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Members sought to raise money to fix old courthouse

BY BILL GREENE
Historical Society President

The Martin County Historical Society is a not-for-profit organization and the county's museum is owned and operated by the county's historical society. The museum is located in the old Martin County Courthouse that was built in 1876 and is on the National Register. The building is in need of major repairs. Our top focus is to stop the water coming in through the bell tower, which has created problems with moisture in the museum and damage to the ceiling. One estimate to repair the leaks by resealing the tower is \$37,000. The second contractor, upon reviewing the bell tower, found rotten wood and structural problems with the tower. Their estimate of \$147,000 is to restore the tower. The historical society is trying to raise enough funds so that we may start applying for matching grants to have the necessary repairs

Commissioners hear department reports, approve housing grant

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, January 17. Commissioner Dan Gregory was unable to attend.

Jenny Dearwester, SIDC, presented to the commissioners a resolution and grant agreement for the Housing Rehabilitation Grant. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve the Housing Rehabilitation Resolution. President George made the second. Commissioner Boyd also made a motion to approve the grant agreement with President George making the second. SIDC turned in five applications for the housing rehab grant and all five were approved. Dearwester will begin accepting bids in May and start work on the project in June for approximately 14 homes in Martin County. President George signed several documents pertaining to the grant.

Michael Steinhart and Kristina Terry, Martin County EMS, submitted their quarterly run report and an update on equipment.

Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve the IT Systems Yearly Support Service Agreement with RTC Communications for \$8,400. President George made the second.

Auditor Roush submitted the year-end comp time report.

Kathy Collins, Community Corrections Director, submitted the 2017-2018 Adult Community Corrections Grant for approval. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve the grant application and budget of \$182,400. President George made the second.

Sergeant Keith Keller informed the commissioners that there are currently 61 inmates in the security center, four of which are department of corrections.

Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule. The department will assist community corrections with the rock needed for their storage building. (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

done to the bell tower. As of now, we have \$20,000 to put toward a matching grant.

We have mailed sponsor letters to businesses and companies in hopes of getting support to help us stop the damage to our museum. The Society also receives \$2,000-\$5,000 a year from the county to store old county records at the museum. The rest of our operating money comes from membership dues and our Ham & Bean Dinner.

The Martin County Historical Society is reaching out to its county's friends and citizens. We are trying to grow our membership. Without memberships, the historical society is limited on what we can do to preserve the history of our county. Today, we have 100 members. A very generous businessman has offered us a challenge; if we can get 200 new members to retain their membership for five years he would donate \$100 per member to the historical society to help in the repairs to the museum. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Martin County Historical Society or know of someone who would enjoy being a part

Loogootee Schools still working on technology

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Technology Director Mike Tippery spoke to the Loogootee School Board at their meeting last Thursday, January 19, on the subject of technology. Tippery explained that a survey was done with students, teachers and parents about technology and he presented those findings to the board. Students overwhelmingly reported that they use the internet at home for schoolwork and they would like to do more work online in school. The middle school and high school students also said they would like to do more virtual or online classes and would like the ability to use their mobile phone in school, something that is not currently allowed. Students in grades kindergarten through eighth grade had a consensus that there are not enough devices for each student and they would like to have more.

Tippery explained that 310 Chrome-



-Photos provided

Shown above are photos of the former Martin County Courthouse, now Martin County Museum, then and now. The courthouse was built in 1876 and is in desperate need of repair.

of our vision for the future, you can help us meet the challenge of saving our museum and our county's history. Please join us, the cost of membership is a mere \$10 per year. As a member, you will receive a quarterly newsletter. The best part of it all is that you are a very important part of saving our county's history for the next generation. The stories and pictures you see on our Facebook page are just a small drop in the bucket to what our county

has to share. Our county has an awesome past. May we always treasure it.

If you feel this is something worth supporting, we would appreciate any help large or small. To sign up for a membership, mail your name, address and membership payment to Martin County Historical Society, P.O. Box 564, Shoals Indiana 47581. Annual membership rates are as follows: Individual \$10; Family \$25; Corporate (See 'MEMBERS' cont. on page 2)

books were purchased this year to allow each student in the high school to each have a tablet to take home. The school paid for those devices with \$25,000 out of the technology fund and \$50,000 out of the rainy day fund. Tippery said they can't keep using the rainy day fund for future purchases however. He said they will be able to leverage the textbook fees and a technology fee to have future purchases have little or no effect to the school's budget. The state has allowed each school to implement a technology fee to go with the textbook fees, up to \$75. Superintendent Mehaffey said that with the elimination of some textbooks, that would be viewable on the Chromebooks, the cost for purchasing textbooks would go down.

Tippery said he expects the actual cost for the technology fee next year to be around \$20-\$25 on top of the regular book rental fees.

When asked what would happen to the Chromebooks that reach their four-

year life, Tippery said they could be given to students or sold back to the company at a residual price.

Tippery also presented the board with a five-year plan on purchasing Chromebooks and moving to a one-to-one ratio to the fourth grade over the next five years. Currently, only 9th-12th graders each have access to their own Chromebook. The other grade levels share carts of Chromebooks.

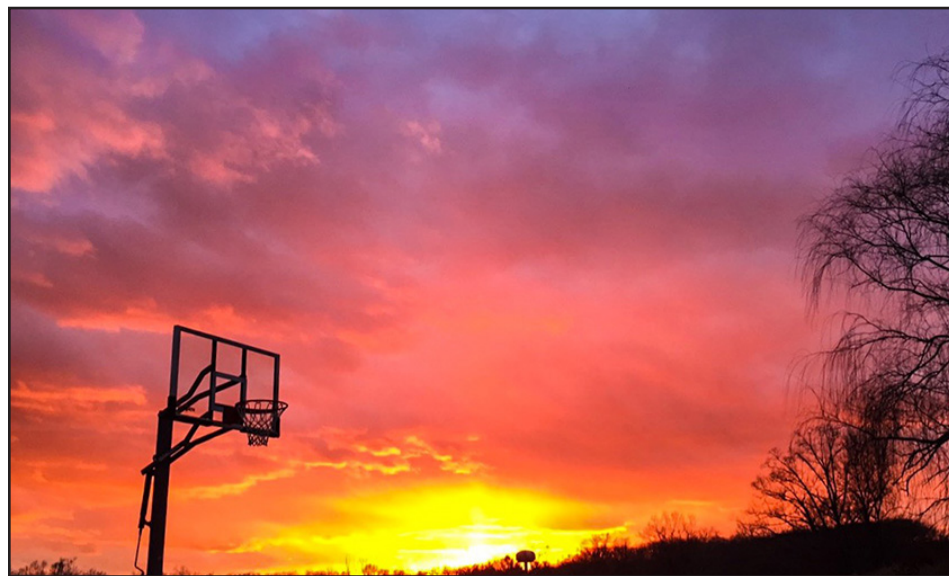
Superintendent Mehaffey told the board that another survey, to possibly add bus service inside city limits and near city limits, is also available on the school's website, www.loogootee.k12.in.us/. He said the bus service would not be door-to-door but have pick-up locations in various locations around the city. Surveys must be filled out by January 27.

(See 'TECHNOLOGY' on page 2)

Public's assistance sought after officer involved shooting

The Martin County Sheriff's Department is asking for the public's assistance in providing information about the suspect in an officer involved shooting.

Monday morning at 5:15 a.m., Martin County Deputy Sheriff Danny Salmon pulled over a light colored 2012-2017 Dodge Dart on Mobley Road, about four miles north of Shoals. As Deputy Salmon began speaking with the driver, the driver pulled out a handgun and attempted to point it at Salmon. Salmon and the driver began struggling for the weapon when the driver pulled the trigger, firing a round at Salmon and narrowly missing him. The driver attempted to flee the scene with his vehicle, dragging Salmon for a short distance. Salmon pulled his weapon and fired one (See 'SHOOTING' on page 2)



Our Indiana

A basketball goal standing in front of a gorgeous sunset is something that screams Indiana. Basketball is a tradition that Hoosier hold close to their hearts and everyone loves the beauty of the night sky.

-Photo by Sarah Mullen

Trooper spots wanted Loogootee man, finds additional drugs

A Loogootee pair was arrested last Friday on numerous drug charges after a trooper recognized one as being wanted from a previous case.

Senior Trooper Jarrod Lents was conducting a traffic stop in front of the White River Co-op on US 50 in Loogootee, and was returning to his patrol car when he observed 41-year-old Joshua Jones of Loogootee drive past.

Lents recognized Jones as being wanted on charges stemming from a November 5, 2016 case that he helped to investigate. Lents caught up to Jones on Dover Hill Road, pulling him over in his driveway.

Lents placed Jones into handcuffs and detained Jones' passenger, 24-year-old Faith Chestnut, of Loogootee, before asking for the assistance of the Martin County Sheriff's K9 units.

While speaking with Jones and Chestnut, officers learned that Chestnut was holding a pipe used for smoking methamphetamine, and marijuana. Jones and Chestnut were transported to the Martin County Jail, without incident. Charges:

- Joshua J. Jones
 - Maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 Felony
 - Possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony
 - Possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor
 - Possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor
- Charges from November 2016:
 - Maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 Felony
 - Possession of a handgun without a license, a Class A Misdemeanor



JOSHUA J. JONES



FAITH B. CHESTNUT

- Faith B. Chestnut
 - Maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 Felony
 - Possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony
 - Possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor
 - Possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor

TECHNOLOGY

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The board accepted the resignation of Rob Blackwell from the position of junior high baseball coach. Blackwell did ask to be approved as a volunteer coach to help out when he is available. The board approved.

Mehaffey updated the board on the \$2 million bond the school took out two years ago to use to replace the roof on each school and the windows and lighting around the campus. He said there is money left over and they would like to hire Wagler and Sons to replace drop ceilings in the middle school/junior high wing. They would also like to have the school's maintenance staff update the lighting to LED.

Mehaffey said they have received \$72,000 back in lighting rebates and are expecting \$3,000-\$4,000 more. He also noted they have saved around \$1,400 on the monthly electric bill last month compared to two years ago.

The board appointed Jennifer Lannan to the Loogootee Public Library Board.

Dara Chezem spoke to the board about curriculum mapping to be in compliance with state standards. She

SHOOTING

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shot at the driver. The driver traveled east on State Road 450 near Trip Road before sight of him was lost.

The suspect is a white male, believed to be approximately six feet tall, and was wearing a black hooded shirt and blue jeans. The suspect is considered armed and extremely dangerous.

Anyone with information regarding the shooting or a possible suspect is asked to contact the Martin County Sheriff's Department at 812-247-3726.

also talked about how they will be assessing students on each standard.

Friday night, during the boys' basketball game, the 2012 Loogootee Lions State Champions will be honored. Also, a benefit dinner will be held for Mike Taylor, longtime city worker and Lion fan, who recently passed away from cancer. The dinner will be from 5-7 p.m. and is a free will offering. Also, t-shirts are being sold to honor Colin Nelson who is a 2013 LHS graduate and battling cancer.

On a final note, Mehaffey reported that Leslie (Wade) VanHoy, Loogootee graduate, was chosen to the state's Silver Anniversary Basketball Team. Saturday night is Leslie (Wade) VanHoy night at the basketball game.

MEMBERSHIPS

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\$100; and Lifetime \$150. Membership renewals are due on July 1 of each year.

For questions, email historical@frontier.com.

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COMMISSIONERS

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perintendent Padgett submitted pictures of the newly-completed Jones Lane Bridge. He also gave an update on the Sherfick School Road Bridge project along with pictures of the ongoing replacement. The Road Asset Management bids are due January 27. Highway Clerk Terri Alcorn informed the commissioners that she recently started a Facebook page for the department to notify citizens of road and bridge closings and road conditions. BF&S is currently in negotiations with INDOT on bridge inspections. Superintendent Padgett also gave an update on equipment repairs.

Cameron Wolf, Civil Defense/EMS, updated the commissioners on department happenings. He also informed the commissioners on some recent repairs to equipment.

Commissioner Boyd made a motion to table the appointment to the Daviess-Martin Joint Park Board due to Commissioner Gregory not being present. President George made the second. Auditor Roush submitted a list of 10 individuals interested in the appointment.

Attorney Lett advised the commissioners not to appoint a county employee to the Daviess-Martin Joint Park Board due to possible conflict of interest. The commissioners narrowed the list down to 3-4 potential individuals. Auditor Roush is to contact each of those individuals and request in writing on why they would like to serve.

Auditor Roush submitted information on the Rails for Trails project. She also updated the commissioners on the budget review process. The county received their 1782 Notice and is awaiting the budget order.

Helix Technologies submitted a quote to adapt the front doors to be ADA compliant. Auditor Roush also informed the commissioners that a local carpenter is making a display case for the Bicentennial memorabilia. Felts Lock and Alarm will be onsite to repair an alarm on the fire station.

Employee W-2s will be going out with paychecks this week. Auditor Roush is waiting on job descriptions from the sheriff and prosecutor. They were due December 30, 2016.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. The next commissioners' meeting will be held Tuesday, January 31 at 5:30 p.m.



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VIVIAN BEARD

Vivian Beard passed away at 12:32 p.m. Sunday January 22, 2017 at the Loogootee Health and Rehab Center. A resident of Shoals, she was 84.

She was born September 21, 1932 in Lawrence County; daughter of Charles and Ruth (Allen) Wilson.

She married Donald E. Beard in 1974 in Martin County and he survives.

She was a member of the Shoals American Legion and a former member of the Shoals Eagles. She was employed at Perfect Fit in Loogootee.

She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Sharon (Tony) Stone of Shoals; one son, Donnie Johnson of Huntingburg; a brother, Rex Wilson of Florida; grandchildren, Brian Asbell, Amy Baesel and Traci Hall; two step daughters, Donna Beard and Teresa Beard; four great grandchildren, Kaeden and Kaelyn Baesel, Cohen Hall and Tori Asbell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sons, Bobby Sorrells and David Johnson; daughter, Ruth Ann Asbell; grandson, Scott Asbell; great-grandson, Kyle Johnson; two brothers, Jim Wilson and Bill Wilson; and one sister, Donna Brassine.

Funeral services will be held today, Wednesday January 25 at 2 p.m. at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Rev. Matt Sullivan officiating.

Burial will be in the Springhill Cemetery.

Pall bearers are Kaeden Baesel, Robert Baesel, Shane Allen, Rex Allen, Brian Asbell and Bruce Kellams.

Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals is in charge of the arrangements.

ROBERT ADER

Robert E. Ader passed away at 6 p.m. Thursday, January 19, 2017 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 55.

He was born September 7, 1961 in Hammond, Indiana; son of Judy (Vargo) Ader and the late Richard G. Ader.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and his granddaughter. He liked to fish and arrow head hunt.

He is survived by his children, Rebecca Ader of Loogootee and Michael Ader of Loogootee, currently serving at Ft. Myer, Virginia; granddaughter, Zoe Mudd; mother, Judy Ader of Loogootee; brothers, Phil (Joanna) Ader, Brian (Lisa) Ader, both of Loogootee, Paul (Deborah) Ader of Sullivan, Jim (Donna) Ader and John (companion, Courtney) Ader, both of Loogootee; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard G. Ader.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 24 at Blake Funeral Home. Burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice or the Loogootee Christian Church.

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

RAY DAVIS

Ray Dean Davis passed away Sunday, January 15, 2017, at Core Nursing and Rehabilitation of Bedford. A resident of Bedford, he was 77.

He was born July 6, 1939, in Shoals; the son of Albert and Maxine (Holt)

Davis.

He retired from Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane Division and was a graduate of Shoals High School. He was a U. S. Navy veteran.

Surviving is his brother, Ray Davis of Bedford.

His parents preceded him in death.

Cremation was chosen with no service. Burial will be at a later date.

MICHAEL "TAZ" TAYLOR

Michael "Taz" Taylor passed away at 2:30 a.m. Monday, January 23, 2017 at Indiana University Health in Indianapolis. A resident of Loogootee, he was 61.

He was born June 9, 1955 in Washington; son of the late James C. and Helen F. (Sanders) Taylor.

He was a 1974 graduate of Loogootee High School. He loved Indiana University and sports, especially basketball. He was a member of the Loogootee Lion Backers and enjoyed cheering for the Loogootee Lions basketball team.

He was employed by the City of Loogootee for 28 1/2 years and held various positions. He also was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Janice Taylor of Loogootee; daughter, Miranda Taylor of Loogootee; siblings, James R. (Carolyn S.) Taylor of Loogootee, Roger Lee (Cookie) Taylor of Shoals and Linda (Dave) Martin of Loogootee; many nieces, nephews and cousins; brother-in-law, Jeff Wildman of Loogootee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James C. and Helen F. (Sanders) Taylor.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10 a.m. Thursday, January 26 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held this evening, Wednesday, January 25 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Blake Funeral Home. Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

MICHAEL ENLOW

Michael H. Enlow passed away at his residence at 4:45 p.m. January 15, 2017. A resident of Shoals, he was 65.

He was born November 13, 1951 in Jackson County, Missouri; son of William Walter and Mary Elizabeth (Ashbough) Enlow. He married Phyllis Charlene (Deisher) Wright on September 13, 2003 and she survives.

He was employed as cook in Jasper and also worked at Jasper Rubber. He attended school in Missouri and English.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; daughters, Brenda Fillmore and Steve Money of Salem, Doris Drury and Glen Crawford of Santa Claus; a son, Shane Enlow of Loogootee; step daughter, Rebecca Wright; step son, Charles Wright both of Vincennes, grandchildren, Shaeylee Drury, Buddy Drury, Kaylee Dickerson, Craig Pridemore, Chelsea Gurule; step-granddaughter, Nicole Wright; great-grandson, Zayden Dickerson and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Gene Enlow; and granddaughter, Amanda Enlow.

A celebration of life service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, January 28 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until service time the day of the funeral.

Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals is in charge of the arrangements.

JANET SUE JACKSON

Janet Sue (Wildman) Jackson passed away Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at



Deaconess Hospital in Evansville. A resident of Mt. Vernon, she was 70.

She was born November 27, 1946 in Daviess County; the daughter of Melvin and Doris (Davis) Wildman.

She was a 1964 graduate of Loogootee High School. She also graduated from Tri-State Beauty College. She had been a matron for the Posey County Jail and a cafeteria manager for the MSD of Mt. Vernon. She was a lifelong member of Mt. Vernon First Christian Church.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Don Jackson; daughter, Brandi (Troy) Ricketts; grandchildren, Alyssa and Zachary Bauer; great-grandchildren, Melody Bauer and Lincoln Mosby; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Roger Wildman.

Funeral services were held Friday, January 20 at First Christian Church, in Mt. Vernon, with Rev. John Hilbert officiating. Burial followed in Bellefontaine Cemetery.

Schneider Funeral Home in Mt. Vernon was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church or the Posey County Humane Society.



ANN (JONES) BURCH

June 30, 1960 – December 9, 2016

We, the family of Ann (Jones) Burch, wish to express our gratitude and appreciation to our family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers who helped us during her illness and at the time of her passing. We are grateful for your visits, calls, flowers, food, and donations to the Ann (Jones) Burch Tennis Scholarship and the Simon Cancer Center.

We would like to thank the medical professionals who assisted Ann during her illness. A special thanks to Dr. Frank Hopkins and Dr. James Poirier with Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center, Janet Baugh, FNP-C with Urgent Care, and Dr. Ted Logan and Dr. Richard Zellars with Simon Cancer Center. In addition, we would like to thank Lisa Smith and Rhonda Lane with Gentiva Hospice, and Marie Weinell and Amy Gelhausen with Qualicare Family Home Care for caring for Ann as her cancer progressed. Also, to our daughter, Allyson Mudd, NP-C who assisted and lovingly cared for her mother through her illness.

A special thanks to Ann's sisters, who coordinated visits for friends and family to care for Ann. Those there weekly were Jennifer Lannan, Stephanie McAtee, Judy Walker, and Mary Ellen Blake. Thank you all so much.

Words cannot express our gratitude to Jason and Pam Loughmiller and the employees at Loughmiller Machine who prayed for Ann daily at work. Also, thank you to the owners and employees of Midwestern Engineers, Inc. for their support, understanding and kindness during Ann's illness.

Thanks to Stewart and Mary Ellen Blake, Valerie Hovis as well as our daughter Emma Letterman with Blake Funeral home for the kindness and care.

A special thanks is also extended to Father Kenneth Walker, Father Leo Kiesel, Father Joseph Erbacher, Father Dave Fleck and Ann's brother Deacon Michael Jones, who celebrated her beautiful funeral mass at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Thank you to the Funeral Committee for the wonderful meal.

Please accept this as our personal thank you. If we have failed to mention anyone, please know it was unintentional. God bless you all. Ann is forever in our hearts.



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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

6:25 a.m. - Received an alarm call near Crane. Deputy Salmon responded and everything was okay.

10:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Captain Dant, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:08 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

3:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

4:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:00 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded and everything was okay.

8:49 p.m. - Received a report of a tree and power line down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire and REMC responded.

9:03 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Loogootee. Deputy Salmon and Deputy Reed responded.

10:26 p.m. - Received a report of an accident and unauthorized control of a vehicle near Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

4:33 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle near Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

4:52 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in in Crane. Deputy Salmon responded.

5:03 a.m. - Received report of a break-in in Crane. Deputy Salmon responded.

6:08 a.m. - Received an alarm call east of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon and Captain Dant responded. Everything was okay.

7:18 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in in Crane. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Captain Dant, and Deputy Salmon responded.

8:15 a.m. - Jail Officer Emmick transported one inmate back to the Rockville Correctional Facility.

9:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

9:05 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:35 a.m. - Sergeant Keller took three inmates to court.

10:47 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

12:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Sergeant Keller, ISP Trooper Lents, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

1:11 p.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

2:18 p.m. - Jailer Emmick on station with one inmate from the Rockville Correctional Facility for court.

2:50 p.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

5:34 p.m. - Town Marshal Eckert assisted a motorist in Shoals.

6:31 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:07 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire

and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

1:34 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:01 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Deputy Salmon and Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

5:40 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

6:02 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

8:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

9:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:26 a.m. - Received a report of an assault in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

11:11 a.m. - Received a report of a medical emergency in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

12:30 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

2:48 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Shoals. Captain Dant, Sergeant Keller, LPD Captain Hennette, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:11 p.m. - Received an alarm call near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert and Deputy Shinn responded. Everything was okay.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

8:22 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Captain Dant responded.

9:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

9:20 a.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

9:55 a.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

10:35 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

11:42 a.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

12:55 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

2:20 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

4:36 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:15 p.m. - Received a report of a violation of a protective order in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:44 p.m. - Received a report of a deer in the roadway on US 50, west of Shoals. Major Burkhardt removed the deer.

8:20 p.m. - Received a report of a man causing a disturbance in Shoals. Major Burkhardt and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

9:58 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

4:47 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle near Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

6:13 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense removed the tree.

7:35 a.m. - Received report of a tree down near Shoals. Martin County Highway removed the tree.

11:05 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baker responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:13 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Major Burkhardt, Martin County Ambulance, and Coroner Franklin responded.

12:46 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to court.

3:10 p.m. - Received a report of cows out near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

5:50 p.m. - Received a report of threats in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

5:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:30 p.m. - Sheriff Roush on station with Richard Wetter, 47, of Tippecanoe County. He is being held for court.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

4:38 a.m. - Received a report of prowlers in Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

2:05 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in in Crane. Deputy Reed responded.

2:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Major Burkhardt, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

2:38 p.m. - Received a report of explosions south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and Haysville Fire responded. Everything was okay.

4:24 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

2:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

5:48 a.m. - Received a report of an injured animal near Loogootee. Deputy

Shinn responded.

8:26 a.m. - Received a report of a line down near Shoals. Sergeant Keller and Frontier Communications responded.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of trespassers near Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

3:10 p.m. - Received a report of a possible break-in near Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

3:28 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

4:47 p.m. - Deputy Reed performed a vehicle identification check east of Shoals.

6:04 p.m. - Deputy Reed performed a vehicle identification check north of Loogootee.

6:57 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee on US 231. Deputy Reed, Chief Deputy Greene, ICO Mann, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

Real estate transfers

Anita M. Dixon, of Martin County, Indiana to **John K. Dixon**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 33, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 10 acres, more or less.

Brian T. Ader and Lisa R. Ader and Audree A. Ader, n/k/a Audree A. Carrico, of Martin County, Indiana, to **Audree A. Carrico**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 5 and 6 in Block E in Loogootee Land Company's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Audree A. Carrico, of Martin County, Indiana to **JLNT Rentals, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 6 and 6 in Block E in Loogootee Land Company's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

J. Cody Roush and Michelle L. Roush, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joseph M. Troutman and Kristina N. Troutman**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 36 in the Town of Shoals, Indiana.

Martin County Humane Society

3RD ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29
3:30-5:30 p.m.
at The Lodge
of Loogootee



Want to enter your chili?
Email mchs@frontier.com for info
or call the shelter at 812-295-5900.
Entry fee: \$10
Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.
\$5 to come taste and vote!

All proceeds go to the care of the dogs and cats at the animal shelter. Come out and support the animals!

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

10:30 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the ambulance service.

4:10 p.m. - First responders were requested on East Broadway for a medical call.

9:14 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver. Captain Hennette located the vehicle and the driver checked out okay.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

11:00 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the high school with an issue.

3:40 p.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

6:20 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver in the high school parking lot.

6:33 p.m. - First responders were requested on SE 3rd Street for a medical call.

11:58 p.m. - Orange County dispatch advised to be on the lookout for a stolen vehicle.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

4:00 a.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the county with a domestic dispute.

10:30 a.m. - Caller reported a dispute on Mulberry Street.

12:20 p.m. - Caller reported an injured dog on Mulberry Street.

2:48 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the county with a dispute.

4:19 p.m. - Caller reported a stolen license plate.

4:40 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

5:41 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person on Park Street.

6:20 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

10:51 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

8:22 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

9:15 a.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50.

3:29 p.m. - Received a 911 hang-up for CVS. Everything checked out okay.

7:44 p.m. - Caller reported loud music in the high school parking lot.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

4:47 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Broadway Street.

6:13 a.m. - Officer Baker assisted the county with a tree down on Love Cemetery Road.

11:05 a.m. - Officer Baker assisted with a male with a medical health issue.

9:25 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver. Officers were unable to locate.

11:10 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

10:05 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

3:56 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

4:18 p.m. - Caller requested to speak with an officer regarding her children.

4:25 p.m. - Officer Todd responded to a business alarm.

7:21 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a domestic dispute.

7:44 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

11:38 a.m. - Male reported a lost item.

4:36 p.m. - Received a 911 hang-up on Doyle Avenue.

6:49 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

COURT NEWS

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

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

December 15

Vicki E. Mullen, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 609 suspended and credit for 43 actual days previously served plus 15 Class B credit days and 50 actual days with pretrial community corrections plus 13 credit days. Defendant received 18 months of probation.

January 10

Joseph E. Choate, convicted of dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 4 Felony. Sentenced to serve 6 years at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 161 actual days previously served plus 54 Class B credit days.

January 11

Nicholas A. Dant, convicted of invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 0 days suspended. Defendant received 1 year of probation.

January 13

Kimberly S. Fisher, convicted of invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 333 suspended and credit for 16 actual days previously served plus 16 good time credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES

DISMISSED

December 15

Vicki E. Mullen, maintaining a com-

mon nuisance – legend drugs, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

January 10

Joseph E. Choate, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed.

January 11

Nicholas A. Dant, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

January 13

Kimberly S. Fisher, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Ralph L. Fox Jr., dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 4 Felony, dismissed; possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; habitual offender sentence enhancement, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

January 12

JP Morgan Chase Bank vs. Jeremy L. Chestnut and Rebecca J. Chestnut, mortgage foreclosure.

January 13

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Opal Mesarosh, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

January 12

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Procol, Inc. and against the defendant Brian Brown in the amount of \$20,574.15.

Con artists continue to scam area residents out of thousands of dollars

The Indiana State Police at the Bloomington Post are warning Hoosiers of phone scams that have lingered in Indiana and unfortunately have targeted numerous victims age 60 and up. Some of the latest scams circulating involve individuals calling potential victims claiming to be from bill collecting agencies, Internal Revenue Service, or law enforcement entities, including bail bond companies. The caller will explain to the victim that money is owed to any one of these services and that if it isn't paid, they will be arrested.

Lt. Paul Bucher, Commander of the Bloomington Post said "These criminals do their homework. They research your family tree and obtain names and ages of loved ones in your family. They may also skim your family's social media pages to arm themselves with the information they need to sound like they have firsthand knowledge of those closest to you, even to the point of knowing where they are at the time of the scam".

Rest assured that any legitimate company or government agency will not be calling to collect money via the phone lines. If you receive a phone call regarding unpaid taxes, fees or other bills, you should always confirm the legitimacy of that claim through other means.

One scam involves a victim receiving a call from what Caller ID indicates is a law enforcement agency. The first person that speaks to the victim will tell them their grandson "Matthew" has been arrested, following a crash that has taken place in the area where "Matthew" may indeed be located. The victim is then placed on a short hold when another person comes on the line identifying themselves as an attorney and explaining "Matthew's" options

as to his release. Finally, the scammers may go as far as to put "Matthew" on the line and speak to the victim himself, begging them to send money as soon as they can.

When the victim expresses doubt that their loved one doesn't sound like himself, the scammer quickly explains that he is still shook up from the crash or that he has some type of facial or neck injury that makes him sound different over the phone.

Officials continue to investigate another phone scam involving IRS impersonators who demand immediate payments with pre-paid debit cards and wire transfers. The caller often claims the victim owes thousands of dollars in overdue taxes. According to the IRS, their agency would always make contact with the taxpayer first by mail or with a personal visit.

This scam continues when the impersonator tells the victim he cannot use standard forms of payment, specifically a credit card to pay the taxes. The caller tries to justify why the money has to be wired to a PayPal account or paid using a prepaid debit card. If the caller is unsuccessful talking to the victim the scammer will then threaten the victim with an arrest warrant.

Remember - the IRS doesn't have the authority to issue warrants.

As with most scams, the calls are originating from cell phones or over the internet from all over the country. Tracking down this 21st century con artist is no easy task. As defined by TechTarget, caller ID spoofing is a technology that allows a caller to masquerade as someone else by falsifying the number that appears on the recipient's Caller ID display. Just as email spoofing can make it appear that a message came from any email address the sender chooses, Caller ID Spoofing

can make a call appear to come from any phone number the caller wishes, including the Internal Revenue Service.

The Indiana State Police feel that a well-informed public with a healthy dose of mistrust is the best defense in combating phone scammers and reminds everyone that these phone scams and cybercrimes are becoming commonplace.

Legitimate companies or Government Agencies will never;

-Call to demand immediate payment, without first having mailed you a bill.

-Demand that you pay a bill without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount owed.

-Require you to use a specific payment method for your "bill", such as a prepaid debit card or PayPal.

-Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

-Threaten to bring in local police or other law enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

If you have been contacted by someone claiming to be from the IRS; Call the IRS directly at 800-829-1049 or visit <http://www.irs.gov/>

If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to believe that you do, you can report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at (800) 366-4484 or on the web at: www.treasury.gov/tigta/contact_report_scam.shtml

Lt. Bucher continued, "Because these criminals mostly originate from overseas, they are very difficult to track down, let alone prosecute. In all of these situations, it is up to the potential victim to defy these criminals and insure a crime is never committed, either by confirming the information they are given or by simply hanging up the phone".

The Indiana State Police at the Bloomington Post ask everyone to talk to their family about these phone scams and to have a plan in place should a scammer call you or someone you love. Because phone scams have become nothing short of an epidemic, being aware of potential scams is a great first step in protecting yourself from falling victim to one.

Accident reports

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

3:28 p.m. - Mary D. Burch, of Loogootee, was operating a 2015 Buick in the Loogootee Healthcare parking lot when she backed into a 2008 Pontiac owned by Matthew Bridgewater, of Loogootee. Officer Floyd investigated.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

2:03 p.m. - Nina Sherfick, 53, of Shoals, was on station. She was sentenced to the Martin County Jail by the court.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

11:30 a.m. - Robert Faith, 37, of Orleans, was arrested by Major Burkhardt on a Martin County warrant.

2:30 p.m. - Josh Jones, 42, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with possession of meth by ISP Trooper Lents. His does not have bond. Assisting with the arrest was LPD Officer Baker and Major Burkhardt.

2:37 p.m. - Faith Chestnut, 24, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with possession of meth. Her bond has been set at \$25,000 10%. Assisting with the arrest was Loogootee Officer Baker and Major Burkhardt.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



THOUGHTS AND FOOD AND DIETS AND EXERCISE

1. I don't always diet and exercise . . . but when I do, I expect the result to be instant, dramatic, and spectacular.

2. I'm grateful that no matter what I ate over the holidays, my flip flops will still fit.

3. I'm not fat, but I'm not skinny either. I'm at the point where you can definitely tell I like bacon cheeseburgers.

4. I ran twice today. I ran out of beer, then I ran to get some more.

5. My favorite doctor!!! (Dr. P will shoot me for this)

Q: Doctor, I've heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life. Is this true?

A: The heart is only good for so many beats, and that's it... Don't waste on exercise. Everything wears out eventually. Speeding up the heart will not make you live longer; it's like saying you extend the life of a car by driving faster. Want to live longer? Take naps.

Q: Should I reduce my alcohol intake?

A: Oh no. Wine is made from fruit. Brandy is distilled wine; that means they take water out of fruity bit so you get even more of goodness that way. Beer also made of grain. Bottoms up!

Q: How can I calculate my body/fat ratio?

A: Well, if you have a body and you have fat, your ratio is one to one. If you have two bodies, your ratio is two to one.

Q: What are some of the advantages of participating in a regular exercise program?

A: Can't think of single one, sorry. My philosophy: No pain...good!

Q: Aren't fried foods bad for you?

A: YOU'RE NOT LISTENING! Food is fried in vegetable oil. How can getting more vegetables be bad?

Q: Will sit-ups help prevent me from getting a little soft around the middle?

A: Oh no! When you exercise muscle, it gets bigger. You should only be doing sit-ups if you want a bigger stomach.

Q: Is chocolate bad for me?

A: You crazy?!? HEL-LO-O!! Cocoa bean! Another vegetable! It's the best feel-good food around!

Q: Is swimming good for your figure?

A: If swimming is good for your figure, explain a whale to me.

Q: Is getting in shape important for my lifestyle?

A: Hey! 'Round' is shape!

Well... I hope this has cleared up any misconceptions you may have had about food and diets. And remember: Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways - Chardonnay in one hand - chocolate in the other - body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming "WOO-HOO, what a ride!!"

SERIOUS PONDERISMS:

1. My faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can, with whatever

I have, to try to make a difference. -Jimmy Carter

2. When you get a dog, your house will never be perfectly clean again and you may never pee alone again but you will have more love than you ever could have imagined.

3. The loss you feel, when a loved one dies, is not the worst feeling in the world . . . missing them for the rest of your life is the worst.

4. Sometimes your heart needs more time to accept what your mind already knows.

5. No matter how talented, rich, or intelligent you are, how you treat animals tells me all I need to know about you.

6. Life's tragedy is we get old too soon and wise too late. -Ben Franklin

Make someone smile today!

Loogootee Little League registration

Loogootee Little League registration will be held in the Loogootee High School Cafeteria on Wednesday, January 25 from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, January 28 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

If you are unable to make it to any of these dates, please contact a Loogootee Little League Board Member or message the Little League on Facebook by Sunday, February 5 and provide your child's information so they are included in the total numbers.

The leagues and number of teams are determined by the number of children that are registered so it is very important to contact the league if there is a chance that your child wants to play.

The cost for registration is \$40 for one child, \$70 for two children, and \$100 for three children or more. No child will be turned away due to a financial burden.

Eligibility: Boys/girls must turn four by August 31, 2017. Boys who do not turn 13 years old by April 30, 2017 are eligible to play. Girls 12 years old and under by December 31, 2016 are eligible. Applications can also be picked up at Rosie's Shirt & Gifts.



Delta Kappa Gamma initiation

-Photo provided

Twelve members of the Omicron Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, International Educational Honor Society, met at Shoals Jr./Sr. High School on Tuesday, January 17, to initiate Kathy Quaas as a new member. Linda Sherfick, Shoals High School Art Instructor, took the group on a tour of the Bicentennial Art Project and talked about the painting of the mural in 2016. The group watched a video of the project as it was being painted which she presented to the Indiana Art Teacher Convention in November. Carolyn Neukam, Vice-President, conducted the meeting which included a silent book auction and initiation of a new member. Pictured above are Teresa Heckard, hostess; Faryl Armstrong, Carolyn Neukam, Barbara Hager, Kim Hickman, Judy Terry, Glenda Ferguson, Kathy Quaas, Anne Terrell, Ginger Morris, and Marjorie Morris. Linda Sherfick, hostess, is not pictured.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SOAR tutor training

Martin County SOAR will have new tutor training on Monday, February 6 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The second class will be on Wednesday, February 8, at the same times. Anyone interested in working with SOAR as a tutor can contact 812-709-1618 or email martincountysoar@hotmail.com.

Online survey needs your input

Share your opinions about local housing needs through the Martin County Housing survey (available online at: <https://purdue.qualtrics.com/SouthernIndianaHousingDemandSurvey>). Don't miss your chance to be heard! If you have already recently answered housing-related questions via a phone survey, please do not answer the same questions using this web-based link (in order to avoid duplication). All responses are voluntary and anonymous. The deadline for providing feedback is February 15, 2017. The information you provide will guide decision-makers as they explore ways to expand local housing options.

Sunday nights of revival

New Beginnings Community Church and Maranatha Tabernacle Church are holding 14 continuous Sunday nights of revival starting January 8 through April 9, 2017. The "Code Blue" (start your heart with God) revival meetings begin at 6 p.m. (EST) each Sunday night and meet at Maranatha Tabernacle Church, 13111 Hwy 231 N., Loogootee. Special revival speakers and worship bands will participate each month. For additional information, contact Pastor Ernie at 812-709-0258 or Pastor Duane at 812-295-4349.

Attention Senior Citizens

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the Annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogootee provides activities for seniors every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tournaments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirements to participate.

Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community

Church will be offering a free lunch to all school-age children every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 200 West Main Street next to the post office. For more info, call 812-709-2525.

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!

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

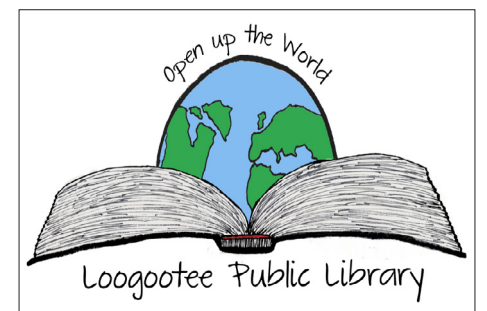
The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, 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 Learning Center. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays except Thursdays when it is closed. Visit www.martinswcd.com or call at 295-3149.



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

In 2015, the total number of all items checked out from the library including downloading eBooks was 35,973. At the end of 2016, there were 38,537 items checked out which included 3,456 eBooks from this library.

Are you currently planning a special Valentine's night with your family or special someone? We have several new romance DVDs just in time for Valentine's Day so stop in and check them out. We have a nice selection of children's Valentine's Day movies too.

There will be children's crafts available on Monday and Tuesday of each week while supplies last.

NEW DVDs: "Sully", "Storks", "Snowden", "The BFG", "Alice Through the Looking Glass" and "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children."

The library hours are Monday and Tuesday 10-7, Wednesday closed, Thursday and Friday 10-5 and Saturday 9-1. The phone number is 812-295-3713 or check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.



Making A Difference

MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director



-- YOUR GIVING PLAN --

Two weeks ago, I talked about your giving plan for the year and mentioned a few things you need to consider, such as how much, how often, and committing to your plan and your cause. Now it's time to put some careful and detailed thought to your plan. As with any significant endeavor in your life, thoughtful planning is important.

-- GIVING QUESTIONS --

Before creating your charitable giving plan, you need to think through some questions that can help you structure your plan. Here are a few:

- Why are you interested in giving?
- What would you like to accomplish?
- What are your values and goals?
- How would you like to be involved in, or manage, your giving?
- How much money do you have to commit during your lifetime? After your death?
- Are there tax considerations?
- Do you need income from your financial assets now? What are those needs?
- Would you like your plan to be part of your retirement planning? How?
- How have you given in the past?

-- WHERE TO GIVE --

For some people, one of the most difficult aspects of charitable giving is figuring out where to give their money. There are so many opportunities to give that it can be overwhelming. Many organizations and causes are out there competing for funding to do their good works.

-- HOW DO YOU BEGIN --

A giving plan is really a process of distilling what you love and are concerned with and then threading those issues with your own values, money and time. It's also choosing initiatives, leaders and non-profits whose missions and strategies are working to make the changes you want to see.

-- YOUR PASSION --

Knowing what you feel passionate about is the first step in determining how your personal contributions of money, time and energy will be most effective. It is how you are going to give a part of yourself.

One way to help with this is to identify your top three values (i.e., opportunity, creativity, dignity, spirituality) and your top three interest areas and concerns (i.e., education, youth, the arts, substance abuse, the elderly). Then determine if there is a relationship or common thread between the two. Try to match your values with your interests and concerns to help create a plan that is right for you.

-- HOW MUCH --

Determining how much to give to charity is a personal choice. The appropriate charitable giving amount will be different for every person. It can be influenced by many factors including your family situation, retirement goals, financial picture, personal values, and passions.

You will need to decide if you want to set a target amount or a percentage of your income each year. Some choose to donate in honor a loved one instead of buying gifts. And it can be a small amount; it all adds up over the year. The choice is yours.

-- WHAT TO GIVE --

Your contribution can consist of almost any asset. To help you get an idea of what types of assets you might consider using as you develop your charitable giving plan, the below list provides some of the most common types you can donate.

- Cash and cash equivalents
- Publicly traded securities
- Closely held securities
- Life insurance
- Real estate
- Personal property
- Retirement assets

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about the MCCF endowment funds and how we can help you develop your charitable giving plan, please contact the Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

You are also welcome to visit our website at www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm, follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF, and "like" the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcccommunity-foundation.

4-H NEWS



By Stacy Brown
Martin County Purdue
Extension Educator

Club Meetings

Shooting Sports—Shooting Sports is becoming its own club. Please join us for meetings every 2nd and 4th of the month at 6 p.m. at the Martin County Community Building starting January 9.

Horse and Pony--

Monday, February 6, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Martin County Learning Center
Monday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Martin County Learning Center
Monday, April 3, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Martin County Community Building

Robotics—

Monday, January 30, 6 p.m. at the Martin County Learning Center

Junior Leaders Pampered Chef Fundraiser

The Martin County 4-H Junior Leaders are raising funds to go on an overnight trip. The first of their fundraisers this year is through Pampered Chef. The club will receive 15 percent of all sales. Their goal is to sell \$5,000 in products. They will be hosting a Pampered Chef party on Sunday, February 12 at 4 p.m. at the fairgrounds. The public is welcome! We will be making recipes from the 4-H Foods project manuals. If you would like to order online, please visit <https://pamperedchef.com/go/jrleaders>.

Camps, Conferences, & Trips

Recently application of interest forms for state camps, conferences, and trips were sent to all 4-H families. If you are thinking of attending any of these events, please fill out the form and send it back to the Extension Office. More information will be sent to you as it becomes available.

4-H Scholarships Available

The following scholarships are available through 4-H. Scholarship applications must be submitted through 4Honline.com by January 25, 2017. To for more information about the scholarships please visit <http://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/scholarships.aspx>

4-H Accomplishment Scholarship—Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, and College Freshmen are eligible to apply.

4-H Foundation Scholarship—All Seniors are eligible for this state and county scholarship.

4-H Club Scholarship—Seniors in

high school or those who are currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution and will be transferring to Purdue University in the fall semester.

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 learn 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.

Opportunities to Help 4-H Grow in Martin County

Almost everyone in Martin County has either been involved in 4-H or knows someone who has been a part of this great youth organization. Over the years, 4-H has helped to develop life skills, teach responsibility, offer opportunities, award scholarships, and much more to Martin County youth. The program has been growing true leaders since its inception and many 4-Hers have gone on to become actual leaders of the community. As 4-H continues to grow in the 21st Century, the cost of maintaining the space needed for programming also grows. Now is your chance to give back to an organization that has given so much to the young people in the area. The Martin County 4-H Council has launched a fundraising campaign for the upcoming year. Businesses that donate will have their names listed on a plaque in the Community Building. Donations of \$5,000+ will receive a platinum status, \$1,000-\$4,999 will receive a gold status, \$500-\$999 will receive a silver status, and donations of \$100-\$499 will receive a bronze status. Individuals may donate as well and any donation is appreciated. We also have a 4-H recipe book containing all the recipes submitted to the 2016 fair. They are \$5 and available at the Purdue Extension-Martin County office. All donations will go toward maintaining the fairgrounds and buildings so future 4-Hers and the community can continue to benefit from programming. To donate, please contact the Purdue Extension Office at 812-295-2412.

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Spring-like temperatures have caused some spring bulbs to sprout. This is normal. The foliage of such bulbs is very tough. If we get several days of sub-zero weather, the foliage may be damaged enough to cause the bulbs not to flower in the spring, but early foliage is usually hardy enough to stand up to normal winter weather. Many years, we have seen daffodils blooming by the end of February, so foliage a month earlier is normal. If extreme cold is in the forecast, one may cover the foliage with shredded leaves or some other light mulch. Just remember, that the mulch may mat down and smother the plant, so rake it back when temperatures moderate.

Continue to walk around your garden on the warm days to check for signs of heaving. If any plants seem to be coming out of the ground, just step on the area around the base of the plant to push the roots back into the soil.

The other reason for walking in the garden is to enjoy the things that are still beautiful and to assess what could be done to increase winter interest. For the past couple of weeks, we have taken a look at various plants that provide interest in the winter garden. This week, we will look at the hardscape. This includes buildings and other structures, walkways, stonework, lighting and ornamentation.

Most gardeners have a hardscape wish list: a greenhouse, a gazebo, arbors, etc. However, we realize that some of these things are expensive and may not be possible within the budget. Still, there are many ways to add to the interest in the garden without breaking the bank. Some nice arbors may be constructed using building materials that are left from other projects. I like the rustic look and am partial to arbors constructed of cedar, fir or spruce. This may be a way to recycle Christmas trees. One may also use three to five poles tied together at the top to create a trellis for spring vines. Even with the

vines dormant for the winter, the structure will provide some winter interest. Take a look around and see where such structures would add to the garden.

As mentioned in previous columns, last year I had a dry-stacked stone wall constructed and filled in behind it to create a more level walkway between my wood shed and the outside wood furnace. As I have walked in the evening hours recently, I have noticed how beautiful this walkway looks in the moonlight. That success encourages me to use the crushed limestone to create other walkways in the garden. Edging the walkways with larger stones would help keep the crushed stone from flowing into beds and lawn. Once it has packed down, these walkways provide a safe pathway through the garden.

Lighting is also on my wish list. I have some solar lights, but I can see where more could be added without causing light pollution. I do not want lighting that competes with the moonlight and stars, but a few accent lights would make the garden more attractive in the evenings, especially in the winter. I previously had lighting around the gazebo in the back yard, but it has aged and needs to be replaced. I think that less lighting would help keep the expense down and would still accent the structure. Another light that I hope to add is one to accent the contorted filbert mentioned in last week's column. Solar lights would not be an option for this situation, since the canopy would not allow the batteries to charge sufficiently to provide light for several hours. However, using a LED up-light on a timer would allow me to place a light at the base of the shrub to shine up through those twisted branches, providing great interest in the winter garden.

Winter may not be a part of the growing season in Indiana, but the garden does not have to be drab. Plan now for increased winter interest in coming years.

State parks special events schedule is online

When you start thinking about your 2017 recreation, make sure you plan for every month so you don't miss out.

Use the DNR's special events schedule, StateParks.IN.gov/3282.htm, which shows what big events are planned for this year at state park properties throughout Indiana.

You'll find everything from the Polar Plunge at Versailles State Park on February 18, to the sand sculpture contest at Pokagon State Park on August 5, to the Un-BOO-lievable Halloween Camping Weekend at Raccoon State Recreation Area on October 28.

Some changes are bound to occur during the year, so check in often.

An online calendar of events is also at calendar.dnr.IN.gov.

"In addition to these special events, our interpretive naturalists offer a wide range of hikes, talks and other outdoor experiences to introduce Hoosiers to our natural and cultural resources," said Ginger Murphy, deputy director for stewardship for Indiana State Parks.

These events are posted online in the DNR calendar or on printed program schedules at nature centers and park

gates.

Some state parks also offer periodic electronic newsletters with event details. You can see a list of these at public.govdelivery.com/accounts/INDNR/subscriber/new and sign up for your favorites. Entering your email in the landing page will take you to another webpage with a list of the newsletters.

For camping reservations as much as six months in advance, visit Camp.IN.Gov (available 24 hours) or call 1-866-6CAMPIN (1-866-622-6746) between noon-8 p.m.

For reservations at Indiana State Park Inns, visit IndianaInns.com or call 1-877-LODGES1 (1-877-563-4371).

Help vulnerable wildlife survive by donating on your state taxes

You can help animal species such as bald eagles, peregrine falcons, barn owls, box turtles, black bears and more by donating to the Indiana Nongame Wildlife Fund as you do your taxes.

The Indiana Nongame Wildlife Fund supports the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife's Wildlife Diversity program. Program staff manages more than 750 nongame and endangered wildlife species. Nongame means the species is not hunted, trapped or fished. No state tax dollars are used.

You can donate all or a portion of your state tax refund to the Indiana Nongame Wildlife Fund. If you file with paper forms, look for the eagle logo on Schedule 5/Schedule IN-Donate. If you file through online tax programs, you will be prompted to donate at the end of filing, and the eagle logo will not be present.

This program is also supported by a match of federal funds through the State Wildlife Grants Program. For each \$5 donated, another \$9 will be added, equaling \$14 for wildlife. Donations fund research, habitat conservation and more.

Past Wildlife Diversity successes have

restored bald eagles, river otters and peregrine falcons to the state. In recent years, projects have included implementing techniques to improve natural reproduction of hellbenders (Indiana's largest salamander).

In 2016, donations through the tax check-off decreased by more than 60 percent. This was most likely due to change that required donations from tax forms to be on a separate page, Schedule IN-5. This year, a code is also required to donate, which also may complicate the procedure for donating. The Indiana Nongame Wildlife Fund code is "200." A video explaining the new process is at youtube.com/watch?v=oQaVX-VbuSKk.

A new feature allows people who donate to keep up with projects and programs. Sign up for the nongame email list at EndangeredWildlife.IN.gov to receive the latest updates in your inbox.

In addition to the tax check-off, direct donations can be made anytime at EndangeredWildlife.IN.gov or by mail to: Indiana Nongame Fund, 402 W. Washington St, RM W273, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

DNR launches CORRIDORS for grassland and pollinator habitats

Songbirds, gamebirds, butterflies and bees are among the many animals that will benefit from a new DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife program to improve grassland and pollinator habitat.

The program is called CORRIDORS, an acronym for Conservation on Rivers and Roadways Intended to Develop Opportunities for Resources and Species.

CORRIDORS will focus on four priority areas in the state: Indiana State Wildlife Action Plan Conservation Opportunity Areas; rights-of-way on interstates and state and federal highways; 100-year floodplains of rivers; and areas adjacent to a body of water.

Partners with DNR Fish & Wildlife include the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever (PF/QF).

People who own land in a priority area can participate by establishing habitat on their property through the CORRIDORS program. Qualifying landowners are eligible for technical and financial assistance. To get started, contact your DNR landscape or district wildlife biologist. A map with contact information is at wildlife.IN.gov/2716.htm.

Grassland and pollinator habitat is critical for the survival of many species, including monarch butterflies, bobwhite quail, ring-necked pheasants, Eastern meadowlarks, cottontail rabbits, native bees and the imperiled loggerhead shrike.

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife will provide technical assistance and, in some cases, incentive payments, and will coordinate efforts among agencies. INDOT will establish native grasses and plants where possible along rights-of-way of Indiana highways, increasing wildlife habitat while reducing maintenance costs. The NRCS will provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners through its Environmental Quality Incentive Program, improving both soil health and water quality. PF/QF will provide technical assistance through their Farm Bill biologists and promote the CORRIDORS program throughout the state.

If you aren't a landowner but want to support the program, you can do so by spreading the word about the initiative and supporting DNR by purchasing licenses and a Gamebird Habitat Stamp.

For more information, visit wildlife.IN.gov/9405.htm

Spring Mill SP to host a Civil War battle

Explore the hardships of winter for Civil War soldiers during a battle re-enactment at Spring Mill State Park, February 18 and 19.

The park's Pioneer Village will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a winter tactical battle at 2 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. At 1:50 p.m., visitors will be directed to viewing areas where they can safely view the battle for possession of the village.

Before and after the battle, visitors can tour the village, visit with the re-enactors and warm up by a fire.

Park admission is \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle. Annual Entrance Passes are also available.

For more information, contact Coletta Prewitt at (812) 849-3534 or springmillstatepark@dnr.IN.gov.

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

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Purdue Pork Conference offered

Purdue Extension and Indiana Pork are teaming up to present the seventh annual Southern Indiana Pork Conference during which experts will offer pork industry topic updates.

The February 10 conference will run from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (EST) at the Dubois County 4-H Fairground's Clover Pavilion, 4157 S. IN 162, Huntington.

Kenneth Eck, Purdue Extension educator in Dubois County and one of the conference organizers, said the goal is to bring together pork producers, academics, veterinarians and others in pork business to talk about key industry issues. Topics will focus on livestock regulations as well as updates on swine barn renovations, animal health, and farm financial issues.

Veterinarian Natalie Baker of the Warrick Vet Clinic will present "Health Concerns for Southern Indiana", a talk covering updates on recent diseases and actions producers can take to maintain and improve swine herd health.

Additional conference topics and speakers:

* "Existing Hog Barn Renovations - What Can I Tackle?" by Morgan Hayes, University of Kentucky Agricultural Engineer.

* "Veterinary Feed Directive - How Does It Affect My Farm" by Eric Renshaw, Indiana Board of Animal Health Veterinarian.

* "Farm Succession - Passing on the

Family Hog Farm" by Alan Van Cleef, German American Financial Services Senior Wealth Advisor.

* "State Regulatory and Legislative Issues and How They'll Affect You" by Indiana Pork's Josh Trenary, Executive Director, and Ben Wicker, Director of Producer Outreach.

* "Pork Quality Assurance Plus (PQA+) Certification" by Eck. (Producers need only attend PQA+ portion of event if they are only interested in certification, but must register for exam.)

Indiana Pork will provide lunch. Conference attendance and lunch are free, but reservations are required by February 1 by registering on-line at www.indianapork.org (Click on the pork conference banner) or by calling Indiana Pork at 317-872-7500.

For more information visit www.extension.purdue.edu/dubois, or contact the Purdue Extension - Dubois County office at 812-482-1782 or duboisces@purdue.edu.

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Purdue agreement offers avenue for Vincennes engineering students

BY BRIAN L. HUCHEL
Purdue University News Service

A Purdue University agreement is extending the educational reach of the College of Engineering to students at Vincennes University.

Beginning with the fall 2017 semester, engineering students at the southwestern Indiana university who are pursuing their associate's degree can take part in a direct admissions program to obtain their bachelor's degree at Purdue.

Initially, the direct admissions agreement will apply to first-time, full-time students enrolling at Vincennes University. The students must meet specified criteria to transfer to Purdue.

The plan works toward maximizing education and degree completion opportunities for students.

"The direct admissions agreement adds an important dimension to the existing partnership between Purdue and Vincennes," said Leah Jamieson, Purdue's John A. Ed-wardson Dean of Engineering. "Most importantly, it represents the commitment of both institutions to continuing to grow the higher education opportunities in the state of Indiana."

Vincennes Provost Laurel Smith

said: "We are excited to build on the longstanding 2 + 2 articulation agreement for engineering that Purdue and Vincennes have maintained for many years. With the direct admission pathways, qualified students will benefit from excellent instruction at a reduced cost in order to enter engineering professions with significant opportunities in our state and beyond.

"I am pleased to have worked with the student-centered faculty, staff, and administration at both institutions to create this opportunity for Indiana students. This effort has yielded a genuine partnership, and we are eager to recruit and support a learning community that will nurture engineering students in Vincennes and West Lafayette."

Vincennes students will be expected to complete their associate's degree work to be eligible for direct admissions to Purdue. Students can transfer before obtaining their degree only with permission from both universities.

Direct admission prerequisites such as grade point average and required courses differ among the 15 engineering programs in which students at Purdue can major. Students must adhere to the guidelines to be eligible for direct admissions.

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Indiana students to get free FAFSA filing help at College Goal Sunday

Financial aid professionals will be volunteering at Vincennes University Jasper Campus and 39 other sites in Indiana to help college-bound students and their families open the door to financial aid during College Goal Sunday.

The event is set for 2 p.m. (EST), February 12, 2017, and will take place in the Jasper Campus Classroom Building first floor computer labs. There will be a Spanish language interpreter available at the Jasper location.

The free program assists Indiana students in filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA form is required for students to be considered for federal and state grants, scholarships and student loans at most colleges, universities and vocational/technical schools nationwide. The FAFSA MUST be filed by March 10 to be eligible for Indiana financial aid.

College Goal Sunday is so important since completing this required form correctly and by the deadline is sometimes perceived to be complicated and time consuming. In less than one afternoon at a College Goal Sunday event, students and their families can get free help and file the form online.

Now in its 28th year, College Goal Sunday has helped more than 90,000 Indiana students and families complete the FAFSA properly and on time. College Goal Sunday is a charitable program of the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association (ISFAA).

College Goal Sunday Doubles the Help Offered

"The event on February 12th will be the second College Goal Sunday ISFAA is offering this FAFSA filing season. With the FAFSA opening last October, College Goal Sunday made the decision to add a November event in addition to this traditional February event," said Bill Wozniak, co-chair of College Goal Sunday. "We hope all Hoosiers who have not filed already, take advantage of College Goal Sunday events across Indiana, file the FAFSA, and get one step closer to fulfilling their educational goals."

According to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, programs like College Goal Sunday are reaching first-generation college students. In recent years, according to CHE statistics, more single-parent Hoosier families have filed for financial aid, indicating programs like College Goal Sunday are reaching high-risk students and their families.

"Students who don't complete their financial aid paperwork properly and on time are often very disappointed when they find out how much financial aid they lost," said Wozniak. "This is why the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association not only continues to provide College Goal Sunday, but added the second event this year. If our assistance gives students a better chance at higher education and less debt, we're fulfilling our mission."

What students should bring

Students should attend College Goal Sunday with their parent(s) or guardian(s), and parents' should bring completed 2015 IRS 1040 tax returns, W-2 Forms and other 2015 income and benefits information. Students who worked last year should bring their income information as well. Students 24 years of age or older may attend alone and bring their own completed

2015 IRS 1040 tax return, W-2 Form or other 2015 income and benefits information. Students and parents are encouraged to apply for their U.S. Department of Education FSA IDs at fsaid.ed.gov before coming to the event.

Volunteers will walk through the online form line-by-line and answer families' individual questions as needed. All sites offer FAFSA online capabilities and many have Spanish interpreters. A complete list of sites is available at CollegeGoalSunday.org.

Attendees may win educational prizes

Students may also win one of ten \$1,000 scholarships. Students who attend any of the College Goal Sunday sites and submit a completed evaluation form will automatically be entered in a drawing for a \$1000 scholarship.

The winners will be notified in April, and prizes will be sent directly to the higher education institution selected by the winning students.

21st Century Scholars benefit

21st Century Scholars are income-eligible students who sign a contract in the seventh or eighth grade promising they will graduate from high school, meet grade point requirements, fulfill a pledge of good citizenship, and apply for college financial aid.

Upon high school graduation, Scholars who have fulfilled the commitment receive state funds to help cover their college tuition and fees for eight semesters at eligible Indiana colleges. To fulfill their pledge, scholars must submit a completed FAFSA form on time. College Goal Sunday can help.

Program is a national model

College Goal Sunday originated right here in Indiana, and is now a national model. Following Indiana's example, College Goal Sunday events organized by more than 34 states have opened doors to higher education for hundreds of thousands of students all over the country.

For more information about College Goal Sunday visit CollegeGoalSunday.org.

Crisis Connection recruitment event

Crisis Connection is holding a VIP (Volunteer In Peace) Recruitment Event on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Jasper office, located at 1500 S. Meridian Road. For more information, call 812-482-1555 X1000.

This will be an opportunity to learn more about the agency and the volunteer opportunities that are available. The program will include interaction with current volunteers, a facility tour, agency overview, and application materials.

Crisis Connection, Inc. provides domestic violence and sexual assault services primarily in within the counties of Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Martin, Orange, Perry, Pike, and Spencer. The primary areas of focus include direct client services, educational services, and community collaboration. We believe that domestic violence and sexual assault are preventable; not inevitable.

Please join us to learn more about how you can become a VIP and part of the work to end domestic violence and sexual assault. If you are interested, but unable to attend this program, please contact Kathy Gutsell at kathy.gutsell@crisisconnectioninc.org or 812-482-1555 ext. 1000.



First place

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The Shoals High School Band recently received first place in AA division and People's Choice at the Orleans Pep Band Invitational. Congratulations to Director Joel Weitkamp and Shoals High School band.

American Legion Post 120 recap of 2016

As the new year begins, members of American Legion Post 120 wish to express their appreciation for the support and encouragement the Post has received from all the local and county residents. Post 120 has conducted several fundraisers and open house events over the past year, and each event has been well supported. Especially encouraging to the members of the local Post is the number of people who attend the annual Memorial Day salute to the deceased veterans. Along with all the positive activities conducted by the Post, the Ceremonial Unit has been honored to provide final tribute at the time of death of several veterans during the past year. These graveside tributes have been not in just Loogootee, but throughout the Martin, Daviess, and Dubois county area.

A partial recap of the Post's activities and events for 2016 include the following:

- Graveside rites for deceased veterans - 10
 - Ceremonies at graveyards for Memorial Day - 7
 - Open house fundraiser - 5
 - Provide Ceremonial Unit for Colors Presentation - 5
 - Provide guest speaker for private/civic organizations - 3
 - Conduct veterans' recognition parade and open house - 1
 - Participate in public parades - 5
 - Provide financial assistance to veterans - 5
 - Family assistance for deceased/ailing veterans - 7
 - Provide flags for cemeteries for Memorial Day - 1,200
- This list is not all-inclusive, but demonstrates some of the activities and

services provided by Post 120 for local veterans and for the local community. The Legion also has two facilities available for rent by anyone in the community at reasonable rates. Members of the Post are upgrading these facilities, making both facilities safer and better for anyone using them.

The annual membership dues are payable for 2017, and any current member who is not paid up for 2017 is encouraged to do so. Any veteran in the local area that has not been a member of the American Legion is always welcome at the Post to see what the Legion has to offer.

Membership allows that member to enter and participate in any Post throughout the U.S. Participation in Post activities is not a requirement of membership, but any veteran is welcome to assist with the Ceremonial Unit or the Color Guard, or any other event the Post conducts.

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



Astro is a male Leopard Cur, born July 4, 2016. He is very sweet, gets along with other dogs. The animal shelter is open Monday and Wednesday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee.



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