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Puppy mill discovered in Rutherford Township

On Thursday, January 24, the Martin County Sheriff's Office received a call from a concerned citizen advising of an active "puppy mill" in Rutherford Township. At approximately 4:30 p.m.,

Animal Control Officer Josh Hughett, Deputy Jon Wright and Reserve Deputy Gibson went to the address to investigate the complaint. Immediately after arriving, officers heard dogs barking from various structures on the property and observed several dogs looking outside the windows

of the home located on the property. Animal Control Officer Hughett then approached the residence and observed several dogs running around inside and a deceased dog lying on the floor.

After further investigation, Officer Hughett contacted Martin County Prosecutor Aureola Wright, and requested a search warrant for the residence and **Loogootee Election current filings**

The 2019 City of Loogootee Primary Election will be held May 7, 2019. Candidate filing began January 9, 2019 and will end on February 8, 2019 at noon.

This election only includes registered voters in Perry 1, 2, 3, and 4. Candidates can pick up forms for filing at the Martin County Clerk's Office. The offices that will appear on ballot are Loogootee City Mayor, Loogootee City Clerk/Treasurer, Loogootee City Council at-large (1 position) and Loogootee City Council Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4.

April 8, 2019 is the deadline to register to vote or make any changes to an existing registration. Please call the Martin County Clerk's Office to make sure your registration is correct 812-247-3651 or you can go to www.Indianavoters.com. This website will also show you who is on your ballot and other election information. You can call the clerk's office at any time to request an absentee ballot by mail. The last day to submit an application for absentee voting by mail is April 29, 2019.

For any questions regarding the election or voter registration please call the county clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

The following have filed:

Mayor City of Loogootee
Roger S. Downey, Democrat
Noel D. Hart, Democrat
Loogootee City Council At-Large
Ronald (Ron) Gilbert, Democrat
James Richard Taylor, Democrat
Loogootee City Council District 1
Teresa M. Nolley, Democrat
Loogootee City Council District 2
Tim (Biggin) Lawrence, Democrat
Ruth Smith, Democrat
Loogootee City Council District 3
Carroll Rayhill, Democrat
Loogootee City Council District 4
Donald Rick Norris, Democrat

other property structures. The search warrant was granted by the Honorable Martin County Circuit Court Judge Lynne Ellis.

In the evening of January 24, additional deputies from the Martin County Sheriff's Office arrived to assist with the execution of a search warrant on 2779 Rutherford Road in Loogootee. Inside the residence, officers discovered several dozen dogs, many of which were locked in feces-covered cages with no food or water, and some of which were already deceased. In addition to the many dogs located on the property, officers also found other animals, such as horses and donkeys, that were neglected. Approximately thirty (30) dogs were rescued during the execution of the search warrant, while several dozen animals remained on the property.

Animal Control Officer Hughett arrested Julia K. Arney, 73, of Loogootee.

A total of 72 dogs, 11 horses and two donkeys were removed from the residence this past weekend. All of the horses and donkeys were taken by farm rescues in Indiana and more than half of the dogs were placed with hu-



JULIA ARNEY



-Photos provided by Martin County Humane Society

72 dogs, 11 horses and two donkeys were seized from the Julia Arney property on Rutherford Road last weekend. Above are two of the dogs taken from the property. All the dogs were covered in feces, urine, fleas and many suffered from parvo and other serious medical conditions.

mane societies and rescues in Orange, Owen and Vanderburg counties. Heal Pet Care in Bloomfield took six of the worst cases to their clinic, four parvo cases and two dogs that had injuries. Five puppies have passed away at the vet to parvo and other serious birth defects. The Martin County Humane Society currently has 18 of the puppies and dogs in their care at the shelter and two puppies and one adult are being

treated for parvo at Wallace Vet Clinic.

The Martin County Sheriff's Office wants to thank every volunteer from the Martin County Humane Society that assisted in the rescuing of these animals.

Arney was charged with animal neglect and animal cruelty. Her bond has been set at \$20,000 cash only.

All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Community Corrections gives annual report

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday night, January 29. Rhonda Hardwick, Martin County Community Corrections' road crew supervisor, gave the community service annual report. According to the report, offenders doing community service put in 6,164.75 hours last year. Of those, 1,406 were through the road crew, 2,037.25 hours were at the Martin County Recycling Center, 62.5 hours were served at the Martin County Humane Society, 284 hours were at the Martin County Food Banks, 1,231 hours were at the Martin County Civic Agencies and 1,144 hours were at other Martin County agencies.

Hawkins also provided spreadsheets of each road where trash was cleaned up and what cemeteries had trash dump sites cleaned.

Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins said that while the township trustees are responsible for mowing and cleaning up cemeteries in their district, the community corrections workers have been taking photos of some of the cemeteries that are in rough condition. She asked the commissioners' permission to continue documenting those cemeteries that are overgrown or the stones have been knocked down due to fallen trees. She said this is something she would like to see addressed soon. "This is about respect," said Collins speaking about those buried in the cemeteries.

Commissioner Paul George told Collins to bring back photos for them to

look at.

Jenny Dearwester, with SIDC, held the final public hearing on the housing rehabilitation grant the county received. She reported that 15 houses were rehabbed including three within the City of Loogootee, two within the Town of Shoals and 10 on the outside of any city or town limits. The total amount of the grant was \$350,000 with \$1,000 contributed by Shoals, \$1,500 from Loogootee, \$8,783.50 from SIDC, and \$20,000 in donations and grants from St. Vincent de Paul.

Middle Way House announces essay contest

Middle Way House, of Martin County, has begun taking submissions for their Teen Dating Violence Awareness essay contest. All area 9th through 12th grade students are invited to participate. The goal of this contest is to encourage critical thinking and engage local youth in conversations about dating violence.

According to a 2013 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey, among high school students who dated, 21 percent of females and 10 percent of males reported having experienced physical and/or sexual dating violence. February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness (TDVA) Month. Middle Way House believes the only way to prevent dating violence is to help children and youth better understand healthy relationships at an early age. Middle Way House provides a Prevention Program called Building Healthy Relationships to schools in the counties we serve.

Students will compete for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes of \$100, \$75, and

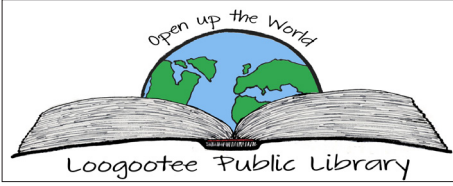
Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett told the commissioners that the first phase of the bridge inspections have been completed and there are issues with Brooks Bridge. They are working up a list of the problems and the potential cost and will report back.

The commissioners approved spending \$3,212.20 to have Wagler and Sons build tables to hold the plat books and public computers in the hallway of the courthouse.

Commissioner Dan Gregory was not present for the meeting.

\$50 respectively. Students can pick up contest packets at Loogootee High School or the Loogootee Public Library. Submissions are due by 4 p.m. on February 28 to School Social Worker, Megan Lottes, High School Librarian, Debbie Lannan at Loogootee High School or Librarian Darla Wagler at Loogootee Public Library. Winners will be announced on March 8, 2019.

About Middle Way House: Middle Way House is a nonprofit agency serving survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking across six counties (including Martin). Services provided locally include crisis casework, legal advocacy, community outreach, and prevention education. For more information, community members can email Middle Way House's Martin County Outreach Advocate at 812-295-2993. If you are worried about yourself or another person's relationship safety, please contact our toll-free 24/7 Crisis Line at (812) 336-0846.

**BY DARLA WAGLER**

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Marla Kalb Williams-Vanhoy and Patty Williams compiled stories that people sent them about Loogootee into a book called "Memories of a Small Town". The book is available to purchase from any Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) member. FOLL will also have books at German American Bank and Martin County Chamber of Commerce for sale. The cost is \$19.99 per book.

New Books

Mystery: "Liar, Liar" by James Patterson.

Inspirational Fiction: "Code of Valor" by Lynette Eason, "Secrets of Cedar Cabin" by Colleen Coble, "The Amish Candy Maker" by Laura V. Hilton, and "Flights of Fancy" by Jen Turano.

DVDs: "Goosebumps 2", "The Old Man and the Gun", "First Man", and "A-X-L".

The library hours are Monday and Tuesday 10-7, Wednesday closed, Thursday and Friday 10-5 and Saturday 9-1.

Spring Mill hosts winter battle February 16, 17

If you've ever wondered how Civil War soldiers fighting in the north could make it through the winter, Spring Mill State Park will host an event February 16 and 17 to provide that answer with a re-enactment and interpretive program.

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. both

Saturday and Sunday. At 1:50 p.m. visitors will be directed to the viewing areas where they can safely view as re-enactors battle for possession of the village.

Both before and after the battle, visitors are welcome to tour the village, get warm by a fire and visit with the soldiers who have taken possession of

the village.

Park admission during the event is \$7 per vehicle for in-state residents and \$9 per vehicle for out-of-state residents. 2019 Annual Entrance Passes are also available.

Spring Mill State Park (on.IN.gov/springmillsp) is at 3333 State Road 60 East, Mitchell, 47446.

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Truelove United Methodist Church

SOUP SUPPER

Saturday, February 9
4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
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Menu includes:

Chicken Noodle soup, Chili, and Vegetable Soup,
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and Drink for a free-will donation.



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Gifts sent to the Martin County Community Foundation build the endowments that continue to grow and give back in the form of grants to charitable causes in Martin County, forever.

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For more information contact

The Martin County Community Foundation at 812-295-1022

Your Memorials and Honorariums may be sent to:

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Loogootee, IN 47553

Obituaries

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MARJORIE CHESTNUT

Marjorie 'Helen' Chestnut, 81, of Odon, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family on Friday, January 25, 2019 in Washington. A resident of Odon, she was 81.



MARJORIE CHESTNUT

She was born October 5, 1937 in Daviess County; daughter of Aldus and Vivian Ruth (Kirk) Chestnut. Helen married Elmer Delbert Chestnut on June 12, 1955.

She was a member of the Shiloh Church of God and the Odon Eastern Star. She retired from RCA in 1992. Helen enjoyed reading, cooking and loved spending time with the grandkids.

Family left behind to cherish the memory of Helen include three sons, Joseph A. (Barbara) Chestnut, Benjamin R. (Becky) Chestnut, both of Odon and Ken (Lisa) Chestnut of Loogootee; grandchildren, Jessica (Chris) Miller, Joshua (Emily) Chestnut, Daniel (Missy) Chestnut, Sarah Chestnut, Annie (Adam) Wintergerst, Krystal Chestnut, Ruby Chestnut, Elle Chestnut, Josiah Chestnut and Derek Chestnut; great-grandchildren, Scarlett, Jackson and Lincoln Wintergerst, Clara Miller, Zoe and Zabrina Chestnut and Kinze Chestnut; three sisters, Vivian A. Chestnut of Bloomington, Loretta K. Byrer of Odon and Vonda French of Terre Haute.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Elmer Chestnut and brother, Lowell 'Bood' Chestnut.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, February 1 at Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon with Bro. Stephen Sims and Chris Miller officiating. She will be laid to rest in Walnut

Hill Cemetery in Odon.

Family and friends may call from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, January 31 and from 9 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. Friday, February 1 at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shiloh Church of God. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

All arrangements have been entrusted to Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Online condolences may be sent to www.mengfuneralhome.com.

JOE MULLINS

Joseph A. Mullins passed away at 8:46 p.m. Sunday, January 27, 2019 at home, surrounded by his fiancé and his sons. A resident of Lake Helmerich Village in Holland, he was 56.

He was born in Vincennes on September 18, 1962; son of Robert P. and Dolores M. (Brawdy) Mullins.

He was truck driver for many years, his career spanning Jasper Engines, Kimball International, and Styline Transportation.

He was a graduate of the Loogootee High School Class of 1981, served in the Indiana Army National Guard, and was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Huntingburg.

He enjoyed camping with friends, hunting, fishing, 4-wheeling, kayaking, and working around the house.

Surviving are his fiancé, Kelly Kluesner of Lake Helmerich Village; two sons, Chris Mullins (Kesha) and Kyle Mullins (Emily), both of Jasper; one step son, Jesse Kluesner of Jasper; five grandchildren, Laine, Nolan, Hayden, Rylan and Peyton Mullins; two brothers, Robert W. Mullins (Phyllis) of Loogootee, and Donald Mullins (Cindy) of Shoals.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Funeral services will be held at 6 p.m. Friday February 1 at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper, with burial to follow at a later date. Pastor Ryan Stiles will officiate.

A visitation will be held from 1 p.m. until the 6 p.m. service time on Friday, February 1 at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family.

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

JIMMIE SERGENT

Jimmie Ray Sergent passed away at his home on Thursday, January 24, 2019. A resident of Shoals, he was 69.

He was born July 26, 1949 in Thornton, Kentucky; son of Morris Hugh and Mattie Jane (Lucas) Sergent. He married Brenda Ellen Lilly and she survives.

Jimmie graduated from Job Corp as an auto mechanic and was a retired diesel mechanic with Jefferson Trucking.

He was a member of the St John Lutheran Church in Loogootee, the Shoals American Legion Post 61, the Shoals V.F.W. and the Shoals Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Surviving are his wife, seven children, Gary, Mark, Cindyray, Harry, Amber, Matthew and Destiny; three grandchildren, Zachary, Jobe and Sophia; two great-grandchildren, Railynn and Jaxen; brothers, Claude, Jay, Rick, Jesse and Randall Sergent; sisters, Glenda Spaulding, Rita Lawrence and Freda Underhill; and several nieces and nephews also survive.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Stacey Fry; brothers, Phillip Sergent and Vernon Sergent; and sisters, Brenda Porter and Linda Hall.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 28 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in

Shoals with Pastor Tim Fleace officiating.

Burial followed in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes was in charge of the arrangements.

CLASSIFIED ADS

HELP WANTED

The Loogootee Police Department is now accepting applications for the position of Reserve Police Officer. This is a non-paid position.

Applicants must be:

1. A citizen of the United States.
2. Have received a high school diploma or G.E.D.
3. Be 21 years of age.
4. Be in good physical health.
5. Be free of a felony conviction.
6. Must possess a valid driver's license.
7. Must pass a mandatory drug-screening test.
8. Must be willing to complete a pre-basic course.
9. Applicants must reside in Martin Co.
10. Applications may be picked up at 401 JFK Ave. during normal business hours
11. Close date for this process in February 8, 2019.

WALTON GREENHOUSES

We have an opening for general greenhouse help beginning in March and continuing through May. The successful candidate will be able to work independently doing such jobs as filling pots with soil, moving trays of filled pots to their locations in the greenhouses, watering, some planting, gathering orders together, loading plant trays onto trailers, climbing ladders to hang baskets and other general tasks. This employee must be able to lift 30-40 pounds and be able to work in hot or cold conditions. Hours differ, some may be past 5:00pm during April and May. Occasionally in March there could be days the employee will not be needed.

This is a temporary job. The ideal candidate would be physically fit and be able to work in a fast paced environment. Pay is determined by experience or abilities.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

8:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:10 a.m. - Received a report of a slide off east of Shoals on US 50. Captain Dant, Deputy Lents, and Reserve Deputy Kidwell responded.

12:46 p.m. - Received a dog complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

1:59 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:02 p.m. - Deputy Lents performed a vehicle identification check south of Shoals.

2:26 p.m. - Captain Dant and Loogootee Captain Hennette assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

3:07 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

4:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

10:36 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

1:57 a.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

8:47 a.m. - Deputy Lents took three inmates to court.

10:04 a.m. - Received a report of a car blocking the street in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

12:55 a.m. - Jail Commander took one inmate to the doctor.

5:46 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Lost River Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

5:10 a.m. - Received a report of debris on SR 150 near Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

6:11 a.m. - Received a report of debris on US 50 east of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

7:00 a.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the doctor.

7:51 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Captain Dant responded.

8:36 a.m. - Received a report of a house fire southeast of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene, Captain Dant, Deputy Wright, Shoals Fire, and Lost River Fire responded.

9:25 a.m. - Deputy Lents took one inmate to court.

9:38 a.m. - Deputy Wright assisted a motorist on US 50, west of Loogootee.

10:35 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

11:38 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene, Martin County Ambulance, and Shoals Fire responded. No one was transported.

12:54 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across US 50, west of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene, Deputy Wright, and Shoals Fire responded.

12:57 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and all was secure.

1:07 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

1:18 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in east of Shoals. Captain Dant, Deputy Wright, and Sergeant Keller responded.

1:30 p.m. - Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist east of Loogootee.

2:03 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

2:18 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

2:29 p.m. - Deputy Wright assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Shoals.

3:12 p.m. - Received a cat complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

3:54 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Shoals. Sergeant Keller, Deputy Lents, and ISP Trooper Lents responded.

5:24 p.m. - Received a report of a verbal altercation in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

6:10 p.m. - Received a cow complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

9:45 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded, and all was okay.

10:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

10:40 p.m. - Received an alarm call near Shoals. Deputy Seymour and Town Marshal Eckert responded, and all was secure.

11:26 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to IU Health in Bedford.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

4:32 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, and Deputy Seymour responded. No one was transported.

5:58 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire responded and removed the tree.

8:33 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire, Martin County Ambulance, Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, and the Deputy Coroner responded.

10:00 a.m. - Sergeant Keller transported three inmates to court.

10:34 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:33 a.m. - Received a report of property damage near Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

11:59 a.m. - Received a medical alarm call southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire and Dubois County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

12:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:53 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took three inmates to court.

1:01 p.m. - Received complaint about

animal neglect south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

1:30 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

2:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to an Evansville Hospital.

2:32 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took three inmates to court.

2:37 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

2:59 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance north of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

3:47 p.m. - Deputy Wright assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Shoals.

4:47 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took two inmates to court.

6:20 p.m. - Loogootee Officer Floyd assisted a motorist near Loogootee.

8:12 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded, and all was okay.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

1:26 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person walking on US 50, east of Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded.

5:56 a.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennette assisted a citizen with gaining entry in to their home in Loogootee.

7:20 a.m. - Received a complaint about horses near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

9:19 a.m. - Jail Commander Able took one inmate to the doctor.

12:33 p.m. - Received a report of car break-in during the night. Reserve Deputy Commander Gammon responded.

1:20 p.m. - Received a report of theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

1:52 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:22 p.m. - Received a report of controlled burn on State Road 450.

3:08 p.m. - Received a request for officer assistance with welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Wright responded. Everything checked out okay.

3:25 p.m. - Received a report of break-in in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

3:30 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

3:41 p.m. - Received a report of school bus arm violation near Shoals. Reserve Deputy Commander Gammon responded.

3:52 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

3:55 p.m. - Reserve Deputy Commander Gammon assisted a motorist in Shoals.

7:05 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on US Highway 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded.

8:34 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:04 p.m. - Received a request for

lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

11:37 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd, Deputy Seymour, Reserve Deputy Harmon and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

11:41 p.m. - Received a report of civil dispute in Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

4:30 a.m. - Received a request for welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded. Everything checked out okay.

6:40 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

10:40 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist south of Loogootee.

11:39 a.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on US Highway 231 North. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

12:20 p.m. - Received a report of domestic dispute in Loogootee. ISP Trooper Miller responded.

5:25 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US Highway 150. Deputy Reed and Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:35 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US Highway 50. Deputy Reed and Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:12 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US Highway 150. Deputy Seymour, Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

7:10 a.m. - Received a request for officer assistance with property exchange in Crane. Deputy Lents responded.

8:22 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:31 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

1:21 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. ISP Trooper Lents and Shoals Fire Department responded.

5:31 p.m. - Received a report of theft in Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

6:49 p.m. - Received a request for Shoals Fire Department due to smelling gas in residence in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded. Everything checked out okay.

The latest edition of the Indiana State Police Road Show

Catch the latest edition of the historic "Indiana State Police Road Show" radio program every Monday morning at your convenience.

This week's show features Joe Staysniak, former Indianapolis Colts player and current co-host of 1070 The Fan's Grady & Big Joe Show. Also joining the show is Captain David Bursten, Chief Public Information Officer for the Indiana State Police. This week we discuss how to plan the perfect Super Bowl Party with entertainment and safety in mind.

You can view the show on the Indiana State Police YouTube Channel by clicking the following link: Super Bowl Party with Joe Staysniak.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCINGS

December 20

Tracy M. French, convicted of operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 30 actual days previously served plus 30 Class A credit days.

Charles A. Taylor, convicted of maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 396 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 66 actual days previously served plus 66 Class A credit days. Also, credit for 221 actual days previously served on Martin County Community Corrections pretrial release program.

CRIMINAL CHARGES

DISMISSED

December 20

Tracy M. French, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Charles A. Taylor, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed; neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

January 16

Quicken Loans Inc. vs. Michael Tompkins and Erika Tompkins, mortgage foreclosure.

January 17

Crane Credit Union vs. Zachary Griffin, civil collection.

Crane Credit Union vs. Laura Hager, civil collection.

January 22

Crown Asset Management, LLC vs. Mariam J. Hammack, civil collection.

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Andrew

Petry, civil collection.

Crane Credit Union vs. Kimberly Whitaker, civil collection.

Amber N. Tompkins vs. James R. Thompkins, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Anthony Davis vs. Mary Davis, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

January 15

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendants Robert E. Clark and Edith Clark in the amount of \$10,379.67.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff American Express National Bank and against the defendant Ricky Heckard in the amount of \$8,431.20.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Tiry E. Voorhies in the amount of \$8,027.

January 16

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Sawyer Schutz in the amount of \$13,672.03.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

January 17

Crane Credit Union vs. Stephan Eliott, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Jerry Betz and Amber N. Cissell, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Satanna Meriweather, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Kevin Carter, complaint.

January 22

Family Dental Care vs. Anson Wagler, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

January 22

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Dana R. Stoll in the amount of \$877.48.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

3:36 p.m. - Jesse Lewis, 40, of Mitchell, was arrested by Reserve Deputy Kidwell on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

10:25 p.m. - Braxton Ford, 26, of Indianapolis, was arrested by Reserve Deputy Harmon and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia. His bond has been set at \$25,000 10%.

11:42 p.m. - Brock Gill, 27, of Dubois, was arrested by Deputy Reed and charged with possession of methamphetamine. His bond has been set at \$25,000 10%. Assisting with the arrest were Reserve Deputy Greene and K9 Officer Yirka.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

8:23 a.m. - John Wagler, 46, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents for operating while intoxicated refusal and is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

12:28 p.m. - Robert Hawkins, 36, of Shoals, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on a parole warrant and is being held without bond.

12:50 p.m. - Alex Flynn, 23, of Shoals, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

11:14 p.m. - Julia Arney, 73, of Loogootee, was arrested by Animal Control Officer Hughett on several counts of animal neglect. Assisting with the

arrest were Chief Deputy Greene, Deputy Wright, Deputy Seymour, Reserve Deputy Commander Gammon, and Reserve Deputy Gibson. She is being held on a \$20,000 cash only bond.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

7:45 a.m. - Heather Brummett, 41, of Washington, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene. She is being held on a Martin County commitment without bond.

7:51 p.m. - Oscar De Santiago-Moreno, 34, of Bloomington, was arrested by Deputy Wright and charged with operating a vehicle while never being licensed and is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

7:24 a.m. - Cory Cox, 28, of Washington, was arrested by Loogootee Officer McBeth and charged with operating while intoxicating, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held without bond.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

3:27 a.m. - Stuart Barrett, 28, of Louisville, was arrested by Deputy Seymour and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of heroin and unlawful possession of a syringe. Barrett also had an active warrant out of Clark County, Indiana. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

6:52 p.m. - Brian Conley, 20, of Shoals, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Floyd and charged with domestic battery and domestic battery in the presence of a minor x2. He is being held without bond.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

10:40 a.m. - First responders were requested on Cedar Street for a medical call.

1:59 p.m. - First responders were requested on SE 1st Street for a medical call.

2:26 p.m. - Caller reported a broken down semi on US 231.

4:55 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

11:23 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle near the high school.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

8:10 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted Senior Trooper Lents with an arrest.

10:04 a.m. - Caller reported a parking complaint on West Williams Street.

4:10 p.m. - Female reported a property damage accident on Broadway Street.

4:37 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a child.

7:30 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

8:20 a.m. - Male reported a civil complaint.

12:57 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a residential alarm.

1:07 p.m. - First responders were requested on Mt. Calvary Road for a medical call.

5:28 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

8:36 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a smoke alarm on US 231.

11:55 p.m. - Female reported a child custody matter.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

12:55 p.m. - First responders were requested on Walnut Street for a medical call.

1:30 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

2:23 p.m. - Female reported a civil complaint.

2:37 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the ambulance service on Cedar Street.

8:20 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute at Public Square Apartments.

10:16 p.m. - Caller reported a verbal dispute on Queen Street.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

6:00 a.m. - Female reported being locked out of her residence.

1:20 p.m. - Female reported a theft from her residence.

3:25 p.m. - Caller reported a possible theft from a residence.

8:34 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the ambulance service.

8:50 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

11:04 p.m. - First responders were requested on Vine Street for a medical call.

11:37 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on South Kentucky Avenue.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

4:30 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

11:39 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

9:28 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of medication.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

8:22 a.m. - First responders were requested on NW 1st Street for a medical call.

11:56 a.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

3:34 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

Martin County real estate transfers

Daniel Gingerich and Venita Gingerich, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Jonathan Daniel Gingerich and Lindsey Brooke Gingerich**, of Dubois County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.842 acres, more or less.

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, d/b/a Christiana Trust to Monty Gregory, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 17 and 18 in McCormick's Subdivision of Lot 103 in Chenoweth's Extension to the Town of West Shoals, Indiana, and part of Lot 41 being in McCormick's Subdivision of Lot 103 in Chenoweth's Extension to the Town of West Shoals, containing 0.64 of an acre, more or less. More commonly known as 522 Lynwood Street, Shoals.

Larry Hoopgarner and Kim Lane, of Martin County, Indiana to **Garold L. Jones and Mardella S. Jones**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the south half of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 33, Township 2 North, Range 3 West.

Bonnie J. Troutman, surviving trustee of the Loland Troutman and Bonnie J. Troutman Revocable Trust to **Bonnie J. Troutman**, of Martin County, Indiana, the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 2, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 30

acres, more or less.

Timothy J. Rincker, of Martin County, Indiana to **Wesley Rincker**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 25, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, containing 1 acre, more or less.

Donald F. Bowling and Patricia A. Bowling, of Martin County, Indiana to **Francis L. Bowling**, of Daviess County, Indiana; **Christine E. Marley**, of Greene County, Indiana; **Stacey A. Bowling**, of Martin County, Indiana; **Ronald Joe Wininger**, of Marshall County, Kentucky; and **Deborah E. Harmon**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Calvin Graber and Katie Graber, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Ethan Graber and Charisse Graber**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the south half of the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.91 acres, more or less.

Donald Seals and Wilma Seals, of Martin County, Indiana to **Edward Lee Seals**, of Martin County, Indiana and **Sherry L. Martin**, of Pike County, Indiana, .22 of an acre in Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Trustees of the Goodwill Cemetery Association will receive proposals for cemetery mowing for the 2019 mowing season. Specifications for the job have been prepared and are available to bidders by calling Association president Ken Woods at 812-295-2961. Bids will be accepted until close of business Feb 22, 2019.

Bid proposals and proof of insurance may be forwarded to Goodwill Cemetery Association, PO Box 24, Loogootee, IN 47553. The Association reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal or proposals.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



True story: A 70-year-old man robbed a bank in Kansas City and then sat down in the lobby, saying he'd rather live in jail than with his wife. He was sentenced to house arrest.

THOUGHTS:

*Might wake up early and go for a run. Might also win the lottery. Chances are about the same.

*Sleeping with your toddler is like sharing your bed with a drunk octopus looking for its car keys.

*I'm at that awkward stage of life where most of my conversations have at least one of these sentences in them:

1. "Have I told you this already?"
2. "Have you seen my glasses?"
3. "What was I saying?"

*I told my boss that three companies were after me and I needed a raise. He asked which companies? I said, Gas, Electric, and Water.

*To avoid cracked, dry skin this winter, take half a lemon, a bottle of Tequila, salt, and don't go outside.

*I didn't mean to gain weight. It happened by snaccident.

*Auto-correct has become my worst enema!

*I'm going to retire and live off my savings. What I'll do the second day, I have no idea.

*Today I bought a doughnut without sprinkles. Diets are hard.

*Don't tell me about your childhood problems – I was forced to watch Lawrence Welk as a child.

*The older I get, the more dangerous it is to sneeze.

*Sometimes you just need to lie on the couch and read for a couple of years.

*Have you ever been so sad it physically hurts inside?

*I may not be the most important person in your life...I just hope that when you hear my name...you smile and say, "That's my friend."

DID YOU KNOW?

The Headline: Small Man in Big Leagues: A Veck Stunt

The Star: Eddie Gaedel, a three-foot, seven-inch midget

What Happened: It was a Sunday doubleheader with the Detroit Tigers on August 19, 1951, and the St. Louis Browns were celebrating the 50th anniversary of the American League. Between games, Browns owner Bill Veck wheeled a huge cake out onto the field, and out jumped Eddie Baedel, wearing a Browns uniform with the number 1/8 on it. During the first inning of the next game, Gaedel popped out of the dugout and informed the umpire he was pinch hitting. Challenged by the ump, Veck produced a valid contract. Pitching is difficult as it is, but a batter under four feet tall has a very small strike zone. Gaedel walked on four straight pitches. He then left the game for a pinch-runner.

THE AFTERMATH: Gaedel made a quick \$100 for his appearance, and American League president Will Hargrave issued a solemn declaration barring midgets from baseball.

Make someone smile today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Democrat meeting

The Martin County Democrat Party will meet Wednesday, January 30 at city hall in Loogootee starting at 6 p.m. They will be discussing the city's Primary Election. Anyone interested to running for an office is encouraged to attend.

Food pantry hours

The Loogootee United Methodist Food Pantry will be open the first, second, third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also the first Monday of the month from 5-6:30 p.m.

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 Karen at 812-709-1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public is invited to attend.

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 5:30 p.m.

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.

Soil and Water meetings

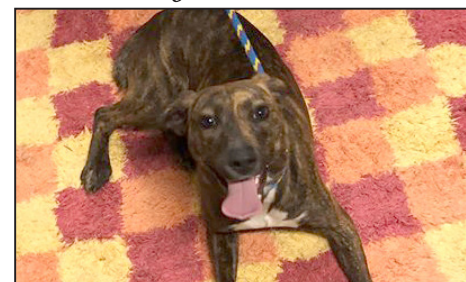
The Martin County SWCD meets the third Monday of the month at the SWCD office located at Martin County Learning Center. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays except Thursdays when it is closed. Visit www.martinswcd.com or call at 295-3149.

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. Seniors are also offered lunch at the Loogootee Senior Center every Monday and Thursday. A freewill donation is requested. Call 812-295-3130 to make a reservation.

ANIMAL SHELTER

Pet of the Week



ASIA is a female cattle dog mix, around 2 years old. She is very sweet, loves attention and is fine with other dogs. She is spayed and up to date on shots. Adoption fee is \$80. The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. For info, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.

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Make the most of spring planting through the Indiana Small Farm Conference

BY NICK ROGERS

Purdue University News Service

Amid arctic air and snow yet to fall, organizers of the 2019 Indiana Small Farm Conference want you to know: It's never too early to think spring.

"Planting season will be here sooner than you expect," says Tamara Benjamin, assistant program leader and diversified agriculture specialist with Purdue Extension and one of the conference's organizers. "The Indiana Small Farm Conference is a great way to learn about what's new and what's next in production, marketing, and other critical areas so you can make the most of your efforts in the 2019 growing season and beyond."

The 2019 conference and trade show will be held from February 28 to March 2 at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex, 1900 E. Main St., Danville. Registration for the conference is now open at purdue.ag/sfc.

Benjamin says conference registration is still available at reduced early-bird rates. Those signing up before February 4 will pay \$75 for one day, \$135 for two days and \$190 for all three days. (After February 4, prices go up to \$90, \$162 and \$228).

Admission for children 18 and younger is \$20, \$35 and \$45 before February 4 (\$24, \$42 and \$54 after February 4).

One discounted registration fee for a plus-one — such as a spouse/partner or a worker on an attendee's farm — is available at \$50, \$100 or \$140 before Feb. 4 (\$60, \$120, and \$168 after Feb. 4). Any additional attendees beyond a plus-one pay for full admission.

"We encourage you to register early, especially if you're interested in one of our daylong workshops that kick off the conference," Benjamin says. "Space is going fast."

Daylong workshops are offered on February 28. Topics include:

- Crop planning for vegetable growers.
- Mushrooms, molds and mycorrhizae: A fungal immersion course.
- Successful biological orcharding.

Two tours also will be available, a butcher shop and livestock processing tour with Moody's Butcher Shop, Smoking Goose and more; and an agritourism farm tour encompassing Hunter's Honey Farm, Chandlers Orchard and Country Market and Mallow Run Winery. There will be an additional cost to attend the agritourism farm tour. Please see the registration page for details.

Breakout sessions on March 1-2 will cover such topics as food safety, farm management, value-added products like herbs and oils, pest control, price trends, poultry, high tunnels, marketing, infrastructure, disease management, policy and diversity.

Keynote speakers for the conference are:

Michael Phillips (March 1) of Lost Nation Orchard, whose "Soil Redemption Song" encourages farmers to more deeply consider the role of soil biology in healthy crops. This means minimal soil disturbance, rational grazing and respectful forest management. Phillips also serves as coordinator of the Holistic Orchard Network and is the author of "The Holistic Orchard: Growing Tree Fruits and Berries the Biological Way." He will offer a full-day workshop on holistic soil nutrition and biodiversity in biological orcharding.

Karen Washington (March 2) of Rise & Root Farm. A New York native and urban agriculture advocate, Washington has pioneered access to fresh, locally grown food for large metro populations. She is a board member and former president of the New York City Community Garden Coalition and a co-founder of Black Urban Growers. In 2012, "Ebony" named her among America's 100 most influential African Americans for her promotion of the power and dignity of growing your own food. She received the James Beard Leadership Award in 2014.

Vendors will display a wide range of agricultural equipment, products and services during a trade show March 1-2 in the facility's exhibit hall. Those interested in exhibiting at the conference can find more information or register as an exhibitor online through February 15.

"The diversity of our programming at this year's conference reflects something I love about the small-farm community — that there is no one definition of what small farms represent," Benjamin says. "Bringing people from all walks of life together — and connecting them to Extension educators, fellow farmers, expert speakers, and vendors — makes the Indiana Small Farm Conference a premier destination."

For more information — or to sign up — visit the Indiana Small Farm Conference website at purdue.ag/sfc. Follow the conference on Twitter and Instagram at @SmallFarmPurdue or on Facebook at @PurdueExtensionSmallFarms, #PurdueSmallFarms.



They call it the dead of winter, but I spent a good portion of my Saturday outside at Sandhill Gardens, and, believe me, it was not dead. Everywhere I looked, there were signs of life.

I have often written about the fact that I have designed the gardens to have interest in all seasons, and, even in January, I find a lot of beautiful and interesting sights. The evergreen trees are the most obvious signs of life. Over the years, I have planted evergreens of many types. Some are broadleaf trees and shrubs and others are conifers. Some are groundcovers and others tower above the garden. Some are small and other quite large. Not all evergreens are green. Some have golden hues, while others trend to dark burgundy.

I have often mentioned my favorite winter interest plants—the contorted trees and the deciduous winterberry hollies. The bright red winterberries are the focal points of the garden at this time of year. One cannot miss them. They looked especially pretty with the light snow that came to Sandhill Gardens late Saturday afternoon. The contorted trees do not jump out at the eye from afar, but when one walks through the garden, they definitely demand attention. My favorite is a contorted filbert planted in memory of my father. Also known as Harry Lauder's Walking Stick, this shrub almost seems to tie itself in knots.

The garden also comes to life in sound. A breeze caused the seed pods of baptisia to rattle and rustled the tall grasses. The many different types of windchimes placed throughout the garden ring with the slightest breeze. There is also plenty of sound from another form of life. The winterberries and other berries found in the garden attract a lot of birds. I supplement the berries and seeds with several bird feeders. At one point, I counted eight male cardinals perched in a coral bark maple. The bright red of the birds perched on the coral-colored twigs of the tree was a sight no artist could top. I lamented that my camera is not working.

While I was filling the bird feeders, I noticed another sign of life. Near the south wall of my house was a spot of bright yellow. Some winter aconite buds have swelled to the point of bursting into bloom. They are almost always the first blooms of the year and they always make me smile. Other spring growth is also evident. I have had several people ask about the daffodils, crocuses and other springs flowers that have started to grow during the recent periods of unseasonable weather. These plants are tough, and most will survive any cold coming our way. Some may have some die-back, but there really is not anything one can do about it now, so just hope for the best.

Another early bloomer is the hellebore. I love hellebores and there are dozens of clumps around the gardens. The deep green foliage looks great with a little snow and there are definitely buds forming beneath the stiff foliage canopy. We will probably be able to enjoy these Lenten roses well before the start of Lent this year.

The day also allowed me to gather some plant materials for a winter bouquet to share with my churches. I cut several dry hydrangea blooms and spray-painted them white. I then sprayed them with some metallic blue accents. I cut some northern sea oats and painted them silver. I added a branch of the contorted filbert for a focal point and put it all in a metal bucket. Even in winter, I can share my garden.

From the top of the cliff, I can look into the hollow below and see everything that is hidden by leaves the rest of the year. It looks peaceful as the light snow begins to accumulate and the sunset bathes the hollow in shades of yellow and pink. With my lofty view, I can see wildlife in the woods. I hear the hammer of a woodpecker and the chatter of squirrels, thanking me for the corn I put out for them earlier. Maybe we should call it the "live" of winter.

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