



## Spelling star

-Photo provided

Alan Cook, a 6th grader at Shoals Elementary, won the Shoals Spelling Bee Contest in January. Then on February 7, he traveled to the Tri-State Spelling Bee Contest in Evansville to compete against 131 other school spelling bee champions from 29 counties in the region. Alan emerged as one of 34 finalists after a written test consisting of 15 spelling words and 15 vocabulary words. The 34 finalists then competed in an oral bee. Alan managed to stay in the competition for 14 rounds, finishing in 9th place overall. He is the son of Edward and Angela Cook.

## Primary election filings

The following are the final filings for the 2015 Municipal Primary for the City of Loogootee. The Primary Election will be held May 5.

### Mayor

Noel D. Harty (D)

### Clerk/Treasurer

Ronald "Ron" Gilbert (D)

Gianna M. Armstrong (D)

Nancy (McAtee) Jones (D)

### City Council District 1:

James Richard Taylor (D)

Teresa M. Nolley (D)

Roy E. Pannell (D)

### City Council District 2:

Ruth Smith (D)

Tim Lukomski (R)

### City Council District 3:

Carroll Rayhill (D)

### City Council District 4:

Tim "Biggin" Lawrence (D)

Bettye Norris (D)

### City Council At-Large:

Fred Dupps (D)

Roger Downey (D)

Marty Tarrh (R)

## CORRECTION .....

In last week's Martin County Council article it stated that a transfer of \$4,500 for Clerk Gerald Montgomery was approved by the council 4-3. Actually, the transfer was not approved by a vote of 4-3.

## Loogootee Police to buy drug dog for \$4,500

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Loogootee City Council, at their meeting Monday, February 9, approved the city police to purchase a K9 drug dog for \$4,500. The dog will be a Labrador Retriever and will be cared for and handled by Officer Jason Hennette.

Hennette brought the council two quotes for dogs, both being a single purpose dog that detect narcotics such as methamphetamine, heroin, and marijuana. Dual purpose dogs detect narcotics and help in suspect apprehension. One quote was from Vohne Liche Kennels in Denver, Indiana at a cost of \$11,825. This included the dog, training, and housing for Hennette during the three weeks of training. The other quote was from Tactical Detection Canine in Louisville, Kentucky for \$4,500. This included the dog and training but not housing for 7-10 day training needed.

Hennette noted that the dog would be living with his family and not only did he want the dog to perform duties associated with detecting narcotics, he also wanted the dog to be child friendly for visits to the schools.

After discussion, the council went with Hennette's recommendation to purchase a dog from Tactical Detection Canine for \$4,500. Hennette said he will get to travel to Louisville and pick out which dog works best for the department. The money for the purchase will be taken out of the city's LOIT (local option income tax).

Loogootee Fire Chief Morgan Huebner asked for the council's approval to pay all 25 members of the fire department a stipend for each run they go on. Currently only 16 are paid for each time they respond to a call. The stipend is \$35 for each run.

He said they just started invoicing the insurance companies for what the firefighters are paid to go on a fire runs and he is not sure yet how that will go.

The council approved one building permit for Rick Dale on Hwy. 231 for a commercial building.

The council brought back up the issue of hiring another person for the water/sewer department to replace a part-time position that was vacated. It was discussed at last month's meeting but the part-time person had not officially left, but has now. Councilman Rick Norris said that the salary paid to another position would actually be less because they would be paying one full-time person instead of two part-time people. He said the extra will go in benefits for the full-time position. The council approved hiring the employee.

The council approved \$8,000 with the Perry Township Trustee to provide fire protection to residents in Perry Township outside city limits.

Councilman Fred Dupps said he spoke to CSX about fixing the rough railroad crossings in the city. He said after several conversations he has made progress and CSX will be getting back with him soon to give a timeframe on when maintenance would be done on the crossings and they acknowledge that repairs need to be made.

Mayor Harty said someone is interested in purchasing the old steel slide from the park. He said the slide was removed because it would get very hot in the summer and burn children. The council voted to see what the recycling center would be willing to pay for it.

Mayor Harty recognized City Attorney Isha Wright for donating back \$8,000 in work for the rebuilding of the city pool and

## Loogootee attorney failed to pay over \$66,000 in taxes from law firm income

Josh J. Minkler, Acting United States Attorney, announced last Friday the guilty plea of a Loogootee man who failed to file his federal income tax returns for 2012. Robert Joseph Howell, 51, was found guilty Friday before U.S. District Chief Judge Richard L. Young.

Howell, operated Howell Law Firm PC in Loogootee, performing legal services for clients. In 2012, the firm had gross receipts of approximately \$450,000, including a \$300,000 fee he received from a wrongful death insurance settlement.

Howell's return preparer initially filed an extension for the 2012 tax year which expired in October 2013. When the accounting firm sent Howell an invoice, he chose not to pay the invoice or his owed taxes. He failed to file business or personal returns in 2012, resulting in a tax debt of over \$66,000. According to testimony in court, over \$265,000 was withdrawn from his personal and business accounts at casinos in Evansville and French Lick.

Howell formerly served as a circuit court judge and prosecutor in Martin County.

Acting United States Attorney Josh Minkler stated, "taxes are a fundamental responsibility we all owe to help maintain infrastructure, schools and public safety services. When someone willfully neglects that responsibility, they will be held accountable."

This case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation.

According to Assistant United States Attorney James M. Warden, who prosecuted the case for the government, Howell faces up to one year in prison, a fine up to \$100,000, and must pay full restitution to the IRS. Sentencing is scheduled for May 11, 2015, in Evansville.

## New weight loss system helping hundreds

We have all seen countless weight loss products over the years. About a year ago, Dr. Frank Bowling introduced NutriMost Ultimate Fat Loss System and added the program to his practice at Bowling Chiropractic in Washington. Dr. Bowling is the son of former Loogootee Mayor Don Bowling.

Dr. Bowling said that he has had a terrific response to the new program, helping more than 500 patients in the first eight months. He is only the second doctor in Indiana to offer this program which was invented by Dr. Ray Wisniewski of Pittsburg. Along with other things, the system raises metabolism and balances hormones. The program is individualized and set up differently for each person.

Anyone interested in starting the program begins with an initial consultation with Dr. Bowling, giving him their medical history and setting goals for the program along with doing a body composition analysis. Dr. Bowling said that patients are guaranteed to lose 20 pounds in 40 days and that the average is 27 to 32 pounds for women and 35 to 45 pounds for men. "If you don't get 20 (See 'SYSTEM' continued on page two)



## Bald Eagle

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrall.com

The above Bald Eagle was spotted at Paw Paw Marsh this past Saturday. Paw Paw Marsh is a flooded wetland along an oxbow of Lost River, approximately seven miles south of Shoals.

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## Cleaning up

Crews began the ardent task of cleaning up downtown after the fires that destroyed several buildings. Cleanup had been delayed while insurance companies finalized their investigations.

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to Greg Clark for donating back \$600.

Mayor Harty told the council that in the past the city has given \$1,000 a year to the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth. Shoals also contributes \$1,000. Mayor Harty recommended giving the Alliance \$2,000 since Loogootee is much larger than Shoals. The council approved giving \$2,000 each year for the next three years. Alliance President Don Bowling spoke to the council about the mission of the Alliance. He also explained that for the first few years the Alliance was started, the director's salary was paid by a state grant. That grant was exhausted a few years ago. The county picked up the tab last year supplementing the Alliance by \$100,000 and then this year they agreed to pay \$119,000.

Alliance Director Tim Kinder gave the council updates on ongoing projects. He said that they are expecting a decision at the end of February on whether Hoosier Uplands will receive funding to start the senior apartments in the former Elementary East building. He also told the council that an investor looked at the former Shopko building last November and are still reviewing it. Kinder also said that Bowling Manufacturing is still clearing hurdles to get production started. He noted that they have made quite a few repairs and upgrades to the buildings since they purchased it.

Councilman Dupps recommending putting up signage prohibiting semis from using their Jake brakes in the city. The council discussed that this would have to be cleared with INDOT (Indiana Department of Transportation) first. Police Chief Kelly Rayhill said they looked into it before and it was advised that no signs go up because if there's an accident because a semi driver can't use their Jake brake, then the city is liable. The council decided to table the issue until someone

could speak to INDOT.

The council recognized Nancy Spaulding (27.5 years), Bo Wilson (26.5 years), and Jeff Sanders (27 years) for 25+ years of service. The American Water Works Association, who the city are members of, sent the three certificates and a 25-year pin. They will receive another pin every five years now.

City Superintendent Bo Wilson said that they have wells that need cleaned and maintained. He said in the past it has cost around \$20,000 to \$25,000 per well. He also reported that in 1992 an oxidation ditch with mechanical aeration equipment was installed at the wastewater plant. Despite doing their best to keep it maintained, Wilson said the equipment's life expectancy has expired. He estimates the cost to replace at around \$200,000. He will come back to the council as soon as he has specific dollar amounts.

## SYSTEM

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pounds off, we stay with you until you do. We don't let people fail," said Dr. Bowling.

NutriMost uses a special technology to measure skin response to different frequencies. Bowling said this technology allows him to measure each patient's optimal fat-burning zone. He said that without it, losing weight this quickly would not be healthy but because of the technology, they literally have access to 2,000 to 7,000 calories of their own fat per day. It is both completely safe and very fast.

After the frequency scan is complete, customized weight loss, detox and energy drops are created for the patient. A special process embeds the frequencies that each patient's body determines to be the highest for fat burning. Dr. Bowling calls this energy medicine noting it balances hormones as well as neurotransmitters.

## Commissioners hear department updates

Meeting minutes provided by Martin County Auditor January Roush

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, February 3.

Millie Brown, Lost River Township Trustee, came before the commissioners regarding the appointment of Bruce Fithian to her advisory board. County Attorney Lett advised that the commissioners by statute can make the appointment at their next meeting, February 17, 2015. Fithian is still eligible to be a member of the advisory board until a replacement can be appointed.

Tim Kinder, Martin County Alliance, presented a report detailing the impact of the Alliance. There has been \$28 million in new investment, 110 new jobs and 279 jobs retained since April of 2010.

Sheriff Travis Roush and Deputy Sheriff Josh Greene provided information concerning the current fleet of vehicles. Deputy Harmon currently drives a 2009 Chevrolet Impala and it has 139,127 miles on it. There are funds available to purchase a new vehicle for Deputy Harmon outright with no trade in. The sheriff's department will retain Deputy Harmon's Impala for a back up and possibly for a reserve deputy in the future. Sheriff Roush wants to trade in vehicles possessing 40,000 miles for new vehicles. Sheriff Roush's Dodge Ram has 51,179 miles and Chief Deputy Green's Dodge Ram has 39,240. Sheriff Roush's plan is to trade in for three 2014 Dodge Rams that are special service vehicles. Sheriff Roush gave estimates on the total cost of the project. County Attorney advised that the new vehicles would have to go through the bid process. The bids could be awarded at the March 3, 1015 meeting. There are currently 50 inmates in the security center, with a mass capacity of 62. The jail is housing four department of correction inmates.

Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule. Superintendent Padgett purchased a new hot box. There are three trucks prepped for the upcoming snow. He gave an update on the Rusk Road project and an issue with a drive way in Rutherford Township.

Andy Ringwald, civil defense/EMA, provided the commissioners with information regarding the levels of snow emergencies. A "Watch" means essential travel only. A "Warning" is emergency management workers only and requires the commissioners approval. Citizens can go to [www.in.gov/dhs/traveladvisory](http://www.in.gov/dhs/traveladvisory) to view the travel status of a county.

Judge Lynne E. Ellis recently upgraded her video conferencing capabilities with WebEx to now include the prosecutor and security center. Judge Ellis suggested the commissioners pay the \$243.96 invoice since three departments would be using the program. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the payment of \$243.96 for the video conference program with WebEx. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Judge Ellis advised the commissioners of the need for a CASA Director. Due to the increase of cases, Daviess County will no longer provide assistance. She estimates that the program will cost \$40,000 a year and will need office space. Judge Ellis will be submitting a proposal to the council next month.

Commissioner Boyd made a motion to appoint Kenneth Fuhrman, Sue Hembree and Lois Brett to PTABOA. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Auditor Roush submitted a tourism update from Jim Stoughton, Martin County Tourism Council.

President George gave the January Veteran Service Officer report. The commissioners would like Service Officer Linda Evans-Dillon to publish her reports in the local newspapers. Veteran's can contact Service Officer Dillon at 812-247-2210.

Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve a contract with RTC Communications for 120 hours of telephone and/or on-site support at \$70 per hour, for a total of \$8,400. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned 6:43 p.m.

Patients put the weight loss drops are under the tongue, while the detox and energy drops are used in alkaline, oxygenated, energized water.

Each patient also receives a manual that includes tips and other helpful information, in-office training, and a recipe book, food management plan and detailed grocery list. Dr. Bowling said that the food lists are based on the patient's scans and are the most fat burning.

Dr. Bowling said mild exercise is okay but not an essential part of the program. Extreme exercise is actually discouraged during the "reduce" phase because it can put the body in stress and can interfere with hormones, therefore taking away progress. Dr. Bowling said this program is all about hormones.

While patients do not have to make frequent visits to Dr. Bowling's office, they are requested to report their weight each day

which can be as simple as sending a text message to an automated system.

After the 40-day period, patients go through other phases of the program, including a "reset" phase where patients must maintain their weight within two pounds, as well as a "lifetime" phase that Dr. Bowling said helps patients get back on track after dining out or other special occasions.

Dr. Bowling said the technology has helped diabetic patients not only lose weight but reduce or eliminate their use of insulin and other medications in consultation with their medical doctor. Other patients have seen use of medications for high cholesterol, blood pressure and other conditions be reduced or totally eliminated.

For more information on the NutriMost System or to schedule a consultation, contact Dr. Bowling at 812-254-0246, or visit [WashingtonFatLoss.com](http://WashingtonFatLoss.com).

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# OBITUARIES

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## PATRICK MONTGOMERY

Patrick T. Montgomery passed away Saturday, February 7, 2015 in a vehicle accident. A resident of Owensboro, Kentucky, he was 56.

He was born August 29, 1958; son of Eugene V. and Mary Margaret (Ryan) Montgomery.

He was a 1976 graduate of Loogootee High School. He was self employed. He enjoyed snow skiing, dancing, metal and wood crafting. He was an avid runner and ran in one marathon.

He is survived by son, Adam Montgomery of Jasper; brothers, Frank (Cynthia) Montgomery of Bloomfield, Jim (Vasso) Montgomery of Gulf Breeze, Florida; Tony



**PATRICK MONTGOMERY** Owensboro, Kentucky; 18 nieces and nephews; 18 great nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, February 12 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bramble, of-

ficiated by Very Reverend J. Kenneth Walker and concelebrant Reverend Joseph Erbacher. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, February 11 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home and from 9 a.m.

## Purdue confers degrees, honors students for achievements

Purdue University awarded about 3,600 degrees to students following the fall semester. Lauren C. Poirier, of Loogootee, received a Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Technology at the West Lafayette campus.

About 15,00 Purdue University students earned academic honors for the fall 2014 semester.

To earn honors, students must have had at least a 3.5 semester or cumulative GPA on

until time of service at the church on Thursday.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home to assist with funeral expenses.

Online condolences may be made at [www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com).

a four-point scale.

Students from Martin County receiving honors were:

-Jacob E. Stoner, of Shoals, from the TNA campus

-Curtis R. Slaubaugh, of Loogootee, from the West Lafayette campus

-Kellie Michelle Shaw, of Loogootee, from the Calumet campus

-Adam M. Trueblood, of Loogootee, from the TVN campus

## Budget order and final tax rates approved

The Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) certified Martin County's 2015 budget order and tax rates on December 31, 2014, paving the way for on-time property tax bills. The budget certification puts the county in a position to have taxes due on May 11, 2015. Martin County was the fifth county in the state to receive its 2015 budget order and tax rates.

"The certification of the budget order and tax rates sets the stage nicely for on-time tax bills for the sixth consecutive year, continuing the predictable administration of the property tax system," DLGF Commissioner Courtney L. Schaafsma, CGFM said. "A tremendous amount of collaboration between local and state officials is required to ensure property tax bills go out on time, and it is rewarding to see all the efforts pay off."

The first step in the assessment to tax billing process is the completion of the property assessments, which culminates with the submission of a ratio study. A ratio study is a comparison between property sales prices and assessed values in the

county to ensure that market values are being used to determine assessed values. Typically, these should be submitted to the state and approved by May 31, the year prior to tax billing. Martin County's ratio study was submitted on June 13, 2014.

Once the DLGF approves the ratio study, the assessor sends the gross assessed values to the county auditor, who applies exemptions, deductions, or abatements to determine the net assessed values - the values upon which tax rates are based. That information was statutorily due to the DLGF by August 1, 2014. Martin County's certified net assessed values were submitted on August 18, 2014.

Now that the 2015 budget has been certified by the DLGF, the next steps are handled at the county level. The county auditor is to calculate tax bills, which the county treasurer should mail to taxpayers no later than April 17, 2015.

A copy of the Martin County budget is available at [www.in.gov/dlgi/2572.htm?WT.cg\\_n=reportslinks&WT.cg\\_s=martincounty](http://www.in.gov/dlgi/2572.htm?WT.cg_n=reportslinks&WT.cg_s=martincounty).

## Thank You All

The family of Gary Thompson would like to say thank you very much to everyone for all of the sympathy, support, flowers, and food during the last two difficult weeks, as we dealt with the passing of our husband, father, grandfather, brother, brother-in-law, and friend. God bless you all!

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# COPS & COURT

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

3:10 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Lost River Fire Department responded.

3:11 a.m. - Received a report of livestock in the roadway on US 231 near State Road 645.

11:21 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

6:05 p.m. - Received a report of a theft west of Shoals. Deputy Harmon responded.

8:03 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded for lift assistance.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:15 a.m. - Received a report of female trespassing on private property southeast of Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Deputy Dant, and ISP Trooper Qualkenbush responded.

10:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene transported two inmates to court.

5:48 p.m. - Received a report of an ISP Trooper needing assistance in Loogootee. Sergeant Keller and Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

4:07 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and the Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

11:30 a.m. - A subject came to the Martin County Sheriff's Department to report a theft. Sheriff Roush spoke with the subject.

12:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

1:41 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded with no transport.

1:43 p.m. - Received a report of a theft from G&R Variety. Chief Deputy Greene and Major Burkhardt responded.

4:01 p.m. - Received a report of an aggressive dog in Crane Village. Major Burkhardt was advised.

7:26 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on Haw Creek Road. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene and ICO Mann responded.

7:45 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person walking on Dover Hill Road near Mt. Union Church. Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:13 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

10:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County EMS the Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Baker responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

5:04 a.m. - Received a request on current roadway conditions.

11:30 a.m. - Major Burkhardt transported one inmate to court.

12:42 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver westbound on US 50 from Shoals. All on-duty officers were advised.

1:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt transported one inmate to court.

2:30 p.m. - Major Burkhardt transported two inmates to court.

2:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded.

3:54 p.m. - Received a report of a fully engulfed house fire in Shoals. The Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, and Martin County EMS responded.

5:27 p.m. - Received a report of vehicle vandalism in Crane Village. Major Burkhardt was advised.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

12:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

3:36 p.m. - Received a report of a drive off from Chuckles in Loogootee. All on-duty officers were advised.

11:47 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver southbound on US 231 from Bramble. All on-duty officers were advised.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

6:04 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Trinity Springs. Martin County EMS and the William Fire Department responded.

10:31 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

12:15 p.m. - Sergeant Keller transported an inmate to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

6:30 p.m. - Sergeant Keller returned from Memorial Hospital with an inmate.

5:55 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with injury on US 231 north of Wood Road. Deputy McBeth, ISP Trooper Sexton, Daviess County Deputies, the Loogootee

## Accident reports

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

5:50 p.m. - Joshua T. Hurst, of Loogootee, was backing a 2006 Chevy from a private drive and struck a 1999 Ford owned by Pauline and William Brummet, of Odon. Officer Nolan was the investigating officer.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

5:55 p.m. - The Martin County Sheriff's Department received several 911 reports of a vehicle crash with injury and entrapment on US 231 north of Wood Road. Mark L. Elliot, 36, of Loogootee, was northbound on US 231 north of Wood Road when an animal entered the roadway. Elliot, driving a 2000 GMC Savana, swerved in an attempt to miss the animal. Elliot's vehicle then went off the west side of the roadway. Elliot overcorrected causing the vehicle to come back onto the roadway. This maneuver caused the vehicle to roll once and come to a stop on the driver's side off the east side of the roadway. The Loogootee Fire Department had to extricate Elliot from the vehicle. Martin County Civil Defense set up a landing zone on the highway for Air Evac. Martin County EMS provided medical services until Air Evac arrived. Air Evac transported Elliot to the University of Louisville Hospital. Elliot's 2000 GMC Savana was a total loss in the crash. US 231 was shut down for approximately 30 minutes. The investigating officer was Deputy Kevin McBeth. He was assisted by ISP Trooper Sexton, Daviess County Deputies, the Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, Martin County EMS, and Air Evac.

### Sheriff's department looking for info on theft

Martin County Sheriff's Department Sergeant Keith Keller is investigating a theft from 17191 Baker Road. The suspect(s) stole a radiator valued at \$500 from a V-meer rock cutter. The suspect(s) also attempted to take a Ford bed/chassis trailer, however, the suspect(s) were unsuccessful. Evidence was left behind at the scene and will be processed for possible identification of the suspect(s). Anyone with information can contact the Martin County Sheriff's Department at (812)247-3726 and ask for Sergeant Keller. All callers can remain anonymous.

Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, Martin County EMS, and Air Evac responded.

7:26 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on US 231 south of Lumpkin Road. ISP Trooper Sexton responded.

8:03 p.m. - Received a report of a broken down vehicle on US 50 near Red School Road. Deputy McBeth and G&M Wrecker Service responded.

8:57 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and the Loogootee Fire Department responded.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

1:00 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock north of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller completed the detail.

2:55 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock north of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller completed the detail.

3:07 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Trinity Springs. Sergeant Keller responded.

5:59 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver northbound on US 231 from Whitfield. All on-duty officers were advised.

6:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

7:55 p.m. - Received a report of a shed fire south of Shoals. The Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, Martin County EMS, and Daviess-Martin REMC responded.

8:27 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on US 231 near the Martin/Dubois County Line. Deputy Harmon responded.

4:50 p.m. - Received a report of a custody issue in Loogootee. Sergeant Keller spoke with the complainant.

10:25 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism to a sign in Shoals. Deputy Harmon responded.

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# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:40 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a bank alarm.

1:20 p.m. - Caller reported a loose dog complaint. Captain Hennette spoke with the owner.

4:30 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a civil complaint.

8:13 p.m. - First responders responded to a medical call on NW First Street.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

3:38 p.m. - Caller reported females fighting on North Oak Street.

5:48 p.m. - Officer Nolan assisted ISP on a traffic stop.

11:28 p.m. - Caller reported loud music on Sherman Street.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

4:07 a.m. - First responders were requested on East Washington Street for a medical call.

11:45 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted with a funeral procession.

12:48 p.m. - Female reported theft of a license plate.

10:20 p.m. - First responders were requested on East Washington Street for a medical call.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

11:45 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted with a

funeral procession.

12:45 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

9:45 p.m. - Caller reported a traffic complaint.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

4:05 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

6:49 p.m. - Caller reported an intoxicated person on Cedar Street.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

5:54 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 North for a vehicle accident.

8:59 p.m. - First responders were requested at Harper Hill Road for a medical call.

9:03 p.m. - Caller requested an officer for a property exchange.

11:00 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Cedar Street.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

1:39 a.m. - First responders were requested on JFK Avenue for a medical call.

7:55 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle in Scenic Hill.

12:15 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle without a license plate.

6:05 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

# Martin County real estate transfers

**Darlene Sneed, John Brock, and Gary Brock**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Larry Brock**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 12, 13, and 14 in Block 5, in the Town of Burns City, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana.

**Alvin Brock**, of Pierce County, Washington to **Larry Brock**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 12, 13, and 14 in Block 5, in the Town of Burns City, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana.

**David K. O'Brien and Stephen J. O'Brien**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jeramey R. Osborne**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of Lot 12 in Cray's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. Tract II: Part of Lot 12 in Cray's Addition to Loogootee, Indiana.

**Charles E. Terrell**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Charles E. Terrell and Wilma F. Terrell**, of Martin County, Indiana, 1.6 acres in the southwest corner where county road cuts off, lying and being off of the north end of a tract of land containing 17.5 acres of even width off of the east side of the east half of the northeast quarter of Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 4 West.

**Timothy L. Hudson and Rachel S. Hudson**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Timothy L. Pollock and Vonda W. Pollock**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West.

**Douglas J. Arvin**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Michael E. Arvin**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 5.189 acres more or less except a section containing 1.270 acres, more or less.

**Douglas J. Arvin and Lori L. Arvin**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Michael E. Arvin and Lisa A. Arvin**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 17.229 acres more or less.

**Bernard F. Smith and Mary Ann Smith**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Wagler Property Group, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Lots Numbered 25 and 26 in Keck's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Jeremy W. Braun and Allison L. Braun**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Ash-ton R. Stutzman, Bonita E. Knepp, and Freddie L. Knepp**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 4 West containing one acre, more or less.

**Rose Mary Robinson**, individually and

as attorney-in-fact for Charles G. Robinson to **Ohio River Veneer, LLC**, an Indiana LLC, a part of the east half of the northwest quarter and of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, lying in Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 72.82 acres, more or less.

**James H. Graber and Ruth Graber** to **Randall Graber and Brent Graber**, 30 acres in a strip of even width off of the east side of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter and all that part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter being north and east of Boggs Creek, all in Section 9, Township 3 North, Range 4 West containing 65 acres, more or less.

**Joseph Graber, Jr.**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Gary Clark and Teresa Clark**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 0.823 acre, more or less.

**Gary Clark and Teresa Clark**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Gary W. Clark, Jr. and Kimberly D. Clark**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 0.823 acre, more or less.

# JAIL BOOKINGS

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

3:15 p.m. - Brian L. Tharp, 28, of Shoals, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. Tharp is being held on \$500 cash only bond and was arrested by Sergeant Keller.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

11:20 a.m. - Tonya G. Graves, 43, of Shoals, was arrested for criminal mischief, trespassing, and residential entry. Graves is being held on \$25,000 or 10% bond and was arrested by Deputy Dant.

6:15 p.m. - Charles E. O'Connor, 42, of Loogootee, was arrested for driving while suspended with a prior conviction. O'Connor is being held on \$20,000 or 10% bond and was arrested by ISP Trooper Sexton.

9:05 p.m. - Tarah L. Morey, 25, of Jasper, was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

# Martin County Court News

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

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

### January 8

Blake L. Burch, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 363 days suspended and credit for one actual day previously served and one good time credit day. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

### January 9

Joshua Troy Rush, convicted of operating a vehicle with a .08 blood alcohol content, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating while intoxicated with a prior within five years, a Class D Felony; and two counts of operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, Class D Felonies. Three separate sentencing included one year in the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended; 1.5 years in the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended; and 2 years in the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 138 actual days previously served and 138 good time credit days. Will serve 18 months at DOC and six month of work release in Dubois County through Martin County Community Corrections.

### January 13

Joshua J. Jones, convicted of battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor and battery in the presence of a child, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 1.5 years in the Martin County Security Center with 0 days suspended and credit for 148 actual days served and 148 good time credit days.

### January 15

James A. Osborne, convicted of criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days in the Martin County Security Center with 60 days suspended and credit for 60 days previously served plus 60 good time credit days. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

### January 29

Paul E. Oliver vs. Roxana M. Oliver, petition for dissolution of marriage.

## February 2

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Staci W. Morrow, civil collection.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

### January 26

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company and against the defendants Scott D. and Susan Dowdell for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$91,710.88.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Regions Bank d/b/a Regions Mortgage and against the defendant James M. Kirk for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$71,048.61.

### February 4

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff RBS Financial Products, Inc. and against the defendants Bobby Terry and Helen M. Terry for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$88,792.24.

### February 6

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Cach, LLC, and against the defendant Carla J. Harner in the amount of \$3,443.57.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

### January 26

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Julie A. McBride in the amount of \$4,317.97.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Robin C. Shelton in the amount of \$737.07.

### January 28

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Chantele F. Floyd in the amount of \$600.22.

### February 5

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Zachary W. Leek in the amount of \$1,089.



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# The Mayor's Den

By Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty



The month of January started with a mournful sentiment as on the second was the funeral of Linda (Ash) Hays at Brocksmith Blake Funeral Home. She was a long-time resident, was employed by Stimulus Engineering, Lett and Jones Law Office and the Brocksmith Blake Funeral Home; and when it was in operation, she worked at Perfect Fit for many years. Mrs. Ash is most known for her great personality and her care and concern for others. Saturday the 3rd, our boys' junior varsity and varsity basketball teams hosted the Springs Valley Black Hawks at Jack Butcher Arena. Our Lions came out on top in both competitions. I spent most of Monday the 5th in the office working on the day-to-day operations. That evening, I attended the first meeting of the school board of trustees for the year. The main topic was the reorganization of the board: Nancy Summers as president, Tim Bradley as vice president, and Brent Courter as secretary. Other items on the agenda included the hiring of Andrea (Chandler) Sutton as the new high school math teacher and the announcement that any residents wishing to utilize the high school gymnasium are welcome. If the gym is not available, the hallways in the academic area of the high school can be used. Following the board meeting, I went to Lee Kavanaugh Gym to watch the 7th and 8th grade Lady Lions host to the Jasper Wildcats. In both matches, our Lady Lions were not able to get past the very strong ball club from Dubois County despite our Lady Lions' positive attitudes and best efforts.

Tuesday the 6th, I started the day as usual at Loogootee Elementary performing my volunteer duties preparing document duplication. After that, I assisted with the funeral of Bill Farrell at St. John Catholic Church. Mr. Farrell was a lifelong resident of Martin County and he was known for his outgoing personality and social involvement in our community. He will be missed by all who knew him. In the afternoon, the sealed price proposals submitted by Renosys and R.L. Turner Corporation, both of the Indianapolis area, were opened. That evening our Lions Freshman Basketball Team hosted the Barr-Reeve Vikings in a neck-and-neck match until the 4th quarter when our Lions fell short of the win. I spent Wednesday, the 7th in the office. That evening, I had the privilege of having dinner with the St. Vincent De Paul Society Board Members, staff and volunteers – a true honor to dine with a group of individual who make such a positive impact on our community and make a difference in the lives of others. In the evening on Thursday, the 8th, I attended the last half of the freshman basketball game with our Lions hosting the Pike Central Chargers. The Chargers won with a last-minute shot, disappointing for our team, but an exciting victory for them.

Friday the 9th, the city employees had their annual pitch-in lunch at the sewer plant hosted by Superintendent Bo Wilson and staff – a real treat for all of us. In the afternoon, I went to Midwestern Engineers to attend a downtown planning meeting to discuss rebuilding of the area. Special thanks to Midwestern Engineers and all attendees of the meeting. That evening, I headed to the Cougars Den to attend the junior varsity and varsity boys' basketball teams squaring off with the Cougars of North Daviess. Both teams played hard with the junior varsity coming out with a marginal win while the varsity just fell short by two. Saturday the 10th, I watched morning and also early afternoon action-packed games of girls' basketball at Jack Butcher Arena. The first two games, our 5th and 6th grades took on the Pike Central Chargers, with the 5th grade falling short by a few and the 6th grade coming out in the lead. Then, the varsity Lady Lions hosted the Bloomfield Cardinals with the Cardinals prevailing. Monday the 12th, I spent much of the day in the office. That evening was the monthly board

of works and public safety meeting along with the common council meeting. The highlights of the meetings were the award to Renosys for the reconstruction of the pool and also Steve Padgett (with West Boggs Sewer District) presenting the possibility of the city taking over the district.

Tuesday the 13th I started the day with my weekly volunteer duties and then went back to city hall for the rest of the day. On Wednesday the 14th, I attended the monthly Martin County Chamber of Commerce meeting, this month at Pizza Junction. Among the many issues discussed were the upcoming annual dinner scheduled for St. Patrick's Day, the Bi-Centennial of Indiana Celebration scheduled to take place in September of 2016, and the writing of a new children's book by Marie Hawkins. That evening was the monthly parks and recreation meeting, focusing mainly on the pool project. Thursday the 15th the day began on a somber note as I assisted with the funeral of lifelong resident Jim Bowling, at St. John Catholic Church. Mr. Bowling was a World War II Veteran and a Crane retiree; and he lived most of his life for his faith, family, and country. Following the funeral, I had lunch with Martin County Sheriff Travis Roush and Chief Deputy Josh Greene to discuss efforts to obtain a drug canine for the department. In the evening, I went to Jack Butcher Arena to watch the freshman Lions play host to Eastern Greene. With much excitement throughout the match, our Lions won with a last second three pointer - bringing them out on top. Friday the 16th, I met with Melissa Gibson to discuss an upcoming fundraiser she is having for Tammy Hurt. The fundraiser will be at the Shoals American Legion on Saturday, March 7, 2015 with a dinner, silent-live auction, and DJ event. In the evening, I headed to the Bird Cage of Washington Catholic to watch Loogootee resident Josh Thompson's Wood Memorial Trojans take on the Cardinals. With two great matches, the Trojans came out on top in both JV and varsity play.

Saturday the 17th, I attended the cub scout all-you-can-eat breakfast at the United Methodist Church. Great food and fellowship was enjoyed by all. In the afternoon, I went to Jack Butcher Arena to watch the junior high Lions play host to the South Knox Spartans. In the evening, I had the privilege of driving our Lions Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball Teams to Montgomery - home of the Barr-Reeve Vikings. Our Lions played very hard in both matches but in the end came up short. Sunday the 20th, after much of the day being a time spent as day of worship and with family, I headed to The Lodge for a chili cook off held as a fundraiser for the Martin County Humane Society. The event was a huge success with many in attendance to taste and enjoy the various chili soups. Monday the 19th, Martin Luther King Day, the offices at city hall were closed. That evening, City Councilman Fred Dupps, members of the park and recreation board, and I met with David Dahl to discuss the various options which might be available with the proposed pool facility. After the meeting, I went to Jack Butcher Arena to take in the girls' 7th and 8th grade basketball games as they hosted the Vikings of Barr-Reeve. Barr-Reeve came out winning in both games. Tuesday the 20th, I started the day with my weekly volunteer duties and then went to St. John to assist with the funeral of Betty Raciono, a lifelong resident of our community. That evening, I attended the regularly scheduled school board meeting at LHS. Among the highlights of the meeting were the recognition of Nick Bowling for his first place win for his presentation on Voice of Democracy "Veterans"; freshman Carson Rayhill gave a presentation on the negatives of modern day technology in the classroom; the resignation of long time golf coach, Jason Henette; and the discussion of a bond which might be utilized to do repairs

such as roofing, lighting, and windows. Following the meeting, I went to Lee Kavanaugh Gym where the junior high Lions hosted the White River Valley Wolverines. Both 7th and 8th grade teams played well - coming out on top by a large margin in both matches. Wednesday the 21st, I attended a planning meeting at The Lodge to discuss the upcoming Martin County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner scheduled for March 17 - St. Patrick's Day. This year, the dinner will be at St. John Center and the theme will be: "Luck of the Irish." That evening was the first Summerfest organizational meeting for the year. Among the many issues discussed, the main topic was entertainment for the event. Following the Summerfest meeting, I went to the Martin County Recycling Center for the monthly solid waste meeting. Main topics of that meeting were personnel and proposed changes in upcoming legislation. Following the solid waste meeting, I went to St. John Catholic Church to attend mass with the religious education students, among others from the community, to commemorate the pro-life movement.

Sadly, Thursday the 22nd began with assisting at the funeral mass for Reese Boyd at St. Mary's in Shoals. Mr. Boyd, as mentioned at the service, was a lot of different things to a lot of different people; but what he will be remembered for the most is being a father figure for those for those who weren't lucky enough to have one in their lives. That evening, I had the privilege of driving the 5th and 6th grade girls' basketball teams to Holy Family in Jasper. Both teams came out on top in both instances by nice margins. Friday the 23rd, the day started out once again on a sad note as I assisted with the funeral mass of Anna Lou Mathies. Mrs. Mathies was a lifelong resident of Loogootee who will be remembered for her faith, family, and love for others and she will be greatly missed by family and friends. In the evening, I attended the junior varsity and varsity boys' basketball matchups as they hosted the Bloomfield Cardinals at Jack Butcher Arena. In both games, our Lions won by nice margins. Saturday the 24th, I was back at Jack Butcher Arena watching our Lady Lions hosting and defeating the Linton Miners. Sunday the 25th after church services, I went to the United Methodist Church to attend the 3rd Annual Loogootee Fire Department Chili Supper. The event was a huge success with delicious soups and homemade desserts - and great company. Monday the 26th was the bi-monthly Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth meeting during which time issues related to the economic development of our area were discussed.

Tuesday the 27th began with the funeral service of Larry Albright at Shoals United Methodist Church. Mr. Albright and I worked together in the real estate business. He was also in the real estate business most of his working career and his clients will miss him, along with his family and many friends. After the funeral, I went to Loogootee Elementary to do my volunteer job. That evening, I went to Four Rivers Red Door Washington for the quarterly Healthy Families and Red Door board meetings. Among the many topics included updates on facilities and the many ongoing projects currently in progress. Wednesday the 28th, I began the day at German American Bank for the first Clean Sweep meeting for the year. Clean Sweep this year will be on April 18 with sign-ups beginning on March 2. Each individual team will once again consist of 10 members with the goal of each member filling one bag of trash for a team total of 10 bags. German American Bank will pay \$25 for each bag and \$2,500 total to our community. Each team will then be able to donate the proceeds to their favorite organization. Following the meeting, I went back to city hall to meet with Betty Huelsman, Judy Treffinger, and Kathleen Ka-

vanaugh to discuss the 100 year Anniversary of the Loogootee Women's Club. The club presented our office with a beautiful coffee cup depicting their logo marking the anniversary of the organization; and they are making plans throughout the year to commemorate the 100 year mark. Later, representatives of the pool fund committee and I met with Hope Flores, Dan Gregory, and Beth Lett, from the Martin County Community Foundation; Darby A. McCarty, President and CEO of Smithville Communications; and Elisabeth Lesem, Smithville Charities Representative. Smithville Communications, through a partnership with the Martin County Community foundation, presented the pool fund committee with a check for a very much appreciated \$41,000! This all began with Jason Jones, former director for the foundation, who planted the seed with Smithville applying for the grant and expressing the need for the facility in our community. We thank Jason, Dan, and Hope as well as all of the foundation for everything they do to make our community a better place to live. And we are so very grateful for Smithville, for they made the "seed" a reality.

In the evening, officers of the fire department and I met with Clerk Treasurer Nancy Jones to discuss the department's budget, which brought about a discussion on how the budget is funded and how the funding is currently dispersed. Thursday the 29th in the afternoon, I met with Sue Beesely with Bingham, Greenbaum, and Doll to sign documentation to move forward with the bond process for the pool project. The interest rate for the bond comes at a rate of 2.39 percent which was much lower than expected, making an early payoff even more probable. That evening on a much sadder note, was the funeral visitation for Miss Evelyn Bridgewater. Afterwards, I went to Lee Kavanaugh Gym to attend the boys' last junior high basketball games for the season: our Lions hosting the White River Valley Wolverines. In both matches, our Lions played hard which was evident by the score in both games in the end. Before the 8th grade started, however, I walked over to St. John Center to attend the one and only official meeting of ACCTS for the year. As many of you know ACCTS (which formed by Cheryl Biggs among many others many years ago) is responsible for many events such as the winter ACCTS Banquet, the school supply give-away, and the toy store. All of these events are planned for this year once again and details will be in the Tribune and Journal. On Friday the 30th, once again the day began with a somber feeling as I went to St. John's Lutheran Church for the visitation of Mr. Bernard Harker. Mr. Harker was a lifelong resident and farmer of Martin County, and he also served on the Daviess-Martin REMC Board of Directors for many years. In the evening, I was back at Jack Butcher Arena as both the Lions Junior Varsity and Varsity hosted the White River Valley Wolverines and come out winning both games. Saturday the 31st, once again the day began with a melancholy feeling as I assisted with the funeral mass of Sue Strange at St. John Catholic Church. Mrs. Strange was a retired nurse who was always ready, willing, and able to assist with the needs of the many. She, as the others who passed this month, will be missed by our community. In the evening, I drove to Mitchell High School to watch the boys' varsity and junior varsity take on the Bluejackets of Mitchell High School. In the first round of competition the JV was up against a very evenly matched team and came out on top by one in a last second shot while the varsity came out short by three on a last second shot attempted by the Bluejackets in overtime.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a most blessed February!

## As measles continues, state health officials prepare

As the national measles outbreak that began in a California amusement park in December 2014 continues to spread, state health officials have been taking steps to prepare for a case here in Indiana. Investigating and containing measles is nothing new for health officials in the Hoosier state. Since 2005, Indiana has experienced 67 cases of measles, including an outbreak in 2012 that made national headlines when two individuals with measles visited Super Bowl Village in downtown Indianapolis while infectious.

"We've been lucky that in recent years we haven't lost any lives due to measles, but I'm afraid that might not always be the case," said State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H. "With measles once again posing a serious threat, we are working to inform health care providers about signs and symptoms and continue to encourage all Hoosiers to check your vaccination status and get the appropriate doses of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine if you haven't already done so."

Measles was declared eliminated (absence of continuous disease transmission for greater than 12 months) from the U.S. in 2000 thanks to a highly effective vaccination program. Measles is still commonly transmitted (endemic or large outbreaks) in many parts of the world. This includes Europe, Asia, the Pacific, and Africa. Worldwide, an estimated 20 million people get measles and 122,000 die from the disease each year.

Before the United States measles vaccination program started in 1963, about 3 to 4 million people in the U.S. got measles each year; 400 to 500 of them died, 48,000 were hospitalized, and 4,000 developed encephalitis because of measles.

"The cases of measles in the infants in Illinois clearly demonstrate just how important it is that every one of us gets vaccinated," said Dr. Adams. "Vaccinations not only protect us and our loved ones, but they also protect vulnerable members of society who may not be able to get vaccinated, such as babies and individuals whose immune systems are suppressed due to chronic disease."

### About Measles

Measles is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus. It is rare in the United States due to high vaccination rates with the Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccine; however, visitors from other countries or unvaccinated U.S. citizens traveling abroad can become infected outside the United States and bring measles back with them.

More than 95 percent of people who receive a single dose of MMR will develop immunity to measles, and more than 99 percent will be protected after receiving a second dose. Two doses of the vaccine are needed to be fully protected. Individuals are encouraged to check with their health care providers to ensure vaccinations are up-to-date.

Children are routinely vaccinated for measles at 1 year of age, and again between the ages of 4-6 before going to kindergarten, but children as young as 6 months old can receive the measles vaccine if they will be traveling to a country where measles is endemic, or are otherwise at risk. Individuals born before 1957 are presumed to be immune to measles, unless they are health care providers. Individuals who are unsure about vaccination history should contact their health care providers. Hoosiers can also access immunization records directly through the secure online tool, called MyVaxIndiana, by requesting a PIN from their health care provider. Visit [www.MyVaxIndiana.in.gov](http://www.MyVaxIndiana.in.gov) to learn more.

### Symptoms

Measles begins with a fever, cough, runny nose, and red eyes about 7-10 days after exposure. The fever increases and can get as high as 105 degrees. Two to four days later, a rash starts on the face and upper neck. It

spreads down the back and trunk, and then extends to the arms and hands, as well as the legs and feet. After about five days, the rash fades the same order in which it appeared.

Measles is highly contagious. When infected persons sneeze or cough, droplets spray into the air. Those droplets remain active and contagious in the air for up to two hours.

"Hands down, the best way to prevent measles is to get two doses of the MMR vaccine for people born after 1957," said Dr. Adams. "With flu and other contagious illnesses also going around, it's always a good idea to also wash your hands frequently, cover your cough and stay home if you become sick."

If you don't have health care coverage or access to a doctor, see if you're eligible for the new Healthy Indiana Plan—HIP 2.0—by visiting [www.HIP.IN.gov](http://www.HIP.IN.gov) calling 1-877-GET-HIP-9.

For more information about measles, please visit the Indiana State Department of Health at [www.StateHealth.in.gov](http://www.StateHealth.in.gov) or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at <http://www.cdc.gov/measles/>.

Visit the Indiana State Department of Health at [www.StateHealth.in.gov](http://www.StateHealth.in.gov). Follow the Indiana State Department of Health on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/isdh1](http://www.facebook.com/isdh1).

## Governor Pence takes steps to ensure shortened ISTEP test

On Monday, Governor Mike Pence signed Executive Order 15-04 to shorten the length of the 2015 ISTEP test, which will be administered in March.

"Doubling the length of the 2015 ISTEP test is unacceptable and requires an immediate solution," said Governor Pence. "As soon as I learned of this issue, I vowed to support efforts to shorten the test while preserving the accountability that Hoosier students and families deserve."

The Executive Order, crafted in full consultation with legislative leaders, calls for a nationally recognized assessment expert to review the ISTEP test. It also directs the consultant to present the recommendations before the State Board of Education.

Without the action of Executive Order 15-04, Indiana schools are expected to experience a significant increase in testing time this March, largely because a pilot test, as recommended, was not administered by the Indiana Department of Education in either May or September of 2014. When asked in September if combining the required pilot test with the ISTEP test would add time and questions, the Department stated it would "add a few questions." Below is a table depicting the length of time expected for the 2015 ISTEP test.

The Governor also reiterated his support for school accountability today.

"We grade students every day in Indiana. We should be willing to grade schools once every year," said the Governor. "Our administration is committed to maintaining accountability within our schools and ensuring the best possible education for each and every Hoosier child."

Governor Pence has named Edward Roeber as the consultant who will review and make recommendations to the Office of the

Grade	2014 Online/Paper Operational Total Time	2015 Online/Paper Operational Total Time	Change in Total Time from 2014 to 2015
3	5 hours, 9 minutes	12 hours, 30 minutes	7 hours, 21 minutes
4	5 hours, 9 minutes	11 hours, 55 minutes	6 hours, 46 minutes
5	5 hours, 9 minutes	11 hours, 32 minutes	6 hours, 23 minutes
6	5 hours, 9 minutes	11 hours, 40 minutes	6 hours, 31 minutes
7	5 hours, 9 minutes	11 hours, 47 minutes	6 hours, 38 minutes
8	5 hours, 9 minutes	11 hours, 15 minutes	6 hours, 6 minutes



## NSWC Crane linked to strategic vision for Southwest Central Indiana to strengthen region

The Strategic Vision for Economic and Community Prosperity in Southwest Central Indiana, released in November 2014, calls out Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane (NSWC Crane) as a major catalyst for continued economic growth in the area. As the sole federal laboratory within the region, NSWC Crane both contributes to and benefits from key entrepreneurial efforts, technology partnerships, and workforce development components of the regional plan.

"There are some very important efforts and goals identified in this plan that we are

excited about for the future of Crane," stated Brian Blackwell, NSWC Crane's Director of Engagement. "Workforce development and education components of the plan are of particular interest to NSWC Crane. Our ability to attract, develop and retain this region's best and brightest talent is always on our mind. Along with other technology based employers in the region, we recognize that when we can get our regional students interested in the technical jobs we offer at Crane and when we enable them to continue their education in relevant career fields, we benefit from their long term employment."

The plan calls out the need to build upon NSWC Crane's relationships with Indiana's academic institutions, including Indiana University, with a focus on collaborative applied research while leveraging all assets to ensure global relevancy and economic growth.

"Increasing our connections with the State's colleges and universities has benefits in many ways. In the case of Indiana University, we have a significant opportunity with our close proximity and with the completion of a key section of I-69 to grow closer, both in terms of our relationship and in connectivity for offering educational programs and resources to our employees," states Blackwell.

"In addition to educational opportunities we are also focusing on discovering our mutual research and development interests. NSWC Crane first and foremost has a mission to support the Navy and there are technology areas where IU and Crane can build fundamental research advancement together benefiting both institutions."

Another area of the plan where NSWC Crane sees a significant benefit for the Navy is in the approach to entrepreneurial activity revolving around NSWC Crane's intellectual capital. Through Technology Transfer authorities, NSWC Crane's patent portfolio can be utilized for commercialization activity by private companies. The plan calls for Entrepreneurial Hubs, focused on the region's industry clusters, to be created in the region to help foster economic growth. NSWC Crane has more than 400 pieces of intellectual property (IP) that could contribute to commercial business opportunities.

"We are excited about the opportunities identified in this plan. This plan holds promise for the region and it will aid in our ability to accomplish our mission" stated Blackwell.

NSWC Crane is a naval laboratory and a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) employing 3000 people supporting Special Missions, Strategic Missions and Electronic Warfare. The Warfare Center is responsible for Multi-domain, Multi-Spectral, full life cycle support of technologies and systems to enhance today's Warfighter capability.

# National jobless rate sits at 5.7 percent for January

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 257,000 in January, and the unemployment rate was little changed at 5.7 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last Friday. Job gains occurred in retail trade, construction, health care, financial activities, and manufacturing.

#### Household Survey Data

The unemployment rate, at 5.7 percent, changed little in January and has shown no net change since October. The number of unemployed persons, at 9.0 million, was little changed in January.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rate for teenagers (18.8 percent) increased in January. The jobless rates for adult men (5.3 percent), adult women (5.1 percent), whites (4.9 percent), blacks (10.3 percent), Asians (4.0 percent), and Hispanics (6.7 percent) showed little or no change.

In January, the number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was essentially unchanged at 2.8 million. These individuals accounted for 31.5 percent of the unemployed. Over the past 12 months, the number of long-term unemployed is down by 828,000.

After accounting for the annual adjustments to the population controls, the civilian labor force rose by 703,000 in January. The labor force participation rate rose by 0.2 percentage point to 62.9 percent, following a decline of equal magnitude in the prior month. Total employment, as measured by the household survey, increased by 435,000 in January, and the employment-population ratio was little changed at 59.3 percent.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) was essentially unchanged in January at 6.8 million. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been cut back or because they were unable to find a full-time job.

In January, 2.2 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, down by 358,000 from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

Among the marginally attached, there were 682,000 discouraged workers in January, down by 155,000 from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 1.6 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in January had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

## Bill addressing local concern passes House

State Representative Mike Braun (R-Jasper) authored a bill to address a local concern and reduce the burden impacting counties regarding the maintenance and repair of levees. It encourages conversation between land owners' associations and counties to determine who is responsible to maintain or repair a levee that suffers damage.

The bill passed out of the House with a vote of 95-2 and will now go to the Senate for further consideration and debate.

Under current law, counties are required to pay the maintenance or repair costs of a levee and later be reimbursed through the gradual assessment of the land that benefits from it. House Bill (HB) 1240 states that counties may pay for the costs, which would allow them to be more involved in the process as they discuss the maintenance or repairs with land owners' associations.

"In 2011, the Bennington Levee in Daviess County suffered major damage and flooded adjacent farmland along the White River," said Rep. Braun. "The county was required to pay for the repair costs in full

#### Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 257,000 in January. Job gains occurred in retail trade, construction, health care, financial activities, and manufacturing.

After incorporating revisions for November and December (which include the impact of the annual benchmark process), monthly job gains averaged 336,000 over the past 3 months.

Employment in retail trade rose by 46,000 in January. Three industries accounted for half of the jobs added—sporting goods, hobby, book, and music stores (+9,000); motor vehicle and parts dealers (+8,000); and non-store retailers (+6,000).

Construction continued to add jobs in January (+39,000). Employment increased in both residential and nonresidential building (+13,000 and +7,000, respectively).

Employment continued to trend up in specialty trade contractors (+13,000). Over the prior 12 months, construction had added an average of 28,000 jobs per month.

In January, health care employment increased by 38,000. Job gains occurred in offices of physicians (+13,000), hospitals (+10,000), and nursing and residential care facilities (+7,000). Health care added an average of 26,000 jobs per month in 2014.

Employment in financial activities rose by 26,000 in January, with insurance carriers and related activities (+14,000) and securities, commodity contracts, and investments (+5,000) contributing to the gain. Financial activities has added 159,000 jobs over the past 12 months.

Manufacturing employment increased by 22,000 over the month, including job gains in motor vehicles and parts (+7,000) and wood products (+4,000). Over the past 12 months, manufacturing has added 228,000 jobs.

Professional and technical services added 33,000 jobs in January, including increases in computer systems design (+8,000) and architectural and engineering services (+8,000).

In January, employment in food services and drinking places continued to trend up (+35,000). In 2014, the industry added an average of 33,000 jobs per month.

Employment in other major industries, including mining and logging, wholesale trade, transportation and warehousing, information, and government, showed little change over the month.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 34.6 hours in January. The manufacturing workweek edged up by 0.1 hour to 41.0 hours, and factory overtime edged down by 0.1 hour to 3.5 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls edged down by 0.1 hour to 33.8 hours.

In January, average hourly earnings for and did not have the opportunity to voice their financial concerns with the levee association."

Some counties do not have the ability to incur the full cost of maintenance or repair of a levee if a major breach occurs. HB 1240 would give counties the option to pay for the costs at first, which would encourage land owners' associations to work together with counties to find a payment solution both parties can agree upon.

"The goal of HB 1240 is to foster communication between a land owners' association and county when a levee suffers damage, whether it be routine maintenance or a large break," said Rep. Braun. "This change in law would allow Indiana counties that have levees, but might not have the financial capabilities to pay repair costs, to have a say in the process."

To learn more about HB 1240, please visit [www.iga.in.gov](http://www.iga.in.gov).

Rep. Braun (R-Jasper) represents portions of Daviess, Dubois, Pike and Martin counties. He serves on the ways and means and roads and transportation committees.

all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased by 12 cents to \$24.75, following a decrease of 5 cents in December. Over the year, average hourly earnings have risen by 2.2 percent. In January, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees increased by 7 cents to \$20.80.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for November was revised from +353,000 to +423,000, and the change for

December was revised from +252,000 to +329,000. With these revisions, employment gains in November and December were 147,000 higher than previously reported.

Monthly revisions result from additional reports received from businesses since the last published estimates and the monthly recalculation of seasonal factors. The annual benchmark process also contributed to these revisions.

## Classified ADS

### HELP WANTED

### Maintenance Technicians Manufacturing Positions

Jasper Rubber Products, Inc. is excited to announce our improved benefits package and competitive wages for 2015. We are a 100% employee-owned company providing steady employment for the employee owners. We have immediate openings in our Maintenance department and manufacturing areas on the following shifts.

1st shift - 6:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
2nd shift - 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.  
3rd shift - 10:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m.

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[www.jasperrubber.com](http://www.jasperrubber.com)  
Equal Opportunity Employer



The Loogootee Hometown IGA is currently looking for a hard-working, motivated, full-time Night Manager.

If you have grocery experience, good communication skills, enjoy working with others, and have a desire to step into this management position, please contact Duane Mann at the Loogootee store. (812) 295-2949.

This is a full-time position with benefit availability, including paid vacations and holidays, medical, dental and vision insurance, individual and family life, short and long term disability, cancer insurance, etc.



## More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



### THOUGHT STARTERS

1. It's all fun and games til your jeans don't fit.
2. When killing them with kindness doesn't work, I've heard a baseball bat is quite effective.
3. If I was a bird, I know who I'd poop on.
4. My brain is like the Bermuda Triangle. Information goes in and then it's never found again.
5. Sex education classes in school should be listening to a baby cry for five hours straight while watching the same cartoon on repeat.
6. Sometimes you fall before you fly. In my case I had to stumble in the dark, fall on my face, and get up again . . . only to walk into the wall.
7. You can't fix stupid but you can watch it in action every day on Facebook.
8. Have you ever had one of those days when you're holding a stick and everyone looks like a piñata?
9. I wake up every morning in a good mood. It's the next 16 hours that are always iffy.
10. I'm tired of winter. I want to fast-forward to griping about how hot it is.
11. Home is where you can say anything you want because nobody listens to you anyway.
12. I've expanded my skills. I can now forget what I'm doing while I'm actually doing it.
13. I like rumors. I find out so much about me that I didn't even know.
14. Money can't buy happiness but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
15. Lead me not into temptation . . . Oh, who am I kidding! Follow me. I know a shortcut.

“How long have you been driving without

a tail light?” asked the policeman after pulling over a motorist.

The driver jumped out, ran to the rear of his car, and gave a long, painful groan. He seemed so upset that the cop was moved to ease up on him a bit.

“Come on, now,” he said, “you don't have to take it so hard. It isn't that serious.”

“It isn't?” cried the motorist. “Then you know what happened to my boat and trailer?”

### AND THAT'S WHEN THE FIGHT STARTED

My wife and I were sitting at a table at my high school reunion, and I kept staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sat alone at a nearby table.

My wife asked, “Do you know her?”

“Yes,” I sighed, “she's my old girlfriend. I understand she took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear she hasn't been sober since.”

“My God!” says my wife, “who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?” And that's when the fight started....

### SERIOUS THOUGHTS

1. With hurricanes, tornados, fires out of control, mud slides, flooding, severe thunderstorms tearing up the country from one end to another, and with the threat of flu and terrorist attacks, are we sure this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance?”

2. People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you make them feel.

3. What is popular is not always right; and that what is right is not always popular, but doing what is right is building integrity and no one can take your integrity from you.

Make someone smile today!

## Photo contest celebrates historic resources

The DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (DHPA) is sponsoring its 11th annual photo contest to recognize Historic Preservation Month in May.

The subject of the photo must be in Indiana and more than 50 years old. Images could include anything from a cemetery, to a main street to a grain silo. The contest does not place limitations on the condition of the historic resource.

Past entries have involved subject matter with conditions ranging from pristine to undergoing demolition.

Photos can be color or black and white, must be 8x10 inches, and matted with white or ivory mat board so final dimensions are 11x14 inches. Participants should not frame their photos.

The contest deadline is April 3, 2015. The contest is free, and photographers can submit up to three entries per person.

Photos will be judged by a panel of DNR representatives, preservationists and photographers.

For a list of contest guidelines, the mailing address, and the required entry form, go to [dnr.IN.gov/historic/3994.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/historic/3994.htm).

To celebrate Historic Preservation Month in May, selected photos from the contest will be on exhibit at the following locations:

- Attica Public Library
- Corydon State Historic Site
- Elkhart County Historical Museum
- Huntington Public Library
- Mooresville Public Library
- Princeton Public Library.

Historic Preservation Month celebrations this year will feature a new “Building of the Day” on the DHPA Facebook page, [facebook.com/INDhpa](http://facebook.com/INDhpa). Each day in May, architectural historians with the DHPA will unveil one of their favorite historic resources in Indiana. Some places will be well-known, while others are underappreciated architectural jewels.

For more information, contact DHPA architectural historian Amy Borland at [aborland@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:aborland@dnr.IN.gov) or (317) 232-1647.

## Calendar of Events

### Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, February 12 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

### Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Tuesday, February 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. Some items on the agenda include substitute teachers' pay, the Hoosier Uplands building purchase, along with regular agenda items. The meeting is open to the public.

### Relay for Life meeting

The next Martin County Relay for Life committee/captain's meeting will be held at the Martin County Learning Center on Thursday, February 19 at 6 p.m. Anyone interested in participating or planning Relay 2015 is welcome to attend.

### Public records commission meeting

The Martin County Commission on Public Records will meet Friday, February 20 at 10:30 a.m. in the commissioners' room of the Martin County Courthouse located at 129 Main Street in Shoals.

### Sons of the American Revolution meeting

The first quarterly meeting of the Daniel Guthrie Chapter, Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution will be held on February 17 at the Free Methodist Church on R Street in Bedford. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and the cost is \$13 each. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. This will be the annual Awards Night where they will be presenting the Law Enforcement and Firefighter Commendation Medals and Certificates. Hero of the year Medal and Certificate will be presented. They will also be presenting the Bronze Good Citizenship and Outstanding Citizenship awards. Three Edgewood High School girls will receive certificates from the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest. A Eagle Scout Medal, patch and certificate will be presented to an Eagle Scout.

### ACCTS Banquet

The ACCTS (Area Churches honoring

Christ Together in Service) 13th Annual Banquet will be held Saturday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level of St. John Center in Loogootee. The event is free of charge and the public is invited to attend.

### Boy Scouts

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

### Cub Scout meetings

Cub scout meetings are held at Loogootee United Methodist Church on the first, third, and fourth Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Bryan Adams at 812-854-7837.

### SOAR Tutoring

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

### Solid waste board

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

### 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 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend. To find out how to become a member, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email [mchs@frontier.com](mailto:mchs@frontier.com).

### Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Martin County Community Learning Center on the fairgrounds.

### 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](http://www.martinswcd.com) or call at 295-3149.

## Notes from the Martin Co. WIC Nutritionist

BY ELIZABETH WHITE  
Martin County WIC Nutritionist

This month on baby behavior we will be talking about “How to calm a crying baby.” Let's just get it out there and say what everyone wants to say but hates to admit it, “BABIES CRY.” Sometimes babies cry to get your attention and let you know they need something and sometimes babies just cry. Crying is a normal baby behavior. Crying is designed to be annoying or frustrating to adults so babies can get our attention fast and cause adults to want to make the crying stop.

Here are some tips on how to calm a crying baby when they have already been fed and changed. Repeat the same action over and over again such as humming or singing, rocking in a chair or standing, rubbing baby's back, using white noise like a fan or a vacuum. Cuddling and holding baby skin-to-skin or using a blanket to swaddle your little one. Babies also like changing their scenery by taking a quick walk outside, walking into a room in your house that the baby has not been in for a while, facing baby towards a window to look out, or taking baby for a car ride. Sometimes babies like a combination of any of the above to help them clam their crying.

It is also a normal behavior for you to get angry or frustrated with your baby when it is hard to calm baby's crying. It is ok to put your baby in a safe place such as their crib or bassinet for a short time so you can calm down. Take a few deep breaths then go back to your baby and try again.

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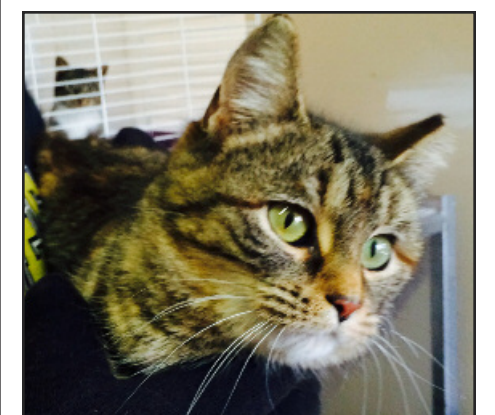
Live Well Digest: Learning the Secrets of

Baby Behavior, winter 2014

The WIC program provides supplemental nutritional foods, referrals, breastfeeding support, and nutrition education for pregnant women, nursing women, infants, and children 1-5 years. The Martin County WIC clinic is open Monday and Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please call 247-3303 to make an appointment.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

## Humane Society featured pet



**Bridget is a female cat, around a year old, very sweet. She gets along with other cats. She is spayed and UTD on all her shots. Adoption fee is \$40. If interested in adopting her, stop by the animal shelter at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Shelter hours are Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appt.**

## GOODWILL CEMETERY 2015 MOWING SEASON OPEN TO BIDDERS

The Trustees of the Goodwill Cemetery Association will receive proposals for cemetery mowing for the 2015 mowing season. Specifications for the job have been prepared and are available to bidders at the office of Lett and Jones, Attorneys at Law, 103 North Street, Loogootee, Indiana. Bids will be accepted until close of business February 27th, 2015. Bid proposals may be forwarded to Goodwill Cemetery Association in care of Lett and Jones Attorney office. The Association reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal or proposals.



## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser  
Purdue University Master Gardener

The Global Soil Partnership at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has declared 2015 the International Year of Soils. The declaration is to draw attention to programs for soil conservation and the importance of soils in our lives.

Soil may be defined as the mixture of minerals, organic matter, gasses, water and organisms that make up the skin of the earth. Soil acts as the medium for plant growth, water filtration, storage and supply and a modifier of the earth's atmosphere. The soil is a living ecosystem, containing organisms responsible for the decomposition of organic materials. There are more organisms living in a teaspoon of soil than there are people living on the earth.

The mineral portion of the soil is made up of various sized particles, each of which plays an important part in the retention of water. Soils may be classified as either sandy or clay, with various amounts of organic matter resulting in loam. In most areas of southern Indiana, we tend to have clay loam soils, thanks to the organic matter added over the years from grasses and prairie plants and from leaves from hardwood trees. Of course, the texture or tilth of the soil may always be improved by the addition of more organic matter in the form of compost.

Wind and rain may result in erosion of the soil. It is important to protect this important commodity. By creating areas of groundcover and trees along rivers and streams, one may help prevent erosion during times of floods. Groundcovers also offer protection from the wind.

The fertility of the soil is a measurement of the available nutrients needed to sustain plant life. Over time, plants will use the available nutrients, so they need to be replenished. I again recommend compost as the best way to do that. While nutrients must be available for plant growth, excess nutrients may actually become detrimental to the environment. For that reason, before adding chemical nutrients, one should always have a soil analysis done to know exactly how much of any particular nutrient should be added.

A soil analysis will also reveal the pH of the soil. The pH is a measure of the acidity or alkalinity of the soil, measured on a scale from -1 to 14. A Ph of 7 is neutral. Higher numbers reflect more alkalinity and lower numbers mean the soil is more acidic. Most plants prefer soils with pH of 5.5 to 7, but there are plants that will thrive in more alkaline soils and in more acidic soils. However, most of these plants tend to be classified as weeds. The pH of the soil also affects how plants can take up available nu-

### Five new members appointed to Trails Advisory Board

DNR director Cameron F. Clark recently appointed five members to the Indiana Trails Advisory Board (TAB).

The 15-member volunteer board advises Clark on trails-related issues. The recently appointed members represent bicyclists, health/higher education, off-road motorcyclists, parks and recreation agencies, and water trail users.

These members will begin their terms March 1 and serve until February 28, 2018.

They are:  
Bicyclists: Jessica Hall  
Health/higher education: Joan Cook  
Off-road motorcyclists: Richard Dorfmeier

Parks and recreation agencies: Melody Jones

Water trail users: Joseph Rozsahegyi.

The new members will be introduced at the March 5 TAB meeting. To learn more about the Indiana Trails Advisory Board, see [dnr.IN.gov/outdoor/4094.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/outdoor/4094.htm).

trients. In fact, the nutrients may be available in the soil, but plants cannot use them outside a particular pH range. In such a case, adding chemical fertilizers to increase the nutrients would have no effect on plant growth, but run-off of the excess nutrients could pollute the streams and even the groundwater in the area. Some plants will develop different traits according to the pH of the soil. The most noted example of this in this area is the way blooms of certain species of hydrangea change color by changing the pH, becoming more blue in acidic soils and pink when the soils are more alkaline.

Soil additives containing sulphur compounds are often used to lower pH and agricultural lime is the most common additive to increase alkalinity. It is important to know the pH needs of any crop one is growing to know what to add to the soil. I have often heard people say they needed to add some lime to loosen soils that have compacted. This could actually be detrimental if the soil does not need the alkalinity of the lime. On the other hand, adding compost tends to neutralize the pH, whether acidic or alkaline, while having the desired effect of improving the tilth of the soil.

Some of the tests for soils may be accomplished with simple meters, available at most garden centers. Soil test kits are also available and are not complicated to perform. However, if a complete analysis of the soil is needed, it may be necessary to send a sample off to a lab. The Extension office in your county should be able to give you information on such labs available and explain how to take the necessary soil samples.

Stewardship of the soil is without a doubt the most important step to a successful garden, whether you are growing food or ornamentals. Before spring gets here and you get too busy is a great time to take a soil sample for an analysis. It may result in the best garden you have ever had.

## Seeding trial results show corn plants per acre continue to grow in Indiana

BY DARRIN PACK  
Purdue University News Service

Indiana corn farmers could raise a record number of plants per acre in 2015, mostly due to new seeding technology and hardier hybrids, Purdue Extension corn specialist Bob Nielsen said.

Assessing the results of 67 field-scale trials conducted throughout the state since 2008, Nielsen and his colleagues at Purdue determined that the maximum grain yield for a typical Indiana cornfield under normal growing conditions occurs at a final population of 32,000 plants per acre.

Last year, the estimated average plant population statewide was about 30,850 plants per acre. In 2012, half of the state's cornfields had more than 30,000 plants per acre, compared with only 5 percent in 1998.

Corn plant populations have steadily increased in Indiana over the past 25 years by about 300 plants per acre per year. Probably the biggest reason for the increase in corn population, Nielsen said, is the improved stress tolerance of modern hybrids, meaning the plants do better in densely populated fields.

Variable-rate planter technologies are another factor. Although variable-rate seeding tools have been commercially available for years, they are now becoming standard equipment on most corn planters, Nielsen said. Variable-rate seeding allows farmers to put down different rates of seed in different parts of their fields.

The field studies included a variety of hy-

## Farm bill webinar to address coverage options

BY EMMA HOPKINS  
Purdue University News Service

Farmers who are deciding which of the new federal farm programs is right for their operation will be able to speak directly with Purdue University experts during a free webinar on February 16.

"Evaluating Your 2014 Farm Bill Choices" will begin at 9 a.m. EST. It will be the second Purdue webinar on the new farm bill coverage options.

Jim Mintert, director of Purdue's Center for Commercial Agriculture and one of the webinar panelists, said the 2014 farm bill represents the biggest change to federal farm policy in a generation.

The legislation offers farmers three coverage options: the Agricultural Risk Coverage-County, or ARC-County, program; the Price Loss Coverage, or PLC, program; and the Agricultural Risk Coverage-Individual,

or ARC-Individual, program. Producers have until March 21 to choose one.

Farmers also have an opportunity to reallocate their base acreage for program crops based on recent planting history and, for the first time in years, can also update their farms' yields based on actual yield history. The deadline to reallocate and update farm yields is February 27.

The panelists will discuss the provisions of each of the programs and provide some economic analysis to help guide farmers in their decisions. In addition to Mintert, the panelists are Michael Langemeier, associate director of the Center for Commercial Agriculture, and Michael Boehlje, distinguished professor of agricultural economics.

To register for the webinar, or for more information, visit the Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture website at <https://www.agecon.purdue.edu/commercialag/>.

## Public hearings set for proposed fish, wildlife rule changes

The Natural Resources Commission has scheduled three hearings to accept public comment on a package of proposed rule changes governing deer hunting, wild animals found dead, nuisance wild animals, cottontail rabbits, wild pigs, quail and pheasant hunting on DNR-managed properties, ruffed grouse, wild turkey hunting, reptiles, amphibians, exotic fish, sport fishing, and commercial fishing on Wabash River boundary waters and other inland water.

Among the proposed changes are rules that would allow the use of high-powered rifles for deer hunting, a 25-fish daily bag limit on sunfish (that includes bluegill), and suspension of the ruffed grouse hunting season. For a complete list of proposed amendments with additional information about each proposal, see [dnr.IN.gov/fish-wild/2362.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/fish-wild/2362.htm).

The hearings will be:

Monday, March 16, 5:30 p.m. at Spring Mill State Park, 3333 S.R. 60 E., Mitchell.

Tuesday, March 17, 3:30 p.m. at The Garrison Conference Center, Fort Harrison State Park, 5753 Glenn Road, Indianapolis.

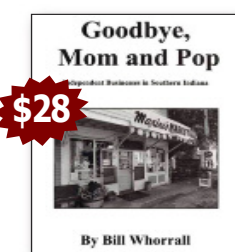
Wednesday, March 25, 5:30 p.m. at the DNR Northeast Regional Office, 1353 Governors Dr., Columbia City.

Public comments can be submitted online at [www.in.gov/nrc/2377.htm](http://www.in.gov/nrc/2377.htm). Locate the "comment on this rule" link in the Rules Docket for the Fish & Wildlife Biennial Rules Amendment Package.

Comments also can be mailed to: Natural Resources Commission, Indiana Government Center South, 100 North Senate Ave., Room N501, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2200.

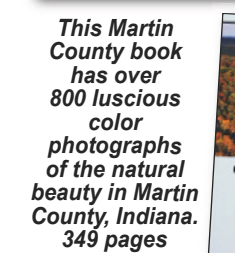
The deadline for submitting public comments is midnight March 25.

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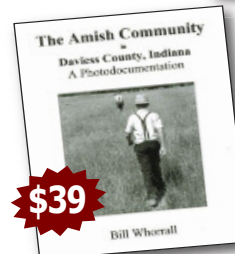


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### Holiday visit

The North Daviess 6th Grade Class visited with and entertained Parkview Village Christian Care residents during the Christmas Season. They played games, sang, read poetry and performed skits.

## Cybersecurity issue goes beyond the Anthem headlines

BY JIM BUSH  
Purdue University News Service

While the security breach affecting as many as 80 million Anthem Inc. customers generates big headlines because of its size, it's the smaller-scale attacks that concern Purdue University cybersecurity expert Eugene Spafford.

"In 2013, U.S. federal agents notified more than 3,000 businesses that someone had hacked their computer systems," Spafford said, citing national news stories published in March. "The concern we should have is not only the high-profile cases like this that are discovered and announced. It's the ones that aren't discovered and reported. Too many organizations believe that it can't happen to them, and they continually apply patches."

Spafford, the executive director of Purdue's Center for Education and Research in Information Assurance and Security, says in

the case of Anthem and others, the costs and dangers are hidden.

"The personal information they listed can represent a problem for people for years to come," he said. "That's information that can be used for identity theft, extortion and to gain people's trust. So, it really is a big problem, even if medical or credit card information is not given out. The company providing a year or two of credit monitoring won't fix that."

Spafford, a Purdue faculty member since 1987, is one of the most recognized leaders in the information security field, having served as an adviser or consultant for major companies, law enforcement, academic and government agencies. He has served in roles with two U.S. presidents, and worked with the U.S. departments of Justice and Energy, the U.S. Air Force, National Security Agency, and Federal Bureau of Investigation. He has testified before Congress many times on cybersecurity.

## 2015 DNR rec guide available online

Your guide to Indiana's best values in outdoor recreation is available now at [dnr.IN.gov/5280.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/5280.htm). The Department of

Natural Resources' 2015 Indiana Recreation Guide is the source for information on state parks, lakes, State Park Inns, fish & wildlife areas, state forests and other DNR properties.

Local retail outlets, state parks, lakes and other DNR properties will have free printed copies available in early February. The guides also will be available at the DNR booth at the Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel Show, February 20 through March 1, at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis.

Annual Entrance Passes can be purchased in person at the gatehouse or offices of state park properties during business hours, at the Indiana Government Center South in Indianapolis during business hours, or at [inns-gifts.com](http://inns-gifts.com).

Indiana resident passes cost \$40. For individuals 65 years old or older, the price is \$20. Annual passes for vehicles with out-of-state license plates are \$60. Normal daily gate fees for residents at most properties are \$5 per vehicle. For more information on Indiana state park properties, visit [stateparks.IN.gov](http://stateparks.IN.gov).

## Purdue profs create Soybots, mobile micro-garden, to be on the go

BY AMY PATTERSON NEUBERT  
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Purdue University professors designed a robotic platform allowing indoor plants to search for light to sustain nourishment.

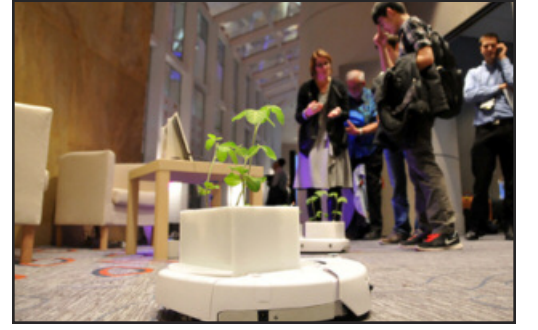
"Soybots: Mobile Micro-Gardens is a responsive robotic-botanic hybrid artwork that utilizes light sensors to track sunlight intensity or to locate LED grow lights," said Shannon McMullen, an assistant professor of electronic and time-based art. "We chose soybean plants because they are a key global food source, and part of producing art is to raise questions about the future of robotics in agriculture and how humans exist in this relationship."

Soybots were created by McMullen and Fabian Winkler, an associate professor of electronic and time-based art. In electronic and time-based art, artists use new media technologies, such as computers and robotics, while emphasizing the time-based component. This form of contemporary art changes over time through some type of interaction, either in response to people or naturally over a set time period. Video of the soybots is available online.

As each soybot moves, the robot transmits both sensor data and positional coordinates to a visualization window in its gallery space.

"The robots' movements as related to light sources are tracked as part of the exhibit, and by making this interface visible to visitors it inspires discussion about energy need, consumption and balance - comparing forms of sun and electrical energy," Winkler said.

Next, the soybots will be on exhibit in March for the "Balance/Unbalance: Water, Climate and Place. Reimagining Environ-



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As each soybot moves, the robot transmits both sensor data and positional coordinates to a visualization window in its gallery space. This project combines art and agriculture, and that is why soybean plants were selected for this project.



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## Skills USA contest is at VU on Saturday

Vincennes University's College of Technology will host the Indiana Region 4 and 5 Skills USA contest on February 14.

More than 300 high school students and guests from southeastern and southwestern Indiana will compete for scholarships and the opportunity to advance to the State Leadership and Skills Conference in Indianapolis on April 10-11. The students will be accompanied by more than 50 school advisors. VU has hosted the regional competition for more than 20 years.

The Skills USA organization emphasizes technical skills, leadership, and interpersonal skills training. It also exposes students to various career paths and encourages success in their selected vocations.

Areas of competition include architectural drafting, automotive service, carpentry, CNC milling, CNC turning, collision repair, computer maintenance, diesel, engineering

technology, internetworking, masonry, marine service technology, motorcycle service technology, power equipment technology, precision machining, residential wiring, technical drafting, and welding.

Students will compete at technology labs on the Vincennes Campus.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. (EST) in the Red Skelton Performing Arts Center with competitions to begin in various campus locations at 9 a.m. The contest will conclude with a luncheon and awards ceremony at 2 p.m. at the Skelton Center.

VU Provost Charles Johnson will welcome the participants at 8:20 a.m. Dean Ackerman, dean of the College of Technology, and VU President Richard Helton will also address the contestants and advisors prior to the awards ceremony.

For additional information about Skills USA programs and activities, go to [www.skillsusa.org](http://www.skillsusa.org).

## Fourth graders invited to enter essay contest

Fourth graders from across the state are invited to participate in the Indiana Division of Historic Preservation's 2015 "My Favorite Historic Place in Indiana" essay contest. The winning essay will be published in an upcoming edition of Eavesdropping.

The competition is open to any fourth grade public, private or homeschooled student in Indiana. Essays must be submitted no later than Friday, May 1, 2015.

Essays should discuss a historic place - 50 years old or older - in Indiana and why it is the writer's favorite historic place. Essays should range from 100 to 400 words, handwritten or typed, and must be the student's original work. Plagiarism will result in disqualification. Essays must include the student's name, teacher's name, and the school's name, address, telephone number, and email address.

During the first week of May, judges will choose 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners, who will all receive prizes. All work becomes property of the DNR DHPA and may be used on the division's website, e-newsletter, or other venues.

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