loving husband, Everett "Gene" Bresh



LINDA SUE BRESH

on May 18, 1974. She had many wonderful accomplishments in her life. She graduated from Vincennes University in 1980 with the award of Highest Distinction Honor of 4.0 GPA. She also received the Mary K. Polk English Award; and received the Overall Social Science Award. She compiled a perfect 4.0 average while taking 27 hours of English and achieved the same perfect GPA in taking 20 hours of social science classes. She was not a social science major, yet received the Overall Outstanding Senior Award in Social Science classes.

She received her Bachelor of Science in 1982 from Indiana State University. She was awarded the Hazel Phanning Award at ISU. It is awarded to students majoring in English, based upon academic achievement (minimum 3.5 GPA). Linda earned her Master's Degree from ISU in 1987.

She taught reading at Vincennes University from 1982-1983, then taught reading for one year at Washington High School, moved to Washington Junior High School and taught English for 5 years, and then she returned to Washington High School where she taught Honors English, VU Comp, and was the Yearbook sponsor until her retirement due to her illness.

Linda enjoyed meeting with friends, co-workers and family. She was always planning the next get-together. She was a member of Delta Kapa Gamma for over 25 years. She met with several monthly groups after retiring: the WHS group known as the "Juliets", the WJHS group known as the "Tuesday Tenderloin" group, the "Third Tuesday Gals" group, and she also started a monthly "Cousins" group.

Linda's motto was, "Be good. Be kind. Be Positive." She lived it every day. She also kept it written on the chalkboard in her classroom. During her 8 1/2 years battling with cancer, her motto was "Hanging in, Hanging on, Keeping faith."

She is survived by her husband, Gene; her mother, Nancy Hughey-Strockbine; two children, Brett Bresh (Nikki) of Cloverdale and Amy Bresh of Evansville; granddaughter, Clarissa Baumert of Evansville; step grandchildren, Nick and Masey Chambers, both of Cloverdale; three much loved sisters, Rae Ann Brown (Jim), Sandy Burris (Randy), and Nancy Case (Rob); several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews as well as a great-great niece and great-great nephew; also many cherished aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her father, Floyd Taylor.

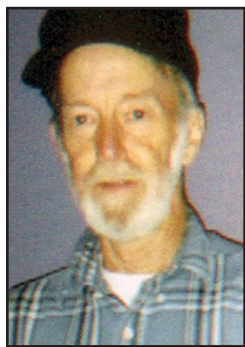
The funeral service was held Tuesday, May 23 at Gill Funeral Home. Burial followed the service at the New Veale Creek Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Linda Bresh Scholarship through the Daviess County Community Foundation. Online condolences may be made at www.gillsince1872.com.

HENRY SANDERS

Henry K. Sanders passed away at 12:35 a.m. Sunday May 21, 2017 at the Jasper Memorial Hospital. A resident of Shoals, he was 83.

He was born



HENRY SANDERS

January 30, 1934; son of Ramzy and Ruth (Taylor) Sanders.

He retired from R.C.A. Corporation in Marion, Indiana, was a member of Trinity Springs Baptist Church and was a United States Navy Veteran of the Korean War.

He is survived by one niece, Michele Hunt of Loogootee; two nephews, Lowell Sanders Jr. of Loogootee and Ray Sanders of Crawfordsville; great nieces, Caitlin Sanders and Karissa Hunt and great nephews, Cody Sanders, Tyson Sanders, Michael Sanders and Jesse Sanders.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Marvin Sanders, Dale Sanders, Ray Sanders, Roy Sanders, Lowell Sanders and Gordon Sanders and a sister in childhood.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, May 26 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes with Pastor Martin Jones officiating. Burial will be in the Mt. Union Cemetery with military graveside rites from the Shoals American Legion.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the Funeral Home.

Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes is in charge of the arrangements.

ESTHER DENNIS

Esther L. Dennis passed away at her residence at 10:43 p.m., Saturday May 20, 2017. A resident of Shoals, she was 68.



ESTHER DENNIS

She was born January 30, 1949 in Shoals; daughter of Robert Dale and Wilma Louise (Montgomery) Albright. She married Verlin G. Dennis and he preceded her in death on February 25, 2010.

She was a graduate of Shoals High School and attended Hobe Sound Bible College, Hobe Sound, Florida. She was a music teacher, a music publisher and previously worked at All Tribes Indian Mission in Bernalillo, New Mexico; Society of Indian Missions in Pine Ridge, South Dakota; Old Paths Tract Society and Country Pines in Shoals, Indiana. She attended Weisbach Community Church.

She is survived by two sisters, Eloise Haycox and Vicki (Terry) Tichenor; three brothers, Melvin (Markeeta) Albright, Wesley (Vonda) Albright and Warren (Kimberly) Albright, all of Shoals; step children, Tammy Kronk of Mokane, Missouri; Rachel Waggoner and David Dennis of New Bloomfield, Missouri and Debbie Dennis of Shakopee, Minnesota.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 25 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes with Pastor John Zeigler officiating. Burial will be in the Springhill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday and on Thursday until time of the service.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes is in charge of the arrangements.

ENOS STUTZMAN

Enos J. Stutzman, 69, of Washington, passed away at 8 p.m. Monday, May 15, 2017. A resident of Washington, he was 69.

He was born October 7, 1947 in Independence, Iowa; son of the late Jake and Emma (Borntrager) Stutzman.

He attended Thursday Church in Vincennes and was a member of the bowling league at Laurel Lanes.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret Stutzman, whom he married July 17, 1971 and passed away March 1983; son, Loren Stutzman; parents, Jake and Emma (Borntrager) Stutzman.

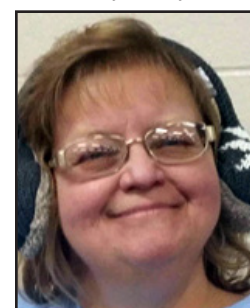
He is survived by Orpha Stutzman and his children, Regina Marie (David) Edwards of Washington, James Enos Stutzman and special friend, Donna Combs of Loogootee and Nevin (Katie) Stutzman of Bicknell; step-daughter, Bonita (Fred) Knepp of Montgomery; 19 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, one great-grandchild, three step-great-grandchildren; siblings, Laura (Truman) Schrock of Thomas, Oklahoma, Glenn (Verda) Stutzman of Alburn, Kentucky, and Viola Stutzman of Bowling Green, Kentucky; and daughter-in-law, Verda Stutzman.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 19 at Fairhaven Mennonite Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Thursday Church in Vincennes.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

CINDY BRASHEAR

Cindy Horsting Brashear passed away at Good Samaritan Hospital on Thursday, May 18, 2017. She was 56.



CINDY BRASHEAR

She was born in Washington on August 25, 1960; daughter of Jerry and Kay (Ragsdale) Horsting. She worked 32 years as a secretary for a glass company in Vincennes.

She was an avid gardener, pet lover and enjoyed hunting mushrooms. Cindy loved spending time with family and friends and was always doing for others when she was needed.

She is survived by her husband, Gary Brashear, whom she married April 30, 1983; sisters, Stephanie (Gerard) Shoultz of Whitfield, Michelle (Rick) Dinkens of Washington; sister-in-law, Alice Horsting of Shoals; brother-in-law, Jerry Brashear of Flat Rock, Illinois; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews; her cat, Snowball, and dog, Fuff.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Tom Horsting; mother-in-law Marjorie Brashear and father-in-law, Raymond Brashear; grandfather, Adolph Horsting; grandparents, Ruth and Clarence Mandabach, Edith and Cecil Ragsdale; niece Amanda (Horsting) Lee.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. this morning, Wednesday, at Ed Lee Mortuary with Pastor Scott Mendenhall officiating. Burial followed at Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals. Memorial donations may be made to DaVita Daviess County Dialysis, 310 NE 14th St, Washington, IN 47501 or Daviess County Friends for Animals, 1444 Brett Cabel Rd, Washington, IN 47501. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.edleemortuary.com.

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MAY 15

4:23 a.m. - Received a medical alarm call north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:08 a.m. - Received a report of damage to a vehicle in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

1:04 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to the doctor.

2:20 p.m. - Received a request for assistance at the Shoals School. Sheriff Roush responded.

6:59 p.m. - Deputy Reed performed a vehicle identification check near Loogootee.

9:35 p.m. - Received report of animal cruelty in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

11:08 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded and all was okay.

TUESDAY, MAY 16

12:47 p.m. - Received a report of a custody dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

12:56 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took three inmates to court.

1:50 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took four inmates to court.

3:37 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

4:46 p.m. - Deputy Reed assisted a motorist in Shoals.

5:37 p.m. - Deputy Reed transported a subject to Good Samaritan Center in Vincennes.

6:52 p.m. - Received a report of a custody dispute near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded. Martin County Ambulance also responded and transported a subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:01 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

11:33 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

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

9:36 a.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill performed a welfare check in Loogootee.

10:54 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

1:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

1:10 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:33 p.m. - Received a medical alarm call in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

6:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Martin County Civil Defense, Williams Fire, and IU Health Ambulance responded. IU Health transported the subject to IU Health Hospital in Bedford.

9:25 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

11:30 p.m. - Received a report of reckless drivers east of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and ICO Mann responded.

THURSDAY, MAY 18

1:09 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded.

5:08 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire

and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

6:46 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

10:33 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded and all was okay.

11:18 a.m. - Received a report of a dog locked in a car in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

12:30 p.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

1:30 p.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

1:41 p.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a vehicle identification east of Loogootee.

2:30 p.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

3:48 p.m. - Loogootee Officer Floyd performed a vehicle identification check in Loogootee.

7:11 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

9:50 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

10:02 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn, Loogootee Officer Floyd, Loogootee Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

12:03 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd and Deputy Shinn responded.

4:50 a.m. - Deputy Shinn assisted a motorist south of Loogootee on US 231.

5:57 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

7:36 a.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

10:57 a.m. - Major Burkhardt transported one inmate to DCS.

10:59 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:10 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

1:22 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious people in Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Deputy Salmon, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

2:17 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

3:42 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Crane. ISP Trooper Johnson responded.

5:09 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

6:14 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

6:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, Deputy Shinn, and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

5:28 a.m. - Received a medical alarm south of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn, Haysville Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

6:32 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee on US 231. Deputy Shinn, Loogootee Officer McBeth, and Haysville Fire responded.

9:41 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

9:41 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and ISP Trooper Lents responded.

2:37 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

5:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:45 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

1:47 a.m. - Received a report of a

Martin County real estate transfers

Scott Conklin, of Gibson County, Indiana to **Rondia J. Mack**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Numbered 50 in the original Town of Crane, commonly known as 126 Earle Street, Crane, IN 47522.

Lowell Delbert Baker and Lynn K. Baker, of Martin County, Indiana to **Dewey E. Baker and Lisa R. Powers**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 11, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 2 acres, more or less.

Lowell D. Baker and Lynn K. Baker, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kimberly K. Crawley and Victoria L. Jennings**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of fractional Section 23, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1 acre, more or less. Also, one acre in the same section.

Victor W. Fuhrman and Marlene O. Fuhrman, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jennifer Fuhrman, Andrea Lemond, and Sherry Wade**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: Commencing at the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing one acre, more or less. Tract II: 1.07 acres in the northwest quarter of Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 4 West.

Edward Schnarr and Maggie Schnarr, of Martin County, Indiana to **James E. Brim and Debra A. Brim**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 37 in Keck's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Robert L. Wathen, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jared L. Wathen and Alexandra N. Loughmiller**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 22 in Ackerman's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Scott K. Schutte, Diana M. Schutte, and Ashley M. Schutte, n/k/a Ashley M. Peek, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jared L. Wathen and Alexandra N. Loughmiller**, of Martin County, Indiana, a tract of land in the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Steven D. Ragsdale and Mary A. Ragsdale, of Martin County, Indiana to **Seals and Conlon Properties, LLC**, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 17 and 18 in the original plat of Memphis, now Shoals, Indiana.

Steve H. Smith and Cheryl L. Smith, of Morgan County, Indiana to **John L. Hovis, Jr. and Sandra J. Hovis**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 25,

prowler near Loogootee. Deputy Reed, Deputy Norris, Loogootee Sergeant Norris, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

4:52 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

6:12 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

8:42 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

9:04 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic near Loogootee. ISP Troopers' Beaver and McBeth responded.

11:09 p.m. - Received a noise complaint north of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

Township 3 North, Range 5 West, commonly known as 201 West Washington Street, Loogootee, Indiana.

Anthony W. Albright, of Martin County, Indiana to **Anthony W. Albright and Kendra Y. Albright**, of Martin County, Indiana, the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 27, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 40 acres, more or less.

Mitchell L. Wagler, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joshua C. Harmon**, of Martin County, Indiana, three-tenths of an acre, more or less, in Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West.

Steven D. Chambers and Rebecca Albright, of Martin County, Indiana to **Tammy M. Woody**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A portion of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.53 acre. Tract II: A portion of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.29 acre.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, MAY 16

1:00 a.m. - Christopher Ruble, 29, of Odon, was arrested by Deputy Salmon and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and possession of meth. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

2:33 p.m. - Jacob Shaw, 28, of Shoals, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene and charged with battery resulting in bodily injury. He was arrested by Sheriff Roush and is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

8:55 p.m. - Heather Ditton, 32, of Bloomington, was arrested by Deputy Salmon and charged with driving while suspended, two Lawrence County warrants, possession of heroin, and possession of meth. She is being held without bond. Deputy Shinn, Reserve Deputy Graves, Reserve Deputy Wright and Reserve Deputy Harmon assisted with the arrest.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

10:01 p.m. - Brandon Chastain, 30, of Mitchell, was arrested by Deputy Salmon and charged with possession of meth, possession of a controlled substance, possession of syringes, and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held without bond. Deputy Reed assisted with the arrest.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

Jean Amazan, convicted of operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 289 days suspended and credit for 38 actual days previously served plus 38 Class A credit days. Defendant received 9 months of probation.

Stuart Cobb, convicted of burglary, a Class C Felony. Sentenced to serve 4 years with 2 years as direct commitment to Martin County Community Corrections and 730 days suspended with credit for 118 actual days previously served plus 118 Class A credit days. Defendant received 2 years of probation.

Brian Conley, convicted of maintaining a common nuisance — controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 547 days suspended. Defendant received 18 months of probation.

Caroline Johnson, convicted of domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 267 days suspended and credit for 49 actual days previously served plus 49 Class A credit days. Defendant received 8 months of probation.

Tessa Kelly, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 445 days suspended and credit for 51 actual days previously served plus 51 Class A credit days. Defendant received 14 months of probation.

Jill Lake, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 84 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 42 actual days previously served plus 42 Class A credit days.

Brian Padgett, convicted of invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 90 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 45 actual days previously served plus 45 Class A credit days.

Ashley Peek, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 449 days suspended and credit for 49 actual days previously served plus 49 Class A credit days. Defendant received 15 months of probation.

Ray Perez-Benavides, convicted of operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 364 days with 360 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

John Richards, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 545 days with 533 days suspended and credit for 6 actual days previously served plus 6 Class A credit days. Defendant received 18 months of probation.

Lora Truelove, convicted of violation of driving conditions, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 30 actual days previously served plus 30 Class A credit days.

Darren Watson, convicted of intimidation, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 531 days suspended and credit for 8 actual days previously served plus 8 Class A credit days. Defendant received 17 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

Jean Amazan, operating a vehicle with an ACE of 08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Stuart Cobb, four counts of theft, Class D Felonies, dismissed; two counts of burglary, Class B Felonies,

dismissed.

Brian Conley, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Jill Lake, maintaining a common nuisance — controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed.

Ashley Peek, maintaining a common nuisance — controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Ray Perez-Benavides, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Lora Truelove, battery with bodily waste, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed.

Darren Watson, unlawful sale of legend drugs, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

May 10

Kathy M. Wallace vs. Adam M. Wallace, domestic relations no children.

May 16

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Robert Clark, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

May 9

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Discovery Bank and against the defendant Richard Allen in the amount of \$2,171.94.

May 16

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Whitney Z. Bailey in the amount of \$13,300.18.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

May 15

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff's Lloyd and Linda Burch and against the defendants Logan and Kristen May in the amount of \$1,500.

May 16

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Alyssa Bechtel in the amount of \$2,063.65.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Wykeia M. Collins in the amount of \$1,170.09

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendants Pamela Cook and Zachariah McFarland in the amount of \$1,575.48.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Larry D. Greene Jr. in the amount of \$1,947.23.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Desiree C. Hair in the amount of \$1,346.32.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Misty Kelsey in the amount of \$3,083.85.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Heidi Melton in the amount of \$2,046.98.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Charles St. Clair in the amount of \$4,741.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Chris R. Turne in the amount of \$4,362.67.

May 17

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Stephany A. Lumm in the amount of \$2,309.59.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, MAY 8

8:00 a.m. - Female caller reported property damage. Drivers exchanged information.

8:20 a.m. - Caller reported a loose dog at the Marathon Station. Animal was taken to the humane society.

10:00 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted Captain Dant with a stolen dog case.

2:50 p.m. - Male caller reported property damage.

4:21 p.m. - First responders were requested on Reinhart Road for a medical call.

TUESDAY, MAY 9

2:39 a.m. - Caller reported suspicious person in Redwing Trailer Court.

9:15 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

4:36 p.m. - Caller reported a male bleeding and walking on Cedar Street. Officers were unable to locate.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

5:47 a.m. - Loogootee Fire assisted with a barn fire on Lingenfelter Road.

8:27 a.m. - Caller reported a controlled burn.

9:27 a.m. - Caller reported a small fire on Lily Pond Road.

3:36 p.m. - Caller reported property damage behind Gasoline Alley.

8:30 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles. Officers located the vehicle.

10:33 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle behind Subway.

THURSDAY, MAY 11

1:15 a.m. - Caller requested an officer do a welfare check on a dog.

4:15 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on US 231.

10:32 a.m. - Received a report of a broken-down truck on US 231.

5:00 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted child protective services.

FRIDAY, MAY 12

1:10 p.m. - Caller reported a lost dog.

6:10 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

9:45 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

11:15 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

9:52 a.m. - Caller reported an unattended child at the city park.

10:26 a.m. - Caller reported a traffic hazard on Broadway Street.

1:48 p.m. - Caller reported a theft.

6:36 p.m. - Caller reported a controlled burn.

7:55 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

9:55 p.m. - Received a report of juveniles consuming alcohol. Subjects checked out okay.

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

10:55 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle on SW 2nd Street.

SUNDAY, MAY 14

12:56 a.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

1:19 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute in Redwing Trailer Court.

4:35 p.m. - Caller reported property damage.

9:04 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver in the high school parking lot.

MONDAY, MAY 15

10:06 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

4:56 p.m. - Female requested a welfare check on a male.

10:05 p.m. - Caller reported a traffic hazard on Hwy 50.

10:16 p.m. - Caller reported a possible theft.

11:08 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded

to a business alarm.

TUESDAY, MAY 16

10:00 a.m. - Male caller requested an officer check a firearm to see if it was stolen. Firearm came up stolen.

12:47 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody dispute.

3:37 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

3:51 p.m. - Received a report of a theft of fuel from Chuckles. Chief Deputy Greene located the vehicle.

10:26 p.m. - Caller reported vehicles running the stop sign on East Main Street.

11:01 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Mill Street.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

9:36 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

1:10 p.m. - Received a report of a loose dog on Bloomfield Road. Animal Control was notified.

5:53 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to South Oak Street for a blown transformer.

6:30 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on Park Street.

7:30 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver in the Wendy's parking lot.

THURSDAY, MAY 18

10:33 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

11:18 a.m. - Caller requested an officer conduct a welfare check on a dog.

3:47 p.m. - Caller reported a computer scam.

4:00 p.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

9:57 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

10:04 p.m. - First responders were requested on Hwy 50 for a vehicle accident.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

2:17 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle in the Redemption parking lot.

6:14 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

7:03 p.m. - First responders were requested on Poplar Street for a medical call.

10:15 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

6:32 a.m. - Officer McBeth assisted the county with a vehicle accident.

2:12 p.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a business alarm.

3:42 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody dispute.

6:00 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody dispute.

8:02 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious persons on the Circle K parking lot.

Accident reports

TUESDAY, MAY 9

9:02 p.m. - Christina M. Powell, of Loogootee, was backing a 2010 Mercury out of a private drive when she backed into a 2014 Ford owned by Cory L. Rayhill, of Loogootee. Officer Floyd investigated.

THURSDAY, MAY 11

3:22 p.m. - Brenda K. Harder, of Loogootee, was operating a 2000 Ford in the high school parking lot. Harder exited a parking spot and pulled into the path of a 2010 Ford operated by Travis L. Davis, of Loogootee. Chief Rayhill investigated.

THURSDAY, MAY 18

6:46 a.m. - Ralph Hughes, of Jasper, was operating a 2007 Toyota on US 231. At this time, a deer ran into his path. Captain Hennette investigated.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

60TH HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

He was a widower and she a widow. They had known each other for a number of years being high school classmates and having attended class reunions in the past without fail.

This 60th anniversary of their class, the widower and the widow made a foursome with two other singles. They had a wonderful evening, their spirits high with the widower throwing admiring glances across the table and the widow smiling coyly back at him.

Finally, he picked up courage and blurted out, "Will you marry me?"

After about six seconds of careful consideration, she answered, "Yes ... yes I will!"

The evening ended on a happy note for the widower. But the next morning he was troubled. Did she say yes? Or did she say no? He couldn't remember. Try as he would, he just could not recall. He went over the conversation of the previous evening, but his mind was blank. He remembered asking the question but for the life of him he could not recall her response. So, with fear and trepidation, he picked up the phone and called her.

First, he explained that he couldn't remember as well as he used to. Then he reviewed the past evening. As he gained a little more courage he then inquired of her, "When I asked if you would marry me, did you say yes or did you say no?"

"Why you silly man, I said Yes. Yes, I will! ... And I meant it with all my heart."

The widower was delighted. He felt his heart skip a beat.

Then she continued, "And I am so glad you called because I couldn't remember who asked me!"

(Writer's note: my 60th reunion is in 3 years!!!)

DOG STUFF:

1. Dogs teach you a lot. Very little of it actually has to do with dogs.

2. I'm in a really good place right now. Not emotionally or spiritually, just on the couch with my dog.

3. Someone asked me what the most

difficult thing about owning a dog was. I replied, "the good-bye."

4. Heaven is a place where all the dogs you've ever loved run to greet you.

5. Dogs have a way of finding the people who need them, and filling an emptiness we didn't even know we had.

I WISH MY STUDENTS KNEW:

1. I don't like all this testing either.

2. In front of the class I have to keep a straight face, but sometimes your inappropriate comments are totally hilarious.

3. Lately my school kids have been getting more of my time than my own kids.

4. It makes my day when you cheer because I'm back at school after a sub day.

5. Even when I go home, I still think about you, worry about you, and feel proud of you.

RANDOMISMS (I made up that word, too!)

1. On average, rabbits live 8 years and dogs live 15 years. Sea turtles, on the other hand, live for 150 years. Lesson learned. Live at the beach.

2. How to Have a Beach Body

a. Have a body.

b. Go to the beach.

3. Whenever I have a problem I sing. Then I realize that my voice is a lot worse than my problem.

4. I'm going to stand outside, so if anyone asks, I'm outstanding.

5. I'm not old, I just need some WD-40.

6. At times, I'm grateful that thoughts don't appear in bubbles over my head.

7. Friendship is weird. You pick a human you've met and you're like, "Yep, I like this one" and you just do stuff with them.

8. Just imagine if trees gave out wi-fi signals. We would be planting so many trees and we'd probably save the planet too. Too bad they only produce the oxygen we breathe.

Make someone smile today!

Relay for Life Survivor Celebration

We are less than three weeks away from the 2017 Daviess and Martin Relay for Life event that will take place at Washington Eastside Park on June 10.

Organizers are asking all survivors to come to the park at 11 a.m. to join in Opening Ceremonies as they kick off the event. They ask all survivors to come forward at opening to walk a special lap that is dedicated to them and their fight. Survivors will be invited to come to a special lunch for them in the park community building. Each survivor is able to bring one caregiver as well. Lunch will be served in the parks community building.

If you have not registered to attend or want more information, please contact the survivor committee by June 1. You can contact Leslie Doyle 812-296-7152 or Terri Resler 812-295-6524 (leave a message if they don't answer).

Organizers have made contact with survivors that were on each counties list, but they have learned quickly the

lists are not up to date and missing some that have been active in Relay in the past. If you have participated in the past and have not received anything in the mail, please contact Leslie and Terri. They don't want anyone to miss out.

The theme this year is "We Are United" and will come together from two communities to join in the fight against cancer.

Community Foundation Grantseeker Meeting

The Martin County Community Foundation will hold an informational meeting for grantseekers on Thursday, June 8, 2017. The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. in the meeting room of the Community Learning Center at the Martin County 4-H fairgrounds and will provide details of the 2017 MCCF Open Grant Cycle.

The timeline will be announced, the grant process will be reviewed, and attendees will be given the MCCF application packet at the conclusion of the meeting. Applications will be available

Democrats meeting

The Martin County Democratic Party will meet Thursday, June 1, at 6 p.m. at the Martin County Courthouse.

AL-ANON meetings

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

Attention Senior Citizens

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the Annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogootee provides activities for seniors every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tournaments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirements to participate. Seniors are also offered lunch at the Loogootee Senior Center every Monday and Thursday. A free-will donation is requested. Call 812-295-3130 to make a reservation, so enough food is prepared.

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

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

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 5:30 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend.

Solid waste board

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

Tourism meetings

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown
Martin County Purdue
Extension Educator



Kanton Dearwester Places 3rd at area Performing Arts Festival

On Friday, May 12, Kanton Dearwester placed 3rd at the Area III Performing Arts Festival. Kanton sang The Star Spangled Banner and also earned a trip to perform at The Indiana State Fair in August. Congratulations to everyone who participated.

Day Camp 2017 Announced

The Martin County Junior Leaders will once again host a summer day camp for county youth grades K-4. The camp will be June 19-21 from 12:30 to 4:30 each day at the Martin County Community Building. This year's this is Barn Yard. Participants will learn about science and art through barn yard themed activities. The cost for the first child in the immediate family is \$20, every child after that in the immediate family is \$15. Please call the Extension Office at 812-295-2412 to make reservations by June 14, 2017.

Club Meetings

Jolly Juniors—Tuesday, June 6;

Thursday, June 22; and Thursday, June 29 all at 6 p.m. at Truelove Church.

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

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

Upcoming Events

Livestock weigh-ins

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

May 15 - Final drop and add projects
May 15 - Animals must be registered in 4Honline

June 1 - 4-H Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. at Learning Center

June 1 - Fair Entry opens to add projects

July 3 - Fair Entry closes

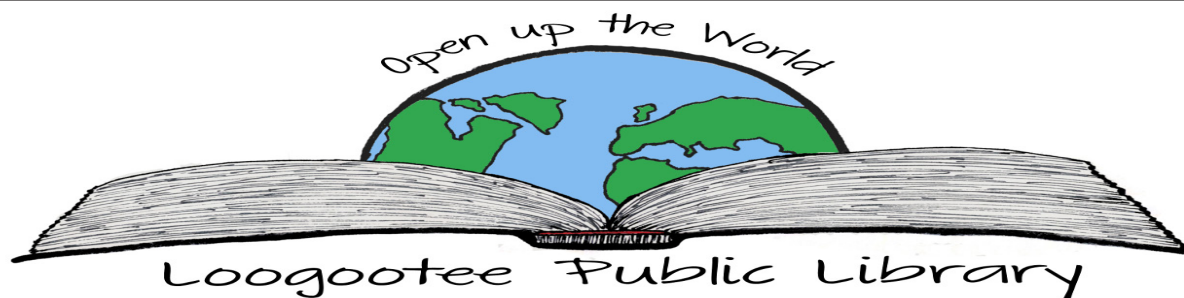
July 11 - Non-perishable projects judged 5-8 p.m.

July 12 - Perishable projects judged 5-8 p.m.

July 13 - Livestock move in day

Become a Volunteer

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

**BY DARLA WAGLER***Librarian, Loogootee Public Library***Loogootee Public Library Keeps Growing Part 1**

Evergreen Indiana is a growing consortium of more than 100 public, school and institutional libraries located throughout Indiana that use the Evergreen ILS. Patrons of member libraries can use their Evergreen Indiana library card to view the catalogs and borrow materials from the other member libraries and return materials to any Evergreen Indiana library. If you live in Shoals and have a full-service library card (patrons that live in the city limits and support the library via property taxes have full service, residents that live in a township that contracts with the Shoals Library have reciprocal borrowing privileges with only the Shoals Library and if your township does not support the library with a contract then you need to pay an annual fee to get a full service Evergreen card) to use at any Evergreen Indiana library. We have

noticed an increase in Shoals residents with a full-service library card using the Loogootee Public Library. They request holds and materials from other libraries plus we have authors that are not available at their home library. Many use the public access computers for downloading eBooks, printing forms, filing taxes online, or checking email. This is a free service to the public and it doesn't matter where you live.

On January 1, 2011, Indiana Code changed the standards that public libraries were expected to follow. Because of these changes, libraries are now required to have a qualified and licensed librarian as a director, use an answering machine that provides the hours of operation, maintain a website with hours and contact information, provide a copier, scanner, fax machine, and computers for public use, provide a six-week summer reading program for children, provide continued training for staff and board members, provide computer technology training for the public, and to submit reports to

the state every year. In addition, the library is to have designated space for children's, young adult and adult materials plus provide programming for each group. I print usage reports for the library board each month (required per standards) that have the total items checked out, eBooks downloaded, and books requested by patrons from other libraries (transits). If you do not meet the standards, federal/state funding can be withheld.

In 2012, the library board was successful in creating a new taxing base that included the Town of Loogootee, Perry Township 1- 4, Perry Township 5-7 (located outside the city limits and includes the Town of Crane plus Rutherford Township). In 2011, the tax rate was 0.1014 (only the taxpayers inside the city limits paid via property taxes) but by adding the townships to the tax base so all in the Loogootee community (not Shoals taxpayers) shared the responsibility for the library resulted in a decrease in the tax rate for the people who live in the city limits. Traditionally, they were the only ones taxed to support the library. Currently, the tax rate is 0.0683.

As our usage continued to increase, the demand for more parking started to surface. Attendance at the programs started increasing but with limited space staff had to arrange space at local churches, banks, city park, and West Boggs Lake. Last year, there were 446 library-sponsored programs with 5,852 total program attendance. Circulation from 1980-1995 was below 16,000 items checked out annually then really decreased in 1999-2009. By 2010, the circulation began to climb and by the end of 2016 the total items checked out was 35,081, plus 3,456 eBooks downloaded. If you are wondering where we got those numbers, the state library supplies them to us. They have access to the Evergreen Indiana system and print the reports. I print monthly reports and compare them to the numbers the state library supplies me.

The library has one meeting room 19' x 9 1/2" that is used for our library board and Friends of Loogootee Library meetings, programs, and houses a kitchenette. Our preschool story times meet in there three times per week taught by Julie Lagree. Recently, there has been an increased demand for meeting space from SOAR tutors, resource teachers, Vocational Rehab, Youth First, and many nonprofits-lately we have had to turn them away for lack of space. In 2015 and 2016, I have proctored over one hundred college tests for area students. College students of all walks of life from local bank supervisors to preschool certified staff to young adults in this community call me for this free service. In the past this, was all handled at the Learning Center but when Ivy Tech pulled out and the grant expired, individuals started calling here.

Last April, the State Library called me to inquire if I would be interested in distributing free lunches thru a huge grant they received but unfortunately, I had to decline because we didn't have the space. We are not meeting the community needs when we have to turn people or organizations away from lack of space. Even that attorney that travels from Evansville to do a deposition at the library will probably eat at a local restaurant or patronize a local business before leaving. But unfortunately, we have been turning them away plus many others from lack of space.

The library board has been actively

looking for a solution to the limited parking and space issue for a couple years ever since Midwestern Engineer's proposal just added 20 ft. and was tabled. Looking back, it was a wise decision since we would have already outgrown the additional space. Occasionally, I mentioned the increased usage in my library column but looking back I should have put an article addressing the need for additional space and parking in the newspapers even though I have been told by several members in the community that no one reads the papers any more. My staff and I had discussed the need and that we were looking at other options with patrons that used the library frequently. I was naïve in thinking that the word was spreading into the community.

The library board was approached by a St. Vincent DePaul board member about donating land to build a new library. A building committee was formed and Umbaugh and Associates, financial advisors, were contacted to develop a plan. Ice Miller, legal counsel, set up a proposed timeline of priority lists concerning a bond. A building committee had been formed and started interviewing architects and visiting libraries to garner feedback. We were amazed that no matter how big or small the library each library director said the bottom line is "you want to build as big as you can afford" because you will outgrow the space. In Petersburg, the Pike County Public Library built a new library (9,455 sq. ft.) off the beaten path in 2012. The Director said they have drawn up plans to add 54 ft. to the existing building. At Dubois Branch Library, in Dubois, IN (approx. population 1,000), the Assistant Manager said they are developing plans to add on their 6,354 sq. ft. building and they completed their construction in 2011. Ferdinand Public Library built a 20,635 sq. ft. building with a \$4 million dollar bond in 2010 and plans are being developed to add on. In 2002, Tell City Public Library built 20,716 sq. ft. off the main drag and has outgrown their space. Melton Public Library in French Lick, (population 5,760) added on in 2001 (pre-casino) making the total space 9,000 sq. ft. and they have plans drawn up to add on. Why am I mentioning these libraries? I belong to a SW Director Roundtable and we meet on a regular schedule to discuss trends, legislation, training, and other factors that affect local libraries. These libraries are located in our area and our needs are very similar.

The architects stressed in their presentations to design your building to allow for an addition if needed in the future; in their experience with public libraries they outgrow the space in a short amount of time. They explained that when you build a new building more people tend to use it. The building committee had suggested to the library board a building of 4,800 sq. ft. but after doing the leg work and gathering the data, they realized that would not be enough space because if we would take our books, craft and maintenance supplies out of the storage building it would fill the additional space. This is the library board's dilemma to include enough space in the design to sustain the daily activity but be cost effective too. Small things like enough electrical outlets per area and moveable computer tables in case in the future furniture gets relocated or to incorporate new technology has to be considered. It is easier to plan for these issues in new construction verses remodeling a space that wasn't designed for a library's purpose.



Making A Difference

MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director



-- MEMORIAL DAY --

This weekend we celebrate Memorial Day. It is a time when people across America pause to reflect on the supreme sacrifice made by American soldiers who have died in service to our nation. It is a particularly meaningful holiday for those who have loved ones who died in military service.

Memorial Day has its origins back to May 5, 1868 when General John A. Logan called for a nationwide day of remembrance on May 30, 1868. The day's purpose was to decorate the graves of their comrades who died in defense of their country as a result of the Civil War. At that time, it was called Decoration Day. It has only been within the last 50 years that the day was officially recognized by our government as Memorial Day.

-- MEMORIALS --

To memorialize a loved one is an important part of any family's, and their friends', grieving process. Memorials are a way that families can remember and pay tribute to loved ones who have passed on. Memorials allow a person to be remembered for years to come.

A memorial tells the family that while their loved one may be gone, his or her memory and spirit lives on. They will be forever tied together in the circle of life, that the loved one's life mattered and will continue to matter. Their acts of goodness, kindness and courage will never be forgotten. A memorial is a way to remember a loved one forever.

-- GIFTS TO CHARITIES --

There are several ways to remember our loved ones, some of which are headstones or grave markers, memorialization urns, statues, plants, flag cases, acts of kindness, writing a heartfelt letter to the family, or a donation to a charity.

When making a donation as a memo-

rial or tribute to a loved one, you need to be sure that it is made to a charity that honors that person. In obituaries, you will often see the phrase "in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions/donations may be made to...". This identifies where to make your donation as a memorial. If you do, you need to do this in a timely fashion (within 10 days after the funeral), so that the family can include you when writing thank you notes.

If a charitable organization was not specified, then choose one that may have been a favorite charity of the deceased, or perhaps a medical research organization if they passed on from an illness.

-- MCCF FUNDS --

The Martin County Community Foundation has several funds that will let your memorial donation, and the spirit of your loved one, live on forever. The MCCF funds will always be used for future assistance to our local community needs, whether they be for a cemetery, a library, church or other charitable organization, certain areas of interest, or a variety of scholarships.

And if you are not sure which specific fund or need to donate toward, the MCCF has several unrestricted funds that have the flexibility to address the emerging and changing needs in our community, today and tomorrow.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

If you would like to find out what funds are available to let the memory of your loved one live on forever, please contact the MCCF Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

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



The weather continues to be the major challenge to gardening in southern Indiana. It seems every time the soil gets dry enough to work, we get another round of rain. However, there is still plenty of time for planting summer crops, including tomatoes, peppers, beans, corn and many other crops.

Some people who have managed to get some planting done are experiencing difficulties, especially with tomatoes. Without a definitive diagnosis, I suspect that the yellowing leaves described to me are the result of environmental conditions, but there are some diseases that thrive in the present conditions also. Tomatoes do not tend to grow well until the soil temperatures at the depth of four inches are at least seventy degrees. While we have had a few hot days, the soil temperatures rise slowly and are really just now getting warm enough for good growth. Soil moisture may also be a reason for yellowing. As discussed in a recent column, saturated soils do not hold adequate oxygen for plant health, so the yellowing may result. If the situation persists, the plants may die. Even if the moisture level ameliorates, the plant's vascular system may have shut down and the plant may not recover.

The damp weather does, however, also present conditions that give rise to some plant diseases. Perhaps the most common disease resulting in the death of young transplants is damping off. There are several related viruses that cause the symptoms of damping off. Young transplants develop dark lesions near the soil line and then die. Damp weather and over-crowding increase the probability of damping off.

Mosaic virus is another common tomato disease, also caused by several closely-related viruses. Symptoms include wilted, mottled and underdeveloped leaves. Mosaic virus is spread by

Avoid planting ornamental pear trees

Ornamental pear trees, most commonly known as Bradford pears, have been a popular landscaping tree in Indiana for decades. So, popular that they are crowding out native Indiana trees.

For that reason, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources encourages homeowners and landscapers to avoid planting such trees and to replace them when possible.

"Over time different varieties of pear have cross pollinated in our urban areas, allowing them to rapidly spread into our natural resources," said Megan Abraham, director of the DNR Division of Entomology & Plant Pathology.

Cultivated forms of this invasive species are most accurately known as *Pyrus calleryana* or Callery pear tree. Commonly available ornamental pear cultivars, all of which are invasive and should be avoided, include Bradford, New Bradford®, Cleveland select, autumn blaze, Aristocrat®, capitol, Chanticleer®, and dozens more.

In addition to being invasive, these cultivars, which are known for their striking white flowers, typically don't last long. They are structurally weaker and more easily damaged by storms than native trees. Carrie Tauscher, urban forestry coordinator with the DNR Division of Forestry, says that evidence of

mechanical means, including tools and even the clothing of gardeners.

Two forms of wilt are common in tomato plants, both caused by fungus that over-winters in the soil. *Fusarium* wilt thrives in cool, damp weather, but often plants show no symptoms until they are mature. Yellowing leaves may start on only one side of the plant. Since the fungus will over-winter in the soil, it is important to dispose of infected plants away from the garden and to avoid planting tomatoes, peppers, potatoes or egg plants in the same spot in the garden for at least two years. *Verticillium* wilt shows many of the same symptoms, but is not usually fatal to the plant. Plants may lose the wilted leaves and then grow new leaves and continue to set fruit.

There are other conditions that may affect tomato fruits, but those diseases do not usually kill the plant and are certainly not the reason for the yellowing leaves that have been reported in the young plants now in the garden. The best way to fight diseases is by preventative measures. Diseases like blossom-end rot may be prevented by ensuring that the plants do not have great fluctuations in soil moisture. The best way to do this is by mulching, which prevents fluctuations in soil moisture and temperature, and also helps to prevent soil from splashing on the plants when it rains. Of course, mulch also smothers many weeds, which would compete with the tomato plants for nutrients and moisture.

If you fear your tomato plants have disease, you may wish to pull out the old plants and start with some new plants that are labeled with disease resistance. There is still plenty of time for planting. Your harvest may be slightly delayed but you should still have plenty of tomatoes to enjoy until frost ends the season in the fall.

the trees' rapid spread is easy to see.

"Just take a look for glossy leaved, egg-shaped trees in highway interchanges," Tauscher said. "It's common to find them in unmown areas under utility lines and in lots and fields initially cleared for construction that are then left fallow."

Stopping the spread of this invasive plant means selecting alternate trees for yards and forested property. The best tree to replace any invasive tree species is one that is native to a particular region. If you are looking for an alternative flowering tree for Indiana, serviceberry trees, which have similar white blooms in the spring and fruits that attract wildlife, are one option. Eastern redbuds, which grow quickly, with eye-catching lavender flowers in the spring are another option.

Spring Mill SP hosts Civil War Days, June 10-11

Explore life in Indiana during the Civil War at Spring Mill State Park, June 10 and 11.

Civil War Days will feature a re-enacted battle at 2:30 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday on Sycamore Field. David Wolfe will portray Abraham Lincoln and will be available to answer questions and pose for pictures. Visitors can also see encampments with more than 100 soldiers.



Amazing nests

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrallart.com

Both sexes of the Cliff Swallow help build the nest, though the male may begin building before he attracts a mate. They gather mud in their bills along streambanks, lakesides, or puddles, usually near the colony but sometimes up to a few miles distant. They bring mud pellets back in their bills and mold them into place with a shaking motion. The finished nest is gourd shaped and contains 900-1,200 individual mud pellets. It measures about 8 inches long, 6 inches wide and 4.5 inches high, with walls 0.2-0.7 inches thick. The entrance, which is sometimes elongated into a tube, is about 1.7 inches high and 2 inches wide. The pair lines their nest with dried grass and continues patching it up with mud throughout the breeding season.

Being vigilant about ticks and Lyme disease

BY MEGAN HUCKABY
Purdue University News Service

Summer is quickly approaching, and dogs are itching to be outside where they can run and play. However, there are important things to keep in mind about the threat of ticks and Lyme disease this year, according to an expert in Purdue University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection, caused by *Borrelia burgdorferi*, that is transmitted to dogs via the blacklegged (deer) tick and the western blacklegged tick.

Dr. Lori Corriveau, veterinarian in the Purdue College of Veterinary Medicine's Small Animal Community Practice and a diplomat for the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners, says there are a few things to know about Lyme disease and how it manifests itself in both dogs and humans.

"After being bitten by a tick that has transmitted the disease, 80 percent of humans will develop a rash and/or flu-like symptoms," she says. "In the next few weeks, joint pain ensues with a small percentage of people developing neurologic abnormalities associated with Lyme disease and an even smaller percentage of people developing a heart rhythm disturbance referred to as Lyme carditis. At this same point in the infection timeline, dogs have yet to develop any symptoms at all."

Corriveau says that Lyme disease can cause long-term illness in humans, but may never manifest any illness in a dog. However, she still encourages dog owners to be vigilant.

"The dog's most serious, long-term potential problem with Lyme disease is in regard to glomerular disease," she

says. "This is a type of kidney damage that occurs when the immune system is stimulated over a long time by a latent infectious organism or other immune stimulus. This is a much more insidious problem for which specific testing is needed."

Symptoms of the disease in dogs include:

- Fever
- Loss of appetite
- Loss of energy
- Swelling of joints
- Lameness
- Generalized stiffness, discomfort or pain

Corriveau says that, luckily, canine Lyme disease typically responds very quickly to the proper course of antibiotics.

She recommends owners do everything they can to prevent a tick bite on their dogs.

"Tick control on the host is one of the most effective means of preventing infection, along with checking your pet often, especially after coming in from outside and walks in tall grass and removing any tick found on them," Corriveau says. "There are numerous effective tick-control products available in assorted formats including chewable treats, collars and topical spot-on treatments."

She also says that keeping lawns well maintained will help keep ticks away.

The process of transmitting the disease takes about 48 hours, which means if the tick is removed within 48 hours of attaching, the disease cannot be transmitted.

The Small Animal Community Practice is a service of the college's Veterinary Teaching Hospital and provides veterinary care to pets of Tippecanoe County residents as well as faculty, staff and students of the Purdue University, West Lafayette campus.

The program provides primary small animal veterinary care while functioning as a model for a private small animal practice to allow veterinary and veterinary technician students to gain experience in primary veterinary care and client communication. The service cares for dogs and cats as well as a variety of other pet exotic animal species such as ferrets, rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils, degus, sugar gliders, hedgehogs, lizards, snakes, birds and fish.

Trees are moving westward in response to precipitation changes

After analyzing extensive data collected on 86 tree species in the eastern United States, a research team led by Purdue University professor Songlin Fei found that over the past 30 years, most trees have been shifting westward or northward in response to climate change.

"Trees are shifting partially because of climate change, but their responses are species specific," Fei said. "Deciduous trees like oak and maple are primarily moving westward. Evergreens are responding in a different way. They're moving northwards."

The research, based on the analysis of 30 years of data gathered by the U.S. Forest Service, was published in *Science Advances* on May 17. The study represented data collected on trees from 1980 to 2015.

Need help identifying a fish? DNR can help

With more than 200 fish species in Indiana waters, anglers sometimes catch fish they can't immediately identify.

A new online tool through the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife can help. The Fish Identification Form allows the public to submit photos and information for free directly to fisheries biologists for help with identification.

The form is at wildlife.IN.gov/9448.htm.

The new tool will not only serve anglers but also benefit science. Information collected from the forms will help biologists track rare species and identify locations of invasive species.

"After several years of getting photos through email or social media, I

thought it would be best to have a place where people could submit them directly to a biologist," said Brant Fisher, DNR nongame aquatic biologist.

When submitting photos, include: A picture of the entire fish with something in it to reference size (ruler, coin, hand). Close-ups of unique features of the fish.

Email photos to fishid@dnr.IN.gov in medium-size .jpeg file format. Videos should be .mp4, .wmv or .mov and less than 10 MB in size.

Information collected on the Fish Identification Form includes length, weight, distinguishing characteristics, location and date of catch, and observer information.

Climate Change Research Center.

As a result, most trees in the study were shifting westward to follow changes in moisture. Fei said the westward shift was one of the most surprising findings of the study.

"Yes, we did see some northward shift as we had anticipated," he said. "But we also found many trees have been moving westward because of changing climate. When analyzing the impact of climate change, precipitation had a much stronger near-term impacts on forests instead of temperatures."

The study also led the researchers to conclude that fluctuations in average precipitation and temperature are leading to changes in forest composition. As a result, climate change is putting "the resilience and sustainability of various forest ecosystems across eastern United States in question."

Fei said the findings are significant in that the research team was able to examine the effects of climate change on trait-specific trees using a large amount of data.

"Previous studies have investigated the impacts of climate change, but large scale trait-specific impacts are less understood," he said.

Fei also said that the research shows the clear impact of climate change based on big data, not just modeling.

"It is not future predictions," he said. "Empirical data reveals the impact of climate change is happening on the ground now. It's in action."

Research authors also included Jo-

anna M. Desprez, Insu Jo and Jonathan A. Knott, all of Purdue's Department of Forestry and Natural Resources; Kevin M. Potter of North Carolina State University's Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources; and Christopher M. Oswalt of the U.S. Forest Service Southern Research Station.

During the past 30 years, the period covered by the research, the mean annual temperature in the eastern United States, where data was collected, increased by about 0.16 degree Celsius on average. The northern areas of that region had among the highest temperature increases.

Precipitation patterns also have changed during the 30-year data research period, with increasing temperatures resulting in widespread droughts, as measured by the Palmer Drought Severity Index, in the southern region of the study area.

Fei said further research will focus on communities of trees, and the impact climate change can have on the sustainability of diverse ecosystems.


"We want to know if there is a community breakdown among groups of species resulting from climate changes," he said.

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Students, staff of the month -Photo provided

Loogootee Elementary has chosen their May students and staff member of the month. In the front row, from left to right, are Ava Hartzburg, Zakery Doyle, MKenna Gregory, Zoe Brown, Peyton Harger, Gabriel Shinn, and Kylie McBeth. In the back row, from left to right, are Ryken Chandler, Abigail Chapman, Paxton Arvin, Mrs. Tara Lengacher, Xavier Todd, and Nicholas Sutton.

Lady Lions Tennis fall in first round of Sectional

The Loogootee Varsity Girls' Tennis Team were defeated in the first round of Sectional last Wednesday against Northeast Dubois, 0-5. The matches were delayed three times due to lightning.

Head Coach Mike Tippery said after the matches, "We never really could get it going today. I knew coming into this match we needed to play well at all five spots and had to prevent them from making 3-4 game runs against us. We did not do that today."

The Lady Lions finished the season with a 12-5 record.

Results
 #1 Singles Chloe Terwiske (NED) defeated Melaina Tippery 6-2, 6-4
 #2 Singles Taylor Dodd (NED) defeated Katie Sims 6-4, 6-1
 #3 Singles Paige Knies (NED) de-

feated Emily Wade 6-3, 6-1
 #1 Doubles Megan Lueken/Savannah Stafford (NED) defeated Eden Jenkins/Breanna Hollaway 6-1, 6-3
 #2 Doubles Olivia Schroering/Delaney Rasche (NED) defeated Kashten Burch/Abbie Williams 7-5, 6-7 (4), 1-0 (4)
 Barr-Reeve 3 Paoli 2
 #1 Singles Meagan Dooley (P) defeated Natalie Schulthies 6-2, 6-1
 #2 Singles Emma Osborne (P) defeated Brianna Yoder 6-2, 6-4
 #3 Singles Annie Graber (BR) defeated Emily Leone 6-2, 6-2
 #1 Doubles Leah Bullock/Bailey Graber (BR) defeated Jalyn Engleking/Chloe Elliot 6-1, 6-1
 #2 Doubles Peyton Lengacher/Jayna Wagler (BR) defeated Madeline May/Hannah Sanders 6-2, 6-2

Loogootee advances to Sectional championship game

Using an eight-run outburst to start the game, Loogootee kept their foot on the throttle, winning the game over the Vikings of Barr-Reeve, 21-0 in five innings. Sydney Davis got the win, though Emily Brookshire came on in the fourth inning to finish up the contest.

Davis, now 23-3 on the season, struck out three in her three innings of work, while walking two and allowing one hit. Brookshire, gave up two singles, and walked one.

Sydney Davis and Emily Brookshire both tripled for Loogootee, with Davis also adding a double. Tyanna Graber had four doubles in the contest. Breigh LaMar, Mayson Riley, Emily Thomas, Maelee Hawkins all had doubles.

Julianne Bell was 2 for 4 with 2 RBIs and two runs scored. Calli Winger was 2 for 4 with a run scored. In the seventh inning, Maddie Cropp drew a one out walk, moved on to third on the Maelee Hawkins double and scored on the sac fly from Jayleigh Wagoner.

Lady Lions claim Blue Chip

When you travel to South Knox for a softball game, you can always count on Doug Hochins having a very well-prepared team, and this year's contest was no different. In the top of the first inning, Emily Brookshire drew a two out walk. Sydney Davis singled up the middle and was replaced by courtesy runner, Kaitlyn Bruner. Two pitches later, Emily Brookshire stole third base, setting up the Breigh LaMar RBI single to left. This would prove to be the only run scored in the game, securing the win, and the Lions second consecutive Blue Chip Conference championship.

Sydney Davis spun the win in the circle for the Lions, striking out six, and scattering four hits. The team record now stands at 22-5, with Sydney's record at 22-3.

JV Lions win at South Knox

The Lions jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the top of the first and never looked back, winning the contest 12-4 behind the pitching of Jayleigh Wagoner and some great defensive play, including a double play by Chelsie Sutton and Shalyn Bruner. The Lions bats were hot, as they pounded out 19 hits. Maddie Cropp had two doubles and drove in three runs. Kendall Berry also doubled. Jayleigh Wagoner had three hits, with 3 rbi, Emily Thomas went 4 for 4 with 3 RBI. Kaitlyn Bruner had three hits as did Bethany Welker.

The JV Lions concluded their season with this win, finishing the season at 6-8, but gained a wealth of knowledge that only playing the game can bring. Looking forward to this great group of young ladies playing this game for the years to come.



Loogootee Track awards -Photo provided

The Loogootee Junior High Track team met Friday, May 19 for their awards program and pizza. All participants received certificates. In the front row, from left to right, are Ashley Nail, Brooklyn Arthur, India Arvin (sprints award), Emily Welker (field events award long jump and mental attitude award), Brian Sinnott, Zane Cropp, and Alex Smith. In the back row, from left to right, are Brayden Sutton, Lucas Brittain (distance award), Levi Pendley (sprints award, jumping award, most valuable runner award, Blue Chip high points award and plaque for setting new school records in 100-meter and 200-meter), Evan Cunningham, Gage Kerns, Julius Castro, Jase Riley (throwing award), Hannah VanMeter (middle distance award), and Kaylee Auterson (most valuable runner award and plaque for 300 low hurdle record). Not pictured were Luke Venters (mental attitude award), Logan Moffatt, Camden Godwin, Josh Venters, Coach Tim Sanders, and Assistant Coach Chris Jones.

Loogootee Summerfest 5K Run/Walk

June 17 registration starts at 7:00AM

Walk Starts at 7:30AM

Run Starts at 8:00AM

Cost for the WALK is \$10.00 or \$20.00 with T-shirt the cost will be \$25.00 with T-shirt day of race

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Agreement reached in Vectren electric infrastructure case

The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC), industrial customers, and Vectren Energy Delivery have reached a settlement agreement on the utility's proposed seven-year electric infrastructure plan.

The agreement was filed Thursday with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC), which may approve, modify, or deny it after reviewing testimony and evidence from the case's parties.

Vectren has requested approval of the seven-year plan under the state's Transmission, Distribution, and Storage System Improvement Charge (TDSIC) statute. The law was approved by the Indiana General Assembly in 2013.

The TDSIC statute allows energy utilities to recover specific infrastructure costs through rates on an expedited basis. Rates may be adjusted every six months, subject to OUCC review and IURC approval. The statute designates the types of projects that qualify for inclusion in a seven-year plan along with corresponding rate recovery.

If approved, the agreement will reduce the construction costs for Vectren's proposed capital improvements by at least \$67.5 million. Those costs – to primarily pay for replacement of poles, lines, substations, and other infrastructure – will be subject to recovery from customers through rate tracker increases over the next seven years.

Total capital costs eligible for rate recovery over the next seven years will be capped at \$446.5 million if the agreement is approved. The agreement also includes annual caps to mitigate against substantial cost increases in any given year.

Vectren originally proposed a \$514 million plan in this case. Its initial proposal also included \$250 million in "potential substitution projects."

Additional customer benefits include:

Removal of certain projects that the OUCC views as beyond the scope of the TDSIC statute. The largest such project to be removed is Vectren's \$39 million proposal to recover advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) deployment costs. The agreement does not preclude Vectren from seeking recovery of AMI costs in a future rate case.

A more level approach to the recovery of distribution costs through monthly residential and small commercial customer bills. Under Vectren's original plan, costs for the eligible projects would have been recovered from each customer through a monthly fixed charge. The settlement agreement caps the tracker rate increases' fixed portions at \$7.00 at the end of the plan's seven-year term. Remaining distribution costs will be based on a customer's usage and recovered through the bill's volumetric portion.

The guarantee that if Vectren initiates any prepaid electric services or time-of-use rate options during the next seven years, it will offer them only on a voluntary basis.

"Over the last four years, the TDSIC statute has been tested in several cases before the IURC and before the Indiana Court of Appeals. The Court's opinions and previous IURC orders give clear guidance as to which infrastructure projects are eligible for TDSIC rate recovery," said Indiana Utility Consumer

Counselor Bill Fine. "Based on those decisions and parameters, we have negotiated an agreement at arms-length that will allow eligible projects to go forward in the most cost-effective way that they can. At the same time, the utility will be able to strengthen its portion of the grid to ensure more reliable service in the future."

Vectren provides electric utility service in seven southwestern Indiana counties. Its Indiana natural gas utilities are not at issue in this case; seven-year infrastructure plans for natural gas received IURC approval in 2014.

If the agreement is approved, Vectren will be the third of the state's five investor-owned electric utilities to implement a seven-year infrastructure plan.

While Vectren's recoverable costs would be capped at \$446.5 million under the agreement, approved plans for Duke Energy and Northern Indiana Public Service Co. (NIPSCO) include capital costs of \$1.4 billion and \$1.25 billion, respectively. Costs for the Duke Energy and NIPSCO plans were reduced under settlement agreements among the OUCC and additional parties.

(IURC Cause No. 44910)

The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) represents Indiana consumer interests before state and federal bodies that regulate utilities. As a state agency, the OUCC's mission is to represent all Indiana consumers to ensure quality, reliable utility services at the most reasonable prices possible through dedicated advocacy, consumer education, and creative problem solving.

NSWC Crane hosts Senior Technologists

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) hosted 10 Navy Senior Technologists (STs) for a two-day meeting last Tuesday and Wednesday. NSWC Crane is regarded as a national technical leader, which is why the base was chosen as the host for such a significant event.

On Tuesday, the STs held panel discussions and group breakout sessions, both of which featured question and answer portions. On Wednesday, the STs had the opportunity to tour NSWC Crane's three main focus areas – Electronic Warfare, Expeditionary Warfare and Strategic Missions.

The 10 STs in attendance represent nearly 25 percent of the Navy's entire Senior Technical Leadership. For most of the STs, it was their first trip to Crane.

"This event offered great exposure for both sides," said Rob Walker, acting Chief Technology Officer at NSWC Crane. "It was very eye-opening for them to see all of the innovative, cutting-edge work being done at Crane, and it was really a good educational experience for us to learn more about Senior Technologists and what they do in support of the Warfighter on a daily basis."

NSWC Crane is a naval laboratory and a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA). The warfare center is responsible for multi-domain, multi-spectral, full life cycle support of technologies and systems enhancing capability of today's warfighter.

Governor's action plan to combat drug abuse unveiled

Indiana Executive Director for Drug Treatment, Prevention and Enforcement Jim McClelland presented Governor Eric J. Holcomb's strategic approach to attacking the state's drug epidemic at a meeting of the Commission to Combat Drug Abuse last week.

View the entire meeting online at <https://indiana.adobeconnect.com/pv16qqtu34ma/>.

This framework and action plan reflect months of partnership with diverse stakeholders and research on Indiana's drug crisis," McClelland said. "While much work remains, this plan is a critical first step in meeting Gov. Holcomb's charge to attack our drug epidemic and its devastating effects on Hoosier lives."

Key Principles:

- **Data Driven:** Data will inform all systems and programs created for government, individuals, families and providers—evolving as learning increases and as Indiana's drug crisis changes.

- **Comprehensive and Holistic:** Indiana's approach will be multi-faceted and focused on substance abuse prevention, early intervention, treatment, recovery and enforcement.

- **Collaborative:** The state will align and focus the efforts of multiple state agencies that currently provide substance abuse services and resources. Further, Indiana's approach makes clear that local communities, state officials, and

the federal government must all have a stake in helping overcome the drug crisis.

Major Strategies:

- Reduce the incidence of substance abuse disorder.

- Reduce additional harm that can result from substance abuse.

- Improve treatment of people with substance abuse disorder.

- Develop and support the ability of the executive director for drug prevention, treatment and enforcement to serve stakeholders—including those with substance abuse disorders, their families, service providers, and units of government.

- Support and enhance substantial community-based collaborations aimed at prevention, treatment and recovery.

The commission also heard reports and presentations by agency leaders and medical experts.

Read Gov. Holcomb's full strategic approach to addressing substance abuse in Indiana as well as an action plan to guide efforts for the rest of 2017.

The Commission to Combat Drug Abuse was created by the General Assembly in 2016. Governor Holcomb created the new position of executive director for drug treatment, prevention and enforcement by executive order his first day in office. Attacking the drug epidemic is one of Gov. Holcomb's top priorities to take Indiana to the next level.

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