Thank you for the opportunity to present a unique program for families and interested community members. It is presented in a way everyone, young and old can learn many interesting facts about the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus Family and now they have a brand new tent. On circus day, performers bring the magic of the circus to life in each 90-minute performance. This year’s lineup includes an all-star group of performers and entertainers that include: Miss Simone and her breath taking single trapeze, Miss Paulina’s proud “Big & Little” prancing ponies, The Aelfise Troupe on their wild and crazy uncylces, Natalie’s American Eskimo Escapades, and back by popular demand Miss April and her on the edge of your seat Rola Bla. This year they have Miss Gorgia displaying flex-ability to the extreme and for the first time, the Wheel of Destiny & Tight Rope by The Los Mortalitos. But, let’s not forget the fa-vorie performing jungle cats, Solomon, Dellaiah and Ferus, presented by Mr. Trey Key, that will certainly have you on the edge of your seat. This year they have Miss Gorgia displaying flexibility to the extreme and for the first time, the Wheel of Destiny & Tight Rope by The Los Mortalitos. But, let’s not forget the favorite performing jungle cats, Solomon, Dellaiah and Ferus, presented by Mr. Trey Key, that will certainly have you on the edge of your seat. This year they have Miss Gorgia displaying flexibility to the extreme and for the first time, the Wheel of Destiny & Tight Rope by The Los Mortalitos. But, let’s not forget the favorite performing jungle cats, Solomon, Dellaiah and Ferus, presented by Mr. Trey Key, that will certainly have you on the edge of your seat. This year they have Miss Gorgia displaying flexibility to the extreme and for the first time, the Wheel of Destiny & Tight Rope by The Los Mortalitos. But, let’s not forget the favorite performing jungle cats, Solomon, Dellaiah and Ferus, presented by Mr. Trey Key, that will certainly have you on the edge of your seat. This year they have Miss Gorgia displaying flexibility to the extreme and for the first time, the Wheel of Destiny & Tight Rope by The Los Mortalitos. But, let’s not forget the favorite performing jungle cats, Solomon, Dellaiah and Ferus, presented by Mr. Trey Key, that will certainly have you on the edge of your seat.
The top ten counties with the highest jobless rate in the state for March were: Vermillion at 9.8 percent, Lake at 8.4 percent, Fayette, Jasper and Kosciusko and Lagrange, LaPorte at 8.6 percent, Bartholomew at 7.9 percent, Hendricks at 7.5 percent, Lee at 6.7 percent, Henry at 6.5 percent, and Boone at 6.1 percent.
GORDON “PIKE” BOUGH
Gordon D. “Pike” Bough went to be with his Lord and Savior at 6:30 a.m. Sunday, April 20, 2014 at his home. A resident of Shoals, he was 74. He was born December 10, 1939 in Martin County; the son of the late Claude and Lucy (Jewell) Bough. He married Judith Diane Brassine in Dover Hill on September 18, 1959 and she preceded him in death on June 27, 2000. He retired from logistics at United States Gymnasium in Shoals, and faithful member of the Shoals Christian Church.

He is survived by one daughter, Misty Freeman and Evelyn (Richardson) Stewart. He was 74. Brassine in Dover Hill on September 18, 1959 and she preceded him in death on June 27, 2000. He retired from logistics at United States Gymnasium in Shoals, and faithful member of the Shoals Christian Church.

He is survived by one daughter, Misty Freeman and Evelyn (Richardson) Stewart. He was 74. He retired as an ammunition worker from NWSC Crane, was a member of the West Shoals Church of Christ, and a veteran of the United States Air Force during the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Mary Jane Tow of Shoals; one son, William Tedrow of Bedford and Warren B. Tedrow of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; two grandsons, William Tedrow and Robert Tedrow both of Mitchell; five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Donald Richard Stewart of Jasper and Terry Lee Stewart of Orwell; two sisters, Mary Skobel of Benton, Illinois and Carolyn Stewart of Orwell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a granddaughter, Trisha Tedrow; and one sister, Sheila.

A funeral service was conducted this morning, Wednesday, April 23 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.queenlee.com.

MERTON TOW, JR.
Merton Tow, Jr passed away at 9:35 p.m. April 19, 2014 at the Garden Villa in Bedford. A resident of Shoals, he was 80.

He was born January 7, 1934 in Shoals; the son of Merton and Letha (Earl) Tow, Sr. He married Mary Jane Bledsoe on September 3, 1960 in Palmary, Indiana, and she survives.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, BBQ Crane, was a member of the West Shoals Church of Christ, and a veteran of the United States Air Force during the Korean War.

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JONATHAN HESHELMAN
Jonathan David Heshelman died Friday, April 18, 2014 at Riley Hospital in Indianapolis. A resident of Odón, he was just seven months old.

He was born August 28, 2013 in Washington; the son of Joshua Heshelman and Melissa Hall. He went to sleep and met Jesus in his mother’s loving arms. He was a very fun and loving little seven month old; he was full of life and would smile. Every time you would see him he would be smiling.

He is survived by his parents, Joshua Heshelman and Melissa Hall of Odón; two brothers, Isaac Dewayne Heshelman of Plainville; two sisters, Dakota Heshelman of Plainville and Mia Heshelman of Worthington; paternal grandparents, John and Donna Heshelman of Odón; and maternal grandfathers, Jack Hall of Odón. He is preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Brenda Hall.

Graveside funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 22 at Fair Haven Mennonite Church Cemetery in Montgomery. Brocksmith-Blake and Wagler Funeral Home in the Montgomery was in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

ORA TAYLOR
Ora (Hembree) Taylor died at 1:05 a.m. Friday, April 12, 2014 at Memorial Hospital in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, she was 88.

She was born September 15, 1925, in Martin County; the daughter of Orian and Ora (Parsons) Hembree. She married David Gale Hotz, her first husband, David Gale Hotz, preceded her in death in 2002. She married David A. “Henry” Taylor and he survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Sandy Hotz of Washington and Rita Harsha of Jasper; four grandsons, David Hembree of Iowa and Norman Hembree of Carlisle; three sisters, Delphie Sendewick of Jasper, Lucille Fulmerman of Loogootee and Edith Ziegler of Washington; five grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Larry Hotz; two daughters, Nancy and Sheila Hotz; six sisters; and three brothers. Funeral services will be at a later date. There will be no visitation.

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CIRCUS
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edge of your seats! All accompanied by original music written by the talented, Matt Margucci from Los Angeles, California. For more information visit the circus Facebook page with videos, photos and comments from past sponsors and patrons. For a direct link you can go to www.cmccircus.com and click on the fb link.

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Martin County Sheriff’s Department log

THURSDAY, APRIL 10
10:45 a.m. - Received a report of an injured cat on U.S. 150. 11:08 a.m. - Received request for an ambulance in Shoals. 1:50 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle on fire in Shoals. 5:05 p.m. - Received report of a tree down and across the roadway on State Road 450. 5:20 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down and across the roadway on Davis School Road. 6:00 p.m. - Received a report of a young child walking along U.S. 50, east of Dover Hill Road. A concerned citizen stayed with the child until officers arrived and returned the child home. 6:34 p.m. - Received a report of a trespass by a tree on Marsh Street. 8:31 p.m. - Received a report of a neighboring dog on a homeowner’s porch in Shoals. FRIDAY, APRIL 11 7:30 a.m. - Received a report of a deceased animal on a porch in Shoals. 8:00 a.m. - Received a report of a moved dog, stolen lawn mower and stolen underwear in Shoals.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12
4:02 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted with an emergency detention. 7:00 p.m. - Received a report of a business alarm. 7:53 p.m. - First responders were requested on IFK Avenue for a medical problem.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17
10:41 a.m. - Received a battery complaint. 4:02 p.m. - Captain Alkins responded to a residential alarm. 7:17 p.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a residential alarm. 8:05 p.m. - Called reported property damage. 8:53 p.m. - Called reported a theft of medications.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18
5:50 a.m. - Called requested an officer check on a suspicious vehicle. 4:14 p.m. - First responders were requested to US 231 for a vehicle accident. 5:42 p.m. - Called reported a possible intoxication in Shoals.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19
11:04 p.m. - Called reported a battery complaint. SUNDAY, APRIL 20
10:27 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the Martin County Sheriff’s Department with a body located in the river near Houghton Bridge. 10:00 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

Monday, April 14
4:48 a.m. - Called requested an officer conduct a security check on a residence at NE 3rd Street. 11:04 a.m. - Received a report of a female causing problems in a local business. Chief Rayhill responded. 7:23 p.m. - Captain Alkins responded to a business alarm.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15
6:05 a.m. - Called requested a welfare check on a male. 11:42 p.m. - Received a report of a 911 hang-up on Vine Street. 5:52 p.m. - Called reported a person refusing to leave a business. 6:09 p.m. - Called reported a suspicious vehicle on Hwy 231.

Wednesday, April 16
- Received a report of an incident in Shoals. - Received a report of a property damage accident on State Road 450. Deputy McBeth responded to scene. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 North. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

Googood Police Department log

Monday, April 14
4:02 p.m. - Called on a male.

Tuesday, April 15
6:55 a.m. - Called on a male.

Thursday, April 17
10:41 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn.

Friday, April 18
4:02 p.m. - Called on a male.

Saturday, April 19
7:30 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle.

Monday, April 20
9:29 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on SR 450. Subject was transported to Queen Lee by Martin County Ambulance. 9:42 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Subject was transported to Bloomington Hospital by Martin County Ambulance.

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**Martin County Court News**

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

**CIVIL COURT**

**New Suits Filed**

April 9

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Sharon Craft,

Deanna R. Dedrick vs. Jason M. Dedrick,

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Rachel E. Tera L. Ame M. Kimberly R. Angel C. Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Lisa M. Sheryl Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Terese Bishop, complaint.

**April 10**

Stephen T. Shout vs. Sabine B. Shout, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Deanna R. Dedrick vs. Jason M. Dedrick, petition for dissolution of marriage.

**April 14**

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Allman Wright, civil collection.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Stephen Hambuck, civil collection.


**SMALL CLAIMS**

**New Suits Filed**

April 11

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Rachel E. and Patrick M. Phillips, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Tera L. Zins, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Brian Wildman, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Lindsey, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Steiner, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Bishop, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Royer, complaint.

**April 14**

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Sheryl Steiner, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Paul Steiner, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Lisa M. Lindsey, complaint.

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**On the Home Front**

By Linda Evans-Dillon

Martin County Veteran Service Officer

**SCOTTING MATTERS**

By Mike Leighty - Odon Troop 481 Scoutmaster

**SOME Thoughts On - HELPFUL**

A Scout is Helpful, the third point of the Scout Law. You know the old scouting story, helping the little old lady across the street. Being helpful seems simple enough but I wonder. Being helpful is merely giving or rendering aid or assistance. To the individual scout or the entire troop, being helpful means providing some form of individual or community service that is useful assistance. In this day and age and rendering assistance to cross the street seems to have gone by the wayside. Nevertheless, I am sure given the chance one of my boys would gladly take care of business.

Sadly, we live in a world of legality and liability that tends to negate helpfulness. Rarely do we hear a Good Samaritan story but they are out there. More times than not we hesitate to help. Nonetheless, we all live in a world of need. Stand on any street corner, look around and you will see evidence of need. We have friends, family members and neighbors that could use kindly, helpfulness. So how do we make that connection of seeing the need and moving into action.

Through service projects, the scouting movement teaches the need to provide service to others; however, even we are limited on what we can do to assist. Service projects are good citizenship. Locally the troop has been involved in helping with bingo at the nursing home, cleaning the city park and veterans memorial or assisting with the Feed My Sheep Program. These are just a few of the useful projects the troop has become actively involved in rendering helpful service.

Annually, one project that provides service and a useful teaching opportunity is the annual citywide spring clean-up. Through careful planning and partnership, the troop has turned something as simple as a hauling project into an “environmental” service project. This effort assists the homeowner by removing all unwanted items, assists the city in limiting tons scrap material deposited in the local landfill, and finally teaches the scout the value of recycling scrap and precious metal returning it to service. The added bonus is this project turns service into cash that ultimately provides valuable operating funds for the troop. This is win-win for all involved. But, there has to be more, so again, how do we comfortably move from need to mutual helpfulness?

Ultimately, people feel upset when they see a person in need. There is an unpleasant arousal that motivates us to do something. The scouting movement encouraging a helpful attitude at an early age is important. Creating an attitude of service and a helping behavior benefits the giver as well as the receiver. In reality, these are human interactions and transactions that aim to maximize one’s rewards and minimize one’s costs. In the long run, exchanging not only material goods but also social goods - love, pride and accomplishment.

As I have taken the time to breakdown and expand on the 12 Points of the Scout Law something dawned on me with Helpful. In a world, moving at digital speed that becomes overwhelming, exhausting, and indifferent to helping maybe each of us should put down our iPhone one day a week and find that individual or organization we could help, seeking nothing in return. Studies show people are more likely to help others if they have just observed someone else modeling that specific helpful behavior. Examples include drivers offering help to a female driver with a flat tire, Christmas shoppers dropping money in a Salvation Army kettle or local blood drives.

So how do we increase helping? Scouting will continue to teach and coach the spirit of service building the next generation of young men willing to give selflessly to the needs of others. For the rest of us there may be a little work to do to move us from reducing ambiguity – to increasing responsibility. It is clearly a matter of personal choice. First to see the need… then reacting with the instinct to lean the time that week to find someone in need and reach out with a spirit of helpfulness.

If you would like to learn more about the scouting opportunities in your local area, give me call (812) 295-8417 and I will help you make contact with a local scouting unit. Yours in scouting, Scoutmaster Mike.
Kristen Elizabeth Waggoner was born on May 25, 1996. She is the daughter of William Mallory. While in high school, she participated in softball, volleyball, band, dance, IM-PACCT, SADD, and pep club. Her favorite song is “Bottoms Up” by Brantley Gilbert. Her favorite teacher is Ms. Asbell. Kristen plans to attend Vincennes University to study Radiology.

Damon Ray Roach was born on January 28, 1996. He is the son of Nathan and Rachel Roach. While in high school, Damon participated in basketball, baseball, soccer, pep club, Spanish Club, IMPACCT, and SADD. His favorite pastime is playing golf with Cody and Josh. Damon’s favorite song is “Bottoms Up” by Brantley Gilbert. His favorite teacher is Ms. Asbell. Damon plans to attend Vincennes University, major in business management, and take over the family business.

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### YARD SALES

**2ND ANNUAL BELLGROVE Yard Sale – Saturday, April 26, 8:00-12:00.** Fifteen houses and 20+ families participating!

**YARD SALE** Saturday 7:30 to 2, 300 Bloomfield Road. Girls’ clothing, printer, misc.

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### LOOGOOTEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MENUS

**Breakfast**

- Thursday, April 24: Waffle sticks, ham patty, mixed fruit
- Friday, April 25: Egg patty, sausage patty, wheat toast, oranges

**Lunch**

- Monday, April 28: Mini pancakes, ham patty, banana
- Tuesday, April 29: Biscuit and gravy, mixed fruit
- Wednesday, April 30: Cereal, string cheese, applesauce

**LOOGOOTEE INTERMEDIATE AND JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL**

**Breakfast**

- Thursday, April 24: Chicken strips, peas, salad, oranges, milk
- Friday, April 25: Alfredo noodles, salad, breadstick, oatmeal bar, applesauce, milk

**Lunch**

- Monday, April 28: Chicken nuggets, French fries, green beans, pears, milk
- Tuesday, April 29: Hamburger, corn, salad, pineapple, milk
- Wednesday, April 30: BBQ rib, baked beans, cottage cheese, peaches, milk

**LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL**

**Breakfast**

- Thursday, April 24: Chicken strips or pizza, peas, salad, oranges, salad plate, milk
- Friday, April 25: Alfredo noodles or pizza, salad, tomatoes, pineapple, mixed vegetables, breadstick, salad plate, milk

**Lunch**

- Monday, April 28: Chicken nuggets or pizza, French fries, peas, peaches, salad plate, milk
- Tuesday, April 29: Hamburger or pizza, corn, salad, pineapple, salad plate, milk
- Wednesday, April 30: BBQ rib or pizza, baked beans, cottage cheese, peaches, salad plate, milk

**SHOALS SCHOOLS**

**Breakfast**

- Thursday, April 24: Cereal, lunch cracker snack, fruit, juice, milk
- Friday, April 25: Bagel, fruit, juice, milk
- Monday, April 28: Chocolate chip muffin, banana, juice, milk
- Tuesday, April 29: Cereal, granola bar, fruit, juice, milk
- Wednesday, April 30: Cinnamon biscuit, fruit, juice, milk

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### LOOGOOTEE GOLF TEAM starts season

On Thursday, April 17, the Loogootee Golf team finished second in the match shooting a 185. Loogootee was led by Jess Divine with a 43, Josh Lampert with 46, Jordan Clark with 47, and Jordan Berry with a 49. The finishing order was South Spencer with 164, Loogootee with 185, Forest Park and Southridge with 188. Forest Park finished third due to fifth man score. Coach Jason Hemette stated he was very excited about their finish. “We played three really good teams and came out with a good result. The kids never gave up on themselves and the finish proved that.”

**ELIZABETH TRUELOVE**

Elizabeth Jayd Truelove is the daughter of Robin Truelove, Timothy Clark and Warren and Connie Johnson. While in high school, she was in band, SADD, and pep club all four years. She job shadowed in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades, and served as an intern her senior year. Elizabeth plans to attend VU and study industrial engineering.
April 28. Early registration guarantees you First annual family 5K run and walk annual 5K run/walk and half-mile fun run to help support the Loogootee Girls’ & Boys’ Run Club. The race will take place at the Elementary East, 510 Church Street, Loogootee.

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

GED exam fees Catholic Charities is happy to announce that they will be sponsoring GED exam fees. If you are ready to take your GED exam, give them a call at 812-423-5456 or email us at cordovilla@evdio.org.

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

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

Hawkins Health Center will host the first bowling tourney this Friday, April 25 at Strike Zone Bowling Center in Loogootee. The tournament starts at 7 p.m. and the cost is $20 per person.

Church mission presentation Ever wanted to go on a church mission? On April 30, at New Beginnings Community Church, Dave and Deb Wilson along with Jim Shields, team leader, Highland Lakes Baptist Camp/State Convention of Baptists of Indiana, will speak about international mission trips and how they were changed forever. Dave and Deb have made trips to Ecuador and will be coordinating mission trips with Jim and his wife, Lana. Come hear how you can be involved in international missions. The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. The church is located at 200 W. Main Street in Loogootee. For information, contact Pastor Ernie Canell at 812-709-0258.

Head Start preschool classes Help make applications available for the fall preschool classes. Head Start is a kindergarten readiness program at no-cost for qualifying families. Please call 812-295-4700 to enroll your child.

Loogootee Comprehensive Plan meeting The next meeting of the Loogootee Comprehensive Plan Committee will be May 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the council meeting room of the municipal building. There is no meeting tonight; due to conflicts it was rescheduled. The public is encouraged to attend.

Talk to a lawyer clinic The next scheduled talk to a lawyer telephone clinic is set for Thursday, May 1 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. CST, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. EST. Volunteer lawyers will be available to answer general legal questions asked by the public. This service is free and is available to anyone. To access the telephone clinic, the numbers are: 888-968-4645 in indiana or call (888) 594-3449. This service is in collaboration with the Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, Inc., Indiana Bar Foundation and the Evansville Bar Foundation.

Loogootee School Board meeting The Loogootee School Board will meet Tuesday, April 29 at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent’s office. Some items on the agenda include a first reading of the 2014-15 student handbook, opening proposals for Elementary East, and a first reading of the facility use policy. The meeting is open to the public.

First annual family 5K run and walk Hawkins Health Center will host the first annual 5K run/walk and half-mile fun run to help support the Loogootee Girls’ & Boys’ Run Club. The race will take place Saturday, May 10 at the Loogootee Elementary East, 510 Church Street, Loogootee.

The route will be held within city limits on paved roadways and no dogs will be allowed. Participants may register by sending a check and shirt size to Hawkins Health Center.

The price is $18 per individual or $25 per family (family is considered all participating members in one household) for runners/walkers who register prior to Monday, April 28. Early registration guarantees you a complimentary t-shirt. Family fee includes one shirt, additional shirts are $10 each. The price for registration after April 28 is $20 per individual & $30 per family.

The Fun Run is free for participants 11 years old and younger, if they would like a shirt there will be a $10 shirt fee that must be turned in before April 28.

All proceeds will benefit The Loogootee Girls’ & Boys Run Club. There will be a Mother’s Day gift for all mothers crossing the finish line!

For more information on how to pre-register for the 5K run/walk, participants may call Hawkins Health Center 295-3346.
Spring is a time of new beginnings and a perfect time for designing new garden beds. I share Sandhill Gardens with a wide variety of wildlife. That is not by accident. My garden has been planned to provide food and shelter for birds and butterflies. As a result, I am able to watch these beautiful creatures right in my own back yard.

In recent years, the Monarch butterfly has been experiencing a dramatic decline in population. While the reasons are many, loss of habitat ranks high among the reasons for the decline. The Monarch’s mysterious migration has fascinated scientists and butterfly enthusiasts for many years. While small populations overwinter in southern California, Florida and the Caribbean, the vast majority of the species somehow find their way to the mountains of central Mexico. Logging operations have resulted in a dramatic loss of habitat, and although the Mexican government has taken steps to stop the logging, only a small fraction of the original overwintering forest remains.

On the other end, the summer breeding grounds of the Monarch have also seen changes that present problems for the butterflies. The larval form of the Monarch feeds on only one plant genus—asclepias. Commonly called milkweeds because of the milky sap of plants in the genus, there are several species within the genus, including three common in southern Indiana. In the past, farms in the Midwest consisted of many small fields, separated by fence rows, where milkweed grew and Monarchs feasted. However, modern farming practices have resulted in removing the fence rows to make larger fields. The fields themselves are inhospitable for milkweed, as Round-up ready crops have resulted in fields that are nearly free of all weeds, including the asclepias genus. In urban areas, anything called by the name weed is suspect and often unwanted. Many towns and cities have ordinances that require that lawns be cut short and weeds of all sorts are unwelcome.

Monarchs lay their eggs only on milkweeds. When the eggs hatch, the larva eat from the plant and eventually spin and attach a chrysalis to the plant, from which a beautiful butterfly emerges some two weeks later. The adult butterflies feed on nectar, including many of the native milkweed flowers. In the last 50 years after states reintroduced the butterfly to areas where they had been eliminated by loss of habitat and unregulated subsistence hunting.

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New online platform provides access to thousands of historic Indiana newspapers

Three weeks after unveiling the new Indiana Memory, the Indiana State Library has now introduced the website’s new Indiana Newspapers platform. Clicking on the “Indiana Newspapers” icon on Indiana Memory will take you to all of the newspapers digitized as part of the National Digital Newspaper Program.

This collection contains 14,214 items comprising 95,455 pages and is continually growing. Many of these titles are also available at the Library of Congress’ Chronicling America website. IDNKP provides free, online access to high quality digital images of Indiana’s historic newspapers, links to online resources and assistance to other organizations in making their collections accessible. This online resource is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. This grant enabled the Indiana State Library, in partnership with the Indiana Historical Society, to digitize Indiana newspapers for the National Digital Newspaper Program.

“We are moving ahead with digitizing another 100,000 newspaper pages as a continuation of the NEH grant,” said Chandler Lighty, Historic Newspaper Digitization Program Manager. “Over the coming months and year, historic digitized newspapers from South Bend, Evansville, and Vincennes will be available.”

The content on the Indiana Newspapers platform is being displayed in Veridian software, which is operated by the Indiana State Library and funded by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act.

The crowd-sourcing component of Veridian allows you to register and make corrections to the Optical Character Recognition (OCR) text. For instance, if you find an individual’s name garbled in the OCR, you can correct it yourself, so that future users can find that person’s name in the newspapers easier.

“The software is really exciting because users like you can correct the OCR text,” said Lighty. “If you researched with any digitized content in the past, you may have discovered that the search results you received were often only as good as the OCR.”

Additionally, this week marks the one-year anniversary of the launch of the Digital Public Library of America (http://dpl.a), a groundbreaking all-digital library that brings together millions of items from America’s libraries, archives, and museums, and makes them freely available to the world. In celebration, DPLA announced the addition of six major new partners, including Indiana Memory. DPLA anticipates the new partners will enhance the geographic, cultural, and intellectual diversity of DPLA’s collections.

The Indiana Memory and DPLA partnership provides a built in mechanism for Indiana libraries, museums and historical societies to share their collections with the world.

For the past five years, a growing number of organizations have contributed to Indiana Memory. Once the Indiana Memory content is uploaded to DPLA later this year, anyone can search the 100 million items related to the history of Indiana will be available through the broader lens of DPLA.

“Join the IDNKP blog to learn more about this project, newspaper histories, and interesting historic events.”

Helping Hoosiers obtain a high school diploma

Obtaining a college degree, or even a high school diploma, was not always as critical to one’s success as it is today. However, in order to succeed in today’s workforce, a high school diploma is absolutely critical, and this is a realization facing Hoosiers of all ages. While we continue to encourage students to attend some sort of post-secondary education, it is important that we do not forget about the importance of high school education.

Research shows that on average, a high school graduate earns $8,400 more per year than someone who dropped out. For a Hoosier that is working 40 hours a week at minimum wage, that is more than half of their salary. The unemployment rate for individuals without a high school diploma is also about 5 percentage points higher.

We devoted a significant amount of time this session working to create an easier path to successful diploma completion for Hoosiers of any age. For instance, I was proud to support legislation that repeals the rule prohibiting the establishment of new adult high schools. By allowing for more charter adult high schools, we are increasing Indiana’s ability to serve at-risk populations and providing an alternative to the GED program. This will afford a high school education to adults who would otherwise do without and will increase their chances for success.

I also supported a piece of legislation which deals with a variety of education-related subjects that each aim to encourage students to stay in school. Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) 336 allows instructional time to include college and career readiness training. This will enable schools to educate students in a way that will mold them into the type of highly skilled workers that businesses in Indiana desperately need. This will also allow students to study the fields that interest them most.

This legislation also allows attempts to attract high-quality high school and college students to the teaching profession, specifically in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Students who are in the highest 20 percent of their high school graduating class will now be eligible for loan repayment if they teach at an Indiana public school.

Schools are finding it harder and harder to find qualified teachers in STEM fields, and these are the fields in which Indiana’s workforce is in desperate need of highly skilled workers. Businesses have testified that they have job openings but cannot find workers qualified enough in technology and engineering to fill their vacancies. By encouraging the best students to become teachers in STEM fields, we are ensuring that more students receive ample instruction in those fields and simultaneously strengthen Indiana’s worker pool.

Indiana is currently ranked 29th in the percentage of adults with a high school diploma, so there is clearly a substantial need for programs that lead to successful high school diploma completion for adults.

In order to maintain Indiana’s strong economy, it is important that we allow a second chance to those who wish to go back to school and improve their quality of life. Ultimately, our goal is to make it easier for Hoosiers to succeed, regardless of the path they take to get there. The changes that we made this session will have a positive, long-lasting result for our state, and this is just another reason why I am so optimistic about Indiana’s future.

Rep. Messmer (R-Jasper) represents portions of Daviess, Dubois, Pike and Martin counties.