

Did you know? Staggering statistics to think about

This is the second of a four-part series of articles in celebration of Literacy Month in Martin County.

Almost one out of four adults possess literacy skills defined as Level 1 or below. Another 25-28 percent of the adult population are described as Level 2. What does this mean? About half of all adults read so poorly that they cannot find a single piece of information when reading a short publication, calculate the cost of a rental car, or perform simple computer tasks.

This is why the Martin County Commissioners declared September as Literacy Month in Martin County. Literacy is defined as the ability to use written information to function in society, to achieve one's goals, and to develop one's knowledge and potential.

43 percent of those with the lowest literacy rates live in poverty.

Only 45 percent of adults without a high school diploma or equivalent participate in the labor force.

75 percent of state prison inmates are classified as low literate.

Medical expenses are four times higher for low-level literacy families – almost \$14,000 annually compared to \$3,500 for higher level literacy families.

A 1 percent increase in average literacy rate can yield a 1.5 percent permanent increase in the GDP.

Martin County SOAR offers free and confidential tutoring to improve these statistics. "We work with adults on functional skills to improve their lives," Beverly McIntosh, Program Di-

rector for SOAR said. "We find out what people want and need to do in their lives and then provide tutoring to help them get there. We can help with workplace certifications, everyday math, test preparation, basically all the areas in life where we encounter written material and must take action. We don't read just to read. We read to be able to do something. To find a tutor or become a tutor, give us a call or text at 812-709-1618 or shoot us a message at martincountysoar@hotmail.com."

Celebrate Literacy Month: Take 10 Every Day - read for ten minutes every day. Any time, any place. Just for fun or to learn something new. By yourself, with a friend, or with your family.

Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life

Martin County Literacy Month 2015
A PROCLAMATION
by the Board of Commissioners of Martin County, Indiana

WHEREAS, the need for highly literate citizens increases as Martin County moves toward an increasingly technological future; and

WHEREAS, a standard level of skill is required for success in today's labor market and only half of the U.S. population ages 16-64 reach that standard; and

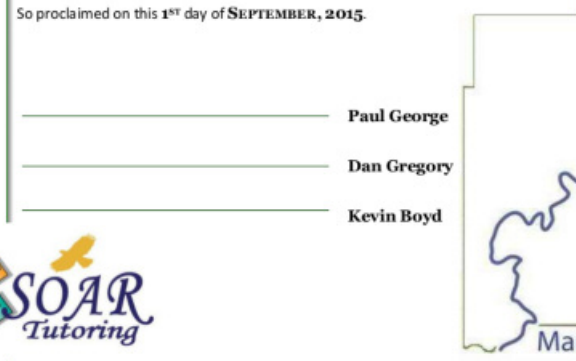
WHEREAS, literacy skills are strengthened in large measure by simple solutions of mentoring, tutoring, volunteering, and donating to organizations focused on raising the rate of literacy in our county; and

WHEREAS, Martin County SOAR provides the above activities to help residents improve their skills and also sponsors observances of Literacy Month to raise awareness of how to improve skills;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims **September 2015** as **LITERACY MONTH** in Martin County, Indiana, and urges our fellow citizens to learn more about the impact of low-level skills on our community, to encourage our children to read, and to become involved with literacy in our community.

So proclaimed on this 1st day of **SEPTEMBER, 2015.**

Paul George
Dan Gregory
Kevin Boyd



The following graph shows the number of births in the United States from 1957 to 2007.



During which periods was there a decline in the number of births? Choose all that apply.

- 1957-1967
- 1967-1977
- 1977-1987
- 1987-1997
- 1997-2007

-Sample question provided by SOAR

Above is a sample question from the study that reported the results in the article to the left.

Martin County Senior Citizens Housing awarded \$1M to rehabilitate 42 units of affordable housing

Martin County Senior Citizens Housing, Inc. (MCSCHI), located in Loogootee, has received a \$500,000 grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis' (FHLBI) Affordable Housing Program and also a \$500,000 grant from the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) HOME program. In addition to grant funds, MCSCHI has secured a loan through German American to also be utilized on this project. The project will rehabilitate 42 affordable housing units located in Loogootee, known as East and West Court.

MCSCHI has worked on obtaining grant funds for four years. The hard work has finally paid off. MCSCHI has worked with Southern Indiana Development Commission, Hoosier Uplands, USDA Rural Development and Midwestern Engineers, Inc. for the past four years to prepare applications and ultimately receive grants from IHCDA and FHLBI. The grant and loan funds will be used to rehabilitate the 42 units by installing windows, doors, new hvac systems, appliances, insulation, etc. The rehabilitation activities will make the units more energy efficient. The project will also convert two units in West Court to be ADA accessible. MCSCHI serves the elderly (62 and older) and also the disabled. MCSCHI along with SIDC, Hoosier Uplands, USDA Rural Development, Midwestern Engineers and German American Bank worked very hard for four years to obtain these grants. The Board of Directors

of MCSCHI along with the tenants of East and West Courts want to publicly thank those organizations without whose unwavering support, patience and perseverance these grant awards would not have been possible. The Board and Tenants also want to publicly thank the IHCDA and FHLBI for their consideration, help and confidence in our much needed project and giving us the funds to make it possible.

To obtain the grant, Martin County Sen- (See 'HOUSING' continued on page 2)

Commissioners want citizens to stay off National Forest land

Hoosier National Forestry Representatives informed the Martin County Board of Commissioners that off-road vehicles going around obstacles and leaving Old Natchez Church Road are trespassing on Hoosier National Forest land.

Those riding on Old Natchez Church Road cannot trespass onto Hoosier National Forest land. The Martin County Board of Commissioners do not want to close Old Natchez Church Road as they know it is a heavy traffic area for off-road vehicles.

If citizens of Martin County and surrounding counties do not stay off of the Hoosier National Forest land, the Martin County Board of Commissioners will have no choice but to close Old Natchez Church Road.

Washington man tries sneaking away from trooper in Loogootee

A Washington man was arrested last Friday for possessing methamphetamine and other narcotics after trying to sneak around a state trooper and disposing of the drugs.

Around 1:10 p.m. Friday, September 4, Senior Trooper Jarrod Lents pulled into the Marathon gas station parking lot in Loogootee. Lents observed a male walking away from the property, but continuing to watch Lents. Lents observed the male continue to watch him, until the male suddenly sprinted behind a parked semi-trailer. Lents could see the male bend down under the trailer, stand back up, and sprint back to his original location. Concerned that the activity was suspicious, Lents approached the man who identified himself as Joseph P. Smith, 55, of Washington. Lents walked with Smith back to the semi-trailer, where Lents found a pill bottle



-Photo provided
Shown above are the drugs recovered from Smith after the arrest.

that Smith hid containing methamphetamine, hydrocodone, and marijuana.

Smith was arrested and lodged without incident in the Martin County Jail. He was charged with possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of a schedule II controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; and possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

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A few simple tasks each week, for a month, can help Hoosiers survive emergency situations

Taking a few simple actions each week in September can greatly help Indiana residents survive times of natural disasters (floods, tornadoes) or man-made emergencies (fires, terrorism), any time of year, says the Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

September is Preparedness Month in Indiana and in the United States, and it's a month in which safety and security professionals urge all Americans to think ahead and plan for emergencies that no one hopes will happen, but that history proves can and do happen.

The Indiana agency has prepared a checklist of three simple activities Hoosiers can do each week in September to be ready if and when disaster strikes. The checklist is below. More detailed information is available at the agency's Get Prepared website, GetPrepared.in.gov.

Checklist By Week

Week One: (short week) Tuesday, September 1 through Saturday, September 5

This week, I/we...

- Bought a battery-powered or hand-cranked NOAA weather radio.
- Mapped and practiced fire escape routes.
- Practiced Stop! Drop! And Roll! for fire safety.

Week Two: Sunday, September 6 through Saturday, September 12

This week, I/we...

- Learned and practiced what do to in an earthquake: Drop! Cover! Hold on!
- Signed up for Great Central U.S. Shake-Out at www.shakeout.org/centralus/
- Built part of a disaster kit: blanket, sturdy shoes/clothes, hats, gloves, some cash.
- Practiced taking appropriate shelter for a tornado.

Week Three: Sunday, September 13 through Saturday, September 19

This week, I/we...

-Learned/shared/discussed the difference between tornado watches and warnings.

-Placed crucial documents in a water-proof container (passports, birth certificates, etc.).

-Built part of a disaster kit: nonperishable food, water, eating utensils, baby/pet supplies.

Week Four: Sunday, September 20 through Saturday, September 26

This week, I/we...

- Bought or recharged fire extinguishers.
- Mapped/explored neighborhood escape routes in case of flooding, chemical spill, etc.

-Built part of a disaster kit: first-aid supplies, scissors, gloves, medicines, sunscreen.

Week Five: (short week) Sunday, September 27 through Wednesday, September 30

This week, I/we...

- Listed neighbors who may need help – seniors, babies, people with disabilities.
- Built part of a disaster kit: flashlight with extra batteries, wrench to shut off gas/water.
- Studied/shared "Get Prepared" information at GetPrepared.in.gov.

HOUSING

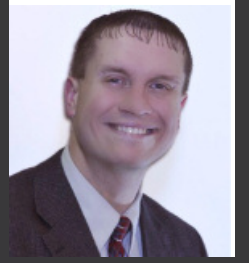
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ior Citizens Housing, Inc. teamed with German American to submit an application to the FHLBI. German American has also donated \$9,100 towards the project. The IHCD and FHLBI applications were evaluated on a competitive basis according to established criteria before qualifying for the award.

Martin County Senior Citizens Housing, Inc. is very excited and anxious to begin the next phase of the project. It is anticipated that construction will begin on the units in early spring 2016.

The Mayor's Den

By Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty



August began at the Ryan's Hope fundraiser, held each year at the Martin County Community Building and headed up by Ryan's mother, Ann (Baker) Stewart. The event usually consists of a hog roast, silent auction, and dance. All funds raised each year are designated to a specific purpose; this year that purpose was the "Angel Tree Program." The Angel Tree program assists families at Christmastime with buying items that they might not ordinarily be able to purchase otherwise – a very worthwhile project! Sunday the 2nd, I visited Lili's Lemonade Stand, located in front of Lili's home on North Line Street. Each year, Lili's Lemonade Stand raises money for a specific purpose as well, and this year's funds went to the Martin County Humane Society. Youth like Lili make us all excited about the future of our community. That evening, was the "Back to School Splash" at the new pool, sponsored by Terri Kelso Insurance, Loogootee Knights of Columbus, and Century 21 Classic Realty. Over 200 people attended! A special thank you to all of our sponsors. Monday August 3rd, I had lunch with John Craig of Midwestern Engineers. Mr. Craig, as many of you know, served as Mayor of the City of Petersburg for 10 years and worked for the Office of Community and Rural Affairs as well, working throughout the state trying to help communities like ours succeed. We are very lucky to have him working in our community. In the evening, I met with Julie Berry of Midwestern Engineers and Michael J. Magner, Independent Consultant, to discuss the possibility of land use planning. A base criterion was discussed. Tuesday the 4th as well as Wednesday the 5th I spent mostly at the office.

Thursday the 6th was first day back for the 2015-2016 school year. On Friday the 7th, I spent much of the day in the office. Monday the 10th, I lunched with Reverend Duane Smith at Stoll's Lakeview. Rev. Smith is the new Pastor at Maranatha Tabernacle; and since his start at the church, he has already shown his passion for both God and community. Rev. Davis (along with Maranatha Tabernacle) in just his short time as pastor has raised money for a bullet proof vest for our newest officer on the force "Roxy", and has planned a lasagna lunch for September 11th to honor all of our local emergency personnel as well as a prayer service that evening on the square between 4 p.m.-5 p.m. honoring all the lives lost on this day no one will ever forget. In the evening, was the monthly board of works and public safety meetings, along with the regularly scheduled common council meeting. Many issues were discussed with the main topic being the budget for 2016. Tuesday the 11th, I volunteered at Loogootee Elementary. Following being at the school much of the rest of the day was spent at the office working on day-to-day operations.

Wednesday the 12th, I attended a planning meeting at Old National Bank for the October 19 "Shop and Taste" Event. As always, Shop and Taste will be at the Martin County Community Building again this year, with over 30 expected vendors. Following the meeting, I went back to city hall to meet with John Seever and Alex Hilt with Umbaugh and Associates, Craig McGowan with Rural Development, City Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones and Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson. We met to discuss the possible merger of the West Boggs Sewer District. Thursday the 13th the parks and recreation department met in regular session to discuss the operations of the department. On Friday the 14th the city hosted a pool and pizza party for Four Rivers Resource Agency. Four Rivers continuously helps us complete important projects and we appreciate their assistance and the good job they do. Monday the 17th much of the day was spent working on day-to-day operations while Tuesday the

18th I headed to the Martin County Learning Center to meet with community leaders, along with a representative from Purdue University, to discuss a variety of issues to continually improve our community. Wednesday the 19th, was the monthly Martin County Chamber of Commerce meeting, this month at The Lodge. Among the many issues discussed were the upcoming "Shop and Taste of Martin County" to be held October 19 and the Shoals and Loogootee Fall Festival along with the 2016 Bicentennial of Indiana. In the evening, I went to the Martin County Recycling Center. Thursday the 20th, I attended a lunch and learn session at Westgate Academy (located in the Westgate Tech Park) featuring U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly. Senator Donnelly spoke about the Crane's importance throughout our state and the country as a whole. The lunch was well attended with a great representation from Loogootee and Martin County present. Friday the 21st much of the day was spent at the office. Saturday, August 22nd, I stopped by the St. John's Lutheran Church's annual fish fry. Great fish and great friends! Monday the 24th, I went to Old National Bank to discuss the upcoming Shop and Taste event. In the evening, I went to Bloomfield High School to watch our Lady Lions Junior Varsity and Varsity Volleyball Teams take on the Lady Cardinals. Both teams played hard with the junior varsity coming out on top with the varsity coming up short in the end.

Tuesday the 25th, I met with Samantha Bobbitt with the Daviess County Chamber of Commerce, Pam Ingram and Brett Day with Crane Naval Warfare Center, and Marie Hawkins and Jim Stoughton from the Martin County Chamber to discuss the upcoming Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay to be held in our area in 2016 on September 13th. After much discussion, another meeting is planned to continue preparation for this most important event. On Wednesday the 26th, our county was shocked with the untimely death of two of its residents. May we keep all families and friends affected in our thoughts and prayers. Thursday the 27th much of the day was spent at the office. I started Friday the 28th at Loogootee Elementary to assist with representatives from SOAR with passing out dictionaries and thesaurus to the 3rd and 4th graders. Following being at the school, I assisted with the funeral service of John Hunt at St. John Catholic Church. Mr. Hunt served as our county sheriff as well as clerk, along with owning and operating Hunt's Steamer with his wife. He will be missed by both family and friends alike. Saturday the 29th was the annual Martin County Humane Society Yard Sale - a big success for them. Following the sale, I headed to Kavanaugh Kourt to attend the 7th and 8th volleyball tourney held at Barr-Reeve each year. Congratulations to the 7th Lady Lions on their runner-up in the tournament, ending 2-1 for the day. The 8th grade played hard but unfortunately didn't win. Following the tourney was the BBQ and ice cream social at the Loogootee United Methodist Church sponsored by the church to assist paying their mortgage off early. Many attended and the food was delicious. Following that, I headed to St. John Catholic Church to attend the surprise birthday party for Karen McAtee. Karen has always been a great friend to many as was evident with the great crowd in attendance. The party had a western theme and lots of photos were taken. On Sunday the 30th I went to St. Martin's Catholic Church for their Annual Men's Club Hog Roast. More great food and another successful event! In the evening, our Methodist Church rented and hosted a pool party for all area churches – fun all everyone! Monday the 31st much of the day was spent working on day to day operations. I want to take this opportunity wish each and every one of you a most blessed September!

Classified ADS

YARD SALES

ALFORDSVILLE YARD SALES. Saturday, September 12, from 8 to 4. Multiple sales. Includes antiques, furniture, collectibles, much more.

LOOGOOTE BAND YARD SALE Friday, September 18 - 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, September 19 - 7 a.m. to Noon. Yard sale will be held at the Old Loogootee East Cafeteria. Students will be accepting donations from the community on Wednesday, September 16 and Thursday, September 17 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the East Cafeteria. Larger items may be marked with band students name and price. Goodwill donations will be accepted for all other items. All the Loogootee Band students will profit from the donations. The Loogootee High School band will be traveling to Florida over Spring Break 2016 to perform at Disney.

HELP WANTED

There is a current need for CASS Instructors for both

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OBITUARIES

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PHILIP BARROW

Philip J. Barrow passed away at 3:27 a.m. Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 67.

He was born June 24, 1948 in Hot Springs, South Dakota; son of the late Laurel and Anna (Schuchart) Barrow.

He was a Vietnam War Veteran, serving 27 years in the U.S. Navy. He also was a member of the American Legion Post 120, Eagles and VFW 9395, where he was the Post Commander.



PHILIP BARROW

He retired from Jasper Engines and Transmission. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Donna (Speed) Barrow of Loogootee; son, Harold Flanagan of Loogootee; daughters, Pam Chrisman of Loogootee and Teresa Voegerl of Huntingburg; eight grandchildren, three great grandchildren; sisters, Pauline Martin of Minnesota,

Phylis Dubbe of South Dakota, Sharon Saunders of Missouri and Mary Holland of Arizona; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Laurel and Anna (Schuchart) Barrow and

brother, John Barrow of South Dakota.

Philip will be cremated with a memorial service at a later date.

Condolences may be made online at brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

You've won the sweepstakes? Not so fast...

A new version of the common "Sweepstakes" phone scam is tricking Hoosiers into thinking they won a prize from the Indiana Gaming Commission. In this scam, the caller claims to be from the Gaming Commission and says you've won a sweepstakes – all you have to do is pay gaming taxes on the winnings and the money will be yours.

There are many versions of this scam and callers claim to be from a whole host of organizations, such as Publishers Clearing House, the Mega Millions International Lottery, the Hoosier Lottery and more.

Regardless of who the caller claims to be – even if it is a legitimate organization – don't fall for this scam.

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller says red flags should be raised if you are asked to pay any fees on your winnings, especially if you are asked to wire the payment or purchase prepaid cards to make the payment.

In one case recently reported to the Attorney General's Office, a victim wired \$6,000 to a bank overseas and then was told to wire \$2,000 more for a gaming tax. It was at that point, he identified this as a scam. Once you send money to a scam artist, it is very difficult to get it back.

If you get a call like this, hang up immediately and do not send money. The Indiana Gaming Commission does not offer sweepstakes and would never contact you for this purpose. The Hoosier Lottery is the agency that distributes lottery winnings in Indiana and they do not initiate contact to winners over the phone and will never ask you to pay any fee to claim the prize.

Zoeller offered the below tips to avoid falling for a sweepstakes scam:

In general, never do business or send money to an incoming caller, no matter who they say they are. Always initiate the contact yourself if you believe the organization is legitimate. Find their correct contact information from their website or the phone book.

Never give personal information, such as your Social Security number or bank account numbers, to anyone claiming that you have won a prize.

Never pay anyone a "handling" or "pro-

cessing" fee to obtain winnings.

So far this year, the Attorney General's Office has received more than 550 calls from consumers reporting sweepstakes or lottery scams.

Victims or those targeted by the scam can file complaints with the Attorney General's Office at www.IndianaConsumer.com or by calling 800-382-5516.

For more information on avoiding sweepstakes and lottery scams, visit www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2542.htm.

VU faculty, professional staff promotions

Vincennes University has announced faculty and professional staff promotions, as approved by the VU Board of Trustees.

Promoted to professional staff level 2 are Sandra K. Friedman, WorkOne, Indiana Region 8; and Stephanie Stemle, Grant Specialist.

Promoted to professional staff level 2 are Jennifer Andrews, Substance Abuse Counselor; Diana Lady, Distance Education; Mai L. Miller, Military Education; Shanni Simmons, Distance Education Program; and Deborah Stanczak, Center for Teaching & Learning.

Promoted to associate professor are Chad Bebee, English Department; Matthew Groneman, English Department; Dean Hall, Electronics Technology; Jennifer Hensley, Sociology/Social Work Department; Richard Kribs, Mathematics Department; Matthew Lefler, English Department; Matthew Norman, English Department; and Mary Ann Seward, Communications Department.

Promoted to professor are Robert Evans, Sociology/Social Work Department; and Kristal Shick, History Department.

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A Dangerous Trend – Smokeless Tobacco Use Among High School Athletes

Past 30-day use of combustible tobacco products dropped from 2001 to 2013 among all high school students (31.5% to 19.5%), while past 30-day use of smokeless tobacco remained unchanged among non-athletes (5.9%), and increased among athletes (10.0% to 11.1%).

Smokeless tobacco is NOT without risk

SMOKELESS TOBACCO USE CAN...

- Lead to nicotine addiction
- Cause cancer of the mouth, esophagus and pancreas
- Cause diseases of the mouth
- Increase the risk for death from heart disease and stroke

CDC

High school athletes using smokeless tobacco more than non-athletes

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High school athletes who play on sports teams smoke tobacco products at a lower rate than non-athletes, but use smokeless tobacco at a higher rate, according to a study published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in last week's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR).

Data from national Youth Risk Behavior Surveys (YRBS) show that while current use of combustible tobacco products (cigarettes and cigars) dropped dramatically from 2001 to 2013 among all high school students (31.5 percent to 19.5 percent), current use of smokeless tobacco remained unchanged among non-athletes (5.9 percent) and increased among athletes (10 percent to 11.1 percent).

The lower use of combustible tobacco products might result from athletes' awareness of how smoking can hurt athletic performance. The higher use of smokeless tobacco suggests athletes may perceive these products as harmless, socially acceptable, or perhaps even as a way to boost athletic performance. However, smokeless tobacco contains nicotine and cancer-causing chemicals and may increase the risk of death from heart disease and stroke. Notable athletes with a history of smokeless tobacco use have been diagnosed with or died from oral cancer.

"We can do more to protect America's youth from a lifetime of addiction," said CDC Director Tom Frieden, M.D., M.P.H. "The fact is, smokeless tobacco products, such as chewing tobacco, snuff or dip, can cause cancer of the mouth, esophagus and pancreas. And the nicotine in these products is harmful to the developing brain. Because we know tobacco-free policies in schools and other public recreational areas work, we must take action now so that our children are safe from these toxins."

The data show a relationship between the number of sports teams on which an athlete plays and his or her tobacco use. Athletes who play on multiple sports teams use smokeless tobacco more and combustible tobacco less. During 2013, prevalence of smokeless use was 5.9 percent, 10.2 percent, 11.5 percent, and 12.5 percent among students participat-

ing in zero, one, two, or three or more sports teams, respectively. But combustible tobacco use was 21.3 percent, 19.6 percent, 17.1 percent, and 15.8 percent among students participating in zero, one, two, or three or more sports teams, respectively.

The tobacco industry has marketed smokeless products as an alternative to cigarettes in situations where smoking is prohibited, which might further promote their use among athletes. Although Minor League Baseball prohibits use of smokeless products, Major League Baseball restricts but does not prohibit their use. San Francisco has adopted a policy, which becomes effective January 1, 2016, that would prohibit the use of smokeless tobacco and all other tobacco products at all city professional and amateur athletic venues. On September 2, 2015, Boston enacted a similar policy that goes into effect April 1, 2016. Smokeless tobacco use among professional athletes is concerning because youth may view them as role models.

"Tobacco use among youth athletes is of particular concern because most adult tobacco users first try tobacco before age 18," said Brian King, Ph.D., deputy director for research translation in the CDC Office on Smoking and Health. "The younger people are when they start using tobacco, the more likely they are to become addicted and the more heavily addicted they can become."

Tobacco-free policies that prohibit all tobacco use by players, coaches, referees, and fans on school campuses and at all public recreational facilities—including stadiums, parks, and school gymnasiums—might help make smokeless tobacco use less socially acceptable and reduce its use among student athletes.

"Creating 100% tobacco-free environments is one of the best ways we can set our kids up for a healthy future," said U.S. Surgeon General Vivek H. Murthy, M.D., M.B.A. "It helps them see that being tobacco-free is the way to better health and a longer life."

Continued implementation of proven interventions is also critical to reducing all forms of tobacco use among youth, including increasing tobacco prices, warning about the dangers of tobacco use, and increasing access to tobacco cessation resources.

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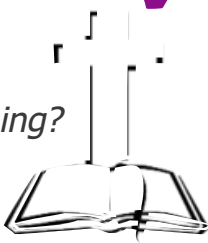
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COPS & COURT

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

1:43 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation south of Shoals. Deputy McBeth, Shoals Town Marshal Eckert, Indiana State Police Trooper Johnson, and two Orange County Sheriff's Department units were dispatched.

5:12 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Deputy McBeth was dispatched.

3:36 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to the doctor.

4:14 p.m. - Sgt. Keller assisted a disabled motorist.

10:12 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Sgt. Norris investigated.

10:57 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Sgt. Keller responded.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

1:01 a.m. - Received a request for homeowner assistance in Loogootee. Loogootee Sgt. Norris was dispatched.

8:50 a.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

10:05 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took three inmates to court.

1:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

1:03 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill took the call.

1:30 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took four inmates to court.

3:15 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

3:43 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Sheriff Roush was advised.

6:37 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

7:30 p.m. - Sgt. Keller performed vehicle checks east of Shoals.

10:22 p.m. - Received a request for homeowner assistance in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

2:13 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation north of Shoals. Deputy McBeth responded.

2:21 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:17 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:51 a.m. - Deputy McBeth assisted a stranded motorist south of Loogootee.

6:00 a.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

8:30 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:01 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

1:15 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

2:17 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:31 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Captain Dant and Major Burkhardt took the call. All was okay.

4:50 p.m. - Received a report of a drive off in Shoals. All officers were advised.

5:11 p.m. - Received a report of property damage near Shoals. Major Burkhardt took the call.

5:57 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and Sgt. Keller responded.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

6:46 a.m. - Received a report of a dead

deer in the road north of Loogootee. Captain Dant removed the deer.

7:55 a.m. - Received a request to assist county highway department with a traffic detail near Shoals. Captain Dant assisted.

7:59 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism north of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

8:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

9:20 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill took the call.

9:53 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

10:51 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

12:00 p.m. - Received a report of a missing person in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:55 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took three inmates to court.

12:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

1:55 p.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

2:02 p.m. - Received a request to assist department of child services with a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill assisted.

2:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

5:29 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

8:30 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver nearing Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was advised.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

2:18 a.m. - Received a report of a person needing assistance near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene assisted the subject.

6:33 a.m. - Received a report of a person trying to break in a car in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

6:55 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

8:50 a.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles was notified.

11:09 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Shoals. Major Burkhardt took the call.

12:08 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Major Burkhardt, Martin County Ambulance, and Martin County Civil Defense were dispatched. Air Evac transported the subject to Louisville Hospital.

4:43 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Crane. Major Burkhardt, Loogootee Officer Nolan, and a Greene County deputy responded.

6:20 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

9:31 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Corporal Baker responded.

11:21 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Corporal Baker responded.

11:27 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Corporal Baker was advised.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

6:46 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

7:59 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

8:02 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

8:40 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity in Crane. Major Burkhardt,

Crane Fire Department, and EOD were dispatched.

10:50 a.m. - Received a report of a road rage incident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

3:57 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:12 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident east of Shoals. Corporal Baker responded.

7:33 p.m. - Corporal Baker and Deputy McBeth assisted a motorist near Loogootee.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

12:38 a.m. - Received a report of gun shots heard near Shoals. Corporal Baker and Deputy McBeth investigated.

1:25 a.m. - Received a report of a prowler in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

8:25 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Sgt. Keller responded.

JAIL BOOKINGS

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

4:13 a.m. - Joseph Estrada, 30, of French Lick, was arrested by Deputy McBeth and charged with battery causing bodily injury, residential entry, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, and intimidation with a deadly weapon. He has no bond.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:56 p.m. - Joshua Jones and Jessica Howard, both of Shoals, were arrested by Major Burkhardt on Orange County warrants. They were transferred to Orange County.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

1:30 p.m. - Joseph Smith, 55, of Loogootee, was arrested by State Trooper Lents and charged with possession of meth, possession of a schedule II controlled substance, and possession of marijuana. He has no bond.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

7:05 a.m. - Jackie Davis, 51, of Bloomington, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene and charged with possession of meth, attempted auto theft, attempted residential entry, public intoxication, and disorderly conduct. No bond has been set.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:01 p.m. - Deputy McBeth on station with Timothy Morrow, 18, of Crane, was arrested by Deputy McBeth and charged with intimidation and pointing a fire arm. His bond is \$25,000.

10:53 a.m. - Received a dog complaint near north of Shoals. Sgt. Keller took the call.

11:44 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm near Shoals. Sgt. Keller responded.

12:08 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

2:06 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles took the call.

3:52 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Crane. Sgt. Keller was notified. Crane Ambulance assisted the subject.

4:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Sgt. Keller and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

Accident reports

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

1:05 p.m. - Laci Diehl, of Evansville, was operating a 1999 Freightliner in front of Loogootee Healthcare. At this time, the vehicle was too tall and struck the roofing area. Chief Rayhill investigated.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:20 a.m. - Jeana Wallisa, of Loogootee, was operating a 2002 Ford in the Marathon parking lot. Wallisa stopped for a walker and Jason McCoy, of Loogootee, backed into her vehicle. Chief Rayhill investigated.

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Martin County Court News

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

CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed July 31

Julie L. Walls, residential entry, a Class 6 Felony; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Robert J. Hawkins, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor; invasion of privacy, a Class 6 Felony.

August 4

Quinton T. Redding, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor; illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Thomas L. Trayweek, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Emma S. Burch, operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating while intoxicated with previous conviction within five years, a Class 6 Felony; operating with a .15 ACE with prior conviction within five years, a Class 6 Felony.

Nina S. Sherfick, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

August 11

Ashton V. Pottorff, battery, a Class B Misdemeanor.

James G. Sisco, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 3 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Darbi K. Grannan, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 3 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Samantha M. Wright, maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Abidan S. Wright, maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Robert Neukam, impersonation of a public servant, a Class 6 Felony; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor.

August 13

Jacqueline Davis, maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Donald L. Hawkins, operating a vehicle as an habitual traffic violator, a Class 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class 6 Felony; habitual vehicular substance offender sentence enhancement.

August 14

Glen A. Cundiff, domestic battery, a Class 6 Felony.

Martin County real estate transfers

Timothy L. Hampton, of Martin County, Indiana to **Timothy L. Hampton and Tamra L. Hampton**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 30 and 31 in Rogers Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Lester W. Bowden and Shirley K. Bowden, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brian Graber and Melissa Graber**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the southeast quarter of Fractional Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 4 West in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.443 acres.

Steven S. Page, Tony Page, and JoDee Haskins to **Martin F. Lewis and Marcia A. Lewis**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 0.32 acres, more or less.

Monroe F. Terry and Robert L. Peo-

Tracy L. Parker, domestic battery, a Class 6 Felony.

August 17

Adam B.S. Vonderheide, operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

August 21

Brian L. Wade, criminal recklessness, a Class 6 Felony; domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor.

August 24

Jessica A. Lampert, reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor; leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Richard W. Wetter, failure to return to lawful detention, a Class 6 Felony; habitual offender, sentence enhancement.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

August 25

Dustin D. Campbell, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days in the Martin County Security Center with 142 days suspended and credit for 19 actual days previously served plus 19 good time credit days. Defendant received 4 months of probation.

Betty S. Fields, convicted of operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 295 days suspended and credit for 35 actual days previously served plus 35 good time credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

Thomas R. Lake, convicted of possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 345 days suspended and credit for 10 actual days previously served plus 10 good time credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

John D. Wagler, convicted of domestic battery, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 1 year at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 139 actual days previously served plus 139 good time credit days.

August 27

Richard O'Connor, convicted of public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days in the Martin County Security Center with 180 days suspended. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

August 25

Thomas R. Lake, residential entry, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

John D. Wagler, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; interference with the reporting of a crime, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Dustin D. Campbell, neglect of a dependent, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; dealing in marijuana, a Class A

Misdemeanor, dismissed.

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

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed August 21

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Angela D. Chastain, civil collection.

Joseph M. Qualkenbush vs. Jamie M. Qualkenbush, petition for dissolution of marriage.

August 27

Wendy Chapman vs. John Chapman, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

August 27

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC and against the defendant Barbara J. Moffatt in the amount of \$1,425.59.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

August 21

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Kevin S. Young, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Alexandria R. Clark, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Ami L. Sewell, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Frank J. Gruse, Jr., complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Angela M. Ruble, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Robin D. Carwile, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Laura I. Reece, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Hugh C. Hudson, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Gerald S. Thompson, Jr., complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Timberlee N. Fowler, complaint.

August 25

Isha E. Wright-Ryan, Attorney vs. Desiree N. Slunder, complaint.

August 31

Sara J. Steward vs. Richard and Charla Ivey, complaint.

September 1

Renewing Management, Inc. vs. Justin Burris, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

August 20

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Caelan D. Hamilton in the amount of \$674.68.

August 28

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Drew M. Atkinson in the amount of \$3,864.13.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Pamela K. Bentley in the amount of \$628.92.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Zane Gennicks in the amount of \$596.73.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Sarah E. Riegel in the amount of \$735.84.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Kolt T. Roberts in the amount of \$1,979.85.

September 2

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff VEI Protective Services and against the defendant Martin County Healthcare in the amount of \$410.96.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

August 25

Tony Kyle Alspaugh of Loogootee and Angelica Faith Perry of Loogootee.

September 4

Tonya N. Sanders of Loogootee and Deanna L. Holt of Loogootee.

Loogootee Police log

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

4:39 p.m. - Caller reported a hit-and-run accident in the IGA parking lot.

4:48 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

6:02 p.m. - First responders were requested on North Line Street for a medical call.

9:47 p.m. - Captain Hennette and K-9 Roxy assisted Trooper Sexton on a traffic stop.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

1:47 a.m. - Received a report of a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50.

2:21 a.m. - First responders were requested on John Street for a medical call.

8:40 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a residential alarm.

1:15 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

2:45 p.m. - Female came on station to report a phone scam involving the IRS.

5:57 p.m. - First responders were requested on Hwy 50 for a vehicle accident.

9:21 p.m. - Male requested an officer assist in retrieving personal property.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

1:29 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Sycamore Street.

1:40 a.m. - Caller reported the stoplight at McDonalds wasn't working properly.

12:10 p.m. - Female came on station to report her son missing. Male was later located.

1:38 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted child protective services.

5:45 p.m. - Officer Nolan assisted a motorist.

5:50 p.m. - Female reported a dispute.

8:31 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

6:33 a.m. - Caller reported a female trying to get into her home. Female was located and arrested by Chief Deputy Josh Greene.

8:50 a.m. - Caller reported damage to her mailbox.

9:55 a.m. - Caller reported someone had left a bike at their residence.

11:40 a.m. - Caller reported a phone scam.

4:07 p.m. - Caller reported locating some pills in his yard.

4:51 p.m. - Officer Nolan assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a dispute on US 231.

6:36 p.m. - Caller reported a battery at Chuckles. Officer Nolan responded and filed paperwork.

9:16 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of a bicycle. Bicycle was located.

9:36 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle in the high school parking lot. Officer Nolan located the vehicle and spoke with the driver.

10:00 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

1:25 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male on Dewey Street.

8:02 a.m. - Captain Akles responded to a business alarm.

10:50 a.m. - Caller reported a road rage incident.

11:27 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

12:08 p.m. - Caller reported vandalism.

12:46 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute.

2:06 p.m. - Received a report of property damage.

4:38 p.m. - Captain Akles responded to a business alarm.

4:46 p.m. - Captain Akles assisted Sgt. Keller with a suicidal subject.

6:07 p.m. - Male caller requested a vehicle identification check.

8:51 p.m. - Caller reported an illegal burn in Shaded Estates.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

As summer winds down, our minds turn to cleaning up the garden of spent foliage. One plant that is often the subject of debate is the peony.

In general, it is best to leave the foliage of the peony until it dies. While the foliage remains green, photosynthesis is still occurring, and the leaves continue to nourish the plant. However, in wet summers, such as the one we have had this year, peony foliage often suffers from black spot, a fungal disease. If the leaves on your peonies have turned black or are heavily spotted, it is best to go ahead and cut them back. Cut the stems back to within a couple of inches of the ground and be sure to remove all of the cut foliage. Fungal diseases will over-winter in the foliage, and leaving the foliage on the ground will result in a greater chance for disease problems next year. Do not put this foliage in your compost bin. It should be buried or disposed of in the garbage to get it off your property.

The peony, unlike most herbaceous perennials, will grow for decades without needing division. However, if you wish to increase the number of peonies in your garden, or if you wish to share them with a friend, you may divide them at this time. Using a digging fork, carefully dig out the entire root ball. Use a hose to wash off all of the soil. You will notice that the roots contain spots, known as eyes. Make certain that each division contains at least four eyes

to develop into a good plant. Use a sharp knife to cut the roots into divisions. Some experts recommend dusting the divisions with powdered Sulphur to reduce the risk of rotting.

When replanting the divisions, choose a location that receives at least six hours of sun per day. Remove any existing vegetation, and dig the soil deep, adding organic matter, such as compost. Plant the divisions no more than two inches deep. Water them in using a liquid root-stimulating fertilizer.

Do not mulch the area at this time. Wait until the ground has frozen, usually sometime in December, and apply a couple of inches of bark mulch. That will prevent the heaving of the newly-planted roots during the freeze-thaw cycles of Hoosier winters. You may not see flowers the first year, but in a couple of years, each division should develop into a thriving new plant. If flowers do not come in a couple of years, the most likely reason is that the roots are too deep in the ground. You may need to rake off the top layer of the soil.

Late summer and early fall are also good times for planting new peonies. Plants should be available at nurseries and mail-order nurseries will soon be shipping bare roots. Since the peony is the state flower of Indiana, it would be a good time to plant them in public and private gardens in anticipation of next year's state bicentennial celebration.

Purdue, DNR team up to offer deer processing workshops

BY EMMA HOPKINS
Purdue University News Service

Just in time for hunting season, Purdue Extension and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources are teaming up to offer a deer processing workshop at four locations.

Topics include skinning, butchering and packaging. Each session will include pointers on food safety for preparing and preserving venison, and demonstrations of venison recipes with an opportunity to sample the meat.

The workshops are intended for hunters and cooks of any age or level of experience.

Dates and locations:

* September 15, 6-9 p.m. Wayne County Fairgrounds, 861 Salisbury Road N, Richmond.

* September 17, 6- 9 p.m. Bass Pro Shops, 951 E. Lewis and Clark Parkway, Clarksville.

* September 19, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fort Harrison State Park, 5753 Glenn Road, Indianapolis.

* September 22, 6-9 p.m. Monroe County Fairgrounds, 5700 W. Airport Road, Bloomington.

Registration is requested. For more information or to register, call 765-973-9281 for the Richmond workshop, 812-218-5500 for Clarksville or 812-349-2575 for Bloomington.

For more information about the session at Fort Harrison State Park, visit <https://secure.in.gov/dnr/5009.htm>.

The sessions in Richmond and Bloomington require a fee of \$20 for adults, with no charge for children. The workshops in Clarksville and Indianapolis are free.

The workshops are offered in cooperation with the Indiana Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Monroe Lake to host national archery event in 2016

Monroe Lake will host an estimated 1,200 bowhunters in a national archery competition next summer.

The "second leg" of the International Bowhunting Organization's (IBO) National Championship Triple Crown tournament will run from June 10-12 at Fairfax State Recreation Area.

The Triple Crown of Bowhunting consists of three tournaments hosted in separate states. National championships are awarded for various age, sex and equipment classes.

Initial planning and prep work for the tournament site at Monroe Lakes Fairfax State Recreation Area has already begun.

"There will be 10 to 15 courses, with around 200 total targets," said Corey Riegan, Monroe Lake assistant property manager. "We will be using most of the fields and woods on the western side of the recreation area."

New shooters are welcome. Those who aren't IBO members are allowed to participate in one IBO tournament as a guest.

"We hope that local bowhunters take advantage of this opportunity," Monroe Lake property manager James Roach said.

There also will be a large vendor area open to tournament participants and the general public.

Local vendors interested in participating should call (812) 837-9546.

Women's participation in hunting is increasing

What do Eva Shockey, Melissa Bachman, Katniss Everdeen, and 1.5 million women in the United States have in common?

They're hunters.

Shockey and Bachman are hosts of TV hunting shows, and Everdeen is the main character in the "Hunger Games" movie franchise.

They represent a wave of female hunters, whose numbers increased by 85 percent from 2001 to 2013, according to the National Sporting Goods Association's annual participation survey.

In Indiana, the number of hunting licenses sold to women increased by 93 percent from 2006 to 2014, and female youth hunters – those under age 18 – skyrocketed 114 percent from 2006 to 2014.

"Two major reasons come to mind," said Mary Zeiss Stange, author of "Woman the Hunter," a study of women's cultural and historical relationship to hunting. "One is that women have gained sufficient ground socially and economically and have disposable income comparable to men's.

And very importantly, among younger women – the 'millennials' and whatever this next upcoming generation will be called – there is very little patience with the idea that an activity like hunting is 'unfeminine.' Indeed, they thrive on the idea of adventure."

Stange, a professor and director of religious studies at Skidmore College in Pennsylvania, also said: "It's reasonable to assume that women's growing participation in hunting mirrors our increased participation in the entire array of social and cultural activities that were formerly masculine ter-

Tri Kappa Candlelight Tour at Spring Mill SP

The Pioneer Village at Spring Mill State Park will come to life with historical re-enactors, crafts, demonstrations and musical entertainment during the annual Tri Kappa Candlelight Tour on September 19.

The tour is from 4-9 p.m. and is sponsored by service sorority Kappa Kappa Kappa's Gamma Epsilon Chapter of Mitchell.

Dressed in traditional pioneer clothes, Tri Kappa members and their families and Spring Mill employees will re-create life in the mid-1800s in the houses and buildings of the restored Pioneer Village.

Visitors should bring a flashlight. Tri Kappa members will sell concession and food items in the carriage house.

The event is free, although the standard park admission fee of \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle applies. Buses will shuttle visitors from the Lakeview Activity Center (nature center), campground and inn to the village.

Tri Kappa is a statewide sorority that supports community and state charities as well as educational and cultural projects. The Mitchell chapter has sponsored the Spring Mill Candlelight Tour since 1967. It has become a popular kick-off event for the week-long Persimmon Festival in Mitchell.

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

ritory. That's the 'scholarly' answer. The practical reason, of course, is that hunting is fun and deeply rewarding."

The Department of Natural Resources has played an active role in opening the door with events specifically geared to women:

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman, an annual weekend workshop near Lafayette that offers training in a variety of outdoor activities, including game cleaning, bowhunting, and introduction to deer, turkey and small game hunting

Women's days at DNR-managed shooting ranges

Women's special hunts at DNR-managed fish and wildlife areas

The DNR's online video series "CookIN Gone Wild: Field to Table" has a female host, which is by design. DNR Hunt, Fish, Eat workshops and National Wild Turkey Federation's Women In The Outdoors (WITO) programs are additional examples of low-pressure events that help get women into the field.

Outdoor events for women appear to gain in popularity when the instructors are women, according to Responsive Management, a Virginia-based research firm specializing in natural resource and outdoor recreation issues.

Responsive Management also seems to have discovered a difference between male and female hunters. In a nationwide survey, researchers asked hunters if their primary reason for hunting was for the meat, to be with friends and family, for the sport or recreation, or to be close to nature. The researchers found significant differences between men and women in every category:

Hunt for meat – females 47 percent, males 22 percent

To be with friends and family – females 27 percent, males 11 percent

For sport or recreation – females 20 percent, males 45 percent

To be close to nature – females 7 percent, males 22 percent.

Female firearms ownership also is rising. From 2012 to 2014, gun permits issued to women in Indiana increased by 42 percent. A National Shooting Sports Foundation study released earlier this year reported that more than one-third of the women participating in an NSSF-commissioned study said they purchased their first firearm within the last three years. Nearly all of them (95 percent) have tried target shooting, more than half (58 percent) have hunted and 73 percent said they have taken at least one training class.

The DNR is reaching out to those wanting to learn firearms safety and shooting techniques. The shooting ranges at Atterbury, J. E. Roush, and Kingsbury fish and wildlife areas offer onsite instruction at events through the spring and summer that accommodate women and families in a safe, friendly environment.

"Our motto is that if you want to hunt, we want to help," said Amanda Wuestefeld, assistant director of the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife. "As Hoosier hunters, if we are going to keep the tradition of hunting strong in Indiana, it looks like female hunters may very well play a key role in our success."

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Beef Roundtable serves up information, opinions on web

BY DARRIN PACK
Purdue University News Service

Beef producers have a new resource to help them keep up with rapidly changing trends and topics in the industry - a monthly, 15-minute video webcast produced by Purdue University's Department of Animal Sciences in cooperation with BEEF Magazine.

The moderators of the webcast, called "The Beef Roundtable," are Ron Lemenager, Purdue Extension beef specialist, and Burt Rutherford, senior editor at BEEF. Each program features expert guests from the production and business sectors.

The format encourages frank discussion of issues, Lemenager said.

"All of us, the guests and hosts, have a passion for this industry," he said. "We won't be shy about sharing our opinions, but we want the discussion to be both informative and entertaining."

The first episode, on the use of antibiotics in the livestock industry, ran in July. Guests were Kristina Butts, executive director of legislative affairs for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, and Mike Apley, professor of production medicine and clinical pharmacology at Kansas State University.

August's program focused on how the new federal Clean Water Act will affect

farmers and ranchers. Guests were Bob Stallman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, and Steve Foglesong, owner/operator of the Black Gold Ranch and Feedlot in Astoria, Illinois.

The next program in the series will address marketing strategies for beef cattle operations. It is scheduled to be posted September 15.

"The Beef Roundtable" is part of Extension's expanding efforts to reach out to producers and agribusiness professionals through digital media, said Phil Reid, distance education coordinator and producer of the webcast.

"We are keeping up with the technology," Reid said. "We are out there on the leading edge."

Advanced editing technology enables Reid to combine digital images of Lemenager and Rutherford to make it appear that they are sitting together at the anchor desk when they are actually separated by about 1,000 miles. Lemenager records his part of the show in the Purdue animal sciences studio in West Lafayette while Rutherford is based in Amarillo, Texas.

"The fact that we can bring Ron and Burt together digitally with guests from all over the country really demonstrates the capabilities and potential of distance education," Reid said.

USDA designates eight counties in Indiana as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has designated eight counties in Indiana as primary natural disaster areas due to damages and losses caused by excessive rain and flooding that occurred during the period of May 1, 2015, and continues. Those counties are: Clark, Fulton, Morgan, Owen, Rush, Shelby, White and Whitley.

"Our hearts go out to those Indiana farmers affected by recent natural disasters," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "President Obama and I are committed to ensuring that agriculture remains a bright spot in our nation's economy by sustaining the successes of America's farmers, ranchers, and rural communities through these difficult times. We're also telling Indiana producers that USDA stands with you and your communities when severe weather and natural disasters threaten to disrupt your livelihood."

Farmers in the following counties in Indiana also qualify for natural disaster assistance because their counties are contiguous. Those counties are: Allen, Bartholomew, Benton, Brown, Carroll, Cass, Clay, Decatur, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Greene, Hancock, Hendricks, Henry, Huntington, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Kosciusko, Marion, Marshall, Miami, Monroe, Noble, Pulaski, Putnam, Scott, Starke, Tippecanoe, Wabash and Washington.

Farmers in Jefferson, Oldham and Trimble counties in Kentucky also qualify for natural disaster assistance because their counties are contiguous.

All counties listed above were designated natural disaster areas on September 2, 2015, making all qualified farm operators in the designated areas eligible for low interest emergency (EM) loans from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for loans to help cover part of their actual losses. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. FSA has a variety of programs, in addition to the EM loan program, to help eligible farmers recover from adversity.

Additional programs available to assist farmers and ranchers include the Emergency Conservation Program, The Livestock Forage Disaster Program, the Livestock Indemnity Program, the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program, and the Tree Assistance Program. Interested farmers may contact their local USDA Service Centers for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs.

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LHS Boys' Tennis take on Forest Park, Owen Valley

The Loogootee High School Boys' Tennis Team took on Forest Park last Thursday, September 3. Both the varsity and junior varsity were defeated 2-3.

According to Head Coach Rick Graves, "We've had a long week of grueling matches. We've come up short a couple of times but I'm happy with the progress that I'm seeing from our young team. Forest Park had five seniors in their lineup and we went toe-to-toe with them in most spots. Landon and Wyatt have been playing some really good tennis. Landon had to overcome the heat but I was proud to see him gut out a win tonight. Wyatt has played very well. He lost focus for a little bit in the second set but was able to regroup and finish strong. Forest Park was really strong at three singles and their one doubles was about as good as we've seen this season. We played them well but their experience was a bit too much for us. Max and Bailey played a really nice match. They have made such progress in the last week. They battled to the very end."

Varsity results
Forest Park 3, Loogootee 2
#1 Singles - Landon Bell (L) defeated B. Emmert (FP) 6-2, 6-4
#2 Singles - Wyatt Wade (L) defeated C. Hochgesang (FP) 6-4, 6-4
#3 Singles - A. Meyer (FP) defeated Trysten Booker (L) 6-1, 6-3
#1 Doubles - D. Lusk and M. Nonte (FP) defeated Sheldan Christmas and Landon Wittmer (L) 6-1, 6-1
#2 Doubles - Andy Schlachter and Zach Wendholt (FP) defeated Max Christmas and Bailey Dearwester (L) 6-3, 4-6, 6-4

Junior varsity results
Forest Park 3, Loogootee 2
#1 Singles - Landon Diamond (L) defeated R. Steffe (FP) 6-3
#2 Singles - A. Hurst (FP) defeated Cole Harmon (L) 6-1
#3 Singles - B. Olinger (FP) defeated Luc Burch (L) 8-0

#1 Doubles - Landon Diamond and Gavin Wittmer (L) defeated R. Brown and L. Hoffman (F) 8-6

#2 Doubles - J. Hurst and A. Welp (FP) defeated Jake Carrico and Cole Harmon (L) 8-2

On Saturday, both the varsity and junior varsity Lions swept Owen Valley. The varsity won 5-0 and the junior varsity 3-0.

"It was nice to end the week with a win, especially since everyone got a win. Our singles played very well. I've seen a lot of progress out of all three of our singles players this year. They've been playing more consistently and have really cut down on unforced errors. I tell our guys if things are going well I will leave them alone and let them play. Today was one of those days. Our doubles struggled a bit but both teams found a way to win. That's the thing I really like about this team, they are willing to do whatever it takes to find a way to win," said Coach Graves.

Varsity results
Loogootee 5, Owen Valley 0
#1 Singles - Landon Bell (L) defeated Cam Kirg (OV) 6-0, 6-2
#2 Singles - Wyatt Wade (L) defeated Ryne Heckman (OV) 6-0, 6-1
#3 Singles - Trysten Booker (L) defeated Isaiah Johnson (OV) 6-4, 6-0
#1 Doubles - Sheldan Christmas and Landon Wittmer (L) defeated Zack Carver and Anthony Sessions (OV) 6-2, 7-5
#2 Doubles - Max Christmas and Bailey Dearwester (L) defeated Coy Byerly and Phillip Morrow (OV) 4-6, 6-3, 7-6(2)

Junior varsity results
Loogootee 3, Owen Valley 0
#1 Singles - Landon Diamond (L) defeated Tyler Mauder (OV) 8-0
#1 Doubles - Jake Carrico and Cole Harmon (L) defeated Drew Mauder and Eathen Yeatman (OV) 8-7(5)
#2 Doubles - Jake Carrico and Cole Harmon (L) defeated Cameron Mauder and Clayton Settles 8-1

Nominations sought for VU Davis Citation award

Nominations are now being sought for Vincennes University's 2016 Walter A. Davis Memorial Citation. Nominations will be accepted through January 8, 2016.

The Citation has been presented since 1952 and recognizes individuals who have given outstanding service to their community. Recipients must be either a VU graduate or a resident of the greater Vincennes area (approximately a 45-mile radius). Recipients are selected by a committee representing the VU Alumni Association, VU Board of Trustees, VU Foundation, Vincennes community, and a past recipient of the Davis Citation.

A detailed biographical profile and letters of support are required.

Nomination materials may be sent to Jennifer Gilmore, Director, VU Alumni Association, Vincennes University, 1002 N. First St., Vincennes IN 47591.

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Ader Sealcoating donated several items, including basketballs, balls, jump ropes, and sidewalk chalk for the Loogootee Elementary playground. Pictured above are some of the students from Mrs. Kidwell's Kindergarten class. Mrs. Kidwell is Brian Ader's daughter. Also pictured is Brian's granddaughter Brooklyn Carrico.

Lady Lions Varsity Volleyball move to 8-4

Last Thursday, the Lady Lions Volleyball Team travelled to Washington Catholic. The varsity girls won in three sets, 25-11, 25-17, and 25-10.

Savannah McAtee led in points with 12 and also contributed two digs. Breigh LaMar had eight points and nine assists while Olivia Winger finished with seven points, five kills and two digs.

Emily Bateman led the team in kills with seven, and Emily Brookshire and Kylie Hall each added five. Jody Seal offered up seven assists and Mya Hedrick contributed two digs.

Last night, both the varsity and junior varsity teams faced off against North Daviess at home. The varsity won in four sets, 25-12, 25-10, 22-25, and 25-16.

Brookshire led in points with 20 and also

contributed 14 digs. LaMar had 13 points and 16 assists and Hall added nine points. Seals finished with 20 assists, Julianne Bell had 12 kills and Bateman and Hedrick each added seven kills each. Breanna Hollaway finished with four digs.

The varsity team moved to 8-4 on the season.

The junior varsity girls also defeated North Daviess in two sets, 25-9 and 25-9.

Kashten Burch led in points with nine and also in assists with 14. Katie Sims contributed six points and Savannah McAtee had five points and five kills.

Olivia Winger led in kills with six while Maelee Hawkins added five. Sydney Davis contributed three assists.

The junior varsity team's record stands at 6-1 on the season.

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National unemployment rate at 5.1 percent for August

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 173,000 in August, and the unemployment rate edged down to 5.1 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Job gains occurred in health care and social assistance and in financial activities. Manufacturing and mining lost jobs.

Household Survey Data

In August, the unemployment rate edged down to 5.1 percent, and the number of unemployed persons edged down to 8.0 million. Over the year, the unemployment rate and the number of unemployed persons were down by 1.0 percentage point and 1.5 million, respectively.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rate for whites declined to 4.4 percent in August. The rates for adult men (4.7 percent), adult women (4.7 percent), teenagers (16.9 percent), blacks (9.5 percent), Asians (3.5 percent), and Hispanics (6.6 percent) showed little change in August.

The number of persons unemployed for less than 5 weeks decreased by 393,000 to 2.1 million in August. The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) held at 2.2 million in August and accounted for 27.7 percent of the unemployed. Over the past 12 months, the number of long-term unemployed is down by 779,000.

In August, the civilian labor force participation rate was 62.6 percent for the third consecutive month. The employment-population ratio, at 59.4 percent, was about unchanged in August and has shown little movement thus far this year.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) was little changed in August at 6.5 million. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been cut back or because they were unable to find a full-time job.

In August, 1.8 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, down by 329,000 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 624,000 discouraged workers in August, down by 151,000 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 1.2 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in August had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 173,000 in August. Over the prior 12 months, employment growth had averaged 247,000 per month. In August, job gains occurred in health care and social assistance and in financial activities. Employment in manufacturing and mining declined.

Health care and social assistance added 56,000 jobs in August. Health care employment increased by 41,000 over the month, with job growth occurring in ambulatory health care services (+21,000) and hospitals (+16,000). Employment rose by 16,000 in social assistance, which includes child day care services and services for the elderly and disabled. Over the year, employment has risen by 457,000 in health care and by 107,000 in social assistance.

In August, financial activities employ-

ment increased by 19,000, with job gains in real estate (+8,000) and in securities, commodity contracts, and investments (+5,000). Over the year, employment in financial activities has grown by 170,000.

Employment in professional and business services continued to trend up in August (+33,000) and has increased by 641,000 over the year.

Employment in food services and drinking places continued on an upward trend in August (+26,000), in line with its average monthly gain of 31,000 over the prior 12 months.

Manufacturing employment decreased by 17,000 in August, after changing little in July (+12,000). Job losses occurred in a number of component industries, including fabricated metal products and food manufacturing (-7,000 each). These losses more than offset gains in motor vehicles and parts (+6,000) and in miscellaneous durable goods manufacturing (+4,000). Thus far this year, overall employment in manufacturing has shown little net change.

Employment in mining fell in August (-9,000), with losses concentrated in support activities for mining (-7,000). Since reaching a peak in December 2014, mining employment has declined by 90,000.

Employment in other major industries, including construction, wholesale trade, retail trade, transportation and warehousing, and government, showed little change over the month.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls edged up by 0.1 hour to 34.6 hours in August. The manufacturing workweek was unchanged at 40.8 hours, and factory overtime edged down by 0.1 hour to 3.3 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 33.7 hours.

In August, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 8 cents to \$25.09, following a 6-cent gain in July. Hourly earnings have risen by 2.2 percent over the year. Average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees increased by 5 cents to \$21.07 in August.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for June was revised from +231,000 to +245,000, and the change for July was revised from +215,000 to +245,000. With these revisions, employment gains in June and July combined were 44,000 more than previously reported. Over the past 3 months, job gains have averaged 221,000 per month.

AG Zoeller: Jared Fogle's story serves as wake-up call

The following is an Op Ed by Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller

The arrest of one of Indiana's celebrities forces us to acknowledge what many still don't want to believe—the underground business of sex trafficking exists and is thriving.

When the Indiana Protection for Abused and Trafficking Humans (IPATH) Task Force, which I co-chair, first started talking about human trafficking in our state, we were met with skeptics. People could not believe this was happening here. Fortunately—and very unfortunately—it's now impossible for even the skeptics to ignore the reality of the sex industry.

Crimes against children in our society, especially sex crimes, are all too frequent. According to law enforcement experts, children are bought, sold and used in the sex industry every day. Child pornography cases are numerous and trafficking of children is regularly reported in the news.

And while we often hear about the perpetrators of these crimes, it's rare that we talk about the victims.

The young victims of these crimes are the

Hoosier Works EBT system will have a temporary outage on September 26 and 27

There will be a temporary outage of the Hoosier Works Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) system on Saturday, September 26 beginning at 11 p.m. [EDT], as the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) moves its business from JPMorgan Chase to Xerox. Hoosier Works is the system Indiana uses to deliver Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits. This outage affects all SNAP/TANF EBT cardholders. EBT card benefits are expected to be available again Sunday, September 27 by 12:30 p.m. [EDT] after the system transition is complete.

During the temporary system outage, EBT cardholders will not be able to make SNAP purchases or access TANF benefits at any grocery stores or ATMs. EBT card-

holders should plan to do their grocery shopping and/or make cash withdrawals before or after the transition period.

The state's current provider, JPMorgan Chase, has decided to get out of the business of providing EBT card services, necessitating the move to a new provider (Xerox). Making the change from the old provider to the new provider requires a temporary system outage.

The system transition will not change EBT card benefits or PIN numbers, and SNAP/TANF clients will continue to use their current EBT cards after the transition. The customer service website will change to www.ebt.acs-inc.com/. However, the toll free EBT customer service number [1-877-768-5098] will remain the same.

More information is available at FSSA's website at www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/4989.htm.

Purdue to help 2 Indiana regions bolster economic development

BY KEITH ROBINSON
Purdue University News Service

A team of Purdue University community and regional development professionals will play a key role in advancing the efforts of two groups of Indiana counties that are working to develop regional approaches to growing businesses and creating jobs.

The two regions, consisting of 11 counties in the state, have been selected by U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development to be part of Stronger Economies Together, a nationwide program undertaken in partnership with the regional rural development centers and the nation's land-grant university system.

The two Indiana regions are joining 19 other regional economic-development groups in 11 states selected on a competitive basis to be part of the yearlong program. The expected outcomes include developing a stronger regional mindset, increasing regional collaboration, discovering the region's current and emerging assets, and developing and implementing a high-quality regional economic development plan that aligns with the region's strengths.

Professional staff from the Purdue Center for Regional Development and Purdue Extension will coordinate and provide leadership to the State Resource Team, composed of individuals from state and federal agencies, universities and other organizations with expertise in community and regional development.

"The SET program is another example of how Purdue is strengthening collaborations

to build vibrant economies across Indiana," said Jason Henderson, director of Purdue Extension. "It is a prime example of how Purdue expertise can assist communities as they build stronger economies to enhance the quality of life in Indiana."

USDA Rural Development started SET in 2010 to help rural communities and counties work together in strengthening and sustaining the economic vitality of the nation's rural areas. To date, regions involved have secured over \$120 million in grants and low-interest loans to support implementation of their regional plans.

The two SET regions in Indiana are:

- * Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission region, consisting of Crawford, Dubois, Orange, Perry, Pike and Spencer counties in southern Indiana.

- * Regional Economic Development District of Eastern Indiana, consisting of Fayette, Randolph, Rush, Union and Wayne counties.

The program provides each region with a step-by-step process for designing and implementing a practical and viable regional economic development plan, one based on a careful analysis of the region's current and emerging industry clusters, its population and labor force features, and the insights and priorities of local residents.

"Stronger Economies Together represents an exciting opportunity for these regions to work together with Purdue University and the SET State Resource Team to fortify their regional ties and identify their pathway to a vibrant future," said Michael Wilcox, assistant program leader of community development for Purdue Extension.

most vulnerable among us—the runaways, those who have been abused at home or those who are already caught up in the civil and criminal justice systems. It is estimated that children who are runaways will be approached by a pimp within 48 hours of being out on the streets.

Once these children are pulled into a life of sexual exploitation, it is very difficult to recover them. By the time they are adults at eighteen, they are labeled criminals and taken to jail, have become addicted to drugs or worse. The typical age of someone entering the sex industry is 12, and the average age of death of someone used in the sex industry is 34. Homicide is the most common cause of death.

The demand for purchased sex is what fuels these crimes, creating a market for pimps and victims. The Internet is also used heavily to sell and recruit children into trafficking.

As Attorney General, I have worked with those in our state who serve victims at child advocacy centers, domestic violence shelters, and sexual assault and human trafficking service providers. Combined with the work

of my office on a national human trafficking committee and on the Indiana Children's Commission, I know all too well how prevalent these crimes are in Indiana. We simply must do more.

The Victims Services and Outreach Division in my office was developed as a continuation of earlier efforts on sex trafficking as we noticed a need to provide better, more cohesive assistance to victims.

This is an unpleasant subject and one that is uncomfortable for me to discuss, but we Hoosiers must fight this battle on all fronts. We have to stop the demand for commercial sex that victimizes children and the adults they become. The Indiana's Not Buying It campaign is one way we are refuting myths about the sex industry and urging people to stand up against the purchase of another human being. We have worked with legislators on seeking enhanced penalties for perpetrators of child sex crimes.

But we also have to support victims to get them out of this life and prevent others from getting pulled in. I am calling on everyone to

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



A passenger in a taxi heading for Midway airport, leaned over to ask the driver a question and gently tapped him on the shoulder to get his attention.

The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb and stopped just inches from a large plate window.

For a few moments everything was silent in the cab.

Then, the shaking driver said, "Are you okay? I'm so sorry, but you scared the day-lights out of me."

The badly shaken passenger apologized to the driver and said, "I didn't realize that a mere tap on the shoulder would startle someone so badly."

The driver replied, "No, no, I'm the one who is sorry, it's entirely my fault. Today is my very first day driving a cab. I've been driving a hearse for 25 years."

10 REASONS WHY ENGLISH IS WEIRD

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce produce.
3. The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture.
5. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
6. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
7. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
10. I did not object to the object.

SERIOUS THOUGHTS

1. Our prime purpose in life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them. -Dalai Lama
2. To make a difference in someone's life,

you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful, or perfect. You just have to care enough to be there.

3. You can't help someone who doesn't see an issue with their actions.

4. SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT: The earth is 4.6 billion years old. Let's scale that to 46 years. We have been here for 4 hours. Our Industrial Revolution began 1 minute ago. In that time, we have destroyed more than 50% of the world's forests. This isn't sustainable.

5. I don't know how people can get so anti-something. Mind your own business, take care of your affairs, and don't worry about other people so much. -Betty White

6. Hate has caused a lot of problems in this world, but it has not solved one yet.

7. Holding a grudge is letting someone live rent free in your head.

8. How you make others feel about themselves says a lot about you.

NOT SO SERIOUS THOUGHTS

1. I'm getting real tired of waking up and not being at the beach.
2. Women and cats will do as they please. Men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.
3. Not sure if I washed the spider down the drain in my shower or if he took one look at me naked and then leapt willingly to his death.
4. Are there actually people out there who make their beds every morning or is that just a myth?
5. No matter how slow you go, you are still lapping everybody on the couch.
6. Remember when we were young, how we wanted to be grown up? Wow! Were we stupid or what?
7. All you young whippersnappers will never know the satisfaction of slamming down a receiver on a rotary phone.
8. How to talk to me when I'm in a bad mood. Don't.

Make someone smile today!

Notes from the WIC Nutritionist

BY ELIZABETH WHITE
Martin County WIC Nutritionist

Here are a few habits that healthy people have:

Eat on schedule as much as possible. This includes meal times and snack times.

Eat together as a family.

Drink low calorie beverages such as water, low fat milk, and 100% juice. The juice may not be low calorie but it is full of great nutrients so it is not "empty calories."

Eat a wide variety of foods. Try it, you might like it!!

Get enough sleep.

Just breathe. Taking time to breathe deep and slow can improve mental and physical energy, improve sleep, and help manage pain, anxiety, and high blood pressure.

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take responsibility for those we see who may be victims. If you see a teen who may be homeless or a runaway, call law enforcement for help or call 2-1-1, a service providing statewide resources.

If you have been a victim of sexual assault, domestic violence, trafficking or another crime, help is available. I can assure you that you are not alone.

If there is any good that can come from the case of Jared Fogle, and so many other perpetrators, let it be issuing a wake-up call to the risks our children face and a cry for greater protections from predators.

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The WIC program provides supplemental nutritional foods, referrals, breastfeeding support, and nutrition education for pregnant women, nursing women, infants, and children 1-5 years. The Martin Co WIC clinic is open Monday and Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please call 247-3303 to make an appointment.

Last SAT prep class offered in October

The SAT test that has been taken by high school students to assess their college readiness since the 1926 is being totally changed and the last testing to the old format will be in February, 2016. The preparation class that has helped many Martin County students improve their scores will be offered one last time. SAT preparation classes at the Martin County Learning Center are scheduled for all the Wednesdays in October: 7, 14, 21 and 28, from 7-9 p.m. These classes help Martin County high school students improve their chances of getting into the college of their choice and prepare themselves for a career. The cost is \$25, payable the first night. Classes are sponsored by the counseling departments of the Shoals and Loogootee High Schools, and Martin County SOAR, the adult literacy program. Please sign up with your guidance counselor. Out-of-county students or for more information, please call Karen Whorrall 388-6639.

On the Home Front

By Linda Evans-Dillon
Martin County Veteran Service Officer

The Martin County Veteran Service Officer has an office in the Martin County Courthouse. This is a part-time position so the hours are limited. An appointment is suggested as there are times no one is in the office due to transporting veterans to medical appointments, meetings with or visiting veterans in the community. To make an appointment, please call 812-247-2210. If I am out of the office please leave a message and I will call you back as soon as I return to the office.

DRIVERS NEEDED for the veteran's van. I am aware that we all have very busy lives and very little free time which is why I am looking for reliable drivers to add to my call list. I am looking for VOLUNTEERS that are willing to transport a veteran possibly one trip a week to medical appointments in the surrounding area. This is not a paid position but I am able to provide \$10 a trip as long as there is money in the "Thank the Driver Fund". You must have an Indiana license and a clean driving record. If interested, please contact me at 812-247-2210.

To schedule transport, please call 812-247-2450 and leave a message if I'm not available to take the call. The veteran's van will NOT be available for transport on September 14-25, 2015.

During the month of August the CVSO assisted eight veterans, had 11 meetings, took one veteran run, dropped off flyers at the Legion's and VFW's in Crane, Loogootee and Shoals. The veteran's van took eight trips transporting nine veterans to VA medical centers and clinics.

Any WWII, Korea or Vietnam veteran interested in The Honor Flight please contact me for more information.

The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs continues their veterans outreach program this year and are scheduled to visit Evansville, October 14, 2015 and Vincennes October 15, 2015. Details of times and locations can be found on their event registration page at: www.eventbrite.com/d/in/veterans-affairs-outreach/.

The Veterans Crisis Line provides confidential help for veterans and their families. Call at 1-800-273-8255 (PRESS 1) for help.

Calendar of Events

Community corrections special meeting

The Board of Directors of Martin County Community Corrections will meet, Wednesday, September 9, at 6 p.m., at the Martin County Learning Center for a special session. The purpose of this session is to discuss and approve a grant application for additional funding from the Indiana Department of Corrections (H.E.A. 1006).

Loogootee Stormwater Board

The Loogootee Stormwater Board will meet Friday September 11 at 4 p.m. in the council room at city hall. The public is invited to attend.

Loogootee Pool Cruise-In

The Route 50 Cruisers will hold a Cruise-In on Saturday, September 12 at 4 p.m. at the Loogootee City Pool. Music and food will be provided. This is a non-judged car show. Any make or model vehicle or motorcycle is welcome. For information, contact Bo at 812-296-6378.

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Tuesday, September 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. Some items on the agenda include a public hearing for the 2016 budget, approval of 2015-16 substitute list, ECA recommendation, among other things. The meeting is open to the public.

Financial Peace University at SUMC

Shoals United Methodist Church will be offering Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University this coming Sunday evening, September 13 at 6 p.m. FPU is designed to eliminate debt, get spending under control, and help you live like never before. If you have ever had a problem with too much money at the end of the month or just want some good advice for how to handle money, then this is for you. The class itself includes an FPU kit and will run for nine consecutive weeks. The only requirements are a \$90 refundable deposit and your presence. For questions or to sign-up, contact Pastor Joseph Seger at (812-309-4042) or joseph.seger@inumc.org. The class has limited enrollment, reserve your spot as soon as you can.

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.

Grief support group

If you have lost a loved one recently or decades ago you are invited to GriefShare Support Group at Loogootee United Methodist Church Multi-Purpose room Mondays at 6 p.m. This multi-week group will run August 3 through November 16 but each session deals with an individual issue of grief - attend when you can. Tell a friend who needs this group!

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts

Boys interested in Boy Scouts or Cub Scouts, call 295-6652 or 854-7837 for information on joining.

SOAR Tutoring

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

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.

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend. To find out how to become a member, email mchs@frontier.com.

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Shoals Public Library. The public is invited to attend.

Soil and Water meetings

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