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Honoring the fallen

-Photos by Joshua Hughett

On Monday, May 30, Memorial Day, members of the American Legion Post 120 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9395 paid homage to all veterans with a visit to local cemeteries. Shown above is the rifle salute done at St. Martin's Cemetery in Whitfield. The service organizations visited eight cemeteries throughout the county on Monday.

Martin County's jobless rate at 4.5 percent for April

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Martin County's unemployment rate dropped in April to 4.5 percent, down from 5.1 percent in March. The county had the 40th lowest jobless rate in the state of the 92 Indiana counties in April.

In April, the county had 5,152 residents in the workforce and 234 of them were without jobs. In March, there were 5,144 residents able to work and 263 of them unemployed.

In April of last year, the county's jobless rate stood at 3.7 percent with 4,970 residents in the workforce and 4,785 of them unemployed.

Daviess County's unemployment

rate also went down in April, from 4.3 percent in March to 3.8 percent. The county had the seventh lowest jobless rate in the state for April, tied with Decatur and Hendricks counties.

In April, the county had 16,154 residents in the workforce with 616 of them unemployed. In March, there were 16,059 residents able to work and 697 of them without jobs. In April of last year, Daviess County's unemployment rate was 3.3 percent with 15,544 residents able to work and 507 of them without jobs.

Dubois County's unemployment rate dropped just slightly from March to April, from 3.9 percent to 3.4 percent. The county had the lowest unemployment (See 'APRIL' continued on page 2)



Class of 2016

-Photos by Courtney Hughett and Julia Albright

Loogootee High School held their graduation ceremony for the Class of 2016 last Friday night. Shoals High School held theirs Saturday afternoon. Loogootee graduated 75 students while Shoals had 34.



Commissioners go over road issue, bridge inspections

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, May 24.

Justin Dorsey, came before the commissioners for an update on Davis Lane. County Attorney Lett explained the progress he has made. He advised the commissioners not to take any action until he has spoken to the adjacent property owner. Dorsey advised the commissioners that if he has to take them to court to get the road opened he will and it will be the county's responsibility to restore the road. At the previous meeting, Dorsey stated he would restore the road to the county specifications and then the county would maintain it. A lengthy discussion followed. President George requested that Attorney Lett send certified letters to all property owners on Davis Lane and the commissioners will rule on the issue at the next meeting on June 7, 2016.

Kathy Collins, community corrections director, informed the commissioners she will be requesting additional funds from the riverboat revenue sharing fund for road crew. The request is due to increased number of convictions and the extra hours of community service needed. Director Collins updated the commissioners on new office space for her department. The move in date has been pushed to August. Her advisory board is considering changes to the lease agreement. She invited the commissioners to a cookout for all county corrections employees tomorrow at the sheriff's department from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Director Collins also thanked Bo-Mac's and Auditor Roush for their food donations.

Stacy Brown, extension educator, informed the commissioners she would have 4-H Fair schedules available at the next meeting.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett submitted his two-week work schedule and copy of the highway financials. A discussion on utility lines in the county ditches followed. President George suggested establishing an ordinance to

prohibit utility companies from placing their lines in the ditches. Superintendent Padgett thanked the commissioners for allowing him to purchase a ton truck. He and Highway Clerk Terri Alcorn attended an INDOT meeting last week. They will also be meeting to discuss an asset management plan and a pre-consultation for bridge #11 in the coming weeks. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to purchase a fixed thumb grapple for \$9,350. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. The grapple will assist with limb pickup during and after storms. Superintendent Padgett updated the commissioners on the roadside mowing. Both new part-time employees are working out well.

Brent Roberts, BF&S, updated the commissioners on bridge inspections. Due to some bridges on the critical list and needing inspected in a 12-month cycle, he needed permission to send the supplemental agreement 2 to INDOT for approval. Commissioner Boyd made the motion to allow BF&S to send the supplemental agreement 2 to the county wide bridge inspections to INDOT for approval. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Roberts also submitted a breakdown of the costs to replace bridge #11 in Mitcheltree Township.

County Attorney Lett advised the commissioners of a township assistance issue in Mitcheltree Township. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to appoint Attorney Lett to resolve the issue. President George made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Commissioner Gregory made a motion to change the remaining commissioner meeting times to 5:30 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

President George reported the commissioners and council met in an ex-

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ment rate in the state for April, tied with Hamilton County.

In April, Dubois County had 23,051 residents in the workforce with 793 of them unemployed. In March, there were 22,994 residents able to work and 896 of them without jobs. In April of 2015, the county's unemployment rate was 2.9 percent with 22,336 residents in the workforce and 650 of them unemployed.

The top ten spots in the state for the highest jobless rate for April were: Greene and Vermillion counties at 7.3 percent, Lake County at 6.9 percent, Fayette County at 6.7 percent, LaPorte County at 6.5 percent, Fountain and Lawrence counties at 6.4 percent, Sullivan County at 6.3 percent, Owen County at 6.1 percent, and Starke County at 6 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for the lowest jobless rate for April were: Dubois and Hamilton counties at 3.4 percent, Bartholomew County at 3.5 percent, Boone County at 3.6 percent, Wells and LaGrange counties at 3.7 percent, Hendricks, Decatur and Daviess counties at 3.8 percent; and Jack-

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ecutive session on Tuesday, May 17 to discuss the purchase or lease of real property. During this executive session it was decided to form a committee that would assess the needs of the county departments and report back to the council and commissioners. This committee would consist of two councilmen, a commissioner, the county attorney and the auditor. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to appoint Commissioner Gregory, County Attorney Dave Lett and Auditor January Roush to the Courthouse Improvement Committee. President George made the second. Commissioner Gregory abstained.

President George read the veteran's report for April submitted by Veteran Service Officer Linda Dillon. Auditor Roush also informed the commissioners of an accident with the veteran's van earlier that day.

Jenny Dearwester, SIDC, held a public hearing concerning the Housing Rehabilitation Grant. The purpose of the hearing was to provide citizens the opportunity to express their views on community development and housing needs, past community and development activities and the project. The housing rehab project could provide a maximum \$21,630 in rehabilitation funds in the form of a grant to low to moderate income homeowners living within the corporate limits of Martin County. The estimated cost of the proposed project is \$384,783.56, of which \$350,000 will be grant funding. The remaining funds will be as follows: USDA Grant-\$8,783.56, Town of Shoals-\$1,000, City of Loogootee-\$1,500, St. Vincent de Paul-\$5,000, Daviess Martin REMC Operation Round Up-\$2,500, Martin County-\$15,500 and Martin County Community Foundation-\$500. The grant application is due July 1, 2016 and Dearwester is projecting an October announcement of the funding. If funded rehabilitation could start in the spring of 2017. There were no comments or concerns.

President George gave condolences to the family of Clyde "Whitey" Hawkins. Mr. Hawkins had served as a commissioner, councilman and sheriff for Martin County.

The next commissioners' meeting will be held Tuesday, June 7 at 5:30 p.m.

son, Elkhart, and Carroll counties at 3.9 percent.

Indiana's labor force continued growing in April with 20,743 more Hoosiers joining the labor force. Since the beginning of 2016, Indiana's labor force has grown by more than 82,000 and by 178,000 since January 2013. Correspondingly, the state's labor force participation rate increased 0.4 percent in April while the nation's rate decreased 0.2 percent. Indiana continues to outpace the national labor force participation rate average by two and a half percent (65.3 percent vs. 62.8 percent).

"More than 80,000 Hoosiers joined the workforce in the last four months, which doubles Indiana's labor force growth for all of 2015," said Steven J. Braun, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. "Correspondingly, nearly 60,000 more Hoosiers joined the employed ranks in 2016. This suggests Hoosiers are increasingly confident in finding gainful employment."

Commissioner Braun also noted that Indiana's private sector employment increased by 12,000 in April, bringing Indiana's total to its highest point ever. He added that April was the tenth-consecutive month private sector employment has been above the March 2000 peak and now stands at more than 32,000 jobs above this benchmark period.



Bison-tennial

-Photos provided

Martin County's bison, as part of the state's Bicentennial celebration, has been painted with scenes depicting the county. Every county in Indiana was encouraged to purchase a bison at a cost of \$5,000. The bison was painted by Debbie Patton, of Bedford, formerly of Martin County. Some of the images on the bison including the lost Hindostan treasury of 1820-24, the famous Archer hanging tree with the Martin County Museum, West Boggs Lake, the Shoals Catfish Festival, the Hoosier National Forest, and the Jug Rock. The bison will eventually be on display in the yard of the museum, after the Bicentennial celebration.

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ARRESTS

TUESDAY, MAY 24

8:55 a.m. - Melissa Carter, 45, of Bloomfield, was arrested by Corporal Baker for auto theft and is being held without bond.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

10:15 p.m. - John Brickert, 27, of Coatesville, was arrested by Sergeant Keller and charged with possession of a controlled substance. His bond has been set at \$20,000 10%. Sgt. Keller was assisted with the arrest by Major Burkhardt and K9 officer Asher.

11:46 p.m. - Cheri McDonald, 39, of Shoals, was arrested by Sergeant Keller for possession of a controlled substance. Bond has been set at \$20,000 10%. Sgt. Keller was assisted by K9 Officer Asher.

THURSDAY, MAY 26

4:45 a.m. - Donald Haulk, 41; Shanna Estrada Hughett, 38; Kody Goldman, 23; Nichole Beavers, 25; Bobbie Turner, 46; and Dylan Byers, 26, were all arrested by ISP Trooper Staggs following a drug bust in southeast Martin County. All subjects are charged with dealing in methamphetamine. They are all being held without bond. Assisting with the detail were Sheriff Roush, Major Burkhardt, K9 Officer Asher, and members of the Orange County Sheriff's Office and Paoli Police Department.

12:41 p.m. - Angel Pagan Jr., 32, of French Lick, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents for possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance.

stance. He is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond. Assisting in the arrest was Corporal Baker and K9 Officer Virka.

12:41 p.m. - Loretta Hobson, 31, of Paoli, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents for possession of marijuana prior. Her bond has been set at \$20,000 10%. Assisting in the arrest was Corporal Baker and K9 Officer Virka.

10:46 p.m. - James Peek, 29, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennette for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. His bond has been set at \$20,000 10%.

MONDAY, MAY 30

Unknown time - Candace L. Hawkins, 49, of Shoals was arrested by Loogootee Police and charged with possession of a schedule II controlled substance, possession of marijuana, visiting a common nuisance, and possession of paraphernalia. Assisting with the arrest were Loogootee K9 Officer Roxy, the Martin County Sheriff's Department, the Indiana State Police, and the Indiana Department of Child Services.

Unknown time - Lacey L. Hawkins, 29, of Shoals, was arrested by Loogootee Police and charged with maintaining a common nuisance, possession of paraphernalia, possession of a schedule I controlled substance, and neglect of a dependent. Assisting with the arrest were Loogootee K9 Officer Roxy, the Martin County Sheriff's Department, the Indiana State Police, and the Indiana Department of Child Services.

Indiana State Police seat belt campaign

Do you always wear your seat belt? Do you wear it every time you're in a vehicle, regardless of how far you have to travel? Prove it!

The Indiana State Police is joining a national Social Media seat belt awareness campaign. They love to see seat belts, so show them yours.

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Honeybees pick up 'astonishing' number of agricultural, urban pesticides via non-crop plants

BY NATALIE VAN HOOSE
Purdue University News Service

A Purdue University study shows that honeybees collect the vast majority of their pollen from plants other than crops, even in areas dominated by corn and soybeans, and that pollen is consistently contaminated with a host of agricultural and urban pesticides throughout the growing season.

Christian Krupke, professor of entomology, and then-postdoctoral researcher Elizabeth Long collected pollen from Indiana honeybee hives at three sites over 16 weeks to learn which pollen sources honeybees use throughout the season and whether they are contaminated with pesticides.

The pollen samples represented up to 30 plant families and contained residues from pesticides spanning nine chemical classes, including neonicotinoids - common corn and soybean seed treatments that are toxic to bees. The highest concentrations of pesticides in bee pollen, however, were pyrethroids, insecticides typically used to control mosquitoes and other nuisance pests.

"Although crop pollen was only a minor part of what they collected, bees in our study were exposed to a far wider range of chemicals than we expected," said Krupke. "The sheer numbers of pesticides we found in pollen samples were astonishing. Agricultural chemicals are only part of the problem. Homeowners and urban landscapes are big contributors, even when hives are directly adjacent to crop fields."

Long, now an assistant professor of entomology at The Ohio State University, said she was also "surprised and concerned" by the diversity of pesticides found in pollen.

"If you care about bees as a homeowner, only use insecticides when you really need to because bees will come into contact with them," she said.

The study suggests that overall levels of pesticide exposure for honeybees in the Corn Belt could be considerably higher than previously thought, Krupke said. This is partly because research efforts and media attention have emphasized neonicotinoids' harmful effects on pollinators and their ability to travel and persist in the environment. Few studies, however, have examined how non-crop plants could expose bees to other classes of pesticides. Looking at Midwestern honeybees' environment through this wider lens and over an entire season could provide more accurate insights into what bees encounter as they forage, Krupke said.

Krupke and Long collected pollen weekly from May to September from hives placed in a nonagricultural mead-

ow, the border of a cornfield planted with neonicotinoid-treated seeds and the border of a cornfield planted with non-treated seeds. They waited to begin their collection until after growers had planted their crops to avoid the heavily contaminated dust that arises during the planting of neonicotinoid-coated seeds.

The samples showed that honeybees collect the overwhelming majority of their pollen from uncultivated plants, particularly the plant family that includes clover and alfalfa.

The researchers found 29 pesticides in pollen from the meadow site, 29 pesticides in pollen from the treated cornfield and 31 pesticides in pollen from the untreated cornfield.

"These findings really illustrate how honeybees are chronically exposed to numerous pesticides throughout the season, making pesticides an important long-term stress factor for bees," Long said.

The most common chemical products found in pollen from each site were fungicides and herbicides, typical crop disease and weed management products.

Of the insecticides, neonicotinoids and pyrethroids were the most common in the pollen samples and pose the highest risks to bees, Krupke said. While both are toxic to bees, they differ in their relative risk levels. Neonicotinoids are more poisonous to bees but are primarily used on agricultural land. Conversely, pyrethroids are typically used where pollinators are likely to be - near homes and gardens with a diversity of flowering plants - potentially exposing bees to higher levels of chemicals and on a more frequent basis. The study showed distinct spikes of pyrethroids in August and September, months when many homeowners spray these chemicals to knock out mosquitoes, hornets and other nuisance pests.

Pollen from all three sites also contained DEET, the active ingredient in most insect repellants.

Krupke said that little is known about how these diverse pesticides interact with one another to affect bees. The toxicity of insecticides, for example, can increase when combined with certain fungicides, themselves harmless to insects.

The researchers did not assess colony health in this study.

The study was published in Nature Communications on Tuesday (May 31) and is available at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1038/ncomms11629>.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's North Central Regional Integrated Pest Management Program funded the research.

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New Asian insects are coming to a forest near you—this time on purpose. In the on-going battle against the emerald ash borer, scientists are enlisting the aid of the borer's natural enemies. The emerald ash borer was accidentally introduced from Asia. The insects were first noticed in Michigan and Ontario, Canada, but have since spread to 25 states and two Canadian provinces. The insect has since destroyed millions of ash trees in Indiana and other states. The borer lives up to its name, boring holes into ash trees and moving beneath the bark to interrupt the vascular system of the tree. This causes the tree to defoliate and die. Indiana has instituted a ban on taking firewood out of counties where borer activity has been confirmed. However, the containment efforts have not proven effective in stopping the spread of the borer. It appeared that this tiny metallic-green insect would do for ash trees what the blight did for the chestnut a century ago.

For several years, scientists at Purdue University and other institutions have been searching for ways to combat the ash borer. The first successes came from systemic treatments. Scientists would inject the tree with the treatment, which would make that tree resistant to the borer's activity. The biggest obstacle with this treatment was the expense. The treatment also had to be done by a trained professional. A tree in a landscape might justify this expense, but it was not a practical way to treat woodland ash trees.

Eventually, a topical treatment was developed, but the chemicals had to be applied in a timely manner and multiple applications were necessary. This treatment was a preventative, but did nothing for trees that were already infected with the borers.

While the emerald ash borer seemed to be destroying all of the ash trees in the United States, it was not a significant pest in its native Asia. The reason was that it has natural enemies there that keep populations in control. Those enemies fall in the classification of beneficial insects, most notably parasitic wasps.

Parasitic wasps are not stinging wasps and do not harm humans. In most cases, they lay their eggs on the target insect and when the eggs hatch, the larva eat the target from the inside out. They are parasites on the host. We have many types of parasitic wasps here already, but we do not have the ones that attack the emerald ash borer.

After intensive study, scientists have selected two Asian parasitic wasps to import, hoping they will rein in the emerald ash borer. You will not likely see the wasps. One is about the size of a grain of rice and the other is gnat-sized. They will not stray far from the ash trees that are the targets of the ash borer. One of

the wasps attacks the larval stage of the emerald ash borer, preventing them from becoming the adult beetles that cause the damage to ash trees. The other attacks the borer's eggs, keeping them from hatching. Scientists hope that these actions will control the emerald ash borer and save America's ash trees.

This is certainly not the first time that a natural predator has been released to control an out-of-control pest. We are all familiar with the lady beetles that invade homes in the fall. The lady beetles have a voracious appetite for aphids and other harmful insects, but have themselves become somewhat a pest. Only time will tell what will happen with the parasitic wasps that attack the emerald ash borer. We pray that this will control this pest without harmful consequences.

Forage specialist: Be sure hay is dry enough for storage

BY JESSICA MERZDORF
Purdue University News Service

The rainy weather that has settled over much of Indiana for the past month has made harvesting and drying hay for safe storage more difficult, potentially raising the risk of barn fires, a Purdue Extension forage specialist says.

Storing hay with a moisture content of more than 20 percent without using a preservative could allow the growth of bacteria that release heat and cause mold formation, said Keith Johnson, professor of agronomy. This process increases the inner temperature of the bales, sometimes high enough to cause spontaneous combustion.

Johnson said it can take three to four weeks for temperatures to reach critical levels. He advised farmers to check stored hay regularly for warning signs of moisture or heating, including checking the temperature within stored bales and touching bales to see if they are hot. Farmers should also be alert for steam rising from bales, condensation on the walls or ceiling of the barn, mold on the outer surface of the hay or an acrid odor. Hay temperature probes are commercially available.

If the internal temperature of a bale or stack is around 150 degrees, farmers should move the hay to allow air to circulate while continuing to monitor the temperature. If the temperature exceeds 175 degrees, fire may be imminent, and the fire department should be called. Smoldering hay can ignite and burn rapidly when exposed to air, so if fire is suspected, farmers should not attempt to move the hay themselves, Johnson said.

To help forage dry faster when cut, farmers can lay it in a wide swath

2016 spring turkey harvest up 2 percent from previous year

Indiana hunters harvested 12,081 wild turkeys during the 2016 spring wild turkey season, according to data from the Department of Natural Resources.

This is a 2-percent increase from the 11,853 turkeys taken during the 2015 spring season.

Spring harvest in 25 counties exceeded 200 birds, with 49 counties showing an increased harvest.

The top 10 counties were Harrison (363 birds), Steuben (362), Dearborn (330), Jefferson (324), Orange (314), Switzerland (309), Greene (303), Crawford (285), Marshall (278), and Warrick (277).

During the youth turkey season, 1,430 birds were taken.

The youth season was April 23-24. The regular spring turkey season was April 27-May 15.

Nineteen percent of the spring harvest was juvenile turkeys; 39 percent was 2-year-olds; and 42 percent was 3 years old or older.

The estimated number of hunters afield was 57,332 in 2016, with an estimated hunter success rate of 21 percent.

Approximately 65 percent of the harvest occurred by 10 a.m. each day.

Male gobblers made up 98.7 percent of the harvest. The remaining 1.3 percent was reported as bearded hens.

Annual statewide harvest levels have leveled off since the harvest peak in 2010 (13,742), with recent annual spring harvests in the range of 11,000 to 12,000 birds.

The 2016 harvest was the sixth highest spring harvest. For the first time, all harvested turkeys were checked in electronically.

with a mower-conditioner, Johnson said. This exposes the hay to more sunlight and helps it dry faster. Additionally, the mower-conditioner crimps the stems of the hay, allowing moisture to escape more quickly. With more difficult drying conditions, farmers can consider tedding or windrow inversion.

Farmers may also let the cut forage wilt to 50 percent moisture content, then ferment to silage, Johnson said. This is done by wrapping the hay in white plastic using an individual bale wrapper or in-line tuber, both

New deer biologist and mammalogist join DNR

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has a new deer biologist and a new mammalogist.

Joe Caudell, the deer biologist, joins the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife from Murray State University in Kentucky, where he had served as assistant professor of wildlife since 2013. He also has served as an adjunct professor in Purdue University's Department of Forestry and Natural Resources since 2011.

Taylor Rasmussen, the new mammalogist, joins DNR Fish & Wildlife after earning his master's degree in biological sciences with a focus on small mammal ecology from Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas. He earned his undergraduate degree in biology from Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, in 2012.

"The Division of Fish & Wildlife has brought on highly qualified biologists to take on two important roles in the Division," said Mark Reiter, Division of Fish & Wildlife director. "We are fortunate to be able to select candidates with experience and advanced degrees to help adapt and move our Wildlife Science Program forward."

Caudell, who earned his doctorate in wildlife biology from Utah State University in 2001, served as wildlife disease biologist for U.S. Department of Agriculture APHIS Wildlife Services in West Lafayette from 2005 to 2013. He lives on a 20-acre farm between Shoals and Loogootee.

Before working in West Lafayette, Caudell served as urban wildlife biologist for USDA APHIS in Las Vegas and as wildlife damage management specialist for the same organization in

of which keep air out and allow lactic acid-forming bacteria to ferment the forage. The resulting low pH keeps the forage in a stable condition during storage. This process reduces drying time but involves additional packaging costs.

Farmers interested in learning more about hay combustion can find additional resources in the Purdue Extension Forage Field Guide, available from the Purdue Extension Education Store at www.edustore.purdue.edu/item.asp?Item_Number=ID-317.

Augusta, Maine. He holds a master's degree from Utah State University in wildlife biology and a bachelor's degree in wildlife management from the University of Georgia.

"I have been working with deer since I started college," he said. "And this was a position that I'd always been interested in since moving to Indiana. It's a natural fit for me—I like working with deer."

As a person who grew up in the southeastern United States, he said he appreciates the size and quality of Indiana deer.

"The first time I worked a check station here about 14 years ago, I was just amazed at the size of deer that were coming in," he said. "I think the deer hunters here get a really good experience in terms of having high-quality deer."

He says his main challenge will be balancing the needs of hunters and people who are experiencing damage from deer, something that he is familiar with as a person who grew up on a farm and has continued to farm.

Rasmussen, a native of Sioux Falls, Iowa, worked with small mammals throughout his undergraduate and graduate years.

"I like working with animals that are often overlooked, such as the smaller animals and the endangered and threatened animals as well," he said.

Rasmussen did projects on the Franklin's ground squirrel while at Morningside and Fort Hays State and is especially interested in continuing to work with that state-endangered species in Indiana, as well as with bats.

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4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown
Martin County Purdue
Extension Educator



Upcoming Events

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

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

Exciting things happening at the 2016 Martin County 4-H Fair

The 4-H Council has been working hard to make the fair a great success. This year there will be lazer tag, Ore stacking contests, watermelon seed spitting contests, a mini rodeo and a mini tractor pull for little ones, the queen contest, a tethered hot air balloon, inflatable slides, tractor pulls, livestock shows, and much more.

The fair starts July 15 and runs through July 19. We hope to see you there!

New Open Class Young Children Division at Fair

This year we will have a new open class young children division at the fair. This is open to children ages 3-12. Any preschools, youth camps, or youth organizations can participate. Projects are arts and crafts based and should be turned in as a group by the organization leader. Please call Stacy at 812-295-2412 for more details and project options.

4-H News

Martin County Junior Leaders Day Camp will take place June 13-15 from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. Our theme this year is Space, so come learn about the final frontier and have fun with us. This camp is open to any child ages K-4th grade. The cost will be \$20 per child. If you have more than one child in your immediate family, the cost

will be \$15 for each additional child. Registration forms will be available beginning Friday, May 20 at the extension office. The deadline to register is Wednesday, June 8th. Register early because space is limited. Walk-ins the day camp starts WILL NOT be accepted this year.

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We are also adding new things to our webpage, visit us at <https://extension.purdue.edu/Martin/Pages/default.aspx>

We need volunteers! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with 4-H, please call or stop by the office.

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

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

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

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

Lost River Ruskrats Club Meetings are on the following dates:

May 26 at 7 p.m. at Beth Bruner's home

Dream Team Club Meetings are on the following dates: June 5 at 4 p.m., June 18 at 10 a.m., June 26 at 4 p.m., July 2 at 10 a.m., July 10 at 4 p.m., and July 11 one-half hour before fairgrounds cleanup

The meetings are held at Loogotee City Park. If raining, call club leader Jacqueline Esch.

USDA extends deadline for recording farm structure

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack last week announced a one-time, 30-day extension to the June 1 deadline for recording farm organization structures related to Actively Engaged in Farming determinations. This date is used to determine the level of interest an individual holds in a legal entity for the applicable program year. Farming operations will now have until July 1 to complete their restructuring or finalize any operational change. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued the extension in response to farmers and ranchers who requested more time to comply, and to assure that everyone has enough time to provide their information under the new rules.

"Most farming and ranching organizations have been able to comply with the actively engaged rule," said Vilsack. "This one-time extension should give producers who may still need to update their farm structure information the additional time to do so."

The 2014 Farm Bill provided the Secretary with the direction and authority to amend the Actively Engaged in Farming rules related to management. The final rule established limits on the number of individuals who can qualify as actively engaged using only management. Only one payment limit for management is allowed under the rule, with the ability to request up to two additional qualifying managers operations for large and complex operations.

The rule does not apply to farming

operations comprised entirely of family members. The rule also does not change the existing regulations related to contributions of land, capital, equipment or labor, or the existing regulations related to landowners with a risk in the crop or to spouses. Producers that planted fall crops have until the 2017 crop year to comply with the new rules. The payment limit associated with Farm Service Agency farm payments is generally limited annually to \$125,000 per individual or entity.

Since 2009, USDA has worked to strengthen and support American agriculture, an industry that supports one in 11 American jobs, provides American consumers with more than 80 percent of the food we consume, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials. USDA has also provided \$5.6 billion of disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; expanded risk management tools with products like to Whole Farm Revenue Protection; and helped farm businesses grow with \$36 billion in farm credit. The Department has engaged its resources to support a strong next generation of farmers and ranchers by improving access to land and capital; building new markets and market opportunities; extending new conservation opportunities. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/results.

USDA resumes incentives to grow and harvest biomass for energy and biobased products

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Val Dolcini on May 23 announced that incentives resumed last month for farmers and foresters who grow and harvest biomass for renewable energy and biobased products. The funds come through the Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP), which was reauthorized by the 2014 Farm Bill.

"This program expands the types of feedstock that can be used to make renewable fuels and biobased products, laying the foundation for growing more products made in rural America," said Dolcini. "The Biomass Crop Assistance Program currently supports more than 890 growers and landowners farming nearly 49,000 acres to establish and produce dedicated, nonfood energy crops for delivery to energy conversion facilities, and it is a key piece of USDA's strategy to grow the rural economy and create new markets for our farmers and ranchers."

Facilities seeking to be qualified by USDA to accept biomass can begin enrollment between today, May 23, and June 6, 2016. BCAP provides financial assistance to farmers and ranchers who establish and maintain new crops of energy biomass, or who harvest and deliver forest or agricultural residues to a USDA-approved facility that creates energy or biobased products.

In fiscal year 2016, there is \$3 million available for BCAP. A portion of the funds will be provided to two existing BCAP projects in New York and Ohio/Pennsylvania to expand acres planted to shrub willow and giant miscanthus. Farmers and forest landowners may enroll for biomass establishment and maintenance payments for these two projects between June 15 and Sept. 13, 2016.

Also, between June 15 to August 4, 2016, USDA will accept applications from foresters and farmers seeking incentives to remove biomass residues from fields or national forests for delivery to energy generation facilities. The retrieval payments are provided at match of \$1 for \$1, up to \$20 per dry ton. Eligible crops include corn residue, diseased or insect-infested wood materials, or orchard waste.

To learn more about BCAP or to en-

Visit a state park June 4-5 and enter at the 1916 admission rate

Visiting a state park in Indiana on June 4 or 5 will cost just pocket change—literally. That's because Indiana State Parks is celebrating its 100th birthday by "rolling back" gate admission to a 10-cents-per-person donation for each of those two days. Ten cents per person is what park visitors paid in 1916. The special donation rate applies to all 24 parks and eight reservoir properties operated by Indiana State Parks on June 4-5. Col. Richard Lieber, founder of Indiana State Parks, believed that the cost of operating state parks should be borne in part by users. Indiana's state parks have had entrance fees since the beginning. Today, about 70 percent of funding for operating costs comes from gate, camping and other fees, according to Dan Bortner, director of Indiana State Parks.

Admission at most state park properties normally costs \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle.

Visitors who have an annual pass or a Golden Hoosier Passport can still use those for admission.

roll in updates, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/bcap or contact your local FSA county office. To find your local county office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has recognized the biobased economy as one of the pillars that strengthen rural communities, and as a result USDA helped jumpstart efforts to provide a reliable supply of advanced plant materials for biofuels. Over the course of this Administration, USDA has invested \$332 million to accelerate research on renewable energy ranging from genomic research on bioenergy feedstock crops, to development of biofuel conversion processes and costs/benefit estimates of renewable energy production. Through BCAP, USDA is incentivizing more than 890 growers and landowners farming nearly 49,000 acres to establish and produce dedicated, nonfood energy crops for delivery to energy conversion facilities, and the department has expanded insurance coverage and other safety net options to support farmers producing biomass for renewable energy.

To ensure those feedstocks are put to use, USDA has invested in the work needed to create advanced biofuels refineries. Under this Administration, USDA has supported efforts to build six new biorefineries to produce advanced biofuels in Louisiana, Georgia, Oregon, Nevada, North Carolina, and Iowa, in addition to three existing facilities in New Mexico, Michigan and Florida previously supported. USDA has also worked to strengthen markets for biobased products. Approximately 2,500 products now carry USDA's BioPreferred label, which helps consumers make informed decisions about their purchases, giving them assurances that their product was made using renewable materials, such as plants or forestry materials.

Investments in renewable energy and the biobased economy are a leading part of USDA's commitment to mitigating climate change and promoting a clean-energy economy. This month, the Department is examining what a changing climate means to agriculture and how USDA is working to reduce greenhouse gases. For more information, visit Chapter 5 of <https://medium.com/usda-results>.

Attendants will be collecting the donations at the entrance gates, so remember to bring your dimes and spare change. And while just 10 cents per-person will get you in, visitors also are encouraged to give a little more if they can.

Generally, all revenue collected at gates, campgrounds and pools, and for programs and passes goes to one account to support operations at all 32 properties. For this weekend only, all donations collected at entrance gates will remain with the park in which they were received, and will support local property programs and projects.

Turkey Run and McCormick's Creek were Indiana's first two Indiana state parks, established in 1916 as a gift to Hoosiers on the 100th anniversary of Indiana statehood. Cagles Mill Lake was the first reservoir property operated through the DNR, opening in 1953.

A list of state park properties, including an interactive map to find the park nearest you, is at stateparks.IN.gov/2392.htm.



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Shown above, from left to right, are the Shoals L.E.A.D. essay and logo contest winner, Avaley Braun, Anthony Schnarr, Judge Ellis, Alysya Butler, Eli Stoll and Nicolas Spurgeon

Shoals Fifth Graders finish up Project L.E.A.D

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

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

The program combined classroom work, hands-on experiences, and speakers from various agencies. The following persons volunteered their time by speaking with the students about various law enforcement-related topics: Judge Lynne Ellis, Sheriff Travis Roush, Prosecutor Michael Steiner, Gunner Styles with Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village, State Trooper Robbie Lambert, K-9 Officer Diesel, State Trooper Jarred Lents, Excise Police Officer Brian Stewart, Loss Prevention Officer Gary Sprinkle, and Director Kathy Collins with Martin County Community Corrections.

As a part of the program, students were asked to submit drawings/logos for a new L.E.A.D.

T-shirt. Each student was provided a t-shirt with the winning logo. This year's design winner was Nicolas Spurgeon. In addition, each student was required to submit an essay regarding their L.E.A.D. experience. The essay winners are as follows: Avaley Braun, 1st place; Anthony Schnarr, 2nd place; Alysya Butler, 3rd place; and Eli Stoll, 4th place. Probation Officer Melissa Lottes presented the winners

with a certificate and prize sponsored by the program's financial supporters.

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

The mock trial casts are as follows:

Judge Lydia Cook
 Court Reporter- Mary Enlow
 Bailiff#1- Anthony Schnarr
 Bailiff#2- Kayden Goller
 Donna Deckerd- Logan Davis
 Connie Charles- Avaley Braun
 Ann Anderson- Hope Fultz
 Chief Prosecuting Attorney- Aaron Perrotte

Assistant Chief- Ruby Harder
 1st Deputy- Leila Sango
 2nd Deputy - Macy Wyman
 3rd Deputy- Cassidy Bruner
 4th Deputy- Leila Sango
 5th Deputy- Saben Holt
 6th Deputy- Macy Wyman
 Donna Deckerd's Defense
 Chief Defense Attorney- Ariaha La-barge

1st Assistant- Eli Stoll
 2nd Assistant- Thomas French
 3rd Assistant- Chris Davis
 4th Assistant- Wyatt Taylor
 5th Assistant- Eli Stoll
 Ann Anderson's Defense
 Chief Defense Attorney- Wyatt As-bel

1st Assistant- Gracie Shaw
 2nd Assistant- Tracy French
 3rd Assistant- Chase Crowder
 4th Assistant- Chase Crowder
 5th Assistant- Gracie Shaw
 Ken Miller (Store Detective) - Cade Brett

Barbara Beach (Cashier) - Alexis Rush
 John Smith (Store Manager) - Cyrus Ellis

John Doe (Police Officer) - Trenton Perkins

Gary Sprinkle (Expert) - Nicolas Spurgeon

Jury
 Foreman- Eli Moffitt
 Skylar Smith
 Alysya Butler
 Sara Bird
 Nicholas McCracken
 Malachi Rominger

Loogootee Elementary Honor Roll

FOURTH TERM THIRD GRADE

High honors: Anistyn Aiman, Britta Browder, Ryken Chandler, Breanna Courter, Brianna Eckerle, AJ Foster, Ava Fuhrman, Joshua Gardiner, Ashley Green, Luke Guy, Phoenix Lantz, Ella Parker, Adelyn Sergent, Koen Waggner, Wade Walton, Cacia Wilcoxen, and Donna Yang

Honor roll: Avery Brock, Karson Burch, Amber Cagle, Landon Campbell, Abigail Chapman, Olivia Christmas, Contess Crowder, Pierce Davis, Olivia Edmond, Noah Esch, Gunner Fox, Kayden Honeycutt, Kierstyn Hupp, Kendall Kemp, Emma Lingenfelter, Landon Mathies, Morgan Mattingly, Dylan Norris, Judith Park,

Luke Roark, Aidan Sheetz, Spencer Stevens, Isaac Tarr, Xavier Todd, Tommy Wagler, and Luke Williams.

FOURTH GRADE:

High honors: Alex Adams, Mackenzie Craney, Samuel Graber, Luke Lengacher, Madison Machmer, Abigail Nonte, Conner Swartzentruber, Isaac Waggner, Drew Walker, Reis Whitney, Alivia Willis, and Sydnee Wittmer

Honor roll: Westley Baker, Brandon Bledsoe, Chance Carrico, Ashlynn Gilbert, Chloe Goodpaster, Carter Harbison, Alana Hedrick, Allie Henninger, Chrislynn Holland, Russell Mauder, Lily Moffatt, Taetum Patton, Carlton Combs, Justin Roberts, Luke Venters, and Bryar Walton.



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Students, staff of the month

The Loogootee Elementary Students and Staff Member of the Month for May were recently chosen. In the front row, from left to right, are Adriannah Arvin, Josie Hawkins, Brynn Lengacher, Brooklyn Carrico, Tucker Mayfield, Peyton Harger, and Lily Haburne. In the second row, from left to right, are Cami Crays, Kendall Kemp, Aidan Sheetz, and Savannah Sitzman. In the back row, from left to right, are Olivia Tinkle, Mrs. Neina Engleman (staff member of the month), Carlton Combs, and Brandon Bledsoe.

LMS Golf finishes 13-5 this season

On April 7, the Loogootee Middle School Golf Team competed in the Washington Invitational. Washington won with a score of 347, Loogootee came in second 378, and Springs Valley shot 421. Nathan Seals placed third with a score of 85 and Seth Blackwell placed 5th with a score of 89. Others scoring were Seth Gillick 99, Jacob Bowman 105, Silas Bauer 108, and Jarrett Arvin 111.

On April 9, the team played Washington in a duel match. The Lions defeated the Hatchets 179 to 198. Silas Bauer was medalist with a score of 42. Rounding out scoring was Nathan Seals 44, Seth Blackwell 45, and Seth Gillick 48. Also competing were Jarrett Arvin 54, A. J. Bosell 59, Ayden Wilson 63, Reese Tippery 61, Rory

Tippery 49. Also participating Tucker Walton and Jacob Bowman.

On April 14, the team competed in the Bedford Golf Invitational at Otis Park. Loogootee competed against a 12-team field. The majority of teams were 4A and 3A. Loogootee place 5th with a score of 395. Nathan Seals was the low score with 92, Silas Bauer scored 95, Seth Blackwell and Jarrett Arvin both shot 104, and Seth Gillick finished with a score of 125.

The LMS Golf Team finished with a record of 13-5.

Bateman defeated in Sectional Final

Loogootee Senior Emily Bateman was defeated in the #1 Singles Sectional Final at Jasper last Wednesday night in two sets, 6-0 and 6-1. She was defeated by Katie Donovan of Vincennes Rivet.

"Donovan played two great matches at Jasper to win the Sectional. Emily just didn't have it today. Everything she hit was a little wide, a little deep, or clipped the net. Emily had a great four-year stint at #1 Singles. She is going to be hard to replace," said Head Coach Mike Tippery.

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May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month

May is Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month, and state health officials are urging Hoosiers to take steps to prevent skin cancer.

According to The Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent Skin Cancer, skin cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in the U.S., with 5 million people treated each year. The two most common forms of skin cancer are basal cell and squamous cell carcinoma. A third type, melanoma, is more aggressive and accounts for just 1 percent of skin cancer cases, but causes the most skin cancer-related deaths. In 2013, 1,174 Hoosiers were diagnosed with melanoma, and 229 Hoosiers died as a result of the disease.

"Skin cancer is preventable, and every Hoosier should protect their skin regardless of their race or ethnicity," said State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H. "Reducing exposure to the sun, wearing sunscreen and staying away from tanning beds and sun lamps can help Hoosiers avoid the physical, financial and emotional toll of this cancer diagnosis."

Most skin cancers are at least partially caused by exposure to ultraviolet (UV) rays, so reducing exposure lowers one's skin cancer risk. Sunburn is a clear sign of overexposure to UV rays. More than one in every three Americans reports getting sunburned each year.

Indoor tanning devices, such as tanning beds, tanning booths and sun lamps, expose users to intense UV radiation. More than 400,000 cases of skin cancer, about 6,000 of which are melanomas, are related to indoor tanning in the U.S. each year.

"There is no such thing as a safe tan," Dr. Adams said. "Tanned skin is damaged skin, and people who tan indoors are much more likely to develop melanoma than those who don't. By educating people about the risks of all types of UV exposure, we can help keep Hoosiers safe year-round."

The Surgeon General's report identifies simple preventive measures that Hoosiers can take to reduce their risks of skin cancer. These include:

Seek shade, especially during mid-day hours.

Use protection, such as a hat with a wide brim and sunglasses to protect your face and eyes.

Wear a long-sleeved shirt and pants or a long skirt for additional protection when possible, or try wearing a T-shirt or a long beach cover-up.

Use sunscreen. Apply sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 15 or higher at least 15 minutes before going outside, even on cloudy or overcast days. Reapply sunscreen at least every two hours and after swimming, sweating or toweling off.

Early detection is also critical. To help with early detection for melanoma, Hoosiers should become familiar with the ABCDE rule:

A = Asymmetry: One half of the mole (or lesion) does not match the other half

B = Border: The border, or edges of the mole, are ragged, notched or blurred

C = Color: The color is not uniform, with variable degrees of tan, brown or black

D = Diameter: The diameter, or size, of a mole or skin lesion is greater than six millimeters from side-to-side (or the size of a pencil eraser). Any sudden increase in the size should be checked.

E = Evolution: Any changes at all in a mole, including changing shape, size or color

Because skin cancer may appear differently on different people, it is important to talk to a health care provider

about any changes in moles or the skin.

Those interested in reducing the burden of cancer in Indiana should consider participating in the Indiana Cancer Consortium (ICC). The ICC is a statewide network of partnerships whose mission is to reduce the cancer burden in Indiana through the development, implementation and evaluation of a comprehensive plan that addresses cancer across the continuum from prevention through palliation. Participation in the ICC is open to all organizations and individuals interested in cancer prevention, early detection, treatment, survivorship, data collection and advocacy regarding cancer-related issues. For more information, or to join the ICC, visit www.IndianaCancer.org.

Visit the Indiana State Department of Health at www.StateHealth.in.gov for important health and safety information, or follow us on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/isdh1. To learn more about skin cancer in Indiana, or to view the Indiana Cancer Facts and Figures 2015 report, visit www.IndianaCancer.org.

Just 100 days until start of the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay

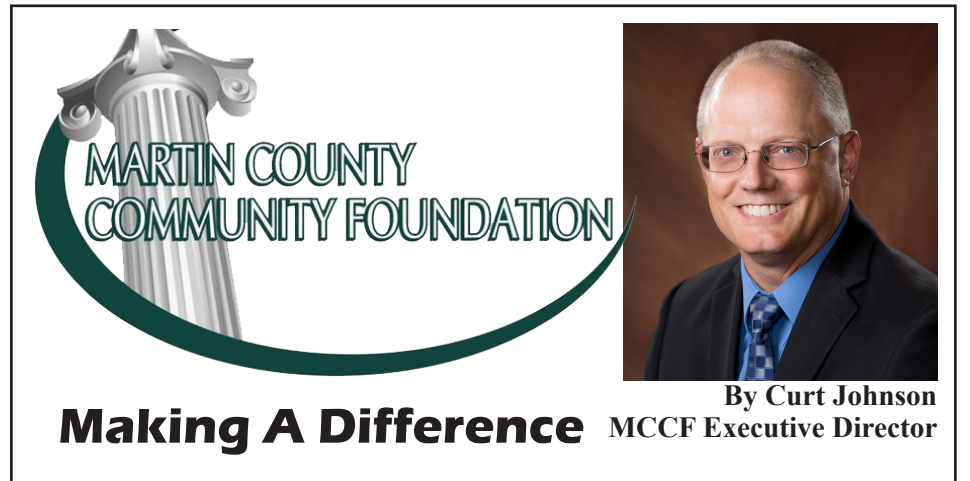
Yesterday began the 100-day countdown to the start of the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay. In 100 days on September 9, the 3,200-mile journey through Indiana's 92 counties begins in Corydon (Harrison County). The torch relay is the premier event of the Bicentennial and will highlight Indiana's achievements, ingenuity and influence and give generations of Hoosiers the opportunity to honor the state's heritage while also looking towards Indiana's future.

"Just 100 days remain until the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay kicks off in Corydon, and excitement continues to build in counties all across the state," said Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb. "Visit Indiana, our partners and hundreds of Hoosier volunteers are working hard to ensure a safe, historic, and fun celebration of Indiana's first 200 years!"

Recently, Indiana Office of Tourism Development (IOTD) took delivery of five of the ten Indiana-made Subaru vehicles that will comprise the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay caravan. Last year, Subaru of Indiana Automotive became the official vehicle provider of the torch caravan. The Indiana-made Subaru Outbacks will be festooned with torch-related emblems and will escort the torch and transport personnel and equipment on the journey. The vehicles will also be used to support promotional activities and marketing efforts before the relay begins.

In the coming weeks, IOTD and county coordinating committees will announce which Hoosiers have been selected to be torchbearers. Over 4,000 torchbearer nominations were submitted by the public. Torchbearers will be Hoosiers who demonstrate exceptional public service, excellence in their profession, acts of heroism or volunteer service to their neighborhood, community, region or state. Indiana Farmers Mutual Insurance will sponsor the uniforms worn by torchbearers, staff and volunteers during the relay.

Earlier this year, IOTD and Lt. Governor Holcomb unveiled the route that the nearly 2,200 torchbearers will follow during the six-week relay this fall. Along the way, the torch will touch



-- MEMORIAL DAY --

This week we celebrated 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 memorial 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 website at www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm or "like" the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation.

