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## Glenda Ritz to be guest speaker at annual dinner

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will be holding their annual dinner on March 17, 2016 at St. John's Lower Level. The guest speaker this year is Glenda Ritz, Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Carla's Catering will be serving the evening meal. The menu will be corned beef and cooked cabbage, baked chicken over rice, loaded mashed potatoes, green beans, and broccoli/cauliflower salad.

A silent auction will be held with items donated from local businesses.

This year's sponsors for the dinner include Martin County Alliance, Stimulus, Crane Federal Credit Union, German American Bank, Old National Bank, MC Solid Waste, Shoals Community School, and Loogootee Community School.

Tickets are available in advance only for \$25 each or a table of eight for \$250. Contact the chamber office at 812-295-4093 for tickets. You can also purchase tickets at the Loogootee Municipal

### Nominations sought for Gene Shaw Citizen of the Year

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will be accepting nominations for the Gene Shaw Citizen of the Year award until March 4, 2016. The Citizen of the Year will be announced at the chamber's annual dinner to be held March 17.

Martin County has many citizens who do an outstanding job of representing our county, and these citizens should be honored. The Citizen of the Year award recognizes an individual with outstanding leadership and



GLENDA RITZ

Building, Old National Bank in Loogootee or Shoals, or at The Candy Mill on Mill Street in Loogootee.

The proceeds for the evening will go to Loogootee and Shoals School Libraries, and the Martin County Chamber of Commerce.

citizenship in the community, while demonstrating exemplary vision, civic pride and commitment to the betterment of society.

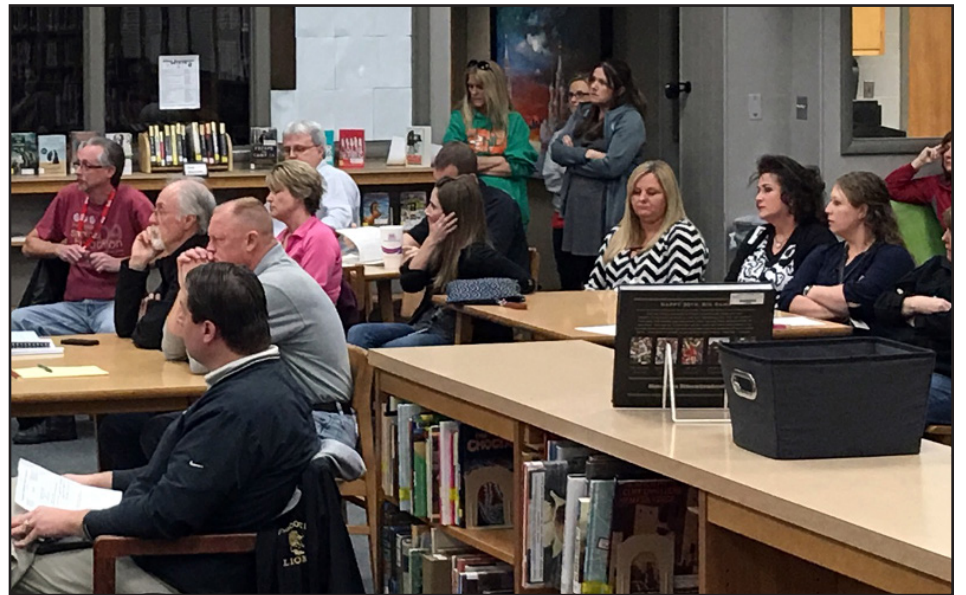
If you know someone who fits the above description, provide the nominee's name, address, phone number and why you think they should be Citizen of the Year and send to Martin County Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 257 Loogootee, IN 47553 or email to martincountychamberofcommerce@gmail.com.



### Tri Kappa Week

-Photo provided

Officers of the Loogootee-Shoals Tri Kappa met with Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty as he signed a proclamation declaring February 21-27 Tri Kappa Week. Shown above in the front is Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty. In the back, from left to right, are Christina Crane, Carla Hoffmann, Barb McFeaters, and Katie Miligan, with Tri Kappa. See the proclamation on page 2.



-Photo by Josh Hughett

Several Loogootee Teachers and a few parents attended the Loogootee School Board meeting last week to question financial decisions by the board.

## Teachers, parents question financial plans of Loogootee School Board

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

Several teachers and a few parents attended the Loogootee School Board last Thursday night to question the board on financial decisions that have been made recently. Board Members Nancy Summers and Tim Bradley were not present for the meeting.

Pat and Amy Todd, who have five children in the school system, asked several questions. Pat Todd started off the meeting by asking if the \$50,000 to be spent on redoing the school's weight room has already been encumbered. Board Member Brent Courter told Todd that the money was approved at the last meeting.

Pat also asked if there were strategic plans for the school in the future. Courter replied that the school is in the middle of a \$2 million bond and the three priority items to be upgraded with that bond money are the roofs, windows, and lighting. He said they will have to see if any money is left-over after those projects are completed to do other improvements such as to the bathrooms and chemistry lab, shop room, the heating and air conditioning systems, technology, and classroom furniture.

Pat Todd said he is unclear on what the rainy day fund money could be used for. The rainy day fund currently contains approximately \$1 million. Superintendent Joan Keller said that the rainy day fund is more of an emergency fund that is not replenished. When money is left over in the general fund each year, it gets moved to the rainy day fund. She said salaries and benefits don't get paid from the rainy day fund. Pat asked if the rainy day fund could be used to pay for classroom supplies. Superintendent Keller said that each

principal has a budget from the general fund to pay for teachers' classroom supplies.

Board Member Chad Wade asked if teachers were purchasing classroom supplies from their own pockets.

Teachers in the audience replied that yes, they did have to buy their own supplies.

Board Member Scott Hall said that as a board it is their responsibility to make sure this was not happening and they needed to follow-up with the administration to get it corrected. "Are we going to be able to buy underwear and t-shirts? No. But I think we have the responsibility to you to make sure that you have the tools to do your job," he said. "We, as a board, did not know that was happening. If that was reflective upon board, we are sorry."

Fifth Grade Teacher Angie Brook-  
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### Public meeting on Shoals Superintendent contract

Indiana Code 20-26-5-4.3 requires that the board of school trustees publish a notice of the superintendent's proposed contract. The Board of School Trustees of the Shoals Community School Corporation will meet on March 10, 2016, at 5:45 p.m. EDT in the central administration office to discuss and hear public comment for a proposed employment contract between the Board of School Trustees of the Shoals Community School Corporation and School Superintendent.

The details of the proposed employment contract are as follows:

Term: July 1, 2016-June 30, 2019  
Base Contract Salary-\$93,000  
Contract Days-260  
\*Benefits  
(See 'CONTRACT' cont. on page 2)

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# PLANS

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shire said she appreciates the board making sure they have the tools they need however teacher salaries were frozen at the beginning of the year because they were told the school was in deficit spending. They agreed to the salary freeze and even gave back \$18,000 in stipends to try and help the funding situation. Then they learn that the board approved spending \$50,000 to build a fitness room and her students do not have enough computers to effectively learn. She said the middle school, grades five through eight, have two carts totaling 50 Chromebooks to split. She said her students may get to use the Chromebooks for a half hour each day before it is someone else's turn. She asked the board what their rationale was in approving the fitness room before making sure students were equipped with technology equal to schools surrounding Loogootee.

Board Member Chad Wade said they approved \$50,000 at the last meeting to go toward technology. Technology Director Mike Tippery said this would allow students in grades nine through twelve to each have access to their own Chromebook, five carts of 25 Chromebooks to the middle school and at least one cart per grade level in the elementary. He said they find out this week if the school will receive a grant that will allow each student in seventh and eighth grades to each have access to a Chromebook.

Wade said his concern is that Chromebooks have a life of four years before more need to be purchased. He said four years goes by very fast and the school needs to have a plan in place for funding of replacement. He said that until this happens, the school will still have to purchase textbooks and he doesn't want to increase textbook fees to parents.

Brookshire said that if she had more access to the Chromebooks she would use them in every subject. She said the

way state testing is done online now, students have to type in responses and for the students who have not had a lot of experience with a keyboard, it can take them hours to type. She said this will cause them to become nervous during testing, hurry, and not provide quality answers.

Brookshire said she understood when her salary was frozen and understood when she didn't get to make her salary jump for being a teacher for 20 years, but she doesn't understand how money was then found to build a fitness room. "If you can take money out of the rainy day fund for that, a fitness room, then why not for us?" she asked.

Superintendent Keller said that while money can be taken out of the rainy day fund for salaries, it is not a good idea because the rainy day fund does not get replenished like the general fund. She said a recurring expense such as salaries could not come from the rainy day fund each year because the fund could eventually run out.

Mayor Noel Harty, who was in the audience, said he is on the teachers' side however the only people to show up at cracker barrel sessions to speak to state representatives about education are he and Dr. Keller. It was noted that the cracker barrel sessions are not properly advertised to the public because no one was aware they were taking place.

Pat Todd asked if salaries will be frozen next year too. Superintendent Keller said that they will not know until they find out what the state will be.

In other business, the board approved the retirement of Superintendent Keller effective July 1, 2016. Keller has been the superintendent for two years and in education for more than 40 years. "I'm just tired," she said. She thanked present and past board members and teachers for their support.

Several in the audience, along with the board members, thanked Keller for what she has done for the corporation.



-Photo by Josh Hughett

Shown above, from left to right, are Loogootee Superintendent Joan Keller and School Board Members Brent Courter, Chad Wade, and Scott Hall, at last Thursday night's school board meeting. Board Members Tim Bradley and Nancy Summers were not present for the meeting.

Richard Burch, with Midwestern Engineers, gave the board an update on the roof projects. He said bids will be in by March 2. He said at the pre-bid meeting there was concern from the contractors that bidding the high school, gymnasium, and elementary school roofs all together and having a 90-day completion time, it may be an issue.

Burch said after speaking to Superintendent Keller, they have decided to separate the bids, making the elementary a bid on its own. He said this may cause the roofs to have different kinds

of material but since they are separated, it should not be an issue.

The board approved transferring the bus route of Johnny Simmons to Teresa Nolley. Simmons has been a bus driver for the corporation for more than 45 years. Superintendent Keller said he will be missed.

The board approved a maternity leave request from Tracie McAtee.

The board also approved Chris Reid as a volunteer in the junior high golf program and Tim Sanders as volunteer assistant junior high track coach until a permanent head coach can be hired.

## CONTRACT

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- Life Insurance-\$236.16
- Long Term Disability-\$272.80
- Medical Insurance-\$14,706
- Dental Insurance (Family)-\$1,156.08
- Vision Insurance (Family)-\$303.24
- Annual Contribution to TRF-\$9,765.00
- Annuities-\$0.00
- VEBA (.5%)-\$465
- 401A (1%)-\$930
- Total Corporation Contract and Benefit Cost: \$120,834.28
- \*Benefit amounts are based on

- fringe amounts as of 2/18/2016.
- Personal Days: 4 Days/Year; Unused will rollover to Sick Leave
- Sick Leave Days: 14 Days/Year; Unused will rollover each year to Maximum of 185 days
- Vacation Days: 20 Days/Year; No Rollover
- Severance Leave: NA
- At such public meeting, all persons interested shall have a right to comment on the proposed contract.
- A copy of the draft contract is available on the school district's website, <http://shoals.k12.in.us/>.

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Mayor Noel D. Harty  
 Executive Order

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Noel D. Harty, Mayor of the City of Loogootee, Indiana, do hereby proclaim February 21-27, 2016 as

### TRI KAPPA WEEK

in the City of Loogootee, Indiana and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion,

In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the seal of Loogootee this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February in the Year of our Lord 2016 and of the Independence of the United States 239.

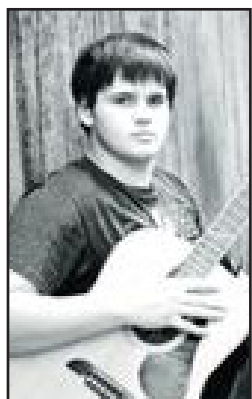
BY THE MAYOR:

*Noel D. Harty*

# Obituaries

## MADISON WAGLER

Madison C. Wagler passed away at 10:43 a.m. February 20, 2016 at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville.



MADISON WAGLER

A resident of Montgomery, he was 19.

He was born March 3, 1996 in Bedford; son of Marlin and Laurel (Graber) Wagler.

He was a 2014 graduate of Barr-Reeve High School. He was employed at Sullivan Hardware. He enjoyed hunting, but most of all, he loved music. He was a member of Berea Mennonite Church.

He is survived by his parents, Marlin and Laurel Wagler of Montgomery; sister, Amanda (Stephen) Qualkenbush of Loogootee; brother, Josh Wagler and girlfriend, Shayna Rainey of Washington; niece, Malin Qualkenbush; nephew, Carter Rainey; maternal grandmother, Anna Marie Graber; many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Arthur C. Graber; paternal grandparents, Alvin C. and Mary Wagler; aunts, Marlene Lengacher and Mary Jane Kemp and cousin, Nathaniel Wagler.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m. this morning, Wednesday, February 24 at Berea Mennonite Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Gideon International.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Arrangements were provided by Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery.

## MARY JANE TOW

Mary Jane Tow passed away Saturday, February 20, 2016, at the IU Health Bedford Medical Center. A resident of Shoals, she was 76.

She was currently residing at the Garden Villa in Bedford.

She was born January 13, 1940; the daughter of the late Ardella Bledsoe. Her husband, Merton Tow Jr., preceded her in death on April 19, 2014.

She graduated from Shoals High School, and was a member of the West Shoals Church of Christ. She worked many years for the Shoals Alco Dime Store, and she also employed by Tredway's Grocery in Shoals, Traveler Radio in Orleans, and Perfect Fit in Loogootee.

She is survived by one daughter, Kristy, and husband, Paul Gee of Shoals; two sons, Tim Tow of Shoals and Sheldon Tow of Bedford; granddaughter, Shelby Venters of Shoals;

and grandson, Devin Venters of DeLand, Florida.

The funeral service was held this morning, Wednesday, February 24, at 11 a.m. at Queen-Lee Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

## ROBERTA ERVIN

Roberta Joyce (Hawkins) Ervin passed away Saturday, February 20, 2016 at Memorial Hospital & Healthcare Center in Jasper. A resident of Shoals, she was 91.

She was born June 2, 1924 in Indianapolis; daughter of the late Beatrice Hawkins. She was raised by her grandparents, Phillip and Anna Hawkins in Natchez. She married George Charles Ervin Sr. on June 26, 1940 and they were married 69 years at his passing in 2009.

Joyce declared her main occupation as homemaker and "raising kids", however, she held several jobs outside of the home, including, Tarzan's in Orleans, Loogootee Textile, Crane Depot, and Tredway's Grocery in Shoals. She was baptized at the age of 13 in the Lost River, and was a member of the Natchez United Methodist Church. She was a 68-year member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, a member of both the Jug Rox Grandmothers Club, and the order of Rebekah's. She also had

a special fondness for collecting pigs.

She is survived by her daughters, Carole S. Tow of Shoals; Georgia Ann Sorrells of Shoals; Karen, and her husband, Richard Wilson of Washington; sons, Jerold Eugene Ervin of Shoals; John Phillip, and his wife, Astrid Ervin, of Shoals; 17 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by a daughter, Cozetta Marie Tredway in 2012, a son, George Charles Ervin Jr. at age 13 in 1958, and two grandsons.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the hour of service at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 27 at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. In keeping with her wishes, following her services, Joyce will be cremated and laid to rest at a later date in the Hawkins Cemetery.

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### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

12:38 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

9:15 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:43 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Captain Dant, Deputy Reed, Shoals Fire Department, and the Martin County Highway Department responded.

2:34 p.m. - Received a report of a possible violation of a protective order north of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

4:03 p.m. - Reserve Deputy Gammon was on station with one inmate from Warrick County for court.

11:00 p.m. - Corporal Baker and K9 Yirka assisted the Daviess County Sheriff's Office in searching for an escaped inmate.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

1:42 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

10:35 a.m. - One inmate was transported to the doctor.

10:50 a.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill performed a welfare check in Loogootee.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Reed took two inmates to court.

2:06 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Captain Dant responded.

6:04 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:39 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

10:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

6:34 a.m. - Received a report of a deer in the roadway near Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

11:00 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded. He located the vehicle and took the driver into custody.

11:57 a.m. - Received a dog complaint east of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

5:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

5:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

6:26 p.m. - Received a report of a low flying jet north of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

11:00 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Sergeant Keller responded.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

4:48 a.m. - Received a report of loitering in Loogootee. Loogootee Ser-

geant Norris responded.

6:07 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles and Sergeant Keller responded. All was okay.

11:30 a.m. - Major Burkhardt and K9 Asher had a public appearance in Loogootee.

12:25 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to the doctor.

12:31 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.

12:40 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles and ISP Trooper Lents responded.

12:59 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:00 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took two inmates to court.

1:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt and K9 Asher had a public appearance in Loogootee.

1:30 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took four inmates to court.

3:15 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took three inmates to court.

3:41 p.m. - Major Burkhardt and K9 Officer Asher assisted the Daviess County Sheriff's Office with a detail.

4:02 p.m. - Deputy Reed took three inmates to court.

6:04 p.m. - Received a report of cows in the roadway south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

4:42 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

7:45 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across SR 450, north of Shoals. The Martin County Highway Department was dispatched.

9:00 a.m. - Deputy Reed was in court to assist with a hearing.

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Reed took two inmates to court.

11:00 a.m. - Major Burkhardt and K9 Officer Asher made a personal appearance in Loogootee.

11:18 a.m. - Received a report of a tree blocking the road near Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

11:55 a.m. - Received an alarm call south of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded and all was okay.

12:25 p.m. - Received a report of a line down near Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

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

1:15 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded and all was okay.

2:00 p.m. - Deputy Reed took two inmates to court.

5:07 p.m. - Received a dog complaint west of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:10 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism near Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

7:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

9:50 p.m. - Received a request from the Daviess County Sheriff's Office for assistance in searching for an escaped inmate. Sheriff Roush, Sergeant Keller,

Major Burkhardt, and K9 Officer Asher responded.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

12:37 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:58 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

3:51 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan and Sergeant Keller responded. All was okay.

4:02 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute near Shoals. Sergeant Keller and Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

6:29 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee. Sergeant Keller and Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

6:39 a.m. - Major Burkhardt and K9 Officer Asher assisted in the capture of the escaped inmate in Daviess County.

12:08 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

4:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance re-

sponded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:04 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:45 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Loogootee. Sergeant Keller, Loogootee Sergeant Norris, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

2:40 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Sergeant Keller and Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded. All was okay.

2:16 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation north of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

4:28 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Captain Dant responded.

5:02 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

8:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

## ARRESTS

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

5:02 p.m. - Linda Hotz, 50, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Sexton and charged with driving while suspended. She is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

9:30 p.m. - Brandon Miller, 40, of Montgomery, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and charged with dealing in meth and possession of meth. His bond has been set at \$100,000 cash only. Assisting in the arrest was Chief Deputy Greene.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:42 a.m. - Lee Sorrells, 24, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. He has no bond. Assisting with the arrest was ISP Trooper Dave Qualkenbush, Loogootee Captain Hennette, and K9 Officer Roxy.

9:42 a.m. - Timothy Norman, 49, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. He has no bond. Assisting with the arrest was ISP Trooper Dave Qualkenbush, Loogootee Captain Hennette, and K9 Officer Roxy.

12:26 p.m. - Jackie Edmondson, 39, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Reed on a petition to revoke warrant and is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Loogootee Captain Hennette, ICO Mann, and K9 Officer Roxy.

12:58 p.m. - Connie Carlson, 37, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennette and charged with driving a vehicle while intoxicated with a child in the car. She is being held without bond. Assisting in the arrest was Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Deputy Reed, ICO Mann, and K9 Officer Roxy.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

10:50 p.m. - Joan Evans, 33, of Bedford, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and charged with possession of a syringe and possession of a controlled

substance. She is being held without bond. He was assisted in the arrest by K9 Officer Asher and Loogootee Officer Nolan.

10:50 p.m. - Christopher Turpin, 32, of Mitchell, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and charged with driving while suspended prior and possession of a controlled substance. He is being held without bond. Assisting in the arrest was K9 Officer Asher and Loogootee Officer Nolan.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

10:46 a.m. - Justin Blake, 38, of Loogootee, was arrested by Corporal Baker and charged with possession of meth, dealing in meth, possession of a controlled substance, and maintaining a common nuisance. He is being held without bond. Corporal Baker was assisted in the arrest by Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:54 p.m. - Tasheena Rasico, 18, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Salmon and charged with driving while never being licensed. Her bond was set at \$10,000 10%.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

4:13 p.m. - Natalie Holland, 22, of Princeton, was arrested by Captain Dant on a Gibson County warrant and is being held without bond.

9:49 p.m. - Cayla Boyd, 30, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Sexton and charged with possession of a controlled substance, maintaining a common nuisance, and obstructing justice. Her bond has been set at \$25,000 10%. Assisting with the arrests were Town Marshal Eckert, K9 Officer Shani, and Daviess County Deputy Harmon.

9:49 p.m. - Douglas Sims Jr., 38, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Sexton and charged with possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, and maintaining a common nuisance. His bond has been set at \$25,000 10%. Assisting with the arrests were Town Marshal Eckert, K9 Officer Shani, and Daviess County Deputy Harmon.

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9:25 a.m. - Caller requested a male be escorted off his property.

10:25 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious people on Queen Street. Sgt. Norris located and the subjects checked out okay.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

10:00 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a child.

1:00 p.m. - Received a call of a theft at Wendy's.

4:53 p.m. - Caller reported harassing text messages.

6:06 p.m. - First responders were requested on Brooks Bridge Road for a medical call.

8:47 p.m. - Received a call of loud music on Cedar Street.

8:56 p.m. - Caller reported a possible domestic dispute.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

5:25 a.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the Daviess County Sheriff's Department with a suspicious person.

2:00 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted child protective services.

6:26 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

7:11 p.m. - Caller reported a scam involving someone claiming to be from Publishers Clearing House.

7:43 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Queen Street.

8:00 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle partially in the roadway.

8:40 p.m. - Caller reported loud music on Cedar Street.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

4:48 a.m. - Caller reported suspicious persons on Broadway Street.

6:07 a.m. - Captain Akles responded

## Arrests net methamphetamine and marijuana

The Martin County Sheriff's Office, Loogootee Police Department and members of the Daviess County Strategic Response Unit conducted a four-day drug investigation in Loogootee that resulted in two arrests.

During the course of the investigation, a search warrant was granted by the Martin Circuit Court. The search warrant was executed at 1:45 a.m. on February 14. A search of the apartment rendered several contraband items. The following is a list of many of the items seized during the search: digital scales, methamphetamine, less than one gram; marijuana, 1.5 grams; hypodermic needles (used and unused), spoons (with residue), sandwich baggies, and razor blades (with residue).

One of the targets of the investiga-

tion was absent during the execution of the search warrant. Sheriff's Deputy Corporal Damon Baker observed the residence in Loogootee until the owner returned. The owner, Justin K. Blake, 39, of Loogootee, returned at 6 a.m. on February 14. Blake was taken into custody and transported to the Martin County Security Center. His charges are listed below.

12:40 p.m. - Caller reported property damage.

12:58 p.m. - First responders were requested a Loogootee Healthcare for a medical call.

6:03 p.m. - Received a call of a suspicious person on US 231.

6:06 p.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a business alarm.

9:11 p.m. - Caller reported a violation of a protective order.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

1:15 p.m. - Captain Akles responded to a business alarm.

9:27 p.m. - Caller reported a deer carcass near his front porch.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

12:15 a.m. - Caller reported harassing text messages.

12:41 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle at Country Place Apartments.

2:58 a.m. - Caller reported a burglary.

3:51 a.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a residential alarm.

7:31 a.m. - Received a call of vandalism at the Loogootee Post Office.

7:49 p.m. - Caller reported a phone scam.

8:25 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

10:37 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a welfare check.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

11:48 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in Sunset Trailer Court.

6:27 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious persons on US 50.

8:15 p.m. - First responders were requested in Bellgrade for a medical call.

tion was absent during the execution of the search warrant. Sheriff's Deputy Corporal Damon Baker observed the residence in Loogootee until the owner returned. The owner, Justin K. Blake, 39, of Loogootee, returned at 6 a.m. on February 14. Blake was taken into custody and transported to the Martin County Security Center. His charges are listed below.

On February 16, Brandon D. Miller, 40, of Montgomery, was apprehended by Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Josh Greene. A search warrant was executed at Miller's residence in Daviess County. Miller was taken into custody and transported to the Martin County Security Center. His charges are listed below. The operation was executed with the requested assistance of the Daviess County Sheriff's Office due to Miller being a resident of Daviess County. Altogether, the arrests and warrants led to the seizure of over a 1/3 pound of methamphetamine and several grams of marijuana.

Arrested and charges:  
Justin K. Blake, 39, Cooper Street, Loogootee

-Maintaining a Common Nuisance, a Level 6 Felony

-Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony

-Dealing in Methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony

-Possession of a Controlled Substance, a Class A Misdemeanor

No bond was set.

Brandon D. Miller, 40, South 550 East, Montgomery

-Visiting a Common Nuisance, a Class B Misdemeanor

-Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony

-Dealing in Methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony

Bond set at \$100,000 cash only

# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL JUDGMENTS AND SENTENCING

February 9

Darrin M. Boyd, convicted of domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 351 days suspended and credit for 7 days previously served plus 7 Class 1 credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

Lester J. Brummett, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony and operating a vehicle while intoxicated, endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced on the first count to serve 2 years with 612 days suspended and credit for 59 days suspended plus 59 Class A credit days. Defendant received 18 months of probation. Sentenced on second count to serve 365 days with 247 days suspended and credit for 59 actual days previously served plus 59 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

Joseph E. Estrada, convicted of intimidation, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 522 days suspended and credit for 109 actual days previously served plus 109 Class 1 credit days. Defendant received 18 months of probation.

Caleb H. Truelove, convicted of maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 545 days with 513 days suspended and credit for 16 actual days previously served

plus 16 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES

DISMISSED

February 9

Darrin M. Boyd, criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Lester J. Brummett, maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Joseph E. Estrada, intimidation, a Class 5 Felony, dismissed; battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Caleb H. Truelove, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Quinton T. Redding, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

February 16

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Kirsten McGrew, civil collection.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

February 10

Bobby Holt vs. Brian Connerley, complaint.

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Norbert E. Steiner and Elizabeth Steiner**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Paul J. Steiner and Ashley L. Steiner**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 1, and a part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3, Range 5 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.12 acres in Section 1 and 0.55 acre in said Section 12, and containing in all 1.67 acres, more or less.

**Harold Bradley Albright**, of San Diego County, California; **Connie S. Clements**, of Princess Anne County, Virginia; and **Larry Douglas Albright**, of Harrison County, Indiana to **Mary Ellen Albright**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots 39 and 40 in the original plat of Memphis, now Shoals, Indiana.

**Mary Ellen Albright**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Matthew J. Collins**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots 39 and 40 in the original plat of Memphis, now

Shoals, Indiana.

**Ronald Dee Cox**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Matthew Wagler**, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lot Number 83 in the original town of Crane.

**Patsy A. Winger, f/k/a Patsy A. Woody**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Patsy A. Winger and James D. Woody**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A tract of land in Section 18, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, containing 1/4 acre, more or less. Tract II: The southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 3, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, containing 40 acres, more or less.

**Donna Jo Brown**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Larry Dean Swartzentruber**, of Martin County, Indiana, a tract of land in the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing one acre, more or less.



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## More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



For those of you who have experienced airline travel, it's often difficult to find a little humor what with crowded seats, lost baggage, flight delays, etc. but you might find a little humor in the following:

1. Heard on a Southwest Airline flight – "Ladies and gentlemen, if you wish to smoke, the smoking section on this airplane is on the wing and if you can light 'em, you can smoke 'em."

2. On landing, the stewardess said, "Please be sure to take all of your belongings.. If you're going to leave anything, please make sure it's something we'd like to have."

3. "Your seat cushions can be used for flotation; and, in the event of an emergency water landing, please paddle to shore and take them with our compliments."

4. An airline pilot wrote that on this particular flight he had hammered his ship into the runway really hard. The airline had a policy which required the first officer to stand at the door while the passengers exited, smile, and give them a "Thanks for flying our airline." He said that, in light of his bad landing, he had a hard time looking the passengers in the eye, thinking that someone would have a smart comment. Finally, everyone had gotten off except for a little old lady walking with a cane.

She said, "Sir, do you mind if I ask you a question?"

"Why, no, ma'am," said the pilot. "What is it?"

The little old lady said, "Did we land, or were we shot down?"

5. After a particularly rough landing during thunderstorms in Memphis, a flight attendant on a Northwest flight announced, "Please take care when opening the overhead compartments because sure as heck everything has shifted after a landing like that."

6. Another flight attendant's comment on a less than perfect landing: "We ask you to please remain seated as Captain Kangaroo bounces us to the terminal."

7. Overheard on an American Airlines flight into Amarillo, Texas on a particularly windy and bumpy day: During the final approach, the Cap-

tain was really having to fight it. After an extremely hard landing, the Flight Attendant said, "Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to Amarillo .... Please remain in your seats with your seat belts fastened while the Captain taxis what's left of our airplane to the gate!"

8. "As you exit the plane, make sure to gather all of your belongings. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the flight attendants. Please do not leave children or spouses....except for that gentleman over there."

9. After a real crusher of a landing in Phoenix, the attendant came on with, "Ladies and gentlemen, please remain in your seats until Capt. Crash and the Crew have brought the aircraft to a screeching halt against the gate. And, once the tire smoke has cleared and the warning bells are silenced, we'll open the door and you can pick your way through the wreckage to the terminal."

10. Part of a flight attendant's arrival announcement: "We'd like to thank you folks for flying with us today. And, the next time you get the insane urge to go blasting through the skies in a pressurized metal tube, we hope you'll think of US Airways."

11. A plane was taking off from Kennedy Airport. After it reached a comfortable cruising altitude, the captain made an announcement over the intercom: "Ladies and gentlemen, this is your captain speaking. Welcome to Flight Number 293, nonstop from New York to Los Angeles. The weather ahead is good and, therefore, we should have a smooth and uneventful flight. Now sit back and relax.... OH, MY GOD!"

Silence followed, and after a few minutes, the captain came back on the intercom and said, "Ladies and gentlemen, I am so sorry if I scared you earlier. While I was talking to you, the flight attendant accidentally spilled a cup of hot coffee in my lap. You should see the front of my pants!"

A passenger in coach yelled, "That's nothing. You should see the back of mine!"

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## Notes from the WIC Nutritionist

BY ELIZABETH WHITE  
Martin County WIC Nutritionist

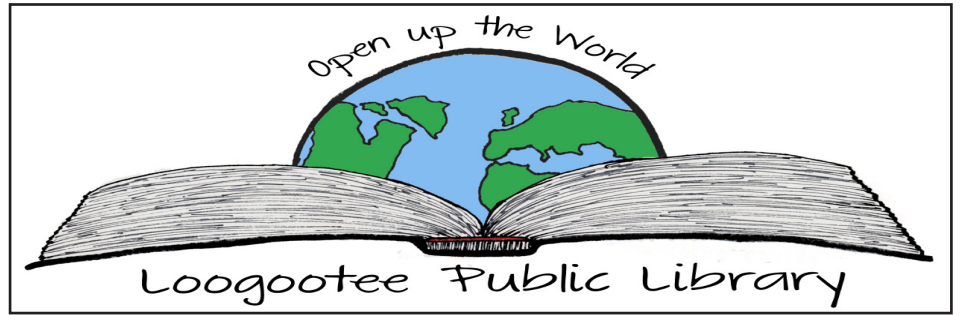
February is the National Children's Dental Health Month. It is never too early to start healthy dental practices. Babies and children should have their gums and teeth cleaned daily. It is important to brush two times a day for two minutes. Children should have their first dental appointment at the age of one year. Limiting sugar in your child's diet is another great way to promote dental health. Breastfeeding allows for proper oral health and development. If babies use a bottle it is recommended that they stop using that bottle by 12-15 months, and babies should never be laid down with a bottle. Make dental

health with your children fun. (brush! Program)

Attention WIC Participants: You are welcome to come in at any time during normal office hours and receive free toothbrushes and other dental health items.

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 Co 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.



BY DARLA WAGLER  
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

New Books:

Mystery Fiction: "Wedding Cake Murder" by Joanne Fluke and "She's Not There" by Joy Fielding.

Fiction: "A Girl's Guide to Moving On" by Debbie Macomber.

Inspirational Fiction: "If I Run" by Terri Blackstock, "The Fragment" by Davis Bun, "The Preacher's Lady" by Lori Copeland, "A Heart Once Broken" by Jerry S. Eicher, "Room for Hope" by Kim Vogel Sawyer, and "Planted with Hope" by Tricia Goyer.

Children: "Look and Find: Star Wars,

Look and Find: "The Good Dinosaur", and "The Never Girls: A Pinch of Magic" by Niki Thorpe.

NonFiction: "Conviction" by Juan Martinez and "A Mother's Reckoning" by Sue Klebold.

DVDs: "The 33", "Love the Coopers", "Spectre", "Steve Jobs", and "Khumba".

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### City Council special meeting

The Loogootee City Council will hold a special meeting Wednesday, February 24 at 6 p.m. in the council meeting room of the municipal building. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the entity once known as the West Boggs Sewer District.

### Relay for Life meeting

The next Martin County Relay for Life meeting will be held March 1 at The Candy Mill in Loogootee at 6 p.m. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

### ACCTS Banquet

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual ACCTS (Area Churches honoring Christ Together in Service) Banquet will be held Saturday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level of the St. John's Center. The banquet is free of charge and everyone is invited to attend.

### 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 Bev-

erly 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.

### Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Shoals Public Library. The public is invited to attend.

### Soil and Water meetings

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

## Second round of auditions for "Alice of Old Vincennes: A Musical"

A second round of auditions for parts in the world premiere of "Alice of Old Vincennes: A Musical," will be February 28, 2 p.m. (EST), at the Red Skelton Performing Arts Center. The Center is located on the Vincennes University campus at 20 Red Skelton Boulevard. Auditions will take place in the Theatre Lab, Room 147.

Potential performers must be available for rehearsals and performances from May 8 to June 5, 2016. Directors are looking for male actors and singers of all types. Supporting roles and ensemble roles are available. The musical consists of a cast of 31, requiring 23 men and 8 women.

Performers should prepare 16-32 bars of a musical theatre song and must also bring sheet music for an accompanist or a pre-recorded CD. They must also prepare a 1- to 2-minute monologue.

Those who are unable to attend the February 28 audition may send a video that includes at least 32 bars of a musical theatre song and a 1- to 2-minute monologue. Video auditions may be sent electronically to James Spurrier at [jjimspurrier@gmail.com](mailto:jjimspurrier@gmail.com).

"Alice of Old Vincennes: A Musical" will be performed May 27-29 and June 3-5 at the Skelton Center. The musical is Spurrier's modern adaptation of Maurice Thompson's 1900 novel, "Alice of Old Vincennes," and features original songs by Jay Kerr and lyrics by Laurel Smith. The musical is part of Vincennes' celebration of Indiana's bicentennial.

Questions about the show or the auditions may be sent to [jspurrier@vinu.edu](mailto:jspurrier@vinu.edu). Tickets are on sale now, at the Red Skelton Performing Arts Center. Call 812-888-4029 or log on to [www.vinu.edu/redskelton](http://www.vinu.edu/redskelton).



Last weekend was a taste of spring, but winter still may hang on for a while. It was wonderful to get out in the garden and do a little clean-up work. By Saturday afternoon, the beds along the sidewalk leading to my house were lined with yellow and purple crocuses. Hellebore blooms continue and I was able to take a small bouquet to church on Sunday. I love these signs that spring is coming.

These nice days are the perfect time to get some of last year's foliage cleaned up. Cut the stalks of annuals and perennials down to the ground. The tall grasses may also be cut down. If they are in an area where burning is possible, that is a good option. However, such burning will produce great heat that could harm shrubs or trees in the area, so exercise caution.

Perennials are breaking dormancy everywhere. The next warm spell will probably produce some blooms on the early-blooming daffodils. Scilla, iris, hyacinth and other perennials are showing some foliage. I have seen new growth on mums, sedum and daylilies. This foliage should be fine as long as temperatures do not drop below twenty degrees. While buds have begun to swell on trees and shrubs, most are still tight and able to withstand some freezing temperatures. However, another warm period will likely coax blooms further along and plants will then need some protection from the cold.

I recently receive a note from a reader who wanted to know if she

can now cut back a forsythia bush that has grown out of control. While cutting now will not harm the plant, you may be sacrificing some blooms. If you need to cut back an early-spring blooming shrub, you may bring some stems inside and put them in a vase. In a few days, you will be enjoying the blooms in your house that would have graced your garden in a few weeks.

Perennial weeds are also peeking through. Now is a good time to begin the fight against these pests. Among the early weeds are chickweed, henbit and dandelion, all of which are wonderful as greens. Enjoy a nice salad before you resort to stronger measures to fight them. If you wish to use chemical methods, wait until the next dry day when the temperatures are expected to remain above freezing for 24 hours. Be careful when applying herbicides. You only want to kill the weeds. Instead of spraying, you may wish to use a sponge paintbrush to paint the weed killer on the plant foliage.

The next few weeks will be wonderful for birdwatching also. As birds begin returning to their breeding grounds, one may spot birds that are just passing through on their way to their summer homes farther north. These brief visits can be exciting. Keep your feeders well stocked and put out some extra fruit and jelly to attract a wide variety of birds. Migrating birds will be looking for food to fuel their flights north. Your feeder along a migratory route is like a restaurant at an interstate exit.

## Purdue workshops

The economic climate of agriculture in 2016 and beyond will pose new and unique challenges to producers across Indiana. Local farmers are invited to join Purdue specialists at one of three regional workshops as they discuss management and decision-making strategies that can be used to endure economic challenges and maintain financial stability.

"The recent changes in grain prices joined with contracts locking in key farm inputs such as rental rates have farmers re-evaluating their farm's economic options," said Kenneth Eck, Purdue Extension Educator in Dubois County and a conference organizer.

"These workshops are geared to help producers know where they might be able to cut or reduce inputs in their operations, as well as where they might find tools to help evaluate their farm's individual needs," adds Eck.

"Managing for 2016 and Beyond – Working through Challenging Economic Times on Indiana's Farms" is being hosted at the following locations and times:

March 3 at 1 p.m. CST – Vanderburgh County 4-H Center, 201 E. Boonville-New Harmony Road, Evansville, IN (Contact: Amanda Mosiman, Warrick CES, ph.(812)897-6100, bailey1@purdue.edu)

March 3 at 6 p.m. CST – Spencer County Youth & Community Center, 1101 E. CR 800 N., Chrisney, IN (Contact: Nicholas Held, Spencer CES, ph.(812)362-8066, nheld@purdue.edu)

March 4 at 9 a.m. EST – Pondero-

## address 2016 farm

sa Steakhouse, 5 Cumberland Drive, Washington, IN (Contact: Luis Santiago, Daviess CES, ph.(812)254-8668, santiagol@purdue.edu)

Topics and presenters:

\* "Making Long-term Cash Rent Decisions." James Mintert, Extension Specialist, Purdue Ag. Economics Department and Director of Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture.

\* "Managing Crop Inputs While

## Black bass size-limit reduction at Dogwood Lake

The black bass size limit will be reduced at Dogwood Lake in Glendale Fish & Wildlife Area in Daviess County.

The minimum size limit at Dogwood Lake will change from 15 inches to 14 inches.

In 1998, the DNR implemented a 15-inch bass size limit to maintain a population of fast-growing bass.

## Experimental crappie size limit for Dogwood, Hardy lakes

A 9-inch minimum size limit for crappie is now in effect at Dogwood Lake and Hardy Lake in southern Indiana.

Dogwood Lake is in Glendale Fish & Wildlife Area in Daviess County. Hardy Lake is in Hardy Lake State Recreation Area in Scott County.

Crappie population modeling over several years indicates that a 9-inch minimum size limit would increase the quality of crappie fishing at both lakes.

Crappie growth for these two lakes is fast. Based on survey age and

## 2016 reserved youth turkey hunts on DNR properties

Youth hunters can apply for reserved youth turkey hunts during the special youth wild turkey hunting season, April 23 and 24, on selected DNR properties.

Youth hunters must be younger than age 18 on the day of the hunt.

Participating fish & wildlife areas are: Atterbury, Chinook, Crosley, Deer Creek, Fairbanks Landing, Glendale, Goose Pond, Hillenbrand, Hovey Lake, Jasper-Pulaski, Kankakee, Kingsbury, LaSalle, Pigeon River, Roush Lake, Sugar Ridge, Tri-County, Wabashiki, Willow Slough and Winamac.

Mississinewa and Salamonie lakes also are participating.

A limit will be placed on the number of youth hunters allowed to hunt a property on each hunting day. Registration begins March 21 and runs through April 1. Interested hunters or an adult representing them must register in person or by phone during the normal office hours for the property they wish to hunt. Hunters are allowed to register for only one property.

Those wanting to sign up for the Chinook or Wabashiki hunts may do so at Deer Creek FWA. Those wanting to sign up for Fairbanks Landing or Hillenbrand hunts may do so at Goose Pond FWA.

At properties where the number of registered hunters exceeds the spots available, a drawing will be held on April 4. A youth hunter may be drawn for either or both hunt days, depending on the number of applicants. All applicants will be notified of drawing results by mail.

Applicants must possess a 2016 youth consolidated hunting & trapping

license, a 2016 non-resident youth spring turkey license with a game bird habitat stamp privilege, or a lifetime comprehensive hunting license. Apprentice hunting licenses of the types named above also may be used.

To register a youth for one of the hunts, the following information is needed:

- Hunter's name
- Type of license and license number
- Date(s) for which applying
- Mailing address
- Phone number
- Parent or guardian's name, address and phone number.

Hunts will be conducted one-half hour before sunrise until noon at properties in the Central Time Zone, and one-half hour before sunrise until 1 p.m. on properties in the Eastern Time Zone.

Youth hunters who are selected for the hunt may check in at any time each day until the end of legal hunting hours for that property. Properties will not have a daily "no-show" drawing. Hunters interested in possible unfilled quotas at a property should phone that property for more information before showing up.

During youth wild turkey season, hunters younger than age 18 on the day of the hunt can take a bearded or male wild turkey. The youth must be accompanied by someone 18 or older.

The youth hunter may use any legal shotgun, bow and arrow or crossbow. The adult accompanying the youth hunter must not possess a firearm, bow and arrow or crossbow while in the field. The adult does not need to possess a turkey hunting license unless the youth is using an apprentice license, or unless the adult is calling turkeys.

Phone numbers for information or to register at a specific property:

- Atterbury (812) 526-2051
- Pigeon River (260) 367-2164
- Crosley (812) 346-5596
- Roush (260) 468-2165
- Deer Creek (765) 653-0453
- Sugar Ridge (812) 789-2724
- Glendale (812) 644-7711
- Tri-County (574) 834-4461
- Goose Pond (812) 659-9901
- Winamac (574) 946-4422
- Hovey Lake (812) 838-2927
- Willow Slough (219) 285-2704
- Jasper-Pulaski (219) 843-4841
- Salamonie (260) 468-2125
- Kankakee (574) 896-3522
- Mississinewa (765) 473-6528
- Kingsbury (219) 393-3612
- LaSalle (219) 992-3019

To purchase a youth consolidated or turkey license go to IndianaOutdoor.IN.gov. For wild turkey hunting regulations go to [eregulations.com/indiana/hunting/wild-turkey/](http://eregulations.com/indiana/hunting/wild-turkey/). For turkey hunting safety tips go to [wildlife.IN.gov/2710.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/2710.htm).

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# Publications available for vegetable farmers

BY MEGAN TARTER  
Purdue University News Service

Three Purdue Extension publications will help vegetable farmers get the most out of their crops this growing season.

Midwest Vegetable Production Guide for Commercial Growers 2016, Midwest Vegetable Trial Report for 2015 and a new Extension bulletin, Vegetable Diseases: Tomato Disease Management in Greenhouses, are available through Purdue Extension's The Education Store.

The Midwest Vegetable Production Guide for Commercial Growers is a collaboration of land-grant universities from seven states, said Dan Egel, clinical engagement associate professor of botany and plant pathology at Purdue University.

"It provides vegetable production information that is valid in the participating states for the current year," he said. "This includes fertility, variety, cultural and pest management."

Midwest Vegetable Trial Report for 2015 includes variety reports on vegetables and fruits including bok choy, sweet corn, watermelon, can-

taloupe, specialty sweet peppers, hot peppers, pumpkins, winter squash, picking cucumbers and saladette tomatoes.

"One of the most useful aspects of the report is its long history," said Liz Maynard, clinical engagement assistant professor of horticulture at Purdue. "Growing conditions differ year to year, so looking at results from several years can help farmers choose the best varieties."

Vegetable Diseases: Tomato Disease Management in Greenhouses examines common tomato diseases found in greenhouse-grown tomatoes and provides management recommendations.

The publications are online at [www.edustore.purdue.edu](http://www.edustore.purdue.edu). The Midwest Vegetable Production Guide for Commercial Growers 2016 is \$10 for a print copy or free as a pdf, and can be found by searching for it by its production code, ID-56. Vegetable Diseases: Tomato Disease Management in Greenhouses is free; its production code is BP-197. Midwest Vegetable Trial Report for 2015 also is free as a pdf or \$42 for a print version; its production code is 16-18-15.

## Spring Tonic 2016 to be held Saturday, March 5

The Hoosier Hillside Master Gardeners will host the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Spring Tonic Saturday, March 5 at the Orange County Community Center at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Paoli. Spring Tonic is a day of garden presentations, great vendors and good food and is just the right medicine to chase away the winter blahs.

This year's Tonic will include four speakers. Bill Abel, general manager of Lincoln Springs Garden Center in Georgetown, Indiana, will speak on growing your own fruit. Vegetable growers will get their tonic from a presentation by Carol Michel, a garden writer who has a degree in horticulture from Purdue University. Purdue entomology professor Tom Turpin will

present "Pollen Is the Word: Spread It Around" and garden columnist and landscaper Bob Baird will offer "Design Antidotes that Work".

Throughout the day, a great variety of vendors will be offering wares of interest to gardeners. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

Master gardeners will receive continuing education credits for attending, but the event is open to the general public. The event will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The cost for the day is \$40 per person. Advanced registration is recommended. Registration and a check to HHMG may be sent to Nancy Kimmel, HHMG Treasurer, 723 N. County Road 500 East, Paoli, IN 47454.

## Two VU campuses receive Tree Campus USA honors

Vincennes University's Vincennes and Jasper campuses are the recipients of 2015 Tree Campus USA® recognitions by the Arbor Day Foundation for VU's commitment to effective urban forest management.

"Students are eager to volunteer in their communities and become better stewards of the environment," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Participating in Tree Campus USA sets a fine example for other colleges and universities, while helping to create a healthier planet for us all."

Tree Campus USA is a national program created in 2008 by the Arbor Day Foundation to honor colleges and universities for effective campus forest management and for engaging staff and students in conservation goals. VU and the VU Jasper Campus achieved the title by meeting Tree Campus USA's five standards, which include maintaining: a tree advisory committee, a campus tree-care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program, an Arbor Day observance and student service/learning projects.

Currently there are 254 campuses with this recognition across the United States.

"We are proud that both our Vin-

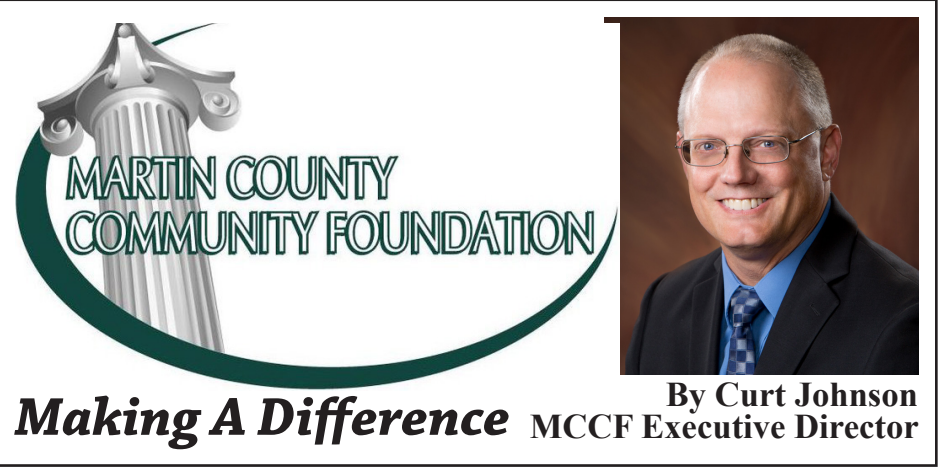
cennes and Jasper campuses have received this honor annually since 2009. Being good stewards of our environment is important to us. It demonstrates our commitment to sustainability, the future, and the pride we have for our respective communities," said VU President Chuck Johnson.

The Arbor Day Foundation has helped campuses throughout the country plant thousands of trees, and Tree Campus USA colleges and universities invested more than \$36.8 million in campus forest management last year. More information about the program is available at [arborday.org/TreeCampusUSA](http://arborday.org/TreeCampusUSA).

The Arbor Day Foundation is a million-member, nonprofit, conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. Information about the Foundation is available from Danny Cohn, [dcohn@arborday.org](mailto:dcohn@arborday.org), 402-473-9563.

## Grant app extension

The Martin County Local Coordinating Council will be extending the mini-grant application deadline for the 2016 funding year to March 31, 2016. Interested agencies/groups should contact Terry Cohen at [tpcohen@bluemarble.net](mailto:tpcohen@bluemarble.net) or (812)320-8631.



## Making A Difference

--Bequests--

So what is a bequest? A bequest is an instruction in your written will that states how to distribute some or all of your estate. The simple "charitable bequest" is the most popular planned gift because it's an easy way to leave a lasting legacy. When you make a charitable bequest, you retain full use of your property during your life, so there is no disruption of your lifestyle and no immediate out-of-pocket cost. You simply direct that part of your estate go to one of more of your favorite charities.

--Types of Bequests--

You have considerable flexibility since charitable bequests take several forms. You can leave (1) a specific request which is a gift of a particular asset, such as 100 shares of XYZ Corporation, or (2) a percentage request where some part of the value of the distributed estate is gifted, or (3) a residual bequest that leaves a gift as the remainder of the estate after all taxes, expenses, and other bequests have been satisfied, or (4) a contingent bequest that is a gift that will be made to a second beneficiary in the event that the original beneficiary is deceased or does not accept the gift.

The type of bequest language that you choose should fit what you want to accomplish. You should think carefully about how your gift can help the person or organization when deciding what bequests to include.

--Why Make a Bequest?--

If you do not leave a will and do not make a bequest, you cannot be sure that your property will be distributed as you intend. Without a will, your property will be distributed by a pre-set formula according to government laws, and it is possible that family members, close friends, and worthwhile charities will receive no part of your estate.

Making a will is the only way to be sure that the people and causes you care for will receive your generous gifts. You can designate exactly how you want your charitable bequest to be used or you can leave it to the MCCF "unrestricted" funds so that we have the flexibility to meet our community's ever-changing

## Spring Mill SP hosts a spinning workshop

A March 3 workshop at Spring Mill State Park will teach participants to spin yarn using a drop spindle. Participants also will have the chance to use spinning wheels from the park's Pioneer Village.

All supplies are provided. The drop spindle and roving participants use in the class will be theirs to take home.

The workshop runs from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Spring Mill Inn in the Elm room.

The workshop includes a buffet lunch at the inn's Millstone dining room.

Twelve spots are available, and advance registration is required by Feb 29. Register by calling (812) 849-4508. Cost is \$45 per person.

For more information, email

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

needs.

While a charitable bequest offers no income tax benefits, it is fully deductible for estate tax purposes if you meet basic requirements. And keep in mind that for estates subject to estate tax, the tax rates are historically higher than income tax rates.

--Changing a Bequest--

You can change any bequest provision during your life, which means you stay in complete control of the process. You can amend your will with a codicil (the legal instrument to modify a will) or execute an entirely new will.

It's a good idea to update your will on a regular basis to keep up with changes in laws and your own objectives and concerns. Also, remember that if you decide to leave a specific asset such as a car or a vacation home to a beneficiary in your will, but later you decide to sell or otherwise dispose of the asset, the specific bequest will fail and that beneficiary will receive nothing.

-- Bequest Alternatives--

There are other ways to make a "bequest" type of arrangement without a will. You can make similar beneficiary designations with a life insurance policy, revocable trust or retirement plan. Making a charitable organization the beneficiary of a retirement plan and leaving other assets to loved ones can provide income tax relief for your heirs in addition to other potential estate tax savings.

--Let Us Know--

If you wish to make a charitable bequest (or have already done so) to the MCCF, it's important to let us know. We want the opportunity to thank for your commitment and generosity. And to invite you to join our "Legacy Society" to recognize you as a part of a key group of individuals showing concern for Martin County's future needs. We also want to offer our help as you plan your bequest so that you get the most satisfaction out of it. Good planning can magnify the impact of any gift.

--More Information--

If you or someone you know is interested in a charitable bequest, contact the MCCF Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or [mccf@cf-partner.org](mailto:mccf@cf-partner.org), for a complimentary copy of "Planning for the Future: A Guide to Planning Your Will & Trust". This document will help you prepare for your discussion with your attorney, tax and/or financial advisor.

Information is also on our website at [www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm](http://www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm) or "liking" the MCCF at [www.facebook.com/mcc-communityfoundation](http://www.facebook.com/mcc-communityfoundation) on Facebook.

You can make a difference!



## Mumps outbreaks confirmed in Bloomington and Indianapolis

State health officials have confirmed two outbreaks of mumps in students at Indiana University in Bloomington and Butler University in Indianapolis. Indiana University has four confirmed cases, and Butler University has nine confirmed cases. Those numbers may increase as more specimens are tested.

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) is working with Indiana University, Butler University and the Marion County and Monroe County health departments to identify potential additional cases and to prevent further transmission of the disease on both campuses.

“At this time, there is no link between the cases at the two universities, so they are considered separate outbreaks,” said State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H. “Mumps is a highly contagious respiratory disease, so I encourage all Hoosiers to make sure your measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccinations are up to date. The best protection against mumps is to get vaccinated.”

The Indiana State Department of Health has set up a hotline for the public to call with questions about the outbreaks. The hotline number is 877-826-0011 and is open starting last Friday.

Mumps case numbers will be updated each Friday on the ISDH’s mumps web page at [www.in.gov/isdh/25450.htm](http://www.in.gov/isdh/25450.htm).

Mumps is spread through indirect or direct contact with an infected person’s nose or throat droplets, such as when an infected person coughs or sneezes. People with mumps can spread it for up to two days before and five days after symptoms develop, so those infected can spread the disease before they feel sick. Symptoms typically appear 16 to 18 days after infection, but this period can range from 12 to 25 days after infection.

Children are routinely vaccinated for mumps at 12 through 15 months of age, and again at 4 through 6 years of age, before going to kindergarten. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says anyone born in 1957 or later who does not have evidence of immunity against mumps should have two doses of MMR vaccine, separated by at least 28 days. People born before 1957 do not need to be vaccinated.

Individuals who cannot verify two doses of the MMR vaccine should contact their health care provider. Hoosiers can also access immunization records

directly through the secure online tool, MyVaxIndiana, by requesting a PIN from their health care provider. Visit [www.MyVaxIndiana.in.gov](http://www.MyVaxIndiana.in.gov) to learn more.

### Symptoms

Mumps is best known for the puffy cheeks and swollen jaw that it causes because of inflammation of the salivary glands under the ears. Other common symptoms include:

- Fever
- Headache
- Muscle aches
- Fatigue
- Loss of appetite

Some people who get mumps have very mild or no symptoms, and often they do not know they have the disease. Most people with mumps recover completely in a few weeks. However, mumps can occasionally cause complications, especially in adults. Those can include encephalitis, meningitis, deafness and inflammation of the testicles, ovaries or breasts.

### What you can do

If you are vaccinated against mumps, your risk of infection is low. However, it is important to be aware of the signs and symptoms of mumps because even fully vaccinated individuals can contract the disease.

If you are experiencing symptoms of mumps, call your doctor. Be prepared to describe your symptoms and when they started and alert your doctor if you think you have been in contact with an infected person. If you are ill with mumps, remain home and away from others, especially unvaccinated infants, people with diseases affecting their immune systems and pregnant women.

Three tips to help prevent the spread of any infectious respiratory disease, including mumps, are:

- Clean - properly wash your hands frequently;
- Cover - cover your cough and sneeze; and
- Contain - contain your germs by staying home (or keep children at home from school) if experiencing symptoms.

For more information about mumps, visit the CDC’s mumps website at [www.cdc.gov/mumps/](http://www.cdc.gov/mumps/).

For more information about the Indiana State Department of Health, visit [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).

## Dubois County poultry control area released after negative tests

The 6.2-mile (10 km) control area associated with the highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) incident in Dubois County was lifted Monday by the Indiana State Veterinarian. Poultry owners, commercial and residential, in the area may now resume normal operations and movements of birds and poultry products.

The control area was established on January 15, after HPAI was identified on a Dubois County commercial turkey farm. Poultry and poultry products could not enter or leave the control area without a negative avian influenza test and a permit issued by the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH). Because the tests must be completed within 24 hours of the movement, many commercial egg farms had to be tested daily to continue to move products. Since January 15,

the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at Purdue University has run more than 4300 avian influenza tests.

All farms consistently tested negative throughout the 38-day period, which allowed BOAH to lift the control area, based on guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

In addition to the initial HPAI H7N8-infected farm, the low-pathogenicity avian influenza virus was identified on another nine nearby commercial turkey farms. All were depopulated, as prescribed by USDA, as well as a non-infected commercial layer farm that was considered a dangerous contact premises. Quarantines remain on all of those sites until specific cleaning and disinfection requirements are complete.

As an extra measure of caution,



## Indiana Conservation Officers are offering a Citizen’s Academy

Indiana Conservation Officers have partnered with Vincennes University to offer a Citizen’s Academy to college students and citizens who register. Vincennes University will be awarding internship credits to college students who enroll and successfully complete the Citizens Academy.

“The courses that are offered will follow a condensed version of the training outline that is provided to Indiana Conservation Officers during their first year of being hired”, said Captain Zach Mathews, Indiana DNR Law Enforcement Training Commander. “This is an opportunity for our citizens and students to participate and understand the wide variety of law enforcement that is required of our officers.”

The Citizens Academy will be held at Vincennes University from June 13 through June 17, 2016. Each morning will consist of classroom activities and each afternoon will consist of practical

exercises.

“Through this academy, our citizens will gain a better understanding of the profession of Conservation Law Enforcement and our college students will become better prepared candidates for our future hiring processes”, said Danny L. East, DNR Law Enforcement Director.

“Vincennes University is honored to partner with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division and serve as the host site for the Citizen’s Academy. This Academy will serve the dual purpose of training and educating future Conservation Law Enforcement officers and educating the citizens of Indiana about the valuable service provided by Indiana’s Conservation Law Enforcement Division,” said Dr. Laurel Smith, VU Provost.

To register for the Citizen’s Academy go to: <https://ced.vinu.edu/wconnect/CourseStatus.awp1?&course=A16CONLAW>

## State wins lawsuit against DCS over caseloads; court grants motion to dismiss

On Monday, a Marion County court dismissed a lawsuit that a child protection case manager had filed against the state, claiming her caseload was illegal under a caseload ratio statute. The court granted the state’s motion to dismiss, finding the plaintiff did not have the legal right to bring such a lawsuit.

The case is *Mary Price v. Department of Child Services et al.*, filed last year in Marion County Civil Superior Court 1, case number 49D01-1507-PL-023062. In a 12-page ruling today, Judge Heather Welch ruled that the plaintiff does not have a private right of action to bring the claim under the state statute setting a maximum caseload ratio, and that there is no grounds for the court to issue a mandate. The court instead found the proper venue

for the employee’s complaint is the State Employee Appeals Commission, an administrative board under the executive branch.

As the lawyer for state government, the Indiana Attorney General’s Office represented DCS and its director in the lawsuit, and would continue to do so if the ruling is appealed.

“We have great respect for child protection caseworkers, who perform a very difficult, stressful duty in addressing the urgent needs of abused and neglected children. We appreciate the personal commitment these professionals make on behalf of the most vulnerable young Hoosiers. Under the law the Legislature passed it was decided that the judicial branch was not the proper place for this discussion. It ultimately is up to the people’s elected representatives in the Legislature to determine resources for the DCS and up to the executive branch to manage those resources,” said Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller, who serves on the Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana.

Zoeller thanked Deputy Attorneys General Kelly Pautler, Benjamin Jones, Betsy Isenberg and others for their work defending the State in the suit.

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## Chamber holds monthly meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce met Wednesday, February 17 at WestGate Academy. Present for the meeting were representatives from the following businesses: Hollie's Eats & Treats-Theresa Abney, Overlook Rentals and American Tree Experts-Marie Hawkins and Rodney Wright, Memorial Hospital-Luke Butcha, Mayor Noel Harty, Saltbox Lodge-James C. and Donna Stoughton, Maranatha Tabernacle Church-Pastor Duane Smith, WestGate Academy-Samantha Nelson and Sarah Miller, Middle Way House Inc.-Jennifer Young, Martin County Community Foundation-Curt Johnson, West Boggs Park-Jameson Hibbs and Betsy Mundy, NewWave-Morgan Foster, Hometown IGA-Duane Mann, Martin County Alliance-Tim Kinder and The Candy Mill-Carolyn Parsons-Downey.

The chamber treasurer's report was prepared by Susan Arthur, reviewed by the present chamber members and with no further discussion, Marie Hawkins made a motion to approve the report, seconded by James Stoughton and all were in favor.

The chamber secretary's report was given by Carolyn Parsons-Downey. James Stoughton made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Marie Hawkins and all were in favor. Noel Harty mentioned with the type of business Carolyn Downey owns, that at busy times of the year, she is allowed extra time off if needed from the chamber office. All agreed that would be fine.

Annual Dinner-Up - They will have recognition of Mike Axsom from West Boggs Park. Jameson Hibbs will help get information.

Bicentennial - Marie Hawkins explained that everything is moving

## Crane Credit Union expands services to 27 Indiana counties

The members of Crane Credit Union recently voted to convert the financial institution's federal charter to a state charter. The new state charter enables Crane to have more flexible membership eligibility requirements, which will allow the credit union to better serve its existing members, attract new members, and conduct business in more Indiana communities.

Consumers that live or work in the following counties are eligible to join Crane Credit Union: Bartholomew, Brown, Clay, Daviess, Dubois, Gibson, Greene, Hendricks, Jackson, Johnson, Knox, Lawrence, Marion (Center, Decatur, Franklin, Lawrence, Perry, Pike, Washington, and Wayne townships), Martin, Monroe, Morgan, Owen, Orange, Parke, Pike, Posey, Putnam, Sullivan, Vanderburgh, Vermillion, Vigo, and Warrick.

"We're committed to building lifelong relationships with our members and providing quality, low-cost products and services so they can achieve financial success," said Crane Credit Union CEO Bob Downs. "We look forward to serving more members as a result of the charter conversion."

For a complete list of Crane Credit Union branch locations, products, and services, please visit [www.cranecu.org](http://www.cranecu.org).

Crane Credit Union began operating in 1955 serving members from one branch location on NSA (Naval Support Activity) Crane Base. The Credit Union now serves over 41,000 members in numerous Indiana communities with 16 branch locations. Crane Credit Union is Federally insured by the NCUA and an Equal Housing Lender.

along now for the county. She will be looking for volunteers for that day. She also passed around the bicentennial book and medals that will be for sale.

Web Page - Carolyn Downey email Eddie on some of the changes but did not hear back. She will follow up on changes and updates.

Facebook Page - Carolyn explained that the weekly business feature has gone over pretty good, the chamber's page as new followers every week. She said they need to keep sharing chamber information with others.

2016 Directory - This will start full force after the annual dinner, some work and contacts have been made already.

New members: Printing Express - Ernie Canell, Maranatha Tabernacle Church - Duane Smith, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9395 - Larry Fellers.

Indiana Chamber Executives Association-Carolyn asked about joining this group or the Indiana Chamber. James Stoughton made a motion to join ICEA for one year to see how they benefit from the membership, seconded by Marie Hawkins. Carolyn will get the membership set up, and pass along any information for members. Also, the Indiana Chamber feeds information through ICEA.

Luke Butcha, with Memorial Hospital, talked about hosting an informative community event in April. If there are any special health issues or anyone wants to know more about wellness they need to let him know.

Samantha Nelson, with WestGate, shared information about White Belt Certification, they will host in March. She will send more information to the chamber office to be shared with others who could not attend.

Jameson Hibbs, with West Boggs Lake, along with Betsy Mundy, shared some information on what will be taking place and updated at West Boggs, clean up and repairs, rebuilding the park as it was or better as it was when they first opened. This will be several years in the making, it did not get ran down in one season, so patrons will see improvements over the spring and summer and years to come.

Marie Hawkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Donna Stoughton seconded the motion.

Due to the annual dinner, no chamber meeting will be held in March.

## Commissioners discuss housing grant, bridges

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, February 16.

Jenny Dearwester, SIDC, came before the commissioners to discuss applying for a Housing Rehabilitation Grant through the Indiana Finance Authority. The county did not receive the last Housing Rehabilitation Grant it applied for. This grant application will work in the same manner as the one before. The maximum amount of the grant would be \$350,000 and the application is due July 1, 2016. Dearwester will update the applicants and the application. The application is competitively scored. SIDC received \$8,783.57 from the USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant for Martin County. Other matching funds would come from the City of Loogootee \$1,500, the Town of Shoals \$1,000 and Martin County \$15,500 with a total local match of \$26,783.57. The county could provide assistance to 14 housing units at approximately \$21,088 per house. SIDC will be conducting another application process on March 7 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Commissioner Gregory has agreed to be the designated contact person for the county to actively work to get homeowners involved in the project.

Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule. The county will not be servicing Falls Lane per request from the landowner. The department will be using concrete pieces to keep Haw Creek from getting closer to the road. Brooks Bridge is now open but has been reduced to a nine-ton load limit.

Brent Roberts, BF&S, informed the commissioners the letting of bridge #11 has been moved up to May 5, 2016. The title block was signed by each commissioner. The trees located where the new bridge #11 will be built need to be down by April 1, 2016 due to the Indiana Bats mating season. The Indiana Bat is on the DNR endangered species list. BF&S will mark the trees and the highway department will take them down.

A discussion on the West River Road wash out and Alfordsville Road were held.

Stacey Brown, extension educator, introduced herself as the new Martin

County Educator.

Dan Hoffman questioned if Ruth-erford Road was on the schedule for repair. Due to the population on the road, Hoffman would like the road to be repaved. Commissioner Gregory explained the funding issue with the roads and that they have been trying to adopt the wheel tax to assist with the funding but the council keeps voting the wheel tax down. Mr. Hoffman is in favor of the wheel tax. The commissioners suggested he contact the county council.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m. with a motion by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Gregory. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The next commissioners' meeting will be Tuesday, March 1 at 6 p.m.

## Loogootee Elementary Kindergarten Round-up

Loogootee Elementary School will hold kindergarten round-up on Tuesday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the elementary school.

Kindergarten parents and students will:

-Meet Elementary Principal Dara Chezem and School Nurse Tiffany Lingenfelter

-Hear from the kindergarten teachers about what the students will be learning during the year and what skills you can be working on over the summer.


-Students will get a chance to see the classrooms, tour a bus, and check out the cafeteria, and participate in a hands-on craft.

Parents will also be able to sign up for kindergarten screening, which will be on Friday, April 15. Parents may also sign-up for screening by calling the elementary office at 812-295-2833.

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