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-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Shown above are the last three classes that will grace the halls of Loogootee Elementary East after it was voted to be closed by the Loogootee School Board due to funding cuts. The classes above will be graduating in the classes of 2014, 2015, and 2016 and will be able to tell their grandchildren about being the last classes to be taught at East. Next school year fourth graders will be attending Loogootee Elementary West and fifth and sixth graders will be going to the junior high. Parents or teacher who would like to have a copy of this photo or the one on page 14, please contact courtney@martincountyjournal.com.

Two bridges in Martin County don't fare well in bridge inspection

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Leo Rumschlag with Rumschlag Technical Services presented the Martin County Commissioners with information on two bridges that are in rough shape at their meeting Tuesday night, June 1.

Rumschlag, who was hired by the county to perform the bridge inspection, said that all of the field work is complete and the paperwork is 90 percent complete. Field work began in January. State law requires county bridges to be inspected every two years. Rumschlag said that the two bridges that he had recommendations for needed lower load limit signs and then repairs before the

load limits could be brought back up.

Bridge number 11 crossing Sulphur Creek on Indian Springs Road has rust at the bearing points that have advanced to the point that there are now holes in two of the three beams supporting it. The steel-beam bridge, constructed around 1960, currently has a 20-ton weight limit which Rumschlag suggested be lowered to 15. Since the bridge is on the main road from Indian Springs and Kale, he said that if the county could come up with the money, he would recommend they replace the bridge and cut down a hill near it. The commissioners requested that he bring back recommendations for long-term repairs to the bridge instead of replacement. Rumschlag said that the old rust

could be cut out and new steel could be welded in.

The second bridge which is the connector on Deep Cut Lake Road south on Hwy 150 is around 70 years old and Rumschlag said it also has rust spots that are advancing and that one truss is leaning a bit. He said that the one-lane bridge was repaired in 1994 or 1995 and he wishes the work done then had gone a little further. He recommended changing the 12-ton weight limit to a 9-ton limit and that this would still be okay for cars and pick-up trucks. Again, he recommended that if feasible, the county replace this bridge but repairs could take it back up to a 12 or 15-ton weight limit.

The new lower limit signs have already

been ordered and that the final bridge inspection report would be turned in by the end of June. "These are the worst two but nothing gets better with age," said Rumschlag about the report.

In other business, Joe Frye with Joe Frye Salvage in Spencer, requested permission to bring in his crushing gear to crush 65 junk and non-repairable vehicles owned by the Davis brothers. He said that since Martin County does not have an active zoning board, the commissioners are the ones who have to sign off on his license. He will only be crushing the cars; Twins Trucking will be hauling them off. The commissioners approved the request and Frye said the work

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Help control the cat population in Martin County - June is Adopt-A-Cat Month

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Approximately 4 million cats end up in shelters every year, including thousands born every spring and summer during "kitten season."

To help promote adoptions of these fun affectionate animals, American Humane celebrates Adopt-A-Cat Month each June.

In Martin County, the population of feral cats is out of control. Don Greene, with the Martin County Humane Society says that despite the society's efforts to trap a large amount of cats, the population continues to rise and the society is unable to make a dent in the problem.

He said that due to the amount of dogs he houses, he rarely has room for cats and only

has one volunteer to foster them. He said that even when the feral cats are captured they are unable to be adopted out because they are too wild and end up being euthanized. In order to get the stray cat population under control, Greene said that owners must get their cats spayed or neutered.

Greene said that the humane society works with the Indiana Spay and Neuter Alliance which allows pet owners to print and fill out an application from spayneuterservices.org, send in \$20 and, if approved, re-

ceive a voucher for a free spay and neuter at participating vets.

Call Don at 812-296-0952 for more information.

Greene said that the humane society also has calendar available at both Dr. Wallace's and Dr. Burch's offices. The calendars are \$10 and have a coupon for 50 percent off spay and neuter.

Greene said that the county has thousands of wild cats who are not only untamable but many of them are also

sick with disease but if owners call him before they dump a litter of kittens and have their mother cat neutered, they may be able to get the problem under control down the road.

The Martin County Humane Society accepts monetary donations and is always in need of food, dog houses, pet carriers, etc. For more information on how you can help call Don at 812-296-0952.

American Humane offers these tips to consider when adopting:

- Age: While kittens are hard to resist, adult cats are often better suited to families with young children. Mature cats respond better to being handled by inquisitive toddlers.

- Number: It can be beneficial to adopt (**'ADOPT' continued on page 2**)



ADOPT

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more than one cat or kitten, especially if the pets will be left alone for long periods while you are gone. Not all cats enjoy companionship, but many are very social with members of their own species.

- **Personality:** Many cats are under a great deal of stress in a shelter environment. A cat's true personality may not emerge until he has been in his new home for several weeks. (Organization name) encourages you to visit the cat you're interested in several times and to read any information from a previous owner.

- **Coat:** The longer the cat's fur, the more brushing will be needed to prevent painful matting.

- **Nutrition and health:** Good nutrition and twice-a-year vet visits will help your cat stay healthy and happy. Keep your cat indoors to prevent her from contracting diseases, being hit by a car or getting hurt by other animals.

- **Tags and microchips:** Millions of cats are taken to animal shelters as strays each year — but only about 2 percent of cats without an ID tag or microchip are reunited

with their owners. Make sure your cat wears a collar and tag with the cat's name and your name, address and phone number. Microchips provide permanent identification that can never come off or get lost.

- **Prepare your home:** Adult cats and kittens love to climb and explore, so beware of possible hazards. Don't let cords or wires dangle, and cover any floor heating and air vents. Some houseplants may be toxic; check with your vet for details.

- **Kids and cats:** Children should be taught that a kitten or cat is a companion, not a toy. Rough handling can lead to injuries to both the cat and the child.

- **Dogs and cats:** Cats and dogs often enjoy each other's company, but great care must be taken when introducing these two species. Some dogs may be aggressive toward small animals and may not be suited to sharing their homes with cats. If you have a dog, ask the adoption staff if you can bring him to the shelter to meet the cat in a controlled environment before you adopt. Most cats will be frightened the first time they see a dog and will need time to accept a canine companion.



Farmers' Market in Loogootee -Photos by Joshua Huggett

The Loogootee Farmers' Market kicked off last Saturday morning with approximately 25 vendors selling produce, crafts, plants, and baked goods. The market was held next to CVS Pharmacy. There was also music by Brokenpick, carriage rides, games for the kids, door prizes and a judo demonstration. The market will be in Shoals again on Saturday, June 5, and Bo-Mac's will be serving biscuits and gravy in the morning. The Shoals Business Association, along with Martin County Chamber of Commerce, will be sponsoring the Martin County Farmers' Market from May through October this year. For more information, questions, or to become a vendor call Donna at 812-247-2306 or Deanna at 812-247-3893.



The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative
Mark Messmer

1099 Frankenstein

A very select group of people would take the time to read a novel of 2,400 pages.

Even fewer would choose to read a law that long, which has become apparent as more and more surprises keep popping up in the healthcare bill recently passed by Congress.

The latest, tucked away on page 737, is a pretty creative attempt to raise revenue for the government. It's actually been called the "Form 1099 Frankenstein."

Currently, businesses need only to send Tax Form 1099 to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) when they make specific transactions. Paying rent each month or bringing in an outside marketing consultant are both transactions which would require a Form 1099.

Because of the healthcare bill, that's all going to change.

Instead of submitting this paperwork—which includes the business equivalent of a social security number—only when purchasing a service from an individual; businesses will now have to submit one if they purchase over \$600 in goods from an individual, from a corporation, or when purchasing goods from a corporation.

The CATO Institute put it this way: "Basically, businesses will have to issue 1099s whenever they do more than \$600 of business with another entity in a year."

That's a 1099 for every furniture purchase, every business trip expense, even a

large order of coffee or a Costco run. Everything a business does for more than \$600 will require one.

At my business, Messmer Mechanical, this will mean hundreds of vendors per year will require a 1099 that never needed one before. Talk about a waste of time and money!

This will create an avalanche of paperwork for business owners. If the business is big enough, it may be able to absorb the extra work, but most will just get buried by this mandate.

It will doubtless create new jobs, but they will only be jobs, or work, created to meet a government paperwork mandate, draining the resources of small businesses everywhere, and not producing a single usable product.

They'll be growing out of red tape, which doesn't make very good topsoil.

One tax expert said, "This is a huge new imposition on American business, costing the private economy much more than any additional tax that the IRS might collect as a result."

A representative from California has already proposed a repeal of this law, and fifty other House members have signed on in agreement with him.

But the fact this idea went into the healthcare bill in the first place shows just how much we still don't know about it.

And that is why you should always know what you are voting for.

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will probably begin within two months. He said that if possible the crushing will be done on Brickyard Road.

Highway Superintendent Jim Williams also informed the commissioners that he has not heard yet on the salt bids but should know something by the end of next week. He said that he ordered 80 tons, the same as last year and that prices are not given until the order is placed. He noted that the 80 tons lasted through last winter with the addition of the ash used.

Commissioner Paul George also asked about whether the oil to put on the roads had come in yet. Williams said it had not and George said that he has a few spots that he really wants to get done.

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Obituaries

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. - Matthew 5:4

ALFRED LEE EARL

Alfred Lee Earl died Friday, May 28, 2010, at Dunn Memorial Hospital in Bedford. A resident of Huron, he was 80.

He was born on October 10, 1929, in Martin County, to Charlie and Lillie Iris (Holt) Earl.

He was a graduate of Shoals High School. He also served in the Army during the Korean War.

He married Virginia Holt, in Shoals, on January 19, 1953, and she survives.

He retired from shipping at National Gypsum. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. He was an avid fisherman and loved farming.

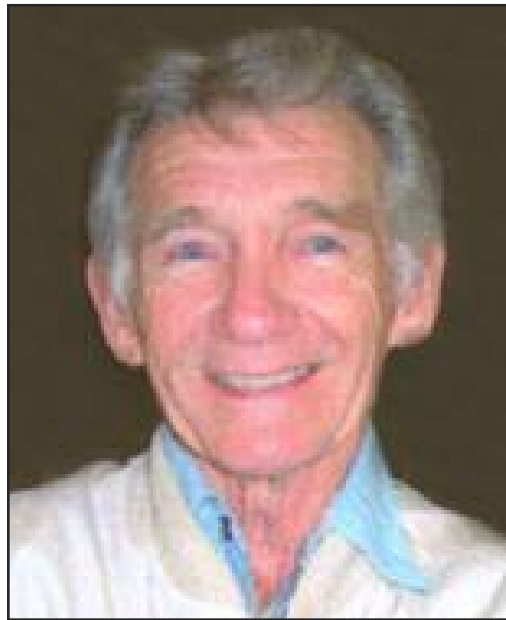
Survivors include his wife, Virginia Earl, of Huron; three daughters, Nina Woody, Teresa King and her husband Dennis, and Jerrica Kutche and her husband Jason, all of Huron; one son, David Earl of Huron; five grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and three sisters, Blanche Earl, Edith Ragsdale and Ruth Holt.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, June 1, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Queen-Lee Funeral Home, in Shoals.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, June 2, at 1:30 p.m., at the funeral home. Burial will be at Clark Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.queenlee.com.



WILLIAM M. WILSON

William M. Wilson died at 7:50 p.m., Tuesday, May 25, 2010, at Westview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Bedford. A resident of Mitchell, he was 78.

He was born February 13, 1932, in Cache, Illinois, the son of Marvin and Margaret Fern (Hill) Wilson. He married Gretna (Johnson) Daugherty on October 5, 1984.

He was a graduate of Loogootee High School and was retired from Jefferson Trucking Company. He was a U. S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife, Gretna Wilson of Mitchell; children, William Kevin (Connie) Wilson of Shoals, Timothy Marvin (Tina) Wilson of Loogootee, Kimberly Ann (Dale) Trowbridge of Washington, Randall J. (Roberta) Wilson of Mooresville, Michael Lee Wilson of Shoals, and Michelle Renee Wilson of Loogootee; stepchildren, Kevin (Rita) Daugherty of Indianapolis, Denise (Mike) LaGrange of Bedford, and Jeffrey (Sonya) Daugherty of Mount Sterling, Ky.; 22 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a brother, Ralph (Ruth) Wilson of Jasper; and sisters, Virginia Eichmiller of Jasper, and Ann (Jim) Hull of Leesville, S.C.

His parents; and infant sister, Nettie Julia Wilson, preceded him in death.

A funeral service was held Thursday, May 27, at Chastain Funeral Home. A graveside service was held Friday, May 28, at Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee.

Memorial contributions may be made the Alzheimer's Association

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.chastainfuneralhome.com.

EDITH D. HOFFMAN

Edith D. Hoffman, 86, former Loogootee resident, died Sunday, May 30, 2010, at Memorial Hospital in Jasper. A resident of Jasper, she was 86.

She was born on June 9, 1923, in Daviess County, the daughter of Kenner and Lota (Eastman) Dille. She was a receptionist for her husband's optometry office in Loogootee, as well as a homemaker and loving mother. She was a member of the Loogootee United Methodist Church and the Loogootee Woman's Club. She was a skilled seamstress and enjoyed photography. She enjoyed life and embraced technology, reaching out to friends and family through her computer skills.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Martha and John Church of Jasper, and Mary and Joe Livers of Dayton, Ohio; one son, Joe Hoffman of Plainfield, Ill.; one daughter-in-law, Kathryn (Jacobson) Hoffman of Naperville, Ill.; one son-in-law, Paul Little of Waco, Texas; seven grandchildren, Doug Church, Denise (Church) Hagen and husband Mark, Deidra Church, Jennifer (Livers) Leibler and husband Doug, Adri (Livers) Trace and husband Zac, David Hoffman and Ellen

Hoffman; and eight great-grandchildren, Abby, Emma, Ellie and Ava Hagen, Ben Leibler, Elaina, Hunter and Addison Trace.

Her husband, Dr. Robert C. Hoffman, whom she married April, 1943, is deceased. Her parents; one daughter, Margaret Little, who died April 19, 2010; seven brothers; and four sisters, precede her in death. A funeral service was held Wednesday, June 2, at Brocksmith Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial was held in Goodwin Cemetery in Loogootee. Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmithfuneralhomes.com.

LUCILLE STRANGE

Lucille A. Strange, 97, died at 6:40 p.m. Saturday, May 29, 2010, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville. A resident of Loogootee, she was 97.

She was born on March 3, 1913, near Cannelburg, the daughter of Frank and Margaret (McDonald) Arvin. A 1931 graduate of Montgomery High School, she was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee.

Following three years working in a factory in Loogootee, she enrolled in Indiana University in Bloomington and graduated cum laude in 1938 with a Bachelor of Science degree in education.

She taught high school in Cuzco and Montgomery until her marriage. Following her husband's death, she worked at NAD Crane, taught at Springs Valley High School in French Lick and worked at the Martin County Welfare Department from which she retired in 1978.

In retirement she served on the board of the Loogootee Public Library.

She is survived by one daughter, Alice Strange of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; one son, George Strange of Dallas, Texas; two grandchildren, Janice and husband James Gudorf of Jasper, and John P. and wife Jackie Strange of Lima, Ohio; two great-grandchildren, Jackson Gudorf and Samantha Strange; one daughter-in-law, Jane Woods of Jasper; sisters-in-law, Elizabeth Arvin, Catherine Arvin and Catherine Colvin; and several nieces and nephews.

Her husband, John C. Strange, whom she married on April 26, 1943, preceded her in death. Her parents; one son, Patrick Strange; six brothers, Martin, John, Paul, Vincent, Leo and Louis Arvin; one sister, Loretta Arvin; and three siblings who died in childhood, also precede her in death.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, June 2, at St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial was held in St. John Catholic Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmithfuneralhomes.com.

LUCY LAGLE

Lucille "Lucy" Myrtle Lagle died Friday, May 28, 2010, at 3:17 p.m., with her family by her side at the residence of her daughter and granddaughter. A resident of Loogootee, she was 87.

She was born December 6, 1922 in Martin County, the daughter of Eugene Bussinger and Lola (Melvin) Bussinger. She married John Oscar Lagle on February 14, 1942, and he preceded her in death in 1990.

Lucy was a homemaker and attended Loogootee United Methodist Church.

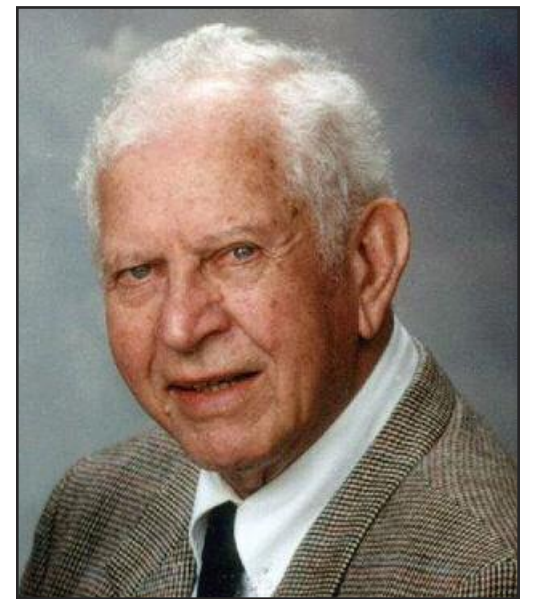
She is survived by two sons Marvin (Marilyn) Lagle of Sacramento, Kentucky and Brien (Cindy) Lagle, of Loogootee; three daughters Donna (Scott) Wolfe of Loogootee, Margie (Richard) Cornett of Loogootee, and Charlene (Ora) Cookson, of Machesney Park, Illinois; one brother Jerry (Mary Emma) Bussinger of Loogootee; three sisters Mary Jean Chestnut of Mooresville, Barbara (Bill) Wilkins of Indianapolis, and Betty Swartzentruber of

Ohio; 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two sons, and one daughter.

Serving as pallbearers were Brien D. Lagle, Brien F. Lagle, Nathan Wolfe, Cary Asbell, Dennis Tarvin, and Johnny Lagle. Honorary pallbearers will be Wyatt Asbell, Johnny Lagle V, Morgen Wolfe, Brandon Lindsey, MKaden Gregory, Luke Gregory, Maura Gregory, and Ben Lindsey.

Private graveside rites will be held at the Wheatland Cemetery and expressions of sympathy may be made to Hoosier Uplands Hospice. Lee Funeral Service was in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be made to the family online at www.queenlee.com.



VERNON REISING

Vernon A. Reising died at 7:15 p.m., Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at The Waters of Jasper Health Care Center. A resident of Jasper, he was 88.

He was born in Poseyville, Indiana on July 26, 1921 to Anthony (AJ) and Amelia (Baehl) Reising. He married Doris Cannon on February 5, 1942, she preceded him in death on November 7, 2009.

Vernon Reising, along with his late wife, owned and operated the Reising Department Store in Jasper for many years. He served on the Jasper City Council for 16 years and also served on the Board of public works and was a WWII Army Veteran.

He is a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church - Jasper Knights of Columbus, VFW Post # 673, American Legion Post # 147, SCORE (Senior Core of Retired Executives), Jasper Jaycee's, Jasper Chamber of Commerce, Jasper Downtown Merchants Association and the Dubois County Museum.

He was the recipient of the Kentucky Colonel Award.

He was an avid collector of big band music that he loved and planning World War II reunions and golfing.

Vernon is survived by two daughters Mrs. Tony (Sue) Osborne of Loogootee and Mrs. Gene (Jan) Wallhauser of St. Anthony; one son Phil Reising and spouse Barbara of Ft. Myers, Florida; eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter; and one sister Dolores Kuper of Jasper.

Preceding him in death were his wife, one daughter Ann Woods, and two sisters Inez Larkin and Carole Verkamp.

A funeral service will be held Friday, June 4, at 10 a.m., in St. Joseph Catholic Church with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper. V.F.W. Post # 673 in Jasper will conduct Military Grave Side Rites.

Friends may call one hour before services at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Patoka 2000 Jasper Beautification Fund in memory of Vernon Reising (c/o Jasper Chamber of Commerce, 302 W. 6th Street, Jasper, IN).



BILLIE NORA ANN HUDSON

Billie Nora Ann Hudson died at 7 a.m., Thursday, May 27, 2010, at her home. A resident of Dover Hill, she was 75.

She was born November 19, 1934, in Bicknell, the daughter of Oral Ernest and Myrtle Marie (Sanders) Ash. She married Cletus A. Hudson, Sr. on March 25, 1950, and he preceded her in death. She was a member of the Loogootee Christian Church and had previously worked at the former Arrow Café, in Loogootee and D.I.A. Manufacturing, in Jasper. She enjoyed fishing, working crossword puzzles, and gardening.

She is survived by four sons and three daughters-in law, Jeff and Susan Hudson, Tim and Rachel Hudson, Tom and Sheila Hudson, all of Loogootee and Don Hudson of Philadelphia, Pa.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Gloria Jean and Paul Danhafer of Dubois, and Deborah Schwartz of Dover Hill; one brother, Jack Watson of Washington and one sister, Ernestine Granger of Virginia. Also, 20 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren survive.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Cletus Hudson Jr. and Matthew Wayne Hudson, along with one brother and one sister.

A funeral service was held Saturday, May 29, at the Brocksmith Funeral Home, in Loogootee. Burial was held in Springhill Cemetery, in Shoals. Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmithfuneralhomes.com.

Public RECORDS

MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S LOG

Tuesday, May 25

3:42 p.m. - A female caller requested a welfare check in Shoals. Corporal Fischer responded and requested an ambulance for the subject at the residence. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:51 p.m. - Received a report of a semi tailgating and speeding on U.S. 231, northbound out of Loogootee.

5:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Heath Care. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:32 p.m. - Received a request to unlock a vehicle.

9:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance.

10:08 p.m. - A male caller requested to speak with an officer about harassment. Major Burkhardt spoke with the caller and went to meet with him, but the subject had left when the officer arrived.

11:30 p.m. - A female caller requested a welfare check on her husband whom she advised was in an agitated state. Marshall Eckert, Major Burkhardt, and Loogootee Police Dept. were advised.

Wednesday, May 26

7:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:12 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:10 a.m. - A female caller requested a welfare check on her sister in Loogootee. Chief Rayhill of Loogootee Police checked on the subject.

10:25 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on U.S. 50 westbound into Shoals. Conservation Officer Doane checked the driver.

12:36 p.m. - Received a report of a mobile home being pulled into Loogootee that was losing metal. Loogootee Police Dept. was advised.

12:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:30 p.m. - Received a call from a male subject requesting to speak to an officer for a case report on a theft. Deputy Keller was advised.

3:10 p.m. - Received a complaint of a suspicious male in the Hindostan area. Caller requested an officer do some extra patrol in the area. All officers were notified.

3:20 p.m. - Cody Snyder released on bond.

6:50 p.m. - Received a call from a female with a complaint against her neighbors. Advised they were throwing rocks onto her property. Deputy Greene was notified.

6:54 p.m. - Received an anonymous call reporting drug activity. Deputy Greene was advised.

7:51 p.m. - Received a 911 call from the Peoples Bank in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was notified.

8:27 p.m. - Male caller advised his wife observed a vehicle in the Hindostan area with a child that was not buckled in properly.

9:25 p.m. - Received a transfer call from Loogootee Police Department in reference to a male caller reporting a possible battery. Deputy Greene was notified for a case report.

Thursday, May 27

12:36 a.m. - West Boggs Park requested an officer go to the beach for a possible fight.

1:14 a.m. - Had a female subject call in and request extra patrol at Crane village for barking dogs.

5:09 a.m. - Received a 911 call about a broken-down vehicle 2.5 miles east of

Shoals on Hwy 50.

7:30 a.m. - Martin County Ambulance was paged out for an unresponsive female.

10:40 a.m. - Deputy Keith Keller stopped a vehicle for equipment violation on Lynwood Street in Shoals. During the traffic stop it was learned that the driver is wanted out of Orange County for Check Fraud. The driver is a Holly A. Sluder from Shoals. She was transported to the Orange/Martin County line and was turned over to the Orange Co. Sheriff's Department.

3:43 p.m. - Received a call that there is a tree across the highway on 231 south of Loogootee. John Fischer, Jared Lents, and Martin County Civil Defense responded.

3:51 p.m. - Deputy Josh Greene completed a trailer inspection at the welding shop near 8246 US Hwy 231.

4:14 p.m. - Received a call about a tree across Alfordsville road. Martin County Civil defense, Deputy John Fischer, and REMC responded.

4:42 p.m. - Received a call about a tree across the roadway near 9465 Winger Road. Shoals Fire Dept. responded.

5:19 p.m. - Received a call in the Shoals area requesting to speak to an Officer about theft. Shoals Town Marshall Eckert responded.

7:26 p.m. - Received a call about a tree across the roadway on Houghman Lane. REMC and Martin County Civil Defense responded.

8:37 p.m. - Received a call about a possible drunk driver on U.S. 50 heading west from the Martin County State Forest. Deputy Josh Greene, Marshall Eckert, and Trooper Lents were notified.

9:53 p.m. - Dispatched Martin County Ambulance to the Shoals area for a female who was unconscious. Alert-1 and Shoals Fire Department responded, and Alert-1 transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Friday, May 28

10:25 a.m. - Dispatched Martin County Ambulance to the Loogootee area for a female that was having difficulty breathing. Alert-1 transported the patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:38 p.m. - Dispatched Martin County Ambulance to the Loogootee area for a female who had a decline in condition. Alert-1 transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:26 p.m. - Received a call from Dubois County advising of a tractor on U.S. 231, about five miles north of Haysville that is slowing traffic.

4:30 p.m. - A female caller requested to speak with an officer about problems with a relative. The officer was notified.

Unknown time - The owner of a dog reported that it had bitten a child. Major Burkhardt spoke with the animal's owner.

Unknown time - A tree was reported across the roadway on Hart Road. Deputy Greene responded but only found debris.

8:28 p.m. - A male caller requested an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Dept. first responders responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:36 p.m. - A male caller advised his vehicle was stranded on U.S. 50 east of Shoals. Deputy Greene responded.

Saturday, May 29

12:40 a.m. - Received a report of a party. The caller was concerned about possible intoxicated drivers when leaving. Major Burkhardt was notified.

1:13 a.m. - Major Burkhardt investigated two vehicles at Hindostan Falls.

1:57 a.m. - An ambulance was requested on S.R. 550. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire first responders responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Commu-

nity Hospital.

2:41 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist near Max Warren's Curve. Major Burkhardt responded but the vehicle had left.

8:48 a.m. - Conservation officers requested assistance for an unregistered four-wheeler. Deputy Keller responded.

9:00 a.m. - Deputy Keller reported that a tree was on the roadway on Beard Road., south of Haw Creek Road.

9:13 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on U.S. 50. Martin Co Ambulance and Shoals Fire first responders responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:10 a.m. - Jasper Police Dept. issued an attempt to locate.

11:24 a.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver northbound on U.S. 231 near West Boggs Park. Daviess County Sheriff's Dept. was notified.

11:45 a.m. - A male caller requested to speak with an officer about child custody issues. Deputy Keller was advised.

11:59 a.m. - Martin County Ambulance advised they received a private call and was en route to Shoals area. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:09 p.m. - An ambulance was requested in Shoals. Martin Co. Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Dunn Memorial Hospital.

2:00 p.m. - Jasper State Police dispatched an attempt to locate a runaway juvenile.

5:00 p.m. - A female caller reported that her son had been riding his motorcycle and has been gone for two hours and should have returned before now. Deputy Keller was notified but a short time later the son called back and advised he was fine.

5:43 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check. Deputy Greene responded.

5:47 p.m. - A female caller advised there was a tree across the road on Hickory Ridge Road. Shoals Fire Dept. responded.

6:09 p.m. - Received a complaint of children possibly being left at a residence alone and without food. Deputy Greene checked the residence and spoke with the individuals there.

6:26 p.m. - An ambulance was requested on Cale Road. Martin Co. Ambulance and Martin Co. Civil Defense first responders responded. Subject was transported to Bedford Regional Medical Center.

6:43 p.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk driver on S.R. 450. Deputy Greene was advised.

8:25 p.m. - A male caller reported another driver chasing him to his residence. Deputy Greene was notified.

9:58 p.m. - A male caller from Loogootee requested assistance removing an intoxicated female from his residence. Loogootee Police Dept. was notified.

11:05 p.m. - A male caller advised he had hit a deer on Sherfick School Rd. Jasper State Police were contacted.

11:38 p.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk driver in the Scenic Hill area. Deputy Greene was advised.

Sunday, May 30

12:39 a.m. - A female caller advised she heard gunshots on Chicken Farm Road. Deputy Greene was notified.

3:04 a.m. - Received a report from a male subject of another male threatening him. Deputy Greene spoke with complainant.

3:56 a.m. - Received a call about a domestic dispute at Village Apartments in Shoals. Deputy Greene was notified.

9:30 a.m. - A male caller advised he had been receiving harassing text messages and phone calls. Deputy Nolan was notified.

10:43 a.m. - A female caller reported an injured owl on her property.

11:00 a.m. - Jasper State Police dispatched a runaway juvenile.

11:32 a.m. - Received a complaint from a female caller that her mother would not let her have her children. Deputy Nolan responded and spoke to all parties involved.

12:09 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Elliot Cemetery Road. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:05 p.m. - Received a report of a motorcycle accident with injuries. Deputy Nolan, Martin Co. Civil Defense, and Martin Co. Ambulance responded, but no transport was necessary.

1:35 p.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk driver on U.S. 50 near the 4-H fairgrounds. Deputy Nolan was advised.

2:54 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:03 p.m. - Martin Co. Ambulance received a private call and responded to Martin Co. Healthcare. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:40 p.m. - A male caller reported harassment by subjects on four-wheelers.

7:45 p.m. - A female caller reported being struck by her husband and advised she is leaving the residence.

8:32 p.m. - A male caller advised of a tractor pulling a bush hog off the road and got the tractor hung up. Deputy Greene responded.

9:00 p.m. - Dubois County advised of a drive off from Haysville gas station. Deputy Greene and Loogootee Police Dept. were notified.

11:03 p.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk driver on U.S. 50 near the Martin County State Forest. Deputy Greene was notified.

Monday, May 31

1:16 a.m. - Received a report of a tree on the roadway on Beard Road. Martin County Highway Dept. was notified.

8:10 a.m. - An ambulance was requested in Shoals. Martin Co. Ambulance and Shoals Fire Dept. first responders responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:30 p.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk driver on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee. Sergeant Pritchard and Deputy Nolan were notified.

2:50 p.m. - Received a residential burglar alarm outside of Loogootee. Deputy Nolan responded.

4:06 p.m. - A female caller requested to speak to an officer about a custody issue. Deputy Nolan was notified.

4:49 p.m. - A female caller reported harassment and violation of protective order. Deputy Nolan was notified.

6:59 p.m. - Received several 911 calls about a fight in Loogootee. Deputy Nolan responded and Loogootee Police Dept. was advised.

7:10 p.m. - Received a request to check on a female walking along U.S. 231, approximately three miles north of Loogootee. Corporal Fischer responded but was unable to locate the individual.

7:43 p.m. - Received a report of an individual in a vehicle with a firearm near the Loogootee baseball field. Corporal Fischer and Deputy Nolan were notified but were unable to locate.

Unknown time - A call was received requesting to speak with an officer about an arrest that occurred on May, 30, 2010. Marshall Eckert went to the residence to speak
(SHERIFF'S LOG continued on page 5)

Loogootee Police activity log

Monday, May 24

11:57 a.m. - The Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a blue Chevy tail gaiting another vehicle on Hwy 50 traveling towards Loogootee. Chief Rayhill was unable to locate the vehicle.

12:10 p.m. - Deborah Martindale reported a candy vending machine stolen from a local business. Proceeds of this machine go to Riley's Children Hospital. Chief Rayhill filed a case report.

12:11 p.m. - Caller reported a dog without food or water in Redwing Trailer Court. Chief Rayhill responded.

4:28 p.m. - First Responders were requested on Southwest 2nd Street for an unconscious male.

5:29 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance in the Marathon parking lot. Sgt. Norris spoke to parties involved.

6:47 p.m. - First Responders were requested at the Loogootee baseball field for a female who had passed out.

Tuesday, May 25

9:22 p.m. - Caller reported a loud music complaint on Park Street. Sgt. Norris spoke with the subject involved.

9:26 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

Wednesday, May 26

10:30 a.m. - The Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a speeding vehicle westbound from Shoals. Chief Rayhill located the driver and the driver checked out okay.

12:35 p.m. - The Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a vehicle pulling a mobile home that was losing metal on the roadway. Chief Rayhill was unable to locate the vehicle.

4:48 p.m. Caller reported loud music at Shaded Estates. Officer Fischer responded.

8:00 p.m. Sheriff Dant requested first responders to assist in escorting the Loogootee Girls' Softball Sectional Champs into Loogootee.

Thursday, May 27

3:40 p.m. - Caller on Church Street reported a transformer had blown at that location.

3:51 p.m. - Caller on Reinhart Road reported a residence had been struck by lightning. Fire personnel were on scene for approximately 30 minutes. No injuries were reported.

8:16 a.m. - A caller reported someone had driven through their yard and possibly

struck their vehicle. Officer Nolan responded.

Friday, May 28

10:23 a.m. - First Responders were requested on Cedar Street for a female with difficulty breathing.

3:29 p.m. - Caller reported two males involved in an altercation in the Loogootee High School parking lot. Officer Nolan responded.

8:30 p.m. - First Responders were requested on Cooper Street for a male with difficulty breathing.

Saturday, May 29

12:39 a.m. - Caller reported a noise complaint in Shaded Estates. Officer Nolan reported he did not hear any loud noises while in the area.

11:40 a.m. - Caller reported a leash law violation on Park Street. Sgt. Hennette spoke with the owner of the dog.

11:49 a.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint in Redwing Trailer Court. Sgt. Hennette spoke with the owner.

10:00 p.m. - Caller reported he wanted an individual removed from his residence in Sunset Trailer Court. Capt. Akles was advised.

Sunday, May 30

1:08 p.m. - Daviess County Sheriff's Department advised they received a complaint of harassment at McDonald's drive-thru. Sgt. Hennette was unable to locate the driver.

6:07 p.m. - Caller requested assistance in obtaining property belonging to his grandson. Capt. Akles assisted.

7:41 p.m. - First Responders were requested at Shaded Estates for a female with difficulty breathing.

Monday, May 31

8:44 a.m. - Roger Bailey reported theft and property damage at Loogootee High School Baseball Field. Several signs were reported missing. Chief Rayhill is the investigating officer.

9:23 a.m. - Caller reported a horse on Bellgrade Road. Chief Rayhill responded.

3:43 p.m. - Caller reported a four-wheeler riding up and down Garrett Avenue. Chief Rayhill responded.

7:01 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute at Sunset Trailer Court. Sgt. Norris responded.

Any drug or criminal tips can be emailed to loogooteepd@hotmail.com. You will remain anonymous.

Martin County accident reports

Wednesday, May 26

5:28 p.m. - Chad Farhar, Loogootee, was operating a 1995 Ford and backing from a parking spot in the Marathon parking lot. At this time, Farhar struck a 2005 Ford owned by Rebecca Turpin. No injuries were reported. Officer Fischer was the investigating officer.

6:20 p.m. - Jackie Osmon, Loogootee, was operating a 1990 Buick in the McDonald's parking lot. Osmon was backing up and stated she could not get stopped due to a leak in the break line. Osmon ran into a mailbox and a McDonald's sign. No injuries were reported. Officer Fischer was the investigating officer.

Friday, May 28

3:34 p.m. - A female caller advised of a property damage accident near Bo-Mac's in Shoals. Sherry Gibson, 35, of Shoals, in a blue 1995 Oldsmobile Cutlass, pulled out of the Jones Oil Co. parking lot and turned east on U.S. 50. She stopped for a vehicle that was waiting to turn. Jakob B. Graber, of Shoals, was driving a 1999 Ford Taurus, eastbound on U.S. 50. He failed to stop and rear ended the Gibson vehicle. The investigating officer was Deputy Keller.

Saturday, May 29

10:20 p.m. - Thomas Eckert, 48, of Shoals, was traveling south on U.S. 231, in a 2010 Chevrolet, when a deer entered the roadway striking the front of Eckert's vehicle. No injuries were reported. The estimated damage to the vehicle was \$2,500. The investigating officer was Deputy

Greene.

Sunday, May 30

3:21 p.m. - Received a report of an accident involving a scooter on West River Road. Kelly Hopkins, 44, of Shoals, was traveling west on McBride's Bluff Road on a purple 2006 Baja Motorsports Moped. He was attempting to make a left turn onto West River Road, and ran off the west side of West River Road, striking a ditch. He was thrown from his moped, landing in the ditch next to where the moped came to rest, and about twenty feet from where the moped left the roadway. He sustained cuts to the forehead and facial area. He was airlifted to the University of Louisville Hospital. The investigating officer was Deputy Nolan.

Martin County jail bookings

Tuesday, May 25

10:55 p.m. - Tina Turpin, 45, of Bloomfield, was brought in by ISP Trooper Sexton. She was charged with Driving without Ever Being Licensed and Operating a Vehicle While Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance.

Thursday, May 27

11:52 p.m. - Tatum Osborne of Indianapolis was arrested by Deputy Josh Greene for Public Intoxication.

Saturday, May 29

11:25 a.m. - Larry Jones, 38, of Loogootee was arrested by Deputy Keller on an arrest

State police to conduct sobriety check point in Martin County

Troopers from the Indiana State Police Jasper Post will be conducting a sobriety check point at an undisclosed location in Martin County this Friday, June 4. Those drivers passing through the check point area should have their licenses and registrations ready to present to troopers and will only be detained briefly while troopers determine whether further investigation is necessary.

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

Reminders so motorists do not find themselves "Over the Limit and Under Arrest":

- Plan ahead and always designate a sober driver before consuming alcohol.

- Don't drive your vehicle if you've been drinking alcohol. Call a taxi or sober friend.

- Take care of your friends. Never let a friend drive while impaired. Take their keys.

- If you are hosting a party, always offer non-alcoholic beverages. Make sure all of your guests leave with a sober driver.

- Never provide alcohol to anyone under the legal drinking age of 21.

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

Anhydrous safety is key as corn farmers begin sidedressing

BY JENNIFER STEWART
Purdue University News Service

With Indiana's corn crop ahead of schedule this planting season, farmers soon will begin sidedressing anhydrous ammonia. With that comes a need for special attention to safety, said Bill Field, Purdue University farm safety specialist.

Anhydrous ammonia releases, such as those caused by a farmer accidentally dousing himself with the chemical or transportation accidents, can leave those sprayed with severe burns. But there are precautions that can be taken.

Because anhydrous ammonia is attracted to water, people sprayed with it can suffer debilitating eye injuries. To prevent eye injuries, farmers need to wear goggles when handling anhydrous ammonia.

"There is nothing more devastating to a farmer than to lose sight, and that is what tends to happen - either farmers lose their sight immediately and it is irreparable, or low doses of ammonia can eventually lead to glaucoma or permanent eye damage over time," Field said. "If an exposure involves the eyes, we recommend a minimum of 45 minutes constant flushing with water and seeking immediate medical attention."

In addition to eye burns, moist areas of the body, such as the groin or armpits, tend to be the most susceptible. If a farmer is doused with anhydrous ammonia, the primary first-aid response is extensive flushing with water.

For that reason, all tanks are equipped with five gallons of flushing water, and chemical dealers keep water troughs on the premises in case of emergency.

"Most incidents take place around the connectors where the hose connects to the applicator or where farmers are filling or connecting to a tool bar," Field said. "So whenever farmers are handling the ammonia, connecting and disconnecting from applicator tools, it is extremely important they wear eye protection and have an adequate

supply of water on hand."

Another precaution farmers can take is to transport anhydrous ammonia as safely as possible. Field said this means hauling only one full tank at a time and only doubling up if tanks are empty. It also means those hauling tanks should be trained to do so because tanks can weigh up to twice what the typical pickup truck weighs, and stopping the vehicle requires a much longer distance than normal.

He also recommended that the towing vehicle be in good condition and have properly functioning brakes and that farmers be careful about what times of day they're hauling the chemical.

"Most anhydrous ammonia tanks are clearly identified with a slow-moving vehicle emblem on the back, but many are not equipped to be transported at night," Field said. "Transporting these vehicles after dark requires some special adaptations including lighting, brake lighting and signal lighting. But, probably the better idea is to transport the tanks during the day time, especially since it is a hazardous material."

Calendar of Events

Loogootee Alumni Banquet

The Loogootee Schools Alumni Banquet will be held at St. John Community Center on July 24, 2010. Classes of 1960 and 1985 will be honored. Make reservations by July 1, by mailing \$20 to Loogootee Schools Alumni, P.O. Box 78, Loogootee 47553. There will be no tickets available for purchase at the door.

Fire station open house

There will be an open house for Martin County's new fire station on Saturday, June 12, at 3 p.m. The new fire station is located at the 4-H fairgrounds. The public is invited to attend.

Democrats to meet

Martin County Democrats will meet, Thursday, June 3, at 6 p.m., Loogootee City Hall. The public is invited and welcome to attend.

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Tuesday of the month at Loogootee Municipal Building, at 7 p.m. To become a member, contact Martin County Humane Society, P. O. Box 537, Shoals, Indiana 47581, call Don at 296-0952.

Recovery support group

The Overcomers Recovery Support Group meets every Tuesday night at 6 p.m. at the Martin County Community Learning Center.

Martin County **OUTDOORS**



Bluebird momma

-Photo by Tony Dant

The above photograph is the second in a series provided by Tony Dant of Martin County. Dant has a bluebird box in his yard and was able to take this photo of the mother bird protecting her eggs.

Public hearing for wild turkey and ruffed grouse regulations, June 24

A June 24 public hearing has been scheduled for an administrative rule package that includes a number of potential changes to the regulations governing the hunting of wild turkey and ruffed grouse.

The public hearing will be held at the Wayne Township Branch of the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library at 6 p.m. (EDT). The address is 198 South Girls School Road, Indianapolis.

The DNR has proposed changing the rule governing the hunting of ruffed grouse on public lands to a period of six weeks only. The season length on private lands would remain unchanged. Currently, grouse hunting occurs across all or in portions of 25 counties from October 1 to December 31 (13 weeks) with a two-bird bag limit.

The DNR has also proposed these changes to the wild turkey rule:

- 1) add 16 new counties in Indiana for the fall firearms season, including seven in northern Indiana
- 2) open all counties (statewide) for fall turkey archery season
- 3) add seven days to the early archery portion of the fall turkey season
- 4) add a second (late) archery turkey season to coincide with the late deer archery season (they would run at the same time and have a hunter- orange requirement)

Width Restriction on U.S. 50 in Martin County through July

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is reminding motorists that part of U.S. Route 50 (U.S. 50) in Martin County is restricted to ten feet in width.

A small structure under U.S. 50 located 3.4 miles east of State Road 650 (S.R. 650) is being replaced. One lane of the roadway is closed to allow crews to install the structure. A signal is being used to allow traffic through the location.

5) expand the fall turkey firearms season in the south for seven more days (12 days total - includes two weekends); the fall firearms season in the north would last five days, including one weekend

The proposed rule language can be viewed at: http://www.in.gov/nrc/files/grouse_turkey_proposal.pdf

Public comments on these rule changes can also be sent to the Natural Resources Commission by using <http://www.in.gov/nrc/2377.htm>. Scroll down to "Ruffed Grouse and Wild Turkey Rule Seasons" and click on the appropriate link to comment on the proposed rules; you must include your name and city and state of residence when submitting a comment. Comments can also be mailed to the following address: Natural Resources Commission Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Ave., Room N501, Indianapolis, IN 46204

The deadline for public comments is Friday, June 25, at 8 a.m.

All comments sent to the NRC regarding these rule changes will be provided to Commission members and DNR staff and will be publicly disclosed and searchable on the Internet and in a paper docket as part of the final report.

Work began earlier this month. The restriction and signal are estimated to be removed by the end of day on Saturday, July 31.

INDOT reminds motorists to follow the posted work zone speed limit, use caution and consider worker safety when traveling through a work zone. Law enforcement is monitoring and enforcing work zone rules at this location.

Gas prices for summer: expect the unexpected

BY KEITH ROBINSON
Purdue University News Service

As the Memorial Day weekend kicks off the summer, this seasonal question is on the minds of travelers everywhere: Where are gasoline prices headed?

Don't be shocked if they top \$3 per gallon, but be pleasantly surprised if they drop to less than what you are paying now.

It all depends on how the economic principle of supply and demand reacts to conditions globally, says Purdue University agricultural economics professor Wallace E. Tyner, who tracks gasoline prices daily. He expects price fluctuations throughout the summer.

Tyner had predicted earlier this year that gasoline prices would run between \$2.60 and \$3.20 per gallon this summer in Indiana. His prediction is unchanged.

Although the national average price of regular unleaded gasoline last week was \$2.79 per gallon - 35 cents higher than at this time last year - Tyner said prices have been "pretty stable" this year. Indiana prices tend to run at or below the national average.

Key drivers of gasoline prices this summer, Tyner said, will be the value of the dollar, production levels by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, political stability - especially in the oil-producing regions - and U.S. crude oil gasoline inventories.

The OPEC nations, which heavily influence world oil prices, have said they want the price of a barrel of oil to stay in the range of \$60 to \$80, which would keep gasoline prices to Tyner's predictions if all other indicators remain stable. Just this week, however, the price rose from \$68 to \$75. Look for prices to rise next week if oil stays up, Tyner said.

In addition, consumers take more vacations in the summer, drive more and, as a result, use more gasoline. If the U.S. stock market rises and the economy continues to improve, demand for oil will increase, leading to higher prices.

A drop in the stock market would have the opposite effect.

"If the mood in the markets turns dour and economic growth prospects seem diminished, that will put downward pressure on oil prices," Tyner said.

Here's one rule to help you with a best guess on whether gasoline prices will go up or down: When the value of the dollar increases, as it has done recently, the price of oil falls.

Conversely, when the value of the dollar falls, the price of oil tends to increase.

Indiana consumers no doubt noticed a swing of about 30 cents per gallon in gasoline prices in May.

"With the volatility in Europe, the U.S. dollar has been moving around quite a bit in the past few weeks," Tyner said.

Effects of heavy rains on young corn uncertain

BY JEANNE GIBSON
Purdue University News Service

It is too soon to know whether recent heavy rainfall throughout the state will prove harmful to young corn plants, according to a Purdue University agronomist.

Bob Nielsen said there is no quick and easy way to tell the type or extent of damage recent ponding and flooding will have on a field until enough time has passed that the young plant can be studied.

"No one can tell you with certainty the day after the storm whether a ponded area of a cornfield will survive or have long-term consequences," he said.

Although it will take some time for farmers to know if their young corn will bounce back from flooding or ponding, or if any long-term damage has been done, there are certain factors that can increase or decrease the chances of the plants' survival.

The age of the plant, the amount of time it

has been submerged and the intensity of submergence all factor into the likelihood for survival. Corn plants younger than growth stage V6 (six fully exposed leaf collars), plants that are fully submerged and those that have been under water for long periods all are more at risk of damage or dying.

Corn plants are more vulnerable to certain diseases, such as common smut and crazy top, after flooding and ponding. Poorly drained fields often are more susceptible to the development of seedling blight disease, which makes replanting risky, Nielsen said.

Indiana's overall rainfall for May is still fairly normal, however, instead of being spread throughout the month, rains have hit in concentrated time frames, which can lead to flooding and ponding in fields.

For more information, read Nielsen's article, "Effects of Flooding and Ponding on Young Corn," at <http://www.agry.purdue.edu/ext/corn/news/timeless/PondingYoung-Corn.html>

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My Point of VIEW

By Courtney Hughett
Owner,
Martin County Journal



Me in the middle with my nieces, Abbi and Emily Heironimus, who graduated from Wood Memorial last Saturday.

My nieces, Abbi and Emily Heironimus, twin daughters of Scott Heironimus and Tyra Allen, graduated high school Saturday. It amazes me how quickly time goes by and how it doesn't seem that it was so long ago that I was feeding them bottles and teaching them to talk. I am so proud of them and their hard work throughout high school at Wood Memorial, and I will always be here for them.

It doesn't seem like that long ago either that I was a teenager. My teen years bring back many fond memories and every time I know someone who graduates I always hope they had as good of a time as I did growing up in Loogootee.

Now that I'm all grown up, I'm a little out of touch with the things teens do on the weekends nowadays. At 32, I spend my Friday and Saturday nights at my kids' school functions and then in my pajamas watching television or messing on my laptop. Long gone are my desires to stay up all night as I

did half my life ago. The only time I stay up all night now is if my kids are sick and even then I fall asleep sitting up next to them.

I had several different cliques of friends growing up but the main one which we became known to ourselves as "the group" included Brett Lyon, Angie (Brown) Divine, Angie (Consley) Lagle, Johnny Lagle, Shawn Smith, Tamar (Sherfick) Greenwell, Jonna (Walker) Blankenbaker, Nick Conlon, and me. I guess we were the "Friends" of the 1990s in Martin County. One thing that was great about us was that we were not all in school at LHS. Shawn and Nick were from Barr-Reeve and Tamar went to Shoals. The subject of rivalry never came up once.

We did everything together and with nine of us we were never without entertainment. For my 16th birthday we all gathered in two vehicles and traveled to Six Flags and the Cincinnati Zoo for the weekend. Brett and Tamar drove and once we arrived at Six Flags, Brett's car wouldn't start. He had to call his dad to come to Cincinnati and help him have it towed back to Loogootee. Six of us rode back to Loogootee in the back of Tamar's dad's little Toyota truck with a camper shell on top. It was interesting and I think we were never happier to see Loogootee again.

One night we decided to travel around Martin County on a road trip. We visited the Dover Hill Cemetery and the supposed "glowing lady", Brook's Bridge, which we ran across; Williams' Dam, Hindostan Falls, and other places that I can't remember now. We always did things like that.

We went to and had hundreds of parties, had movie marathon night constantly, went to prom with each other, some of us dated each other and Johnny and Angie are still married to this day. We fought, we cried, we helped each other through relationships, but mostly we laughed, and I don't think any of us believed we would ever separate.

We went through a lot together back then and just thinking about them makes me smile – remembering the things we did and the things we planned to do. While some of us went on to get married, have kids, and drifted apart, some of us still keep in contact on a regular basis. Thanks to facebook, even more so now than in years past.

I guess if I had some advice for anyone entering their freshman year of high school it would be to work hard, do your absolute best on your grades, but also make some memories with your friends. Trust me, you carry those on forever.

Congratulations Abbi and Emily, I hope you, too, made some memories to take with you as you make new ones in college and with your own children someday.

Dear Gabby

Dear Gabby,

What is the difference between a bikini and a bra and panties? I am baffled as to why society finds one suitable for public attire and the other indecent! I suppose this is only a rhetorical question, but I believe someone needs to inspire some intelligent thought into this issue, and I thought I would plant a seed here. :)

-Cori

Dear Cori,

This is an unusual question. There is a difference in how each are made I'm sure. Bras and panties are made of cotton or light material while the bikini is made of material with more support. However, I would like to address the rest of your statement of suggesting one is suitable for public attire. I must be from the dark ages because I believe all of those items are to be worn at a certain time and place. In the middle of Indiana, I don't believe a bikini should be anywhere but the pool or beach. However, if I lived in Florida, the bikini would be more accepted off the beach. I also believe that if we are going to delegate where a "bikini, bra and panties" are worn, we should also discuss pajama pants, white tank tops without bras, and thongs. I have seen these pieces of clothing severely misused and I do believe we should have fashion police located at ever major mart in the surrounding area. If you don't believe me, check out peopleofwalmart.com. -Gabby

Jolly Juniors 4-H Club meets

BY KAYLA ABEL
Jolly Juniors 4-H Club Secretary

The Jolly Juniors 4-H Club met on Thursday, May 20, at the Truelove United Methodist Church.

Leaders present were Kathy Lingenfelter and Louise Parsons.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge were recited. Kayla Abel, secretary, did roll call.

Members present were Zach Arvin, Sam Ausbrooks, Danielle Abel, Madisyn Wade, Grace Lingenfelter, Tucker Walton, Dylan Dant, Jake Simmons, Kendall Berry, Jordan and Mallory Berry, Dalton Higdon, Tristan Jones and Madalyn M. Kayla then read the minutes of the last meeting.

Co-Health and Safety Officer Madisyn Wade read about sunburns. Demonstrations

were given next.

Tucker Walton and Grace Lingenfelter brought their show cows Rudy and Dixie with help from Richard and Brady Lingenfelter. Jordan Berry showed his goat. Danielle Abel then talked about arts and crafts and showed a fish made out of Paperoni's. Kayla Abel showed her mini-lop rabbits Gizmo and Daisy. Dylan Dant showed an African violet plant. Kendall Berry brought her bat and ball for sports. Mallory Berry brought pictures and talked about scrapbooking.

Refreshments were brought in by Zach Arvin.

The club then discussed next meeting's demonstrations and refreshments.

The next meeting will be June 8, at 6:30 p.m., at the Truelove United Methodist Church.

Southern Indiana launches website for travelers at www.southernindiana.org

Southern Indiana Regional Marketing Co-Op today announced a new dedicated web site – www.southernindiana.org – that will provide travelers with themed trip ideas, lodging options, photos, and searchable listings of attractions, festivals, and events, making it easier to access information and plan a trip to the Southern Indiana area.

The informative and image-rich site offers details on all aspects of trip planning including maps, visitor center locations and the latest travel news.

As part of this traveler-focused web site, the Southern Indiana region has collected over 300 of the area's best attractions, festivals, and lodging facilities for a traveler to browse. Attractions can be searched and sorted within nine different trip themes: outdoor recreation, history, festivals, family fun, grown-up getaways, agritourism, arts and culture, golf, and shopping. Southern Indiana trip ideas are also featured on the site, highlighting the area's favorite attractions and linking to additional information.

The site was constructed to best assist the traveler in collecting valuable trip planning information and navigate through the entire Southern Indiana region.

The 18 counties that comprise the Southern Indiana region are located south of Indianapolis and are bordered by Illinois to the west and the Ohio River to the south. The region is navigable by interstates I-65 and I-64 as well as SR 37, US 41, US 231, US 150 and many other scenic roads.

The diversity of the region's terrain, culture and attractions offer a variety of trip ideas and encourage visitors to explore

throughout the area to experience it all. The Southern Indiana region is popular with outdoor recreation enthusiasts of all ages since the area is home to Patoka Lake, the Hoosier National Forest, the Ohio River and five state parks. Families visit the Southern Indiana area to enjoy kid-friendly attractions including Holiday World & Splashin' Safari, Mesker Park Zoo and AMAZONIA, and Marengo Cave, a US National Landmark. French Lick Resort's casino and golf course attract visitors looking for a grownup getaway, as does the area's other casinos, many bed and breakfasts, unique shops, and live entertainment options.

"This new Southern Indiana web site delivers valuable trip planning information in an easy and dynamic way," says Karen Mattingly of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce. "As a destination member of the Southern Indiana Regional Marketing Co-Op, we are proud to include our local attractions such as, the 6,000-acre Martin State Forest, West Boggs Lake public park and campground, House Rock sandstone cave along with other highlights in the area to create a complete destination for travelers."

The new www.southernindiana.org web site is produced by the Southern Indiana Regional Marketing Co-Op (SIRMC), a non-profit organization, which formed a longstanding collaborative region of multiple Indiana counties. There are 17 destination marketing organizations that form the SIRMC partnership and promote the area as a premier travel destination.

The new web site was designed and developed by Propeller Marketing, LLC.

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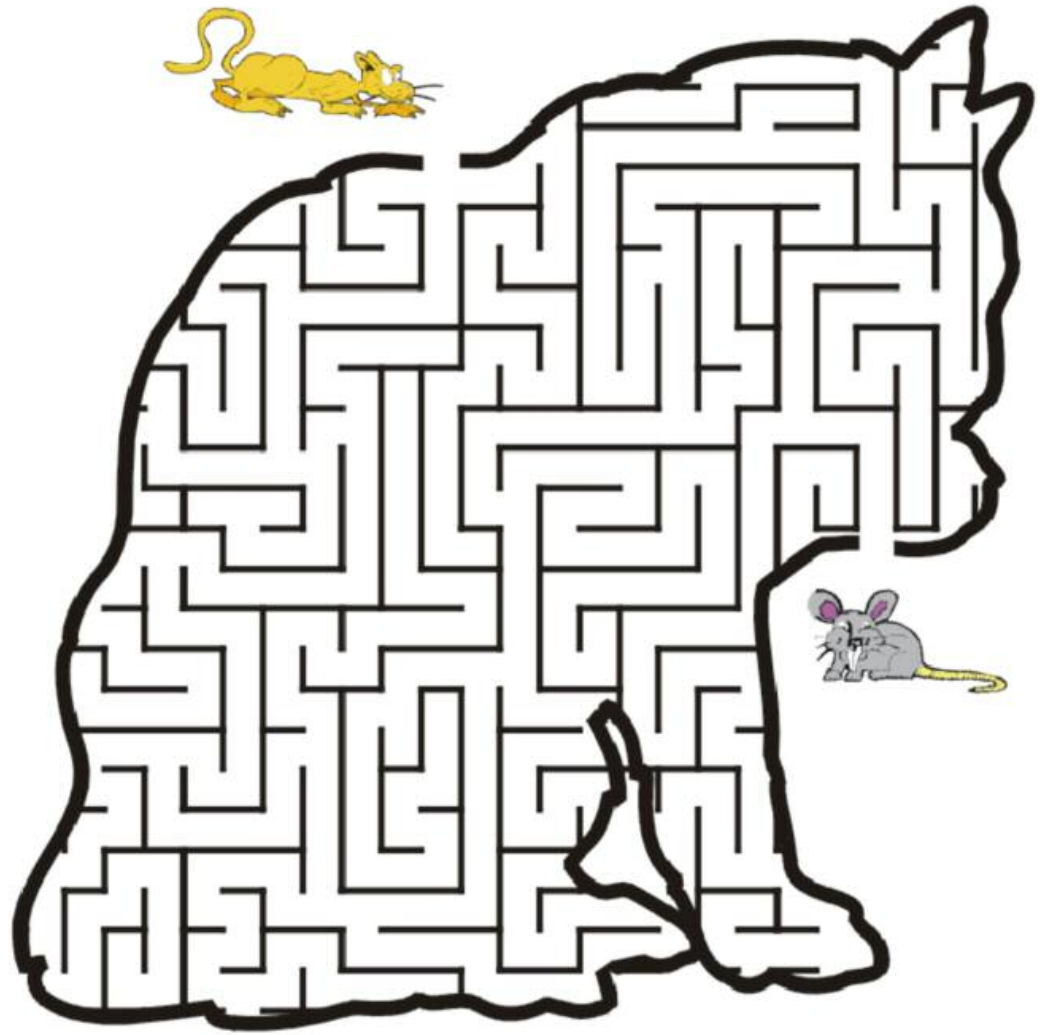
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Local **SPORTS**

LHS Track members honored



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High school athletes honored with awards for Loogootee Track shown above, from left to right, are Wesley Whitman, Tyler Trambaugh, Lauren Walton, Travis Osborne, and Melissa Ritchie.



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Junior high athletes honored with track awards shown above, from left to right, are Travis Craney, JonBenet Waid, Ariel Jones, Cecil Canady, Chase Wilcoxon, and Nate Duvall. Not pictured: Lindsey Lukens

Lions' Tennis fall at regional against Jasper

The Lady Lions Tennis team ended their season with a regional defeat by Jasper 5-0. The Lions finished with an 18-3 record.

"Finishing the sectional last night didn't give up the opportunity to prepare for Jasper. If we had that time to prepare, I think we could have been more competitive. Jasper has a great team," said Head Coach Mike Tippery.

He went on to say, "This has been a great season. We finished 18-3, the best record in school history. We finished the regular season ranked #8 in our district. (That is equivalent to being in the top 50 in the state. There are 311 teams total). That is the first district ranking ever. Ashton, Lindsay, and Andrea have been an important part of our tennis program for the last four years. They

led this team through their hard work, effort, and determination. It is always difficult to say goodbye to the seniors, but I am sure I will still see them back out on the tennis court some time real soon."

- Jasper 5, Loogootee 0
- #1 Singles Kasey Land (J) defeated Andrea Vaupel 6-0, 6-1
- #2 Singles Lauren Monesmtih (J) defeated Brittany Eckerle 6-0, 6-0
- #3 Singles Regan Seng (J) defeated Jill Taylor 6-1, 6-0
- #1 Doubles Kayt Schnarr/Abby Rogers (J) defeated Ashton Matthews/ Hannah Lamar 6-2, 6-0
- #2 Doubles Paige Lueken/Elizabeth Theil (J) defeated Lindsay Winger/Becca Zins 6-0, 6-0

Walton to compete in Track State Finals for high jump



LAUREN WALTON

Lauren Walton, sophomore at Loogootee High School, will compete in the high jump at the Track and Field State Finals this Friday, June 4. This is Lauren's second appearance in the State Finals.

The meet will begin at 3 p.m. at the Robert C. Haugh Track and Field Complex at Indiana University.

The high jump is scheduled to start at 3:30 p.m.

Lauren tied for fourth place in the high jump during sectional and placed 3rd in the regional. Her jump of 5'1" in the regional qualified her to compete in the state finals on Friday.



AAU Championship win

-Photo provided by Lori Lundy

Garrett Bateman, of Shoals, who plays on the AAU team Indiana Blue Chips-They won the Memorial Day Classic at the Bloomington SportsPlex last weekend by defeating the Alabama Breds in the championship game on Sunday. Shown from left to right are Sterling Springer, Todd Albert, Spencer Allman, Garrett Bateman, Sy Morin, Richard Gugliotta, and Coach Steve Springer.



-Photo by Joshua Hughett

The sectional-winning Lady Lions are all smiles while Rebecca Craney holds their championship trophy. The girls sported their sectional t-shirts provided at a pep rally after the game.

Lady Lions Softball take sectional fall at regional 1-7

The Lady Lions defeated North Daviess to win their first sectional title since 2004 last Wednesday, May 26 by a score of 5-3.

The Lions started early with Jennifer Clark and Blake Walker hitting singles in the first inning to left field. Jaclyn Padgett then singled through the right side scoring Clark and Breann Truelove doubled to left center scoring Walker. Rebecca Craney drew a walk to reload the bases and Remington Wagler doubled down the right field line scoring Padgett and Truelove. Addison Dant smacked a two-out single to score Craney handing the Lions 5 runs at their first at-bat.

North Daviess came back in the second inning with three walks that led to runs by Clark, Lengacher and Troutman putting the Cougars on the board with three points.

No further runs were scored in the game and at the bottom of the seventh, back to back one-out singles and a hit batter led to the game ending heroics of Addison Dant. She fielded a ground ball hit to her off the bat of Samara Graber and tagged the runner, Keith, and threw on to teammate Beasley at first for a double play.

Remington Wagler and Breann Truelove both finished for Loogootee with doubles. Truelove went 2-3 on the night.

Winning pitcher Jennifer Clark had six strikeouts, five walks, and one hit batter.



-Photo by Tony Dant

Addison Dant holds the sectional trophy. Dant's double play helped clinch the victory for the Lions.

Samara Graber, for North Daviess finished with two strikeouts and one walk.

Loogootee had seven hits to North Daviess' four and neither team had any errors in the game.

Church **BULLETIN**

New Beginnings Church
WEEKLY MESSAGE
By Shirley Canell –*Pastor's wife*

How do you reach your full potential for God? Are you excited about life? Do you feel as if you merely exist? Do you feel like you are drifting along from day to day without any sense of purpose or direction?

The truth is many people are not pursuing their potential. They are not factoring God into their decision-making or into their goal setting. Many can't say what they believe to be the Lord's foremost purpose and plan for their lives. Some say they feel they are stuck in their circumstances, wondering, what's it all about? What is my life worth? What happened to my joy?

There are reasons they feel stuck, discouraged, adrift, why they have lost enthusiasm for life, lost hope, purpose and joy, why life becomes just one long bore. They have lost sight of who God has made them to be. What He designed them to do and as a result they are not actively, intentionally, and purposefully pursuing what the Father has planned for them.

The sermon Sunday was from Psalm 139. How can you be used by God, in a successful and effective way? Do you want to reach your full potential for God?

In God's eyes you are fearfully and wonderfully made. Repeatedly, in His word the Lord challenges us to "Choose life". Again and again, God tells His children that He has set before us the possibilities of life. We must welcome each new opportunity, grab hold of each new challenge and face each new day with eagerness to discover what God has for us. John 10:10, Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." An abundant life overflows with God's presence; it overflows with His love, joy, peace, hope blessings and power.

Stop and ask God some serious questions. What do you want to do in my life?

What do you want to do through my life? What do you still desire for me to experience?

What possibilities lie within me? What potential lies before me?

What did you have in mind when you created me?

What do you desire for me?

Only God can answer these questions. Thousands of young people this very day are planning their futures.

God knows everything. He knows everything about you. Substance is more than

flesh; it's the sum of all your natural gifts and talents, dreams, personality and abilities. God saw you even before you were born.

Your purpose on this Earth is to develop your God-given gifts, talents, and abilities to the best of your ability so you can impact the world around you for Christ. If you have wondered why you are on this earth, understand that God has placed you here as a unique person with a unique mission aimed at establishing His will on Earth as it is in Heaven. You will do that through your prayers, your effort to tell others about Jesus, and your work on His behalf. Your potential lies securely and completely in that purpose.

When you begin to see the wonderful, prepared future that God is unfolding before you, life will take on greater importance and purpose. You will wake up every morning with an excitement and a desire to experience all that He has planned for you. There is no way to know how many people your life will influence. You don't know who is watching, listening or learning from you. Those who never discover and pursue His purpose for their lives very often feel disappointed, empty and discouraged. They are frustrated and as a result they get anxious. If worry and anxiety are allowed to grow unchecked, they turn to depression. And if depression is not reversed it can turn into deep despair. The very opposite occurs in those who wholeheartedly pursue God's will, plan and purpose.

God has a will, plan, and purpose for you life that should keep you on your toes. He has even greater spiritual maturity for you, greater rewards joy and success for you. And all of it, from the Lord's perspective is so fantastic that you cannot begin to imagine how good it will be.

Our Sunday morning service begins at 10 a.m. with praise and worship. Please join us. We had a great time at our kids' pizza/movie night. We are very proud of our daughter DeAnna, she showed us that she has Jesus living in her heart and she is very compassionate towards others, popular or not.

Call Pastor Ernie for any questions about the church at 709-0258 Ephesians 4:31, "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice."



St. Joseph Church almost repaired -Photo above provided

After a fire destroyed the right side of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bramble, on January 28 of this year, crews have been working to repair the building and the congregation, who have been having mass in the lower level of the rectory, should be able to return to the church this Sunday, June 6.



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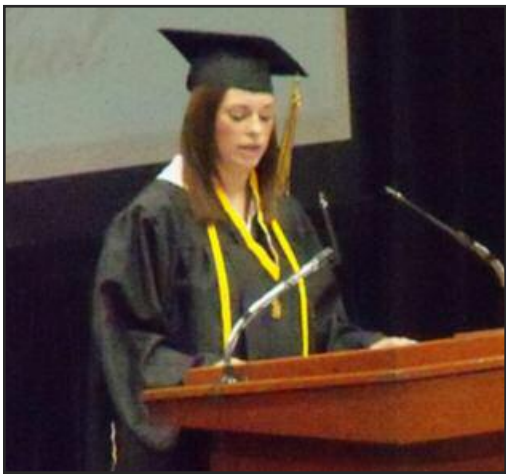
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The Loogootee High School Class of 2010 in their caps and gowns at commencement exercises last Friday, May 28, 2010.



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Alexandra Loughmiller, Student Council President, gave the opening remarks and also spoke about "Transcendent" using the "T" in future.



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Andrea Hough, LHS Senior Class Secretary, spoke about "Unique" using a "U" in the word future.



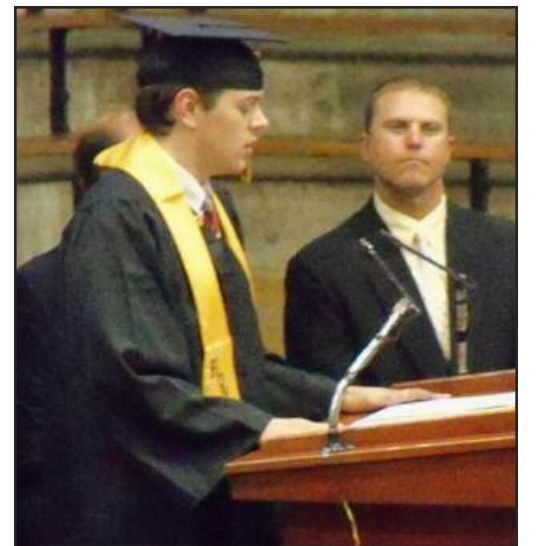
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Audra Lannan, LHS Senior Class President, spoke about "Everlasting" using the "E" in future.



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Misty Bough, LHS Valedictorian, spoke about "Unpredictable" using the "U" in future.



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Jeff Norris, LHS Salutatorian spoke about "Radial" using the "R" in future.



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Kelci Mann, LHS Senior Class Treasurer, spoke about "Familiar" using the "F" in future.



-Photo by Kelly VanMeter

Half of the Shoals High School Class of 2010 stands after receiving their diplomas at their graduation last Saturday, May 29.



-Photo by Kelly VanMeter

Danielle Turpin, Shoals Salutatorian, gave her speech to her graduating class.



-Photo by Kelly VanMeter

The other half of the Shoals High School Class of 2010 stands after receiving their diplomas at their graduation last Saturday, May 29.



-Photo by Kelly VanMeter

Heather Tinkle, Shoals Valedictorian, spoke to her fellow classmates at graduation Saturday afternoon.

Shoals fifth graders participate in Project L.E.A.D.

The Shoals fifth 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 Howell 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 eighteenth year the program has been taught to Martin County youth. This year's program was conducted by Chief Probation Officer Lisa Brittain with assistance from Martin County Extension Educator Jonathon Stevens along with fifth-grade teachers, Ms. Susan Hallett and Ms. Stacey Edwards.

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 Joseph Howell, Prosecutor Michael Steiner, Excise Officer Brian Stewart, Admission Manager of Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village T.J. Brink, and Loss Prevention Officer Gary Sprinkles.

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 Kelsie Graves. In addition, each student was required to submit an essay regarding their L.E.A.D. experience. The essay winners are as follows: Keylee Tow first place; Ashley Mullins, second place; Kaci Norman, third place; Allison Boyd, fourth place; Marissa Hampton, fifth place girl; and Jessica Montgomery, sixth place. Chief Probation Officer Lisa Brittain 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 Prosecutor's Officer and the Martin County Probation Department. They 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 were as follows:
 Judge: Alex Tedrow
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 Ann's 1st Assistant Defense Attorney: Keylee Tow
 Donna's 2nd Assistant Defense Attorney: Rusty Bonham
 Ann's 2nd Assistant Defense Attorney: Ashley Boyd
 Donna's 3rd Assistant Defense Attorney: Hope Baylis
 Ann's 3rd Assistant Defense Attorney: Marissa Hampton
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L.E.A.D. Essay winners FIRST PLACE

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

Project L.E.A.D. is a program that fifth graders do every year. It is a program that will help us become better people. It is also a fun way to learn new things. L.E.A.D. stands for Legal Education to Arrest Delinquency. Project L.E.A.D. has helped so many kids like me to become better people. It has also helped me and others understand ... "That one mistake can ruin your whole life."

Project L.E.A.D. arranged several speakers to help educate us. One of the most interesting was Judge Howell. He told us about the court system and about respect and vandalism. He influenced me when he said that if you show respect that you will get respect back. People die every day because someone made a bad choice like drinking and driving. I would never want to make a bad choice and hurt someone. Judge Howell has to make important decisions on what to do. I know for a fact I wouldn't want to spend my whole life in prison. Judge Howell said that he didn't like it when people vandalized things because it makes everything look ugly. I also think it makes everything look ugly. When people vandalize things, they don't respect the things that others have worked for. Vandalism is disrespectful to others because it causes them to repair or replace their property. I don't know about you, but I want to make the best of my life. Project L.E.A.D. has helped me understand how important my decisions are.

Before Project L.E.A.D. I didn't know where I would go if I ever got into trouble or what the rules and all the laws are. I didn't know you could get into trouble so easy. One example would be say you stole a piece of gum it would have the same sentence as stealing a TV. Because no matter what you are still stealing. It is very wrong because it can hurt stores' business. By that they have to charge more because of someone else. I think that if you do something bad eventually it will harm you or someone else in some way. Say you get taken to jail or prison, it not only affects you but it also affects your family as well. I think since project L.E.A.D., kids all over the state know more and are better people. Thanks to You Project L.E.A.D. By: Keylee Tow

SECOND PLACE

How the L.E.A.D program has influenced my life.

I've learned a lot of things from L.E.A.D. The L.E.A.D. program has influenced how I want to lead my life. I want to make wise decisions with my life. One of those wise decisions I will make is never to do drugs, they are illegal and very damaging to your health. Two more things I will never do is steal or vandalize property that doesn't belong to me.

One guest speaker that talked to us was Gary Sprinkle. He told us about people who stole items by hiding meat in their purses or putting TV sets between their legs under

their skirt. He also told us that we would have to pay a lot of money for stealing things. Even if it's a pack of gum.

Gary Sprinkle message was to not steal things or you could get in big trouble. You could be taken to jail if you steal. If you do steal, then the business owners will have to raise prices and that will hurt other people. It is not worth the trouble you will get into then you are caught stealing. I am not going to steal because I don't want to go to jail.

Another guest speaker was Judge Howell. His message was to think before you do things. Judge Howell told us that we shouldn't vandalize property or ruin things that don't belong to you. Just think about how bad you would feel if you someone stole or damaged something that belongs to you. If you go to court and have a bad attitude, then the judge could send you to jail. If you are a kid then you could go to Juvenile until you are an adult. That is why you should make wise decisions.

Sometimes, good people get hurt from other people making bad choices. Some of the people who are hurt are the family members of the person who was caught stealing, vandalizing, doing drugs, or driving drunk. I'm not going to make bad choices because I know it could hurt me and other people. I hope that other people make good choices. If they don't, I hope they learn from their mistakes. I don't want to go to court and I don't want to go to jail. I know I will make wise decisions. I am going to lead a good life. By: Ashley Mullins

THIRD PLACE

How the L.E.A.D program has influenced my life.

For the past couple of months the two fifth grade classes have been doing a program called L.E.A.D. It helps us become a better person. It stands for Legal Education to Arrest Delinquency. It has made a very big influence on my life. The influence is, think before you do something, or don't do it at all. It has made me think about things I do and will do in life. When you do something wrong you could get badly injured or worse you could die. You might not know if you do something but you will figure it out. You could get in a lot of trouble.

I think the person who mostly influenced me to not do anything wrong was Judge Howell. He is the one who told us to think before we do something. And he caught my attention by bringing up things we shouldn't do unless it's for a special purpose.

Do you think you would do something wrong and mess up your whole life? You could mess up your whole life for something as small as stealing a pack of gum. Is it worth it? Making the right choice is your choice and most people don't make the right one. But it is your responsibility to make the one that counts.

I would rather grow up to be a person with a good life than to be stuck behind bars. People behind bars sometimes made a choice they thought were right but were not. I am one of those people who gets stopped on a roller coaster before it crashes. I am a person who was warned. Now I know. Sometimes bad things happen because of drunk drivers or someone who made a wrong choice.

People die every day because of drunk drivers. Would you like to be the person getting hurt? It could be you or even one of your loved one. Think about it, 99.99% of the time someone is going to make the wrong choice and 50% of the time someone is going to get hurt from it.

Everyone always says go with your gut but really you have to think before you do something. Just say in your head, could I make a better choice or is I the right better choice.

And that's how LEAD influenced my life!

By: Kaci Norman

FOURTH PLACE

L.E.A.D.- Legal Education to Arrest Delinquency

I'm going to tell you about the guest speakers in the L.E.A.D. program. These special individuals influenced my life greatly. They dressed in good clothes. Three

of the most intriguing people were Brian Stewart, T.J. Brink, and Gary Sprinkle.

I'm going to tell you about Brian Stewart. He is an Excise police officer. He wore a gun. He wants to help young people, like myself, stay away from drugs and alcohol. The way he affected me was to tell me not to drink and drive, or about the dangers of overdosing on alcohol. Mr. Stewart had goggles. They were clear, green, and black. The goggles were like nothing I had ever seen. A few people were able to try on the goggles, which mimicked what you vision would be like if you were drunk. The chosen individuals tried to touch a pencil eraser with and without the goggles.

I'm going to tell you about T.J. Brink. T.J. works at the Juvenile Detention Center in Vincennes, IN. He talked to us about the kids that he worked with at the Center. The doors at his work are three to four inches thick. They have a basketball court, baseball/softball field, track, and a soccer/ football field. It is not all fun and games because it is a privilege to use the fields. All of the children have to go to school. The juveniles break the law because they probably thought that the laws were unfair. I learned from T.J. Brink not to break the laws. If someone does break the law there is a consequence.

I'm going to tell you about Gary Sprinkle. He watches monitors at stores to see if anyone is shoplifting. He was talking about how a woman stole a T.V. and some meat. She hid the T.V. in between her legs and the meat in a backpack that she had on her. I think that shoplifting is wrong. Gary Sprinkle influenced my life because he talked to me about not shoplifting. It can get you in big trouble and you will go to jail. He told me about how kids shoplift as much as adults. When people shoplift it hurts the stores and themselves.

L.E.A.D. influenced my life in many ways. I'm glad that all of the guest speakers came to talk to us. It made the day enjoyable and entertaining. I learned some very interesting information. The whole 5th grade participated in the project L.E.A.D. We had a great time! By: Allison Boyd

FIFTH PLACE

Legal Education to Arrest Delinquency

The L.E.A.D. program has influenced my life when T.J. Brinks was showing us pictures of the detention center. When he talked about how they were treated I knew right then that I would never want to be there.

He tells them when to eat and when to go to bed and get up. They do not get to do whatever they want to do. They can only watch certain things. He will tell you what you can watch. You have a schedule all day. You do not have any free time. You may have time at night when you do not have to go to sleep.

I do not want to go there so I will make good choices and try not to make bad choices. For the people who read this, you need to make good choices. It will make your life a lot better. You will be a person that people can trust. So be the best you can be and make good choices.

Thank you for reading this I hope it will make a change in you life. So remember make good choices and not bad choices. Make good choices. By: Marissa Hampton

SIXTH PLACE

L.E.A.D. stands for legal education to arrest delinquency. The program L.E.A.D. was made to help people including me to become a better person. L.E.A.D. is to help us make the right choices. We should make the right choices, and we should want to.

The program L.E.A.D. was very helpful to me in my life. All of the speakers influenced my life. But I am only going to talk about one. I am going to talk a little about Gary Sprinkle.

Gary Sprinkle was mainly talking about shoplifting. He said that stealing is the same no matter how big it is. He also said that even stealing a piece of gum is the same as stealing something bigger. I wonder if people who steal think about where they will go if they get caught. I wouldn't like to be them.

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Loogootee third graders throw year-end party



On Friday, May 28, the third graders at Loogootee Elementary West enjoyed a year-end party. They had pizza for lunch and each child received a t-shirt, class photo, and a snack. The third grade parents helped to organize the celebration and they would like to thank the following area businesses for their donations: American National Insurance - Cindy Lagle Agency, Blake Hi-Y Car Wash, Blessings, The Body Shop Gym, Buehler's Buy-Low, Carrico Custom Cleaning, Chuckles, CVS Pharmacy, D&G Timber, Dairy Queen, Edward Jones - Brent Courter, Fantastic Sams - Jasper Girls, The Game Plan, Greenwell's Hardware, Hayes & Dant, His & Hers Beauty Salon - Jenny Sargent, Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance Agents Travis Brett, TJ McAtee, and Chad Wade; Jones Marathon, Loogootee Collision Center, Loogootee Tribune, Loughmiller Machine, Martin County Video, Muffler Menders, Pizza Junction, Precision Laser Expressions, REMC, Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant, Toy's Auto Parts, and Williams Bros. Pharmacy.

Dalton Bridgewater wins David Deuter Memorial Essay Contest



On July 16, 1998 the State of Indiana lost a great citizen. Master Trooper David Deuter was killed in the line of duty on the Indiana Toll Road in Lagrange County when he was hit by a semi tractor trailer as he talked with the occupants of the vehicle regarding their speed and the safety of their children.

Being a good citizen was one of the many things that Dave did well. During his life he was known as a man of his word, one who would do anything for his family, his friends, and his fellow officers. He was a man of faith and was an active deacon in his church. He was a family man who was adored by his wife, his daughters, and friendly to all who knew him. So, in 1999 the board of directors for the ITA decided to rename their "What Being Drug Free Means to Me" essay contest to the "David Deuter Memorial 5th Grade Essay Contest" to honor the memory of Master Trooper David Deuter. The contest now requires all participants to write an essay on "What being a Good Citizen Means to Me."

Every January the staff at the ITA sends essay contest invitations to all Indiana elementary schools. Over the years thousands of Hoosier fifth graders have participated in the program. Each year, only one winner is selected from each county. Then from the county winners a statewide winner and two runners-up are selected. The statewide winner receives a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond. The 2nd place winner receives \$750 in bonds and the 3rd place winner receives \$500 in bonds. All of the rest of the winners receive \$100 bonds. All county/state

winners, their families, and school officials are invited to a Statewide Awards Program held at the Indiana State House in Indianapolis.

This year's winners for the Jasper District are Stephanie Johnson, Crawford County; Trevor Lengacher, Daviess County; Adam Hedinger, Dubois County; Dalton Bridgewater, Martin County; Sarah Cloud, Orange County; Lindsay Hauser, Perry County and Ellen Glenn, Spencer County.

For more information regarding the program, please call the Indiana Troopers Association at 800-671-9851 or visit their web-site at www.trooper.org.

L.E.A.D.

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I never thought about stealing, but if I do I will remember what Gary Sprinkle has told us. I do not want to go to jail for stealing, when I can buy what I want. I also don't want to spend time in jail for doing something stupid. Some people make very bad decisions, and then go right back and do them again.

What I have learned in L.E.A.D. is not to drink, smoke, and to obey all of the laws. I always want to make the right decisions from now on. I plan to put what I have learned in practice. I do not want to make a bad choice, because if you do something bad it will turn out bad.

By: Jessica Montgomery



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

The photo above is a wider angle shot of the fourth, fifth, and sixth graders in front of Loogootee Elementary East which will no longer be a part of the Loogootee School Corporation after classes ended yesterday for the summer. Students spent a majority of last week helping teachers pack up the school for the move across the city.