New principal hired at Loogootee

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The Loogootee School Board officially hired Chip Musselwhite as the new superintendent at their meeting Monday night, May 16. Musselwhite will take over for Dr. Joan Keller’s place when she leaves at the end of June.

The board also voted to hire Chad Musselwhite as the new high school principal, replacing Mehaffey. Musselwhite comes to Loogootee from Edgewood High School where he has been employed for 14 years. He served as math teacher and chair and co-chair of several committees. He also coached sports including girls’ varsity basketball, varsity boys’ golf and varsity girls’ golf.

Musselwhite earned his undergraduate degree in 2002 from Indiana State University in math education. He earned his master’s degree and his administrator’s license from Indiana Wesleyan University. He graduated from Jasper High School in 1997. He and his wife, Erica, have two children, Alice, 5, and Jack, 3.

The school received 26 applications and a committee consisting of Dr. Keller, Mehaffey, Lacey Wade and Dana Chezem interviewed the applicants.

During parent input, High School Track Coach Adam Tompkins asked the board why he was being fired from his coaching position. He said he has been there for the kids and has not been told he has done anything wrong. Board Member Brent Courter told Tompkins that this was not on their agenda. Tompkins replied that he heard it was on the agenda. Courter said it was not but thanked Thompson for his input.

In other personnel, the board approved Steven Keller’s place when she leaves at the end of June. Mehaffey comes to Loogootee from Edgewood Athletic Department/boys’ basketball.

The board approved the following donations:

- Jones Oil Co. – $1,000 Shoals Athletic Department/boys’ basketball
- Pinnacle Land Surveying – $100 Shoals Athletic Department/boys’ baseball
- Performance Seed LLC – $200 Shoals Athletic Department/boys’ basketball
- Shoals Lions Club – $1,000 Shoals Athletic Department/boys’ basketball
- Jason Jones Trucking – $250 Shoals Athletic Department
- Pinnacle Land Surveying – $100 Shoals Athletic Department/boys’ basketball
- Shoals Oil Co. – $1,000 Shoals Athletic Department

Roads, emergency communications top commissioners’ meeting

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, May 10.

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Communications Commander Richardson updated the commissioners on the phase II project to go to all 800 MHz radios. The communications committee will meet again June 15, 2016 at 6 p.m. at the civil defense building. He also updated the commissioners on the CoRED notification system. The commissioners need to decide who will be in charge of CoRED system.

For the Democrat Party – judge of the circuit court, county surveyor and district 1 commissioner

Monday night, May 27 is the first day to file petition of nomination for school board. Friday, August 26, by noon, is the last day to file petition of nomination for school board.

The following school board positions will appear on the ballot: Loogootee has two at-large and Shoals District 2, 3, and 5.

The last day to register to vote for the General Election is Tuesday, October 11. He made the first day for absentee voting in the clerk’s office will be Wednesday, October 12. You can request an application for absentee by mail at any time.

Please contact the clerk’s office with any questions at 812-247-3651.

Entries sought for county essay contest

“Martin County: What I like best.” is the theme of the contest sponsored by the Martin County Indiana 2016 Bicentennial Celebration Committee. All young people ages 9 through 15 are invited to submit a handwritten essay of no more than 200 words describing what they like best about living in Martin County. Imaginative original artwork may be included. All participants will receive a Martin County Ambassador Pin, and all appropriate essays will be included in the official time capsule for the county. The writer of the winning essay will receive a Bicentennial celebration pin and the essay will be reproduced on the official celebration in September. Essays will be judged by and will become the property of the Bicentennial Celebration Committee.

Please include your name, age, address and contact phone number. Essays should be mailed to: Marie Hawkins, P.O. Box 12, Shoals, IN 47581. The deadline for submission is Monday, May 30.
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MARY ELLEN ALBRIGHT

Mary Ellen Albright, 83, of Shoals, passed away peacefully at her home at 5:23 p.m. Monday, May 16, 2016. A resident of Shoals, she was 83.

She was married to Comersville on July 17, 1932; daughter of Roy and Opal Mae (Tolley) Stewart.

She lived in Pickwick from September 1932 until February of 1941 when the family then moved to Dayton, Ohio.

In May of 1950 she graduated from Alexandra High School in West Allendale, Ohio, and the next month on June 10, she married Larry Dee Albright at the Shoals United Methodist Church. They celebrated 64 years together in the scenic Martin County she loved so much.

She was a faithful member of the Shoals United Methodist Church and member of the Shoals Order of the Eastern Star. She was past president of the Shoals Community Schools. She obtained her insurance agent license and real estate broker’s license at Shoals Community Schools.

She was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and volunteered at the Loogootee Senior Citizen Center. She was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and volunteered at the Loogootee Senior Citizen Center.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Logan W. Craney and Dorothy Albright of Shoals.

The family will be with her Lord on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 11 a.m. at the Shoals United Methodist Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in the Springhill Cemetery. American Patriot Lodge F. & A.M. No. 732 Loogootee. She is survived by her children, Har-old (Connie) Flanagan of Loogootee, Paul (Christman of Loogootee and Teresa (Brian) Voegler of Huntington; eight great-grandchildren; children, Mary Beatrice, James Hall Jr., Linda Hawley, Carl Hall and Jerry Hall; sister-in-law, Phyllis Speed; and many nieces and nephews.

LOGAN CRANEY

Logan W. Craney passed away Friday, May 13, 2016 from injuries sustained in an ATV accident. A resident of Cannelburg, he was 24.

He was born November 18, 1991 in Jasper; son of Terry and Denise (Mat-tin) Craney. He was a 2010 graduate of Barr-Reeve High School. He then attended Vincennes University and graduated with a degree in welding. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and thoroughly enjoyed life.

He was employed by National Gypsum in Linton, and Bubbs Farms. He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

He is survived by his parents, Terry and Denise (Mattingly) Craney; paternal grandparents, Alice C. and Wayne Craney of Alexandria, Ohio, and the next month moving to Dayton, Ohio.

Larry and Mary Ellen were the par-ents of three children, referred to as her first baby, baby son, and baby girl respectively; Larry Douglas and Cathy Grove of Cannelburg; Harold Bradley Albright and Lee Clark of San Diego, California; and Connie and John Clements of Virginia Beach, Virginia; grandchildren, Whitney and Jon Muscutt, Allison and Brad Spine, Jill and Kwame James and Cassie Clements; great-grandchildren, Amare James, Jasmine James, Brooklyn James, Nash Muscutt, and Ethan Allen Spine, all whom were the pride and joy of her life. She is also survived by, in her words, “my favorite and only brother,” Bill and Gerry Stewart of Shoals; niece Robin Croute of Columbus, Indiana; nephew Billy Stewart, and sister-in-law Dorothy Albright of Shoals.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and husband, Larry, on January 22, 2015.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, May 19 at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Loogootee. Paro-uch of 11 a.m. at the Shoals United Methodist Church. She may be viewed at the church from 10 a.m. until the hour of service. Burial will follow in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Shoals United Methodist Church Building Fund. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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

DONNA BARROW

Donna (Speed) Barrow passed away at 12:15 a.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 72.

She was born September 27, 1943 in Akron, Ohio; daughter of the late Otis and Willette (Daugherty) Speed.

She enjoyed fishing and spending time with family and grandchildren.

She was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and volunteered at the Loo-goootee Senior Citizen Center.

She is survived by her children, Har-old (Connie) Flanagan of Loogootee, Paul (Christman of Loogootee and Teresa (Brian) Voegler of Huntington; eight great-grandchildren; children, Mary Beatrice, James Hall Jr., Linda Hawley, Carl Hall and Jerry Hall; sister-in-law, Phyllis Speed; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by her husband, Philip Barrow, who passed away September 2, 2015; parents, Otis and Willette (Daugherty) Speed; and brother, Bill Speed.

Donna will be cremated with a memorial service at a later date. Condo-lemences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

CLYDE “WHITEY” HAWKINS

Clyde L. “Whitey” Hawkins went to be with his Lord on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 8:11 p.m. at the Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A lifelong resident of Shoals, he was 89.

He was born July 19, 1926 at the old Martin County Jail; son of James Grover and Grace Elizabeth (Hickman) Hawkins.

He formerly served as Sheriff of Martin County and retired from the Indiana Department of Transportation. He was also a Conservation Officer for the State of Indiana. He was well known as a politician serving on both the State of Indiana and National Demo- cratic Committee. He was also served as Martin Coun-ty Commissioner and Martin Coun-ty Councilman at Large. Whitey gradu-ated from Shoals High School and joined the United States Army, serving in World War II. He was very faithful to serve with the American Legion, never believing he declined he rarely missed honoring his fellow comrades.

He was a member of the Shoals Amer-ican Legion Hanson McFee Post #61, American Patriot Lodge F. & A.M. Oo- litic, Shoals V.F.W. Post #8589, 40/8th Viso- ite Lodge No. 107 Vincennes, and Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #2942. He was a devout member of Shoals St. Mary’s of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, and lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 732 Loogootee.

He is survived by his wife, Helen (Er vin) Hawkins of Shoals; children, Debra Jan Strange of Shoals; Lynette Kay Jones of Bloomington; Micky Ann Crew of Shoals; and Wendy Je- nna Colglazier of Leavenworth, Indiana; grandchildren, Steve Strange, Rainell Cushman, Chris Roush, Brittany Stal cup, Derek Sipes, Bethany Tuomi and Jarrod Lents; two step-granddaughters, Candace Clark and Cassi Crew; 10 grand-grandchildren; one step-granddaughter, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his par-ents, four brothers, Hubert Hawkins, John Grover Hawkins, Charles Hawkins and Bob Hawkins; four sisters, Gene Cropp, Lucille Jarboe, Mildred Beaver and Wanda Stiles, and great granddaughter, Haylei Sipes.

A Mass of Christian Burial was cele-brated Monday, May 16 at the St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catho-lic Church in Shoals. Burial followed in the Springhill Cemetery. American Legion Post 961 and Indiana Sheriff’s Association Honor Guard conducted graveside services.

Serving as pallbearers were Steve Strange, Chris Roush, Chris Cushman, Christopher Cushman, Derek Sipes and Jarrod Lents. Honorary pallbearers were Bruce Hawkins, James “Buck” Stiles, and Alex Strange.

Preferred Memorials to the Indiana Sheriff’s Association or Indiana State Police Memorial Fund.

Condolences may be made online to the family at www.queenlee.com.
MONDAY, MAY 9
2:36 a.m. - Received a report of an arrest near Loogootee. Deputy Reed and Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.
6:46 a.m. - Received an alarm call north of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded and all was okay.
10:22 a.m. - Corporal Baker took one inmate to court.
12:40 p.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle in Crane. Corporal Baker responded.
12:54 p.m. - Received a report of a semi needing assistance east of Shoals. Captain Dant and ICO Mann responded.
2:00 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Captain Hennette responded.
2:15 p.m. - Sheriff Roush transported one inmate form New Castle Correctional Facility for court.
6:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.
6:40 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.
8:12 p.m. - Received a report for an ambulance near Loogootee. Sergeant Keller, Loogootee Captain Hennette, and Martin County Ambulance responded.
10:30 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.
10:46 a.m. - Received request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.
11:25 a.m. - Sergeant Keller and Chief Deputy Greene took four inmates to court.
1:35 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.
3:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Captain Dant responded.
10:30 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted an inmate in Loogootee. Sergeant Keller, Loogootee Captain Hennette, and Martin County Ambulance responded.
11:05 a.m. - Sheriff Roush performed a welfare check in Shoals.
12:13 p.m. - Corporal Baker and Dispatcher Melvin responded to a report of a low hanging limb on Hwy 150, east of Shoals. The limb was cut down.
1:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.
1:55 p.m. - Received a report of a drive off without paying in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.
2:10 p.m. - Corporal Baker assisted a motorist in Loogootee.
5:11 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.
5:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.
2:00 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11
2:46 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.
9:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.
9:30 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.
10:27 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.
10:30 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.
10:46 a.m. - Received request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.
12:46 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Loogootee. Civil defense removed the tree.
2:00 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, west of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded and checked the vehicle.
7:34 a.m. - Received a dog complaint east of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.
9:16 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.
9:28 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.
9:45 a.m. - Received several reports of cows out east of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.
11:10 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road north of Shoals. Martin County Highway responded.
1:30 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism to a grave in Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.
2:16 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took one inmate to court.
2:26 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.
4:39 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on Hwy 450. Sergeant Keller responded.
5:39 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.
7:43 p.m. - Received a report of a transformer on fire north of Shoals. Williams Fire responded.
7:55 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down in Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.
8:19 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Loogootee. Civil defense removed the tree.
9:25 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Loogootee. Civil defense removed the tree.
9:34 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Loogootee. Civil defense removed the tree.
SATURDAY, MAY 14
2:50 a.m. - Received a report of a tree limb blocking Hwy 450, north of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.
3:40 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense removed the tree.
8:29 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.
8:30 p.m. - Received report of an accident in Loogootee. Civil defense, Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, South West Medical, and Bedford Fire and Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess County Sheriff's Office personnel were on the scene. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.
9:29 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Deputy Reed responded.
11:16 p.m. - Deputy Reed and Deputy Floyd assisted the Daviess County Sheriff’s Office with a detail.
SUNDAY, MAY 15
12:34 a.m. - Received a report of an incident involving juveniles near Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.
4:20 a.m. - Received a report of property damage south of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.
9:22 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.
1:30 p.m. - Received a report from the Martin County Sheriff's Office with a detail.
9:00 p.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.
8:28 p.m. - Received report of cows out near Shoals. The owner was contacted.
8:58 p.m. - Received a report of a minor accident in Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.
9:00 p.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

THURSDAY, MAY 12
2:10 p.m. - Christopher Wadel, 28, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Detective Starr for child molestation and incest. Wadel is currently held without bond.
11:58 p.m. - Karen Porter, 54, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Police Officer Nolan for operating a vehicle while intoxicated and is being held on a $20,000 10% bond.
12:40 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Loogootee. Civil defense removed the tree.
12:54 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Loogootee. Civil defense removed the tree.
5:33 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. K9 Officer Ash assisted.
6:48 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Loogootee. Civil defense removed the tree.
7:43 p.m. - Received a report of a transformer on fire north of Shoals. Williams Fire responded.
7:55 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down in Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.
8:19 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Loogootee. Civil defense removed the tree.
9:25 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Loogootee. Civil defense removed the tree.
9:34 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Loogootee. Civil defense removed the tree.
11:09 a.m. - Captain Dant performed a vehicle identification check north of Shoals.
11:47 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism near Shoals. Captain Dant responded.
11:50 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.
12:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.
12:50 p.m. - Received a report of a tree limb blocking Hwy 450, north of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.
12:50 a.m. - While on foot patrol, Major Burkhardt and K9 Officer Asher found an unsecured commercial building. They were able to clear the building and secured it.
1:24 a.m. - While on foot patrol, Major Burkhardt and K9 Officer Asher found another unsecured commercial building. The owners were contacted.
1:48 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Todd responded. The owner was contacted.
11:08 a.m. - Captain Dant performed a vehicle identification check north of Shoals.
11:47 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism near Shoals. Captain Dant responded.
CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING
April 19
Jason M. Santiago, convicted of driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, sentenced to serve 365 days with 29 days suspended and credit for 33 actual days previously served plus 33 Class A credit days. Defendant received 6 months probation.

Douglas E. Sims, Jr., convicted of maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 Felony, sentenced to serve 545 days with 465 days suspended and credit for 40 actual days previously served plus 40 Class A credit days. Defendant received 15 months probation.

May 2
John B. Tow, convicted of voluntary manslaughter, a Class A Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 355 days suspended and credit for 5 actual days previously served plus 5 Class A credit days. Defendant received 10 years probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED
April 19
Dakota L. Simmerman, convicted of battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 361 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class 1 credit days. Defendant received 11 months probation.

April 21
Timothy W. Norman, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 92 days suspended and credit for 44 actual days previously served plus 44 Class A credit days. Defendant received 6 months probation.

Douglas E. Sims, Jr., convicted of maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 Felony, sentenced to serve 545 days with 465 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class 1 credit days. Defendant received 11 months probation.

April 22
Judgment in favor of the plaintiff astronaut, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 179 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class 1 credit day. Defendant received 6 months probation.

May 4
Judgment in favor of the plaintiff astronaut, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 179 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class 1 credit day. Defendant received 6 months probation.

May 10
Sentencing to serve 365 days with 355 days suspended and credit for 5 actual days previously served plus 5 Class A credit days. Defendant re

May 13
Judgment in favor of the plaintiff astronaut, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 179 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class 1 credit day. Defendant received 6 months probation.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
May 16
Matthew W. Burger of Loogootee and Jaclyn B. Howell of Loogootee.
ant things when you have lost them — things like your smile, your hope, and your courage.
5. To all the people who are loving and tend to me — Thank you for sunshine you bring into my life.
6. We have finally reached our “won-derland” . . . which is pretty good.

The Great U.S. 50 Yard Sale
The Great U.S. 50 Yard Sale is rapidly approaching. On Saturday, May 21 many essential treasures will be available for area bargain seekers. The sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Shoals High School parking lot. So far, items suitable for sale include hand-made crafts, My 31, Avon, collectibles, puzzles, Longaberger, Wheatenware, and clothing. It isn’t too late to join the fun! If you are interested in space rental, please contact Linda Sherlock at 812-247-3060.

CRP, First Aid training available
The American Heart Association will host a CPR First Aid training at WestGate Academy Conferencing & Training Center for the public, Thursday, May 26 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The authorized trainer for both sessions is Cheryl Oliver. Cost: $75 (Both CPR and First Aid); $45 (CRP only); and $30 (First Aid only). To register contact Cheryl at cprplussoain@gmail.com or (812) 968-4578.

Community Fun Night
The Shoals Parent Association (SPA) will be hosting a Community Fun Night on Friday, May 20 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Shoals High School gym. Admission is free. There will be free games and activities for the kids. The Shoals Band Boosters will have concessions available for purchase. They will have a silent auction for themed baskets that each elementary class has put together. Bidding will end at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Free lunch for kids
New Beginnings Community Church is 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 information, call 812-709-2525.

SOAR Tutoring
Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Beverly at 812-709-1618 to learn more.

Entries being accepted for SummerFest Parade
“Happy Birthday, Indiana” is the theme for this year’s SummerFest Parade to be held on Saturday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m. Line-up is at the high school parking lot between 5-6 p.m. The parade committee would like to honor community’s older citizens as we celebrate our state Bi-Centennial year. The parade would love to honor citizens born 1926 and before. If you have a family member who fits this age group, please contact the mayor’s office at 812-295-4770 to make plans for parade day. For any parade entries please stop by the mayor’s office for entry form or call 812-295-4770.

MCCF to host grant seekers meeting
The Martin County Community Foundation will hold an informational meeting for grant seekers on Thursday, June 2. The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. in the meeting room of the community learning center at the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds and will provide details of the 2016 MCCF Open Grant Cycle.

The timeline will be announced, the grant process will be reviewed, and attendees will be given the MCCF application packet at the conclusion of the evening. Applications will be available at the MCCF office and online beginning Tuesday, June 14 for those organizations planning to attend. For more information about the meeting, call 812-295-4770 or email mccf@mccfpartner.org by May 31.

RAQUEL FITTHIAN

Raquel Fitthian graduates from Johnson University
On April 30, 2016 Raquel Fitthian graduated Magna Cum Laude from Johnson University in Knoxville, Tennessee. She received a degree in non-profit business management and a second degree in human services. Her future plans include getting married in June to Cole Osborne, of Covington. They will be moving to Fowting, Wisconsin where Cole has started his career as pastor of a local church. Once she is settled, Raquel will look for work where she can utilize her education.

Remember our heroes this Memorial Day
This holiday is not just about a three-day weekend, or the Indianapolis 500, or opening a pool. These are the events we all look forward to, if Indiana weather permits. But the true meaning is to honor those brave Americans that fought and died so that we all have the opportunity to enjoy all the activities we anticipate for the long weekend. This Memorial Day, we should take the time and opportunity to pay tribute to thousands who paid the ultimate sacrifice to defend the United States and the principles upon which America was founded.

During the Civil War, the First and Second World Wars, and through the Cold War, hundreds of thousands of young men were drafted or volunteered for military service. As a result, millions of Americans were affected by these conflicts; in some cases their remains were never recovered. These are the men and women in uniform for which Memorial Day was created. This holiday is intended to be a reminder that we should remember those that fell in combat, cherish and thank those families that may still not know what happened to their loved one, and to celebrate the lives of all those that gave “the last full measure of devotion.”

There are over two thousand veterans buried in Martin County and many of them died in combat. These military men and women of the past are not forgotten. On Memorial Day, the Loogootee American Legion Post will once again conduct Memorial Day ceremonies at surrounding cemeteries beginning Monday morning. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend these ceremonies, and help the Legion and VFW celebrate the sacrifices the men and women of our Armed Forces have made to defend our way of life. The men and women currently serving may be the sons and daughters of heroes, because without them, other superheroes could not exist.
Every garden needs a little whimsy. Gardens should be enjoyable and little touches that bring a smile to the owner and to visitors are an important part of design. The type of whimsy you choose depends on your own tastes and your tolerance for silliness.

There are some classic whimsical items that are sometimes considered tacky by the critics. I, personally, like to shock critics. The most well-known of these icons is the gnome garden. The gnome has become a classic and there are many games played with these figures. While the classic gnome was dressed in red and white, one may now find them in a variety of poses. I know a family that takes its gnome on vacations and they make a point of taking pictures of the gnome in front of famous places. These pictures are shared with family and friends. In your garden, a gnome may be front and center, but more often they are placed in a more secret place, where finding them is a little surprise.

Under the canopy of a weeping tree or bush is a great place for a garden gnome. Some gardeners play games by moving a gnome around, allowing visitors to try to find the gnome.

Another classic is the flock of pink flamingos. The bright pink birds on stilts legs will attract attention. In the south, flamingos are often found in botanical gardens, where they wade in water features. The plastic versions may be used for decorations around pools or water features. Since they draw attention, a flock of flamingos is often used to announce milestone birthdays. Some florists offer flocks for rent, placing them in the front yard of a friend or family member, along with a sign announcing the birthday.

I love benches in the garden. Practically every garden area at Sandhill Gardens has some sort of seating. This began as a place for my mother to sit when she liked to be in the garden with me during her later years. Now, they offer spots for me to rest for a minute when working in the garden, an increasing necessity as I get older.

The benches themselves supply some whimsy. I have one bench that looks like a large turtle, upon whose back one may sit. I have another seat that looks like a large boulder with a hollow for sitting. I have a mushroom stool and a bench made from old wheels.

Fairly gardens have been garden staples since Victorian times, but have had a big revival in recent years. Even within this whimsical movement, there are critics, who claim to be experts on fairy gardens. According to Victorian lore, the fairies spend the winter under the canopy of a weeping tree high in the forest canopy singing rich, burry songs.

Once the formal garden needs some whimsy. Do not be afraid to break the rules. It is YOUR garden and it should be pleasant and fun for you, no matter what the critics say. Have fun.

I want to remind readers that there will be a plant exchange at Sandhill Gardens, north of Prospect, this Saturday, May 21 at 10 a.m. Bring plants, garden decor, tools and other garden-related items to trade with other gardeners. At least one person apparently came on the wrong date when I returned home from a church activity last Saturday. I found some plants sitting outside my garage. Some plants that I had recently acquired for myself had been taken. If you are the one who made this mistake, please come back this week and bring my plants. They were not the plants intended for trading.

Scarlet Tanagers—Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrallart.com

Male Scarlet Tanagers are among the most brilliantly gorgeous birds in an eastern forest in summer, with blood-red bodies set off by jet-black wings and tail. They’re also one of the most frustratingly hard to find as they stay high in the forest canopy singing rich, burry songs.

Hurt: Now could be the time to switch to soybeans

By DARRIN PACK
Purdue University News Service

Farmers who have been delayed in planting corn could take advantage of a market rally in soybeans and switch to that crop, Purdue agricultural economist Chris Hurt says.

Soybean prices surged Tuesday, May 10 after a U.S. Department of Agriculture report showed a sharp reduction in global soybean inventories and stronger-than-anticipated demand for U.S. exports.

“Delayed planting this spring may actually turn out to be a financial blessing if farmers end up planting more soybean acres,” Hurt said.

“Soybean prices have been rising rapidly this spring while corn prices have increased much more slowly.”

Since March 1, soybean prices have risen 25 percent, or $2.20 per bushel, while corn prices are up only 4 percent, or about 14 cents per bushel.

“Given prospects for high priced soybeans and low priced corn, the financial incentive to shift intended acres to soybeans has reached new highs,” Hurt said.

Based on crop budgets projected by Purdue agricultural economists, soybean farmers stand to earn $116 more per acre than corn producers this year.

“This is one of the highest incentives to shift from one crop to another we have ever seen,” Hurt said.

Soybean prices have been moving steadily higher since January, buoyed by a weaker U.S. dollar, which triggered unexpectedly high demand from China, the world’s third-largest soybean producer.

Tuesday’s release of the USDA’s World Agricultural Supply and Demand report sparked a renewed wave of buying. July soybean futures prices rose more than 57 cents on the day to close at $8.84 after falling as low as $8.59 last November.

July corn futures were up 12 cents Tuesday to settle at $3.81, still below the psychologically important $4 level. Corn prices have been held back in part by last month’s USDA Prospective Plantings report showing farmers intended to plant more corn acres than analysts expected.

Since that report was issued, there have been indications that farmers across the country could shift up to 3 million acres from corn, with most of that acreage expected to go to soybeans, Hurt said.

“This shift will have a tendency to bring high soybean prices and low corn prices back into better alignment,” he said. “Ultimately, farmers in states like Indiana, Michigan and Ohio that have fallen behind on corn planting may benefit financially if they shift some of that acreage to soybeans.”

Work on wildflower ID each month at Monroe Lake

Practice identifying wildflowers with a naturalist during Flora Field Days on the first Tuesday of each month at Monroe Lake. Flora Field Days start in June and runs through October. Each session begins at 9:30 a.m. and lasts about two hours.

The program emphasizes the proper use of an ID key, which allows the user to identify thousands of species. V醵ce will work with each attendee based on his or her prior experience.

If you’ve never tried flower identification before, the field days are a great way to learn. If you have prior experience, they are a fun way to practice your skills and maybe add new blooms to your life list.
It’s official: Ouabache SP
bison are America’s mammal

The America bison, recently designated the official mammal of the United States, is connected to Indiana in many ways, both past and present.

Best of all, you don’t have to go to Yellowstone National Park to see them. Bisons are right at home in an enclosed 25-acre range at Ouabache State Park near Bluffton.

“We have a long history of bison both in Indiana and at this particular state park,” said Dustin Clark, property manager at Ouabache.

Prior to becoming a state park in 1962, the property was managed as the Wells County State Forest & Game Preserve by the Department of Conservation, DNR’s predecessor. It was widely acclaimed as “the greatest private, civic laboratory in the United States” for its raising of pheasants, quail, rabbits, and the site at times also housed black bears, elk, wolves, and bison.

“We have records that date back to 1933 when you could climb the fire tower and look down on the bison herd,” Clark said.

On May 9, President Barack Obama signed the National Bison Legacy Act passed by Congress that declared the American bison as the country’s official mammal.

Bison once numbered in the tens of millions across their native range in America, but habitat loss, disease and unwanted hunting nearly led to their extinction by the late 1800s.

Although never in great numbers, bison historically were part of the Indiana landscape. The migration between salt licks in Kentucky and the plains of Illinois on a path close to what is now US 150 between New Albany and Vincennes.

Several published sources indicate wild bison were gone from Indiana by 1830, but its appearance on the state list in the early 1900s was due to the efforts of a Hoosier – William T. Hornaday.

Grants available for field trips to state parks, lakes

Educators interested in taking students, grades K-12, on field trips to an Indiana state park or state-managed lake in the 2016-2017 school year can receive financial help through the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation (INRF).

The Discovering the Outdoors Field Trip Grant program helps future generations understand the importance of preserving and protecting our natural heritage and resources. Since the grant program’s inception in 2013, 67 grants have been awarded, providing the opportunity for more than 4,500 students to visit state parks at less cost to the schools and students.

Indiana has 24 state parks and eight state-managed lakes eligible for field trip funding that will engage students in learning about Indiana’s fish, forest, wildlife, natural habitats and conservation.

“These trips help children understand how previous generations viewed the significance of Indiana’s natural and cultural resources, and at the same time let them make great memories that they will carry into adulthood,” said Ginger Murphy, deputy director for stewardship of DNR State Parks.

The maximum grant award is $250 per application. Applications are accepted from May 1-June 30 prior to the school year for which the grant is requested. Applicants must be postmarked no later than June 30.

Applicants will be notified by Aug. 1 regarding potential grant awards. The grant application is at DNR.gov/inr/educate.html.

The INRF is accepting donations to The Foundation to support these and other funders who may join the Legacy Society. Legacy Society members share their passion with other generous people who have also provided for Martin County’s future in their estate plans. By notifying us of your gift and completing a “Statement of Gift Intention” form, you can become a member of the Legacy Society. Legacy Society members as examples in our community of how to make a difference in yet another important way. You tell us how much information you wish to disclose or you can remain completely anonymous.

“WHY DEFERRED”

With a deferred gift, you can strategically accomplish your financial and charitable objectives. This includes preserving the family name, honoring loved ones, minimizing tax burdens, and supporting the community you call home. Remember that bequests to the MCCF are exempt from estate taxes.

You can support your favorite local charity or charities, enrich education, provide scholarships, support your church, fund human services, foster a stronger community, and much more. Tell us what is important to you and we will help identify an existing fund or begin the paperwork to satisfy your intentions when the deferred gift is received.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Deferred gifts can take several forms. You can leave a specific request which is a gift of a particular asset, such as 100 shares of XYZ Corporation, or (2) a percentage request where some part of the value of the distributed estate is gifted, or (3) a residual bequest that leaves a gift as the remainder of the estate after all taxes, expenses, and other bequests have been satisfied, or (4) a contingent bequest that is a gift that will be made to a second beneficiary in the event that the original beneficiary is deceased or does not accept the gift.

“WHEN AND HOW”

Any time you are drafting or changing your will or estate plans, you may want to consider adding a charitable endowment gift. Your financial advisor or legal advisor can provide professional guidance related to your specific estate, income goals, beneficiaries, taxes and other considerations.

Once you’ve decided the details of your deferred gift, provide the MCCF a copy of the portion of your estate planning document that pertains to the gift. The amount of the gift does not need to be revealed to us. Then sign the “Statement of Gift Intention” form and provide it to the MCCF.

It’s easy to become a Legacy Society member and be able to make a difference for years to come.

— MORE INFORMATION —

If you would like to hear more about becoming a member of the Legacy Society, please contact the MCCF Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

More information is also on our website at www.cfpartner.org/mccf or our MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation.
Loogootee JV lose to Shakamak

**BY GREG CLARK**
**LHS Softball Head Coach**

Loogootee finally got the nod to play against Blue Chip on an eight-day layoff due to weather and scheduling issues, but the ladies lost 10-6. Jayleigh Weaver pitched well, but the Lady Lancers bats placed the ball where the fielders weren’t and so she suffered the loss. Maddie Cropp scored the Lady Lions first run and single, stole second and scored on a base hit by Kendall Berry. The 4th inning was the big one for the Lions as they pushed five runs across the plate. Kenall Berry, Mallory Berry, Mailee hawkins, Shalyn Bruner, and Hallie Sheetz all singled and scored in the inning.

Loogootee UMC Celebrates 2016 Graduates

On Sunday, May 15, Loogootee United Methodist Church celebrated those graduates in the Class of 2016 who have been a part of the church through the years. Pictured left to right are Alexis Cowen, Jurnee Davis, Mariah Bridgewater, Renee Whitman, Shayna Stuffle, Seth Wagler, Chayce Tollever, Brandon Lindsey, Cole Walker, Bailey Davis, and Paige Walton. Not pictured, but also honored were Bladen Allbright and Amanda Stice.

LHS Track Teams finish out regular season

The Loogootee High School Boys’ Track Team traveled to North Knox on May 12 while the girls went to North-east Dubois. On the girls’ side, Kirsten Spears placed 6th in the 100-meter dash. The boys’ finished overall 4th in the conference only behind Northeast Dubois, South Knox, and North Knox with a score of 48. The Lady Lancers placed 5th in the 4x100 relay team placed 4th, and the 4x400 relay team placed 4th. Jake Simmons placed 2nd in the 100-meter. Jon Krezsniak placed 2nd in the 400-meter. Jonathan Jones placed 2nd in 110-meter hurdles, 3rd in 300-meter hurdles, and was conference champion in long jump. Several athletes were in the finals but were just short of placing. Cade Chezem made it to the finals in both Bell and Graber. The second inning saw four more runs for the Lady Lions. A lead-off walk to Senior, Renee Whitman, followed by a misplayed ball by the Vikings, put Julianne Bell at the plate and she utilized her skill and speed to lace an inside the park home run scoring three of the Lions four. Tyanna Graber reached safely but was forced out at second. With Bailey Davis on first, Breigh LaMar rapped a double to left center, driving home Davis. Loogootee scored four more runs in the bottom of the fifth inning. Senior, Paige Walton, led off the inning by sending a single into left field, two outs later, Julianne Bell singled, and Tyanna Graber doubled home both Walton and Bell. Bailey Davis walked, and a Breigh LaMar double to left center sent both, Shalyn Bruner (In to run for Graber) and Davis home for the game ending run.

I want to say thanks to our seniors and to their parents for making the four years they have been with Loogootee track and field so much fun. I have enjoyed having each of them around the ball park and they make coaching easy.

—Renee Whitman, Paige Walton, and Bailey Davis! —Coach Greg Clark.

Loogootee win on Senior Day

**BY GREG CLARK**
**LHS Softball Head Coach**

The Lady Lions of Loogootee claimed the first-ever outright Blue Chip Softball Championship with their win over Shoals Monday night. Sydney Davis pitched a complete game as the Lady Lions allowed three hits, while striking out 10 in the 22-0, five-inning game. The Lions scored quickly and often, putting 21 runs on the board in the first three innings, then adding a single run in the 4th before hanging a zero on the board in the fifth. Tyanna Graber had two doubles and triple, while driving in three for the Lions. Julianne Bell went 4-4 with two runs batted in, and a stolen base. Paige Walton was 2 for 3, with two runs batted in and two runs scored. All of the Lady Lions made a contribution in the win, as almost all made plate appearances, with Maddie Cropp rapping a double, Kendall Berry singling up the middle, and Hallie Sheetz singling to right. The Lady Lions played well in conference play, scoring 71 runs, while giving up 10. Loogootee was also strong in the circle with Sydney Davis getting 41 strike outs in 36 innings of work. The Lions host Vincennes Lincoln on Thursday night and Evansville Bosse on Saturday, before heading to North Da-
villa for Sectional 63 action on Monday night.

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GAVIN WITTMER

Gavin Michael Wittmer is the son of Todd and Julie Wittmer. While in high school, he has been in band and Spanish Club all four years and was a cadet teacher and intern in 11th and 12th grades. He was a member of Right to Life and served as an intern her sophomore year. She was Class Secretary in 9th-11th grades and Class Treasurer her senior year. She served as SADD Secretary her senior year. She played softball and was manager of the volleyball team in 9th and 10th grades. Renee plans to attend USI and study nursing.

TAYLOR HARDWICK

Taylor Patrece Hardwick is the daughter of Terry Hardwick and Toni Jenkins. While in high school, she has been in Spanish Club, Pep Club, SADD and Beta Club all four years; a Lionette in 9th, 11th, and 12th grades; in Student Council and FACS Club in 9th-11th grades; in Student Council and FACS Club in 9th-11th grades; FACS Club in 9th and 10th grades, was a cadet teacher and intern in 11th grade and was a member of Right to Life and served as an intern her senior year. She was Class Secretary in 9th-11th grades and Class Treasurer her senior year. She served as SADD Secretary her senior year. She played softball and was manager of the volleyball team in 9th and 10th grades. Renee plans to attend USI and study nursing.

LANDON WITTMER

Landon Jeffrey Wittmer is the son of Todd and Julie Wittmer. While in high school, he has been in band and Spanish Club all four years and in Beta Club in 9th, 10th and 12th grades. He played tennis all four years. Landon plans to attend Vincennes University and Purdue University and study mechanical engineering.

BEN WILSON

Benjamin Ryan Wilson is the son of Karen Wilson and Michael Wilson. While in high school, Ben was in Student Council in grades 9 and 10 and was an intern in 11th and 12th grades. He was boys’ basketball manager all four years. After graduation, Ben plans to attend Vincennes University and study product design.

RENEE BURCH

Renee McCabe Burch is the daughter of Tracy Burch and the late Paul Burch. While in high school, she has been in band, Beta Club, Spanish Club, Pep Club, SADD, and Student Council all four years; in Peers and Lion Pride in 9th grade, FACS Club in 9th and 10th grades, was a cadet teacher and intern in 11th grade and was a member of Right to Life and served as an intern her senior year. She was Class Secretary in 9th-11th grades and Class Treasurer her senior year. She served as SADD Secretary her senior year. She played softball and was manager of the volleyball team in 9th and 10th grades. Renee plans to attend USI and study nursing.

BAILEY HOLT

Bailey A. Holt is the son of Keith and Lori Keller and Tony and Amy Holt. While in high school, he has been in band all four years and was a cadet teacher his senior year. Bailey plans to join the Air Force after graduation.

ACCTS School Supply Giveaway

This is the 13th year for the Area Churches honoring Christ Together in Service (ACCTS) School Supply Giveaway. The first day have always averaged over 90 students served each year. This year’s supply giveaway will be held in July at the Shouls Library and the Hoosier Uplands/WIC office and in Loogootee at the Loogootee Library and the St. Vincent De Paul store. The School Supply Giveaway is for those Loogootee and Shouls students in kindergarten through 6th grade (2016-2017 school year) needing assistance. A parent or guardian must sign up students between Tuesday, May 31 and Thursday, June 23.

The school supplies will be handed out on Saturday, July 23 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Loogootee High School lobby to Loogootee students signed up by June 23. Shouls students signed up by June 23 will receive their school supplies in the classroom on the first day of school.

Upcoming Events

Livestock weigh-ins for the fair have been set for the spring. They will take place at the fairgrounds. Poultry -June 18, 2016, 9-11 a.m.

Share the Fun

Congratulations to Kanton Dearmayer for winning first place at the Area III Performing Arts Festival (Share the Fun). Kanton sang “Count the Area III Performing Arts Festival” by Ashley Fure. Many thanks to Ben Wilson for sharing his talent and support of our fair. Kanton is the son of Terry Hardwick and Toni Jenkins.

Jolly Jug Rox 4-H Club Meetings are on the following dates: May 21 at 10 a.m., June 26 at 4 p.m., July 2 at 10 a.m., July 19 at 10 a.m., and July 21 at 10 a.m.

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New report shows Indiana debt among lowest in the nation

Governor Mike Pence touted the state’s prudent fiscal management, following the publication of Moody’s annual Investor Service State Debt Medians report. According to the report, while states like Illinois and California are struggling with large amounts of public debt, Indiana’s tax-supported debt ranks among the lowest in the nation.

“Keeping a strong handle on our tax-supported debt is a mark of good day-to-day public service, and proves we’re managing our state budgets with prudent fiscal management and responsibility,” said Governor Pence.

“Over the past decade, our state has established a history of being a good fiscal steward for the people of Indiana, and this report is just another indicator that we are consistently honoring that trust.”

While other states are struggling with increasing public debt per capita to grow their economies, Indiana is growing and diversifying its economy in a way that efficiently manages its existing tax base. Unlike other states, Indiana has not over committed the revenue it takes in from taxpayers.

“In Indiana, our tax-supported debt low, Indiana can be more flexible and nimble in reacting to market and economic changes, including weathering or capitalizing on opportunities in an economic expansion,” said Dan Hudec, director of the Indiana Finance Authority.

Citizens in neighboring Illinois, for example, are burdened with $2,522 of tax-supported public debt per household. Whereas in Indiana, tax-supported debt ranks in at $463 per Hoosier household.

“In a nutshell, the data shows Indiana is growing its economy without financially strapping future generations,” said Mark Pascarelli, director of debt management with the Indiana Finance Authority.

The Moody’s report was developed based on an analysis of calendar year 2015 debt issuance and fiscal year 2015 debt service. Indiana was also noted in the report for its AAA credit rating, another indicator of Indiana’s smart financial management.

CDC announces funds for states and territories to prepare for Zika

U.S. states and territories can now apply to CDC for funds to fight Zika locally. More than $85 million in redirected funds identified by the Department of Health and Human Services is being made available to support efforts to protect Americans from Zika infection and associated adverse health outcomes, including the serious birth defect microcephaly.

“These funds will allow states and territories to continue implementing their Zika preparedness plans, but are not enough to support a comprehensive Zika response and can only temporarily address what is needed,” said Stephen C. Redd, M.D. (RADM, USPHS), director of CDC’s Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response. “Without the full amount of planned and supplemental funding, many activities that need to start now are being delayed or may have to be stopped within months.”

Under the latest announcement, $25 million in FY 2016 preparedness and response funding will go to 53 states, cities, and territories at risk for outbreaks of Zika virus infection. Recipients will receive funds based on the geographic locations of the two mosquitoes known to transmit Zika virus, Aedes aegypti and Aedes albopictus; history of mosquito borne disease outbreaks; and size of population. Jurisdictions will use the funds to strengthen incident management and emergency operations coordination; information management and sharing; and community recovery and resilience.

State, local and territorial health officials can use the funds to rapidly identify and investigate cases of Zika virus disease in their communities; coordinate a comprehensive response across all levels of government and non-government partners (including the healthcare sector); and identify and connect to community services families affected by Zika virus disease.

Applications for these funds are due to CDC by June 13, 2016. Funds will be disbursed during the summer and remain available through July 2017.

Earlier this year, states and cities cur- rently participating in the Epidemiology and Lab Capacity (ELC) program will begin applying for a maximum of $100,000 of funds to:

- build laboratory capacity;
- enhance epidemiological surveillance and investigation;
- improve mosquito control and monitoring;
- keep blood supplies safe, and contribute data to the U.S. Zika Pregnancy registry.

Applications for these funds are due May 27, 2016, as funds will be disbursed during the summer.

Two Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) employees have recently been elected to serve as the committee’s director and deputy regional coordinator.

NSWC Crane employees elected to serve on FLC for Technology Transfer Midwest Committee

Two Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) employees have recently been elected to serve as the committee’s director and deputy regional coordinator.

As deputy regional coordinator, Dix’s goals are to assist the region- al coordinator in accomplishing her goals for the FLC, Midwest Region as well as act as an engaged partner in helping to achieve those goals. She also aspires to assist in enhancing the critical relationships of laboratory staff across the region and work to further the collaboration across the laboratories. Additionally, she will work to assist the T2 staff across the Midwest region in achieving their T2 goals through establishing and enhancing connections with academic and industry partners, as well as communicating the technologies and innovation developed at the laboratories to potential partners throughout the region.

FLC is the nationwide network of federal laboratories that provides the forum to develop strategies and opportunities for linking laboratory mission technologies and expertise with the marketplace.

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane (NSWC Crane) is a naval laboratory and a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA). The warfare center is responsible for multi-domain, multi-spectral and full life cycle support of technologies and systems enabling capability to today’s warfighter.

Two designated spaces to open specifically for wounded veterans at WestGate Academy

In conjunction with Armed Forces Day and Military Appreciation Month, WestGate Academy and WestGate@Crane Technology Park are proud to announce the unveiling of two newly purposed parking spaces May 19 to honor those who have served our country with a Purple Heart and the others who have served our country with Purple Heart recipients and the other space will be specifically designated for all wounded veterans. WestGate Academy, as well as the Technology Park, stand in support of those who have dedicated their lives to serving our country.

Several speakers and representatives will be in attendance including Brian Romans, founder of Romans Warrior Foundation (key to organizing the event) and Joe Senator Donnelly’s office, Larry Ordner from U.S. Congressman Larry Bucshon’s office, and Indiana State Senator Mark Messmer will be playing the national anthem on trumpet.

The ceremony will include speakers, a reveal of the designated spaces, an explanation the purpose and the need for these spaces, and cake following the program. Please mark your calendar and you’re welcome to participate in this event.

The dedication will take place May 19 at WestGate Academy at 11 a.m.
Indiana State Parks is nearing its 100th summer recreational season and working hard to make sure visitors have a good experience this year.

The system of 24 parks and 8 reservoir properties has finished or will complete this year hundreds of improvements to enhance campgrounds, restrooms and trails.

Partners and volunteers have helped with many of the projects. Non-profit “friends” groups have contributed thousands of dollars and hours.

“Creative and dedicated employees stretch the dollars that you pay when you enter the gate, rent a campsite, launch a boat or attend a special workshop or program,” said Ginger Murphy, deputy director for stewardship at Indiana State Parks.

Tyner: Gasoline prices should stay low

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Current supplies of gasoline and expected production this year should keep prices at the fuel pump 40-60 cents per gallon lower than last summer despite supply disruptions that have pushed prices higher in recent months, especially in the Midwest, Purdue University energy economist Wally Tyner says.

“We enter the summer season with gasoline and crude oil markets a bit out of kilter,” he said.

Tyner said U.S. crude oil and gasoline supplies are above normal, which would suggest that prices should fall. But he noted that several disruptions in supplies globally have moved prices higher.

Crude oil prices have increased about 80 percent since January, from $26 per barrel to then to $47 on Monday, May 16.

“Yet all the forecasts call for global production to exceed consumption through the end of 2016,” he said. “So what, we might ask, is going on?”

Here’s the situation, as Tyner explains:

* There have been long-term supply issues in Nigeria and Venezuela. Production in Nigeria is at a 22-year low because, in part, of civil war, and political instability in Venezuela “continues to put a drag on production,” he said.

* A labor strike in Kuwait halted production there for several days. That strike has now ended.

* The biggest disruption affecting the Midwest involves the Canadian oil sands, where a widespread fire in Alberta province shut down Canadian oil sands production. Although the fire was put out, it continues to burn.

* Despite that, Tyner said the standard production and consumption trends suggest prices at the pump staying fairly steady over the summer.

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“Of course, just like the Canadian wildfire, unforeseen supply disruptions can always send prices up temporarily,” Tyner said. “But with global production forecast to exceed consumption through 2016 and inventories already high, we should be able to weather any temporary disruptions.”

See what’s new at Indiana’s state parks this year

The Midwest, Purdue University energy economist Wally Tyner says.

Director for stewardship at Indiana State Parks is nearing its 100th centennial this year. The system began operations with the opening of Mc-Cormick’s Creek and Turkey Run state parks.

The public can find information about activities and projects related to the centennial at INStateParks100.com.

Parks are improving projects this summer:

— At Brookville Lake, three comfort stations in the Mounds State Recreation Area campground are being remodeled.

— At Brown County State Park, 12 new “cabin suites” will open in 2016 at Abe Martin Lodge. Each suite will sleep up to six people. Also, 14 new vault toilets will replace existing toilets in the family and horseman’s campgrounds.

— At Raccoon State Recreation Area.

— At Chain O’Lakes State Park, the third play area of the dog park will open this summer.

— Indiana Dunes State Park, a new beach comfort station next to the pavilion has changing rooms and outdoor showers. Also, the Dunes Kakakee Trail was extended from the park to the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.

— At Mississinewa Lake, the new paved entrance road will be open by the end of May. The road winds through prairie and fields and along a sand-gravel mining operation that will eventually be a recreational lake for the park.

— At Spring Mill State Park, dredging of Spring Mill Lake is complete. The lake is ready for fishing, boating, swimming and canoeing. It will be dedicated as a Centennial Legacy Project with a celebration in September.

For summer despite normal, we are likely to see higher prices than in previous weeks,” he said.

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