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Bauer resigns from Shoals School Board

The Shoals School Board met February 14. Bill Bauer resigned his position as on the school board effective February 11, 2019. Sam Boyd motioned to accept the resignation and Drexel Turpin seconded. The motion passed 4-0. The board will have 30 days to appoint a new member.

Jenell Hoffman nominated Drexel Turpin to be the new president of the board. Sam Boyd seconded this motion. The motion passed 3-0-1 with Drexel abstaining.

During patron input, Lorna Troutman talked about a presentation that the Robotics Team gave last week. They had Captain Mark Oesterreich, Icdr Michael Lemmons and Greg Petty from Crane attend the demonstration. The students placed 2nd at the Kentucky State Robotics competition in January.

Hoosier Uplands donated \$7,800 to Phase I of the school's walking trail and Duke Energy donated \$1,000 to further the building of the new greenhouse by the agriculture students. The board accepted the donations.

The following personnel actions were made

-Cole Hovis for the position of Title I aide.

-April Thompson and Melinda Wagner as substitute teachers for all grade levels.

Baseball Varsity Head Coach – Tim Sorrells

Jr. High Baseball Coach – Ethan Jones

Baseball Volunteers – Josh Sexton, Kyle Troutman and Danny Roush

Softball Varsity Head Coach – Aimee Farhar

Softball Volunteers – John Harder, Brittany Jones, Miranda Beaver and Ashley Roush

Track Varsity Boys – Tim Howell

Track Varsity Girls – Dennis Dahlen

Varsity Girls Track Assistant - Rhonda Sanders

Track Middle School Boys – Andrew Beaver

Track Junior High Girls Coach – Heidi Hoffman

Cindy McNabb submitted her resignation from Senior Beta Sponsor effective the end of this school year. High School Principal recommends Ashley Montgomery and Megan Hawkins as Co-Senior Beta Sponsors effective 2019-2020. The board approved.

Kathrina Miller resigned from the cafeteria dishwasher position effective February 13, 2019. The kitchen manager recommends Mary Beth Brett to take the cafeteria dishwasher position. The board approved.

The maintenance director requests the following personnel for summer cleaning:

Full-time custodians: Sabra Bough, Larry Jones, Josh Neideffer, Pat Sinnott.

Additional crew: Miranda Albright – Lead, Tracy Jones, Pam McCarty.

Sub list: Louton Hager, Whitney Haulk, Anita Letterman, Nici Key, Kelsey Sellers.

The board approved.

A request was given by the high school principal to add Dual Cred-

it Calculus for the 2019-2020 school year. The board approved.

The renewal of Dr. Roush's contract was brought to the board. Sam Boyd motioned to renew the superintendent's contract and was seconded by Jenell Hoffman. The motion passed 4-0.

The superintendent presented on the possibility of starting 529 College Savings Plans for the kindergartners. This would be optional for parents, but the school would make the initial \$25 deposit to create the account. Drexel Turpin made a motion to send letters home to parents for this program and Sam Boyd seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

The nurse has a standing order for auto-injector Epinephrine pens that is renewed every year by the board. The board approved the renewal.

The IT director and superintendent submitted a request to change the student software program from Harmony to Skyward. The process will take approximately six months and will be ready for the new school year. The board approved.

A facility usage request was presented for the FTC Robotics Team to use the STEM room for practice on January 19 in preparation for the Kentucky State Championships. The board ap-

Martin County joins Odyssey Case Management program

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday night, February 19. Commissioner Dan Gregory was not present. Gregory has missed the past several commissioners' meetings. Commissioner Paul George, when asked if Gregory was okay, said that he has been on travel and will return in March.

Clerk Gerald Montgomery and Judge Lynne Ellis asked the commissioners' permission to partner with Odyssey Case Management. Odyssey is the state's case management system and puts all cases, criminal, civil, small claims, etc. in a central database where anyone can access it. According to the judge, they have been paying \$24,000 a year through CSI for the same management however since the state is asking counties to switch to Odyssey, for now it is being offered for free. It was also noted that Odyssey offered to upgrade computers to handle the system. Clerk Montgomery said that he had put in his budget for this year to purchase new computers in his office, however, he is going to hold off doing that now to see what he can get through this new system.

The commissioners approved switching to Odyssey.

Sheriff Travis Roush told the commissioners that the jail is in need of new security cameras. He said the prosecutor's office has also expressed the need for cameras so they are going to go in together to see if a discount will be given. He is estimating the cost to be

proved.

The sophomore class parents request to sell Merkle Meats from February 1-15 for funds for the prom and their senior trip. The Class of 2024 parents request have the 7th graders sell Little Caesars Pizza Kits from March 7-21 for funds to start the Class of 2024 account. Varsity Softball Coach Aimee Farhar requests to sell team shirts as a fundraiser. FFA sponsor Ben Kent requests to sell strawberry flats for a spring fundraiser. The board approved.

The new liability rates were presented to the board, with a minimal increase in monthly premiums at German American. Drexel Turpin motioned that we renew with German American and Jenell Hoffman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Information was given for potentially having summer school this year. The superintendent requests to post positions for summer school teachers internally. The board approved.

The superintendent requested to have three e-learning days preapproved in the event of inclement weather. The board approved.

A facility usage request was presented to the board from the Shoals Post Prom Committee to host Tux IT! Tux- (See 'SHOALS' on page 2)

around \$30,000. Sheriff Roush said his jail commander is currently checking with other jails to see what the latest technology is because he doesn't want to have to replace the cameras again in the next few years.

Sheriff Roush also reported that there are currently 82 inmates in the jail with 25 of them from Vigo County. He estimates that with the Vigo County inmates, they will be able to bring in an extra \$300,000 in revenue for the county this year.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett said that residents on Ironton Road have requested that a school speed zone sign be placed on the road. He said the students, per the residents, exit the school at high speeds and they fear a child will get run over. Commissioner George said he didn't have a problem with having a 25-mile-per-hour speed limit in the area of the school but suggested that Padgett speak to the school and the county attorney first.

Padgett asked for the commissioners' advice with coming up with roads to pave to include on the Community Crossings grant application for 2020. He said that hot mix needs to be applied on roads that are ready and he wants to spend this year tearing up the current asphalt to be prepared for next year. The commissioners said they would discuss it with him and come up with the roads that need done.

Padgett also told the commissioners that if they have a historical bridge analysis done on bridge 58 on Brickyard Road, if approved to have historical value, INDOT would pay for the (See 'MARTIN COUNTY' on page 3)



JAMES MAPLE III

Wanted man rams deputy's vehicle leading to pursuit and shots fired

On Saturday, February 16 at 5 a.m., Martin County Sheriff's Office Corporal Tyler Reed was checking an abandoned vehicle on Pridemore Cemetery Road when another vehicle approached Corporal Reed. Corporal Reed made contact with the driver and recognized him as James R. Maple III, 30, of Indianapolis. Corporal Reed knew that Maple was wanted out of Lawrence County, Indiana. Corporal Reed also smelled the strong odor of marijuana coming from Maple's vehicle. Corporal Reed confirmed through dispatch that Maple had an active warrant and requested that Lawrence County officers come to his location to assist. Corporal Reed then pulled his vehicle forward and angled it to block Maple's vehicle from leaving. Corporal Reed exited his vehicle and ordered Maple out of his vehicle.

Maple then put his vehicle in reverse and angled it toward Corporal Reed and his vehicle. Corporal Reed had to move out of the way to avoid being struck and crushed between the two vehicles. Maple then rammed Corporal Reed's vehicle and forced it out of the way and then fled west on US 50 and Corporal Reed initiated a pursuit. Maple tried to elude Corporal Reed near the National Gypsum Factory entrance by turning around and fleeing back east and Corporal Reed continued the pursuit. Maple then turned north on to Red School Road near SR 650 with Corporal Reed behind him, then turned back west on US 50 and continued to the US 50/US 150 junction where he turned on to US 150. The pursuit continued to Mill Road where Maple turned.

Corporal Reed briefly lost sight of the vehicle as Maple crested a hill. After Corporal Reed crested the hill Corporal Reed observed a vehicle coming towards him. The vehicle turned out to not be the suspect vehicle. Corporal Reed asked the driver of the vehicle if he had met any vehicles. At this time, several gunshots were fired from behind Corporal Reed. Corporal Reed then noticed the suspect vehicle partially concealed under some trees in the front yard of a residence. Corporal Reed left the immediate area to await assisting officers. Officers from (See 'PURSUIT' on page 2)

Jr Gee to be guest speaker at Lionbackers pre-sectional banquet

The Loogootee Lionbackers will be hosting their annual pre-sectional banquet on Sunday, February 24 at 1 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. The public is invited to attend. Tickets can be purchased for presale at home basketball games for \$8 or at the door on the day of the event for \$10. They will have a catered meal and a guest speaker.

This year's speaker will be Jr Gee. Jr Gee is a 1963 LHS Graduate. He won 12 varsity letters in track, baseball, and basketball. He was four-year starter in both baseball and basketball. He played for Coach Jack Butcher and his teams were 82-13 in his four years of high school. Jr scored 1,372 career points and is the career assist leader at LHS. Jr played on the first Loogootee team to beat the Washington Hatchets and also played on two sectional winning teams. After his senior year he was chosen as an Indiana High School All-Star to play in the annual series against the Kentucky High School All-Stars.

Jr received a full basketball scholarship to attend the University of Miami,

Florida, turning down offers to play for IU, Purdue, Butler, Evansville, and 20 other schools around the country.

Jr led the Miami freshmen team of 63-64, scoring 25 points per game. College freshmen were not eligible for varsity play at the time. Jr became a three-year starter at point guard on the University of Miami team featuring future NBA Hall of Famer Rick Barry.

After college, Jr spent 32 years teaching and coaching. He began his coaching career at St. John's High School in Loogootee, coaching the 1968 and 1969 seasons. His 1969 St. Johns Eagles team went undefeated in the regular season before losing in the sectional. The balance of Jr's teaching and coaching career was in Naples, Florida, where he coached basketball and tennis.

Jr lives now in Apopka, Florida. He has two sons, Michael and David, who he enjoyed coaching in their younger years. Jr, along with Coach Jack Butcher, started the Butcher Gee Scholarship Fund to assist those LHS seniors furthering their education.

Terri Sullivan Callaway Scholarship

America is facing a critical shortage of nurses of all categories due to the aging population of baby boomers. Salary and benefits are rising to encourage people to enter this field. In addition, nursing qualifies as one of the most personally fulfilling of all occupations.

To address this crisis, Tom and Sue Strange established a nursing scholarship endowment in 1999 with the Martin County Community Foundation to financially assist aspiring people to pursue the nursing profession. Terri passed away in 1998 and her scholarship addresses the vital need in all of our communities – the shortage of trained nurses upon which the sick and elderly depend.

This year's scholarship is for \$2,651



and is open to both traditional and non-traditional students. Traditional students are defined as those who transition straight from high school to college, university or a vocational school. The Martin County Community Foundation defines non-traditional students as those who have taken one or more years between high school and are now enrolling in a higher education program.

An eligible applicant must be a current high school senior who will graduate from a high school in Martin County, Indiana or a non-traditional student who is a resident of Martin County, Indiana. All applicants must meet the following criteria:

The applicant must be a member of a Christian faith church

The applicant must have been accepted into a school for continuing education

The applicant must be pursuing a career in the field of nursing

Priority will be given to members of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Martin County, Indiana

Applications are available at St. John the Evangelist church or online at www.cfpartner.org/mccfgrants.htm. The applications must be completed and returned by March 15, 2019. Applications should be mailed to: Community Foundation Partnership, Attn: Programs Coordinator, PO Box 1235, Bedford, IN 47421.

For more information call Curt Johnson, Director of the Martin County Community Foundation, at 812-295-1022 or email mccf@cfpartner.org.

SHOALS

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edo Fitting on April 7. The board approved.

High School Principal Kindra Hovis gave her report to the board. Attendance was at 95 percent in the high school for the month of January. Enrollment is up 22 students from last year, this includes 12 new students that have registered with Shoals after the first of the school year. All students have their course offering requests for next year. After much discussion with the teachers, they are moving to an eight period a day schedule next year. This will allow for smaller class sizes and open up more options for the new graduation pathways. Teacher Audrey Gibson's College and Careers sophomore class is planning a Jug Rox Make a Difference Day. This will focus on giving back to the local community businesses. 8th grade induction night is on March 5. There will be light refreshments served and Mrs. Jessica Hert will explain graduation pathways. The students will create their schedules on this night for their freshman year. IMPACCT students are working on their spring night of worship. They are hoping to get a Christian Comedian to come in. Beta Service Week is the week of March 11. The group is looking for many service projects. They have the Backpack Blessings at Redemption Church already on the schedule. 26 FFA/AG students attended the farm show in Louisville, Kentucky on Wednesday, February 13. Students were complimented by many on their manners and how well-behaved they were. On March 7, Mrs. Hert has scheduled for a representative from the 21st Century Scholars to come and meet with all of the students that qualify for this. They will meet with each student and their parent's one on one. Upcoming events and dates to remember are Sports Banquet February 20 at 6 p.m., Boys' Basketball Banquet February 25, 8th grade induction on March 5 at 6 p.m., ROI tripped scheduled to Chattanooga, Tennessee on March 6-7, Academic Bowl Competition March 7, Beta Service Week March 11, Beta

Induction March 12, Young Women Lead Conference March 14 in Jasper, and Project Lead The Way site visit in Mooresville on March 19. The ISTEP testing window will open again on February 20.

Superintendent Roush would like to thank Bill Bauer for his service as a board member for the past two years. The school received a \$150,000 school safety grant that is separate from other safety grants that they have received to pay for the student resource officer. The superintendent will bring back more information on this grant to later meetings. The preschool list is growing this year and they have already started a wait list. The increase in numbers may have them looking at hiring another preschool teacher. Dr. Roush went with Kathy Collins and Erica Bratton to a superintendent meeting at the SIEC to present on the CASS and PBIS program that they currently have in place at Shoals Community Schools. After the program, they were invited to present again at Indianapolis at the Small Rural School Association's Annual Conference. The school will be working with the SIEC in Jasper to help provide teachers with technology integration in the classroom. The school has now entered the "ideation" stage of our ROI grant that they have been working on for the last few months. The school, along with Mitchell and Orleans, will receive up to \$1 million to help the school align with local workforce development among students. The school is very excited for this opportunity. The school will be training teachers over the summer in mapping curriculum. This will help the curriculum standards to align across K-12. Good luck to the Shoals Community Schools Robotics team in their state competition that is upcoming. Dr. Roush would like to thank Captain Mark Oesterreich, Lcdr Michael Lemmons and Greg Petty for visiting the robotics team this week. Dr. Roush would also like to wish the boys' basketball team, luck in the upcoming sectional.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

PURSUIT

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the Martin County Sheriff's Office, Daviess County Sheriff's Office, Shoals Town Marshal, Indiana State Police, and Indiana Department of Natural Resources soon arrived. Corporal Reed's narcotics-certified K9 Virka was utilized for a free air sniff of the suspect vehicle. K9 Virka gave a positive indication for the odor of narcotics. K9 Virka and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert's K9 Adel were both utilized for a track of Maple. A search of the area was conducted resulting in Maple's trail but he could not be located. Maple's hat and vape pipe were located in the area as well as shell casings.

Officers then received information on Maple's location. Officers converged on a residence approximately two miles from the shooting site. After 30 minutes of commands for Maple to exit peacefully with no response, the sheriff's office armored vehicle was utilized to ram the mobile home multiple times. Maple then exited peacefully and was taken into custody and transported to the Martin County Security Center.

A search warrant was executed on Maple's vehicle. A search of the vehicle resulted in officers locating a large amount of methamphetamine and marijuana, a scale, labeled baggies, paraphernalia, and over \$4,000 in cash.

Additional currency was seized from Maple's person totaling nearly \$2,000.

A search warrant was executed at the residence where Maple had been located. A search of the residence resulted in officers recovering methamphetamine and several firearms. The occupants of the residence, Amy Qualkenbush, 28, of Shoals, and Dustin Holt, 29, of Shoals, were taken into custody and transported to the Martin County Security Center.

Maple was charged with attempted murder, a Level 1 Felony; dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 3 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor; dealing in marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor; resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 Felony; reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor; criminal recklessness, a Level 6 Felony; leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; and a Lawrence County warrant.

Amy K. Qualkenbush was charged with possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony.

Dustin M. Holt was charged with possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony.

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

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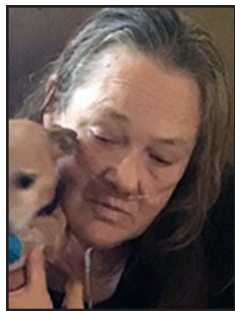
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SUSAN TOLBERT

Susan Marie Tolbert passed away February 11, 2019 at St. Vincent Hospital in Evansville. A resident of Loogootee, she was 60.



SUSAN TOLBERT

She was born May 13, 1958 in Tallahassee, Florida; daughter of Robert and Marion (Cumberlidge) Clark. She married Gregory Tolbert in 1976 in Loogootee.

Susan was a homemaker, a member of the Loogootee Church of Christ and a member of the Daughters of the American Legion in Shoals.

Surviving are her husband; three daughters, Tonya (Michael) Jones of Loogootee, Marion Anderson of Fort Wayne, and April (Josh) Payne of Loogootee; eight grandchildren, Ariel (David) Derr, Jonathon (Kayla) Jones, Taylor Anderson, Jacob Anderson, Matthew Anderson, Nicole Anderson, Seth Wisner, and Lance Wisner; two brothers, Charles Clark of Florida and Tom Clark of Florida; and two sisters, Barbara Smith of Florida and Karen Boyd of Florida.

She is preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, William Clark and Robert Clark.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 16 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with burial at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to the Queen-Lee Chapel.

The arrangements have been entrusted to the Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes.

LAURA WATHEN

Laura E. Wathen passed away Sunday February 17, 2019 at 4:10 a.m. at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 79.

She was born March 17, 1939;

daughter of the late Charles Eugene and Goldie Mae (Dillon) Fields.

Laura was a member of the Catholic Faith, she was always caring and willing to lend a helping hand. She loved to work in her flower beds, quilt, and bake pies for friends and family.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert E. Wathen, her parents, Charles Eugene Fields, and Goldie Mae (Fields) Fox, and one brother, Buddy Fields.

She is survived by her children, Mary Alice (John) Wessner, Bill Wathen, and Robert (Mary Ann) Wathen; four grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, her brothers, Jack Fields, Eddie Fields, Charles Fields, Delbert Fields, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday February 22 at 11 a.m. celebrated by the Very Rev. J Kenneth Walker at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee.

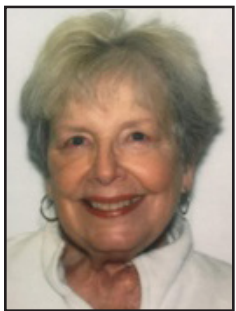
Friends may visit from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service at the church. Graveside services will be held inside the church.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity in honor of Laura.

Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

MARY ALBERTSON

Mary Jeanette Albertson passed away at 8:13 a.m. Wednesday February 13, 2019 at Memorial Hospital in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, she was 76.



MARY ALBERTSON

Mary Jeanette was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee, Knights of Columbus Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary,

and The Moose Auxiliary. She is preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Mary Jones and brothers, John T. Jones and James B. Jones, both of Loogootee.

She was born June 17, 1942 in Loogootee; daughter of Henry and Mary (Pettigrew) Jones, one of five children.

and The Moose Auxiliary.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Mary Jones and brothers, John T. Jones and James B. Jones, both of Loogootee.

She is survived by her son, Philip M (Lisa) Jahn of Ferdinand; her daughter, Brenda J. Radcliffe-Spiller of Newburgh; her grandchildren, Demi Jahn of Ferdinand, Tiffany Radcliffe and Jim Spiller of Newburgh, and Nicole (Nate) Gillespie of San Diego, California; her great-grandchildren, Lavande and Lennox Gillespie of San Diego, California; her siblings, Jane Bruner of Loogootee, Marty Scott of Palmyra,

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repairs or replacement. The cost of the analysis is around \$15,000 and the commissioners agreed to have HWC Engineering do the work.

Resident Vickie Wathen, of Old School Road, has attended several commissioners' meetings to express her concern about poor culverts and poor road conditions that are causing flooding on her property. She returned again Tuesday night with photographs to show the commissioners the problems. Wathen wants the county to help her replace a culvert under her concrete driveway to help with water flow. She said she doesn't feel like it is her fault it needs replacing. Commissioner George had told Wathen at a previous meeting that he would go look at the property. Wathen asked him Tuesday if he had been to look. George said he hasn't had time but he and the highway superintendent would set a time soon to have a look.

Wathen said the county helped her replace another culvert in her driveway in 2011. She paid for the culvert and the county provided the labor and equipment.

Veteran Service Officer Linda Evans-Dillon told the commissioners that the veterans van only took one trip last month. She said she didn't know

and her special cousin, Emma Engleman of Loogootee.

As a final act of giving she is a donor to the Indiana University School of Medicine for the Anatomical Education Program for the advancement of medical education and research.

There will be no viewing or visitation. A Celebration of Life Mass was held at St. John's Catholic Church in Loogootee at 11 a.m. this morning, Wednesday February 20.

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if there had been any complaints regarding the van, however she wanted to make it known that she never turns down a veteran from Martin County. She said some veterans are paid mileage to go to the VA clinics so they prefer to drive themselves to appointments because they cannot be driven in the veterans' van and then claim mileage. She said other veterans she used to serve have moved outside the county, passed away, or are currently in the nursing home. Commissioner George said he hasn't received any complaints.

Martin County Alliance Director Tim Kinder spoke to the commissioners about the broadband summit to be held Thursday night at 6 p.m. at the Martin County Community Building. He said the summit was for the public and elected officials to learn why broadband is important to rural communities and how the county can be a broadband ready community. The state will be giving grants to help with the installation of broadband and Kinder wants Martin County to be ready to take advantage of the grant dollars.

Kinder also invited the commissioners to the grand opening for ManTech, a new company opening in Martin County's portion of the WestGate Tech Park. It will be held on Wednesday, March 6 at noon.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

12:24 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute near Shoals. Deputy Reed, Town Marshal Eckert, and ISP Trooper Nolan responded.

5:04 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded and all was okay.

7:01 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

9:01 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on SR 150, east of Shoals. State highway removed the tree.

9:22 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

11:48 a.m. - Received a report of a theft near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

5:28 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:25 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist near Shoals.

11:27 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Deputy Shinn and ISP Trooper Watson responded, and all was secure.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

3:24 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle near Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

7:51 a.m. - Received a medical alarm call near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Chief Rayhill, and Major Dant responded. All was okay.

8:49 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. No one was transported.

9:15 a.m. - Major Dant assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

9:21 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US Highway 50, near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:50 a.m. - Deputy Lents took four inmates to court.

11:00 a.m. - Deputy Lents took four inmates to court.

12:18 p.m. - Jail commander Brulla took one inmate to the doctor.

12:55 p.m. - Deputy Lents took two inmates to court.

1:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire, Reserve Deputy Gibson, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

1:45 p.m. - Major Dant assisted the department of child services with a welfare check in Loogootee.

1:45 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

2:17 p.m. - Reserve Deputy Gibson took three inmates to court.

2:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

4:53 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:59 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across US 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire, Town Marshal Eckert, and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:57 p.m. - Received a request for

an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

12:21 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, Deputy Shinn, and the Martin County Coroner responded.

1:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:36 a.m. - Received a report of theft. Major Dant responded.

8:39 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:36 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Major Dant responded.

10:57 a.m. - Received a report of a car in the water north of Shoals. ICO Doane, Major Dant, Sergeant Keller, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded. An elderly gentleman was rescued from the car.

11:53 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:55 a.m. - Received an alarm call east of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded and secured the building.

12:44 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Major Dant responded.

12:51 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

2:33 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

8:02 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

3:21 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:00 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. Major Dant responded.

9:46 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:37 a.m. - Jail Commander Brulla took one inmate to the doctor.

11:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

1:59 p.m. - Jail Commander Brulla took one inmate to the doctor.

3:15 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

4:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:48 a.m. - Received a request for

an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Martin County Civil Defense responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:50 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle near Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

9:58 p.m. - Received a medical alarm call in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:00 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Greene responded, and all was okay.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

11:20 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

AG Curtis Hill: Be suspicious of advertising mailers claiming you have won a prize

Attorney General Curtis Hill is warning Hoosiers to be skeptical of advertising mailers claiming they have won prizes – especially when “winners” must pick up prizes at car dealerships or other sales-oriented venues.

“Typically, the announcement that ‘you’re a winner’ is merely a ploy to entice you to go listen to someone’s sales pitch,” Attorney General Hill said. “We want Hoosiers to be alert to all varieties of misleading advertising so they can avoid wasting their time or, even worse, getting talked into making ill-advised purchases.”

In the last 12 months, the Office of the Attorney General has filed lawsuits against five promotional firms in connection with deceptive auto-advertising mailers promising prize winnings. Thus far, lawsuits have resulted in judgments against two such firms; the other three are pending.

Most recently – on February 10, 2019 – a Marion County court approved a consent agreement between the state and Traffic Jam Events LLC, which resolved claims by the Attorney General that the promoter violated Indiana law.

The complaint alleged the following with regard to Traffic Jam Events:

The company sent mailers to more than 443,000 Indiana residents. As part of promotions orchestrated on behalf of auto dealers, Traffic Jam Events sent out game pieces such as scratch-offs. The mailings indicated that recipients with winning game pieces had won significant prizes – such as \$5,000 cash, an iPad or a \$500 gift card.

Each mailing, however, contained identical game pieces with winning numbers. Thus, each mailing communicated to all recipients that they had won significant prizes when they had not. Recipients who went to dealerships to claim winnings were then awarded their “prizes” – typically nominal items such as \$5 gift cards. Then they were subjected to sales pitches for vehicles.

The Attorney General claimed the

1:31 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

2:30 p.m. - Received a report of theft near Loogootee. Deputy Wright responded.

6:20 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

11:19 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Dant and ISP Trooper Wilson responded.

12:34 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Dant responded.

2:46 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Dant and Animal Control Officer Hughett responded. All was secure.

3:13 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:29 p.m. - Deputy Lents performed two vehicle identification checks near Shoals.

mailings violated the Deceptive Consumer Sales Act in multiple ways – including false representations that recipients won specific prizes and false representations that the game pieces in the mailings determined whether recipients won prizes. Further, the complaint alleged the prize mailings also violated the Promotional Gifts and Contests Act by failing to include on the prize mailings the name and address of the promoter (Traffic Jam Events); failure to correctly state the odds of winning and the retail value of the prizes potentially awarded; and failure to include a disclaimer that recipients would be subjected to a sales pitch when claiming their prizes.

The consent agreement entered between the parties and approved by the court requires Traffic Jam Events to pay the State of Indiana a civil penalty in the amount of \$57,500.

Traffic Jam Events is also required to include various specific disclosures in its mailings. It is also prohibited from sending any mailings that claim recipients have won prizes when they have not; from representing game pieces as determinant as to whether recipients have won prizes; from classifying recipients as “winners” unless they have actually won a substantial prize; and from any other future violations of Indiana law.

In addition, Traffic Jam Events is required to provide the Attorney General with copies of all mailings it sends to Indiana recipients over the next three years so the Attorney General can monitor Traffic Jam Events’ compliance with the judgment.

The other four promotional firms involved with auto dealers and sued by the state within the last 12 months are:

Dealer Direct Services Inc.

DBR Integrity Promotions, Inc.

Prophecy Marketing

Xcel Media Group

If you believe you have been the victim of any type of scam or attempted scam, the Office of the Attorney General can help. To file a complaint, go to indianaconsumer.com or call 1-800-382-5516.

COURT NEWS

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

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING February 5

Nicholas S. Wallace, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 10 days with 8 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant must serve 64 hours of community service restitution in lieu of incarceration.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED February 5

Nicholas S. Wallace, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed February 6

Quicken Loans, Inc. vs. Estate of Joe Mattox, mortgage foreclosure.

February 8

Credit Acceptance Corp. vs. Bobbi Taylor, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS February 12

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Larry Clark for miscellaneous civil in the amount of \$10,330.41.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed February 6

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Andrew C. Haggard, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Lacey K. Braun, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Lynd-

zee R. Patrick, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Kristen N. June, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Scott J. Kern, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Heather C. Rogge, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Ruby L. Petit, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Cynthia L. Lagle, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS February 11

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant James K. Salmon in the amount of \$1,252.57.

February 12

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Monty Gregory and against the defendant William F. Campbell in the amount of \$2,625.

ARRESTS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

11:05 a.m. - James Maple, 30, of Indianapolis, was arrested by Deputy Reed on two counts of attempted murder. Assisting with the arrest were multiple officers from multiple agencies. He is being held without bond.

11:35 a.m. - Dustin Holt, 29, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Reed for possession of methamphetamine. His bond has been set at \$25,000 10%. Sergeant Keller assisted with the arrest.

11:35 a.m. - Amy Qualkenbush, 28, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Reed for possession of methamphetamine. Her bond has been set at \$25,000 10%. Major Dant assisted with the arrest.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:22 a.m. - Caller reported a loose dog. Animal Control was contacted.

11:50 a.m. - Female reported a possible scam.

1:48 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the county with a vehicle in the ditch on US 231.

5:32 p.m. - First responders were requested on Vine Street for lifting assistance.

7:45 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

10:06 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:51 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the ambulance service with a medical alert call

8:13 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

10:54 a.m. - Male reported a civil complaint.

6:47 p.m. - Female reported a theft.

7:45 p.m. - Male reported a child custody matter.

10:34 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on an elderly couple.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

1:20 a.m. - First responders were requested on Ackerman Drive for a medical call.

12:44 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

12:51 p.m. - Female reported a property damage accident in the McDonald's parking lot.

2:33 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

4:30 p.m. - Female reported a domestic dispute on East Broadway Street.

8:06 p.m. - First responders were requested on Cedar Street for lifting assistance.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

10:30 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female on Mill Street.

3:15 p.m. - Female requested a male

be removed from her property.

4:10 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

5:07 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident in the China Wok parking lot.

9:43 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:48 a.m. - First responders were requested on Reinhart Road for a medical call.

11:29 a.m. - Female reported a dispute on East Broadway Street.

4:46 p.m. - Female reported a child custody dispute.

5:05 p.m. - Male reported a child custody matter.

7:40 p.m. - Male reported a dispute on JFK Avenue.

10:04 p.m. - First responders were requested on Cedar Street for a medical call.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

10:45 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

3:45 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

4:54 p.m. - First responders were requested on Vine Street for lifting assistance

6:08 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on Broadway Street.

6:20 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on US 213.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

11:19 a.m. - Officer Dant assisted the county with a property damage accident on US 231.

12:34 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident in the China Wok parking lot.

2:26 p.m. - Officer Dant responded to a residential alarm.

5:45 p.m. - Male reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

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

Martin County real estate transfers

Samantha Ellis Alvarez, of Allen County, Indiana to Michael Alvarez, of Allen County, Indiana, Lot Number 2 in Brook's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Michael J. McAtee, of Martin County, Indiana to Emily A. Johnson, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 14 in Belair Village in the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Donald J. Bateman, of Martin County, Indiana to Donald J. Bateman and Debora L. Bateman, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.05 acres, more or less.

Francis G. Wagler and Mary Ruth Wagler, of Martin County, Indiana to Martin James Knepp and Fannie Marie Knepp and Francis G. Wagler and Mary Ruth Wagler, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter, in Section 25, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 24.261 acres.

Thressa Shultz, of Brown County, Indiana to JLNT Rentals, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 4 in Risacher's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Rudy Wagler, of Daviess County, Indiana to Andrew Kluesner and Emily Kluesner, of Martin County, Indiana, the south half of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range

5 West, containing 20 acres, more or less, except sections containing 2 acres and 3.08 acres, more or less.

Richard L. Hawkins and Linda J. Hawkins, of Martin County, Indiana to Jason Morgan Hawkins, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the east half of Section 10, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 74.49 acres, more or less, except a section containing 48.20 acres, more or less.

Merton Timothy Tow, Kristy Jane Venters n/k/a Kristy Jane Gee and Sheldon Craig Tow, of Martin County, Indiana to Paul D. Gee and Kristy Jane Gee, of Martin County, Indiana, all that part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, lying on the southeast side of the Shoals and Huron Road, now known as the Asbell School Road), containing 16 acres, more or less.

Frank Fields and Pamela Fields, of Hendricks County, Indiana to Daniel Gingerich and Venita Gingerich, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 28, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 70 acres, more or less.

TOY'S AUTO PARTS, INC.

Loogootee (812) 295-2312	Shoals (812) 247-3321	Jasper (812) 634-2222	Washington (812) 254-2540
Sullivan (812) 268-5252	Martinsville (765) 342-6623	Linton (812) 847-4494	
Jasonville (812) 665-3969	Bicknell (812) 735-3545	Bloomfield (812) 384-4453	



FEBRUARY 23, 2019 BENEFIT FOR DEBBIE BRATTON

Where: Loogootee United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
208 W Main St, Loogootee, IN 47553

Debbie has recently been diagnosed with advanced colon cancer and is now unable to work. Debbie is married to Shannon and is mother to Kendall, 22, Kirk, 17, and Kasey 5. Debbie has the most genuine heart that I have ever met. She has worked for Loogootee Nursing Center for the last 26 years and volunteered countless hours for Pioneer Club with her church. Please help us show her the difference that she has made to us and our community.

Times:
4:00 – 7:00 pm
Menu:
Barbecue Pork
Hot Dogs/chips
Cheesy Potatoes
Baked Beans
Salads
Desserts
Drinks
Free Will Donation

Silent Auction
Live Auction
Starting at 6:00 pm

Sponsored by:
Loogootee UMC
Shoals Class of 1992
Loogootee Nursing Center

Advertise in the
Martin County
Journal
Email courtney@
martincountyjournal.com
for more information.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



THOUGHTS:

*Did you hear about the day the computer at the office broke down and everybody had to think?

*People are always calling me a hypochondriac, and let me tell you, it makes me sick.

*I almost got married a few times, but fortunately they were only near-Mrs.

*Did you hear the one about the golfer who always brings an extra pair of trousers in case he gets a hole in one?

*I'm so overweight I tried dieting – but all I lost was my temper.

*I know a guy so dumb, he went to a dentist to have some wisdom teeth put in.

*I'd tell you the joke about the broken pencil...but what's the point.

*Show me a good loser...and I'll show you a fellow playing golf with his boss.

*I wrote a book about watchmaking...everyone said it was about time.

*Last night my daughter's school orchestra played Beethoven...Beethoven lost.

*My husband's such a hypochondriac, he puts cough syrup on his pancakes.

*It rained so much on our vacation, instead of a sunburn we came back with rust.

*The whole world is angry with me. Just yesterday, the tire of a used car kicked me!

*My wife went to the beauty parlor and had a mud pack treatment...She looked great for a few days...then the mud fell off.

*My aunt ought to be on the Parole Board – she never lets anyone finish a sentence!

*Did you hear the one about the amateur fisherman? He did it just for the halibut.

*Last night I saw a movie with a happy ending. Everybody was glad it was over!

DID YOU KNOW?

***HOSTESS TWINKIES:** Invented in 1931 by James Dewar, manager of Continental Bakeries' Chicago factory. He envisioned the product as a way of using the company's thousands of shortcake pans (which was otherwise employed only during the strawberry season) full-time...and a way of having a low-priced snack to sell during the Depression. The cakes were originally called Little Shortcake Fingers, but during a business trip Dewar and a friend noticed a shoe factory sign that read, "Home of Twinkle Toe Shoes." Dewar had been looking for a new name for his products; his friend suggested he call it "Twinkle Fingers," which was shortened to "Twinkies." The five-cent snack soon became one of Continental's bestselling items.

***RAGGEDY ANN:** In the early 1900s, a little girl named Marcella Gruelle found a handmade doll in the attic of her parents' Connecticut

home. It was dusty and torn, but Marcella liked it so much that her father repaired it and gave it a name: Raggedy Ann (inspired by two poems by James Whitcomb Riley: "The Raggedy Man" and "Little Orphan Annie." Marcella spent so much time with the doll that her father (Johnny Gruelle), a cartoonist, started writing and illustrating stories about it. His books – the original Raggedy Ann series – made Raggedy Ann one of the most popular dolls of the 20th century.

A man went to his lawyer and told him, "My neighbor owes me \$500 and he won't pay up. What should I do?"

"Do you have any proof he owes you the money?" asked the lawyer.

"Nope," replied the man.

"OK, then write him a letter asking him for the \$5,000 he owed you," said the lawyer.

"But it's only \$500," replied the man.

"Precisely. That's what he will reply and then you'll have your proof!"

Tom was at the hospital visiting with his best friend Larry who was dying.

Tom asked, "If there is baseball in heaven will you come back and tell me?"

Larry nodded yes just as he passed away.

That night while Tom was sleeping, he heard Larry's voice in a dream, "Tom..."

"Larry! What is it?!" asked Tom.

"I have good news and bad news from heaven."

"What's the good news?"

"There is baseball in heaven after all, but the bad news is you're pitching on Tuesday."

Make someone smile today!

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



IVY is a female tiger stripe and white cat, around 2 years old. She is very sweet, although a little shy until she trusts you. She gets along with other cats. She is spayed and up to date on shots. Adoption fee is \$40. The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. For info or to see all the dogs and cats available for adoption, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Wednesday evening, February 20, at 5 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

Merit board meeting

The Martin County Sheriff's Department Merit Board will meet Thursday, February 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the security center.

ACCTS Banquet

The 17th Annual ACCTS (Area Churches Honoring Christ Together in Service) Banquet will be held Friday, February 22 at 6 p.m. in the lower level of St. John's Center in Loogootee. The meal is free of charge and everyone is invited to attend.

Broadband summit

There will be joint meeting to educate and discuss ways to remove barriers for the expansion of broadband services in Martin County. The meeting will pull together elected officials from the Martin County Commissioners, Martin County Council, Town of Crane, City of Loogootee and the Town of Shoals. The meeting will take place on Thursday, February 21 at the Martin County Community Building. The meeting will start at 6 p.m. and is being convened by the Martin County Alliance. The meeting is open to the public and press.

Food pantry hours

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

Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school-age children every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 200 West Main Street

next to the post office. For more info, call 812-709-2525.

SOAR Tutoring

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

Humane society meetings

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

Solid waste board

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

Attention Senior Citizens

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogootee provides activities for seniors every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tournaments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirements to participate. Seniors are also offered lunch at the Loogootee Senior Center every Monday and Thursday. A freewill donation is requested. Call 812-295-3130 to make a reservation.

Rita and Jack Butcher Loogootee Basketball Family Scholarship

Rita and Jack Butcher hold the Loogootee basketball family close to their hearts. The "family" includes supporters of Loogootee High School basketball – past, present, and future. The Butchers acknowledge this family as one of their greatest blessings. Their goal in starting the Rita and Jack Butcher Loogootee Family Scholarship Fund in 2011 for a Loogootee High School senior, and now having established the fund at the Martin County Community Foundation, was "to give back for all our blessings."

Mr. Butcher was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame and compiled an unbeatable win-loss record of 806-250. His 45 years of coaching constituted an impressive era of high school basketball for Loogootee. The Butchers would like to provide Loogootee High School students with the opportunity to further their education and make Loogootee proud, much like Jack Butcher did.

This year's scholarship is for \$1,000 and is open to a graduating senior from Loogootee High School who has been accepted into an accredited college or university, or a vocational or trade school. The Butchers have recognized the need for additional vocations in the community, and preference may be given to an applicant entering a vocational or trade school. Applicants must have demonstrated a good atti-



tude, work ethic and performed well academically. Applicants must have participated in sports and/or other extracurricular activities. Financial need and/or special circumstances are also a consideration for this scholarship.

Applications are available online at www.cfpartner.org/mccfgrants.htm. The applications must be completed and returned by March 15, 2019. Applications should be mailed to: Community Foundation Partnership, Attn: Programs Coordinator, PO Box 1235, Bedford, IN 47421.

For more information call Curt Johnson, Director of the Martin County Community Foundation, at 812-295-1022 or email mccf@cfpartner.org.

USDA to host 2018 Farm Bill implementation listening session

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation Bill Northey announced that USDA is hosting a listening session for initial input on the 2018 Farm Bill. USDA is seeking public input on the changes to existing programs implemented by the Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Risk Management Agency. Each agency will take into account stakeholder input when making discretionary decisions on program implementation.

"The 2018 Farm Bill is intended to provide support, certainty and stability to our nation's farmers, ranchers and land stewards by enhancing farm support programs, improving crop insurance, maintaining disaster programs, and promoting and supporting voluntary conservation," said Under Secretary Northey. "We are seeking input from stakeholders on how USDA can streamline and improve program delivery while also enhancing customer service."

The listening session will be held February 26 at 9 a.m. in the Jefferson Audi-

torium in the South Building located at 14th Street and Independence Ave. S.W. in Washington, D.C.

The listening session is open to the public. Participants must register at farmers.gov/farmbill by February 22, 2019, to attend the listening session and are encouraged to provide written comments prior to the listening session. For those orally presenting comments at the listening session, written comments are encouraged to be submitted to www.regulations.gov by February 22, 2019. Additional written comments will be accepted through March 1, 2019. Comments received will be publicly available on www.regulations.gov.

"Truly this is a Farm Bill that improves farm safety net programs, protects federal crop insurance, and preserves strong rural development and research initiatives. At USDA we are eager to hear from our stakeholders on policy recommendations, so we can start working on implementing these important Farm Bill provisions," said Northey.

For more information on the listening session visit farmers.gov/farmbill.

Ag forecasting, farm transfer workshop planned

Agricultural producers and their families can learn more about maintaining local farms now and into the future at a workshop presented by county organizations.

Farm economic forecasts as well as how to successfully transfer the family farm will be featured at the Dubois County Ag. Outlook and Farm Succession Planning Workshop, to be held March 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. EST at the Venue 1408, 1408 N. Main Street, Huntingburg. The event is free and open to the public, although registration is required due to limited seating, meal, and materials.

Purdue Extension ag. economist Dr. Chris Hurt will discuss 2019 farm and market trend expectations and how to

prepare for them. Gary McCall, German American Bank vice president for estate and business planning, will explore steps every farm needs to think about to someday transfer the family farm, and Kenneth Eck, Purdue Extension educator, will talk about the "Code Red" system for preserving and locating farm-related records and materials during unexpected disasters and transitions.

The workshop is being hosted by Purdue Extension - Dubois County and German American Bank.

To register for the event or for more information, contact the Purdue Extension - Dubois County office at 812-482-1782 or duboisces@purdue.edu. Registration is open until February 25.

DNR Recreation, Fishing guidebooks are available

Your guide to Indiana's best values in outdoor recreation is available now at dnr.IN.gov/5280.htm.

And your guide to Indiana fishing is available now at wildlife.IN.gov/2347.htm.

The DNR's 2019 Indiana Recreation Guide is the source for information on state parks, state forests, lakes, fish & wildlife areas, nature preserves, state park inns, and other DNR properties.

Soon, free printed copies of each will be available at local retail outlets, state parks, lakes and other DNR properties.

The guides also are available at the DNR booth at the Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel Show, which runs through February 24, at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis.

Annual entrance passes for state park

properties 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.

Indiana resident passes cost \$50. For individuals 65 years old or older, price is \$25. Annual passes for vehicles with out-of-state license plates are \$70. Normal daily gate fees for residents at most properties are \$7 per in-state vehicle. For more information on Indiana state park properties, visit stateparks.IN.gov.

Fishing licenses can be purchased and printed at INHuntFish.com. They can also be purchased at retailers, county clerks and most DNR properties throughout the state.



The signs of the approach of spring continue. As I walked through the gardens recently, I found that the aconite blooms had been joined by hellebores, vernal witch hazel and, on Valentine's Day, the first crocus blooms of the season. I also kept a Valentine's Day tradition and planted a cold frame bed with leaf lettuce.

I spent some time inspecting bud swell on various shrubs. Most of the spring-flowering shrubs are showing signs of the coming spring. As the buds swell, it is a good time to take some cuttings to bring inside. The warmer temperatures in the house will cause the branches to bloom out more quickly, supplying a foretaste of the coming season.

With the recent rains and a day of light wind, I took advantage of the perfect weather for a controlled burn to clear off sections of my prairie. Since I have mowed paths through the prairie, it prevents the fire from spreading very far. Fire from lightning strikes was nature's original way to clear off the natural prairies that once stretched from Indiana to the Great Plains.

The time has come for preparing fruit trees and grape vines for the growing season. I could not begin to give detailed instructions for pruning in the limited space of this column. I would refer any aspiring orchardists to the Purdue Extension Service for publications on proper pruning techniques. You may either find that information on the website or go to your county Extension Service office.

Another important task for the orchard and vineyard is the application of a dormant oil spray. This light horticultural oil will smother eggs of some insect pests and will also act to ward off some disease problems. This application must be made on a day when no rain is expected for 24 hours and when temperatures are expected to remain above freezing. The application should saturate the tree or vine, making sure that the whole surface is covered. This

may well be the most important spray application of the entire season, since it prevents several problems.

It is also time to begin the clean-up of last year's growth debris that was left in the fall. I leave most of the plant material in the gardens to provide food and shelter for the birds through the winter. By this time, most of the seeds have been eaten or dropped and the stalks have been matted down. With the beginning of hellebore blooms, it is also time to cut back last year's foliage. Be careful when doing this, as it is easy to also cut down the bloom stalks. I spent several hours clearing the beds nearest to the front of my house this week. Those beds team with signs of spring. Many of the perennials have begun to grow and removing last year's debris made the beds look neat and spring-like. Over the coming weeks, we should see a steady progression of spring's awakening.

We certainly are not beyond another cold spell, and there is always some concern that the new growth will be killed by extremely cold temperatures. As I have said many times, there is very little we can do to prevent damage, so just enjoy what nature sends us.

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Sincerely, The Brattons