



## SHS Graduation

-Photo by Katie Sanders

39 Shoals Seniors graduated last Saturday afternoon, May 30. Logan Albright served as the 2015 class valedictorian and Josey Wagoner served as class salutatorian.

## Martin County's unemployment rate drops to 3.7 percent for April

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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Martin County's jobless rate took quite a dip from March to April, going from 5.3 percent to 3.7 percent. The county had the 14th lowest jobless rate in the state for April, tied with eight other counties.

In April, the county had 4,935 residents able to work and 185 of them were without jobs. In March, there were 5,005 residents able to work and 264 of them were unemployed. In April of last year, Martin County's unemployment rate was 5.1 percent with 4,903 residents in the workforce and 250 of them were without jobs.

Daviess County's unemployment rate also dropped, going from 4.5 percent in March to 3.3 percent in April. The county had the third lowest jobless rate in the state

for April, tied with Boone and Bartholomew counties.

In April, the county had 15,446 residents in the workforce with 515 of them without jobs. In March, there were 15,491 residents able to work with 691 of them unemployed. In April of 2014, Daviess County's jobless rate was 3.8 percent with 14,985 residents able to work and 575 of them without jobs.

Dubois County's unemployment rate went from 4.1 percent in March to 2.9 percent in April putting them in first place in the state for the lowest unemployment. In April, the county had 21,917 residents able to work with 644 of them without jobs. In March, there were 22,447 residents in the workforce with 921 of them without jobs.

In April of last year, Dubois County's unemployment rate was 3.6 percent with  
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## Shoals part of state historic grants

Annual grants to strengthen and preserve Indiana's history have been awarded for 11 projects.

The grants total \$363,341 in federal funds allotted by the DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology. They will be matched by \$465,456 in local and private funds, for a total investment of \$828,797.

The funds come from the National Park Service, a part of the U.S. Department of the Interior, which distributes federal funds to the states through the Historic Preservation Fund Program.

Since 1974, the state has awarded more than \$18 million to Indiana communities through the program.

Projects are listed below.

**Benton County:** Ball State University's anthropology department received a \$49,929 grant to conduct an archaeological survey on 900 acres in Benton County. Three identified sites, including historic house sites listed on General Land Office maps, are targeted for additional study to determine their integrity and cultural significance.

Contact: Chris Keller Thompson, Ball

State University, (765) 285-5328.

**Fishers:** Conner Prairie received a \$37,460 grant to repair and restore interior features of the 1823 Conner House at the Conner Prairie Museum. The house is used to interpret the residency of William Conner, a wealthy man in early Indiana history. Water infiltration and decades of public tours have damaged the walls, plaster, woodwork, wallpaper, interior finishes and the stair handrail.

Contact: Nora Woodman, Conner Prairie, (317) 214-4483.

**Floyd County:** The University of Indianapolis received a \$50,000 grant to survey approximately 1,000 acres with high vulnerability for urban development or erosion. This includes areas in or along the Ohio River floodplain or areas that are under development pressure. The university also will survey on public or county park land to offer the public an opportunity to get involved.

Contact: Chris Moore, University of Indianapolis, (317) 788-3534.

**Fort Wayne:** The City of Fort Wayne received a \$3,873 grant to produce brochures  
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## ISO rating could affect Loogootee residents

Last month Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty along with Loogootee Fire Chief Morgan Huebner received information of an ISO rate change placing the Loogootee Fire Department at a level 10 instead of its regular rating of 6. The reason for the rate change according to ISO was that necessary training records were not received six months ago.

According to their website, the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS) is a manual containing the criteria ISO uses in reviewing the fire prevention and fire suppression capabilities of individual communities or fire protection areas. The schedule measures the major elements of a community's fire protection system and develops a numerical grading called a Public Protection Classification (PPC™).

According to Loogootee Fire Chief Morgan Huebner the records were in fact faxed to ISO when they were requested. As of Tuesday, the chief was still trying to track down telephone records to prove the fax number was called. Huebner did not have a confirmation from the fax six months ago and said his fax machine memory does not go back more than six months. Chief Huebner also states that ISO never contacted him at any time stating they had not received the proper paperwork until notice was received in May of the rate change.

When Chief Huebner contacted ISO he was informed that the only way the rate could be changed was for the department to receive a new survey. Huebner was told at the time that this would more than likely be able to take place at any time due to the last survey completed was over a year ago.

Since the rate change has taken place the

mayor has been in contact with many local insurance providers to see how this change will affect the insurance of residents serviced by the Loogootee Fire Department. Some of the insurance agents have said that after explaining the situation to their underwriters, insurance policies can still be written with the fire department's rating of a 6. A 10 rating by ISO means that residents have zero fire protection which the mayor said is completely unfair. Depending on what insurance carrier residents have, a large increase may be seen in premiums.

The mayor also has contacted Congressman Larry Buschon, U.S. Senator Dan Coats, State Senator Eric Bassler, and State Representative Mike Braun to see if some type of appeal can transpire of the decision of ISO.

"The whole situation just does not seem right," Mayor Harty stated. "If ISO did not receive the proper paperwork you would have thought we would have received notice stating this fact. Instead we only received a notice some six months later stating that our rating had changed."

When Chief Huebner contacted ISO they informed him that a new survey could be completed right away and some two weeks later then informed Mayor Harty they could not complete one until next year.

"In the end the ones that are going to be paying the price are our residents and that I just cannot accept. I will assure everyone that I along with Chief Huebner and the Loogootee Fire Department will do everything possible to rectify this situation."

Stay tuned for more information on this ongoing story as information comes forward.



## Semi overturned

-Photo by Mary Motyka

On Friday, May 29 at 3 a.m. Richard Lindburg, of Cambridge, Illinois, was operating a 2013 Kenworth southbound on US 231. Lindburg fell asleep at the wheel, woke up and over corrected. This caused his vehicle to travel off the road and into a yard at 706 JFK Avenue in Loogootee. Power lines were on top of the vehicle and Duke Energy arrived and cut off power. Loogootee Fire Department arrived and assisted in getting the driver out of the vehicle. No injuries were reported. Road was closed for approximately four hours.

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# RATE

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21,706 residents in the workforce and 773 of them without jobs.

Orange County's jobless rate also dropped from March to April, moving from 7.7 percent to 5.9 percent. The county had the eighth highest jobless rate in the state for April.

In April, the county had 8,410 residents in the workforce with 496 of them without jobs. In March, there were 8,743 residents able to work with 669 of them unemployed. In April of 2014, Orange County's unemployment rate was 7.5 percent with 8,308 residents able to work and 623 of them without jobs.

Lawrence County's unemployment rate moved from 8.3 percent in March to 6.2 percent in April. The county had the fourth highest unemployment in the state for April.

In April, the county had 20,339 residents in the workforce with 1,252 unemployed. In March, there were 20,666 residents able to work and 1,712 of them without jobs. In April of last year, Lawrence County had an unemployment rate of 7.7 percent with 20,406 residents able to work and 1,574 of them jobless.

The top 10 spots in the state for highest jobless rate for April went to: Vermillion at 6.9 percent, Lake at 6.7 percent, Fayette at 6.3 percent, Lawrence at 6.2 percent, Greene and Vigo at 6.1 percent, Sullivan at 6 percent, LaPorte and Orange at 5.9 percent, and Starke at 5.8 percent.

The top 10 spots in the state for lowest jobless rate for April went to: Dubois at 2.9 percent, Hamilton at 3.1 percent, Daviess, Boone, and Bartholomew at 3.3 percent; LaGrange at 3.4 percent, Gibson, Elkhart and Adams at 3.5 percent; and White, Steuben, Kosciusko and Hendricks at 3.6 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate declined by

# GRANT

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for the West End Neighborhood and The Landing historic districts in Fort Wayne. West End was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1984. The Landing was listed in the National Register in 1993. It's next to the route of the Wabash & Erie Canal and derives its name from a docking and maneuvering bay on the canal. It is the largest concentration of early commercial buildings with high integrity in Fort Wayne.

Contact: Don Orban, City of Fort Wayne, (260) 427-2160.

Georgetown: The Town of Georgetown received a \$10,000 grant for repairs and restoration to Georgetown State Bank, which was built in 1909. In 1981 the town purchased it for a town hall, and it served that purpose until 2009.

Contact: Laura Renwick, Indiana Landmarks, (812) 284-4534.

Indianapolis: The Indiana Medical History Museum received a \$50,000 grant to rehabilitate the exterior of the Old Pathology Building at the Central State Hospital complex, which now houses the Indiana Medical History Museum. Built in 1896, it was a state of the art medical research and teaching facility until 1968. The building has been suffering from extended years of water infiltration problems.

Contact: Sarah Halter, Indiana Medical History Museum, (317) 635-7329.

Monrovia: The Hall Civic Association received a \$10,150 grant for masonry repairs on the Hall School. The schoolhouse was built in 1911, with additions in the 1950s, 1970s and 1980s. The grant project is limited to the 1911 portion. The school was decommissioned in 2005, and in 2010 the building was transferred to the Hall Civic Association, which seeks to rehabilitate it for community purposes.

Contact: Judy Gemmecke, Hall Civic Association, (317) 443-0779.

Muncie: The City of Muncie received a \$50,000 grant to assist with rehabilitation of the Muncie Masonic Temple, now the Cornerstone Center for the Arts. The building is a six-story Collegiate Gothic style. When

0.4 percent to 5.4 percent in April. The state's unemployment rate has decreased by 2.1 percent over the past two years, while the Hoosier labor force has grown by roughly 63,000 individuals during the same period.

Private sector employment in the Hoosier State grew by 10,600 jobs in April, led mainly by increases in the Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (+6,400), Professional & Business Services (+2,500), and Construction (+2,400) sectors. Since January 2013, Indiana has added nearly 112,000 private sector jobs, and more than 281,000 since July, 2009, the low point of employment in the state. Monthly private sector increases have averaged 4,000 per month over the past two years.

Indiana is now just 7,800 private sector jobs shy of the all-time peak of employment, which occurred in March of 2000.

"Indiana's sizable gains in the Construction sector in April are definitely a positive indicator of economic growth as we move into the summer months," said Steven J. Braun, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. "Additionally, continuing claims for unemployment insurance remain at their lowest levels in 15 years, which has also been a solidly increasing trend over the past couple years, signifying Hoosiers are returning to work at a substantial rate."

Employment by Sector

Sectors showing gains in April include: Trade, Transportation & Utilities (6,400), Professional and Business Services (2,500), Construction (2,400), Leisure and Hospitality (1,200), and Private Educational & Health Services (700). The Financial Activities (-1,200), and Manufacturing (-300) sectors declined in April. Total nonfarm employment increased in April (11,600).

built in 1920, it was the largest Masonic Lodge in Indiana. The grant project will assist with exterior masonry repair, roof repair, and window-and-door repair and rehabilitation.

Contact: Brad King, City of Muncie, (765) 702-9043.

Newton County: Ball State University's anthropology department received a \$49,929 grant to conduct an archaeological survey of 800 acres in Newton County.

Contact: Chris Keller Thompson, Ball State University, (765) 285-5328.

Shoals: The Town of Shoals received \$2,000 to help prepare a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Shoals Historic District. This district includes the commercial core of the community and a surrounding residential area. There are approximately 63 historic resources, including the 1857 Star Mill and the 1965 Post Office/Federal Building.

Contact: Laura Renwick, Indiana Landmarks, (812) 285-9923.

Washington: The Daviess County Commissioners received a \$50,000 grant to stabilize and rehabilitate the stained glass skylight in the Daviess County Courthouse. The current courthouse was built in 1928 in the neoclassical revival style.

Contact: Michelle Carrico, Southern Indiana Development Commission, (812) 295-3707.

# Commissioners go over biweekly business

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, May 26.

Becky Guthrie, Ride Solutions, presented a report of her organization to the commissioners. She requested \$2,000 for Ride Solutions to be included in the commissioners' budget for 2016.

Tony Holt, public health Coordinator, submitted information on the Public Health Preparedness Base Grant. The PHEP Grant total allotment is \$15,116 which includes salary and supplies. There are also funds available for EBOLA Supplemental Grant that totals \$14,969. A brief discussion followed on the recent HIV outbreak in Scott County and the measures being taken. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to have Holt proceed in the application process for the PHEP Grant and the EBOLA Supplemental Grant. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Linda Evans-Dillon, veteran service officer, gave her April report. She will be attending accreditation training in June. The garage used to house the veterans' van needs the garage door replaced. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to replace the garage door with a cap of \$1,500 to spend. President George made the second. Commissioner Boyd abstained. Commissioner Boyd will be in charge of getting the door and having it installed. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the amended veterans' van policy to include New Albany and Louisville, Kentucky clinics. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. If the van is not available or unable to make the runs needed by the veteran, VSO Dillon recommends they contact Ride Solutions. President George directed VSO Dillon to put funds in her 2016 budget for Ride Solutions.

Sheriff Travis Roush came before the commissioners requesting approval of the reserve deputy program. Sheriff Roush explained the six phase program. Attorney Lett had reviewed the policy and had no legal objections. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2015-08, Ordinance to Establish Police Reserves. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Andy Ringwald, civil defense/EMA, attended a debris management class. The DPC meeting will only be held six times a year.

President George requested permission from the other commissioners to attend the council meeting Monday night to discuss the purchase or lease of a building for community corrections. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve President George discussing the purchase or lease of a building for community corrections with the council on Monday night, with the first option being to purchase. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Jonathan Stevens, Extension Office, updated the commissioners on several projects that were just completed, Project LEAD and the Captain Cash Program. The Extension Office is in the process of hiring summer help.

Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule. Several people have shown interest in the dump truck

and paver that were declared surplus but the highway department was going to salvage. Superintendent Padgett will get an estimate on the salvage price. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to allow them to submit sealed bids for the equipment and proceed from there. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Superintendent Padgett submitted an application for part-time summer help. Due to the application already being on file, the position did not need to be advertised. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve the hiring of Grady Key as part-time summer help to start on Monday. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Superintendent Padgett gave an update on several equipment repairs. The commissioners gave approval to look for a truck to pull the hot box. Great Lakes Dust Control will start spraying the roads the second week of June. The highway department will be requesting an additional appropriation at the council meeting Monday night. The council will not be able to approve until the July meeting.

County Attorney Lett opened the proposals for the ambulance contract that is set to expire June 30, 2015. The only proposal received was from Knox County EMS, the current ambulance provider. Attorney Lett requested approval to negotiate a new contract with Knox County EMS. Commissioner Gregory will assist.

County Attorney Lett submitted the Local Elected Officials Agreement Economic Growth Region 8 Agreement for approval with no legal objections. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the Local Elected Officials Agreement Economic Growth Region 8 Agreement. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. President George represents Martin County on the board.

Custodian John Jones will return to work tomorrow.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. with a motion by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Gregory. All were in favor and the motion passed. The next commissioners' meeting will be Tuesday, June 9 at 6 p.m.

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# OBITUARIES

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## BETTY ROBLING

Betty C. Robling passed away at 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 29, 2015 at home. A resident of Otwell, she was 60.

She was born July 4, 1954 in Paoli; daughter of Robert and Bonnie (Hockenberry) Royer. She married Randall Robling on December 23, 1988. He preceded her in death.

She enjoyed spending time with friends and family, especially her grandchildren.

Surviving are one daughter, Becky Kirk and husband, Jamie, of Shoals; two sons; Bobby Asbell and wife, Jennifer, of Petersburg; Larry Asbell and wife, Story, of Paoli; 23 grandchildren; five great grandchildren; two sisters; Judy Ball, of Bluffton and Diane Williams and husband, Ron, of Petersburg; and one brother, Robert Royer and wife, Sharlene, of Bedford.

Preceding her in death were her parents and her husband.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. today, Wednesday, June 3 at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper with burial to follow at Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals. Pastor Wayne Ball officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family. Online condolences may be

made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com).

## VIRGINIA WAGGONER

Virginia Sue Waggoner of Shoals passed away at 9:44 p.m. May 29, 2015 at Good Samaritan Hospice in Vincennes. A resident of Shoals, she was 74.

She was born April 17, 1941 in Loogootee; the daughter of the late Cecil and Edith (Earl) Ragsdale.

She graduated as Salutatorian from Shoals High School Class of 1959. She was previously employed by the Essex Corporation in Orleans and then the Dana Corporation in Mitchell, retiring due to declining health. She enjoyed watching the St. Louis Cardinals and was a fan of NASCAR.

She is survived by one son, Gregory D. and wife, Tina Waggoner of Indianapolis; one daughter, Shelli and husband, Michael Steiner, of Shoals; six grandchildren, Jenae Jones, Mackenzie Jones, Brittany Davis, Lauren Estes, Charli Steiner and Mindi Steiner; and two great grandchildren, Kendall Bond and Cooper Price; and one brother, Steve Ragsdale of Shoals.

She is preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Marie Hardwick and Kay

Horsting; and two brothers, James Ragsdale and Carleton Ragsdale.

Graveside rites were held Tuesday, June 2 at Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals.

Condolences may be made online to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

## THOMAS HORSTING

Thomas R. Horsting passed away unexpectedly at 6:35 p.m. Sunday, May 31, 2015 at the Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center in Jasper. A resident of Shoals, he was 53.

He was born October 6, 1961 in Washington; the son of the late Jerry and Kay (Ragsdale) Horsting. He married Alice Albaugh on October 26, 2001 in Bedford. He graduated from Shoals High School and Bedford North Lawrence Technical Program. He was currently employed at United States Gypsum in the engineering maintenance department. He loved his family and loved the outdoors and traveling.

He is survived by his wife, Alice Horsting of Shoals; son, Shayne and his wife, Amanda Horsting, of Bedford; two daughters, Ashton and her husband, Kyle Aragon, of Bedford and Tesa and her husband, Seth Baker, of



THOMAS HORSTING

Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; two stepdaughters, Jill Albright of Shoals and Rhea Albright of Bloomington; five grandchildren, Gavan Horsting, Elijah Lock, Isaiah and Emsley Aragon and Brettley Baker; three sisters, Cindy and her husband, Gary Brashear, of Washington; Stephanie and her husband, Gerard Shoultz, of Loogootee; and Michelle and her husband, Rick Dinkens of Loogootee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Amanda Horsting; and two grandsons, Aiden and Brayden Horsting in infancy.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, June 4 at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals.

A funeral service will be conducted at the funeral home at 11 a.m. on Friday. Burial will follow in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Condolences may be made online to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

## New Beginnings Church WEEKLY MESSAGE

BY ERNIE CANELL

Pastor, New Beginnings Church

### Face to Face – Moses Exodus 33

Face to face means a lot of things today. It means a personal meeting with someone. Not like we do today with texting, facebook, snapchat or other social medias, but human contact. Today, it almost seems like a thing of the past. People think it is easier to deal with things if they don't have to talk to the person face to face. If we are going to have a face to face it has to be personal and close-up. It has to be a relational encounter.

When we look at the example of close encounter of people with God, there is one thing we can know for sure - that an encounter with God is personally transforming. We know that no one has seen God but they had come into an encounter with God.

The first one was with Adam and Eve; the Bible says they walked with Him in the garden. The next time we see that close of an encounter is with Moses. The Bible says that Moses came face to face with God.

What happens when we have that kind of an encounter? These kinds of encounters with God are initiated by Him. God is always the one who calls first. God initiates the call.

Moses was going about keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro. He was going about his life doing the things he always did. Nothing extraordinary, so God had to first get his attention.

He did- bam- and the Lord appears to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush.

Sometimes God has to do something in our lives when we are living without him or really not paying attention to Him in our daily business, to get our attention. It's not always a burning bush. It may be a crisis you are going through that God wants to show Himself in. Maybe you are just going through your normal routine and the Holy Spirit comes in and convicts you of a sin in your life and convinces you of your need for more of Jesus. He wants to get your attention.

John 6:44 says, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day."

There is a reason for that. Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."

If you have been feeling like something is missing; if you have been wondering about God, Maybe God is initiating a call to you. Are you listening? Second thing about a face to face encounter with God is; God assures the one He calls.

Notice God knows Moses by name. He knows your name. He knows you before the foundations of the earth. He is all knowing and knows where you are and what you are doing. This can be good or bad depends on what you are doing. Then God told Moses who He is. I am the God of your father. I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. What does that mean? It means that they are not dead in the grave, rotten to nothing but that their souls are in Heaven with God. God cannot be the God of dead men and of moldering corpses. The living God must be the God of living men. This makes it clear that there is life after death; Life in Heaven. Do you think Moses had any issues when God wanted him to go and lead the people out of bondage? Oh man can't begin to tell you His issues. He was not perfect. None of us are. He says to God... Who am I to do such a thing? Is it alright to Question God? God didn't answer Moses of who is Moses. He answered the question, who is God. The answer of course is God.

God was saying, who am I? Never mind who you are, Moses. You are right, you are a no body. But you are called. I will be with you. And the sign of success will not be a gold watch and a plaque but success will be worship of Me.

See God doesn't call the qualified He qualifies the called. This is what He uses, sinners.

Not so that they will realize their potential. Not so they finally see how awesome they are, not so they can live their best life now or become a better you. Not so God can bring out the best in you. Nope!

God uses sinners so that He will get the glory. The Gospel is not the power to save because of our knowledge our techniques, our systems, our innovations. But the gospel is the power to save because of Jesus' work on the cross, because God is with the Gospel.

Moses had all kinds of excuses for what God called him to do. He wasn't good enough. He didn't speak well. He was afraid they wouldn't listen to him anyway. It was all about what he couldn't do not what God can do. But God answered every excuse with how God is greater than all his excuses.

The reason you don't have a thriving, Holy Spirit filled life filled with a desire for more of God is that self has taken over. Your personal encounter with God has the potential to not only change me but also change the eternal destiny of those around me.

Isn't it time for you to have a face to face with God? If you are reading this right now maybe God is speaking to you. He is initiating an encounter with you. No excuse will not be answered by God if you will have faith in the one who sent His son, Jesus Christ to die on the cross for your sins so the penalty would be paid and you can have a

personally transforming life with Jesus.

If you have questions how you can have a face to face with God don't hesitate to call Pastor Ernie Canell at 812-709-0258. I'm praying you will have a face to face with the living God!

### LUMC Vacation Bible School

Camp Discovery – Jesus at Work Through Us is the theme of this year's Vacation Bible School at Loogootee United Methodist Church located at 208 W. Main Street. All area children from preschool to those who completed 6th grade are invited to attend.

The VBS kickoff party will be on Sunday June 7 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center for all children and their families. Hot dogs, popcorn, and nachos will be served. This year VBS will be from 6-8:30 p.m. June 8-12. On Friday night June 12, all parents, family members, or friends are welcome to attend the VBS closing program at 7:45 p.m.

VBS is an opportunity for kids to sing songs, do crafts, eat snacks, and play games all while learning about Jesus. This year's main verse is 1 John 4:19 "We love because He first loved us." The lessons this year teach them that Jesus saves me, gives me courage, His wisdom, faith, and His love to share.

To register a child, call the church at 295-3049 or stop by and pick up a form. You can also register at the kickoff party.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, MAY 25

4:22 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Shoals. Sgt Keller responded.

8:20 a.m. - Received a report of a driver needing assistance on SR 450. Captain Dant responded.

9:52 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill took the call.

1:11 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Captain Dant responded. It was determined that a break-in had occurred.

2:20 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation just east of Loogootee. Captain Dant and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded and spoke with the parties involved.

3:49 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene took the call.

4:04 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol east of Shoals.

4:24 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

5:57 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Sgt Keller responded.

9:59 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded and checked the driver.

### TUESDAY, MAY 26

7:45 a.m. - Received several reports of a reckless semi on US 50 east of Shoals. Captain Dant stopped the vehicle and checked the driver.

9:30 a.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

10:00 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took two inmates to court.

11:50 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Chief Rayhill spoke with the subjects.

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

2:35 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Crane. Chief Deputy Greene and Chief Rayhill responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

3:18 p.m. - Sheriff Roush transported one inmate to court.

8:44 p.m. - Received a report of a car broken into near Shoals. Sgt Keller took the call.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

5:11 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

6:27 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Crane. Captain Dant took the call.

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

9:35 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Captain Dant took the call.

12:10 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance took the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:20 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain re-

sponded.

2:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

5:20 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

7:15 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

9:12 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless car near Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

10:04 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:21 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm near Loogootee. Sgt. Keller and Loogootee Officer Nolan responded. All was okay.

10:04 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:21 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm near Loogootee. Sgt. Keller and Loogootee Officer Nolan responded. All was okay.

4:00 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Shoals. Sgt Keller responded.

6:25 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation north of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

7:01 a.m. - Received a report of a stolen vehicle in Crane. ISP Trooper Lents responded.

9:20 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation north of Shoals. Captain Dant took the call and spoke with the subjects.

10:30 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

11:30 a.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

1:45 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Loogootee Chief Rayhill stopped the vehicle and all was okay.

4:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but the subject was transported to the hospital by Loogootee Police.

7:37 p.m. - Deputy Harmon transported one inmate to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:41 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Shoals. Corporal Baker, Trooper Sexton, and Trooper Beaver responded.

9:16 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

### FRIDAY, MAY 29

2:54 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Deputy Harmon, Loogootee Captain Hennette, Martin County Ambulance, and the Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported to the hospital.

9:50 a.m. - Caller reported an erratic driver on US 50 near Shoals. Sheriff Roush located the vehicle and checked the driver. All was okay.

10:20 a.m. - Caller reported a bullying incident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles is investigating.

10:49 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Shoals. Major Burkhardt re-

sponded.

10:55 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

1:10 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and Corporal Baker responded.

2:58 p.m. - Received a report of speeding semi trucks on SR 450. Major Burkhardt took the call.

3:00 p.m. - Received a report of an impaired driver in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:59 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle west of Shoals. Corporal Baker and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded and stopped the vehicle.

7:10 p.m. - Deputy Harmon assisted a motorist in Shoals.

9:26 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless semi on US 231 near Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was advised.

10:28 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Police and ISP Trooper Sexton were advised. A stop was made in the vehicle and the driver fled on foot. Deputy Harmon assisted.

### SATURDAY, MAY 30

4:14 a.m. - Received a report of trees down on US 50 near Loogootee. Deputy Harmon and Martin County Civil Defense responded.

## ISP announce results of the 2015 Click It or Ticket Campaign

On June 1, the Indiana State Police announced there were 2,973 tickets issued for seat belt law violations over the course of the seat belt enforcement program that ran from May 15 through May 31. Please note this number only reflects citations issued by Indiana State Police personnel. This is a preliminary number based on electronic ticket information. This preliminary number may increase with the reporting of hand written tickets.

Click It or Ticket is an annual enforcement effort supported by federal funding allocated to the Indiana State Police from the Traffic Safety division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI). More than 200 troopers worked overtime to conduct seat belt patrols on Indiana's state roads and interstates. According to ICJI, in 2014, there were 748 fatalities on Indiana roadways. Of those fatalities, nearly one-third (29 percent) were unrestrained.

"While seat belt usage in Indiana passenger vehicles is over 91 percent, there's still room for improvement," said ICJI Director Mary Allen. "We know seat belt usage saves lives, and we are grateful for the participating agencies who are focusing efforts on increased education and enforcement to drive home this message."

Indiana law enforcement agencies have been actively involved in the Click It or Ticket campaign for over 20 years.

## JAIL BOOKINGS

### FRIDAY, MAY 29

4:40 p.m. - David Pittman, 57, of Mitchell, was arrested by Corporal Baker and charged with operating while intoxicated refusal, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia. His bond is \$20,000 10%.

### SATURDAY, MAY 30

7:00 a.m. - Aaron Rogers, 38, of Greenfield, was arrested by State Police Trooper Sexton for operating while intoxicated and resisting law enforcement. He has not been issued a bond.

11:47 p.m. - Matthew Shultz, 30, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Harmon for operating while intoxicated. His bond was set at \$20,000 10%.

8:18 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Corporal Baker stopped and checked the driver.

8:30 a.m. - Received a report of a theft north of Loogootee. Corporal Baker is working the case.

9:50 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Corporal Baker responded.

11:31 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance near Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

12:30 p.m. - Received a report of a hit-run accident in Loogootee. The fleeing vehicle was stopped in Jasper and the occupants were taken to jail. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

3:42 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless four-wheeler north of Shoals. Corporal Baker responded.

4:46 p.m. - Received several calls of trees down near Loogootee.

6:47 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check. Corporal Baker responded and all was okay.

8:36 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. All checked okay.

11:47 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. All Martin County units were advised.

### SUNDAY, MAY 31

1:12 a.m. - Received a report of trees down east of Shoals. ISP Trooper Sexton and Martin County Fire responded.

7:30 a.m. - Received a report of a fight in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain responded.

12:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals 1st Responders took the call. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:32 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

3:30 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Shoals. Corporal Baker responded.

9:04 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious people in the Shoals area. Sgt Keller responded.

10:22 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in the Hindostan area. Sgt Keller took the call.

11:31 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded and all was okay.

## Accident reports

### MONDAY, MAY 25

10:10 a.m. - Janet Strange, of Loogootee, was operating a 2007 Ford on North Line Street when she pulled into the path of a 2014 Dodge operated by Brianna Williams, of Loogootee. Chief Rayhill investigated.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

12:28 p.m. - Wilma Terrell, of Shoals, was backing a 2002 Toyota out of a parking spot at O'Reilly's when she backed into a 2011 Nissan owned by Terry A. Walker.

### SATURDAY, MAY 30

12:30 p.m. - Dennis A. Rasche, of Dubois, was operating a 2013 Chevy and stopped at the intersection of Broadway and Pine streets. At this time, D. Robinson of Terre Haute struck the rear of the Rasche vehicle with her 1991 Mercedes. Robinson later left the scene prior to the arrival of Captain Akles. Robinson's vehicle was later located and stopped by the Dubois County Sheriff's Department. Robinson was cited for leaving the scene of a traffic accident.

## ~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~ 'You did the right thing!'

To the editor of the Martin County Journal,  
Congrats to Bradley's for going smoke free! You did the right thing!

Bill Whorrall  
Shoals, Indiana

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Thomas E. Carrico and Patricia L. Carrico**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Steve H. Smith and Eric Jones**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the north half of the west half of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.692 acres, more or less.

**Mary Ellen Albright**, the unmarried widow of Larry D. Albright to **Larry Douglas Albright**, of Harrison County, Indiana; **Harold Bradley Albright**, of San Diego County, California; and **Connie S.**

**Clements**, of Princess Anne County, Virginia, Lot Number One in Block "D" in Loogootee Land Company's Addition to the town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. Also, Lots 39 and 40 in the original plat of Memphis, now Shoals, Indiana. Also, the south half of the northeast quarter of Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 82.66 acres, more or less.

**Mitze O. Pickett**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Mark E. Tedrow and Mary R. Tedrow**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 30 in that part of Shoals originally platted as West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana.

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, MAY 25

4:28 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute on US 231.

5:45 p.m. - Male came on station to report property damage.

9:59 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

## TUESDAY, MAY 26

11:55 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on North Street.

12:33 p.m. - Caller reported vandalism at the city park. Extra patrol was requested.

2:20 p.m. - Received a call of a possible dispute outside of Larkin Apartments.

2:35 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a suicidal subject north of town.

6:44 p.m. - Caller reported property damage.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

5:11 a.m. - Caller reported suspicious activity.

8:40 a.m. - Received a report of a faulty traffic signal at US 231 South.

2:00 p.m. - Caller reported extra patrol.

3:00 p.m. - Caller reported a sinkhole at Wood and Walker streets.

3:35 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

8:19 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

9:13 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231.

## THURSDAY, MAY 28

12:39 a.m. - Officer Nolan assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with breaking and entering call north of town.

9:55 a.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.

1:55 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231. Chief Rayhill located the vehicle and spoke with the driver.

3:10 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted Duke Energy.

4:00 p.m. - Received a reported of a broken down semi near Marathon.

4:21 p.m. - Captain Hennette transported a female to Good Samaritan Hospital.

4:55 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless semi on US 231.

6:38 p.m. - Caller reported the railroad

arms down and no train was in site. CSX was contacted.

8:42 p.m. - Female reported being bit by a dog in Green Acres.

9:26 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

## FRIDAY, MAY 29

2:54 a.m. - Received a report of a overturned semi on JFK Avenue. Captain Hennette and the Loogootee Fire Department responded.

10:20 a.m. - Caller reported harassment.

10:55 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism.

5:52 p.m. - Caller reported her son is threatening to harm himself. Officer Nolan responded.

8:46 p.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.

9:26 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless semi on US 231. Officer Nolan located the vehicle and spoke with the driver.

10:34 p.m. - Officer Nolan assisted Trooper Sexton with a foot pursuit on East Broadway Street.

## SATURDAY, MAY 30

4:35 p.m. - Received several reports of a power outage and trees down.

7:14 p.m. - Caller reported a low power line on Walnut Street.

7:28 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

7:38 p.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a business alarm.

8:23 p.m. - Received a report of a power line on fire on US 231 South.

8:39 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

11:47 p.m. - Female caller reported a theft.

## SUNDAY, MAY 31

12:34 a.m. - Female requested extra patrol.

7:30 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute on North Line Street.

1:32 p.m. - Caller reported someone throwing rocks at his vehicle.

4:40 p.m. - Caller reported kids playing around a downed tree.

6:55 p.m. - Caller reported vandalism to his vehicle.

# Martin County Court News

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

## CRIMINAL COURT

### New Charges Filed

#### May 4

Betty S. Fields, operating while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor; leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Ashlei B. Kellams, false informing, a Class A Misdemeanor; driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Angus E. Robinson, criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor.

#### May 6

Ryan L. Bowling, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; unlawful possession of syringe, a Class 6 Felony; unlawful possession of syringe, a Class 5 Felony.

Shelly A. Moser, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person with a passenger less than 18 years of age, a Class 6 Felony; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more with a passenger less than 18 years of age, a Class 6 Felony.

Joseph Adam Jones, neglect of a dependent, a Class 6 Felony; theft, a Class A Misdemeanor; unlawful possession of nitrous oxide, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Mark A Payne, residential entry, a Class 6 Felony.

#### May 7

Jason S. Salmon, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor; interference with the reporting of a crime, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Bryan L. Cole, maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony; operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

#### May 14

Travis S. Bauernfiend, operating a vehicle as an habitual traffic violator, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

#### May 19

Amanda D. Boyd, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Franklin G. Nolley, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor.

#### May 21

Darren B. Stone, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Emma S. Burch, operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled

substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor; two counts of possession of a controlled substance, Class A Misdemeanors; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Scott A. Pendley, driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

#### May 27

Russell E. Cook, III, driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

#### May 21

Candy J. Taylor vs. Jonathan W. Taylor, petition for dissolution of marriage.

#### May 22

John K. Dixon vs. Anita M. Dixon, petition for dissolution of marriage.

#### May 26

Bank of New York Mellon Trust Co. vs. Larry R. Peek and Doris L. Peek, mortgage foreclosure.

#### May 27

James W. Taylor III vs. Doris Taylor, petition for dissolution of marriage.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

#### June 2

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Old National Bank and against the defendant Mark L. Taylor for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$255,977.61.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

#### May 29

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Deborah Haviland in the amount of \$3,063.40.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Patrick M. Strange in the amount of \$4,099.71.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

#### May 27

Darrell Jay Tharp of Shoals and Molly K. Brassine of Shoals.

## Indiana State Police Jasper Post to host blood drive

The Indiana State Police and the American Red Cross are teaming up to host a blood drive on Friday, June 19 from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. The drive will take place in the parking lot at the Jasper Post, 2209 Newton Street, Jasper, in the American Red Cross Mobile Blood Bus. Those wishing to sign up to give the "gift of life" may click on the link below. Click "Indiana State Police - Jasper" on the left side, and on the next screen, select your donation time and enter your information to register.

The Indiana State Police is proud to partner with the American Red Cross to provide this service to the community. On average, every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood, which requires more than 41,000 blood donations each day.

Link to the American Red Cross sign-up form: <http://rdcrss.org/1dKxCxr>

# Indiana establishes commercial courts

The Indiana Supreme Court is formalizing plans to develop specialized trial courts to handle complex business litigation. The courts, known as commercial courts, will have specially trained judges and will play a role in modernizing the way courts handle cases.

The possibility of commercial courts was first announced in January 2015 during the State of the Judiciary. Recently, the Court unanimously approved a plan naming a working group to recommend policies and procedures for the courts. Chief Justice Loretta Rush explained, "I'm grateful that we have a wide range of talents on this committee. They will help us establish procedures so the courts are hearing commercial cases in 2016." The working group membership is listed in the Supreme Court order which is available at [www.in.gov/judiciary/files/order-other-2015-94S00-1506-MS-337.pdf](http://www.in.gov/judiciary/files/order-other-2015-94S00-1506-MS-337.pdf).

Commercial courts are designed to promote efficient resolution of business disputes by reducing litigation costs and promoting earlier and more frequent settlement of cases. "Maintaining a strong legal environment is one of the goals of our Indiana Vision 2025 plan," said Indiana Chamber President and CEO Kevin Brinegar. "Businesses locate in states where disputes are resolved with consistency and reliability. Establishing commercial courts promotes confidence and predictability—which helps ensure the competitiveness of Indiana's business environment."

"It's not just about businesses," explained the working group chair, Allen Superior Court Judge Craig Bobay. "We want to free-up court resources by removing time consuming business cases from the regular docket. Other cases, like child custody mat-

ters, could be heard more promptly when a complex business case is handled efficiently."

In addition to businesses and legal experts, lawmakers will collaborate on developing the framework for the courts. "This is a critical step in creating a more efficient court system in Indiana, and I applaud Chief Justice Rush on her leadership," said Representative Tom Washburne who will serve on the working group. "This initiative will free up Indiana's judicial system to better handle the complexity of modern business litigation."

Senator John Broden will also serve on the group. "Anything we can do to further enhance the positive role Indiana's legal system plays in fostering a strong and vibrant economy is well worth the effort," said Senator Broden. "Further, we know that by streamlining these complex commercial law cases, we free up our courts so they can concentrate on critical cases facing Hoosier children and families."

Commercial courts will include cases where the parties have agreed to have their dispute resolved through the specialized docket. Commercial courts in the United States began in 1993 and now exist in 22 states.

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## Purdue webinars will help growers with food safety plan

BY KEITH ROBINSON  
*Purdue University News Service*

Growers implementing the principles of good agricultural practices will learn the essentials of a required, written food safety plan for their operation by participating in a series of Purdue Extension online workshops.

The one-hour sessions in the program called "Planning for Success: Food Safety Plan Writing" will begin Thursday, June 4 and be offered via WebEx. Presenters will leave enough time for questions from participants.

Growers adapting good agricultural practices, known as GAPs, and seeking third-party certification are required to have a written food safety plan for their farm.

"Many growers find plan-writing to be one of the most challenging hurdles as they

work to achieve third-party certification," said Scott Monroe, Purdue Extension food safety educator and organizer of the series. "The programs are designed so that growers can participate over a lunch hour and get answers to current questions they may have as they work through the plan writing process."

The series schedule (all times noon to 1 p.m. EDT):

\* June 4: "Written Food Safety Plan Basics."

\* June 9: "Policies, Procedures and Documentation."

\* June 18: "Food Safety Protocols - What's Out There."

\* July 1: "Using Templates and Other Resources."

To join the program, go to <http://bit.ly/FS-PlanWriting>. To participate by audio only, call 888-854-1541.

## Bald eagle spotted at Monroe Lake is one of oldest on record

It's not uncommon to see bald eagles around Monroe Lake these days, but the one Cassie Hudson and her friends recently saw was a rare find.

Hudson, a biologist with the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife, was on a boat ride with her husband, Brandon, and friends Eric and Teresa Bass when she caught a glimpse of a bald eagle along the shoreline.

"We slowly cruised over, shut off the engine and quietly floated," Hudson said.

Before they got too close, Teresa Bass put a telephoto lens on her camera and began taking photographs.

Hudson later shared the photos with coworker Amy Kearns and former DNR employee John Castrale, who used an orange color band on one wing and metal leg bands to identify the eagle as C43 — one of the original eagles released at Monroe when the Indiana DNR began its bald eagle restoration program in the late 1980s.

"I was kind of shocked," said Castrale, who supervised the DNR's release of bald eagles, peregrine falcons and ospreys before retiring last year.

"It felt like a team effort," Hudson said. "Me spotting the eagle, Teresa having a nice camera with a long lens to get a picture, and then coordinating with John and Amy to document a part of this bird's history."

Bass' long lens provided another surprise — a brood patch on C43's front.

"That indicates she's still raising young," Castrale said.

DNR records show that C43 was taken from a nest in Whitestone Harbor in southeastern Alaska on July 22, 1988.

"That makes her nearly 27 years old," Castrale said. "Most birds don't live that long."

In fact, the Bird Banding Laboratory at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Maryland has documented only six banded bald eagles that have lived longer. The lab's longevity record for a bald eagle is 33 years, 5 months.

"A few years ago we had one show up that may have been 23 years old," Castrale said. "I figured that was the last hacked bird I'd hear about, so this surprised me."

The terms "hacked" and "hacking" are borrowed from the sport of falconry and describe the process in reintroduction programs of releasing a juvenile bald eagle from a "hack" — a human-built elevated platform. The goal is to have the eagle imprint on the hack site and return as an adult to nest.

C43 was released from a Monroe Lake hacking tower on September 6, 1988. She was seen near a nest at Monroe in 1994 and is known to have returned to the lake sev-

eral other times. She also was sighted in Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee.

"She seems to be one of those frequently spotted (birds) early on, according to my old notes," said Al Parker, who worked with Castrale on the bald eagle restoration project in the 1980s. "Back then I called her Jenny."

Bald eagles were on the state and federal endangered species list when Indiana began its reintroduction program in 1985. In 1991, the first successful nesting occurred, and by last year there were an estimated 200-250 eagle nesting territories in Indiana.

Although bald eagles are no longer listed as endangered, they are protected by state and federal laws. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has established guidelines to avoid disturbing bald eagles, including staying at least 330 feet from nests.

Follow bald eagle activity at Monroe Lake on Facebook at [facebook.com/monroelake](https://www.facebook.com/monroelake).

### *Bike tour highlights Monroe Lake's cultural history, June 27*

Bicyclists can join an entry-level guided tour on Saturday, June 27, to learn about the cultural history of the Monroe Lake area.

"Bike Back in Time: The Mini Tour" begins at 8:30 a.m. and travels 12 miles over rolling hills.

At stops along the route, an interpreter will discuss how limestone shaped the development and identity of the people that settled in the Salt Creek communities during the 1800s and early 1900s. The tour will last about 2.5 hours.

The tour is limited to 15 people, and registration is required by June 23 at [bit.ly/bikemini2015](http://bit.ly/bikemini2015). Participants must be at least 15 years old and bring their own road bike or hybrid bike, helmet and water. The program fee is \$10 per person.

"Our normal bicycle tours are 25 to 40 miles long, which is too long for most beginner and recreational cyclists to tackle," said Jill Vance, Monroe Lake's interpretive naturalist. "The 12-mile distance of this mini tour should make it accessible for beginner-level riders."

The tour will begin and end at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers office on the southwest end of the lake.

For more information, call (812) 837-9967 or email [jvance@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:jvance@dnr.IN.gov).

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## Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton

NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

It has been typical Indiana weather; unpredictable. Forage growth and quality has really been good and with some of the early warm days and adequate moisture in most areas, it had the potential to get completely out of control. The question of stocking rate is generally one of the first things that comes to mind. How do I control spring madness and still have adequate forage later in the year? That question can make you stop and think a bit; especially with the unpredictability of Hoosier weather.

Like I mentioned last month, management should be geared towards controlling seed head production. Well, if that didn't happen, now what? The first thing I'll say here is you are not alone, and your animal numbers are probably close to where they should be so don't panic. During this rapid growth phase, I'm actually more worried about an operation that has no growth and the livestock has kept up with the forage. If you are short of forage this time of year, you won't have much if anything later in the year when the growth curve for our cool season forages dips due to hotter, drier conditions. Those shortfalls will have to be overcome by selling livestock or buying/feeding supplemental hay/feed. If that is what you want to do, I wish you the best of luck. I prefer to keep the animals on pasture and eating forages.

There has been quite a lot of hay baled up the past couple weeks. Yields slightly less than normal are more than perhaps a lack of adequate fertility, but a slight reduction in bulk dry matter due to grasses maturing slightly quicker than the average. Warmer and drier conditions in some areas a few weeks ago spurred the stress factoring earlier maturity, and unless you are grazing a fairly fast rotation with heavy numbers, it got ahead of you.

I would still continue to graze, letting the livestock take the best, hopefully slowing down the rest, and in the process reduce or knock down a high percentage of the seed heads. Weather varied a lot around the state in May, some getting adequate rainfall or a little too much in areas that were drier than normal. The areas that were drier have pushed forages to maturity a lot faster.

Clipping pastures while the seed head is still green and in what I would consider the milk or early dough stage of the seed, can do a fairly decent job in maintaining the remaining forage in decent quality. Once that seed head starts to dry off, too much energy has been utilized for seed production and the quality of the remaining plant will not be as good. When it comes to tall fescue and orchardgrass, but especially the tall fescue, the longer you wait to clip it and the more mature it is, generally the less it is consumed by the livestock if given a choice. If you would get down and stick your nose in it you'd understand some of the reason, not only is it lower in nutrition, but it is also rather jagged from mature stems.

If you let it get too far along, you are much better off to graze the site ideally with maintenance animals, not cows in peak lactation or growing animals who depend on higher quality. This grazing should be done in small strips or allotments letting them eat the best and laydown the rest. This does an excellent job with some good rest of revitalizing the forages for a later grazing period. There is a huge amount of hay that is put up in this stage. This will be fairly low quality hay usually with lower digestibility and crude protein in the 6-7% range. There is normally a lot more waste to this hay when it is fed as animals pick through it trying to find good stuff...sorry girls, no ice cream here, just broccoli. You are also removing nutrients from the field that will need to be replaced. I still believe that any field that is connected

to the main grazing/pasture system should be capable of being grazed and detached fields be utilized solely for hay production. No good reason to cut it for hay if you can graze it.

If you are lacking in forage already, most would automatically assume you are overstocked. Overstocking is more a matter of time than numbers. The amount of time that animals are allowed to be on a particular area is more important than the number of animals. One cow left on a single acre all spring is worse than 150,000 pounds of animals there for one day. Why, because the one cow will keep grazing the same areas over and over again which in the long run reduces plant health and diversity and encroachment of more and more undesirables as she keeps eating select forages and avoids the rest. You put a large group in on there for a day, between the mere amount of forage needed and less selectivity due to numbers and competition, everything is grazed much more evenly and the stand increases in diversity and quality over time along with better distribution of waste products.

Keeping the plant from the start in more of a vegetative stage with a reduced amount reaching seed production ensures more leaf area for photosynthesis, and more root production. More roots, more plant growth potential, more resilience to weather extremes.

So, if you are losing the battle on trying to keep forages from maturing, graze hard and fast, clip as you need to but before the seed heads matures, and strip graze at high intensity for short durations to bring back the rest. You might be surprised how much more grass you produce. Cut for hay as early as possible, but only if you have to. Jim Gerish has stated something along the lines of, "a producer will feed as much hay as he puts up; the more he puts up, the more he will feed." This is really the truth. I've watched guys cut so much hay that they had to feed hay at the same time. Put the cows to work, they don't mind and quit turning quite as many wheels.

Lastly, it is a good time to be thinking about planting summer annuals. Summer annuals including sorghum-sudan, sudangrass, millets, brassicas (turnips and the like) and a host of other things make for some good summer grazing during the cool season forage slump periods and allow those perennials to rest longer and maintain more growth that almost always boosts fall production. Annuals also make good forage when renovating pastures, especially if you are wanting to make sure you eliminate most or all of the existing vegetation; it gives you a nice window to grow something that can be utilized and observe that the field is ready to reestablish and void of the previous lower quality forage. Perennial cool season forages can then be replanted starting in early August through mid-September.

Keep all tall cool season forages such as tall fescue, bromes, and orchardgrass no shorter than 4 inches; that is what I call the STOP grazing height. Re-enter and start grazing again when forages have reached at least 8 to 10 inches and then remove again when the shortest plants are 4 inches. That residual material is enough to maintain the solar panel and keep that plant growing and producing.

Keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities

Grazing 102 to be held — Still Time to Register! — June 9-10, 2015 at SIPAC. Grazing 102 is a grazing school designed to help producers understand the main concepts of grazing management. For more information, contact Jason Tower at [towerj@purdue.edu](mailto:towerj@purdue.edu) or 812-678-4427.

# Rates of new melanomas – deadly skin cancers – have doubled over last three decades

Melanoma rates doubled between 1982 and 2011 but comprehensive skin cancer prevention programs could prevent 20 percent of new cases between 2020 and 2030, according to this month's Vital Signs report.

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the U.S., and melanoma is the most deadly type of skin cancer. More than 90 percent of melanoma skin cancers are due to skin cell damage from ultraviolet (UV) radiation exposure. Melanoma rates increased from 11.2 per 100,000 in 1982 to 22.7 per 100,000 in 2011. The report notes that without additional community prevention efforts, melanoma will continue to increase over the next 15 years, with 112,000 new cases projected in 2030. The annual cost of treating new melanoma cases is projected to nearly triple from \$457 million in 2011 to \$1.6 billion in 2030.

This Vital Signs report shows that melanoma is responsible for more than 9,000 skin cancer deaths each year. In 2011, more than 65,000 melanoma skin cancers were diagnosed. By 2030, according to the report, effective community skin cancer prevention programs could prevent an estimated 230,000 melanoma skin cancers and save \$2.7 billion dollars in treatment costs. Successful programs feature community efforts that combine education, mass media campaigns, and policy changes to increase skin protection for children and adults.

"Melanoma is the deadliest form of skin cancer, and it's on the rise," said CDC Director Tom Frieden, M.D., M.P.H. "Protect yourself from the sun by wearing a hat and clothes that cover your skin. Find some shade if you're outside, especially in the middle of the day when the dangerous rays from the sun are most intense, and apply broad-spectrum sunscreen."

Researchers reviewed data from CDC's National Program of Cancer Registries and the National Cancer Institute's Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results Program

(SEER) to help determine the increase in melanoma rates.

"The rate of people getting melanoma continues to increase every year compared to the rates of most other cancers, which are declining," said Lisa Richardson, MD, MPH, Director of the Division of Cancer Prevention and Control. "If we take action now, we can prevent hundreds of thousands of new cases of skin cancers, including melanoma, and save billions of dollars in medical costs."

This Vital Signs report highlights the recommendations for communities from the Community Guide for Preventive Services. Communities can increase shade on playgrounds, at public pools, and other public spaces, promote sun protection in recreational areas, encourage employers, child-care centers, schools, and colleges to educate about sun safety and skin protection, and restrict the availability and use of indoor tanning by minors. Everyone is encouraged to protect their skin with protective clothing, wide-brimmed hats, broad-spectrum SPF sunscreen, and seek shade outdoors.

Through the Affordable Care Act, more Americans will qualify to get healthcare coverage that fits their needs and budget, including important preventive services. Behavioral counseling is now provided with no cost-sharing to counsel people aged 10-24 years with fair skin about limiting their exposure to UV radiation to reduce risk of skin cancer. Visit Healthcare.gov or call 1-800-318-2596 (TTY/TDD 1-855-889-4325) to learn more.

To learn about CDC's efforts to prevent skin cancer, visit: [www.cdc.gov/cancer/skin](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/skin).

Vital Signs is a report that appears on the first Tuesday of the month as part of the CDC journal Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. The report provides the latest data and information on key health indi-

**LET'S START NOW** Community skin cancer prevention programs can prevent future melanoma cases and decrease treatment costs.

**21,000** Melanoma cases prevented every year beginning in 2020 through 2030.

**\$250 Million** Projected savings every year beginning in 2020 through 2030.

SOURCE: CDC Vital Signs, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, June 2015.

cators. These are cancer prevention, obesity, tobacco use, motor vehicle passenger safety, prescription drug overdose, HIV/AIDS, alcohol use, health care-associated infections, cardiovascular health, teen pregnancy, and food safety.

## Annual Heartland Half Marathon gearing up for Labor Day Weekend

The 2015 Heartland Half Marathon, one of the area's premier sporting events, is once again gearing up for the fourth annual event scheduled to take place during Labor Day Weekend on Saturday, September 5. The events will include a half marathon, 5K, and team challenge.

The races will begin at 7:30 a.m. ET in the shadow of the Jasper Train Depot in Jasper along the banks of the Patoka River and will finish in the shade along the same river just a stone's throw away. This scenic course takes half marathon runners along a hilly route through commercial and residential neighborhoods with challenging peaks midway through the race. The 5K starts and ends in the same location as the half marathon, but splits to take a different course close to the start of the race. The routes once again merge during the last leg of the race, which takes runners along the scenic Jasper Riverwalk.

The team challenge is a relay comprised of a four-person team, and follows the same

course as the Heartland Half Marathon. The first runner in the relay will travel 4.2 miles then pass along his/her timing chip to the second runner. The second runner will then run 3.6 miles and pass along the chip. The third runner will run 2.5 miles, and final runner finishes off with the remaining 2.75 miles.

The registration fee for the half marathon is \$50 if registered by June 21, increasing to \$60 between June 22 and August 14. After August 14, cost for the half marathon is \$70. The 5K and team challenge registration fee is \$20 per person by June 21, increasing to \$25 thereafter. Pre-registrants will receive a technical shirt, and the first 500 half marathoners to preregister will also receive a special race gift. Registration can be completed online at [active.com](http://active.com) or at [heartlandhalfmarathon.com](http://heartlandhalfmarathon.com).

For anyone interested in training with others in preparation for the Heartland Half Marathon, the Southern Indiana Wolfpack, based in Jasper, sponsors a free training pro-



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## LHS Softball season comes to a close

BY GREG CLARK  
LHS Head Softball Coach

And just like that, the season is over. What started mere weeks ago has come to a close. Team 20's season is over, losing to North Daviess in Sectional 63 action, 0-10 in six innings. While the Lions just never seemed to be able to get anything going, the Cougars put together two innings where they grouped some hits together and were able to score five runs in each inning. Congrats to the Cougars and good luck in the tournament.

Let's talk about our 2015 graduates. Rielley Graber came to us as a sophomore, and is leaving us after her junior year to move on to bigger and brighter things in college and then beyond. Rielley has had some great moments for us in the field and at the plate, and we wish her well as she moves on to those college years. Best wishes for success Rielley, we know you will achieve great things.

Taylor Kaiser also graduated with the 2015 class. Taylor had made plans to graduate early last year, but decided against early graduation and instead flourished as a senior. By staying for her senior year, she was able to have a leading role in the school musical, Annie, and was able to play softball. Taylor, we also wish you well as you pursue your college degree. We know you will achieve great things in life and we wish you well on your journey.

Waylee Wagoner is another one of our graduates set on a course to achieve wonderful things. Her accomplishments on the softball field will fail to compare with what this young lady will achieve. Already set to be a cheerleader for Indiana University,

Waylee has the determination and ability to become anything she wishes to become. We wish you well on your trip to greatness.

Lauren Bowling did some things for us on the softball field that few have done. She turned two double plays in the same game, she hit a home run, hit triples, hit doubles and drove in a lot of runs. But one of the biggest things she did, she did what was best for the team, and took the second base position, and in one season, played as well as anyone could ask. We know Lauren has great things in front of her, and we wish her well on life's journey.

Chassidy Bridges has brought greatness to the circle for her years here at Loogootee. Pitchers are created year round and Chassidy's determination and dedication to her craft paid off very well. While things have not yet been sorted out in the softball records, I'm sure we will see Chassidy's name listed there. We also wish Chas the best as she pursues her dreams and we know that great things await you in life as well.

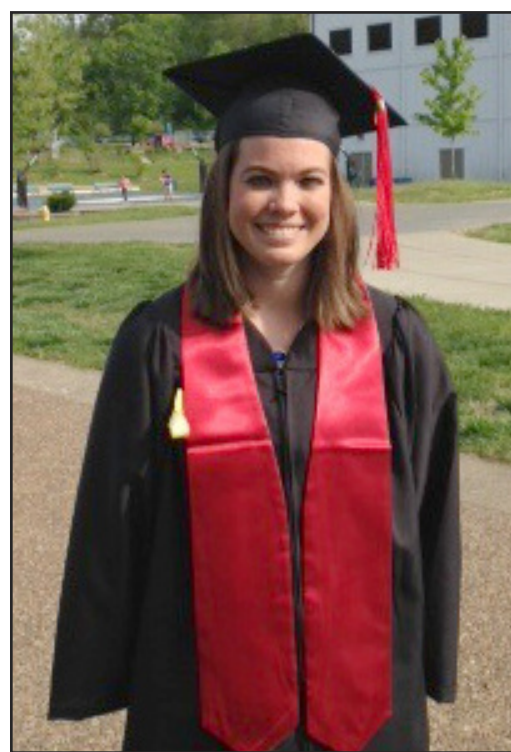
For our returning players and incoming freshmen (Team 21), the summer is when you can refine your skills, become better and hone your craft. Learn a new position, perfect your swing, condition. Of course, this is all done voluntarily on your part. We coaches, Greg Clark, Kelly LaMar, Steph Chambers, Travis Davis, and Bre Truelove Winger are here six days a week and willing to help you become the player you desire to become. There is a schedule posted in the clubhouse and on the equipment cabinet in the dugout. We hope that you will find time to work out with us over the summer. We will be there for you.

Thank you all for a very good 2015 season!

## Loogootee's Bell steals show

BY GREG CLARK  
LHS Head Softball Coach

Loogootee's Julianne Bell lead off the game with a home run over the right field fence, singled in the 2nd inning, then stole



### USI Graduate

Jill Taylor recently received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Magna Cum Laude at the University of Southern Indiana graduation ceremonies. The ceremony for the College of Nursing and Health Professions was held on Saturday, May 2, at the campus of USI in Evansville. Jill also received a minor in Nutrition while attending USI. She has accepted a position in the surgery department at St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville. Jill is a 2011 graduate of Loogootee High School and is the daughter of Greg and Lisa Taylor. Congratulations Jill!!

second, third and home, then tripled and scored to ignite the Lions in their 5-1 game 2 Sectional win over Shoals in Sectional 63 action.

Chassidy Bridges scattered eight hits over seven innings to earn the win, bringing her record to 13-7 and the team's to 15 and 7.

Lauren Bowling led the way with the glove as she turned two double plays. Lauren made great plays on a couple of flairs that could just as easily have dropped, but Bowling made the plays and then fired to first to double the runners off. Late in the game, Julianne Bell made a couple of nice catches on foul balls and Waylee Wagoner played great in center making nice catch after nice catch.

At the plate, Rielley Graber tripled, Lauren Bowling doubled and Mayson Riley went 2-3, while Waylee Wagoner went 4-4.

## VU Dean's List for spring semester 2015

The Vincennes University Dean's List for Spring 2015 includes students from the Vincennes campus, Jasper campus, Aviation Technology Center in Indianapolis, military bases, and other extended sites. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must complete at least 12 credit hours and achieve a grade point index of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.

### MARTIN COUNTY

Loogootee: Brittney L. Church, April N. Crew, Amanda D. Dorsey, Scott R. Duzan, Jesse L. Horney, Audra A. Lannan, Kathleen R. Stempf, Janelle D. Stoll, Morgan A. Walker, and Emily C. Yoder

Shoals: Dillon K. Cornett, Christin D. Johnson, Cody S. McCormick, and Briana R. Wagler



## Success!

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Mrs. Mullen's class and the Loogootee Elementary School collected pop tabs all school year and ended up with well over a million tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House in Indianapolis. Students celebrated last week and Kelly Thien, a representative from the Ronald McDonald House of Indiana presented a plaque to Mrs. Sarah Mullen and to the school (at right). Shown above are Loogootee Elementary students who collected tabs.



## Loogootee Elementary Honor Roll

### THIRD GRADE

High honors: Alex Adams, Mackenzie Craney, Leighton Jeffers, Luke Lengacher, Abbi Nonte, Taetum Patton, Conner Swartzentruber, Isaac Waggner, Drew Walker, Reis Whitney, Alivia Willis, and Sydnee Wittmer

Honor roll: Brandon Bledsoe, Austin Cagle, Chance Carrico, Lakya Epple, Elizabeth Gerkin, Ashlynn Gilbert, Samuel Graber, Carter Harbison, Reuben Harker, Allie Henninger, Chrislynn Holland, Brock Kain, Madison Machmer, Russell Mauder, Zoe Nicholson, Aubri Sanders, and Luke Venters

### FOURTH GRADE

## Public hearing to be held on VU tuition increase

Regarding proposed administrative tuition/fee increase a public hearing will be held Friday, June 12 at 1:30 p.m. (EDT) in Learning Resources Center Room 167, 130 E. College Avenue, Vincennes on the Vincennes University - Vincennes Campus

Two-way videoconference to VU Jasper Campus, Indianapolis Aviation Technology Center, Gibson County Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Logistics, and the Plainfield Logistics Training and Education Center

Vincennes University is proposing to raise its tuition for full-time students \$200 for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017. In addition, Vincennes University will freeze its room and board rates for the 2015-2016 academic

High honors: Parker Arvin, Lucas Brittain, Kyleigh Courter, Abbey Fischer, Maddie Fischer, Noah Knight, Bridget Like, Kage Lyon, Ashley Nail, Mallorie Sutton, Matthew Wagler, and Wayden Wagoner

Honor roll: Lacie Arthur, Judd Bledsoe, Zoey Brassine, Isaac Eagle, Ethan Earley, Linsey England, Madison Esch, Euan Graves, Bri Greene, Claire Kemp, Symphony Lantz, Shawna Mason, Lindsey Nolan, Kortni Rumble, Ashley Sargent, Madyson Simmons, Kaylynn Sims, Ava Summers, Brooklyn Summers, Jacob Tedrow, Ana Toy, Ashden Walton, Ethan White, and Morgen Wolfe

Together, these two proposed adjustments create a 1.42 percent increase for full-time residential students in the upcoming 2015-2016 academic year. This proposal will represent the lowest increase in these combined rates spanning multiple decades.

Proposed increases will cover rising instructional, operating, repair, and rehabilitation costs.

## Loogootee Softball Camp

Loogootee Softball Summer Camp for incoming third through sixth grades will be held June 17, 18, and 19 and incoming junior high girls on June 24, 25, and 26. Both sessions are from 3 to 5 p.m. each day and the camps are free.

Instructors will be teaching proper throwing techniques, how to receive the ball, hitting instruction, fielding instruction, pitching instruction and catching instruction. The LHS coaching staff will be providing the instruction.

Send student's name, grade, parent's name, address and phone number along with an emergency contact name and number to LHS Softball Camp 601 North Line Street, Loogootee, IN 47553. You can also drop off the information on the first day of camp.

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Before (above) and after (below) of the new Franklin Well Services headquarters in downtown Vincennes at 400 Main Street. The 35,000-square-foot space previously housed a department store.



## Oil and gas company relocating headquarters from Illinois to Indiana

Governor Mike Pence joined executives from Franklin Well Services Inc., a provider of oil well servicing, Tuesday to announce the company's plans to relocate its headquarters from Lawrenceville, Illinois, to Vincennes, creating up to 92 new high-wage jobs by 2018.

"Indiana's reputation continues to draw businesses like Franklin Well Services across state lines," said Pence. "With our focus on cutting red tape and our low cost of business, Indiana is a state that companies can rely on to help provide the highest return on their investment and offer the best opportunity for accelerated economic growth."

Franklin Well Services will relocate its headquarters to downtown Vincennes, repurposing a vacant 35,000-square-foot space, which was previously a department store, at 400 Main Street. The company will also refurbish the building's exterior, making it consistent with the historic character on Main Street. Franklin Well Services has already started transitioning employees and equipment from Illinois to its new location, with plans to complete construction by the end of summer.

The new headquarters will be home to the company's executive management team as well as its sales, accounting, legal and human resources departments. Average hourly wages are expected to be more than two times the Knox County average.

"We have been fortunate as a company to have significant growth in our industry and based on this growth, we began exploring the necessity of relocating into a centralized corporate headquarters," said Don Jones, president of Franklin Well Services. "This journey brought us to Vincennes. Here, we can offer our employees the quality of life they expect, which will benefit our business recruitment and retention needs. The Vincennes community and the state of Indiana provide a business environment where we can continue to grow and prosper."

Franklin Well Services, a family-owned business, has provided services for im-

proved extraction of gas and oil for more than 30 years. The company, which is a sister company of independent oil producer Pioneer Oil Company, is currently the largest provider of well stimulation, cementing and drilling fluids services throughout Illinois, Indiana and western Kentucky.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered Franklin Well Services up to \$3,800,000 in conditional tax credits based on the company's job creation plans. These tax credits are performance-based, meaning until Hoosiers are hired, the company is not eligible to claim incentives. The city of Vincennes will consider additional incentives at the request of the Knox County Development Corporation.

"I am excited that Franklin Well Services has decided to relocate their headquarters to downtown Vincennes," said Vincennes Mayor Joe Yochum. "This is not only good for our city, but for the state of Indiana as well. I look forward to collaboration between the city and the Knox County Development Corporation to ensure a successful transition and to build on the recent economic additions to Indiana's First Main Street."

About Franklin Well Services  
Franklin Acidizing Service operated in Clay City, Illinois, since the early 1980s. In 1994, it was purchased by Franklin Well Services and relocated to Lawrenceville, Illinois. Since that time, Franklin has evolved into the premier oil and gas service company in the Illinois Basin.

About IEDC  
The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) leads the state of Indiana's economic development efforts, focusing on helping companies grow in and locate to the state. Governed by a 12-member board chaired by Governor Mike Pence, the IEDC manages many initiatives, including performance-based tax credits, workforce training grants, public infrastructure assistance, and talent attraction and retention efforts. For more information about the IEDC, visit [www.iedc.in.gov](http://www.iedc.in.gov).

## Hoosier State nears peak employment

Indiana is just 7,800 jobs shy of the state's peak employment of 2,612,600 private sector jobs in March 2000, according to the latest Bureau of Labor Statistics released last Wednesday by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

"With more than 112,000 jobs added since January 2013, Indiana continues to see positive growth in the private sector," said Victor Smith, Indiana Secretary of Commerce. "We have worked hard to create a low-cost, fiscally predictable business environment in the state to allow our businesses the confidence and the opportunity to grow."

In April, Indiana's private sector gained 10,600 new jobs, which is more than double the average monthly job growth of about 4,000 over the last two years. The growth rate, .4 percent, is twice the rate of overall U.S. employment growth last month.

This data comes on the heels of other good news for business in Indiana. Last Tuesday, General Motors Co. (NYSE: GM)

announced it will invest \$1.2 billion to enhance and expand its operations at the Fort Wayne Assembly plant, marking a long-term commitment to Northeast Indiana and paving the way for future growth in the state. And earlier this month, Indiana ranked first in the Midwest and sixth nationwide as the best place to do business by Chief Executive magazine. It was the only Midwest-ern state ranked in the top 10.

"Indiana's economic future relies on seamless collaboration between government, business and communities throughout the state," said Smith. "We will continue to do our part and seek new strategies, like the Regional Cities Initiative, to ensure the continued growth of jobs in Indiana for years to come."

Last year, Indiana companies committed to investing \$4.38 billion and creating up to 25,317 private sector jobs in the coming years. Already this year, companies have committed to another \$3.06 billion in capital investment and more than 11,000 new jobs.

## Update on HIV outbreak in Scott County

State health officials announced Tuesday that the number of HIV cases in the southeastern Indiana outbreak is now at 166 cases (163 confirmed and three preliminary positive).

The Community Outreach Center, including the needle exchange, has changed their hours of operation, effective on May 26. Hours of operation are:

- Monday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Tuesday: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Thursday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Friday, Saturday and Sunday: Closed

If there is an individual who has a need for a service outside of the hours of operation, please refer to the following:

- Indiana State Department of Health HIV Hotline: 866-588-4948
- HIV Testing and/or Information: Scott County Health Dept, 812-752-8455
- Mental Health & Addiction Services: LifeSpring Health Systems, 812-752-2837
- Urgent Medical Services: Scott County Memorial Hospital, 812-752-3456

## Free new and small business tax presentation in Daviess County

The Indiana Department of Revenue, in partnership with the Daviess County Chamber of Commerce, will conduct a free business tax presentation on Thursday, June 4 in Daviess County from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. ETD at Loyal Order of Moose, 301 E. Highland Avenue, Washington, IN 475301.

Understanding taxes is one of the biggest challenges facing new and small businesses. The presentation, "Start Strong: Indiana Business Taxes for New and Small Businesses," addresses pertinent tax information for new and small businesses.

The free seminar will cover business taxes in Indiana, including sales tax and income tax withholding. Attendees will be given an opportunity to have questions answered by an experienced department representative.

Register for this free event at <http://bit.ly/1EYuAuX> or by contacting Katie McLearn at (317) 234-8587 or via email at [kmclearn@dor.in.gov](mailto:kmclearn@dor.in.gov).

For a full list of upcoming business outreach presentations, visit <http://in.gov/dor/5176.htm>.

## One-Stop Shop Update at the Community Outreach Center

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

- Total Visitors: 960
- Total Services Utilized: 1,587
- HIV Testing: 307
- Immunizations: 351
- Bureau of Motor Vehicles: 126
- LifeSpring Mental Health Services: 96
- HIV Care Coordination: 89
- Department of Health Vital Records: 219
- Family and Social Services Administration (HIP 2.0 enrollment): 356
- Job Referrals through Indiana Department of Workforce Development: 43
- Scott County Needle Exchange Program Update
- Total Individuals Participating in the Needle Exchange: 175
- Estimated Needles Brought In: \*21,276
- \*Needles brought in include both from the needle exchange program and community returned needles.
- Total Needles Provided: 21,697

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# New program seeks to serve low-income, homeless and at-risk rural veterans

**BY LINDA HUGHES-KIRCHUBEL**  
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The Military Family Research Institute at Purdue University announced Wednesday, May 27 the Reaching Rural Veterans initiative, a new effort that will help address needs of low-income, homeless and at-risk rural veterans in Indiana and Kentucky.

The Reaching Rural Veterans project is a collaboration among MFRI, Purdue Extension, the VA Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, U.S. Department of Agriculture and the University of Kentucky.

Funded by the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Office of Rural Health, the project will provide grants, education and resources to faith-based food pantries in rural areas in order to mobilize communities to provide resources and services that address the needs of military and veteran families.

The mission of the VHA Office of Rural Health is to improve access and quality of care for enrolled rural and highly rural veterans by developing evidence-based policies and innovative practices to support the unique needs of veterans residing in geographically remote areas. This is consistent with the goals of the collaborating partners.

As part of the grant process, faith-based communities will be provided with materials and education about the strengths and

struggles of military and veteran families. In addition, MFRI will help them reach out to veteran- and military-specific service organizations that can provide services at faith-based food pantries.

Participating pantries may also be asked to participate in Point-in-Time Counts, which are required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Every year HUD requires communities to conduct counts of people living in emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Every other year, HUD requires communities to conduct counts of people living in a place unfit for human habitation such as under bridges, in parks or in unoccupied buildings.

In some years, including this year, both sheltered and unsheltered counts are conducted.

Correctly counting a community's homeless veterans and families can impact the amount of monetary aid and resources for veteran and military families in the rural areas being served through the Reaching Rural Veterans Project.

Faith-based food pantries will be invited to complete an application to receive a small grant and resource toolkit that can assist in understanding members of the military, veterans and their families.

Addressing a community's needs for food, shelter and employment is an important step in establishing stronger bonds between faith-based communities and the military and veteran populations," said

Martina Sternberg, assistant director of the Military Family Research Institute. "We are thrilled to be collaborating with such excellent partners and to be able to increase resources for military-affiliated families who live in rural areas."

Participating Organizations:  
\* VHA Office of Rural Health: The VA Office of Rural Health works to optimize the use of available and emerging technologies, establish new access points to care, and employ strategies to increase

health-care options for all rural veterans. (<http://www.ruralhealth.va.gov/>)

\* VA Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships: The VA Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships develop partnerships with, provide relevant information to and expand participation of faith-based, nonprofit and community/neighborhood organizations to better serve the needs of veterans and their families. (<http://www1.va.gov/cfbnpartnerships/>)

## Applications period open for Homeland Security Foundation Scholarships

The Indiana Homeland Security Foundation is now accepting applications for the Secure Indiana Scholarship Program. The deadline to apply is July 1, 2015.

Eighteen scholarships are available to Hoosiers. The scholarships reward those who volunteer with public safety organizations, and are made available to both full-time and part-time college students. Scholarships are funded through the sale of "Secure Indiana" license plates.

Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Attends or will be attending an accredited Indiana college.
- Must have at least a 2.8 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Volunteers with a public safety organization such as a fire department, emergency management agency, law enforcement

agency or emergency medical services. This must be validated by the agency's chief executive.

A full-time student with at least 12 credit hours is eligible for a \$2,000 scholarship and a part-time student with at least six credit hours is eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship. At least one scholarship is available in each of the nine congressional district. For a map of the districts, visit [www.in.gov/dhs/files/Congressional\\_Dist\\_Map.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dhs/files/Congressional_Dist_Map.pdf).

The deadline to apply is July 1, 2015. Those who are interested in submitting an application can contact the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) Grant Management Section at [grants@dhs.in.gov](mailto:grants@dhs.in.gov).

For more information on the Indiana Homeland Security Foundation, visit [in.gov/dhs/2363.htm](http://in.gov/dhs/2363.htm).

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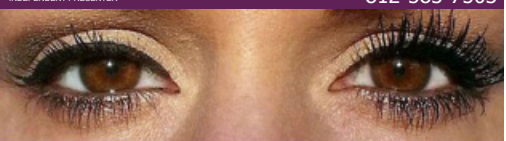
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**DR. RICHARD HELTON**

## VU President Richard Helton to retire

Dr. Richard Helton is retiring as president of Vincennes University effective July 31, 2015. Helton submitted his intent to retire at the VU Board of Trustee meeting on May 27. Helton is the longest serving president of Indiana's public institutions for higher education.

Trustee Board Chair J.R. Gaylor calls Helton "a transformational leader" for the University. "Dr. Helton has been a gifted leader who has united trustees, administration, faculty and staff, alumni, and the community with a shared and focused direction and purpose," Gaylor said.

With Helton's arrival in 2004, Gaylor said Helton brought immediate stability to VU and went on to lead Indiana's First College to historic growth. System-wide headcount enrollment last fall surpassed 19,000 students marking eight years of continuous growth.

Helton has led an ever growing number of partnerships with major employers, secondary schools and career centers, armed forces, and communities. "VU is particularly proud of the articulation agreements with the Purdue College of Engineering that allow students to complete a bachelor's degree in engineering at the Vincennes and Jasper campuses, as well as the Gibson County Center," Gaylor said.

Far beyond the borders of Indiana, VU's Military Education Program continues to grow, making VU the number one provider of education aboard deployed U.S. Coast Guard Cutters, third largest provider of educational services to the U.S. Coast Guard, and one of the largest providers to the military in the nation.

VU is the premier credit transfer university in Indiana.

Helton is retiring to serve his family. "Dick and Cindy will be moving to Cleveland, Ohio, to lend support to their daughter who continues to face major health challenges, along with her young family of a one-year-old and three-year-old," Gaylor said.

"The state of Vincennes University is strong and moving forward and will continue playing an ever increasing role in moving Indiana forward. 'Learn in order to Serve' continues to be more than VU's motto. It is VU's guiding star of service to our community, state, nation, and most important, to the students of Vincennes University. The University has been privileged to have Dr. Richard Helton to serve as a personal example of that motto," Gaylor said.

Helton thanked the Board, Board Chair Gaylor, administration, staff, and faculty, saying that the past 11 years have been "very special" for both himself and his wife Cindy.

"I remember my first speech to the faculty in 2004. The only promise I made was that I would work tirelessly for this University. I hope I've done that in the eyes of people with whom I've worked over the years. I've had such a strong passion for public education, and a real passion for VU's niche - a special niche - in higher education. As I think about all of the associations I've had over the years, I can't think of an institution that has been more important to our state as well as students who have come to us from other states. Every student who comes here gets our full effort," Helton said.

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## YARD SALES

**GARAGE SALE** Saturday, June 6, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. 13201 Mount Calvary Road. Girl clothes size 7/8; toys, puzzles, children's DVDs, books, changing table, stroller, tools, ceiling fan, small stereo, men's clothing XL-XXL, women's clothing M-L, and misc household goods

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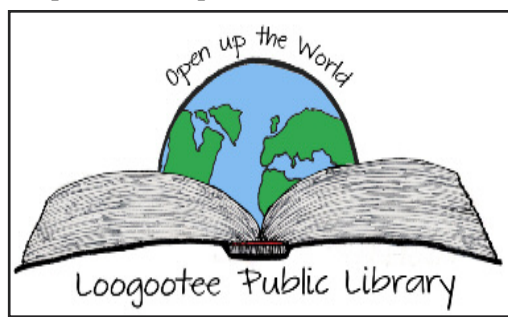


By Ann Ackerman



I certainly hope my friend Betty Mills is reading this in Heaven. Over the years we had some good laughs in the high school office when reading excuses kids were required to bring to school after an absence. The following are not local but are actual notes written by parents in the Grand Rapids School District. Spelling has been left intact:

1. My son is under a doctor's care and should not take PE today. Please execute him.
2. Please excuse Lisa for being absent she was sick and I had her shot.
3. Dear school: please excuse John being absent on Jan. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and also 33.
4. Please excuse Roland from p.e. for a few days. Yesterday he fell out of a tree and misplaced his hip.



**BY DARLA WAGLER**  
 Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The summer reading program started June 1 for area kids ages 3-12 but kids can still register. "Every Hero Has A Story" includes superheroes as well as community heroes and is sponsored by German American Bank. There will be a FREE Big Hero 6 movie night on Saturday, June 6 at 9 p.m. outside under the stars. Refreshments will be provided and the entire family is invited to attend. Pre-registration is required. This will be canceled if rain.

On Friday, June 12 at 2 p.m., the kids registered in the summer reading program will meet at the fire station located next to the city pool. Fireman Eric Thomas will talk about fire safety. The fire truck will be displayed for kids to view plus an extra bonus is the Air Evac helicopter will land and kids will get an up close and personal look at the actual helicopter used in medical rescues.

FOLL (Friends of the Loogootee Library) will have a yard/book sale from 8 a.m.-noon on Saturday, June 20. There are lots of nice items available as well as books for this upcoming sale.

The library hours are Monday and Tuesday 10-7, Wednesday closed, Thursday and Friday 10-5 and Saturday 9-1. The phone number is 812-295-3713 or check out the website [www.loogootee.lib.in.us](http://www.loogootee.lib.in.us) or like us on Facebook. The library has free wi-fi service available for patrons.

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5. John has been absent because he had two teeth taken out of his face.

6. Megan could not come to school today because she has been bothered by very close veins.

7. Chris will not be in school cus he has an acre in his side.

8. Please excuse tommy for being absent yesterday. He had diarrhea, and his boots leak.

9. Irving was absent yesterday because he missed his bust.

10. Please excuse jimmy for being. It was his father's fault.

11. I kept Billie home because she had to go Christmas shopping because I don't know what size she wear.

12. Please excuse Jennifer for missing school yesterday. We forgot to get the Sunday paper off the porch, and when we found it Monday. We thought it was Sunday.

13. Sally won't be in school a week from Friday. We have to attend her funeral.

14. Gloria was absent yesterday as she was having a gangover.

15. Maryann was absent December 11-16, because she had a fever, sorethroat, headache and upset stomach. Her sister was also sick, fever an sore throat, her brother had a low grade fever and ached all over. I wasn't the best either, sore throat and fever... There must be something going around, her father even got hot last night.

### A TRAIN RIDE TO THINK ABOUT

At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel on our side. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.

As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant, i.e. our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of our life. Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats. This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers, requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

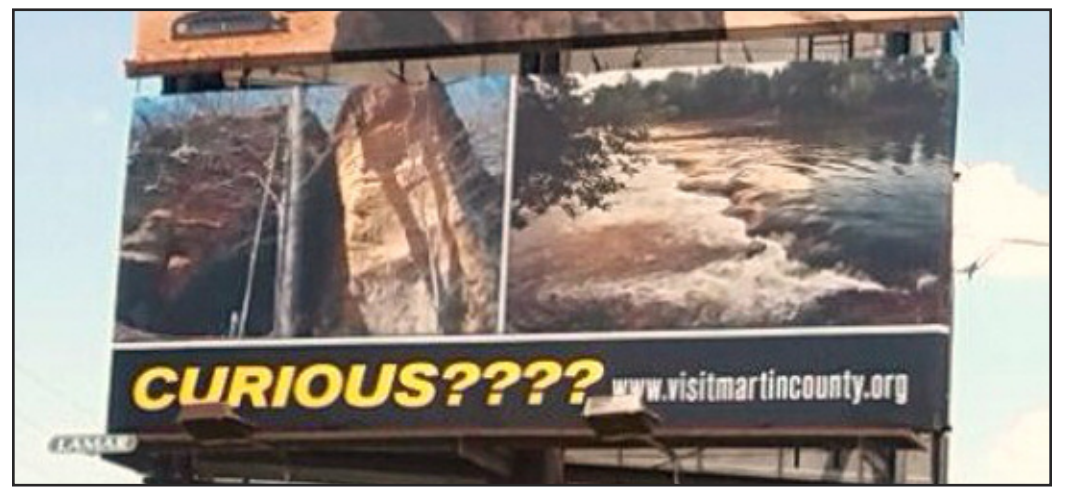
I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life. Reap success and give lots of love. More importantly, thank GOD for the journey.

Lastly, I thank you for being one of the passengers on my train.

One day, we will see our animals again in the eternity of Christ. Paradise is open to all of God's creatures. -Pope Francis

### Make someone smile today! Historical society on facebook

Martin County Historical Society recently joined Facebook. You can follow them at Martin County Historical Society Indiana. They will be sharing local history through stories, photos, and information of upcoming events. If anyone has questions about the county's history this will be a very helpful place to go. Page administrators encourage everyone to share this page with friends.



-Photo provided

## Tourism

The Martin County Tourism Council has leased a billboard in Loogootee, located on the south side of US 50 just west of the old Shopko store, in the car wash entrance. It can be seen as you are heading east on US 50. The main intent of sign is to direct people to the [www.visitmartincounty.org](http://www.visitmartincounty.org) website.

## Calendar of Events

### Talk to a lawyer clinic

The next talk to a lawyer telephone clinic will take place Thursday, June 4 from 4:30 p.m. CST to 7 p.m. CST (5:30-8 EST). The telephone numbers to reach the clinic are 812-618-4845 and 888-594-3449. Anyone can access the telephone clinic and ask general legal questions regarding Indiana law.

### On the Home Front

By Linda Evans-Dillon  
 Martin County Veteran Service Officer

The veteran service officer has an office in the Martin County Courthouse. The hours are Monday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. An appointment isn't required but suggested as there are times I am out of the office meeting with or visiting veterans in the community.

**DRIVERS NEEDED** for the veterans' van. I am aware that we all have very busy lives and very little free time which is why I am looking for reliable drivers to add to my call list. I am looking for **VOLUNTEERS** that are willing to transport a veteran possibly one trip a week to medical appointments in the surrounding area. This is not a paid position but I am able to provide \$10 a trip as long as there is money in the "Thank the Driver Fund". You must have an Indiana license and a clean driving record. If interested please contact me. I want to thank the customers of the Legion and VFW in Loogootee for contributing to the Thank the Driver Fund with their donations.

During the month of April the CVSO assisted 11 veterans, had four meetings, took one veteran run, attended no funerals and visited the Legion's and VFW's in Crane, Loogootee and Shoals twice. The veterans' van took nine trips transporting 10 veterans to VA medical centers and clinics.

The Honor Flight has one trip still available this year. It is scheduled for October 24. Any WWII, Korea or Vietnam veteran interested please contact me for more information.

The Veterans Choice Program is a new, temporary benefit that allows eligible veterans to receive health care in their communities rather than waiting for a VA appointment or traveling to a VA facility. Veterans seeking to use the Veterans Choice Program should call 1-866-606-8198 to confirm their eligibility and to schedule an appointment.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that it will change the calculation used to determine the distance between a veteran's residence and the nearest VA medical facility from a straight line distance to driving distance. Any veteran denied because of distance should try again.

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### Boy Scouts

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### Solid waste board

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### Humane society meetings

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

### Tourism meetings

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

### Soil and Water meetings

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



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