Highway department salaries to top council meeting agenda

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Council spent some time at their meeting Monday night, May 1, discussing the highway department employees’ salaries. High-

way Superintendent Leo Padgett had told the council commissioners several weeks back that he was having trouble filling the mechanic position in his de-
partment because the salary was so low. The commissioners had discussed going to the county council to see if an increase could be made to help fill the position.

At Monday night’s council meeting, Padgett said that he thought one of the commissioners was going to be present to discuss what they wanted to do with salaries however none were present.

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Two arrested on meth charges

On April 26 at approximately 12:30 p.m., Martin County Sheriff’s Office Sergeant Keith Keller was following up on an investigation that he and Loogootee Police Department Corporal Jay Jackson, participating in the Indiana State Police Drug Take Back initiative sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The “Take Back” initiative seeks to prevent prescription drug abuse and theft.

Collection sites were set up nationwide for expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs to be turned in for destruction. Each year, Youth First hosts its Passport to Adventure auction to help raise critical funds to support its mission—to strengthen youth and families through evidence-based programs that prevent substance abuse, promote healthy behaviors and maximize student success. The dollars raised from this event are critical to ensure the continuation of Youth First’s free programs and services to provide the support to youth, families and the community when needed most.

On Saturday, April 29, the Indiana State Police participated in the thirteenth nationwide “Prescription Drug Take Back” initiative sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

Collector Jessica Culley, new to the Loogootee Police Department, collected 50 pounds. Other collection sites at every post (except the Toll Road.)

In other business, Jim Stoughton, with the Board of Commissioners, presented a motion to authorize access to the meeting room. Albright said he was not saying either way. Albright replied that Padgett didn’t have to retire, he could stay. Padgett said that he had to retire or risk losing a big portion of his retirement money. “It was kind of stupid to say here’s my money and I’m not going to take it,” he said.

Padgett went on to say that he went back through the retirement process and was whiped by the commissioners and that the council either believes he deserves his retirement or he doesn’t deserve his pay now.

Albright said he was not saying either of those things. The council then went back to the motion and seconded. Albright, Stiles and Gibson voted for the motion, while 48, Shaols County 4, 80s County 1. The council members present said they would like to see the library add on to their current building.

The council heard from Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins on her department’s annual report. The community corrections department operates on a different fiscal year than other government bodies. They operate from July to July. Collins said they have served 390 individuals through community corrections, to date, this fiscal year. The council approved Betty Huelman to serve on the Loogootee Public Library Board.

Tina Franklin requested an additional appropriation of $375 to hire a deputy for the remainder of the fiscal year. None of those deputy coroners will be out for six months and they need to replace them. The council verbally agreed, however, the appropriation must be advertised before it can be officially approved.

Animal Control Officer Joshua Hughtt reported that he has been on 36 animal-related calls since he started the position on April 3. He noted that some of those were follow-up calls.

At the end of the meeting, the council briefly discussed the proposed library building. Council Member Buck Stiles asked how the town hall meeting went. The council members present agreed that the presentation was well done and that the library would be going another route now instead of a new building. Stiles said he received multiple phone calls from his constituents and 90 percent of them said they want the town hall meeting to continue. Albright informed them that they would like to see the library add on to their current building.

The council agreed that this is something they would like to see.
Virginia Rose Pankey went to her heavenly home at 10:02 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, 2017. A resident of Loogootee, she was 89.

She was born February 10, 1928 in Pike County; daughter of William H. and Blanch (Groub) Gillie. She married Leon Baker on March 25, 1946 and enjoyed 71 years together, they resided in Parkview Village Christian Care in Odon.

She was a member of Loogootee Christian Church. Ann was a secretary and retired from Prairie Farms Dairy. She is survived by her husband, Leon Baker; her son, Van (Lynn) Baker of Loogootee, grandparents, Nathan (Maidie) Baker of Bradenton, Florida and Todd (Blair) Baker of Loogootee; great-grandchildren; Daniel Pankey, of Evansville, John Pankey of Edinburgh; daughter-in-law, Dianne Pankey, of Bloomington, with his wife by his side. He was born in Kentucky on April 4, 1950; son of Green and Edith (Craft) Kern.

He was employed by Jofco and United Minerals. He previously worked on Mopars. He previously served Monday, May 1 at Loogootee Christian Church with Ed Frost officiating. Burial followed at Memorial Park Cemetery.

He is preceded in death by his parents, William and Blanch Gillie; his siblings, Armon, and Frances Gil Holt, of Jasper; two granddaughters, Alyssa Nicole (Holt) Jenkins of Jas par, and Sean Jenkins of Cincinnati; one great-grandchild, Braylen Ruth Jenkins; two sisters, Ruth Ann (Charles) Brinson of Lebanon and Sherry Lee (Hendley) Diamond of Trinity Springs; and nieces and nephews.

Memorial Contributions can be made to the Lange-Fuls Cancer Center at Memorial Hospital in Jasper. Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes is in charge of the arrangements.

DENNIS HUFF
Dennis Huff passed away at 10:10 p.m. Saturday, April 29, 2017 at The Timbers of Jasper. A resident of Montgomery, he was 65.

He was born November 3, 1953 in Perry County; son of the late Victor and Frieda (Adler) Huff.

He loved fishing, hunting, and working on Mopars. He previously was employed by Jofco and United Minerals.

He is survived by his daughters, Lacy (Keith) Williams of Loogootee and Melinda Edwards of Montgomery; sons, Judson (Maggie) Kunkler of Dubois County, and Todd (Blair) Baker of Loogootee; great-grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jacqueline Sue (Emmick) Huff; his parents, James (Waynette) Pankey and Robert Lee Pankey; grandmother, Virginia Rose Pankey; and an infant, Luanna Kay Pankey.

Memorial Contributions can be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.
MONDAY, APRIL 24
9:42 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.
10:43 a.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist near Loogootee.
12:26 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Hennette and Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.
2:42 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the Orange County Jail.
4:12 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel on station with Anthony Richmond from Orange County Jail for court.
6:18 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded to remove the tree.
2:20 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.
3:31 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.
4:48 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Town Marshal Keller responded.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28
5:43 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down, blocking the road, south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire removed the tree.
7:03 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.
8:29 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Crane. Deputy Reed responded.

Tuesday, April 25
6:12 a.m. - Received a report of an ambulance call in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.
7:11 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Town Marshal Eckert responded.
6:31 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231 near Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.
7:30 a.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.
8:13 a.m. - Received a request for an accident near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.
8:33 a.m. - Received a request for a lift assistance near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.
10:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire responded.
12:10 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Deputy Shinn and ISP Trooper Sexton responded.
5:05 p.m. - Received an ambulance call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded and all was okay.
8:56 p.m. - Received a report of flooding south of Shoals. Martin County Highway and Major Burkhart responded.
11:30 a.m. - Major Burkhart completed eight vehicle identification checks at various locations.
1:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth and Martin County Ambulance responded.
1:25 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth and Martin County Ambulance responded.
5:31 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.
5:53 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.
9:10 p.m. - Received a report of an assault near Shoals. Deputy Shinn and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.
9:59 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Shinn, Deputy Reed, and the Martin County Coroner responded.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30
2:02 a.m. - Received an ambulance call in Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded and all was okay.
2:05 a.m. - Received an ambulance call to Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.
4:58 a.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.
9:20 a.m. - Received a report of an incident west of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.
12:51 p.m. - Received a report of an accident west of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.
3:41 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.
5:13 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.
5:26 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance and Crane EMS responded. Cops and Crime transported the subject.
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ARRESTS

Judy A. Meade a/k/a Judy A. Winingen, of Martin County, Indiana to Brent A. Wessell, of Martin County, Indiana, real estate in Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana.
Linda K. Stiles to Jeffrey L. Asdell, the south half of the southeast quarter of Section 1 in Township 4 North, Range 5 West, containing 220 acres, more or less.

Arthur Calvin Evans and Cathy Lynn Evans, of Martin County, Indiana to Charles William Needs, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 86 in the original plat of Memphis, now Shoals, Indiana.
Terry G. Street, Marsha L. Luksomski, Rhetta C. Divine, Philip Alan Street, and Robert F. Street, of Martin County, Indiana to Mark Wathen, of Martin County, Indiana to Mark Wathen, of Marion County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 1 acre, more or less. Also, a part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 1 acre, more or less.

Jeffery Clem, of Marion County, Indiana to Gregory Scott Stroud, of Crane, Indiana, real estate in Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 1 acre, more or less.
COURT NEWS

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

CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed

Christine M. White, illegal possession of an alcoholic beverage.
Cody A. Shively, illegal possession of an alcoholic beverage.
Harmony K. Pemberton, possession of marijuana; illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
Richard L. Morris, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances; operating while intoxicated; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body; possession of marijuana.

April 6
Evan E. Wood, theft.

April 10
Jeffrey W. Adams, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances; possession of marijuana; possession of paraphernalia.
Alexis H. Mininger, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances; possession of marijuana; possession of paraphernalia; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body.
Tatiana F. O’Malley, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances; possession of marijuana; possession of paraphernalia.
Patric D. Gros, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances; possession of marijuana; possession of paraphernalia; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body.

April 11
Peggy R. Stoll, two counts of intimidation.
Connie E. Carlson, domestic battery.

April 12
Jeffrey L. Raisor, two counts of dealing with an alcoholic beverage; possession of marijuana; possession of paraphernalia.
Kacylin M. Baldwin, two counts of dealing in methamphetamine; possession of marijuana; possession of paraphernalia; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances; possession of marijuana; possession of paraphernalia.

April 13
Jesse L. Kane, possession of a schedule III controlled substance; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances; possession of marijuana; possession of paraphernalia; operating a vehicle with an ACE of 0.15 or more; operating a vehicle with an ACE of 0.10 or more; possession of a controlled substance in a vehicle.

Brandon S. Stone, dealing in methamphetamine; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances; possession of marijuana; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body; possession of marijuana.
Stacy M. Stone, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances; possession of marijuana; operating a vehicle with an ACE of 0.15 or more; driving while intoxicated.
Stephanie A. Renault, possession of marijuana; possession of paraphernalia.

March 25
Emily R. George, two counts of panhandling.
Charles W. Needs III, operating while intoxicated; operating a vehicle with an ACE of 0.08 or more.

Evin M. Richards, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances; possession of marijuana; possession of paraphernalia.

April 14
Isabella E. Goodpaster, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor and convicted of operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body.

April 21
Enenos Mora, driving while suspended.

April 25
Miranda L. Mitchell, corrup business influence, a Class 5 Felony; forgery, a Class 6 Felony; two counts of theft, Class 6 Felonies, discharged.

Jasmine N. Harner, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor and convicted of operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body.

March 30
Miranda L. Mitchell, convicted of operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body; possession of marijuana; possession of paraphernalia.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

April 19
Midland Funding, LLC vs. Larry Peek, civil collection.
Midland Funding, LLC vs. Shelly Humbert, civil collection.
Midland Funding, LLC vs. Nicholas Kidwell, civil collection.

MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC vs. RANDALL BLACKWELL

April 21
Midland Funding, LLC vs. Heath Rayhill, civil collection.
Midland Funding, LLC vs. Gabriel Grace, civil collection.
Midland Funding, LLC vs. Robert Hert, civil collection.
Midland Funding, LLC vs. Randall Blackwell, civil collection.

April 24
LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Michael Spurgeon, civil collection.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed

April 19
Alice A. Jones vs. Brandi Kidwell and Kevin Burton, civil collection.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

April 17
Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Peter Fire and Furnace Company, LLC and against the defendant Deanna L. Holt in the amount of $665.47.

April 21
Judgment in favor of the plaintiff David Harder and against the defendant Carolyn Shipp in the amount of $121.

MONDAY, APRIL 24
5:52 p.m. - Hannah M. Sitzman, of Ferdinand, was operating a 2014 GMC on Broadway Street when she changed lanes to pass a vehicle.
5:53 p.m. - Raul Montes of 2000 Toyota operated by Patricia P. Dobson, of Loogootee, Capt. Hennette investigated.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25
2:23 a.m. - First responders were requested for lifting assistance.
7:42 a.m. - First responders were requested on Crane Street for lifting assistance.
11:28 a.m. - Callers reported a theft of fuel from Checkers.
5:42 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a tractor fire on US 231 South.
9:06 p.m. - Callers reported tanks leaking at the Co-Op.
9:12 p.m. - Capt. Hennette and K-9 Roxy assisted ISPD on a traffic stop.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26
9:18 a.m. - First responders were requested on South Kentucky Avenue for a medical call.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27
5:20 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.
8:27 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.
10:15 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.
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9:48 p.m. - Callers reported a disturbance on SW 2nd Street.
9:57 p.m. - First responders were requested on SE 1st Street for a medical call.

MONDAY, APRIL 24
12:26 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint on East Main Street.
5:24 p.m. - Caller reported property damage.
8:28 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicion of break-in.
9:06 p.m. - Callers reported tanks leaking at the Co-Op.
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By Ann Ackerman

Quizz: How Old Are You Really?
From the following list of 25 items, count all the ones that you remember — not the ones you were told about! How to score yourself at the end. (1) con-
fess — I remember all of them.

Blackjack chewing gum
Wax Coke-shaped bottles with col-
ored-water
Candy cigarettes
Soda-pop machines that dispensed
bottles
Coffee shops with tableside jukeboxes

Home milk delivery in glass bottles with
cardboard stoppers
Party lines
New words before the movie
P. F. Flyers
Butch wax
Telephone numbers with a word pre-
fix (e.g., Olive - 6933)
Peashooters
Howdy Doody
Hi-fi systems
Metal ice trays with lever
Mimeograph paper

Office located at Martin County Learn-
ing Center Improve Your Skills,
206 S. R Street in Bedford. Times are
6 p.m. weekdays except Thursdays when
it is closed. Visit www.martinswcd. com
or call at 295-3149.

Sons of the Revolution meeting
Indiana Society Sons of the American
Revolution, Daniel Guthrie Chapter will
hold their quarterly meeting on Tuesday,
May 16 at the Free Methodist Church on
R Street in Bedford. Times are 6 p.m.
for dinner and 7 p.m. for the meeting. They
will be inducting new members into the
Chapter.

Special services
The Loogootee Revival Center Church
located at the corner of Wood
and NW First streets, is celebrating 23
years this year. As part of the celebra-
tion, they will be having special services
on Thursday, May 10 at 7 p.m.; Saturday,
May 12 at 5 p.m.; Sunday, May 13 at
9:30 a.m. Pastor Mark Purf, of Evans-
ville, will be special guest minister for
these services. Pastor Debbie and the
congregation invite you to come and
join us as they celebrate.

AL-ANON meetings
AL-ANON, a support group for those
impacted by substance abuse, meets ev-
every Thursday at 8 p.m. at Loogootee Re-
demption Church.

Attention Senior Citizens
The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center,
located in the Annex building attached
to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogo-
gootee, offers various activities for seniors
every Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m.
to noon. For $5 a year, seniors can par-
ticipate in Eucheince tournaments, games,
newsprint, etc., with other local seniors.
Anyone interested is welcome to stop
by, there are no age or residency requir-
ments to participate. Seniors are also
invited lunch at the Loogootee Senior
Center every Monday and Thursday.
A free-will donation is requested. Call
812-729-1310 to make a reservation, so
enough food is prepared.

Free lunch for kids
New Beginnings Community Church
will be offering a free lunch to all school-
egers ages 18 and under every Tuesday
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 812-709-2255.

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

Humane society meetings
The Martin County Humane Society
meets on the third Friday of the month
at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street
in Loogootee, at 5:30 p.m. Members of the
humane society are invited to attend.

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.

Tourism meetings
The MCC Tourism Committee meets
on the third Wednesday of each month
at 7 p.m. at Loughmiller Ma-
cining, 12851 E 13th Rd. in Loogootee.
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 Learn-
ing 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.

The library board is made up of seven
members who are appointed. The Loo-
gootee Library, Martin County Commission-
ers appoint two, and the Martin County Council
appoints two. Efforts are made to find library
advocates in Rutherford Town-
ship and Perry 1-4 and 5-7 to appoint to
the board. The members work countless
hours without pay to provide a library that
meets the community’s needs. Here are
the duties of the board:

a. Govern and set written policy for
the library;
b. Employ a competent and qual-
ified library director to carry out its
policies;
c. Plan for the future of the li-
brary to meet the needs of the commu-
nity;
d. Monitor and evaluate overall
effectiveness of the library;
e. Act as an advocate for the library in
the community;
f. Monitor financial affairs of the
library by discussing and approving
the proposed annual budget, studying
monthly financial reports, and approv-
ing all claims lawfully presented on be-
half of the library; g. Set salaries.

Recently, a question was asked about
how the land was deeded to the library
from St. Vincent DePaul because it
seems there was confusion about it. At
a recent board meeting, the board mem-
ber accepted the donation of land from St.
Vincent DePaul. My board meets once
a month and at the last board meeting we
discussed the land being deeded over.

The next step was to get a title search
done on the property before it could be
deeded to us. One board member, with
experience in this area, agreed to get it
done and it would be cheap. In the
time, Mike Carney ex-
pressed interest in the project and donat-
ed some land. It makes sense to
halt the title search and land appraisal
until all land was accepted at the next
board meeting and have it all done at the
same time saving time and money. The
board members will be updated at the
May 15 meeting on the findings.

I could’ve re-
quashed a special meeting to update the
board members but would have to get at
least four members to have a quorum,
advertise at least 48 hours before the meet-
ing, and hope that four members
would be available. In this day and age
everyone is busy and these individuals
already give a lot of their time without
being asked. I didn’t think it would hurt
to wait to inform them on the change at
the next meeting. So, if a board mem-
ber answered your question and then
didn’t answer you, you’re old.

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4-H NEWS
By Stacy Brown
Martinsville Purdue Extension Educator

Shooting Sports—Shooting Sports is becoming its own club. Please join us for meetings every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Martin County Community Building starting January 2017.

Upcoming Events
Livestock weigh-ins
Sheep & Goat: May 6, 2017, 9-11 a.m.

Swine: May 13, 2017, 9-11 a.m.
Poultry: June 17, 2017, 9-11 a.m.

Become a Volunteer
Volunteers for 4-H have the unique opportunity to grow true leaders in our community. Volunteering can be as active as leading a 4-H club or just helping out at fair time. Volunteers lean educational programs to take out to community youth. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call the Purdue Extension Martin County office at 812-295-2412.

Chamber holds monthly meeting
The Martin County Chamber of Commerce met April 20 at Pizza Junction. Present for the meeting were representatives from the following businesses: Hollie’s Eats & Treats and Martin County Humane Society-Theresa Abney, City of Loogootee-Mayor Noel Harty, The Candy Mill-Carolyn Parsons-Downey, Maranatha Church-Duane Smith, Duke-Kurt Phlegel, American Tree/Overlook Marie Hawkes Hoover Uplands-Deb Martin County Community Foundation-Curt Johnson, Purdue Extension-Stacey Brown, Loogootee Disney Library-Darla Wagner, Daviess Community Hospital-Angie Steiner and Jill Campbell, Servpro-Tammy May, German American Bank-Ann Wagner, Bowling Manufacturing-Keith Peacock, Martin County Alliance-Tim Kinder, SCN-Crane-CRCD Craddock, Green’s Body Shop-Adam Knorr, Kerns Insurance-Ed Kerns, Saltbox Lodge & Highland House B&B-Jim and Donna Stoughton, William Brother’s-Carrie Lorenzo and NRS Crane-Jeff Nagen. The treasurer’s report was given by Carolyn Parsons-Downey in the absence of Susan Arthur. The annual dinner financial is almost complete, the last check just came in after this month report was printed next month there will be a final dollar amount for the dinner. Nothing out of the ordinary was in the treasurer’s report. Jim Stoughton made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report, seconded by Marie Hawkes, all were in favor. The secretary’s report was given by Carolyn Parsons-Downey. The report was emailed out for the February meeting, and there was one correction made on the new report presented, Marie Hawkes made a motion of acceptance of the minutes, Theresa Abney seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Daviess-Martin County Relay for Life May 10, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Eastside Park in Washington. William Brothers in Loogootee are doing matching funds this year, you can go in and donate to Relay for Life, until May 12. May 6th is Carter’s Legacy 5K and Family Fun Day at West Boggs Park, Kids & Cops Picnic at noon. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Deb Terry, with Head Start, gave the presentation for April—At the paint is running off, and this will need to be fixed.
April barometer shows slight uptick in producer sentiment

By Jennifer Stewart-Burton

Producer sentiment toward the agricultural economy inched up six points in April, according to the Purdue/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer. The barometer increased from 124 in March to 130 in April. The barometer reading comes on the heels of two months of declines following January 2017’s all-time high of 153.

The increase is part of a recent trend of higher optimism among producers, said Jim Mintert, director of Purdue’s Center for Commercial Agriculture and principal investigator for the barometer.

“Agricultural producer sentiment since December 2016 has been more positive than at any other time since data collection began, including the period from October 2015 to March 2016,” he said.

The barometer’s two sub-indices also showed slight improvement with the Index of Current Conditions increasing from 120 in March to 127 in April, and the Index of Future Expectations improving from 126 to 132.

April’s survey asked producers about their expectations for crop prices over the next year. While 54 percent said they expected prices to be about the same in 12 months, another 27 percent expected lower soybean prices. Only 17 percent said they expected prices to be higher.

“This is quite different from a year earlier as the share of respondents expecting lower prices in the April 2017 barometer was more than double the 13 percent of respondents expecting lower prices in the April 2016 survey,” Mintert said.

The April release marks a year since the barometer launched. A supplemental year-in-review report also is available on the website. The report looks at trends in the barometer and supporting areas, such as farmland values and commodity prices.

The free quarterly Ag Economy Barometer webinar is 1:30 p.m. (EDT) Thursday (May 4). Register at https://ag.purdue.edu/commercial/ag econ/barometer/barometer/update/.

The Ag Economy Barometer, Index of Current Conditions and Index of Future Expectations are available on the Bloomberg Terminal under the following ticker symbols: AGECBRA, Agecbarucc and AgecificTEX.
Grazing Bites
By Victor Sheldon
NRS Council Agronomist-Grazing Specialist

I can't believe how much forage growth we have already had this year. It seems early, but it is only about ten or twelve percent ahead of last year now according to aCREA. I have talked to a few people asking the best way to try and keep it under control. My wife, who is a bit vertically challenged, already thinks this year's clover is taller than last year's - she has to move or put up a new stretch of temporary fence. With warmer days and certainly warmer nights, forages are growing fast and do appear out of control!

You will probably note, as you walk or drive by the paddocks, that there may be differences in growth. The reasons for those differences can vary but include irregularities in fertility, last autumn’s stop grazing heights, last autumn’s amount of clover in the forage mix, environmental factors such as fescues and orchardgrass). Some “animal” control, especially in a small or localized area, may have also contributed. Others may say you have moved or put up a new stretch of temporary fence, but the paddocks are still too high. Another reason is that you really got off on a tangent. Others may say you have moved or put up a new stretch of temporary fence, but the paddocks are still too high. Another reason is that you really got off on a tangent.

One of the problems, with quick early growth, is that you want to consider it a problem. As the paddocks are grazed, the forages are not being utilized as much as possible. The quality of the forage is not as high and the forage is compacted, as not enough air is able to get to the roots. The proper way to control this is to understand the critical issue, but it also helps to use some “animal” control, especially in a small or localized area.

Early growth needs to be grazed enough to keep the forages from getting too far ahead of you before you graze them. This is needed, to strip graze with maintenance animals, such as cattle or hogs, to help maintain quality a little longer. This also keeps those who don’t like to deal with seed heads and other problems from coming on your land. The quality will also be maintained as needed to help maintain quality a little longer. This also keeps those who don’t like to deal with seed heads and other problems from coming on your land. The quality will also be maintained.

Some fields need to be grazed enough to keep the livestock moving and not staying in any paddock too long. If the paddock was grazed down tight last fall, especially prior to dormancy, then that will help. If not, you might try and not have any paddocks that need to be kept. Good healthy growth and cover is a good thing, so maintain some that cover and don’t overgraze. Keep at least three to four inches of growth at all times on most cool-season forages; that’s the shortest height you leave behind, not the tallest!

Most forages have already surpassed normal cutting heights (such as four inches for most cool-season forages – such as fescues and orchardgrass). Having a good root base, which starts the previous fall, and maintaining adequate residual is important to protect the soil from excessive compaction, especially when you are having continual heavy rains as some areas have been getting lately. More growth and more residual, means more resilience. Dang, I already given you off on a tangent.

Okay, getting back to controlling runaway grass growth! There is some advantage to grazing early as long as you use some “animal” control, especially in a rotated grazing system. Starting early and making sure to keep minimum grazing heights (such as four inches for most cool-season forages) is really the critical issue, but it also helps to keep the forages from getting too far ahead of you before you graze them again as the paddock is grazed down tight. Keeping the paddocks in better conditions longer, with less need of haying or clipping. Those fields that had more residual, more leff over forage will be ready earlier, and the tighter grazed fields will be ready later.

I won’t discuss promoting grazing for short periods, keeping the animals moving and never grazing closer than three to four inches whenever possible. If the forages start getting ahead of you, consider making the paddocks slightly larger and grazing the areas for shorter periods of time. In this period, from late March to early May, most tall grasses top graze to help slow down seed head production some. The goal should be to maintain as much pasture as possible. What you have prepared in this period as “stage two” growth; quality vegetative leafy growth prior to seed head production. This quality vegetative growth will ensure good growth on growing animals, milk for lactating animals, and also help to flatten the forage and make it more digestible. Any fields that have to be “skipped” could be clipped for later use, cut for hay or baleage, or left as is for maintenance animals. You need to try and keep the paddocks as vegetative as possible for growing animals. If you want too fast to re-graze them you may get frustrated quickly in trying to play catch-up. It’s better to skip one and deal with it later.

Now, with those numbers, about 25 percent of the nitrogen, in the early spring will help keep this furious growth under a little more control. Moving the animals top graze to help slow down seed head production and providing only a little more into the season.

If you are using most of it already, and maintaining quality, you may need to use some “animal” control, especially in a small or localized area.

Anglers age 18 and older must have a valid stamp and valid fishing license to fish for trout. The daily bag limit is five trout, and no more than one can be a brown trout. The minimum size limit is 7 inches long, although no less than 12 inches long.

The 2017 Indiana trout stream season opened this past Saturday, May 2. The trout season runs through mid-May. However, anglers can catch holdover browns from prior stocking in streams such as the Brookville Lake tailwater on the Whitewater River, Little Elkhart River, Solomon Creek and Pigeon River. Information about Indiana trout stocking sites and the respective number of trout stocked at each is at: wild.in.gov/$457.htm.

The barn owl is one of more than 750 species, including many rare and endangered animals, supported by the DNR’s Wildlife Diversity Program. WDP depends on donations to help protect and preserve Indiana’s nongame and endangered animals, supported by donations to help protect and preserve Indiana’s nongame and endangered animals, supported by donations.

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While Springs Valley may be having a down year, at least according to coach Joe Crow, the Lady Hawks always seem to play the Lions very well. Although Sydney Davis only allowed one single to the Blackhawks, they held their own as Loogootee only scored 1 run in the first inning. Loogootee added three runs in the second as Tyanna Grober homered. Loogootee would not score in the third inning, but plated two in the fourth. The bottom of the fifth inning would be all the Lions would need to send the Blackhawks back to the Valley.

Loogootee pitcher Sydney Davis, was hit by a pitch and earned her RBI as Bell scored. Breigh LaMar hit a ball back up the middle the Valley pitcher knocked down, but could not find the handle as her toss went over the head of the Hawk first baseman and allowed both Graber and Brookshire to score and seal the 10-run rule victory.

Bell, LaMar, Graber, and Brookshire all had multiple hits in the game. Sydney Davis picked up her 17th win of the season against two losses and took the team to 17 and 3 on the year. Davis struck out six and got the 7th shut-out of the season and just missed a perfect game, giving up a single with one out in the fifth inning.

Loogootee Junior High Track results

The Loogootee Junior High Track team hosted a meet on April 27. For the boys, Vincennes Clark finished with 63 while Loogootee had 46. The girls came in third with 16. Vincennes Clark finished first with 74 and Barr-Reeve was second with 56.

Boys’ results

Levi Penley: 1st in long jump, 1st in 100-meter, 1st in 200-meter, 1st in 400-meter

Lucas Britain: 2nd in 110-meter hurdles, 1st in 1,600-meter, 2nd in 800-meter

Aragon Ashby: 3rd in the long jump

Juliet Castro: 3rd in the 200-meter

Gage Kerns: 3rd in the 100-meter hurdles, 3rd in the 300-meter hurdles

Jase Riley: 1st in the shotput

The 400-meter relay team placed 2nd (Ashby, Kerns, J. Venters, Castro) and first in the 1,600-meter relay (Collins, J. Venters, Zane Cropp, Brittain)

Girls’ results

India Arvin: 1st in the 100-meter, 1st in the 200-meter

Kaylee Atsron: 2nd in the 100-meter hurdles, 3rd in the 200-meter

Ashley Nail: 4th in the 100-meter hurdles

Loogootee Girls' Tennis results

The Loogootee Lady Lions Tennis Team travelled to Forest Park and beat Davis Monday, May 1. The varsity came away with shutout victory, 5-0 while the junior varsity also gained a win, 2-1.

Head Coach Mike Tippery said after the matches, “The singles players elevated well tonight. We’ll continue with the same lineup as our season-long lineup. We’ll be nice to get a chance to play in front of our home crowd.”

Victory results

#1 Singles Melina Tippery (L) defeated Madison Bors 6-0, 6-1

#2 Singles Katie Sims (L) defeated Michelle Dinkins 6-0, 6-1

#3 Singles Emily Wade (L) defeated Lauren Kain 6-0, 6-2

#1 Doubles Eden Jenkins/Breanna Halloway (L) defeated Maddie Riggins/Macie Kane 6-3, 6-4

#2 Doubles Kashen Burch/Madison Wade (L) defeated Abby Ceci/Kaylee Wagler 6-7, 7-6 (3)

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Leonna Hedrick (L) defeated Shae Knepp 9-7

#2 Singles Shae Knepp (ND) defeated Hope Fischer 6-1

#1 Doubles Abbie Williams/Brittany Potts (L) defeated Chavannah Chestnut/Shelley Taylor 6-0

Last Thursday, the teams played at Forest Park. Both the varsity and junior varsity teams defeated the Lady Rams 3-2.

There was much better execution today than early in the week. We still have some areas we need to improve upon,” said coach Tippery.

Victory results

#1 Singles Paige Uebelhoer (FP) defeated Melaina Tippery 6-1, 6-3

#2 Singles Katie Sims (L) defeated Emmy Miller 6-4, 6-4

#3 Singles Hailey Thayer (FP) defeated Emily Wade 6-4, 6-2, 6-2

#1 Doubles Eden Jenkins/ Meghan Mathis (L) defeated Lauren Treter/Anna Becker 6-2, 6-3

#2 Doubles Kashen Burch/Madison Wade (L) defeated Kendall Gaesser/Emily Nord 6-3, 6-0, 6-0

Junior varsity results

#1 Doubles Natalie Schultes (BR) defeated Katie Sims 6-1, 6-1

#2 Doubles평Jayleigh Eckert/Lilly Bell 8-1

#3 Doubles Annie Graber (BR) defeated Emily Wade 6-4, 6-1

#1 Doubles Leah Bullock/Bailey Graber (BR) defeated Eden Jenkins/Meghan Mathis 6-1, 6-3

#2 Junior varsity Bullion (BR) defeated Brittany Potts 4-2

#2 Singles Victoria Funk (BR) defeated Rachael Simons 6-0, 6-0

#3 Singles Moriah Bullion (BR) defeated Elly Wagner 4-0

#4 Singles Victoria Funk (BR) defeated Rachael Simons 6-1, 6-0

#1 Doubles Kashen Burch/Madison Wade (L) defeated Kaitlyn Miney/Kadee Claridge 4-3

#2 Doubles Hope Fischer/Leonna Hedrick (L) defeated Akylah Knepp/Kaitlyn Yoder 4-3

#3 Doubles Nylah Bertelsen/Abrinaanna Gabriel (BR) defeated Brittany Potts/Rachel Robinson 4-2

#4 Doubles Kashen Burch/Madison Wade (L) defeated Akylah Knepp/Kaitlyn Yoder 4-0

#5 Doubles Kaitlyn Miney/Kadee Claridge (BR) defeated Leonna Hedrick/ Hope Fischer 4-0

Forest Park defeats JV Lions

BY GREG CLARK
LHS Head Softball Coach

Last Monday night, the Lady Rangers took the win over the home standing JV Lions by a score of 11-1. Chelsie Sutton took the loss in the circle, but only gave up two earned runs. Mallory Berry drove the Lions lone run with a single in 2nd inning. Jayleigh Wagoner, Sadie Welton, Maelle Hawkins and Shalyn Bruner all contributed hits for Loogootee.

NE DUBOIS down JV Kneep

Last Monday night the Loogootee Lady Lady Blacks defeated the Boonville Lady Hawks 13-8 in a five-inning matchup at Costello Field. Jayleigh Wagoner took the loss in the circle, but only gave up a single run. Mallory Berry drove in two runs for the Lions, as did Shalyn Bruner. Chelsea Sutton and Mallory Berry each drove in a run in each. Chelsie Sutton, Maelle Cropp and Kenda Klythego each doubled in the loss, while Emily Thomas, Maddie Crop, Kendall Berry, Mallory Berry, Shalyn Bruner and Halle Sheetz each contributed singles.

Pancake Breakfast

The Loogootee Lady Lions Softball team will hold a pancake breakfast fundraiser this Saturday, May 6 from 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the high school cafeteria. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, orange juice, milk and coffee.
Sorrells cages Cardinals

Kenyon Sorrells went six innings on the bump, claiming the Shoals Baseball win last Thursday evening against Bloomfield by the final score of 7-2. The Cardinals got on top first via their only hit along with a couple of walks as well as two errors. The offense, though, countered the attack as JD Troutman ripped a single and double to go with three ribbies. Dylan Hembree had two base knocks and scored three times while Ryan Hawkins added a triple and run scored. Up just 4-2 to begin the top of the fifth, the Rox added two tallies and then their seventh run in the seventh frame to give themselves a five-run cushion. Dayton Wright came on and finished up with the last three outs, two via the K. The win propelled Shoals to 8-6.

Shoals run-rules WRV

Fresher hurler Max Fischer went five innings and that was enough for a complete game as the Jug Rox jumped on the Wolverines and won via run-rule by the final of 16-6.

Baseball win last Tuesday evening on the bump, claiming the Shoals Conference slate unbeaten slipped away early as the hosts fell behind 6-0 after just two innings of play and came up just short against visiting Northeast Dubois on Tuesday night, 6-5. Jace Erwin struggled early and, in three innings, was touched for seven hits and three walks. Dayton Wright pitched no-hit ball over the final four frames to keep Shoals within striking distance. Ryan Hawkins led with a 2-4 day at the plate, scoring twice. Dylan Hembree lined a double to score two as well. The offense stranded six runners in scoring position; three times Merkel in centerfield made catches to keep the Jug Rox from gaining any additional ground. The loss drops Shoals to 9-7 overall, 4-1 within the conference. They can keep still nab at least a piece of the spoils for the first time with a win at South Knox this Friday and a seven hits and three walks. Dayson Brown led with a 2-4 day at the plate, scoring twice. Dylan Hembree lined a double to score two as well. The offense stranded six runners in scoring position; three times Merkel in centerfield made catches to keep the Jug Rox from gaining any additional ground. The loss drops Shoals to 9-7 overall, 4-1 within the conference. They can keep still nab at least a piece of the spoils for the first time with a win at South Knox this Friday and a victory a week down the road with North Knox.

A chance to keep their Blue Chip Conference slate unbeaten slipped away early as the hosts fell behind 6-0 after just two innings of play and came up just short against visiting Northeast Dubois on Tuesday night, 6-5. Jace Erwin struggled early and, in three innings, was touched for seven hits and three walks. Dayton Wright pitched no-hit ball over the final four frames to keep Shoals within striking distance. Ryan Hawkins led with a 2-4 day at the plate, scoring twice. Dylan Hembree lined a double to score two as well. The offense stranded six runners in scoring position; three times Merkel in centerfield made catches to keep the Jug Rox from gaining any additional ground. The loss drops Shoals to 9-7 overall, 4-1 within the conference. They can keep still nab at least a piece of the spoils for the first time with a win at South Knox this Friday and a victory a week down the road with North Knox.

Organizers are looking for applicants for the 2017 Miss Martin County Queen, crossing over the 2016 Queen at the 4-H Fair. The Martin County 4-H Fair will be July 14-18. The pageant will be on Friday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Contestants must:
-Be at least 18 years of age and can’t have had her 22nd birthday as of June 1, 2017.
-Be an Indiana resident, a U.S. citizen, and represent her home county. One of the contestant’s parents or legal guardians must also be an Indiana resident. The only exception: the contestant may reside in an adjoining Indiana county if the majority of their activities are in the county in which they enter the contest.
-Must be an active member of at least one worthwhile organization in her community, such as church groups, Girl Scouts, 4-H, etc. Eligibility is not limited to 4-H membership.
-No professional model is eligible for the Martin County or State Fair Pageant. (A professional model is one who earns her livelihood by modeling.) A contestant who had training or schooling in the modeling field, has been paid on occasion for modeling or works for a fashion board is not considered a professional model.
-Any contestant who has competed in the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant cannot compete again.

Any county representative selected after the 2017 Indiana State Fair and meeting the above qualifications is eligible for the 2017 Queen Pageant.

Transportation for contestants and chaperones to and from the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant will be the responsibility of each contestant. Each contestant and chaperones MUST stay in their assigned hotel room throughout the pageant.

There will be a $200 entry fee, and no sponsors this year. The candidate selected as the 2017 Miss Martin County will receive a scholarship.

Miss Martin County and the runners-up are expected to be in attendance during fair activities. The first meeting with candidates and parents or guardians will be Thursday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Martin County Learning Center. Pizza & drinks will be provided at this informational meeting.

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