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Sherfick honored

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The Martin County Sheriff's Merit Board met on Wednesday, May 30 at the sheriff's office for a regular session. Items on the agenda included the promotion of Deputy Tyler Reed to the rank of Corporal and the resignation of Gene Sherfick from the merit board. Mr. Sherfick was a charter member of the Sheriff's Merit Board and also the residing president since 1981. Gene was originally appointed to the board by Sheriff John Hunt in 1981. In honor of his 37 years of service to Martin County and the sheriff's office, Gene was presented with a plaque and the United States flag that has flown above the Sheriff's Office, by Sheriff Roush, former Sheriff Tony Dant, and his fellow merit board members. Sheriff Roush has appointed Larry Sherfick as Gene's successor.

Council approves money requests, abatement statements

The Martin County Council met Monday, June 4. Councilmen present were C. Richard Summers, Randy L. Winger, James A. Stiles, J. Keith Gibson and Councilwomen Barbara McFeater and M. Lynn Gee. Councilman Warren D. Albright was unable to attend. Also attending were Auditor January Roush, Sheriff Travis Roush, Tim Kinder, Martin County Alliance and Becky Guthrie, Ride Solutions/Four Rivers.

Becky Guthrie, Ride Solutions, came before the council to request additional funds in the 2018 budget. She is requesting \$2,000 be allocated for Ride Solutions. Ride Solutions has been in the county for 18 years and saw an increase of almost 1,500 rides from 2016 to 2017.

Councilwoman Gee made a motion to approve an additional appropriation from the general fund, auditor, capital outlay, software update-\$3,380. Councilman Stiles made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Councilman Winger made a motion to approve an additional appropriation from the jury fee fund, other services and charges, jury expense-\$2,500. Councilman Stiles made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Tim Kinder, Martin County Alliance,

presented to the council the Statement of Benefits CF-1's that all taxpayers who receive abatements are required to file with the county. Auditor Roush sent CF-1's to the council prior to the meeting for review.

The USG CF-1 saw an increase in employees from 213 to 221. Councilman Winger made a motion to approve the United State Gypsum Company CF-1. Councilman Stiles made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Indian Creek Quarries also saw an increase in employees from 9 to 16. Councilwoman Gee made a motion to approve the Indian Creek Quarries CF-1. Councilwoman McFeaters made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Councilman Stiles made a motion to approve the Wagbaugh Property LLC CF-1. Councilwoman McFeaters made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Councilwoman Gee made a motion to approve Martin County One, LLC CF-1. Councilman Gibson made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Councilman Stiles made a motion to approve the CF-1 for Martin County Two, LLC. Councilman Winger made

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Commissioners talk about Community Crossings grant, animal shelter

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, June 5. Commissioner Paul George was not present at the meeting.

Tim Hunt, with HWC Engineering, talked to the commissioners about the upcoming Community Crossings Grant application. He said INDOT will start accepting applications in August however many changes have been made to how the grant works. He said that each project has to be put on a separate grant application. For example, each bridge needing work or each road surface - chip and seal, asphalt - has to be on separate applications. He said it will be a lot of work for the highway department to prepare for and no work can be done on any road or bridge until funding is awarded. Work cannot be started in advance.

Hunt said he knows the highway department is planning to do several bridges with this round of Community Crossings funding, more so than roads this year.

Hunt said that his firm is available to help with the application process for a retainer of \$15,000. He noted that the cost would probably be closer to \$10,000 but his firm requires him to say \$15,000.

Courtney Hughett, with the Martin County Humane Society, talked to the commissioners about an increased budget request. The humane society animal shelter has received \$5,500 from the commissioners for the past several years. Hughett explained that the shelter is getting ready to have their five-year anniversary and due to the overwhelming demands the work requires, she and her husband will be leaving the shelter at the end of the year unless the county

and cities/towns can help fund the shelter to pay part-time employees. Hughett said she spends around 30 hours a week at the shelter and her husband puts in around 20 hours. They average 50 dogs and cats in their care during breeding seasons and someone has to be there 365 days a year. She said she has neglected her own business more and more, year after year, and can't do that anymore if she ever expects to retire someday. Hughett provided information on what the shelter has accomplished over the last five years along with a comparison of Martin County to Switzerland County - almost exact in population and shelter size. The comparison was as follows:

Switzerland County Animal Shelter
Switzerland County population:
10,524 residents

Shelter operated/funded by the county, opened 11 years ago, shelter built by the county

Annual budget from county (not including fundraisers): \$134,500

Staff members: Shelter manager \$41,000; animal control officer (who also helps run the shelter): \$38,000; part-time staff member: \$10,000 per year. Remaining \$45,500 to operate. Also have some volunteers.

Live release rates: Dogs 92% (8% are euthanized); Cats 30% (70% are euthanized)

Do not spay/neuter prior to adoption but offer to reimburse half of adoption fee if adopter will spay/neuter - \$50 for dogs, \$25 for cats

Have a separate rescue organization in their county that takes some of their dogs/cats - Switz Friends of Animals, foster-based, self-funded and don't take many animals

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Two separate vehicle crashes result in charges filed in Martin County

The Martin County Sheriff's Office and Loogootee Police Department investigated two separate vehicle crashes that resulted in charges being filed in Shoals on Sunday.

On Sunday, June 3 at approximately 8:31 a.m., the Martin County Sheriff's Office received a report of a two-vehicle property damage crash in the JayC Food Store parking lot in Shoals. Minutes later it was reported that one of the vehicles involved fled the scene.

At approximately 8:40 a.m., the Martin County Sheriff's Office received a report that the same vehicle involved in the crash in the JayC Food Store parking lot had crashed into a trash can and a support beam at Bo-Mac's Drive In.

Martin County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Keith Keller and Loogootee Police Chief Kelly Rayhill responded to the second crash scene. Chief Rayhill arrived first due to Sergeant Keller being in northern Martin County at the time of the original call. Chief Rayhill detained the driver until Sergeant

Keller arrived.

The driver was identified as Bridget J. Adams, 45, of Bedford. Sergeant Keller detected a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from Adams' person. Sergeant Keller conducted field sobriety testing on Adams. Sergeant Keller placed Adams into custody and transported her to Daviess Community Hospital.

Adams submitted to implied consent for a blood sample for testing for operating while intoxicated. Adams' blood alcohol concentration registered .418%. Adams was released into the care of Daviess Community Hospital with charges pending in Martin County.

Suspect and Charges:

Adams was charged with: operating while intoxicated with BAC over 0.15, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating while intoxicated endangerment, a Class A Misdemeanor; and leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor.



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Shown above in the front row, from left to right, are Larry Ingraham, President of Ingraham and Associates; January Roush, Radius; Mayor John Wilkes, City of Linton; Counsel General of Japan Naoki Ito; Charles Johnson, President of Vincennes University; and Sabrina Burdine, Washington County Economic Growth Partnership. In the back row, from left to right, are Tsubasa Hashimoto, Director of Public Affairs; Morton Dale, Crawford County Commissioner; Michael Thissen, Crawford County Economic Development; Justin Green, Salem Town Council; and Jeff Quyle, Radius CEO.

Radius Indiana visits Consul General Naoki Ito in Chicago

Radius Indiana visited Chicago to meet with Consul General of Japan Naoki Ito as part of its efforts to increase opportunities for foreign investment in the region.

The two-day trip included dinner with Consul General Ito at his residence near the city, followed by a tour of the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Office the next day. This visit marks the third economic outreach visit to Chicago over the past year but is the first one dedicated to forging the relationship with Japan.

"This trip was a great opportunity to continue the conversation that started when the Consul General visited French Lick back in March for the Radius-Japan Dialogue," said Radius President and CEO Jeff Quyle. "We want to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the Consul General and JETRO for their hospitality and interest in our region. We know that our region can

support more foreign investment and we are working to find the right opportunity for our communities, workforce and potential investors."

Along with Radius staff, six members from the Radius region and the President of Vincennes University joined the effort to tout the assets and benefits of what the local economic landscape has to offer. Local mayors, county commissioners, and members of economic development councils were among those who made the trip, with several members of the group meeting the Consul General for the first time.

"The trip was awesome. I think our region has a lot of potential to do business with Japan," said John Wilkes, Mayor of Linton. "Having dinner with Consul-General Ito was both enjoyable and very informative. I look forward to building better business relations with Japan in the future."

COMMISSIONERS

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Open 5 days a week, closed Wednesday and Sunday. Open 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Thursday and 8 a.m.-noon on Saturday

Can house 19 dogs (four of those kennels are in isolation) and 15 cats at one time although use pop up kennels in emergencies

Euthanize all ferals

No spay/neuter transport

Use Canine Express Transport to take dogs to Chicago shelters

Accept all animals, regardless of space. Euthanize to make space.

Martin County Animal Shelter

Martin County population: 10,171 residents

Shelter operating by 93% donations and fundraisers, 7% by county; shelter built by volunteers with donated funds

Annual budget from county: \$5,500

Staff members: 0. Board of directors (Courtney & Josh Hughett, Susan Wittmer & Sheila Timmons run the shelter) Also some volunteers.

Live release rates: Dogs: 100%, cats 100%

Spay/neuter prior to adoption except tiny puppies and kittens but require spay/neuter within a certain time frame.

No other rescue organizations in Martin County.

Open 3 days a week (and by appointment for adoptions), Open 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Monday & Wednesday; 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday

Can house 16 dogs (two of those kennels are in isolation) and 25 cats at one time although use pop up kennels during breeding seasons

Euthanize zero ferals - trap/fix/release or tame

Spay/neuter transport partner with Pets Alive Non-Profit Spay/Neuter Clinic in Bloomington on the third Monday of each month. Can send 25 dogs and cats maximum each month.

No contract with transports to take

our dogs and cats to other shelters

Typically, during spring season, a waiting list starts for kittens; limited intake during that time. No euthanizing to make space.

Hughett said that since the shelter opened on June 30, 2013, they have taken in 1,190 dogs and cats. They also set up partnership with Pets Alive Spay/Neuter Clinic 4.5 years ago and have sent 897 animals there to be fixed. The transports are once every month and provide a low-cost spay/neuter option for residents but also requires a shelter volunteer to be available to prep, load and unload the animals on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Hughett explained that this is very difficult considering all the volunteers currently have paid jobs during the day.

With the absence of Commissioner Paul George, the other two commissioners said they would discuss it with him and come up with a number to include in their budget for the county council to consider. Hughett said she will be attending the county council meeting and budget hearing to discuss it with them.

Eric Ackerman, representing Downey Insurance, spoke to the commissioners about their workman's comp claims and requested that the commissioners consider retaining Rex Strawn as their agent. Ackerman explained that the county has improved on workman's compensation claims and have saved \$12,000 since last cycle. He said that due to high claims several years ago, the premiums went up substantially, 89 percent, but is trending back down over the past three years due to less claims filed. Auditor January Roush said that the county is now holding risk management meetings and she believes this is helping employees become more aware and avoid injuries. The commissioners have an executive meeting planned for next Wednesday night at 5:30 p.m. to meet insurance agents. The meeting is not open to the public.

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Obituaries

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EDWARD DURBIN

Edward A. Durbin passed away May 31, 2018 in Loogootee. A resident of Loogootee, he was 62.



He was born November 11, 1955 in Perry County; son of the late Ernest and Rose (Schaefer) Durbin.

Eddie enjoyed working at SIRS, taking care of his mom, and being a past member of the Boy Scouts.

Surviving him are his cousins, aunts, and uncles.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 5 at Zoercher-Gillick Funeral Home with burial in Greenwood Cemetery.

STACEY FRYE

Stacey Lynn (Sergent) Frye passed away on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 in Bloomington. A resident of Bedford, she was 49.

She was born November 11, 1968, in Washington; the daughter of Jim and Doris (Hatfield) Sergent.

She was a graduate of Mitchell High School with the class of 1988.

Survivors include her father, Jim Sergent and wife, Brenda, of Shoals; her mother, Doris Sergent, of Bedford; two brothers, Gary (Laci) Sergent and Mark Sergent; a sister, Cindy (Brian) Davis; step-brothers, Harry and Matthew; step-sisters, Amber and Destiny; her beloved canine kid, Manzana; two nephews, Zac (Hailey) Sergent and Jobe Sergent; a great nephew, Jaxon Sergent; a great niece, Reilynn Sergent.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents.

Cremation was chosen. A Celebration of Life was conducted on Saturday, June 2 at the Loogootee Lutheran

Church.

A memorial service will be conducted at a later date for family and friends. Family and friends may express condolences at www.daycarter.com.

JOYCE JONES

Joyce E. Jones passed away Thursday, May 31, 2018 at the Heartford



House in Owensboro, Kentucky. A resident of Washington, she was 71.

She was born May 10, 1947 in Loogootee; daughter of the late Charles and Margaret (Lents) Wathen.

Joyce loved flowers and yard work. She was looking forward to planting a garden this year.

She was an avid bowler on many bowling leagues until her health would no longer allow her to play.

She is preceded in death by her husband, David E. Jones, who passed away March 17, 2018 and her parents, Charles and Margaret Wathen.

She is survived by her sons, Charles (Beth Ann) Hembree of Shoals, Kevin (Stephen) Hembree-Brown of Hawesville, Kentucky; and Thomas (Karen) Bevers of Washington; her daughters, Amy (Lee) Cole of Elwood, Connie Carlson and Amanda Tornabeni, both of Loogootee; her grandsons, Trey Brown, Austin Hembree and Dillion Hembree; eleven more grandchildren and five great grandchildren; her siblings, Mark Wathen of Loogootee and Charlotte Kellam of Lakeland, Florida, and her longtime friend, Linda Emmons of Washington.

Joyce's wishes were to be cremated and private family services will be held at a later date.

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

DENNIS HARMON

Dennis Harmon passed away Monday, June 4, 2018 at St. Charles Health Campus in Jasper. A resident of Odon, he was 69.

He was born August 21, 1948 in Carrollton, Kentucky; son of the late James Alan Harmon and Alice C. (Luhn) Mattingly.

He retired from the Laborers International Union of North America after 30 years of employment. He attended the Odon Christian Church and enjoyed gardening.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Alan Harmon and Alice C. (Luhn) Mattingly.

Hede is survived by his wife of 28 years, Joan (Lamb) Harmon of Odon; step-daughter, Lisa (Chris) Bors of Odon; 6 grandchildren; sisters, Nancy Kurts of Columbus and Denise (Terry) Craney of Loogootee; sisters-in-law, Nina (Ervin) Wittmer of Plainville and Nancy (Danny) Woodard of Fairbanks; and nieces and nephews.

Dennis's wishes were to be cremated and private family services will be held at a later date.

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

BILL SPURGEON

William "Bill" Paul Spurgeon passed away at the Springs Valley Meadows in French Lick on June 4, 2018 at 10:36 p.m. A resident of Shoals, he was 95.

He was born October 25, 1922 in French Lick; son of Francis Marion and Christina (Butler) Spurgeon. He was married to Bonnie Wilcoxon.

Bill lived and worked most of his life in Martin County. He loved his work fixing tractors and was a self-taught welder. He loved to squirrel hunt and fish with his good friend, George Street. He attended Orange County Schools.

He is survived by four daughters, Wilma (Andy) Kapcoe of Belleville, Indiana; Naomi Walls of French Lick,

Vera Baynes of Fort Wayne, and Linda (Cecil) Baker of Loogootee; two sons, Garrett Eugene Spurgeon of Bloomington and Robert Loren Spurgeon of Shoals; one brother, Johnny (Mary Alice) Spurgeon of French Lick; two sisters-in-law, Shirley Spurgeon and Rowena Spurgeon; 11 grandchildren, several great grandchildren and two great-great grandsons.

He is preceded in death by four brothers, Frank, Jimmy, Paul and Leo Spurgeon, and one sister, Dolly Tinkle.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, June 8 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with burial in the Emmons Ridge Cemetery. Visitation will be at 11 a.m. until service time on Friday.

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

COUNCIL

(Continued from page one) the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Councilwoman McFeaters made a motion to approve the WestGate Five, LLC CF-1. Councilman Gibson made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Councilwoman Gee made a motion to approve the CF-1 for WestGate Six, LLC. Councilman Stiles made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Kinder also gave an update on WRM-CA. Commissioner Dan Gregory will be the county representative on this alliance.

President Summers gave the tourism report.

The courthouse will be closed Friday, June 29 due to the Catfish Festival and Wednesday, July 4 for Independence Day.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m. The next council meeting will be held Monday, July 2, 2018.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MAY 28

8:54 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

12:05 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist with a traffic detail on US 50 West of Shoals.

12:27 p.m. - Captain Dant assisted with a custody issue near Shoals.

5:10 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and ISP Troopers McBeth, Geisler, and Ewing responded.

10:00 p.m. - Received a report of a man walking on SR 150, east of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

11:55 p.m. - Received a report of someone prowling around houses in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris and Deputy Reed responded.

TUESDAY, MAY 29

7:10 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person north of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

7:30 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded. Animal Control Officer Hughett was contacted.

8:52 a.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

11:09 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

11:20 a.m. - Received a report of a line down in Loogootee. Frontier was contacted.

11:25 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:42 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:34 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took four inmates to court.

1:49 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person on US 50, west of Shoals. Captain Dant and Sergeant Keller responded.

2:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, Chief Deputy Greene, and LPD Officer Floyd responded. No one was transported.

3:48 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

3:57 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Loogootee. Captain Dant and Sergeant Keller responded.

4:33 p.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

4:54 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

5:49 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

6:50 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the Lawrence County Jail.

11:47 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

1:26 a.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee, Deputy Reed, and ISP Trooper McBeth responded.

1:52 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

6:40 a.m. - Received a report of cows out on US 50, west of Shoals. Chief Deputy responded. The owners were

contacted.

7:42 a.m. - Received a report of low hanging lines in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and New Wave was contacted.

8:30 a.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

9:15 a.m. - Received a report of a large tree limb on SR 550. Captain Dant and Shoals Fire responded.

1:53 p.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

1:56 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

1:59 p.m. - Received a report of an altercation in Crane. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

2:03 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

3:10 p.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

3:31 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

6:49 p.m. - Received a report of a theft south of Loogootee. ISP responded.

8:55 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

THURSDAY, MAY 31

5:17 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Loogootee. Loogootee Fire was contacted.

6:56 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Chief Rayhill, and Martin County Coroner Franklin responded.

7:02 a.m. - Received a report of cows out on US 231 near Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

8:54 a.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

9:03 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person north of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:19 a.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

10:55 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on SR 550 near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

12:36 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Spout Springs Road. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

2:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

2:39 p.m. - Received numerous reports of trees down in the county. Shoals Fire, Williams Fire, Martin County Civil Defense, Martin County Highway Department, state highway department, Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, and Captain Dant all responded.

4:48 p.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

7:00 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

9:27 p.m. - The sheriff's office continued to receive many reports of trees down throughout the county.

9:44 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on US Hwy 50. Deputy Shinn responded.

10:59 p.m. - Received a report of domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd and Deputy Shinn responded.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

1:00 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire

Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:33 a.m. - Received additional reports of trees down throughout the area.

7:50 a.m. - Received a report of tree debris in the area. The state highway department responded.

10:07 a.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on US 231, north of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

11:27 a.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

11:27 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:59 a.m. - Received a report of commercial burglar alarm in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded. Everything checked out okay.

3:40 p.m. - Received a report of civil dispute in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:41 p.m. - Received a report of abandoned vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of controlled burn in Loogootee.

5:51 p.m. - Received a report of accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

5:58 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on US 231, north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

6:03 p.m. - Received a report of controlled burn in Shoals.

7:49 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

7:52 p.m. - Received a report of commercial motion sensor alarm in Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded. Everything checked out okay.

9:27 p.m. - Received a report of domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd and Deputy Shinn responded.

9:55 p.m. - Received a report of abandoned vehicle on US Hwy 50. Deputy Shinn responded.

11:01 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

11:30 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

9:04 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

9:50 a.m. - Received a report of commercial burglary alarm east of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded. Everything checked out okay.

11:48 a.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on US Hwy 550. Major Burkhardt and Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

12:32 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

2:38 p.m. - Received a report of loose horse on Red School Road. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:35 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

5:27 p.m. - Received a report of theft in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:05 p.m. - Received a request for

ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:12 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

11:28 p.m. - Deputy Shinn assisted a motorist in US 231.

11:50 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious vehicle in Shoals. Deputy Shinn and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded. Everything checked out okay.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

3:15 a.m. - Received a report of tree across US Hwy 50, east of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

3:35 a.m. - Received a report of large rock in roadway on US Hwy 50, west of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

4:16 a.m. - Deputy Shinn assisted a motorist in Shoals.

4:20 a.m. - Received a request for extra patrols in Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

5:25 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle in Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

8:31 a.m. - Received a report of accident in Shoals. Sergeant Keller and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

8:40 a.m. - Received a report of accident in Shoals. Sergeant Keller and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:41 a.m. - Received a report of tree across Butler Bridge Road. Lost River Fire Department responded.

11:23 a.m. - Received a report of tree across US Hwy 550. Shoals Fire Department responded.

12:55 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Sergeant Keller, Martin County Ambulance, and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

1:15 p.m. - Received a report of tree across US Hwy 150. Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:55 p.m. - Received a report of a missing dog in Loogootee.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, MAY 28

7:58 p.m. - Anthony Wilson, 41, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper McBeth and charged with domestic battery and is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Chief Deputy Greene and ISP Troopers Ewing and Geisler.

8:12 p.m. - Amanda Wilson, 41, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper McBeth and charged with domestic battery and is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were ISP Troopers Geisler and Ewing.

TUESDAY, MAY 29

5:00 p.m. - Danny Bruner, 45, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennessee for operating while intoxicated and is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond. Assisting with the arrest was Captain Dant.

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COURT NEWS

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CRIMINAL COURT

New Charges Filed

April 27

William E. Threet, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Thomas J. Ehrman, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Benjamin M. Hill, battery on a person less than 14 years old, a Class 6 Felony.

April 30

Yoandra C. Castro, operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor; reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Michael L. Arvin, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, 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; possession of

Real estate transfers

Judy A. Wininger, n/k/a Judy A. Meade, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Casey A. Dearwester and Jennifer Dearwester**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the southeast quarter of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 4 West in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.04 acres, more or less.

Kathy Jean Lagenour, of Martin County, Indiana to **Robert F. Brown and Margie Brown**, of Martin County, Indiana, that portion of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 11, Township 1 North, Range 3 West of the Second Principal Meridian lying in Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.638 acre, more or less.

Stanley D. Young and Mary J. Young, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jordan Hert and Jessica Hert**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 22 in Section II of Sawmill Ridge.

Delbert J. Howell, of Cherokee County, North Carolina to **Jase Properties, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the east half of the northeast quarter of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.4448 of an acre, more or less, except for an easement containing 0.1825 of an acre, more or less.

Robert K. Allbright and Patricia A. Allbright, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jessica Asher and Brian Asher**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the north half of the southeast quarter of Section 25, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Second Principal Meridian, Lost River Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.644 acres, more or less.

Dorothy S. Bough, of Martin County, Indiana to **William Kauffman**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a tract of land in the northeast quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 2 acres, more or less, with exceptions containing 0.116 acres and 1.158 acres, more or less.

Bonnie L. Troutman, of Martin County, Indiana to **Darrell Graber and Johnnie Dwayne Graber**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the south fractional Section 21, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 56.02 acres, more or less.

paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

May 1

Jason K. Lentz, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Kristin L. Roberts, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

May 2

Kurt L. Faust, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; unlawful possession of syringe, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Cheyenne L. Sullivan, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; unlawful possession of syringe, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

May 4

Allen C. Tuttle, rape, a Class 3 Felony.

May 7

Amanda P. Krodel, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor.

May 10

Ruby K. Martin, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Joshua C. Bissey, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

May 14

Marietta C. Zuber, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Sean D. Wininger, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Traci L. Hall-Johnson, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Cecorra R. Holt, theft, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Christopher J. Senne, intimidation, a Class 6 Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor.

May 15

Steven E. Bledsoe, Jr., reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor.

May 16

Allen C. Tuttle, two counts of invasion of privacy, Class A Misdemeanors.

May 17

Leah M. Foster, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Dillion L. Baker, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

May 18

Dean E. Miller, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Michael A. Sluder, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

May 21

Timothy C. Troutman, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony;

maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Ashton V. Pottorff, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Russell J. Tussey, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

May 22

Danny R. Christenberry, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

May 29

Rita D. Qualkenbush, domestic battery, a Class 6 Felony.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

May 24

Rodger L. Gist, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 4 Felony. Sentenced to serve 4 years with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 115 actual days previously served plus 38 Class B credit days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, MAY 28

8:20 a.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

4:35 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on Park Street.

4:40 p.m. - Female requested transient assistance.

8:05 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the county with an arrest.

8:17 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the county with a reckless driver complaint.

11:55 p.m. - Female caller reported a suspicious person on East Main Street.

TUESDAY, MAY 29

7:50 a.m. - Caller reported a loose Pitbull on Cherry Street.

11:20 a.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident in the Circle K lot.

2:15 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the ambulance service.

3:48 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident in front of Marathon.

3:57 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in Shaded Estates.

4:54 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

11:08 p.m. - Caller reported a mental health issue.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

1:26 a.m. - Caller reported a noise complaint on North Line Street.

7:42 a.m. - Caller reported a low utility line on Brickyard Road.

7:55 a.m. - Female reported a violation of a protective order.

2:03 p.m. - Female reported a property damage accident on West Broadway Street.

7:02 p.m. - Female reported having problems with her daughter.

8:17 p.m. - Caller reported a 911 hang-up on East Broadway Street.

9:01 p.m. - Female reported a violation of a protective order.

9:21 p.m. - Female requested a vehicle identification check.

THURSDAY, MAY 31

6:56 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the ambulance service on NE 3rd Street.

12:05 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted

DISMISSED

May 24

Rodger L. Gist, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 2 Felony, dismissed; four counts of dealing in a narcotic drug, Class 5 Felonies, dismissed; two counts of possession of a narcotic drug, Class 6 Felonies, dismissed; five counts of unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, Class 6 Felonies, dismissed; dealing in marijuana, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance – legend drugs, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; habitual offender sentence enhancement, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

May 23

U.S. Bank National Association vs. Ryan L. Daugherty and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, mortgage foreclosure.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

May 25

Carolyn R. Brett vs. Robin G. Slater, complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

June 1

Adrian Wayne Arvin of Loogootee and Julie Cheryl Peterson of Loogootee.

Ryan L. Persinger of Loogootee and Erin K. Hawkins of Loogootee.

with a funeral procession.

6:30 p.m. - Caller reported problems with the crossing lights. CSX was contacted.

10:40 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on East Broadway Street.

11:00 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

11:05 p.m. - Caller reported a noise complaint at the city park.

11:33 p.m. - Caller reported another male causing him problems.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

9:23 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

3:41 p.m. - Male reported a vehicle theft. Vehicle was later recovered.

5:55 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on John C. Strange Street.

5:58 p.m. - Male reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

6:28 p.m. - Female reported lost or stolen car keys.

7:56 p.m. - Female reported a violation of a protective order.

9:31 p.m. - Caller reported a possible domestic dispute.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

9:50 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

3:15 p.m. - Loogootee Fire responded to a tree down on Hwy 50.

8:25 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

8:40 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the county with an intoxicated driver arrest.

11:15 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted with a traffic detail.

12:55 p.m. - Loogootee Fire responded to a vehicle accident on SR 645.

7:55 p.m. - Caller reported a lost German Shepherd around Butcher Boulevard.

10:15 p.m. - Female reported a child custody issue.

National unemployment drops to 3.8 percent for May

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 223,000 in May, and the unemployment rate edged down to 3.8 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Employment continued to trend up in several industries, including retail trade, health care, and construction.

Household Survey Data

The unemployment rate edged down to 3.8 percent in May, and the number of unemployed persons declined to 6.1 million. Over the year, the unemployment rate was down by 0.5 percentage point, and the number of unemployed persons declined by 772,000.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (3.5 percent), Blacks (5.9 percent), and Asians (2.1 percent) decreased in May. The jobless rates for adult women (3.3 percent), teenagers (12.8 percent), Whites (3.5 percent), and Hispanics (4.9 percent) changed little over the month.

The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was little changed at 1.2 million in May and accounted for 19.4 percent of the unemployed. Over the past 12 months, the number of long-term unemployed has declined by 476,000.

Both the labor force participation rate, at 62.7 percent, and the employment-population ratio, at 60.4 percent, changed little in May.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) was essentially unchanged at 4.9 million in May. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been reduced or they were unable to find full-time jobs.

The number of persons marginally attached to the labor force, at 1.5 million in May, was little different from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

Among the marginally attached, there were 378,000 discouraged workers in May, little changed from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 1.1 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in May had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 223,000 in May, compared with an average monthly gain of 191,000 over the prior 12 months. Over the month, employment continued to trend up in several industries, including retail trade, health care, and construction.

In May, retail trade added 31,000

jobs, with gains occurring in general merchandise stores (+13,000) and in building material and garden supply stores (+6,000). Over the year, retail trade has added 125,000 jobs.

Employment in health care rose by 29,000 in May, about in line with the average monthly gain over the prior 12 months. Ambulatory health care services added 18,000 jobs over the month, and employment in hospitals continued to trend up (+6,000).

Employment in construction continued on an upward trend in May (+25,000) and has risen by 286,000 over the past 12 months. Within the industry, nonresidential specialty trade contractors added 15,000 jobs over the month.

Employment in professional and technical services continued to trend up in May (+23,000) and has risen by 206,000 over the year.

Transportation and warehousing added 19,000 jobs over the month and 156,000 over the year. In May, job gains occurred in warehousing and storage (+7,000) and in couriers and messengers (+5,000).

Manufacturing employment continued to expand over the month (+18,000). Durable goods accounted for most of the change, including an increase of 6,000 jobs in machinery. Manufacturing employment has risen by 259,000 over the year, with about three-fourths of the growth in durable goods industries.

Mining added 6,000 jobs in May. Since a recent low point in October 2016, employment in mining has grown by 91,000, with support activities for mining accounting for nearly all of the increase.

In May, employment changed little in other major industries, including wholesale trade, information, financial activities, leisure and hospitality, and government.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 34.5 hours in May. In manufacturing, the workweek decreased by 0.2 hour to 40.8 hours, and overtime edged down by 0.2 hour to 3.5 hours. The average workweek for production and non-supervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls remained at 33.8 hours.

In May, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 8 cents to \$26.92. Over the year, average hourly earnings have increased by 71 cents, or 2.7 percent. Average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees increased by 7 cents to \$22.59 in May.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for March was revised up from +135,000 to +155,000, and the change for April was revised down from +164,000 to +159,000. With these revisions, employment gains in March and April combined were 15,000 more than previously reported. (Monthly revisions result from additional reports received from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates and from the recalculation of seasonal factors.) After revisions, job gains have averaged 179,000 over the last 3 months.



NSWC Crane formally announced its Expeditionary Warfare Systems Engineering Master's Degree program at a reception on Thursday, May 17th, at the WestGate Academy Conference and Training Center in Crane, Indiana. (Photo by NSWC Crane Corporate Communications)

Expeditionary Warfare Systems Engineering Master's Degree Program announced at NSWC Crane

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) formally announced its Expeditionary Warfare Systems Engineering Master's Degree program at a reception on Thursday, May 17, at the WestGate Academy Conference and Training Center in Crane.

NSWC Crane's Special Warfare and Expeditionary Systems Department (SWESD) partnered with Cranfield University of the United Kingdom to host the official unveiling ceremony for the new program. Leveraging Naval Innovative Science and Engineering (NISE) funds, Crane has worked with Cranfield University to establish an advanced technical degree that will serve the many technologies supported by SWESD and prevalent on today's battlefield. The program will include course modules on electro-optics, weapon systems design, ballistics, ground mobility platforms, communications, electronic warfare, modeling and simulation, and military autonomous vehicles.

"This program provides an advanced technical degree that is customized to Crane's support of the Expeditionary Mission and is extremely relevant to the technologies we support for the Warfighter" said Adam Parsley, Small Arms Division Manager at NSWC Crane. "Most of these courses would not be offered at an undergraduate program, and with the course format, we believe we can accelerate the on-the-job learning tremendously while getting an advanced degree in the process for our employees".

The program consists of 20 courses, 12-13 of which are required as well as an integrated project for students to complete the degree. NSWC Crane will host three courses in fiscal year (FY) 18 - Modeling, Simulation, and Controls for Defense Systems, Electro Optical/Infrared Systems - Part 1, and Fundamentals of Ballistics. There is planning underway to bring a fourth course in FY19. The technical subject matter is reinforced in the week-long courses with visits to NSWC Crane's laboratory and range facilities, with guest lecturers from NSWC Crane's senior technical subject matter experts augmenting the prepared material from Cranfield University.

Professor Dr. Amer Hameed, Head of the Centre for Defence Engineering

in the School of Cranfield Defense and Security at Cranfield University, will be serving as the Course Director for the program "Cranfield University worked with TARDEC to establish a Vehicle and Weapons MSc program in 2011. With Crane, we now have a second MSc program in the U.S. Cranfield will also be actively teaming with Purdue University to form a partnership such that our universities can leverage each other's strengths to best support NSWC Crane's requirements for advanced degrees" said Hameed.

Attendees at the formal reception included NSWC Crane leadership, Purdue and Cranfield University representatives, as well as current students in the program. "This program will allow myself along with other engineers and scientists to be in a position to better understand each of the technologies that SWESD supports and how they interface with each other giving us the ability to excel in the field of Expeditionary Warfare," stated Dustin Decker, Special Weapons Branch Manager at NSWC Crane and current student in the program.

NSWC Crane is a naval laboratory and a field activity of NAVSEA with focus areas in Expeditionary Warfare, Strategic Missions and Electronic Warfare. NSWC Crane is responsible for multi-domain, multi-spectral, full life cycle support of technologies and systems enhancing capability to today's warfighter.

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Shoals 5th graders participate in I LEAD

The Shoals 5th graders recently concluded their involvement in I LEAD (formerly known as Project L.E. A.D.) by participating in a mock trial held in the courtroom of the Martin Circuit Court. Judge Lynne E. Ellis presided over the events of the day. In conjunction with the mock trial, the students toured the Martin County Security Center. I LEAD is a special curriculum sponsored by the Martin County Probation Department with assistance from Purdue University Cooperative Service. This year's program was conducted by Probation Officer, Melissa Lottes, with assistance from Lisa Brittain, Chief Probation Officer, along with fifth-grade teachers, Mrs. Turpin and Miss Harmon.

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

The program combined hands-on experiences and speakers from various agencies. The following persons volunteered their time by speaking with the students about various law enforcement-related topics: Judge Lynne Ellis, Prosecutor Michael Steiner, State Trooper Andrew Beaver, Excise Police Officer Brian Stewart, Loss Prevention by Aaron Hembree with Loogootee Marathon, and Dorothy Perotte, Martin County Community Corrections.

As a part of the program, students were asked to submit drawings/logos for a new I LEAD T-shirt. Each student was provided a t-shirt with the winning logo. This year's design winner was Hannah Cook. In addition, each student was required to submit an essay regarding their I LEAD experience. The essay winners are as follows: Bella Newland, 1st place; Olivia Harker, 2nd place; Co-

hen Royston, 3rd place; and a tie for 4th place, Korbyn Lents and Janna Albright. Probation Officer, Melissa Lottes, presented the winners with a certificate and prize sponsored by the program's financial supporters.

I LEAD received financial support from the Martin County Probation Department. They would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the students for their participation, as well as, the speakers and fifth grade teachers for their help in administering this program.

The mock trial casts are as follows:

Judge Hannah Cook
 Court Reporter- Janna Albright
 Bailiff#1- Korbyn Lents
 Bailiff#2- Max Troutman
 Jake James - Hunter Foll
 Aaron Adams - Carter Pendley
 Tyler Thomas - Isiah Wininger
 Chief Prosecuting Attorney- Dorian Couchman
 Assistant Chief- Kenley Shaw
 1st Deputy- Noah Goller
 2nd Deputy - Lucas Howell
 3rd Deputy- Jamer Potts
 4th Deputy- Emma Holt
 5th Deputy- Payton Foster
 6th Deputy- Wyatt Boyd
 Jake James Defense
 Chief Defense Attorney- Izayah Jackson

1st Assistant- Olivia Harker
 2nd Assistant- Bella Newland
 3rd Assistant- Gage Gilbert
 4th Assistant- Ralph Holman
 5th Assistant- Landen Foll
 Tyler Thomas Defense
 Chief Defense Attorney- Lillie Bauer
 1st Assistant- Nicky Phegley
 2nd Assistant- Cohen Royston
 3rd Assistant- Colton Gibson
 4th Assistant- Gracie Wiscaver
 5th Assistant- Dreyson Fuartado
 Miles Smith - Malachi McNabb
 Patsy Decker - Kemily Wininger
 Charles Anderson - Aiden Taylor

Paul Brown - Blake Buffington
 Larry York - Alex Downey
 Lucy Conners - Morgan Crossen
 Jury
 Nicole Wright
 Andre Ayres
 Trevor Sturgill

Skylar Boyd
 Tanner Bough
 Travin Harder
 Blake Osborne
 Ethyn Moffitt
 Danielle Day
 Shelby Fields



-Photos provided

Shown above are the Shoals I LEAD essay winners and t-shirt logo winner. In the front row, from left to right, are Hannah Cook, Olivia Harker, and Cohen Royston. In the back row, from left to right, are Janna Albright, Judge Lynne Ellis, Korbyn Lents, and Bella Newland. Shown below are the Shoals Fifth Graders, outside the Martin County Museum, with Sheriff Travis Roush.



Shoals Elementary I LEAD essay contest winners

1ST PLACE

I LEAD to a Better Life

By Belia Newland

I LEAD has moved me in a way nothing else could. I LEAD has taught me to stay away from drugs and to stay away from bad people. I LEAD is extraordinary and has made me think more about my life and how I can improve. Also, I LEAD made me think on how my actions can affect my life. I LEAD has helped me and my life.

One of our speakers, Trooper Beaver, talked about how to stay safe on technology. This has helped me be aware when I watch YouTube and that there can be bad people on there. So, now I know how to stay safe on YouTube. This is so useful because if someone or something wanted to hurt me, I know how to stay safe.

Another speaker, Aaron Hembree, talked about theft. This helped me to realize if I want a toy really bad, I might want to steal it and that would affect my life and my future. This influenced me by never wanting to steal. Now I know how shoplifting can affect my life.

All of the speakers have taught me how to stay safe. This will be useful in the future to help with getting a job or going to college. I can't tell you how much I LEAD influenced me to take risks, but to be careful. I LEAD also gave me confidence in life. I LEAD has saved my future.

I LEAD is a program that moves people. I LEAD has definitely moved me. I now think twice before I yell or get mad. I LEAD gave me confidence and I hope it gives you some too! I hope I LEAD gives

you a brighter future too! I LEAD has for sure gave me a brighter future.

2ND PLACE WINNER

I Love I LEAD

By Olivia Harker

I LEAD has taught me to live a better future. This program makes me want to make better choices. It taught me not to do drugs, steal and just be safe. I will make good choices later on in life, because of I LEAD. I LEAD had speakers that taught me to make good choices and taught me to be safe. I LEAD has influenced me to be a better person.

Aaron Hembree influenced me not to steal. He told us the consequences from stealing. He said, "It costs a lot of money for us, even though we didn't steal anything." I learned from him that even if you didn't do the crime, it would hurt the business. He has influenced my life.

Judge Ellis has inspired me. She influenced me to live a better life. I learned from her that when you get in trouble, you have to pay up for what you did. You would have to go to court and Judge Ellis would decide if you are guilty or not. Many of her stories have influenced me to make good choices.

Another guest speaker that influenced me is Trooper Beaver. He taught me safety on the internet and technology. I learned to keep my personal information to myself and to not put it out anywhere. He influenced me to make smart choices on the internet and keep my information hidden. Trooper Beaver also taught us to be appropriate on the internet. He has influ-

enced me to think before I post.

I LEAD has influenced me to make good choices. All of the guest speakers taught me a lesson. When I grow up, I will use the information that the I LEAD guest speakers gave me and use it wisely. I LEAD has lead me to make good choices, being healthy, and to living a longer life.

3RD PLACE WINNER

I LEAD Journey

By Cohen Royston

I LEAD is a program that helps you to stay crime free. It talks about staying safe, shoplifting, staying safe on social media, drugs and much more. I LEAD could also help you succeed later on in life. It also explains what the consequences of making the wrong choices are.

I LEAD has influenced my life because they taught me to make the right choices not the wrong one. Trooper Beaver talked about being safe on mobile devices. I learned not to talk to strangers on games, and don't meet up with people you do not know. Do not believe predators because they could trick you at any moment.

Aaron Hembree taught us about shoplifting. I learned that you could get in serious trouble if you steal belongings that belong to someone else. Shoplifting is also illegal so you will get in a lot of trouble. People have security because you cannot trust others.

We also talked about drinking and driving with Brian Stewart. He is a police officer. The legal amount an adult could have is 0.08. Kids under 21 should have 0.00. Drinking and driving will sometimes

cause car crashes. I learned not to drink under 21 and most likely never drink.

We also talked to Judge Ellis about the court system. We learned that you have to dress appropriately for court. The court system has two different trials, one with jury and one without. The judge is always serious about the case. I LEAD has been a great time. I will never forget to stay crime free.

4TH PLACE WINNER (TIED)

I LEAD

By Korbyn Lents

I LEAD helps kids with their life choices. It teaches kids about staying away from theft, alcohol, drugs and explains some about the court. I've learned that I should make good choices. If I don't, it could affect my job later on in my life. If you make the wrong choices, you may be living in a box or worse, jail. I know what I should do to make good choices.

Trooper Beaver was my favorite speaker. He was funny and taught me about technology safety. He helped me to know what to do to make smart choices online. His message to make smart choices online will help me to be safe. I learned that not everyone online is truthful. I should keep my information safe from hackers. I will know in the future that I should always delete people I do not know or tell an adult.

I learned from all the guest speakers not to do bad things in the future. I know I won't do drugs. Doing drugs and making bad choices could affect your family and friends. If you choose to make mistakes, (See 'ESSAYS' on page 10)



Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton

NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

I am running a bit late this month. What can I say; busy times. May was a very interesting month. Forages went from barely growing, to boot stage, to seed production in what it seemed about ten days. I don't believe I've ever seen forages jump quite like this. We were shy on growing degree days up to that point, then with ample sunshine and some heat, there was "compensatory" growth.

Forages were stressed this spring. Though I have seen some really nice pastures and hay fields this year, those numerous cloudy and cool days earlier this year have played a bit of a toll on yield. Quite a bit of first cutting hay was not the quality it usually is. When grass especially is stressed, its first defense or survival mechanism is usually to produce seed.

This super fast need to produce seed possibly makes leaf production play second fiddle. Will it catch up? Will it make up this production? Good questions. The answer, which always seems to include "it depends" is somewhat dependent on factors, such as moisture, fertility and management.

Most of Indiana has received some greatly needed rainfall. Small portions of the state were already under the "abnormally dry" drought monitor status category. Restoring moisture reserves and then maintaining them, can certainly lend to increased forage production. We can help by not overgrazing and maintaining good soil cover to reduce evaporation and increase infiltration when it does rain.

Adequate fertility is always a good thing. That doesn't necessarily mean that you need to apply a lot of commercial fertilizer, but when nutrients are sufficient or better, you are more likely to have optimal yields if all other conditions are favorable.

Managing grazing livestock to ensure the likelihood of nutrient cycling for future growth is a good place to start. Livestock can move nutrients. The bigger the pasture or allotment, the higher the chance of movement. If water, mineral or shade (as summer progresses) is a distance from where animals are grazing, the greater the possibility that nutrients will be harvested and deposited where they are less needed.

Back to fertilizing, with slightly reduced yields early this year, there may be some advantages to applying a little nitrogen now to help boost growth. I would still limit the amount, especially in pastures where ample legumes are desired. Too much nitrogen can create a lot of competition for legumes from fast grass growth. Don't forget, fertility for macro nutrients should be based on soil tests or at least it is a good place to start.

Lastly, forage management absolutely has an impact on production. To achieve all potential growth, you do need to manage and maintain a good solar panel. You want as much sunlight on the plant's solar "collectors" as possible for maximum production. That means you need to maintain sufficient green leaf area and that will be a challenging feat this year due to the forage maturing rapidly. Generally, I'm not a huge advocate of clipping, at least not to the degree of some, unless it is needed to serve a good purpose and not solely for aesthetics. A good reason would include weed control and this

year it would likely be for vegetative management.

With the fast maturing growth, it will be very difficult to stay ahead of the forages. If you want to emphasize regrowth and production, you may need to clip some of the pastures to try and set back seedhead production and maintain the forage in a more vegetative stage, which is more ideal for solar collecting. This also helps to shift energy from seed production back to leaf production. Letting plants mature increases root growth and in the long run, the soil's organic matter. You don't want to slow this process of root growth too much, so you will need to continue to maintain adequate stop-grazing heights and clip no lower than needed to encourage the plant to remain more vegetative.

I usually think of June as the month to judge stocking rates. If there is an over abundance of pasture forage that has not been grazed or even top grazed, then you may be slightly understocked unless you are planning for a lot of stockpiled forage. If you are already short of forage and any pastures appear to be overgrazed, then most likely you are overstocked and the rest of the growing/grazing season will be challenging. It will be harder to judge this year due to some reduced early growth and the inability to accurately account for potential growth for the remaining season. By mid-June, we normally have achieved about two-thirds of our potential forage growth and we have not accomplished that yet or at least I hope we haven't.

Hay production is quite often the first thing that comes to mind for most producers in this situation, especially in a closed system where hay is often harvested off some pasture acres. Hay removal means nutrient removal, increased evaporation and quite often slower regrowth particularly when dry afterwards. Fertility will need to be in checked this year to boost post hay forage growth. It would be advantageous to not mow too close unless conditions are favorable for fast regrowth or second cuttings and/or post grazing may be more challenging and limited unless moisture and fertility can be maintained.

I recently had a conversation pertaining to forage quality of hay pre or post our recent rains. Everyone needs a certain amount of hay because it is good insurance and usually needed for most systems. I also believe that when opportunity lends itself, make hay while the sun shines! So, would there be a difference in the analysis of hay cut early under dry conditions compared to cutting post a rainfall? If all factors such as forage species, varieties, fertility, and hay production are the same, there may not be a lot of difference, except for the fact that the forage is maturing exponentially fast and of which can quickly effect total digestible nutrients and there is a good chance that being under drier conditions earlier may have induced slightly higher brix due mainly to less water, slightly higher concentrations of nutrients including carbohydrates, protein, and lipids.

Keep on grazing!

More pasture information and past issues of Grazing Bites are available at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/in/technical/landuse/pasture/>

Optimism drives farmer sentiment higher

BY KAMI GOODWIN

Purdue University News Service

Agricultural producer sentiment rose last month to its highest level since January 2017, as producers expressed an improved view of current conditions and future expectations of the U.S. agricultural economy, according to the Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer.

The May barometer reading of 141 was 16 points higher than April. The rise in the barometer, a sentiment index derived from a monthly survey of 400 agricultural producers across the U.S., was driven both by producers' improved view of current conditions in the production agriculture sector and, especially, their more optimistic view of the future.

The Index of Current Conditions increased to 132 during May, 9 points higher than in April, while the Index of Future Expectations climbed to 145, 19 points higher than a month earlier, making it the highest future expectations reading since February 2017.

Driving that optimism was a large improvement in producers' expectations regarding the future for both the U.S. ag economy and their own farms' financial condition.

"Over the last month there's been a relaxation in international trade tensions with China and that seems to be playing a role in how producers are viewing their financial future," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture. The rise in the Index of Future Expectations was the largest one-month increase since January 2017. This was in contrast to last month's reading when, in the midst of deteriorating trade relations, there was a decline in sentiment towards the agricultural economy as a whole and with respect to producers' own farming operations.

Despite the improvement in sentiment, producers' perspectives on making large investments on their farms changed very little with only 27 percent of producers saying now is a good time to make large farm investments.

Producers also weighed in on the farm bill debates taking place in Congress. When asked whether the current 2014 version of the U.S. farm bill provided producers with a financial safety net, only 25 percent of respondents said it was effective. More specifically, when asked about the current ARC-County (Agricultural Risk Coverage) and PLC (Price Loss Coverage) income support programs included in the 2014 farm bill, only one-quarter of the respondents said these programs were effective in providing a financial safety net and nearly one-third said they were not effective.

When asked about crop insurance, an integral part of current farm bill discussions, nearly two-thirds of producers considered the crop insurance program to be effective in providing a financial safety net.

Lastly, the May survey asked what actions, if any, a producer would take if changes to the crop insurance subsidy caused insurance premiums to increase by 50 percent. More than half of producers said they would change either the insurance product they purchase or their coverage level and just over a quarter of respondents said they would not purchase crop insurance next year if their cost increased by half.

For additional information about pro-

ducer sentiment regarding Farm Bill legislation including crop insurance and subsidies, read the full May Ag Economy Barometer report at <http://purdue.edu/agbarometer>.

The Ag Economy Barometer, Index of Current Conditions and Index of Future Expectations are available on the Bloomberg Terminal under the following ticker symbols: AGECCBARO, AGECCURC and AGECCFTEX.

About the Purdue University Center for Commercial Agriculture

The Center for Commercial Agriculture was founded in 2011 to provide professional development and educational programs for farmers. Housed within Purdue University's Department of Agricultural Economics, the center's faculty and staff develop and execute research and educational programs that address the different needs of managing in today's business environment.

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ANIMAL SHELTER

Pet of the Week



KITTENS! The The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter is full of kittens! The shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Shelter hours are Monday and Wednesday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. To see all available animals, visit www.humanesociety-ofmartincounty.org.

USDA reopens application period for producers recovering from cattle loss, other disasters

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will begin accepting disaster assistance program applications on June 4 from agricultural producers who suffered livestock, honeybees, farm-raised fish and other losses due to natural disasters.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is reopening the application period for two disaster assistance programs in response to statutory changes made by Congress earlier this year.

"When disasters hit, help is as close as your USDA service center," said Bill Northey, Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation. "After any catastrophic event, an eligible producer can walk into any one of our local offices and apply for help."

Beginning June 4, FSA will accept new applications for losses for calendar year 2017 or 2018 filed under the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) or Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-raised Fish Program (ELAP). Producers who already submitted applications and received decisions on their applications for these years do not need to file again, but they can reapply if they have additional losses or their application was disapproved because it was filed late.

In February, Congress passed the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, which

made several changes to these two disaster programs, including:

Removing ELAP's \$20 million fiscal year funding cap, enabling FSA to pay producers' 2017 applications in full and their 2018 applications as soon as they are approved.

Removing the per-person and legal entity annual program payment limitation of \$125,000 for LIP for 2017 and future years. (The income limitation applies as it did before, meaning producers with an adjusted gross income of more than \$900,000 are not eligible.)

Changing LIP to allow producers to receive a payment for injured livestock that are sold for a reduced price due to an eligible event. Previously, the program only covered financial loss for livestock death above normal mortality.

Producers interested in LIP or ELAP should contact their local USDA service center. To apply, producers will need to provide verifiable and reliable production records and other information about their operation.

Drought, wildfires and other disasters continue to impact farmers and ranchers, and LIP and ELAP are two of many programs available through USDA to help producers recover. Learn more at <https://www.usda.gov/disaster>.

USDA resumes continuous Conservation Reserve Program enrollment

As part of a 33-year effort to protect sensitive lands and improve water quality and wildlife habitat on private lands, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will resume accepting applications for the voluntary Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Eligible farmers, ranchers, and private landowners can sign up at their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office between June 4 and August 17, 2018.

"The Conservation Reserve Program is an important component of the suite of voluntary conservation programs USDA makes available to agricultural producers, benefiting both the land and wildlife. On the road, I often hear firsthand how popular CRP is for our recreational sector; hunters, fishermen, conservationists and bird watchers," U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue said. "CRP also is a powerful tool to encourage agricultural producers to set aside unproductive, marginal lands that should not be farmed to reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, provide habitat for wildlife and boost soil health."

FSA stopped accepting applications last fall for the CRP continuous signup (excluding applications for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and CRP grasslands). This pause allowed USDA to review available acres and avoid exceeding the 24 million-acre CRP cap set by the 2014 Farm Bill. New limited practice availability and short sign up period helps ensure that landowners with the most sensitive acreage will enroll in the program and avoid unintended competition with new and beginning farmers seeking leases. CRP enrollment currently is about 22.7 million acres.

2018 Signup for CRP

For this year's signup, limited priority practices are available for continuous enrollment. They include grassed

waterways, filter strips, riparian buffers, wetland restoration and others. View a full list of practices here: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/conservation-reserve-program/crp-continuous-enrollment/index>.

FSA will use updated soil rental rates to make annual rental payments, reflecting current values. It will not offer incentive payments as part of the new signup.

USDA will not open a general signup this year, however, a one-year extension will be offered to existing CRP participants with expiring CRP contracts of 14 years or less. Producers eligible for an extension will receive a letter with more information.

CRP Grasslands

Additionally, FSA established new ranking criteria for CRP Grasslands. To guarantee all CRP grasslands offers are treated equally, applicants who previously applied will be asked to reapply using the new ranking criteria. Producers with pending applications will receive a letter providing the options.

About CRP

In return for enrolling land in CRP, USDA, through FSA on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), provides participants with annual rental payments and cost-share assistance. Landowners enter into contracts that last between 10 and 15 years. CRP pays producers who remove sensitive lands from production and plant certain grasses, shrubs and trees that improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and increase wildlife habitat.

Producers wanting to apply for the CRP continuous signup or CRP grasslands should contact their USDA service center. To locate your local FSA office, visit <https://www.farmers.gov>. More information on CRP can be found at www.fsa.usda.gov/crp.



Plans change as quickly as Indiana weather. I had planned to spend the day last Friday doing some pruning and shaping of ornamental trees. However, the storms that moved through the area on Thursday changed my plans. I still did trimming, but it was to clear away limbs that had fallen during the storm. The storm also caused several tall plants to splay or fall over onto the ground, leaving a full day's clean-up work at Sandhill Gardens.

Storms rarely break limbs off in a smooth cut and the resulting damage invites insects and disease into the tree. When possible, it is best to trim off the damaged limb back to a healthy limb. Cut at the swollen collar at the branch intersection. This will make it easier for the tree to compartmentalize the damage and begin healing over the wound. Most experts do not recommend painting the wound with anything. A healthy tree will be able to heal itself.

Heavy winds are also hard on tall herbaceous plants, both in the ornamental and vegetable gardens. Corn is often the victim of wind. However, it may recover with a little help. If possible to get into the corn patch without compacting the soil too much, one may carefully stand the stalks back up, being careful not to pull the roots out of the soil. Some plants will do this on their own, especially if they have not developed much woody material in the stalk.

Tall perennials and annuals are often the focal points of ornamental beds and strong winds may cause such plants to splay onto the ground. One may treat them the same way that corn is treated and some will recover in part on their own. However, often the appearance of the bed will be affected. At Sandhill Gardens, some hibiscus plants were blown over. Hibiscus stems are often brittle and attempting to right the stems may not succeed. However, all is not lost. You may be able to coax the tops of the stems into some sort of wire cage, such as a tomato cage. As the plant matures and adds foliage, the cage will be hidden and the appearance of the bed will have been rescued.

Other plants may need staking after being knocked down. You may use cane, bamboo or even twigs from the

Spring Mill SP hosts "Civil War Days"

Learn about life in Indiana during the Civil War at Spring Mill State Park, June 9 and 10.

The park's "Civil War Days" features a re-enacted battle at 2:30 p.m., both Saturday and Sunday, at Sycamore Field.

Visitors can also see encampments and visit with more than 100 soldier re-enactors.

At 1 p.m. on both days, a program at the Meeting House will explain how the Civil War affected the Pioneer Village.

This event is made possible through a grant from Lawrence County Tourism.

Park admission is \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle.

For more information, call 812-849-3534 or email springmillstatepark@dnr.IN.gov.

Spring Mill State Park (stateparks.IN.gov/2968.htm) is at 3333 State Road 60 East, Mitchell, 47446.

limbs that fell from trees. One may purchase special wire coated with a soft material to fasten the fallen stems to the stakes. However, a less expensive alternative is to use strips of soft material. Dark green and black cloth will be less conspicuous, but any material will do. Do not tie the stems too tight to the stake, leaving no room for the stems to grow. When possible, use a figure eight loop with the stem held in one side and the stake in the other.

This early in the growing season, many tall flowers are not grown to full height. Strong winds are likely to come again. There are precautions that you may take. Many tall plants will do well if grown through a cage. Commercial grow cages are available, but you may make your own. Cages made from woven wire are good for plants that have copious greenery to hide the wire. I have also used old bicycle wheels suspended from three or four electric fence posts. Wire crates, such as were once used by milk companies, also make good grow-through cages. Use your imagination and put whatever you have on hand to use. Some items will supply a whimsical look to the garden and others will be hidden as soon as the supported plant grows and puts on more foliage.

Sometimes, there simply is no way to save a plant that has been damaged. A perennial may be cut to the ground and some will re-grow or at least will return next year. In the meantime, placing a pot in the area may be the trick to keeping the bed looking nice. Gardeners know that changes will come, and the loss of a plant should be viewed as the opportunity to try something new and different.

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More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



A Spanish language teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine.

“House,” for instance, is feminine: “la casa.”

“Pencil,” however, is masculine: “el lapiz.”

A student asked, “What gender is ‘computer’?”

Instead of giving the answer, the teacher divided the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether “computer” should be a masculine or a feminine noun.

Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation.

The men’s group decided that “computer” should definitely be of the feminine gender (“la computadora”), because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic;
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else;
3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval; and
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck to buy accessories for it. (THIS GETS BETTER!)

The women’s group, however, concluded that computers should be masculine (“el computador”), because:

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on;
2. They have a lot of data but still can’t think for themselves;
3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they are the problem; and
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have got a better model.

The women won!
Send this to all the smart women you know ... And to all the men that have a sense of humor.

STRANGE BUT TRUE FACTS:

1. Look at your zipper. See the initials YKK? It stands for Yoshida Kogyo Kabushibibaisha, the world’s largest zipper manufacturer.
2. 40 percent of McDonald’s profits come from the sales of Happy Meals.
3. Three hundred and fifteen entries in Webster’s 1996 Dictionary were misspelled.
4. On the average, 12 newborns will be given to the wrong parents daily.
5. Chocolate kills dogs! True, chocolate affects a dog’s heart and nervous system. A few ounces are enough to kill a small-sized dog.
6. Ketchup was sold in the 1830s as a medicine.
7. Leonardo Da Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other at the same time.
8. Because metal was scarce, the Oscars given out during WWII were made of wood.
9. There are no clocks in Las Vegas gambling casinos.
10. Leonardo Da Vinci invented scissors. Also, it took him 10 years to paint Mona Lisa’s lips

11. Bruce Lee was so fast that they actually had to slow a film down, so you could see his moves.

12. The original name for the butterfly was “flutterby!”

13. By raising your legs slowly and lying on your back, you can’t sink in quicksand.

14. Mosquito repellents don’t repel. They hide you. The spray blocks the mosquito’s sensors, so they don’t know you’re there.

15. Dentists recommend that a toothbrush be kept at least six feet away from a toilet to avoid airborne particles resulting from the flush.

16. The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley’s gum.

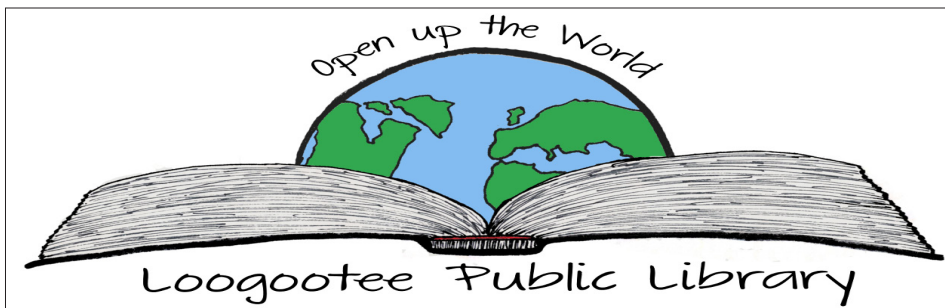
17. Michael Jordan makes more money from Nike annually than the entire Nike factory workers in Malaysia combined.

18. Marilyn Monroe had six toes on one foot.

19. Adolf Hitler’s mother seriously considered having an abortion but was talked out of it by her doctor.

20. The three most valuable brand names on earth: Marlboro, Coca-Cola, and Budweiser, in that order.

Make someone smile today!



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

There have been over 90 kids registered for the 2018 Libraries Rock summer reading program sponsored by German American Bank, Old National Bank, and Friends of Loogootee Library. Today was our first art program at Loogootee Elementary PAWS Club and the kids were awesome. Jen Zehr instructed the kids to make flower gardens with polka dotted cupcake holders, pipe cleaners, buttons, colored pipe cleaners, pony beads, and construction paper. The finished pictures were colorful and real works of art. Next door, Movin Monkeys were having a great time with Julie Lagree. If you haven’t registered your kids for the summer reading program there is still time. Friday Jen Zehr will be showing the kids how to make slime.

NEW BOOKS:

Mystery Fiction: “Turbulence” by Stuart Woods, “Probable Claws” by Rita Mae Brown, “Fade to Black” by Heather Graham, and “The President is Missing” by Bill Clinton and James Patterson.

Fiction: “Patchwork Bride” by Sandra Dallas, “The Gray Ghost” by Clive Cussler, “My Kind of Christmas” by Janet Daily, and “Shelter in Place” by Nora Roberts.

Inspirational Fiction: “A Rebel Heart” by Beth White, “To the Moon and Back” by Karen Kingsbury, “A Daring Adventure” by Elizabeth Camden, and “More than Meets the Eye” by Karen Witemey-

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Chamber meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, June 20 at noon at West Boggs Park in the activity building. They will have a guest speaker from the Purdue Center for Regional Development who will do a presentation on the broadband study. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

St. Mary’s Reunion

St. Mary’s Barr Twp. Reunion this year is on Saturday, June 23 at the American Legion (Country Club). The country club is located next to the Martin County Recycle Center. Take Hwy. 231 east out of Loogootee, turn left across from the White River Co-op (was Farm Bureau). From there it’s at the bottom of the hill on the right. The reunion will start at 11 a.m. and attendees can stay all day. Bring your own food, drinks, plates, and etc. Please bring photos of first communions, confirmation, weddings, etc. that took place at St. Mary’s Church.

Food pantry hours

The Loogootee United Methodist Food Pantry will be open the first, second, third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also the first Monday of the month from 5-6:30 p.m.

Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch

to all school-age children every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 200 West Main Street next to the post office. For more info, call 812-709-2525.

SOAR Tutoring

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

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public is invited to attend.

Humane society meetings

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

Solid waste board

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

Attention Senior Citizens

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

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DVDs: “Death Wish”, “Paw Patrol: Summer Rescues”, “Disney: Zombies” and “Game Night”.

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 or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

ESSAYS

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you might not have enough money to pay your bills. I learned that even kids can go to jail. Bad choices can affect your life in many ways. You can lose all your friends and family if you are not careful. Over one stupid mistake, you can ruin your whole future. Be smart with I LEAD.

4th Place Winner (tied)

I LEAD

By Janna Albright

I LEAD is a program that helps educate kids on how to prevent trouble. For example, they send guest speakers to teach us about theft, stealing, the court system, technology safety, house arrest, alcohol, drugs and consequence. I LEAD has taught me things that will help me later in life. I LEAD is basically helping me prepare for the tough choices and bad things coming. This is how I LEAD has helped me.

I LEAD has influenced my life. It has influenced my life because now, when I have a problem, I will be able to know more

of how to handle that problem. My life is also influenced by the guest speakers. I am impressed by their actions. They would rather teach kids on how to make the right decisions, than have a day off.

I especially admire Judge Ellis. She had a son and went to school again for several years to become a judge like she is today. Judge Ellis inspires me. She makes me feel that in the future, never give up when it gets hard, and make smart choices. That’s the key to success.

My parents have taught me a lot of the things I LEAD has talked about. The problem was, I didn’t really think about it. So, when I LEAD talked about it, they reminded me how important it was for everyone to make the right decisions. I LEAD also gave me lots of facts that helped me understand.

I LEAD is very special and important. They want us kids to learn to prepare for the future. They help us understand. They also influence us to a better life. Be safe and smart, with I LEAD.