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Crane Town Board President asks for county's help with road patching

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The president of the Crane Town Board Ronald Barker requested help from the Martin County Commissioners, at their meeting Tuesday, February 23, with patching the streets in Crane Village. Barker said half their streets, totaling around three quarters of a mile, need patch work done. He said he has been working to get the town back into shape so that the residents are proud of it again. Commissioner George requested that the highway superintendent check out the area and get a cost estimate.

Angie Risacher, Alliance Director, told the commissioners that she needs to meet with them at some point to find out what equipment or vehicle they want to purchase with TIF funds and get quotes for said vehicle. Commissioner Cody Roush asked if the TIF funds can be spent to patch the streets in Crane Village. Risacher said they could be used for that purpose. Commissioner George said he will get information together and get in touch with Risacher. The commissioners agreed that this would be a good use of the funds.

Ernie Abel, of Third Road in Burns City, received a letter from the county attorney to get his property cleaned up, mainly removing junk vehicles. A neighbor attended a commissioners' meeting last month to get help because he said he has asked Abel to clean up the property to no avail. The neighbor also said that Abel has started parking cars on his property now because he has run out of room on his lots plus a county-owned lot. On Tuesday night, Abel said that he has been waiting to get his tax return to apply for lost titles on the vehicles and then sell or donate them. He said COVID has also played a part in getting the area cleaned up. He requested the commissioners give him time to comply. Abel also requested the commissioners give him the lot located between his two lots that is county-owned. He said he looked into it and because it is a broken lot, the commissioners can trade him the lot in exchange for keeping it maintained. County Attorney Dave Lett said the commissioners have to follow a legal process to sell property and they can't offer it as a trade. Commissioner George said they would be willing to bring equipment to their lot to clean up the brush however they can't get to it due to the cars parked in the way.

The commissioners asked if Abel could get the area cleaned up within 90 days, starting March 1. Abel said that he plans to start making improvements in the next few weeks. The commissioners requested that Abel remove the junk car from the neighbor's property right away. They asked that Abel return to the May 18 commissioners' meeting to provide an update on his clean-up progress. Commissioner George said he will have the highway superintendent come by and take pictures, so they know how the property looks now for comparison later.

The commissioners received a letter
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On to state

-Photo by Jill Walker

The Loogootee Lady Lions Basketball Team won the Class 1A Semi-State last Saturday against Greenwood Christian Academy, 43-33. The girls now go on to the state finals to again play Pioneer, a repeat of last year's state championship, where the Lions took home the title. The final game will be held at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis this Saturday at 11 a.m. In the front row, from left to right, are Brooklynn Jones, Makenzie VanHoy, Delaney Bateman, Isabelle Waggoner, Jaelyn Walker, Shaelyn Arthur, Adie Nolley, Kalea Fleming, Andrea Sutton and Brenna Wade. In the back row, from left to right, are Jack Fellers, Anastasia Toy, Madison McAtee, Mallorie Sutton, Katie Callison, Macy McAtee (student manager), Kylie VanHoy, Grace Gingerich, Emily Hawkins, Madison Machmer, Karoline Tedrow (student manager), Coach Brian Smith and Assistant Coach Chris Reed.

Council, mayor debate cost of downtown fountain

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Loogootee City Council held a special meeting Monday night, February 22 to discuss the downtown fountain replacement and the property at the corner of Church Street and JFK Avenue known as the "railroad property".

At the last council meeting, Mayor Noel Harty had requested the council approve spending \$50,000 from EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) to pay for the new fountain. The meeting prior he has requested \$20,000 to go toward work being done on the railroad property.

For the downtown fountain, the total cost would be \$74,526 which includes replacing the sidewalks around the square. The fountain itself will cost \$39,526 and a crane and lift will have to be rented for installation. The city received two grants, one from the Martin County Community Foundation for \$20,000 and one from Hoosier Uplands for \$12,000. This leaves an estimated \$42,526 needed in funding.

Collins let go as county community corrections director

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Commissioners held a special meeting, Friday, February 19 with the sole purpose of firing Kathy Collins as director of Martin County Community Corrections. Commissioners Aaron Summers and Cody Roush voted in favor of the termination with Commissioner Paul George voting against. Commissioner Paul George thanked Collins, who was in attendance, for her 10 years of service to the corrections department and said she did a fantastic job getting the program where it is today. "I hate that we went out like this," he said before adjourning the meeting.

After the meeting, Commissioner George said he is not permitted to give the reason for the termination although confirmed it wasn't for any wrongdoing.

The mayor requested the city council approve up to \$50,000 to come from EDIT funds. He said this will provide a buffer in case they run into unforeseen costs.

Council Member Teresa Nolley asked how much the park board will be putting toward the fountain, since the project falls in the park board's territory. Mayor Harty replied that the park board has \$42,000 in their donations fund however \$20,000 of that is the community foundation grant to pay for the fountain. The rest of the funding is encumbered other places.

Council Member Tim Lawrence said he is tired of spending money when they have already had overage costs on the stormwater projects. "That's major money, we just keep spending. I'm not feeling it," he said.

"So, you don't want to put in a fountain that we've already got paid for?" asked Mayor Harty.

"I don't want to put in a fountain that costs \$80,000, Noel. I think we could have gotten one a little cheaper. A nice one for cheaper," Lawrence replied.

Mayor Harty said the reason the city got the grant from the Martin County Community Foundation for \$20,000 was because their board liked the fountain that was picked out.

Council Member Lawrence replied that only one fountain was shown to the foundation board and they could have been given more options.

The mayor replied that Hoosier Uplands, who gave a \$12,000 grant, also liked the one they were shown.

"Well, I haven't seen pictures of anything, just what you tell us," said Lawrence adding again they are way over on spending on the stormwater repairs. "It's not that I don't want a nice fountain, because I do, but somewhere we have to save money."

The mayor replied that they will just mail back both grant checks then if that's what the council wants to do.

"I don't see how we cannot go forward with it," said Council Member Rick Norris. He made a motion to spend the \$50,000 out of EDIT funds. Council
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Homecoming court

-Photo provided

Loogootee High School will be crowning their Homecoming King and Queen this Thursday night, February 25 between the junior varsity and varsity games against North Knox at Jack Butcher Arena. Shown above are the candidates. In the front row, from left to right, are Isabelle Waggoner, Makenzie VanHoy, Shaelyn Arthur, Jaelyn Walker and Kalea Fleming. In the back row, from left to right, are Austin Brittain, Bryant Eckerle, Conner Wilcoxon, Jordan Wildman and Silas Bauer.



Making A Difference



By Curt Johnson
MCCF Director

The whole idea of philanthropy and what it means to you can be daunting. So, for this and the next four weeks I'll be providing some ideas, thoughts and guidance to help you decide how you want to help others and your community. It all begins with your giving plan.

-- YOUR GIVING PLAN --

Your giving plan is a personal decision and there are some things you need to consider, such as how much, how often, and committing to your plan and your cause. You should put some careful and detailed thought to your plan. As with any significant endeavor in your life, thoughtful planning is important.

-- GIVING QUESTIONS --

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

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

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

-- HOW DO YOU BEGIN --

A giving plan is really a process of distilling what you love and are concerned with and then threading those issues with your own values, money and time. It's also choosing initiatives, leaders and

non-profits whose missions and strategies are working to make the changes you want to see.

-- YOUR PASSION --

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

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

-- HOW MUCH --

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

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

-- WHAT TO GIVE --

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

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

Professional advisors can provide ex-

remely useful assistance at this point in developing your plan. I'll talk more about advisors in next week's column.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about the MCCF endowment funds and how we can help you develop your charitable giving plan, please contact the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cf-partner.org. You are also welcome to visit our webpage at www.cfpartner.org and "like" the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mccommunityfoundation.

Approximately an ounce of meth seized during trafficking attempt

The Martin County Sheriff's Office conducted a drug interdiction operation at the Martin County Security Center that led to charges for dealing in methamphetamine, dealing in schedule III-controlled substance, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of controlled substance.

On Sunday, February 21, 2021, Corporal Andrea Barnett and Jail Commander Josh Brulla began an operation to prevent the trafficking of illegal drugs into the Martin County Security Center (MCSC). Jail Commander Brulla provided intel that Ashley C. Green, 37, of Terre Haute, planned to be at the security center in the afternoon and that Green had arranged for the delivery of illegal drugs into the facility during public visitation hours.

During visitation hours, a plain-clothed officer recovered a small unknown article that had been concealed in the visitation area. The retrieved article contained suspected suboxone and a small clear plastic bag containing a white crystal-like substance. Upon further examination, the white crystal-like substance field tested positive for methamphetamine and had

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Members Carroll Rayhill and Ron Gilbert voted in favor with Council Members Teresa Nolley and Tim Lawrence voting against.

Included in the motion was \$75,000 from EDIT to go toward the railroad property for a total approval of \$125,000.

Joe Lannan, with eSolve Solutions, told the council Monday night that the city did not get picked to move onto the next round for a state grant to help pay for the railroad property improvements. This is the second grant that was sought to help pay for the project. Lannan said there were around 40 applicants and they are only giving grants to three, so it was highly competitive. He suggested the council go ahead and start phase one which would include burying overhead lines and turning the area into a green space.

an approximate field weight of three (3) grams.

Corporal Barnett then took Ashely C. Green into custody without incident.

Assisting in this investigation were Sergeant Larry Gibson, Deputy Johnathan Wells, Reserve Deputy Greene, Reserve Deputy Harmon and K-9 Spike.

Green was charged with dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 4 Felony; dealing in a schedule III controlled substance, a Level 6 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; and possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Later that evening, a search warrant for Green's minivan was granted, and approximately twenty-seven (27) grams of methamphetamine, that field tested positive, was found in her vehicle. The vehicle search led to additional charges of dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 4 Felony; and possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

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



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RITA DIVINE

Rita J. Divine passed away Saturday, February 13, 2021 at the home she shared with her brother. A resident of Columbus, she was 72.



She was born September 27, 1948; daughter of John and Hilda Arvin.

She was a 1966 graduate of Loogootee St. John's where she was the Salutatorian. She went on to Indiana University and received her Master's Degree in Education.

She worked for Southside Junior High School in Columbus where she lived for 43 years.

Rita loved life. She enjoyed music, IU basketball, watching movies with her friend, Jacob, and learning the lives of Princess Diana, Jackie and John F. Kennedy. She loved all the towns she lived in including Columbus, Odon, Bedford, Washington, Jasper and Mitchell. She never met a stranger. She was kind to all especially Tony Steward's parents. She will be greatly missed by her brother.

Surviving are three children, Stephanie (Donald) Griffin and Scott Divine, both of Seymour; and Andrea Divine of Boston, Massachusetts; five grandchildren, Brittany Sluder, Abigail Griffen, and Ezra Stlechner; one step-grandchild, Jeremiah Griffen, one brother, Glen Arvin of Jasper; two sisters, Lois Stickell of Charlotte, North Carolina and Ruth Hovis of Loogootee; one niece, Angela Wagler; and four nephews, Dan and David Hovis and Jonathan and Christopher Stickell.

Preceding her in death is one son-in-law, Larry Sluder; ex-husband, Donald Divine; her beloved nephew, John D. Hovis; three brothers, Dennis and Joseph, who died in infancy, and Raymond John Arvin.

Private services were held at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com

GENEVIEVE BROTHERS

Genevieve Brothers passed away Saturday, February 20, 2021 at St. Vincent Hospital in Evansville. A resident of Washington, she was 55.

She was born February 17, 1966 in Bethel, Alaska; daughter of Ruth (Charles) and Elias Venes. She graduated from Bethel Regional High School in 1984. She was a life member of VFW Auxiliary Post 10,041 and tribal member of Orutsararmiut Native Council. She loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Genevieve is survived by her husband, James Brothers, whom she married on October 27, 1998; two daughters, Michelle (Jeff) Windward of Washington and Mary (Alex) Hinkle of Loogootee; eight sisters, Elizabeth (Bobby) Hoffman, Ruth (Pete) Garrison, Jo (Jacob) Daniel, Henrietta Knight, Connie (Ken) Sankwich, and Janet (Michael) Gray, all of Bethel, Alaska; Arlene Rost of Anchorage, Alaska and Lisa (Trevis) Waters of Fortine, Montana; and four grandchildren, Oakley Windward, Breighden Howell, Jillian Windward and Alexis Hinkle.

She is preceded in death by her parents, sister, Debra Ovitt and two brothers, Leonard Venes and Billy Lindstrom.

Services will be held at a later date in Alaska.

Condolences can be sent to the family online at www.edleemortuary.com. All arrangements were entrusted to Ed Lee Mortuary.

PATRICIA SULT

Patricia J. Sult passed away at 1:50 p.m. February 14, 2021 at Legends Village. A resident of Washington, she was 86.



She was born August 4, 1934 in Daviess County; daughter of Neal and Helen (Alford) Patrick.

Patty graduated from Alfordsville High School in 1952. On February 14, 1953, she married Donald Sult and they had a Valentine's Day Wedding. Patricia retired after 27 years at Crane Army Ammunition Activity. Patty was a member of the Southwind Wesleyan Church. She had a passion for music and loved to play the piano. She especially enjoyed crocheting and quilting in the winter months.

Surviving are her sons, Doug Sult and his wife, Cheryl, of Loogootee; Todd Sult and his wife, Tina, of Washington; grandchildren, Heath Sult, Christy (Sult) Jochum, Nicholas Sult, Nathan Sult; and great grandson, Kayden Sult.

Patricia was preceded in death by her husband, mother and father, and sister, Dorthy Keisling.

A funeral service was held Friday, February 19 with Pastor Richard Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Alfordsville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks memorial contributions to be made to the Alfordsville United Methodist Church at 6600 South Church Street, Loogootee, IN 47533. Goodwin-Sievers Funeral Home is honored to assist the Sult family with arrangements.

PAUL ARVIN

Paul J. Arvin passed away Wednesday, February 16, 2021 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 61.

He was born April 3, 1959 in Cincinnati, Ohio; son of Virginia L. (Milligan) and the late Marvin H. Arvin.

Paul enjoyed woodworking and building pallets. He loved to visit flea markets and attended Croy Creek Market nearly every weekend. Most recently, he transported Amish to various appointments.

He was preceded in death by his father, Marvin H. Arvin; brother, Theadore "Ted" J. Arvin; and brother-in-law, Donald "Don" Strange.

Paul is survived by his sons, Mike (Chrissy) Arvin and Josh Arvin; grandchildren, Brittany, Tiffany, Brian, Cassy, Gracelyn and Kylee Arvin; mother, Virginia Arvin; and sisters, Esther J. (Norman) Pfefferle, Naomi J. Strange and Joanna J. (Phil) Ader.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Mike Arvin, 306 N. Main Street, Hutsonville, Illinois 62433.

Cremation was chosen and no services will be held.

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

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Paul J. Arvin.

SHARON CRAIG

Sharon L. Craig passed away Tuesday, February 16, 2021 in Crane, at her daughter's home. A resident of Odon, she was 69.

She was born May 23, 1951 in Indianapolis; daughter of Barnard D. and Louise M. (Lawson) Hill. Sharon married Stephen Allen Craig on October 14, 1966.

Sharon worked in quality control for a manufacturing firm until retiring in 2014. She was also a homemaker. Sharon enjoyed gardening, fishing, road trips and spending time with her family.

Survivors left to cherish the memory of



SHARON CRAIG

Sharon include one son, Stephen Scott Craig of Crane; four daughters, Sonya Fassieno, Heather (Shannon) Roushe, and Katrina (Monte) Scott, all of Oklahoma and Michelle (Eric) Griffith of Crane; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Bonnie (Woody) Woods and Crystal Hill and two brothers, Daryl Hill and Terry (Melissa) Hill, all of Indianapolis.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a grandson and a brother.

There will be no services at this time. A Celebration of Life is planned for a later date.

All arrangements have been entrusted to Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Condolences and memories of Sharon may be shared with the family online at www.mengfuneralhome.com.

REBECCA ALLEN

Rebecca I. Allen passed away peacefully and suddenly at her home on February 15, 2021. A resident of Loogootee, she was 59.

Rebecca Allen was born on May 19, 1961 in Shelbyville, Kentucky; the daughter of George and Hellen (Baker) Rodgers.

Rebecca married Michael Allen on July 20, 1990 and he survives.

She is survived by one son, Charles (Heidi) Crump of Vincennes; one daughter, Trinkka (Christopher) York of Paoli; grandchildren, Austin Farren, Ethan Crump, Cody Crump, Charly Crump, Thomas York, Jonah York, Erin York and Bryce Wildman; two sisters, Ruth (Dale) Nash of Vincennes and Kathy Jones of Shelbyville, Kentucky; two brothers, Scott (Dawn) Rodgers of Vincennes and Wayne (Shirley) Rodgers of Lewiston, Maine; and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Sheila M. Richie; one grandchild, Gertrude Caitlyn Jewel Bilskie Crump; one nephew, Joseph L. Allen; and one sister-in-law, Lora Allen.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-

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stating the county is receiving \$28,459.20 in DNR timber sales. They have an option of splitting half of the money between the four county fire departments or giving them \$1,000 each. The commissioners chose to split half of the money so that Lost River Fire Department, Civil Defense, Shoals Fire Department and Loogootee Fire Department will receive \$3,557.40 each. The other half of the money goes into the MVH (Motor Vehicle Highway) fund in the highway department.

Public Health Nurse Julia Albright reported they are vaccinating 140 people every Tuesday and Thursday at their clinics. More than 1,000 COVID vaccines have been administered so far and many residents have received both vaccinations. Albright said the COVID numbers for the county have slowed and there were four days last week with zero new cases. The county will be moving to the "blue" status this week which is the lowest for COVID numbers although the county still has to follow "yellow" status for two weeks. She said the health department is very pleased with how Martin County is doing with COVID.

The commissioners voted to put a 10-ton weight limit on county roads due to the snow thawing. They also voted to hire

George Family Funeral Homes has been entrusted with the arrangements.

SHARON DEVAULT

Sharon H. DeVault, formerly Linton, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Monday, February 22, 2021, at her home. A resident of Terre Haute, she was 73.



SHARON DEVAULT

She was born in Washington on August 1, 1947; daughter of Woodrow and Pauline (Hemmerlein) Hoffman.

Sharon was a 1965 graduate of Loogootee High School. She was a 1969 graduate from Indiana State University. She worked in the insurance for many years, enjoying helping her customers, retiring in 2015.

She was a member of Memorial United Methodist Church in Terre Haute. When living in Linton, she was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, where she played the organ for many years.

Sharon enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She especially enjoyed her grandchildren.

Sharon is survived by her husband of 53 years, L. Anthony "Tony" DeVault; two daughters, Julie (Matthew) McNichols and Lora DeVault, both of Terre Haute; five grandchildren, Emilee Hammond, Blake Hammond, Gabe McNichols, Maya McNichols, and Audrey DeVault; a brother, Dale (Jenell) Hoffman of Shoals, and two sisters, Donna (Tim) Summers of Franklin and Cathy (Doug) Tarvin of Jasper.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

The funeral service will be held at Welch & Cornett Funeral Home in Linton and webcast at 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 27. Burial will follow at Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee at 3 p.m.

Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Saturday from 11 a.m. until the time of service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Linton Civitan Clothe-A-Child or Toys-for-Tots, through the funeral home.

Online condolences may be shared with Sharon's family at www.welchcornett.com.

Scott Hert as a new highway employee.

Michelle Carrico, with SIDC, talked to the commissioners about a COVID 19 response program, to provide funding to for-profit businesses who have been affected by COVID. The grant, totaling \$250,000 will benefit 35-50 local businesses, if awarded. The award date is April 15.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

5:19 a.m. - Received a report of a slide-off south of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

6:29 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Crane Ambulance transported the subject to Bloomington Hospital.

2:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

2:22 p.m. - Received a report of a slide-off south of Loogootee. Corporal Barnett and Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

7:08 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Police and Captain Reed responded.

8:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:00 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Police and Captain Reed responded.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

2:05 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

3:00 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Sergeant Gibson and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

3:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:09 p.m. - Sergeant Gibson assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

5:34 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance and the Martin County Coroner responded.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

1:46 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

8:28 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:46 a.m. - Major Keller assisted the Greene County Sheriff's Office with a detail in Crane.

8:48 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

9:22 a.m. - Received a report of an electric pole on fire near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Major Keller responded.

12:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

1:00 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

5:38 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

6:42 p.m. - Received a request for a

welfare check south of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson, Town Marshal Eckert, and Lost River Fire responded.

6:45 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6:32 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. Captain Reed and Major Keller responded.

7:32 a.m. - Received a report of a slide-off near Loogootee. ICO Doane responded.

10:30 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took three inmates to court.

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

2:15 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

2:52 p.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

3:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:29 p.m. - Received a report of a slide-off north of Shoals. Corporal Barnett responded.

3:51 p.m. - Received a medical alarm call south of Shoals. Lost River Fire responded.

5:49 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:15 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle on US 50, west of Shoals. Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

8:51 p.m. - Received a report of a deer in the highway on US 50, east of Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

6:43 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. No one was transported.

7:38 a.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist near Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

10:04 a.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

11:04 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

1:00 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

2:03 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, Corporal Barnett, and the Martin County Coroner responded.

3:38 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check east of Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

4:06 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on SR 650, east of Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

1:15 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Flana-

gan responded.

2:24 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth and Deputy Flanagan responded.

3:18 a.m. - Received a report of a burnt-out truck north of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan, Loogootee Sergeant McBeth, Loogootee Fire, and Crane Fire responded.

4:40 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

8:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, and Shoals Fire Department responded. One patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:50 a.m. - Received a report of damage done to a mailbox north of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan was notified.

10:22 a.m. - Received a call reporting a controlled burn southeast of Shoals.

12:16 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Corporal Barnett responded.

1:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

3:13 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver. Corporal Barnett responded.

6:25 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries near Shoals. Corporal Barnett responded and Big Johns towed the vehicle.

11:59 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Indian Creek Fire responded, and one patient was transported to Dunn Memorial Hospital.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

10:37 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department

responded. One patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:21 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. One patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

1:22 p.m. - Received a report of a stolen vehicle east of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

1:23 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:16 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was advised.

10:29 p.m. - Received a report of a slide off accident north of Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

5:27 p.m. - Michael Elliott, 48, of Shoals, was arrested by Sergeant Gibson and charged with operating while intoxicated prior and operating while intoxicated endangerment. He is being held on a \$15,000 10% bond.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:43 a.m. - Dylan Bruner, 27, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Keller on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

2:35 p.m. - Ashley Green, 38, of Terre Haute, was arrested by Corporal Barnett and charged with dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 4 Felony; dealing in schedule III controlled substance, a Level 6 Felony, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony and possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor. She is being held on no bond.

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

February 4

Donald L. Nugent, convicted of sexual battery, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 610 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 305 actual days previously served plus 305 Class A credit days.

Kacrissa Jo Lintz, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 32 days suspended and credit for 74 actual days previously served plus 74 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

February 5

Kelley M. Richardson, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 180 days suspended. Defendant received 9 months of probation.

Joshua E. Tarr, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 361 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

Greggory Scott Stroud, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 58 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 2 months of probation.

February 11

William E. Redman, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 4 Felony. Sentenced to serve 6 years with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 362 actual days previously served plus 121 Class B credit days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

February 4

Donald L. Nugent, one count of sexual battery, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; intimidation, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Kacrissa Jo Lintz, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

February 5

Kelley M. Richardson, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Joshua E. Tarr, refusal to submit to

breath or chemical test, a Class C Infraction, dismissed.

February 10

Darbi K. Grannan, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

February 11

William E. Redman, two counts of possession of a narcotic drug, Level 6 Felonies, dismissed; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed, two counts of unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, Level 6 Felonies, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Jalisa D. Phillips, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

February 3

Crown Asset Management, LLC vs. Ricky Heckard, civil collection.

February 5

Mark A. Pennington vs. Brenda E. Pennington, petition for dissolution of marriage.

February 9

Capital One Bank vs. Joyce Hembree, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

New Suits Filed

January 25

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Mariner Finance, LLC and against the defendant Brian A. Dant in the amount of \$1,656.81.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

February 5

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Everette E. Hopkins in the amount of \$1,555.65.

February 9

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Greene's Body Shop, Inc. and against the defendant Troy Arvin in the amount of \$623.10.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Greene's Body Shop, Inc. and against the defendant Tom Fischer in the amount of \$363.54.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Greene's Body Shop, Inc. and against the defendant Alan P. Williams in the amount of \$368.74.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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Martin County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications to fill open **FULL AND PART-TIME DISPATCHER POSITIONS**

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To be considered for an open position, interested candidates are encouraged to pick-up an application at the Martin County Sheriff's Office: 318 Capital Avenue, Shoals, IN 47581.

Requirements:

1. Must be a citizen of the United States
2. Must be at least 18 years of age
3. Must have a high school diploma or GED
4. Must not have any Felony, Misdemeanor Battery or Domestic Violence convictions
5. Must be willing to submit to pre-employment drug screening
6. Ability and willingness to work a variety of shifts, including evenings, weekends and some holidays

Compensation:

Full-time Dispatchers: \$13.36 per hour/40 hour work week
Part-time Dispatchers: \$12.00 per hour/ up to 28 hours per week
Advancement opportunities are available

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

12:13 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill responded to a civil disturbance on Northeast Third Street.

6:52 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted a stranded motorist on Williams Street.

7:09 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a domestic dispute on East Main Street.

8:29 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on East 950 North.

10:00 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a domestic dispute on Vincennes Street.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

12:10 a.m. - Multiple calls were received in reference to crossarms being down at the railroad tracks on JFK Avenue.

8:30 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on North Oak Street.

8:31 a.m. - Received a call about aggressive dogs in the area of East Washington Street.

12:00 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Cedar Street.

3:00 p.m. - Sgt. Hennette responded to assist a motorist with a stuck vehicle on Pine Street.

3:08 p.m. - Sgt. Hennette assisted a stranded motorist on West Washington Street.

5:13 p.m. - Chief Floyd spoke with a complainant in reference to a possible theft on Public Square Street.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:49 a.m. - Chief Floyd assisted a stranded motorist on US 50.

10:10 a.m. - Sgt. Hennette assisted a stranded motorist at the Walker and Wood streets area.

12:54 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on Williams Street.

1:12 p.m. - Sgt. Hennette spoke with a caller about a harassment complaint.

1:38 p.m. - Sgt. Hennette spoke with a subject in reference to an animal complaint.

7:46 p.m. - Officer Means assisted a stranded motorist on Cedar Street.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

2:16 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Mt. Calvary Road.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

2:24 a.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a domestic dispute on Vincennes Street.

3:18 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a vehicle fire in Burns City.

10:19 a.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill spoke with the owner of a vehicle about a parking issue.

11:15 a.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill assisted with a funeral procession.

12:34 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill investigated a report of a possible theft.

1:40 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill completed a welfare check on a resident on John Street.

3:47 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill assisted a subject with retrieving personal belongings.

9:23 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted a stranded motorist on Park Street.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

12:01 p.m. - A caller reported an issue with an animal in Redwing Trailer Court.

1:26 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Cedar Street.

5:10 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill cited a female into court on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

Real estate transfers

Wayne Mae Property Group, LLC, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Jonathan Marner**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the north half of Section 29, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Ruthertford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 9.48 acres, more or less.

Noah Michael Callahan and Blake Martina Walker, n/k/a Blake Martina Callahan, of Martin County, Indiana to **Noah M. Callahan and Blake M. Callahan**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 6 and the west one-half of Lot Number 7 in Summers, Cannon and Crane Addition to Loogootee, Indiana.

Dale E. Divine, of Martin County, Indiana to **Nick Logan Divine**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of west fractional Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 150.56 acres, more or less.

Luther O. Fuhrman, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brent Walton**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter and part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 15, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 2.13 acres, more or less.

Reggie Graber and Delbert Graber, of Martin County, Indiana to **Terry Wagler and Laura Wagler and Rhonda Wagler**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the north half of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 0.3823 acres, more or less.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Free community dinner
The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community. They would like to extend an invitation to the entire community for a free dinner to be held Thursday, March 4 from 6-8 p.m. at the church. The meal this month will be carry out only. Please line up in the parking lot and they will take your order.

Grief support program
A grief support program is being provided by Thorne George Funeral Homes free of charge. The program, normally \$79, can be received for free by using the coupon code "Thorne-George". The program is confidential and self-directed. Those interested can visit www.grief-plan.com and click "take me to the grief plan program".

Councilman's Corner
By Shoals Town Council President Cary D. Albright



"The two most powerful warriors are patience and time"
-Leo Tolstoy, War and Peace

Question 2
Why does it take so long for your council to get a project done?
The easy answer is Government has no incentive to move forward.
There may be a grain of truth in that statement.
The real truth is regulations are in place to protect your tax money you entrust us to spend wisely.
We must
1. Research the idea (project).
2. Prioritize the project.
3. Study the project (is the project cost effective?).
4. Who will this project affect (positive or negatively)?
5. Do we have money for this project?
6. We contact an engineering firm (we pay them to do a study certifying it meets all state and safety standards) as required by law.
7. While working through all the above steps we are under lawyer review (and public review and input) that cost money also.
8. We look for additional funding sources. We do not have the tax base (households paying property tax or water and wastewater users) to support major or even most minor projects.
9. We apply and reapply for funding the project.
10. I could list at list 10 subcategories for each step listed above. I think you understand where I am going with this!
It is a daunting process to put it mildly.
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plan.com and click "take me to the grief plan program".

St. Vincent Food Pantry
The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open the third Thursday. The hours are 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.

Mental Health Task Force
The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. at the Community Learning Center on the Martin County Fairgrounds.

Celebrate Recovery meetings
Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Redemption Church in Loogootee. This is a Christ-centered recovery program and anyone is welcome to attend.

Local recovery meetings
Wednesdays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Martin County Community Corrections Building at 8 p.m.; Thursdays-Narcotics Anonymous, Redemption Church Loogootee at 8 p.m.; Fridays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Loogootee Municipal Building Loogootee at 8 p.m.

Free lunch for kids
New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school age children every Saturday. Lunches can be picked up at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 105 Wood St, Loogootee no later than 10:30 a.m. Deliveries will begin between 10:30 and 11 a.m. Saturdays.

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!

Solid waste board
The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 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.

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More Neat Stuff
By Ann Ackerman




THOUGHTS
*Being a little older, I am very fortunate to have someone call and check on me every day. He is from India and is very concerned about my car warranty.

*Me: I need some help around here!
Also me: No, not like that...Here, I'll do it!

*Recently, my body has absorbed so much hand sanitizer that when I pee, it cleans the toilet.

*The most dangerous drinking game is seeing how long I can go without coffee.

*I'm not the type of person you want to put on speaker phone during a phone conversation.

No matter how far you have traveled in the wrong direction, you can always turn around.

RIDDLES
1. What is Darth Vader's wife's name?
2. Why did the rooster go to KFC?
3. Why aren't chickens allowed in church?
4. What does it feel like to win the lottery?
5. What does "DIET" stand for?

You might think that you don't matter in this world, but because of you someone has a favorite mug that you bought them to drink their coffee out of each morning. Someone hears a song on the radio, and it reminds them of you.

Someone has read a book you recommended to them and gotten lost in its pages.

Someone's remembered a joke you told them and smiled to themselves on the bus.

Never think you don't have an impact. Your fingerprints can't be wiped away from the little marks of kindness that you've left behind.

ANSWERS
1. Ella Vader.
2. He wanted to see a chicken strip.
3. Because they only use fowl language.
4. About the same as an animal finding its furever home.
5. Did I Eat That?

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At age 35...Having money
At age 50...Having money
At age 70...Having a driver's license
At age 75...Having friends
At age 80...Not piddling in your pants

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Blue Chip All Conference picks

The following girls were chosen as the Blue Chip All Conference Team for the 2020-21 season.
Kalea Fleming, Brooklynn Jones, and Kylie VanHoy of Loogootee High School
Haley Fischer of Shoals High School
Addison Ainscough and Hannah Graber of Barr Reeve High School
Hadley Fuhrman and Rhylan Kalb of Northeast Dubois High School
Graycie Poe of North Knox High School
Lexi Detweiler of South Knox High School

Lauren Carie and Meredith Weiss of Vincennes Rivet High School
Peyton Shoultz and Madison Frederick of Wood Memorial High School

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser, Purdue University Master Gardener

The National Garden Bureau has named monarda as the perennial plant of the year for 2021. Regular readers will remember that a couple of weeks ago, that organization named the sunflower as the flower of the year. It is interesting that while most sunflowers are annuals, there are some perennial forms and while most monardas are perennial, there are some annual forms. (I remind you that perennials are plants that return for a number of years, while annuals complete their life cycle in a single season.)

Like the sunflower, monardas are endemic to North America. They are named for the Spanish botanist Nicolas Monardes, who wrote a book in 1574 describing plants of the new world. There are more than 20 species in the genus and many hybrids, both naturally occurring and bred. Monardas are also magnets for bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinators. As a member of the mint family, I can say without hesitation that anyone can grow monarda. Like other mints, the plants have square stems. The perennials spread from stolons or horizontal roots and also by seed, so they tend to be rather aggressive. They are not good companions for weak and picky plants, but they will hold their own in meadows and other plots in full sun.

The flowers of monarda are like little pompons on the end of stiff stems with short, thin leaves. The plants have a distinctive scent, both in the foliage and the flowers, and are generally deer resistant. Most of the monarda native to Indiana have pink to purple flowers, but there are species with flowers that run from deep red to such a pale pink they may appear to be white.

Common names for the genus include bee balm, bergamot, horsemint and Oswego tea. The flowers are hermaphroditic, meaning they possess both male and female structures in the same flower. That means that the pollinators may easily distribute pollen and each flower may produce dozens of seeds.

Native Americans and early settlers found numerous medical uses for mo-

narda. The plants have an antiseptic quality and were used in poultices for wound dressings. Teas made by boiling the leaves have been used for skin infections, mouth infections, gingivitis, headaches and fever. Some people just like the taste of the herbal tea and claim it is relaxing and helps one sleep.

While monarda is easy to grow, it does have some pretty stringent requirements. It absolutely needs full sun and good air circulation. The plants are prone to powdery mildew when it is humid. They will not tolerate wet roots, so they need good drainage and should not be planted in low places.

In recent years, breeding efforts have produced some fifty commercial varieties of monarda. While native plant purists decry the use of these Nativars (cultivated varieties of native plants) I am happy to find that I can now grow monarda with the bright red flowers that I have long admired in the Smokey Mountains. One red-flowering variety that is fairly easy to find is Jacob Cline. The breeding efforts have also produced shorter, stockier plants that are less likely to fall over in wind and plants that are more resistant to powdery mildew and other fungal diseases. I plan to look for a variety called Electric Neon Pink, which promises strong stems, intense flower color, a long bloom season and disease resistance. If any of you find this variety in a local nursery this spring, let me know.

The American Garden Bureau has also named plants of the year in the edibles, shrub and bulb categories. Watch for more about these in future columns.

Warmer weather this week will likely result in more spring bulb foliage. This is perfectly normal, so do not worry that the spring flowers will be killed. These plants are tough and it would take a blast of Arctic air without snow cover to actually harm the foliage. Be on the watch for blooms of winter aconite, Lenten roses and crocuses. These plants bloom in late winter to early spring, so they are right on time.

Marsh Madness will feature virtual programming

The Indiana Division of Fish & Wildlife is partnering with Friends of Goose Pond to stage the 12th annual Marsh Madness Sandhill Crane Festival, February 27-28.

Marsh Madness is a community-based bird-watching festival held in Linton, in Greene County. The event celebrates the migration of sandhill cranes and waterfowl at Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area (FWA), which is located on the town's outskirts.

For safety reasons, this year's events will take place virtually. Programming will include bird-watching tips from the property manager and assistant property manager, a birds of prey presentation, information from the International Crane **Patoka Lake Winter Blitz postponed to March 20**

Patoka Lake's Winter Blitz has been postponed until Saturday, March 20, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The blitz was originally scheduled for Saturday, February 20.

The Winter Blitz is a cleanup effort to pick up litter and will be targeted at the area around the Painter Creek Boat Ramp. Advance registration is required for the event and can be made by calling the Nature Center by Thursday, March 18 at noon at 812-685-2447. Participation is limited.

Gloves, trash bags, hand sanitizer and goodie bags will be provided to all participants. The rocky shoreline may become muddy, so plan to wear sturdy walking shoes and dress for the weather.

Patoka Lake (on.IN.gov/patokalake) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, 47513.

Foundation, and Facebook Live sessions from bird-watching experts in the field.

On-site visitors to Goose Pond FWA may also take a self-guided driving tour of the property or stop in the Goose Pond FWA Visitor Center to get more information about the FWA's attractions.

Goose Pond FWA is located at 13540 W County Road 400 S, Linton 47441.

For more information about the event, visit <https://friendsofgoosepond.org/marsh-madness/>.

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With the new administration that took office on January 20th, we have witnessed one executive order after another which has been an attack on the lives of the unborn. We are also asking for your prayers for the new President and their Administration so they will have a conversion to respect the lives of the Unborn.

Your continued support for the Right to Life is very important. You never know what little act of kindness to a mother with an unplanned pregnancy may go a long way to saving both their lives.

If you are not a member of Daviess, Pike, or Martin County Right to Life groups, please consider doing so by sending in a donation to Right to Life at the address below. If you have already renewed your Membership or made a donation, we thank you for Your Continued Support, it is Greatly Appreciated!

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