

Loogootee Schools plan \$2 million in updates

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The Loogootee School Board held a few public hearings along with their regular meeting last night, Tuesday, September 15.

The first public hearing was in regard to improvements to be made to both school buildings. Dave Lett, school attorney, explained that when more than a million dollars is to be spent, a public hearing must be held, by law. The bond amount will be \$2 million plus the cost to issue the bond.

Superintendent Dr. Joan Keller said that the roofs on each school building had 20-year warranties. An additional five year warranty was purchased when the 20-year warranty expired. The roofs are now 28 years old and need to be replaced. Keller said this is the first priority.

Also, windows in the elementary and middle school are in need of replacement. Keller said that once the total comes in on the cost of replacing the roofs, whatever money is remaining will go toward the windows. The current windows will be evaluated to see if they need to be decreased in size, to be more energy efficient. Keller said that once the windows are replaced, the ceilings and lighting in the rooms will be evaluated. The school board will decide what changes will be made on each project.

Shoals School Board discuss facility usage requests, staff changes

The Shoals School Board met last Thursday, September 10. Board Member Dianna Ragsdale was not present for the meeting.

Andy Burkhardt, Martin County Sheriff's Department Deputy, addressed the board concerning a facility usage request that was acted on at the August meeting. The board took the request under advisement to be considered when all members of the board are present.

Shoals Lions Club Members, Theresa Fuhrman, Dale Brown, and Norma Baker were in attendance and addressed the board about the possibility of the Shoals Lions Club sponsoring a circus on the school grounds on Tuesday, April 26, 2016. The board took the request under advisement and gave Superintendent Roush permission to investigate the details and approve or deny the request based on her judgment.

The board approved the following facility usage requests:

- Use of main gym for Fran Kick Event for the band on October 5, 2015
- Girl Scouts to hold bi-weekly meetings in cafeteria on Tuesday's after school with fees waived
- Good News Club to hold weekly meetings in cafeteria on Wednesdays after school with fees waived
- Ryan's Hope to use facilities for Angel Tree gift wrapping and distribution of gifts in December with fees waived
- Daviss-Martin REMC to hold annual meeting in the main gym on April 7, 2016
- Jug Rox Adult Booster Club to hold the

Mike Therber, of Therber and Brock, LLP, in Indianapolis, will be handling the sale of the bond. Therber explained that interest rates have gone down slightly over the past month. The 15-year interest rate, as of Tuesday, was 2.70 percent. The Federal Reserve Board is meeting now to decide if rates will increase or remain the same. Therber said he will know in a few days if there will be an increase how much it would be. He said that the estimated annual payment for 10-year bond is \$254,000. That is with an interest rate of 3.75 percent. The debt service fund tax rate will increase to \$.1325 per \$100 of the estimated \$191,753,433 of assessed valuation starting in 2016. This is up from \$.1175 this year. The cost to Therber and Brock to handle the bond is a maximum of \$75,000. The bond will be completed at the end of November or possibly the first of December.

Keller said they plan to get as much done as possible next summer but it depends on the cost of the roof replacements. Hiring a design firm will be discussed at the next meeting.

Board member Scott Hall noted that money in the bond can only be used for capital projects or building improvements, not for salaries or day-to-day operations of the corporation.

The board also held a public hearing on the (See 'UPDATES' continued on page 2)

annual Fall Festival on October 31, 2015.

The board approved the following personnel actions for the 2015-16 school year:

- Dr. Jack Fulton, Jr. as Robotics Club volunteer
 - Rachel Fields as Pokemon Club volunteer
 - Eugene Bonifer, Brittany Chandler, Christin Johnson, and Patti Schnarr as substitute Teachers
 - J.D. Turpin as boys' basketball JV/varsity assistant coach
 - Tim Sorrells as boys' basketball volunteer coach
 - Josh Sexton as boys' basketball 8th grade coach
 - Clarence Brown as boys' basketball 7th grade coach
 - Seth Taylor as boys' basketball 6th grade coach
 - Tim Howell as girls' basketball varsity assistant coach
 - Danielle Turpin as girls' basketball 5th grade coach
 - Mike Fischer as girls' basketball volunteer coach
 - J.J. Johnson as soccer varsity assistant coach
 - Norman Rush and Ken Miller as cross country volunteer assistants
 - Retirement of Dorothy Tredway from the position of corporation deputy and cafeteria treasurer.
 - Andrea Qualkenbush as corporation deputy treasurer. The board also approved
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Shown are the Shoals teachers that received grants this year. In the front row, from left to right, are Wes Stephenson, Lisa Ader, and Teri Kerr. In the back row, from left to right, are Paula Ringwald (MCCF Committee), Jennifer Guinn, Amanda Fisher, Curt Johnson (MCCF Executive Director), Mimi Hawkins, Jean Survance, and John Drake (MCCF Committee). Not pictured but receiving grants: Brooke Buffington and Leeza Adams.

MCCF awards classroom grants to teachers

Each year the Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF) extends an invitation to Shoals and Loogootee teachers to participate in the Classroom Grants program. The program gives teachers the opportunity to apply for and receive grants for small in-class projects that might not have funding from other sources. Priority is given to projects that have an educational benefit, are creative, innovative, and stimulate student learning.

There is no limit to the scope of the projects other than involving teachers and students in small, creative in-class projects. This year the MCCF allocated \$3,000 for the Classroom Grants from the MCCF Education Fund and the Sarah Bowling Furhman Memorial Fund.

Below are the award recipients and descriptions of their projects. Thanks to these and ALL our teachers in Martin County for the efforts, commitment and care that they have for our children.

Shoals Classroom Projects:
Leeza Adams, Shoals Resource Room, "A to Z Magnatab"

Provide sensory reinforced lessons that allow children to process information through their eyes, ears and fingertips using a magnetized pen for letters, number and shapes.

Lisa Ader, Shoals 3rd Grade, "Living the Life as a Mad Scientist"

Exploring, experimenting, growing, and observing all types of science such as Earth, Life and Physical Science with their lab coats and safety goggles. Some of the activities will involve microscopes, growth charts, buoyancy models, and properties of gases.

Brooke Buffington, Shoals Pre-K, "Pumpkin Project"

Students will be actively engaged in learning through math, science, music, art and literature; the project will culminate with a trip to a pumpkin patch.

Amanda Fischer, Shoals Kindergarten, "Mrs. Fischer's Reading Nook"

Create a comfortable and fun environment for a unique and meaningful book experience to instill a love of reading and the (See 'GRANTS' continued on page 3)



-Photo provided

Shown are Loogootee teachers receiving grants this year. In the front row, from left to right, are Beth Buchta, Terri Smith, and Shannon Wagler. In the back row, from left to right, are Paula Ringwald (MCCF Committee), Tyler Walton, Curt Johnson (MCCF Executive Director), Debbie Hayes, and John Drake (MCCF Committee). Not pictured but receiving a grant: Nicole Bays.

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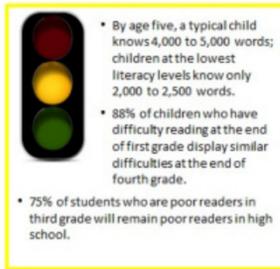
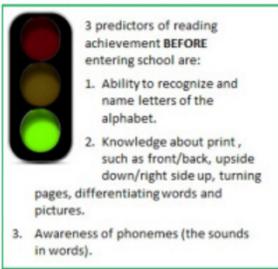
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Early Childhood Learning is Critical



Literacy is a family affair

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

Family Literacy Week is September 20 through 26. Celebrate in Martin County by using the ideas in this article with the children in your life.

Parents are children's #1 role model. Whatever the parents do, the children will want to do. Children start learning before birth and continue to learn throughout their entire lives. Reading skills start with the awareness that words contain many sounds. This is called phonemic awareness which is crucial to learning phonics in the early grades. Children develop their phonemic awareness by developing their vocabulary. Here are fun and easy ways to develop early skills and help children thrive in today's society.

Let children help with activities, chores, and errands in your everyday life. As you work together, explain what you are doing

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2016 budget, bus replacement plan, and capital projects plan. There were no comments from the public.

Dr. Keller said that due to some changes, the board needed to reapprove some extracurricular activity staff positions. The board approved the following:

-Sara Knapp as fifth and sixth grade basketball coach

-Nicole Bays as fifth and sixth grade spell bowl coach, fifth and sixth grade yearbook sponsor and seventh and eighth grade student council sponsor

-Nikki Wagoner as fifth and sixth grade student council sponsor

-Brandy Tippery as seventh and eighth grade Beta Club sponsor

-Rhea Graves as seventh and eighth grade spell bowl coach

The board approved the following athletic appointments:

-Audree Carrico as cheerleading volunteer

-Wynter Wagoner as basketball volunteer

-Taylor Wittmer as volleyball volunteer

-Scott Arthur and Ed Harder as co-baseball coaches

-Tara Lengacher as elementary cheerleading coach

-Kylie Raney as softball volunteer

The board approved the following substitute positions:

-Hope Alford, Gianna Armstrong, Ashley Arvin, Mary Lou Billings, Judy Blackwell, Avery Chezem, Jesse Denny, George "Bud" Erler, Brent Fellers, Tara Fellers, Jana Ferguson, Benjamin Flynn, Tyra Fuhs, Janice Henning, Molly Johnson, Katie Kidwell, Cindy Lagle, Christina Lengacher, Jan McDowell, Barbara Prince, Elizabeth Sander, Karen Slaven, Carol Spears, Amanda Sturgeon, Remington Wagler, Christina Ziegler, Martin Zins, Pat Jones, and Patricia Paul as substitute teachers

-Allyson Arvin, Lindsey Burch, and Megan Delaney as substitute nurses

-Andy Bruner, Andy Mays and Bryce Wilson as substitute custodians

-Jana Ferguson, Jane Seymour, and Carol Strange as substitute cooks

-Chris Baugh, Greg Clark, Dale Fields, Floyd Hawkins, Jon Neideffer, Teresa Nolley, Delbert Stoll, Dorothy Stoll, Mike Wagoner and Randy Winger as substitute bus drivers

In school reports, High School Principal Chip Mehaffey told the board that the sheriff's department and Loogootee Police did a drug search with the police dogs in the school last Friday. He said he was happy to report that nothing illegal was found.

and why. Show them – describe what you are showing – tell them what it is called. Listen to their questions and give them plenty of time to understand your answers. Explore other ways of getting the activity done. They will learn basic life skills as well as vocabulary, problem solving, and creative thinking as they get to do their most favorite thing in the world – be with you.

Children love stories, especially stories about family members. Create "books" of the family stories. Younger children can draw pictures. Older children can add words or sentences. Encourage your children to "read" the family story books. It's okay to get crazy and make up goofy stories. Try silly rhymes. Turn it into a song. Have fun!

Get caught reading. Your children want to do what you do. Read every day – and let them catch you doing it. Invite them to join you. Read aloud to them. Let them read aloud to you. Young children can make up a story based on the pictures they see. Even babies can look where you point, helping them learn eye control.

Take the family to the library and get library cards. Use the library card to check out books to read at home. The Evergreen system allows you to request books that are not in your local library. The books are sent to your library and then returned to their home library when you are done with them. This is a great way to have access to thousands upon thousands of books at no additional cost to the family. While you are at the library, pick up a calendar of upcoming children and family activities.

SOAR sponsors several programs that help children with reading and vocabulary skills. Head Start families receive free books and participate in a SOAR workshop that encourages family reading activities. First graders receive reading-for-pleasure books from the SOAR Put Your Nose in a Book program. When your first grader brings the book home, read it with your family (wearing the clown nose given with the book as you "put your nose in a book"). Check the cover of the book. It will be part of a series of books written for young readers. Order other books in the series from Scholastic or check them out of the library (remember the Evergreen system). Third graders receive free dictionaries from the SOAR dictionary project. Ask your third grader to show the family how to find a word in the dictionary. Read the meaning of the word and make up a story using the word as many times as possible. Fourth graders receive free thesauruses from the SOAR thesaurus project. Look up a word in the thesaurus; then make up sentences using each of the alternate words suggested.

Karen Whorrall, vice-president of the SOAR Board of Directors and a SOAR tutor, conducts classes to help high school students prepare for the SAT exam. SAT scores affect college admission and scholarship offers. Whorrall reports, "I have heard from previous students who attended the SAT classes that their scores improved by up to 350 points." SAT prep classes begin Wednesday, October 7, 7-9 p.m., and run for four weeks. Interested students should contact their guidance counselor to register for the class.

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bonds for Andrea Qualkenbush in the amount of \$85,000 and Misty Davis in the amount of \$10,000.

Roush recommended the board grant permission to make necessary changes to the job descriptions of the corporation treasurer and corporation deputy treasurer to reflect the additional duties and changes in combining job positions. The board approved.

The board approved additional salary considerations for the following positions due to the assignment of additional job duties and changes made in combining job positions: cafeteria manager \$1 hourly increase; corporation treasurer \$2.50 hourly increase; and corporation deputy treasurer \$2.50 hourly increase. All salary increases approved will be effective September 21, 2015.

Roush recommended the board approve a grant that will fund a school health coordinator. Roush explained that the position could be half-time and split between Shoals and Loogootee School Corporations if both corporations agree. The board approved.

The board approved a salary increase in the amount of five cents per hour for all non-certified staff.

The board approved the following fundraiser requests:

-Pep Club to sell t-shirts during September of 2015

-Music department to sell items from Century Resources during September of 2015

-Student Council and Martin County Humane Society raffle ticket request. Raffle was approved by Indiana Gaming Commission.

-Students to do a community service fundraiser selling t-shirts with proceeds being donated to the Martin County Relay for Life.

The board approved the following field trip requests:

-IHSA Fall Meeting for principals and student athletes at North Daviess High School on September 21, 2015

-WestGate@Crane College Fair on September 29, 2015

-Jr. English Class to Indiana Repertory Theatre in Indianapolis on December 4, 2015

-Sr. English Class to Indiana Repertory Theatre in Indianapolis on January 29, 2016

-Spell Bowl and Academic Team trip schedule

-4th grade students to go to Squire Boone Caverns on October 16, 2015.

The board gave the corporation treasurer permission to pay any claims received by September 30, 2015 in order to close out the Title I, REAP, and High Ability Grants.

Superintendent Roush provided the board with a draft copy of a school bus rental agreement for contracted school bus route drivers renting a bus owned by the corporation. She recommended the board approve the agreement as well as an exception for drivers not meeting the school specifications while renting another bus. The board approved.

Roush provided the board with a copy of the Teacher Professional Growth and Evaluation Plan. The board approved the plan.

The board approved ratification of the 2015-16 Shoals Teachers' Association Master Contract and they also approved the procedures and guidelines manual.

Roush explained the Project Aspire Grant Attachment to the board. It is a free program sponsored by Vincennes University that will allow a guidance counselor to work here on-site with students in grades 6-12. The counselor will work one-on-one with students assisting them with college entry preparations. Student qualifications for the program is based on parent income and/or parent college educational background. The board approved the program.

The board accepted a donation from Hoosier Uplands in the amount of \$400 for school nurse supplies. Also, a donation from Martin County Community Alliance in the amount of \$1,000 to be used toward funding the new school psychologist. The board thanked both donors for the generous donations.

The board held a public hearing on the proposed 2016 budget. Adoption of the budget is scheduled for October 8, 2015.

The board held a second reading of the

food service staff code of conduct policy and the board approved the policy.

The board held a second reading of the Title I parental involvement policy. The board approved the policy.

Austin Malone, Elementary Principal, reported on the following:

-Upcoming building visit from Burriss Elementary teachers to Shoals Elementary to better prepare for ISTEP. Burriss Elementary is also supplementing their math curriculum with Eureka. Scheduled dates and grade levels are: Monday, September 21 - Melissa Abner and Bryan Fountain (5th Grade), Wednesday, September 23 - Alexis Speer and Pam Canada (SPED), Thursday, September 24 - Donetta Tomlinson and Cari Isom (4th Grade), Friday, September 25 - Rachel Guthrie and Lindsey Seitzinger (3rd Grade)

-Attendance push – Goal: 98 percent

-The month of August was very successful with 167 days of perfect attendance. (an average of just over 10 days per class). Mrs. Hovis had the highest percentage of perfect attendance (17/19 days – 89 percent) As a school, they averaged 97.1 percent.

-Upcoming events: Monday, September 14 – National Anthem Day (6th graders will be singing The Star Spangled Banner over the intercom), Tuesday, September 15 – Picture Day, October 5-23 – Fundraiser Window, Friday, October 16 – Anti-Bullying presentation as well as Family Movie Night

-Huge thank you to: German American Bank – pool passes, City of Loogootee and Mayor Harty – pool passes, Jump-N-Jax – passes, The River Church – school supplies donation, Hawkins Health Center – school supplies donation

Lucas Calhoun, Jr. Sr. High School Principal, reported on the following:

-The International Save-a-Life Tour will be at Shoals on Thursday, September 17. It is sponsored by a gracious gift from the Memorial Hospital Foundation. It will include a large group presentation and simulators for students in grades 9-12.

-West Gate @ Crane College Fair is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29 for students in grades 10 & 12.

-The school has a new financial literacy program for business students called "Teach Banzai." Special thanks to Old National for sponsoring the program and providing the materials and Bryson Abel for the networking.

-We are applying for a Lowe's Education Grant and Target Leadership Grant

-Congratulations to Martin County Community Foundation Grant winners and special thanks for this opportunity.

-Student drug testing will kick off in September and a drug dog visit is planned during first semester.

-Field trips are planned to USG for Industrial Tech, Toyota for Careers and Martin County Leadership for Capstone

-Robotics club is off to a great start with a great mix of students.

Superintendent Roush reported on the following:

-Thanked USG for their willingness to give plant tours to the advanced manufacturing class as well as for coming to visit the senior capstone class.

-Reported on some grants being applied for to be able to provide professional development to science teachers and to pay for a part time agriculture teacher.

-Congratulated the teachers that applied for and received the MCCF grants.

-Reported on the technology committees will be meeting to start discussing student devices for next school year as well as sending teachers out to see other schools who already implement a one-to-one program.

-Thanked Dot Tredway for her years of service to the Shoals School Corporation.

Lorna Troutman reported that the school currently has 27 students participating in the 1st Lego League as well as eight adult volunteers. They are all looking forward to the upcoming trip to Evansville. This year's project topic is "recycling".

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting of the board will be October 8 at 6 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015 ~ Martin County Journal

CLEO WILCHER

Cleo Wilcher, formerly of the Wana-maker/Acton area passed away at 12:45 a.m. Sunday, September 13, 2015 at his home surrounded by his family. A resident of Loogootee, he was 82.



CLEO WILCHER

He was born October 19, 1932 in Lincoln County, Kentucky; son of the late Matt and Elizabeth (Lizzie Smith) Wilcher.

He married Dorothy Jean (Sexson) on February 25, 1955 and she survives. From 1950 to 1953, he served in the U.S. Army achieving the rank of Corporal, serving abroad in Japan, in support of the Korean War where he earned the National Defense Service Medal. He enjoyed working on his farm, hunting, fishing and spending time with his family and friends. He was a livestock dealer and farmer for most of his life. He was the owner of Loogootee-Jasper Livestock Center, Inc. He was a member of the

GRANTS

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understanding of its value.

Jennifer Guinn, Shoals 2nd Grade, "Making Math Fun with Centers & Activities"

Small group rotation through various areas and activities to allow more teacher/student interaction and to teach students to work together in small groups, with a partner, or independently.

Mimi Hawkins, Shoals 4th-8th Grades, "First Lego League"

Teams will build robots with Legos, program the robots, and will learn about core values, making presentations, and will compete with other schools.

Teri Kerr, Shoals P.E. K-6 Grades, "Having a 'Ball' in P.E."

Practice and develop skills of catching, striking, throwing and hitting using high density foam balls for multiple sports. The foam balls provide a safer and fun class.

Teri Kerr, Shoals Health 7th, 8th, 10th Grades, "Healthy Choices for Teens"

Provide current, relevant and informative online articles with topics and skills that prepare teens to make informed decisions in today's culture.

Wes Stephenson, Shoals Jr/Sr High School, "Two-Stage Water Rocket Launcher"

Use two-stage rocket launchers, built with soda bottles, to boost students' understanding of trigonometry, the conservation of momentum and energy, and Newton's Laws of Motion.

Jean Survance, Shoals Speech Therapy, "Come Learn Language with Me"

Teach students to identify and name common object, actions, prepositions and pronouns using books and toy manipulatives.

Loogootee Classroom Projects:

Nicole Bays, Loogootee 6th Grade Science, "Rockets"

Build and fire rockets to enhance creative thinking, problem solving skills, communication and application. When building the rockets, students will apply the science, technology and math knowledge they have gained in the classroom.

Beth Buchta/Shannon Wagler/Debbie Hayes, Loogootee 1st Grade Science, "From Caterpillar to Butterfly"

A science study on the life cycle of a butterfly through observation, inquiry, investigation and drawing conclusions as the metamorphosis takes place.

Terri Smith, Loogootee 2nd Grade Math, "Math Stations"

Implementing Math stations into the curriculum to individually refine skills for some students while extending skills for others, helping all students more toward mathematical proficiency.

Tyler Walton, Loogootee Junior Art, "Graffiti Art Project"

Students will learn new techniques and new forms of media to gain a knowledge and appreciation for a new type of art.

VFW Post 9395, American Legion Post 120 and Beech Grove Masonic Lodge 694 for over 50 years.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy (Sexson) Wilcher of Loogootee; son, Larry (Cindy) Wilcher of Montgomery; daughters, Denise (David) Sutherland and Darlene (Mike) Bradley, both of New Palestine and Rosie (Doug) Bridges of Loogootee; brother, Gerald Wilcher; two sisters, Violet Mattingly and Anna Lee Hoyt. He was the proud grandfather of Todd (Stacy), Kyle and Darren (Sarah) Wilcher, Cleo, Jennifer, Dwayne (Kristi), and Doug (Miranda) Sutherland, Dottie (Jim) Webb, Levi (Sherry) Bradley, Leah (Zach) Herron, Laura (Shane) Williams and Chassidy Bridges. He also had great grandchildren, Dakota Adams, Keegan O'Neill, Garath, Maggie and Addie Webb, Lilly Maxwell, Scott and Lexi Bradley, Aubree Herron, Will Sutherland, Jase Wilcher and Liam Williams.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Matt and Lizzie Wilcher and brothers, Matt Jr., Lawrence and Vernon Wilcher.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, September 18 at Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Visitation will be held Thursday, September 17 from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Alzheimer research at ALZ.org/donate.

Condolences may be made online at brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

EVA KNOX

Eva Knox passed away at 6:30 a.m. Friday, September 11, 2015 at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation. A resident of Shoals, she was 83.

She was born April 23, 1932 in Paoli; daughter of the late Guy and Hazel (Hackney) Dillard.

She is survived by sons, Steve Knox of Shoals and Anthony Wayne Knox of Newburgh; nephews, David and Calvin Parrott; cousins, Nadine Terry of Mitchell, Merrill King of Mitchell and his daughters, Ruthann (Bob) Medworth and Kelly Morris.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Donald Joe Knox; parents, Guy and Hazel (Hackney) Dillard; sister, Jean Parrott; and brother, Dean Dillard.

Burial will take place in Spring Hill Cemetery at a later date.

Condolences may be made online at brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

JOHN HENRY

John David Henry died Friday, September 11, 2015 in St Francis Hospital, Greenwood. A resident of Ellettsville, he was 68.

He was born February 9, 1947 in Shoals; son of Ollie Henry and Mildred Henry. He was an attorney having a practice in Indianapolis. He was a U.S. Army Veteran and loved spending time with his grandchildren and being outdoors any chance he got, he also got a great deal of enjoyment in going bargain shopping.

Survivors include his daughter, Jessica Westfall and her husband, Jarred, of Ellettsville; three grandchildren, Abigail, Jayden and Clayton Westfall of Ellettsville; two very good friends, Cathy Wheatly and Kelly Thrasher; a sister, Martha Blackwell; a brother, Joe Henry and his wife, Pam; two brothers-in-law, Dick and Don Blackwell; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Sue.

A Memorial Service is scheduled for Friday, September 18 at 7 p.m. in Day & Deremiah-Frye Funeral Home, 4150 E Third St., Bloomington with Military Honors provided by the Monroe County Honor Guard. The family will receive friends one hour

prior to services.

LARRY ARMS

Larry Franklin Arms died Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at I.U. Health, Bloomington Hospital. A resident of Bloomington, he was 61.



LARRY ARMS

He was born June 15, 1954 in Bloomington; son of Junior Franklin Arms and Nellie Mae (Capps) Arms. He loved listening to country music and had a large collection of country music tunes with his favorite singer in the whole world being the late, great George Jones. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and was an amazing husband, father, grandfather and friend to all.

He is survived by his loving wife, Nina (Babbs) Arms of Bloomington; two daughters, Tammy Lynn Gray (Babbs) and Kimberly Kay "Peachy" Snowden, both of Bloomington; one brother, Roger Arms of Ambia; three sisters, Ginny (Arms) Fitzgerald of Indianapolis, Onnie (Arms) Hart of Loogootee and Donna (Arms) Pedro of Bloomington; four grandchildren, Brandon Southern, Taylor Abrams, Alisha Southern and Lacy Southern; four great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, Steven Franklin Arms; four brothers, Jimmy Arms, Danny Ray Arms, Gary Arms and Nile Franklin Arms; and two sisters, Judy Phillips and Carolyn Sue Arms.

The funeral service was held Monday, September 14 at the Day & Deremiah-Frye Funeral Home in Bloomington with Bro. Michael Douglas officiating. Burial followed in Valhalla Memory Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family. Online condolences may be given at www.DayDeremiahFrye.com.

Classified ADS

YARD SALES

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.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

1:04 a.m. - Received a report of speeding vehicles in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan located the vehicles.

8:42 a.m. - Received a report of trees down south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department was dispatched.

1:53 p.m. - Sgt. Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

2:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

5:18 p.m. - Sgt. Keller assisted the Transitions Center at a home near Shoals.

6:40 p.m. - Received a report of a missing person south of Loogootee. Sgt. Keller, Martin County Ambulance, Indiana State Police Trooper Sexton, Indiana Correction Officer, and Haysville Fire Department responded. The subject was located and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:08 p.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism near Shoals. Sgt. Keller responded.

10:50 p.m. - Sgt. Keller assisted a motorist in Shoals.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

5:54 a.m. - Received a report of a deer lying on US 50, east of Shoals. Deputy McBeth responded.

8:00 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Martin County Highway was notified.

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

10:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

10:56 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

11:16 a.m. - Major Burkhardt took three inmates to court.

12:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

3:36 p.m. - Received a report of a road rage incident near Loogootee. Captain Dant took the call.

4:25 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Major Burkhardt was advised.

4:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and took the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:55 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and Sgt. Keller responded. All was okay.

7:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

2:30 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless semi near Loogootee. Deputy McBeth checked the driver.

5:13 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle north of Shoals. Deputy McBeth responded.

6:57 a.m. - Received a report of a deer in the roadway on SR 450. Captain Dant responded.

8:20 a.m. - Received a report of a car deer accident on US 231 near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

8:30 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate back to prison.

8:58 a.m. - Received a report of an animal on US 50 in Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

9:30 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

11:30 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

12:00 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance in Loogootee. Major

Burkhardt and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

12:35 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn east of Loogootee.

1:14 p.m. - Received a report of a theft near Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Indiana State Police responded.

3:24 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist in Shoals.

3:55 p.m. - Received a report of a subject acting strangely in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was advised.

4:29 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Major Burkhardt took the call.

5:58 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm near Loogootee. Sheriff Roush responded.

6:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Ambulance, and Indiana State Police Trooper Beaver responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:29 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

6:38 p.m. - Major Burkhardt responded to an accident on SR 450.

6:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Police Department, and Air Evac were notified. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:03 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Major Burkhardt took the call.

8:25 p.m. - Received a report of a car/deer accident near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

10:47 p.m. - Corporal Baker assisted a motorist east of Shoals.

11:03 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

11:34 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Sgt. Norris responded.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

1:46 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Sgt. Norris responded.

2:23 a.m. - Corporal Baker assisted a motorist in Shoals.

7:25 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50. Loogootee Police Department was advised.

9:10 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.

1:15 p.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted a homeowner in Shoals.

1:18 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

3:22 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US 50. Shoals Fire Department and Captain Dant responded.

5:23 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist near Loogootee. Indiana State Police assisted the motorist.

9:53 p.m. - Corporal Baker assisted a motorist in Shoals.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

12:22 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Crane. Corporal Baker responded.

12:50 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

9:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

9:30 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

10:15 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:40 p.m. - Received a report of a drive off without paying in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

4:25 p.m. - Received a report of a fire near Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Sheriff Roush, and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

5:57 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

6:46 p.m. - Corporal Baker assisted a motorist east of Shoals.

11:05 p.m. - Received a report of cows out on SR 650. Corporal Baker responded.

11:26 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

2:04 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

2:04 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic

JAIL BOOKINGS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

3:31 p.m. - Kristina Lewis, 30, of Jasper, was arrested by Sgt. Keller and charged with driving while suspended prior. Her bond was set at \$20,000 10%.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

5:48 p.m. - Zachary Nolan, 27, of Mitchell, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and assisted by Sheriff Roush, on a warrant and possession of marijuana. His bond has been set at \$20,000 10%.

11:48 p.m. - Troy Arvin, 41, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Beaver and charged with felony resisting law enforcement and obstruction of justice. He has no bond. Trooper Beaver was assisted by Corporal Baker and K9 Virka.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

12:00 p.m. - James Honeycutt, 32, Loogootee, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Lents, assisted by Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene, on a warrant, and possession of schedule drugs. He has no bond.

8:06 p.m. - Gage Sanders, 21, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Sexton for possession of marijuana and maintaining a common nuisance. Trooper Sexton was assisted by Chief Deputy Greene.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

3:24 p.m. - Todd Winger, 46, of Shoals, was arrested by Corporal Baker and charged with domestic battery. His bond has been set at \$20,000 10%.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

12:26 p.m. - Jessica Lampert, 40, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond. Trooper Lents was assisted by Sheriff Roush and Sgt. Keller.

tic situation in Shoals. Corporal Baker responded.

7:25 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

11:25 a.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Sgt. Keller responded.

6:08 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Deputy McBeth responded.

8:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:14 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Deputy McBeth responded.

9:04 p.m. - Received several reports of tree limbs on US 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the debris.

10:43 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:50 a.m. - Received a report of a missing person in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles, Sgt. Keller, and Deputy McBeth responded.

10:50 a.m. - Received a request to help a homeowner near Shoals. Sgt. Keller responded.

11:19 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:54 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

1:18 p.m. - Received a report of animal cruelty in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

1:34 p.m. - Sgt. Keller assisted a homeowner near Shoals.

5:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:47 p.m. - Received a report of a car/deer accident near Shoals. Deputy McBeth responded.

9:33 p.m. - Received a report of a theft near Shoals. Deputy McBeth responded.

9:42 p.m. - Received a report of a break in south of Loogootee. Deputy McBeth took the call.

11:18 p.m. - Received a report of a missing sign in Shoals. The Town of Shoals was contacted.

11:35 p.m. - Received a noise complaint near Shoals. Deputy McBeth responded.

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Court News

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

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING September 2

Angela D. Allbright, convicted of theft, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 156 days in the Martin County Security Center with 0 days suspended and credit for 78 actual days previously served plus 78 good time credit days.

Ryan L. Bowling, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 1.5 years at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 122 actual days previously served plus 122 good time credit days.

Jill A. Bradley, convicted of battery in the presence of a child, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 1 year at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 177 actual days previously served plus 177 good time credit days.

Nathan Leistner, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 363 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 good

time credit day. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED September 2

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

Jill A. Bradley, intimidation, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed September 8

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Donna Combs, civil collection.

Patricia L. Canady vs. Kelvin E. Canady, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Lori B. Cox vs. Darrell W. Cox, petition for dissolution of marriage.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS September 15

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Timothy R. Braun in the amount of \$5,117.64.

MARRIAGE LICENSES September 10

William J. Moffitt of Shoals and Amy R. Quinn-Watson of Shoals.

Warrant service leads officers to additional drug charges

A Loogootee man is in jail after officers arrested him last Friday night on an outstanding warrant and found his stash of narcotics.

At 10:58 a.m., Friday, September 11, Senior Trooper Jarrod Lents, with Martin County Sheriff Travis Roush and Chief Deputy Josh Greene, arrived at 1408 Reinhart Road in Loogootee to attempt to locate James R. Honeycutt, 32. Honeycutt was wanted on a warrant through Martin County for felony charges of resisting law enforcement and intimidation, and a misdemeanor charge of operating while intoxicated. After checking the residence, officers learned that Honeycutt was not there and could be staying with his girlfriend at Country Place Apartments in Loogootee.

Upon arriving at the apartments, officers were met by Honeycutt's girlfriend, who allowed officers inside the apartment to search for Honeycutt. Once inside, Honeycutt was found hiding inside a closet. He was placed into custody and transported to the Martin County Jail.

While officers were looking for Honeycutt, they observed drug paraphernalia lying

on a bed. After obtaining consent to search the apartment for additional drugs and paraphernalia, and with the use of Loogootee Police K-9 "Roxy", officers found Cyclobenzaprine (legend drug), Oxycodone (Schedule II drug), Diazepam (Schedule III drug), marijuana, and other drug paraphernalia. The legend and schedule drugs were not prescribed to anyone in the apartment.

It was later learned that the landlord of Country Place Apartments, along with Loogootee Police Officer Glen Akles, had previously given Honeycutt a verbal trespass warning, ordering him to not come back onto the Country Place Apartment property. By being in the apartment, Honeycutt was in violation of that order.

Honeycutt was charged with possession of a legend drug (x2), Level 6 Felonies; possession of a schedule II controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of a schedule III controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; and possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Martin County real estate transfers

Peter M. Smith and Valerie C. Smith, of Martin County, Indiana to **Collin J. Padgett**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 2 in Block "G" in Loogootee Land Company's Addition to Loogootee, Indiana.

Dennis Norman Bauernfiend, of Morgan County, Indiana; **Mary Ruth Bauernfiend**, of Brazoria County, Texas; **Terry Leo Bauernfiend**, of Vigo County, Indiana; **Dwight Darrell Bauernfiend**, of Martin County, Indiana; and **Rose Marie Bauernfiend**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Lisa A. Jakub**, of Martin County, Indiana, forty feet of parallel lines off of the west end of Lot #109 in Chenoweth's Extension to West Shoals, now Shoals, said parcel being 40 feet fronting on Main Street and 60 feet in depth, being the width of said lot.

Richard D. Graber and Lillie Catherine Graber, of Daviess County, Indiana to **David Ray Graber and Edna Rose Graber**, of Daviess County, Indiana, part of the southeast quarter and a part of the northeast quarter, all being in Section 1, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 16.50 acres. Part of the north half, part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter,

part if the southeast quarter all being in Section 1, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, in Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 122.50 acres.

David Ray Graber, Larry Graber, Jr.; Ernest Knepp, and Larry Wayne Graber, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Richard Dale Graber**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the south half of Section 16 and part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 21, all in Township 4 North, Range 3 West, situated in Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 144.51 acres, more or less.

Wilma E. Moorehouse, of Marion County, Indiana and **Carl Robert Kamplain**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Donald R. Reinhart and Mary Ann Reinhart**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, containing one acre, more or less.

Lawrence E. Holt, Jr. and Linda Holt, of Lawrence County, Indiana to **Kevin Holt and Sherri Holt and Tom Rego**, of Martin County, Indiana, two-thirds of Lots Numbered 15 and 16 in the Town of Dover Hill, Indiana off the south side thereof.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

1:04 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver in the high school parking lot.

12:10 p.m. - Caller requested to speak with an officer.

8:10 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

4:26 p.m. - Caller reported vandalism to her vehicle.

6:20 p.m. - Received a report of someone shooting a BB gun.

7:47 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

7:48 p.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a residential alarm.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:30 a.m. - Caller reported an abandoned vehicle on his property.

9:50 a.m. - Received a report of a 911 hang-up on JFK Avenue.

11:30 a.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

12:01 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on East Broadway Street.

3:55 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person on Church Street. Officers spoke with the male.

6:51 p.m. - Received a report of a male juvenile being struck by a vehicle on South Oak Street. Male was later transported to the hospital and was released.

11:03 p.m. - First responders were requested on William Daily Drive for a medical call.

11:34 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Sycamore Street.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:30 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

9:10 a.m. - Caller reported a dog com-

plaint.

9:15 a.m. - First responders were requested on North Oak Street for a medical call.

1:20 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious male on JFK Avenue. Officer spoke with him.

9:33 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male on Lincoln Avenue.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

2:40 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from White River Co-op.

4:12 p.m. - Caller reported a traffic hazard on Hwy 50.

6:02 p.m. - Caller reported a road rage incident near SW 2nd Street.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

1:03 a.m. - Caller reported loud noises in Redwing Trailer Court.

2:04 a.m. - Officer Todd assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with an incident.

7:25 a.m. - Captain Akles responded to a residential alarm.

2:15 p.m. - Jasper Police Department requested officers be on the lookout for a vehicle involved in a hit-and-run accident in Jasper.

8:05 p.m. - First responders were requested on 1300 East for a medical call.

10:17 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle on Hwy 50.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

11:54 a.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

1:18 p.m. - Caller reported a male beating a dog. Captain Akles responded.

2:37 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in Sunset Trailer Court.

5:21 p.m. - First responders were requested on NE 3rd Street for a medical call.

Traffic stop turns into pursuit and drug charges for Loogootee man

A late Thursday night traffic stop led officers on a short pursuit and ended with the arrest of a Loogootee man on numerous narcotics charges.

Around 10:50 p.m. last Thursday night, September 10, Martin County Sheriff's Department Corporal Damon Baker pulled over a Pontiac Sunfire at Mill Street and Northwest 2nd Street in Loogootee for disregarding a stop sign. After speaking with the driver, Troy Arvin, 41, of Loogootee, Baker contacted Trooper Andrew Beaver and Loogootee Police Officer Steve Nolan to assist him. After officers arrived, Baker and his K-9 partner "Virka" conducted an open air search around Arvin's Pontiac; Virka gave a positive indication that illegal drugs were possibly in the vehicle. As Trooper Beaver approached the Pontiac and asked Arvin to step out of the car, Arvin refused to get out. Arvin started the car and fled from officers,

leading them on a short pursuit before stopping again. Arvin was taken into custody and lodged in the Martin County Jail.

As officers continued their investigation, they applied for and obtained a search warrant for narcotics at Arvin's Loogootee home. Inside the residence, officers found methamphetamine, marijuana, and drug paraphernalia. The evidence was collected by the State Police and Arvin's charges were amended.

Arvin was charged with dealing methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; resisting law enforcement with a motor vehicle, a Level 6 Felony; obstruction of Justice, a Level 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor; and possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Supreme Court publishes annual report

The Supreme Court annual report (July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015) is now available online and at the Law Library in the State House. The 58-page report provides information about the work of the Court and its affiliated agencies. In addition to providing statistics on the nearly 1,000 cases considered by the Court, the report also details the administrative work of the judicial branch. Read the report at courts.in.gov/supreme/files/1415report.pdf.

The five justices--Loretta Rush, Brent Dickson, Robert Rucker, Steven David and Mark Massa--heard oral arguments in 62 cases and handed down 100 majority opinions after reading thousands of pages of briefs. Nearly 78 percent of the time, Court opinions were unanimous.

A variety of Supreme Court agency initiatives are detailed in the report. It also includes photographs of judicial branch leaders interacting with students, community members, judges and the press.

By the end of the fiscal year:

396 tweets about court opinions and other announcements could be found at [Twitter.com/incourts](https://twitter.com/incourts)

225 courts in 52 counties maintained records in the Odyssey case management system

224 hours of instruction were provided to judges statewide

Data was collected in 1.3 million trial court cases

569 of 821 applicants passed the Indiana bar exam

1,022 registered mediators were in the statewide registry

103 final orders were issued in attorney discipline cases

22 judges faced disciplinary action from the Judicial Qualifications Commission

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

As summer winds down, we begin to look toward alternatives to flowers for color in our gardens. Soon autumn will arrive and we will be decorating with pumpkins, gourds, colorful ears of corn and other materials in the earthy tones of fall. Of course, our gardens will contribute color in the form of leaves and berries.

Sandhill Gardens is a certified wildlife environment, which means it has several bushes that provide wildlife food in the form of berries. That those berries are themselves ornamental is a bonus.

My favorite berry-bearing shrub is the aptly-named beautyberry. Sandhill Gardens boasts both the American beautyberry and the hybrid purple beautyberry. There are several species within the genus *Callicarpa*, most being native to Asia. The American beautyberry is native to the southeastern part of the United States, with southern Indiana at the fringe of its range. Clusters of tiny red berries occur along the stems. The berries become more noticeable as the plant loses its leaves.

While the red berries of the native shrub are pretty, the berries of the hybrid purple beautyberry are absolutely gorgeous. The lavender to purple berries have a metallic sheen, making them look like they belong on an elegant piece of jewelry. The berry-covered stems look right at home in a flower arrangement. They will certainly catch the eye of any visitor to your garden.

Although the berries are reason enough to

Daviess-Martin County producers urged to consider risk protection coverage

Daviess-Martin County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Kent Mason, reminds producers to review available USDA crop risk protection options, including federal crop insurance and Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage, before the deadline of September 30. Federal crop insurance covers crop losses from natural adversities such as drought, hail and excessive moisture. NAP covers losses from natural disasters on crops for which no permanent federal crop insurance program is available, including forage and grazing crops, fruits, vegetables, mushrooms, floriculture, ornamental nursery, aquaculture, turf grass, ginseng, honey, syrup, bioenergy, and industrial crops.

The following crops in Daviess-Martin County have a NAP application deadline of September 30, 2015: Barley, Rye, Canola, Garlic, Mint and Perennial Forages.

"NAP policies allow producers to protect their investment by purchasing coverage for noninsurable crops," said CED Kent Mason. "Natural disasters are an unavoidable part of farming and ranching and FSA programs like NAP help producers recover when they ex-

perience a loss." grow beautyberries, the shrubs are attractive in the garden throughout the growing season. In spring, the emerging leaves have a bronze color, turning to a light green as they mature. In mid-summer, the stems are covered with tiny lavender flowers. While they may grow to eight feet tall and up to six feet wide, the shrubs may be kept to a smaller size easily.

The blooms, and therefore the berries, are borne on new wood. In harsh winters, the plants may have significant damage, but the roots will not be affected. Some growers recommend cutting the plants back to the ground in late fall or winter, but I prefer to cut them back to about twelve inches in late winter or spring, when one can see where any damage has occurred.

While beautyberry bushes may not be easily found in garden centers, they are available at many nurseries. The shrubs may also be easily grown from tip cuttings in the summer. I have even started new plants from the stems I cut back in the spring. They need fertile soil with adequate moisture. The shrubs will tolerate some shade, but flower and berry production are best in full sun.

The shrubs are a food source for birds and other wildlife, but the berries are not a favorite food. Most of the time, the berries are eaten only after more favored foods are depleted. The berries are quite astringent, but may be used for jelly or wine. However, I think I will stick to feasting on them with my eyes.

perience a loss."

USDA has partnered with Michigan State University and the University of Illinois to create an online tool at www.fsa.usda.gov/nap that allows producers to determine whether their crops are eligible for federal crop insurance or NAP and to explore the best level of protection for their operation. NAP basic coverage is available at 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses that exceed 50 percent of expected production, with higher levels of coverage, up to 65 percent of their expected production at 100 percent of the average market price available, including coverage for organics and crops marketed directly to consumers. Crops intended for grazing are not eligible for additional NAP coverage.

Federal crop insurance coverage is sold and delivered solely through private insurance agents. Agent lists are available at all USDA Service Centers or at USDA's online Agent Locator: <http://prodwebnlb.rma.usda.gov/apps/AgentLocator/#>. Producers can use the USDA Cost Estimator, <https://ewebapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/costestimator/Default.aspx>, to predict insurance premium costs.

New corn disease confirmed in Indiana

BY DARRIN PACK
Purdue University News Service

Purdue Extension plant pathologists have identified tar spot, a corn disease not previously reported in the United States, in plant samples collected from a field in north central Indiana.

The specific fungal disease found in the state has had minimal impact on yield in other areas where it is endemic, including Mexico and Central America, and experts say no action is needed to manage it this late in the growing season.

"We are still determining the impact, if any, that the disease may have in Indiana," said Kiersten Wise and Gail Ruhl in an article published in the latest issue of Purdue's Pest and Crop online newsletter. "However, it is important to alert Extension specialists if you observe the disease to accurately document its distribution in the state."

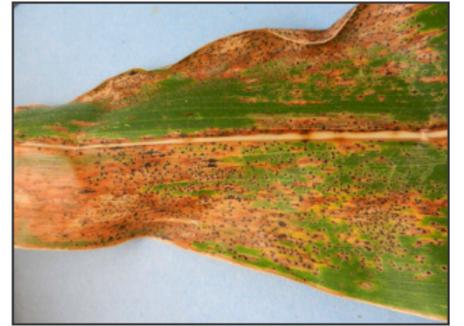
The disease was diagnosed at the Purdue Plant and Pest Diagnostic Laboratory and confirmed last week by a U.S. Department of Agriculture national fungal identifier located in Beltsville Maryland.

Initial symptoms of tar spot are brownish lesions on the leaves.

Black, spore-producing structures called ascumata appear later, protruding from the leaf surface and giving the leaf a rough or bumpy feel.

"The structures can densely cover the leaf and may resemble mature, black pustules present on leaves due to infection by rust fungi," the authors say. "Lesions with these ascumata may coalesce to cause large areas of blighted leaf tissue, which can be mistaken for saprophytic growth on dead leaf tissue."

Symptoms and signs of tar spot might



Initial symptoms of tar spot are brownish lesions on the leaves of afflicted corn plants. Black, spore-producing spots appear later, making the leaf feel rough or bumpy. (Purdue Botany and Plant Pathology photo/Kiersten Wise)

also appear on leaf sheaths and husks.

The authors say tar spot can be caused by two different fungi - *Phyllachora maydis* and *Monographella maydis*.

"To date, only *Phyllachora maydis* has been found in Indiana," according to the authors. "In areas where this disease is commonly found, infection by *Phyllachora maydis* is not considered to significantly impact yield, but infections by *Monographella maydis* can cause economic damage."

Wise and Ruhl said Purdue experts will work to determine how the disease got to Indiana and what steps need to be taken, if any, to prevent future outbreaks.

For more information on tar spot, download the USDA diagnostic fact sheet at <http://nt.ars-grin.gov/taxadescriptions/factsheets/index.cfm?thisapp=Phyllachora-maydis>.

To read Wise and Ruhl's full article, download the Pest and Crop online newsletter at <http://extension.entm.purdue.edu/pestcrop/2015/Issue24/>.

Hardwood lumber grading, pricing workshop offered

The Purdue University Department of Forestry and Natural Resources is offering a workshop for those interested in the hardwood industry and wanting to learn about lumber grades, markets, and prices.

"Hardwood Lumber Grading, Manufacturing and Pricing" will be a one-day workshop on September 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST, at the Vincennes University Jasper Campus Center for Technology, Innovation, and Manufacturing Building, 850 College Avenue, Jasper, IN. Dan Cassens, Purdue professor of wood products and author of "Manufacturing and Marketing Eastern Hardwood Lumber Produced by Thin Kerf Band Mills," will be the instructor for this event.

Hardwood lumber grades are the basis for the selling and purchasing of hardwood lumber. This session will provide registrants with a quick understanding of grading concepts and terminology. Registrants will have a hands-on opportunity to practice grading. Market regions, wholesale pricing and upgrading boards will also be discussed.

This session will be of value to both producers and users of hardwood lumber. Sawyers, edgemen and trimmermen from large and small mills will benefit from

knowing what is required by each grade category.

Sellers and purchasing agents will benefit by knowing what to expect from each other. Proper applications for the different grades will also be discussed.

The registration fee for IHLA members is \$79. The non-member fee is \$99. The fee covers the cost of materials, breaks and lunch.

Participants are asked to bring a tape measure and calculator or lumber grading rule. Registration form is available at: www.ihla.org/Documents/9-23-15%20HW%20Lumber%20Grading%20and%20Mfg%20brochure.pdf.

For more information about the workshop, contact Cassens at 765-412-6844, dcassens@purdue.edu.

The event is sponsored by Indiana Hardwood Lumbermen's Association, Purdue University Dept. of Forestry and Natural Resources, Franklin Adhesives & Polymers, Hermes Abrasives, Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources - Division of Forestry, Jasper Area Chamber of Commerce, Purdue Extension - Dubois County, Vincennes University - Jasper Campus, and Wood-Mizer.

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NRC gives final approval to new catfish rules

The Indiana Natural Resources Commission on Tuesday gave final approval to rule changes that govern commercial fishing and sport fishing for catfish.

The new rules raise the minimum size on catfish from 10 to 13 inches and limit the number of large catfish that can be taken — no more than one each per day of channel catfish at least 28 inches long, blue catfish at least 35 inches long, and flathead catfish at least 35 inches long.

The changes apply to both commercial fishing and sport fishing on lakes, reservoirs, streams, and rivers, including the Ohio River.

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife proposed the changes in order to increase survival of younger catfish and ensure continued large or “trophy” catfish opportunities for both sport and commercial fishing. Larger catfish also have higher reproductive potential and can help control populations of forage species such as gizzard shad and Asian carp.

The Commission granted preliminary approval to the rule changes in November, after a public comment period that included one public hearing. The rule changes will not be in effect until approved by the Attorney General’s Office and Governor’s Office and published in the Indiana Register.

The Commission also dedicated two nature preserves in Wayne County, bringing to 269 the number of state-dedicated nature preserves in Indiana.

Old Northwest Boundary Line Nature Preserve is a 92-acre site characterized by reforested uplands and dissected by ravines that drain into Lick Creek. The second site is Old Hamilton Road Nature Preserve, whose deep valley features springs, seeps and a significant fen wetland. Several noteworthy endangered or rare species occur on the 27-acre site.

Whitewater Valley Land Trust owns and manages both properties. Indiana Heritage Trust helped buy the Old Northwest Boundary Line preserve, and the Bicentennial Nature Trust helped buy the Old Hamilton Road preserve.

In other actions, the NRC: Readopted rules that govern trails and scenic rivers (312 IAC 7); timber buyers, their agents, and timber growers (312 IAC 14); forest and resource management (312 IAC 15); and standards regarding oil and gas exploration (312 IAC 16 and 312 IAC 17).

Approved changes to the roster of Indiana animals, insects and plants that are extirpated, endangered, threatened or rare. Ruffed grouse and rufa red knot were added to bird species of special concern, and the name of northern cavefish was changed to Hoosier cavefish. Scientific names for several species were modified to reflect current names.

Turned down a citizen petition to amend the rule governing issuance of nuisance wild animal control permits to reduce con-

flicts of interest.

The NRC is an autonomous board that addresses topics pertaining to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

NRC members include the DNR director, heads of three other state agencies (Environmental Management, Tourism Development, and Transportation), six citizens appointed by the governor on a bipartisan basis, the chair of the NRC’s advisory council, and the president of the Indiana Academy of Science.

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Hunting, fishing, water recreation at Monroe

Visitors to Monroe Lake September 26 can check out different types of hunting, fishing and water recreation during “Furs. Fins. Float. FUN!” at Paynetown State Recreation Area.

The event runs from 2 to 6 p.m. “September 26 is National Hunting and Fishing Day,” said Jill Vance, Monroe Lake’s naturalist. “We designed this event to appeal to people of all ages and with all levels of experience.”

- Activities are:
- Falconry presentations at 2 and 3 p.m.
 - AHDA retriever dog demos at 2, 4 and 5 p.m.
 - Open fishing for kids from 2 to 4 p.m.
 - Verein Deutsch–Drahthaar dog demos at 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.
 - Intro seminar to hunting-dog training at 3 p.m.
 - Intro to kayaking at 3:15, 4:15 and 5:15 p.m.
 - Wild game stew from 4 to 6 p.m.
- You can download a schedule, with full descriptions for all demos and activities at <http://bit.ly/fursfinsfloat2015>.

The training seminar and the kayaking sessions are restricted to a limited number of people, and there is also a minimum age of 12 required for kayaking. There are no age or number restrictions for the other activities.

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REMC donates bottled water to area schools

Once again, spectators buying bottled water at high school sporting events in the Daviess-Martin County REMC service area are part of a unique marketing effort. The REMC donated 252 cases of bottled water to local high schools to help in concessions fund raising.

Each bottle is labeled with the co-op name and phrase, "Committed to community."

"We saw in this program a special way to connect not only with our current members but with young people who are our

members of tomorrow," said Janet Chestnut, Manager of Communications/Member Relations at the REMC. "This is a great opportunity to further our pledge to education and enhance the Touchstone Energy value of commitment to the community."

The schools will retain all proceeds from the sale of the water and have the potential to raise over \$1,500 each. This is the 12th year the REMC has donated the bottled water to the schools.

Not pictured, North Daviess High School and Washington Catholic High School.



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Shown above is REMC's bottled water donation to Shoals High School. From left to right are John Kirtland, athletic director and Mark Belcher, REMC marketing manager.



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Shown above is REMC's bottled water donation to Barr-Reeve High School. From left to right are Chanell Yoder, Chris Howell, Jalon Graber, Logan James, Daylon Knepp, Trevor Yoder, Kendra Yoder and Sue Graber, REMC accountant.

Lady Lions win own Invite

The Loogootee Varsity Volleyball Team won their own Invitational this past Saturday. The girls won all three matches against White River Valley, Eastern Greene, and Borden.

In the first match against White River Valley, the Lady Lions won in two sets, 25-20 and 25-11. Emily Brookshire led in points with 10 and kills with 6, followed by Kylie Hall with seven points, four digs, and four kills. Tyanna Graber contributed three points. Jody Seals finished with 14 assists and Breigh LaMar had four. Julianne Bell led in kills with six while Mya Hedrick and Emily Bateman each contributed four. Breanna Hollaway added two digs.

In the Eastern Greene match, the girls won in two sets, 25-20 and 26-24.

Hall led in points with 10 and added four digs. Graber had seven points. Bell led the team in kills with 11 followed by Hedrick and Bateman with seven each. Seals finished with 14 assists and LaMar had eight. Brookshire led in digs with 14.

In the championship game, Loogootee won again in two sets against Borden, 25-16 and 25-16. Hall again led in points with 14 and added two digs. Graber finished with four points and Brookshire and Hollaway

had three each. Brookshire also added three digs. Bell and Hedrick each had four kills, LaMar finished with seven assists and Seals contributed four. Calli Wininger contributed two digs.

On Tuesday night, September 15, the Lady Lions travelled to Vincennes Rivet and came home with a win. The girls took all three sets, 25-23, 26-24, and 25-21.

Hall led in points with 14 and added seven digs. Graber and Brookshire each contributed six points while Brookshire also led in digs with eight. Wininger added two digs. Seals led in assists with 18 followed by LaMar with 16.

Bell and Hedrick each contributed 12 kills and Bateman had eight.

The varsity girls' record stands at 13-4 on the season.

The junior varsity also defeated Rivet in two sets, 25-9 and 25-11. Katie Sims led in points with 14 followed by Savannah McAtee and Kashten Burch with eight each. Burch also led in assists with seven while Sydney Davis contributed four. Maelee Hawkins finished with four kills and Leonna Hedrick had three.

The junior varsity girls' are 8-1 on the season.

LHS Boys' Tennis battle Vincennes Lincoln

The Loogootee High School Boys' Tennis Teams took on Vincennes Lincoln Tuesday, September 15. The varsity boys were defeated 0-5 but the junior varsity won, 2-0.

Head Coach Rick Graves said after the matches, "We haven't had much time on the courts the last week and our rustiness showed. I felt like this was a match that we could have won but we made far too many errors and mentally we just had a difficult time. You have to give Lincoln the credit they deserve because they played well and were the better team tonight. I think when you have a relatively inexperienced team you have to expect this kind of match every once in a while. The thing I really like though is that this group is anxious to get to the courts tomorrow and work on correcting the mistakes we made and trying to get better before our next match."

Varsity results

Vincennes Lincoln 5, Loogootee 0

#1 Singles - Ethan Claycomb (VL) defeated Landon Bell (L) 1-6, 6-4, 6-2

#2 Singles - Daniel Black (VL) defeated Wyatt Wade (L) 6-3, 6-2

#3 Singles - Ryan Combs (VL) defeated Trysten Booker (L) 6-2, 6-3

#1 Doubles - Isaac Lane and Trent McCrary (VL) defeated Sheldon Christmas and Landon Wittmer (L) 6-4, 6-3

#2 Doubles - Sam Corrora and Brayden Seger (VL) defeated Max Christmas and Bailey Dearwester (L) 7-5, 6-2

Junior varsity results

Loogootee 2, Vincennes Lincoln 0

#1 Singles - Landon Diamond (L) defeated Luke Blackburn (VL) 8-4

#1 Doubles - Jace Toy and Gavin Wittmer (L) defeated Branden Bezy and Monty Fleck (VL) 8-5



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Shown above is REMC's bottled water donation to Loogootee High School. From left to right are Alex Graber, Andrew Zing, Bailey Holt, Josh Mullis, athletic director; and Rob Powell, manager of engineering at REMC.



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Shown above is REMC's bottled water donation to Mitchell High School. From left to right are Sean Vandeventer, principal; Luke Morris, Joshua Duncan and Janet Chestnut, manager of communications/member relations at REMC.

LHS Cross Country at Washington Invite

The Loogootee High School Cross Country competed in the Washington Invitational on September 12.

Other teams included in the Invite were Linton, Mitchell, North Daviess, Princeton, Owen Valley, Shakamak, Shoals, and Sullivan, along with Washington and Loogootee.

Loogootee girls placing:
25th Emily Haggquist 24:31

43rd Colie Farmer 27:27

44th Kayla Taylor 29:35

Loogootee boys placing:

20th Chris Hager 18:52

21st Jon Krzesniak 18:53

38th Jake Simmons 20:49

39th Logan Randolph 20:56

41st Nick Reinhart 21:17

51st Ethan Farmer 23:55

55th Kaleb Lyon 25:03

Indiana Tax Amnesty 2015 began yesterday

The Indiana Department of Revenue yesterday launched Tax Amnesty 2015, a limited-time opportunity for both individual and business taxpayers to pay past-due taxes free of penalty, interest and collection fees. The program runs through November 16, 2015.

Existing tax liabilities for all tax types managed by the department, for periods ending prior to January 1, 2013, are eligible to participate in Tax Amnesty 2015. More than 40 different tax types are eligible for participation.

In return for the full payment of the base tax, the state will:

- Waive penalties, interest and collection fees for eligible liabilities;
- Release tax liens that have been imposed on existing liabilities; and
- Not seek civil or criminal prosecution against any individual or entity.

Indiana's first tax amnesty program was conducted in 2005. Taxpayers who participated in the 2005 amnesty program are not eligible to participate in Tax Amnesty 2015.

"Our goal is to help eligible taxpayers catch up on past-due taxes and move forward in good standing with the department," said Indiana Department of Revenue Commissioner

Andrew Kossack. "Tax Amnesty 2015 is a one-time opportunity, and I encourage taxpayers who think they may be eligible to look into the program and take advantage of this opportunity."

To participate, eligible taxpayers should go to www.taxamnesty.in.gov, call 1-844-TAXES-IN (1-844-829-3746) or visit any of the department's 12 district offices to pay in full or establish a Tax Amnesty 2015 payment plan. Taxpayers who have received notification letters from the department can return the enclosed coupon with the full amount due.

Of the past-due taxes collected, the first \$84 million will fund the Indiana Regional Cities Development Fund. The next \$6 million will be allocated to the Indiana Department of Transportation to support the operation of the Hoosier State Rail Line. Remaining taxes collected will be deposited into the state general fund.

Tax Amnesty 2015 is authorized by the biennial budget in House Enrolled Act 1001, which was signed into law by Governor Mike Pence in May 2015.

Additional program details and department contact information is available at www.taxamnesty.in.gov.

State Senator Jim Merritt to discuss Indiana's Lifeline Law

Indiana's Lifeline Law, passed in 2012, encourages students to call for medical help in emergency situations by offering underage drinkers immunity and legal protections for certain alcohol-related offenses. The legislative sponsor of the law, State Senator Jim Merritt, will speak at Vincennes University's Shircliff Auditorium on September 24 at 11 a.m. (EDT). The program is free and the public is invited to attend.

The auditorium is located inside the Shircliff Humanities Building at the corner of Second and Harrison Streets.

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, more than one in five high school students has reported binge drinking, and more than two dozen Hoosiers under the age of 21 have died from alcohol poisoning in the last 10 years.

Dawn Finbloom will join Senator Merritt, offering her personal account of the death of her 18-year-old son Brett who died as a result of alcohol poisoning when his underage friends failed to call for help because they were afraid of legal consequences.

The program is sponsored by the VU Counseling Center and the office of Housing/Residential Life. Further details are available by contacting Dr. Lisa Bishop, director of the Counseling Center, at 812-888-4374.

About the Speakers

State Senator Jim Merritt has been a strong advocate for all Hoosiers in the Indiana Senate since his first legislative session in 1991. As chair of the Senate Majority Caucus, Senator Merritt has been an integral part of creating and implementing landmark legislation like property tax reform, veterans benefit improvements, synthetic drug regulation, eliminating abandoned homes, the Indiana Lifeline Law, the Safe Haven Law and the Silver Alert. Having served in the state Senate for more than 23 years representing an Indianapolis district, Senator Merritt is chair of the Utilities Committee and a member of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs; and the Senate Public Policy Committee and the Senate Rules Committee.

Dawn Finbloom's son Brett died at the age of 18 from alcohol poisoning. While at a teenage party, Brett made the decision to drink alcohol where he drank too much, too

fast, and passed out. Underage friends were afraid of legal consequences and did not understand the serious dangers of binge drinking so they waited and debated before making the 911 call. Had they called 911 immediately and stayed and cooperated with first responders, they would have had immunity from underage drinking and many related offenses pursuant to Indiana's Lifeline Law. Most importantly they may have saved their friend's, life.

Zoeller, Rx Task Force meet with U.S. Surgeon General on prescription drug abuse crisis in Indiana

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller and members of the Indiana Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force met with U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek H. Murthy and Indiana State Health Commissioner Dr. Jerome Adams today to discuss the prescription drug abuse epidemic in Indiana, progress being made to combat this scourge and the need for federal support to further such efforts. Drug overdose deaths in Indiana have increased five-fold since 1999, and half of overdose deaths today are a result of prescription drug abuse according to a Trust for America's Health report.

Zoeller created the Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force in 2012 to respond to this crisis, reduce the abuse of controlled prescription drugs and decrease the number of deaths associated with these drugs in Indiana. The Task Force is made up of approximately 100 stakeholders including legislators, state and federal regulators, clinicians, treatment providers, educators and law enforcement.

"Prescription drug addiction is at the root of a very serious public health crisis that impacts much of our society today," Zoeller said. "Prescription drug abuse has fueled high rates of overdose death and greater heroin use in Indiana, and led to unprecedented disease outbreak in Hoosier communities this year through shared needle use among intravenous prescription drug abusers. Preventing prescription abuse is now more pressing than ever."

Zoeller and other Task Force members discussed Task Force initiatives, progress and additional areas of need during a meeting with Surgeon General Murthy and Commis-

Former Congressman Steve Austria shares experience for successful defense communities

Radius Indiana hosted former Ohio Congressman Steve Austria at WestGate Academy at WestGate@Crane Technology Park on September 10 for an exclusive roundtable discussion on defense-related opportunities and challenges facing the region.

More than 40 industry leaders, government representatives, elected officials and community stakeholders attended the event to learn firsthand about best practices for strengthening and promoting regional defense assets at Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division, Crane Army Ammunition Activity, the technology parks and defense-related businesses in the South Central Indiana.

While serving Ohio's 7th congressional district, Austria was instrumental in creating awareness and bolstering community support for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and the Springfield Air National Guard Base. During the 1995 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), Wright-Patterson experienced significant job losses, but has since battled back, and now has nearly 27,000 military and civilian employees. Austria's leadership helped solidify the base's position as a vital regional and national asset for the state.

Austria cited the importance of a strong, coordinated effort to promote the region's defense assets and encouraged attendees to make strategic plans for community engagement. He applauded the successful regional approach of Radius Indiana's eight-county economic development partnership as well as the ongoing STEM efforts with NSWC Crane and school systems in the area.

"We are fortunate to have Congressman Austria visit our region," said Radius

President and CEO Becky Skillman. "His insight and experiences can be applied to our region and state as we continue our work to harness the talent and opportunities of our defense assets-ultimately strengthening our economic landscape, our communities and our workforce."

During his tenure, Austria served on the Committee on Appropriations, which is responsible for setting specific expenditures of money by the government of the United States. In this role, he sat on the Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs; Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, including NASA; and the Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs. Congressman Austria also served as a member of the Homeland Security Committee and Budget Committee. Since 2013, he has consulted with Peerless Technologies Corporation and its federal clients in facilitating their business relationships with governmental officials and organizations. He also is president and founder of Steve Austria and Associates, LLC, where he consults businesses and individuals to smartly navigate where business and government intersect.

Radius Indiana is a regional partnership representing eight counties in Southwest Central Indiana: Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Orange, and Washington counties. Formed in 2009, Radius Indiana also serves as a point of contact in Indiana for Naval Support Activity Crane and leads regional collaboration by leveraging the diverse assets of Southwest Central Indiana to drive attraction, retention and expansion of business, thereby increasing employment and investment opportunities and quality of life within the region.

sioner Adams today at the Indiana University-Purdue University (IUPUI) Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health. Topics included public and prescriber education, prescription drug monitoring and addiction treatment.

"At a time when too many of our communities are struggling with prescription drug abuse, we have a responsibility to do everything in our power to fight this crisis head-on," Surgeon General Murthy said. "That is why we're committed to working closely with all of our state and local partners, both in Indiana and throughout this country, to put an end to this epidemic."

"We've seen in Indiana this year the steep toll that prescription drug abuse can have on our residents and their families," Commissioner Adams said. "It's encouraging to know that our U.S. surgeon general is willing to listen to some of the lessons we've learned as he looks for ways to fight opioid abuse on a national level."

Since its creation, the Task Force has advanced a number of initiatives to reduce prescription drug abuse. The Task Force has hosted five annual prescription drug abuse symposiums reaching 2,500 stakeholders with plans underway to host its sixth-annual symposium on October 28-29. Additionally, the Task Force helped establish safer prescribing rules, developed statewide training efforts to reduce drug diversion, supported safe disposal efforts and launched a public awareness campaign through www.Bitter-Pill.in.gov.

"The confluence of opioid over use, heroin accessibility, and social determinants has created an enormous burden of addiction and

mental health challenges," said Dr. Palmer MacKie, clinical educator with the Indiana University School of Medicine and Task Force member. "Indiana is not alone but rather representative of this nationwide crisis. It is imperative that additional resources and coordination be engaged to confront these issues collectively and address the symptoms as well as the root causes. Combining local, state and national resources is required. We are therefore pleased and optimistic the Surgeon General has joined our efforts in understanding the issues and tackling this urgent and costly, in human as well as financial terms, health crisis."

The Task Force has also worked on many legislative efforts to reduce abuse, including providing more oversight for pain clinic operators, stronger reporting requirements to the state's prescription drug monitoring program, greater access to addiction treatment services and to the overdose antidote naloxone, and – most recently – allowing communities with an HIV or Hepatitis C outbreak to establish syringe exchanges that discourage shared needle use and direct people to treatment options.

"On behalf of the Task Force, we are grateful for the U.S. surgeon general's attention to this public health battle in Indiana and to receive his input," Zoeller said. "There is a not a quick or simple fix to stopping deadly prescription drug abuse, but we believe we are beginning to make important progress to reverse this trend."

More information on the Task Force and the Attorney General's efforts to reduce prescription drug abuse can be found at www.BitterPill.in.gov.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



The following is a repeat but I was asked to put it here again, so here goes:

An old tired-looking dog wanders into a guy's yard. He examines the dog's collar and feels his well-fed belly and knows the dog has a home.

The dog follows him into the house, goes down the hall, jumps on the couch, gets comfortable and falls asleep. The man thinks it's rather odd, but lets him sleep. After about an hour the dog wakes up, walks to the door and the guy lets him out. The dog wags his tail and leaves.

The next day the dog comes back and scratches at the door. The guy opens the door, the dog comes in, goes down the hall, jumps on the couch, gets comfortable and falls asleep again. The man lets him sleep. After about an hour the dog wakes up, walks to the door and the guy lets him out. The dog wags his tail and leaves.

This goes on for days. The guy grows really curious, so he pins a note on the dog's collar: "Your dog has been taking a nap at my house every day."

The next day the dog arrives with another note pinned to his collar: "He lives in a home with four children - he's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?"

A DOG'S PURPOSE? (according to a 6-year-old). (Source of story unknown)

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife, Lisa, and their little boy, Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa

told me they thought it would be good for six-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away.

The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a while after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives.

Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."

Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation. It has changed the way I try to live.

He said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life -- like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?"

The six-year-old continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long."

MORE THOUGHTS ABOUT DOGS

1. Some people will never understand how much my dog means to me. That's okay . . . my dog knows.
2. Dogs are furry children that will never ask for money, a car, or a phone. And, they are always glad to see you.
3. You can't buy happiness, but you can adopt a dog and that's pretty much the same thing.
4. If you love someone, set them free. If you hate someone set them free. Basically set everyone free and get a dog. People are stupid.

Make someone smile today.



Campout

-Photo provided

The Boy Scouts recently enjoyed a weekend camping at West Boggs working on rank advancement and eating meals prepared by the scouts. Shown above are Ross Adams, Cordell Padgett, Drew Williams and Scout Master Bryan Adams. Also attending but not pictured were Assistant Scout Masters Larry Padgett and Brent Williams.

Strange-O'Maley Reunion held in Bramble

Article submitted by Pat Colvin

The annual Strange-O'Maley Reunion was held at the pleasant St. Joseph Annex Bramble on Sunday, September 6. Hosts for the day were the Colvin family of Loogootee.

A carry-in dinner was shared and enjoyed by all, and was followed by a business meeting and family updates, the awarding of special prizes, a group photo, and games.

Prizes were awarded to Ruth Strange as the most senior woman, George Hudoff as the most senior man, Kasen Kneer as the youngest child (beating his twin sister Breigh by one minute), and Jim and Becky Matthews for having traveled the farthest. Additional winners were Ahlaya Richardson for the door prize, Caleb Strange for the bean count, and Dave Colvin and Rick Flynn each winning half of the 50/50 drawing.

Guests attending from Loogootee were Carolyn Arvin, Doug and Gayle Strange, David and Donna Strange, Lynn and Christina Ziegler, and Mary Kay, Gene and Rick Colvin. Guests from Shoals were Teresa Ziegler and Derek Holt, Aubrie and Wyatt.

Those attending from out of town were Ruth Strange, Pam Hurt, George, Linda and Jim Hudoff, Carney and Dorothyann Strange, and Pat Colvin of Bloomington; Steve Colvin, Brandon, Corrie, Ellie, Breigh and Kasen Kneer of Evansville; Roger, Caleb and Summer Strange and friend of French Lick; Diane, Scott, Mikayla and Ahlaya Richardson, and Rick and Sean Flynn of Washington; Dave, Millie, Wally, Sarah, Susan and Larry Colvin of Indianapolis; Larry Strange of Carmel; Shannon Strange of Fishers; Ben, Michelle, Braden and McKenna Strange of Plainfield; Jane Strange of Brownsburg; and Ann and Joseph Strange and Haydee Vazquez of Henryville.

Out-of-state guests were Jim and Becky Matthews of Jackson, Michigan and Alice Strange of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Next year's reunion will again be held at the St. Joseph Annex Bramble on Sunday, September 4. Carolyn (Strange) Arvin and family will be the hosts.

For additions, changes, or availability of the Strange Family History or its update, or for a copy of the 2015 group photo, please contact Carolyn Arvin at 812-296-1831.



Learn from an artist

-Photo provided

Local artist and photographer, Bill Whorrall, is in the process of conducting the first Martin County drawing class. His class currently has 11 students and things are getting off to a great start. You can still join the class. There is one more on drawing and then there will be three classes on painting. Each class meets on Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. The fee is \$15 per session and all materials are provided. Participants can pay at the time of the class.

Calendar of Events

Sheriff merit board meeting

The Martin County Sheriff Merit Board will meet Thursday, September 17 at 5 p.m. at the Martin County Security Center.

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.

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Scholarships

The Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF) annually awards two scholarships to students that have been out of high school for at least one year and are looking to continue their education. These two scholarships are the Martin County Non-Traditional Scholarship and the Second Door Scholarship. This year, Brooke Gregory was awarded both of these scholarships. Brooke is going back to school to become a certified Family Nurse Practitioner. Shown above is Brooke receiving the scholarships from Curt Johnson, MCCF Executive Director.

Indiana State Police and State Farm partner to host Car Seat Safety Day

The Jasper Post of the Indiana State Police and State Farm Agent Debbie Allen have partnered to sponsor a Car Seat Safety Day during National Car Seat Safety Week. On Saturday, September 19, from 9 a.m. until noon, parents and caregivers who wish to have their car seats properly installed in their cars, have their car seats checked, or have questions concerning car seat safety, can come to the Indiana State Police Jasper Post. Troopers and members from Mrs.

Allen's staff will be on hand to assist. The Indiana State Police and State Farm encourage all parents and caregivers to take advantage of this service to make sure that their children are in the right car seats for their age and size, and that seats are installed correctly. Our goal is to educate parents and caregivers about the best ways to keep kids safe while traveling, no matter how short or long the trip.

New tool reduces smartphone battery drain from faulty apps

BY EMIL VENERE
Purdue University News Service

The first large-scale study of smartphones in everyday use by consumers has revealed that apps drain 28.9 percent of battery power while the screen is off. To address the problem, researchers have created a software tool that reduces the energy drain by about 16 percent.

Researchers at Purdue University, Intel Corp. and startup company Mobile Enerlytics studied the use of 2,000 Samsung Galaxy S3 and S4 phones served by 191 mobile operators in 61 countries.

"This was the first large-scale study of smartphone energy drain 'in the wild,' or in everyday use by consumers," said Y. Charlie Hu, a Purdue professor of electrical and computer engineering.

Out of the 45.9 percent of daily battery drain where the screen is off, 28.9 percent is due to apps that frequently wake up and run in the background. Out of this 28.9 percent, researchers have shown how to save 15.7 percent with a new system called HUSH, which is available for free at www.hithub.com/hush-nonymous

"During screen-off, the phone hardware should enter the sleep state, draining close to zero power," Hu said. "Apps wake the phone up periodically during screen-off to do useful things, but then afterward, they should let the phone go back to sleep because of software bugs and, specifically, due to the incorrect use of Android power control application programming interfaces called wakelocks."

Researchers presented findings this week at the ACM MobiCom 2015 conference in Paris. The ACM is the Association for Computing Machinery Inc. The research paper was authored by Purdue graduate students Xiaomeng Chen, Abhilash Jindal and Ning Ding; Hu; and Intel researchers Maruti Gupta and Rath Vannithamby.

"We presented the first study a few years back showing wakelock bugs could cause significant energy drain," Hu said. "But this is the first study showing that wakelock bugs appear prevalent on real users' phones."

The "in-the-wild" battery drain study also was detailed in a paper presented in June that included data from the use of about 1,500 phones. The work was described in a Scientific American podcast.

"Being able to reduce the total daily energy drain by about 16 percent is rather significant because you can extend the battery charge by one-sixth," Hu said.

The key insight behind the proposed solution, HUSH, is that background activities of individual apps are not equally important to individual smartphone users. For example, frequent Facebook updates during screen-off may be useful to a user who checks Facebook feeds and reacts to notifications often, but they are much less useful to another user who

rarely checks such updates. The HUSH system dynamically identifies app background activities that are not useful to the user experience on a per-app basis and suppresses such background app activities during screen-off to reduce the battery drain.

When the phone is in screen-off, it also continues draining power for various legitimate maintenance purposes: for example, A WiFi beacon, when the phone's WiFi system sends a periodic signal to the access point once every 200 milliseconds, and a "cellular paging" function, when the phone talks to the base station every 1.28 seconds to check for incoming calls or data.

In efforts to extend battery life, researchers will work to reduce energy drain from these legitimate functions as well as faulty apps.

"The big picture is that we want to double the battery life for smartphones," Hu said. "This is going to be a non-trivial journey because much of the battery drain is caused by various apps when the screen is on and also legitimate maintenance functions."

The research is ongoing, with implications to the 5G wireless network design.

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