

Shoals School Board not happy with bball coaches

The Shoals School Board met Thursday, February 12.

Superintendent Candace Roush recommended the board retroactively approve a trip and overnight stay by the Shoals High School Boys' Basketball team and coaches to a tournament at Cascade High School in Clayton on December 26, 2014 and returning December 27, 2014. A motion to approve the trip was made by Lorna Troutman, seconded by Eva Neeley, and a 3-2 vote was given with Jim Bruner and Dianna Ragsdale opposed. The board made the following statement for the record: The board would like to express displeasure with the boys' basketball coaches for taking an overnight trip to Clayton, Indiana before their tournament at Cascade High School. All overnight trips must follow proper protocol and have prior approval regardless of the nature of the trip. The board does not retroactively approve paying for the trip.

The board approved the following field trips:

-Mrs. Roush to take students to Women's Leadership Conference at VUJC on 3/11/2015

-Mrs. Sherfick to take SADD Club to Banker's Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis on 3/14/2015

-First grade to Wonderlab in Bloomington on 4/10/2015

-Math Bowl Competition at Throop Ele-

mentary in Paoli on February 26, 2015

-Art classes to Chicago, Illinois on March 20-21, 2015

The board accepted the resignation of Jeff Gee from the position of girls' junior high track coach.

They approved Gary Sims as a JBL Volunteer for the 2014-15 school year and Jessica Butler, Brittany Chandler, Krislyn Lengacher, and Cody Hert to serve as substitute teachers during the 2014-15 school year.

The board approved Brad Peterson to attend an athletic director conference in Indianapolis on March 21-25, 2015 and the board will pay the cost of the registration fee.

The board approved a medical leave request from Amanda Qualkenbush.

The board approved the following coaching recommendations:

Spring 2015

Girls' head high school track coach - Brad Peterson

Assistant girls' track coach - Melissa Hawkins

Volunteer girls' track - Ashley Hawkins and April Sutton

Boys' head high school track coach - Tim Howell

Assistant boys' track coach - Dave Qualkenbush

Volunteer boys' track - Mitch Green

Junior high boys' track coach - Brad Peterson

Junior high girls' track coach - Dave Qualkenbush

Junior high track attendant - Melissa Fields

Fall 2015

Girls' varsity volleyball coach - Rebecca Harmon

Junior varsity volleyball coach - Terra Boyd

Boys' varsity soccer coach - Mitch Green

Assistant varsity soccer coach - Miles Orwig

Junior high soccer coach - Ian Perrotte

Volunteer soccer - Dennis Green and Cody McKibben

Varsity cross country coach - Dave Qualkenbush

8th grade volleyball coach - Kayla Hammack

Volleyball volunteer - Angie Sango and Brandy Judd

It was noted that the varsity level coaches will receive a one year contract.

The board approved a \$100 donation from Kappa Kappa Kappa Delta Tau Chapter to the high school art department.

The board approved the addition of an advanced manufacturing course at the high school level. The course offers dual credit through Ivy Tech and will be taught by Mr. Elliott.

The board approved the following facility usage requests with all fees waived:

-Junior high softball league to hold practices and games during Spring of 2015

-Shoals Summer League to hold mock try-outs in multi-purpose room on 2/7/2015

Mrs. Roush asked that the board members contact her with any questions or revisions to series 6000 of the board policy

handbook. A second reading and approval will be scheduled at the March meeting.

Mrs. Roush recommended the board approve entering into a school/business partnership with United States Gypsum Company in order to allow the school to work with a local business to provide learning opportunities for students as well as internships and job shadowing. The board discussed the details of the agreement and approval was given on a motion made by Eva Neeley, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 5-0 vote was given.

John Gunselman and Brent Pfister, representing German American Insurance, presented an overview of the two quotes received. Details included in a quote from EMC Insurance Company for property coverage and Indiana Public Employees Plan (IPEP) for workers' compensation insurance coverage for the upcoming renewal year of 2/25/2015 to 2/25/2016. The quote reflected a decrease in total premium cost of \$5,454 while offering additional coverage amounts in some areas. The annual premium for the property insurance was \$39,009 and the workers' compensation insurance was \$12,837. Mrs. Roush recommended the board approve the insurance quotes as presented. A motion to approve the quote for property and workers' compensation insurance coverage was made by Jim Bruner, seconded by Lorna Troutman, and a 4-1 vote was given with Dianna Ragsdale opposing. Dianna noted that she had no issues with the agents or insurance company, she only had a problem with how the process was handled by not giving more agents the opportunity to quote.

The board approved the following fundraisers:
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Giant Frosty . . .

-Photo provided

The Albright family made the most out of the snow that cancelled both Martin County Schools all last week by building this 11.5-foot snowman at their home on Mill Road. Shown in the photo, from left to right, are Jackson Albright, Allison Albright, Nathan Albright, Ashton Albright, Sarah Albright and Ashley Albright. Not pictured but helping was Tyson Albright.



Students, staff of the month

-Photo provided

Loogootee Elementary has chosen their students and staff members of the month for January. The students of the month are Kixie Riggins, kindergarten; Chloe Ramsey, first grade; AJ Foster, second grade; Carter Harbison, third grade; Hannah VanMeter, fourth grade; and the staff member of the month was Marcia Wagoner. The students were chosen by their teachers because they possess positive character qualities of respect, caring, integrity, responsibility, and self-discipline as well as their perfect or outstanding attendance for the month of January, no detentions or loss of recess for behavior issues, they exhibit good effort daily, and they also work well with classmates with a cooperative attitude. The staff member of the month is nominated by the school staff.

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SHOALS

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-Elementary volleyball program to raise funds for creating elementary elite program
 -Elementary dance clinic practice on April 13-15, 2015 to perform after Harlem Wizards game

Eva Neeley made a recommendation to the board to modify the expulsion of a student to a probationary status. The board approved unanimously.

Austin Malone, elementary principal, reported on the following:

-NAEP Testing was completed Tuesday. Very complementary of teachers, students, and cooperation with 97 percent completion!

-ISTEP+ Window has been shifted AHEAD to February 25-March 13. Applied Skills Test has been inventoried and practice tests will be administered beginning Tuesday.

-PreK Survey sent home with students and posted on school website with 78 responses so far showing 65 percent interested in a pre-K program and 19 percent not interested themselves but knowing local families that would be.

-Criminal history check requirement has been sent out as a reminder to anyone visiting the school that visitors are only allowed in classrooms after their criminal history is completed and verified.

-Monroe County Schools visit went very well. Mrs. Roush and Malone toured four schools: University Elementary, Fairview Elementary, Templeton Elementary, and Arlington Heights Elementary. They looked at their high ability program, pre-K program, and technology integration opportunities.

-Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader up-

date: Kids were exceptionally patient and perfect. Malone couldn't say much else because they all signed confidentiality agreements. They tell him the episode may air sometime in early summer.

-Alan Cook was placed 9th out of 132 at the Tri-State Spelling Bee!

Lucas Calhoun, junior/senior high school principal, reported on the following:

-ISTEP and ECA preparation is in full-swing. Multiple programs such as Acuity, USA Test Prep, items from the Indiana ISTEP site are being used to prepare students. Kudos to those teachers in testing areas for their patience.

-\$100,000 technology grant application sent in on February 5 that includes e-LIFE: Logistic plan to Integrate Tech Curriculum, Focus Instruction, and Engage Learners. Special thanks to Reuben Montgomery, Candace Roush, Austin Malone, and especially Pat Keefe for their efforts in making this application happen.

-New rugs throughout the school. Thank you to the central office.

-Staff committees are in full-swing with a new committee working on curriculum.

-Financial aid meeting held at the end of January that will include scholarship announcements.

-Women's Leadership Day opportunity occurring at VUJC in March.

-Student success to report: One senior student's short story won 2nd prize honors in the Vincennes University English Competition. Three state-level gold members from individual band members. Shoals students have been chosen as Lilly Scholarship Interviewees.

-Prepping for next year's schedule with dual-credit review and addition of new

class offerings and handbook review.

Mrs. Roush, superintendent, reported on the following:

-The school would like to thank Mrs. Keefe for helping the elementary get a \$10,000 early literacy grant to buy reading books for grades K-2.

-Martin County is looking at updating the Martin County anti-truancy policy. A meeting is scheduled between both school corporations and county officials on February 24 to review and update the current policy.

-The current status of the ISTEP test is changing on a daily basis and they are keeping a close eye on the Indiana Department of Education. They are looking at shortening the length of the test as well as look at the accountability it has on school corporations.

-The student enrollment is down 12 students from the last September count day.

-The technology plan that was going to be presented at the February board meeting has been postponed until the March board meeting due to the March release of the common school fund loan application and to allow more planning time with teachers.

-Shoals and Loogootee schools are looking at hosting a substitute training workshop during the summer. There will be an informational session for interested substitutes as well as classroom management and instructional skills training. More information will be released at a later date.

-Martin County is looking at creating a college success coalition to come together to provide activities to help students become aware of the different college and career options that are available.

-The school is looking at trying to find grants to fund a larger agriculture program next school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next meeting of the board will be a regular session on March 12 at 6 p.m.



FRED DUPPS

Dupps to re-run for city council

Fred A. Dupps announces his candidacy for re-election to the office of councilman at large for the City of Loogootee, on the Democratic ticket.

Dupps said in his first three years in office, he has worked hard at trying to show financial responsibility with the city finances while always looking to improve and enhance the city. He maintains a solid vision for Loogootee's future.

Dupps resides at 240 Country Court in Loogootee with his wife, Bev. After working in purchasing in Jasper wood working plants for 33 years, he is currently employed at SAIC as a sub-contract administrator.

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DICK WALKER

Richard J. (Dick) Walker passed away Sunday, February 22, 2015 at Memorial Hospital in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, he was 91.



He was born May 21, 1923; son of the later Peter L. Walker and Mary (Larkin) Walker.

He served as a pilot in the Army Air Corp in WWII, Korea, and retired from the Air Force Reserve. He retired from US Gypsum in 1984.

He graduated from St. Joseph High School and attended Butler University. He was a member of St. John Catholic Church, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Knights of Columbus, the North American Bluebird Society and the American Legion. He had traveled extensively through North and Central America.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Rose Elizabeth (Liz) Walker; son, Michael Walker of Key West, Florida; daughters, Kathleen Walker of Loogootee, Barbara (Dan) Gregory of Loogootee, Karen (Scott) Fellwock of Goodlettsville, Tennessee, Eileen Dawson of Morroco, Indiana and Clara (Ben) Northington of Ellicott City, Maryland; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Paul (Dutch) Walker, Helen Fuller, Mildred McGovern, Leonard Walker and Elbert Walker.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, February 26 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee, officiated by Very Reverend J.

Kenneth Walker and concelebrant Reverend Leo Kissel. Burial will follow in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, February 25 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to The Saint Vincent De Paul Society Endowment Fund, c/o Martin County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 28, Loogootee, IN or Heart to Heart Hospice, 500 East Springhill Drive, Ste. F, Terre Haute, IN, 47802.

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

ROSE MARY O'CONNOR

Rose Mary O'Connor passed away February 19, 2015 at East Gate Nursing Home in Washington. A resident of Loogootee, she was 90.



She was born March 13, 1924; daughter of the late John Edward and Mary Josephine (O'Neal) Smith.

She was a lifelong member of St. Mary Catholic Church - Barr Township. She was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, American Legion, Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, The Eagles and she was a Gold Star Mother.

She is survived by daughter, Carrie Brett of Loogootee; sons, Charles Edward O'Connor, Richard Joseph O'Connor, George Ernest O'Connor and Austin Owen O'Connor, all of Loogootee; grandchildren, Sheila (O'Connor) Guy, Timothy O'Connor, Lee-sha (O'Connor) Jeffries, Douglas O'Connor, Philip O'Connor II, Shawna

O'Connor, Cory O'Connor, Tina (O'Connor) Hess, Edward O'Connor, Amy Garland, Jennifer O'Connor, Michael O'Connor, Rebecca O'Connor, Charles O'Connor, Ronald O'Connor, Christopher O'Connor and Ryan David Oliva; and sister-in-law, Margaret Smith of Jasper.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Joseph O'Connor; sons, Ronald O'Connor, Philip Stephen O'Connor and Timothy John O'Connor; grandchildren, Megan Rose O'Connor and Scottie Lee O'Connor; siblings, Cosmas Edward (Helen) Smith, John Forrest (Ann) Smith, Eugene Paul (Ann) Smith, Margaret Alma (James) Palladino, Hugh Flavian Smith, James Bernard (Mary) Smith, Robert Owen Smith, Francis Joseph (Martha) Smith, Edmond Paul (Doris) Smith and Eleanore Ann (Hubert) Hopkins.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday, February 24 at St. Mary Catholic Church - Barr Township. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.



STANLEY HODGES

Legion Post 120 and 3rd Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, hunting, fishing, playing golf, but his pride and joy was his great grandson, Kohen Robbins.

He is survived by his wife, Karin (Schubert) Hodges; daughters, Barbara (David) Brosmer of Evansville and Sandy (Mickey) Hercamp of Seymour; son, Stanley (Angie) Hodges of Loogootee; grandchildren, Jared Brosmer, Jordan Brosmer, Joshua (Kayla) Hercamp, Kiersten (Branden) Robbins, Zachary (Shateria) Hodges and Shelby Hodges; great-grandchild, Kohen Robbins; sisters, Janet Sheehan of King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, Theresa Jones of French Lick and Beverly (Kenneth) Krodol of Wilson, North Carolina; brother, Milton (Charlene) Hodges of Dale.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Joseph Hodges; brothers-in-law, Verlin Jones and John Sheehan.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, March 2 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee, officiated by Very Reverend J. Kenneth Walker.

Visitation will be held Sunday, March 1 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association and St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church for masses.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

12:34 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and the Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

2:20 a.m. - Received a request for roadway conditions.

9:14 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle stuck in the roadway on US 50 near the Martin State Forest. Deputy Dant responded.

12:26 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle slide off on US 50 east of the Martin State Forest. Chief Deputy Greene, Deputy Dant, and the Shoals Fire Department responded.

1:47 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle slide off on US 150 near Natchez Road. Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

2:58 p.m. - Received a report of neglected horses south of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

6:04 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle slide off on US 50 west of Zehr Lane. Sergeant Keller and G&M Wrecker Service responded.

6:55 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle slide off on US 50 east of Red School Road. Chief Deputy Greene, Sergeant Keller, and the Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:12 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Sergeant Keller and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:15 p.m. - Deputy Harmon transported a subject to Good Samaritan Hospital, Vincennes.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

12:58 a.m. - Deputy Harmon on station with an inmate he transported from Knox County.

5:05 a.m. - Received a request for roadway conditions.

5:48 a.m. - Received a request for an am-

bulance west of Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

9:52 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Cale. Martin County EMS and the Williams Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to IU Health, Bedford.

10:30 a.m. - Deputy Dant transported three inmates to court.

2:00 p.m. - Deputy Dant transported one inmate to court.

2:30 p.m. - Deputy Dant transported one inmate to court.

3:00 p.m. - Deputy Dant transported three inmates to court.

7:57 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check southeast of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

9:25 p.m. - Received a report of a jack knifed semi on Weisbach Road near Ironton Road. Sergeant Keller, Deputy Baker, the Shoals Fire Department, and G&M Wrecker Service responded.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

3:07 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded for lift assistance with no transport.

4:44 a.m. - Received a request for roadway conditions.

9:00 a.m. - Deputy Dant transported one inmate to court.

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

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

12:30 p.m. - Received a report of vehicle crash with no injury on Belcher Lane. Sheriff Roush responded.

1:38 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on Mount Calvary Road north of Reinhart Road. Deputy Dant responded.

4:00 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on US 231 near 200 S. ISP Trooper Lents and ATM Towing responded.

5:13 p.m. - Received a report of a civil issue in Shoals. Major Burkhardt was advised.

6:06 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Major Burkhardt was advised.

7:27 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Dover Hill. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

8:10 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle stuck in the roadway at the intersection of Tharp Road and Progress School Road. Major Burkhardt responded.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

1:53 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan and Deputy Baker responded.

5:11 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on US 231 north of Lumpkin Road. Deputy Baker, ICO Mann, and ATM Towing responded.

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

10:30 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene and Deputy Dant transported nine inmates to court.

12:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and the Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

1:30 p.m. - Major Burkhardt and Deputy Dant took four inmates to video court.

2:20 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle stuck in the roadway on Deep Cut Lake Road south of US 50. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:40 p.m. - Received a request for traffic control assistance for G&M Wrecker Service on US 231 near Bledsoe Lane. Major Burkhardt responded.

8:48 p.m. - Received a report of a trespasser east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt and Deputy Baker responded.

10:24 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with unknown injury at the intersection of Rutherford Road and South Martin Road. Deputy Baker, Loogootee Officer Nolan, the Haysville Fire Department, Martin County EMS, and G&M Wrecker Service responded.

11:40 p.m. - Received a report of an active fire alarm at Shoals Community Schools. The Shoals Fire Department responded. The alarm was a malfunction.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

12:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at the Marathon in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Officer Nolan responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

2:10 a.m. - Received a report of burglary north of Shoals. Deputy Baker responded.

4:48 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department re-

sponded. Martin County EMS had no transport.

5:11 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock east of Shoals. Deputy Baker completed the detail.

7:01 a.m. - Received a report of a broken down vehicle on US 50 west of Rama Dye Road. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

7:55 a.m. - Received a report of a broken down vehicle on US 150 near State Road 550. Sheriff Roush and ISP Trooper Lents responded.

4:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

10:39 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver northbound on US 231 from Haysville. Deputy Harmon was advised.

11:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance northwest of Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

3:41 a.m. - Received a request for roadway conditions.

9:58 a.m. - Received a report of a shoplifter at G&R Variety in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

11:10 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on US 231 near Pinetree Road. Sergeant Keller responded.

12:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County EMS and the Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS had no transport.

3:22 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on Ziegler Road north of Seals Road. Sergeant Keller responded.

4:00 p.m. - Received a report of a subject receiving harassing telephone calls. Sergeant Keller spoke to the complainant.

5:05 p.m. - Received a report of a subject receiving harassing text messages. Sergeant Keller spoke to the complainant.

9:08 p.m. - Received a report of a house fire on Main Street in Shoals. The Shoals Fire Department, Martin County EMS, Sheriff Roush, Deputy Harmon, and Duke Energy responded.

11:36 p.m. - Received a report of a fire on Brett Road. The Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, and Martin County EMS responded.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

2:51 a.m. - Received a request for roadway conditions.

7:36 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash without injury on US 50 near Deep Cut Lake Road. Sergeant Keller responded.

12:08 p.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm at the Martin County Learning Center. Sergeant Keller responded.

8:44 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check for a subject walking on Brooks Bridge Road. Deputy Harmon was advised.

9:04 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver westbound on US 50 between Shoals and Loogootee. All on-duty officers were advised.

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Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16
 12:30 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.
 1:40 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to an alarm at the high school.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
 4:01 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.
 9:18 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle in St. John Cemetery. Officers were unable to locate.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
 3:07 a.m. - First responders were requested on Queen Street for a medical call.
 9:30 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted a motorist who had slid off the road.
 4:45 p.m. - A male came on station to request transient assistance.
 5:08 p.m. - Caller reported a theft at Chuckles. Captain Hennette located a female. No charges were filed.
 8:39 p.m. - Caller reported a male that was trespassing.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19
 1:53 a.m. - Caller reported a suicidal subject. She was later transported to a local hospital.
 9:00 a.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.
 12:18 p.m. - First responders were requested on Sycamore Street for a medical call.
 2:30 p.m. - Caller reported loud music in Redwing Trailer Court.
 8:35 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dis-

pute on East Broadway Street.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20
 12:40 a.m. - Caller reported a suicidal subject on Broadway Street. Subject was later transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.
 9:00 a.m. - Received a reported of a semi in the ditch on Bloomfield Road.
 4:22 p.m. - First responders were requested at Scenic Hill for a medical call.
 8:11 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance in Country Place Apartments.
 10:13 p.m. - Officer Nolan assisted a motorist on West Washington Street.
 10:51 p.m. - Received a report of a possible intoxicated driver. Officer Nolan stopped the vehicle and the driver checked out okay.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
 12:32 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical call.
 1:21 p.m. - Caller reported loud music on Park Street.
 5:42 p.m. - Officer Todd assisted a motorist on Wood Street.
 6:45 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted a motorist on East Broadway Street.
 10:24 p.m. - Received a report of a four wheeler on Church Street.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22
 8:54 a.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.
 3:40 p.m. - Caller reported loud music in Shaded Estates.
 9:02 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.
 11:02 p.m. - Dustin Campbell, 29, of Shoals, was arrested for possession of marijuana, dealing marijuana, maintaining a common nuisance, and neglect of a dependent. Campbell is being held without bond and was arrested by Shoals Town Marshal Eckert. Sheriff Roush and Deputy Harmon assisted in the arrest.
 11:02 p.m. - Jessica Lampert, 40, of Shoals, was arrested for possession of marijuana, dealing marijuana, maintaining a common nuisance, and neglect of a dependent. Lampert is being held without bond and was arrested by Shoals Town Marshal Eckert. Sheriff Roush and Deputy Harmon assisted in the arrest.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23
 Unknown time - Nicholas Gress, 27, of Loogootee and Ashley Webster, 26, of Loogootee Police and charged with battery. The Loogootee Police were assisted by the Martin County Sheriff's Department.

Martin County Court News

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

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

February 3
 Jennifer N. Frierson, convicted of neglect of a dependent, a Class A Misdemeanor, reduced from a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 1 year in the Martin County Security Center with 359 days suspended and credit for three actual days previously served and 3 good time credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.
February 5
 Nicholas J. Guy, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 361 days suspended and credit for 2 days previously served and 2 good time credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED
February 3
 Jennifer N. Frierson, neglect of a dependent, a Class D Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class D Felony, dismissed.
CIVIL COURT
New Suits Filed
February 13
 Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. John Hill, civil collection.
 Kenneth R. Boyd and Kelly J. Boyd vs. Ethel McGuire and Terry Tichenor, civil tort.
 Jennifer D. Cretin vs. Jeffrey D. Cretin, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS
February 10
 Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant Brenda Allen in the amount of \$453.05.
 Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant Retha Hert, Jr., in the amount of \$1,945.76.
February 24
 Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant Jennifer Fraley in the amount of \$1,466.88.
 Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant Ronald Frye in the amount of \$868.30.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

February 13
 Clark Abel vs. Dave Kennedy, complaint.
SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS
February 17
 Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendants Kaelyn M. Baldwin and Jeffrey L. Raisor, Jr., in the amount of \$687.20.
 Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Joshua D. Barrett in the amount of \$676.02.
 Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Jonathan M. Cumbie in the amount of \$3,211.37.
 Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Charles F. Padgett in the amount of \$834.57.
 Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Adriana J. Strong in the amount of \$612.45.
February 19
 Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Joseph D. Becker in the amount of \$826.82.
February 23
 Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Craig A. Cain in the amount of \$6,094.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
February 10
 Urim Summerton of Williams and Sonblossom I. Ping of Williams.
February 19
 Franz T. Dages of Mitchell and Denise M. Martin of Greenwood.
 Kenneth A. Haven of Shoals and Lacy A. Roach of Shoals.
February 23
 Ashton Ryan Wagler of Shoals and Jessica Nichole Butler of Shoals.

JAIL BOOKINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
 5:45 p.m. - Dustin S. Perry, 23, of Plainville, was arrested on a Martin County warrant for failure to abide by court order. Perry is being held without bond and was arrested by Major Burkhardt.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19
 6:50 p.m. - Robert F. Neal, 29, of Loogootee, was arrested for battery and public intoxication. Neal is being held on \$10,000 or 10% bond and was arrested by Loogootee Officer Nolan.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20
 9:35 a.m. - Gabriel S. Grace, 36, of Loogootee, was arrested on a Martin County warrant for failure to appear and a Hendricks County warrant. Grace is being held without bond. Grace was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents. Sheriff Roush assisted in the arrest.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
 5:55 p.m. - Justin R. Truelove, 27, of Shoals, arrested for a court commitment. Truelove is being held without bond and was arrested by Deputy Harmon.

Martin County real estate transfers

Donna Kaye Williams, of Martin County, Indiana to **Patricia L. Carrico**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of Lots 33 and 34 in Keck's Addition to the Town of Loogootee, Indiana containing 0.24 acres.
Hoosier Valley Properties, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to **Tony K. Allen**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West in Loogootee, Indiana.
Ralph G. Mauder and Afra Mauder, of Martin County, Indiana to **Ralph R. Mauder and Teresa L. Mauder**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter and a part

of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter, all in Section 32, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 60 acres, more or less.
Todd A. Baker and Lacy Blair Baker, of Martin County, Indiana to **Liza Denson**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 10, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 8.603 acres, more or less.
Carl Gibson to Christopher S. Reed, a part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West containing 0.42 acres.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

Just as we began planning for spring, the weather reminded us that it is certainly still winter. The recent snow, ice and sub-zero temperatures have taken their toll on everything.

Daffodils, hyacinths and other spring flowers have begun sending up shoots and I even noticed some bud formation on some of the early daffodils. Actually, the snow cover was actually a good thing for these early spring flowers. The snow has acted as a protective layer for the tender shoots, preventing damage from the frigid temperatures.

The initial snow cover was a light, fluffy variety, so although snow collected on trees, especially evergreens, there was not sufficient weight in most cases to cause any permanent damage. If you feel the need, the snow may be gently brushed off of shrubs, but usually it is best to let nature follow its course. If branches are broken, wait until after the snow is gone to prune and re-shape the bush. Branches that have been bent may rebound on their own, but if they do not, it is still best to wait until temperatures warm to try to coax them back into shape. Use soft cloth or nylon to tie branches, pulling them gradually back into shape over a period of several weeks.

If a shrub that is necessary for a desired look is damaged, one may want to take extraordinary measures. Sometimes, another branch may be coaxed to cover a hole resulting from a broken branch. This may be done in much the same way bonsai trees are trained, by using wire to gradually move a branch. This must be done with great care,

Late winter is time for wildlife habitat projects

Beat cabin fever and help wildlife by tackling habitat improvement projects this winter.

Late winter is the best time to pursue many wildlife habitat projects. The ground is often dry or frozen, the timing prevents conflicts with nesting wildlife in spring, and managing wooded and shrubby areas is easier to do before leaves emerge and sap flows.

Some winter habitat management suggestions follow.

- Conduct woodland edge enhancement and fencerow rejuvenation. Winter is the best time to cut brush, limbs and trees for "feathering" edges between mature woodlands and grasslands, wetlands or agricultural areas.

- Create forest openings. Forest openings benefit numerous wildlife species, and now is the best time to make such openings.

- Make brush piles. Brush piles create escape-cover for game birds, songbirds, small mammals, and many other forms of wildlife. Piles placed close to transitional areas between habitat types provide increased benefits.

- Build and hang nesting boxes. Winter is

Registration open for Patoka Lake Triathlon

Registration is now open for the 3rd Annual 'Head for the Hills' Patoka Lake Triathlon taking place at Patoka Lake beach on Saturday, August 22 at 8:30 a.m. Head for the hills and race for a cause. All proceeds from this event will go to support Patoka's non-releasable raptors; a red-tailed hawk, eastern screech owl and bald eagle. Swim 500 yards in open water at the beach. Bike 12.8 miles along 'hillacious' paved roads within the property. Run 3.1 miles along groomed gravel roads and a paved bike trail. Go to

<http://headforthehillspatokalake-triathlon.itsyourrace.com/> to register today! Visit <http://triathlons.dnr.in.gov/> for more information or call (812)685-2447.

If you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring this event please contact the

as the wire could girdle the branch and kill it. It may be necessary to unwrap and re-wrap the branch several times over a period of several years to create the desired look.

If the branch is in a large tree, shaping is still possible, but it is best left to a professional arborist. Dealing with large branches can be deadly.

Such measures may be costly and are usually not necessary in less formal landscapes. A few broken branches may actually make a tree or shrub more interesting in a more natural setting. Certainly, there is no need to go to expense to keep a symmetrical look.

Another area where the snow may affect the landscape is in clearing walks. While a layer of snow may insulate plants, piling up huge amounts of snow may damage plants. Be careful about where you put the snow you remove from walks and driveways.

Salts used to clear ice from walks and roads are also detrimental to most plants. For this reason, it is best to be careful about the use of salt and to keep the amount of salt used to the minimum to ensure safety. The salts will remain in the soil long after the snow and ice are gone. There are some alternative products that are less troublesome, but even they will have detrimental effects if used in excess.

Perhaps the worst thing that can happen to a garden in winter is for the gardener to get hurt and unable to care for the garden when spring arrives. If you must be out in the snow and ice, please exercise extreme care. We want to be able to dig in the soil in just a few short weeks.

a great time of year to buy or build nesting boxes and strategically place them.

- Clean and maintain nesting boxes. If you already have nesting boxes, clean them to prepare them for spring use.

- Frost seed. Winter soil conditions are optimal for planting small seeds. Common frost-seeding species include introduced legumes such as clovers, alfalfa and birds-foot trefoil. Frost seeding also can be effective for warm-season grasses, wildflowers and food plots.

- Employ sodium supplementation: Rabbits are one of many mammals that benefit from sodium supplementation. Crush salt blocks and distribute the fragments along field borders and habitat edges. Late winter and early spring is when mammals benefit most from sodium supplementation. Sodium supplementation is not to be confused with using baits, lures or attractants while hunting, which is illegal.

Further information on species and habit is at wildlife.IN.gov/2352.htm under "Landowner Assistance." You may also contact your district wildlife biologist, listed at wildlife.IN.gov/fishwild/2716.htm.

Race Director, Dana Reckelhoff at (812)685-2447 or by email at dreckelhoff@dnr.in.gov.

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Screech Owl

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrall.com

Photographer Bill Whorrall's grandson, Neal, spotted this Screech Owl on a walk on Sunday. Fun fact: Eastern Screech-Owl pairs usually are monogamous and remain together for life. Some males, however, will mate with two different females. The second female may evict the first female, lay her own eggs in the nest, and incubate both clutches.

'14 Fish of the Year— not a tall tale but a long one

As stories go, the DNR's Fish of the Year contest is always a long one.

Not in words, but in inches. That's because annual winners are selected on the length of fish they catch and submit to the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife.

It was no different in 2014, when 78 entries resulted in 33 winners for 31 species. There were ties in two categories – bluegill and crappie.

Winning entry lengths ranged from an 8.5-inch green sunfish caught by Gregory Zentz at Pit 26 in Greene-Sullivan State Forest to the 52.5-inch flathead catfish that Eric Spicer muscled out of the White River in Jackson County.

There were two multiple winners in 2014 – Luke Kosnik (brown trout and walleye) and Brian Waldman (buffalo and hybrid striped bass).

And there were repeat winners, like Robert Ecenbarger of Fort Wayne, who turned in the top cisco catch for the fourth straight year. Tristan Weaver (36.3-inch steelhead trout) and Jeff Armstrong (20-inch common carp) won the same categories in 2013.

Another consistent winner is David Ben Mullen, who lives in Central (Harrison County). He claimed honors in 2014 for the longest blue catfish at 50 inches. It's the fourth time in the past five years he has won.

Lake Michigan was once again the

biggest producer of winners with four – Kosnik's two catches, plus a 40-inch king salmon (Bret Rocchietti) and a 20-inch smallmouth bass (Alex Neel).

Fish of the Year winners receive a certificate and patch from the DNR.

For a complete list of 2014 Fish of the Year winners plus information on how to enter the Fish of the Year or the DNR Record Fish programs, visit fishing.IN.gov/3577.htm.

Hunter Education course to be offered

An Indiana Hunter Education Course is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, March 5 and 6 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 7, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Martin County Community Building on the fairgrounds. Participants will learn about wildlife conservation, hunter ethics, firearms safety, shotguns, rifles, archery, survival, and more. All instruction will be by Indiana Conservation Officers and certified Indiana Volunteer Hunter Education instructors. There is no charge for attending the class.

Hunter Education certification is required for all persons born after December 31, 1986 who wish to purchase an Indiana hunting license.

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AG Zoeller urges FCC to uphold telephone privacy; block trade group efforts to add loopholes to robocall ban

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller Monday met with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), urging the agency to block efforts by industry groups to weaken federal telephone privacy laws.

The American Bankers Association (ABA) and the Consumer Bankers Association (CBA) recently proposed changes to the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) that would create exceptions to the ban on robocalls to consumers' cell phones, likely resulting in more unwanted calls.

Zoeller and Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster, along with the attorneys general of Illinois, New York, Tennessee and Utah, voiced their opposition to these changes in a formal letter sent to the FCC last week.

"Allowing industry groups to chip away at our country's telephone privacy laws is bad for consumers," Zoeller said. "It's the state attorneys general who hear endless complaints from their citizens about unwanted calls and who are responsible for prosecuting bad actors. These lobbying attempts will give violators more legal loopholes to avoid penalty for invading peoples' privacy."

The TCPA is one of two federal laws aimed at reducing the number of unwanted telemarketing calls to consumers' phone lines. Pursuant to the TCPA, automated calls or "robocalls" and text messages to consumers' cellphones are unlawful unless the consumer has given "prior express consent."

The ABA's petition asks for exceptions to the "prior express consent" rule, allowing them to robocall people in certain situations,

and the CBA's petition aims to add legal protection to callers who claim they robocalled the wrong person.

Zoeller said these proposed rule changes would only make it easier for telemarketers to violate consumers' telephone privacy rights.

He said telephone privacy violators often say they called the wrong number in attempt to avoid penalties. One of the largest volumes of complaints the Attorney General's Office receives, for example, is about debt collectors who have the wrong number. Zoeller proposed legislation this year that aims to improve transparency in the debt-collection process and curb the amount of illegitimate and harassing calls made to consumers.

Allowing trade groups to make piece-meal changes and exceptions to the robocall ban, Zoeller said, would reverse the progress that has been made in recent years to reduce unwanted and harassing calls, which remains a top priority for many Hoosiers. The Indiana Attorney General's Telephone Privacy Division received nearly 13,500 complaints in 2014 about unwanted calls, more than half of which were about robocalls.

Zoeller reminded Hoosiers to sign up for Indiana's Do Not Call list, which helps to deter unwanted and fraudulent calls and text messages, by visiting www.IndianaConsumer.com or calling 1-888-834-9969. Consumers who are registered on the Do Not Call list and receive an unwanted call can file a complaint by visiting www.IndianaConsumer.com.

Saturday's Science Olympiad postponed because of weather

The Regional Science Olympiad scheduled at Vincennes University on February 21 has been postponed until February 28.

A dozen teams from 10 high schools will compete, including Avon, Bedford-North Lawrence, Bloomington's Academy of Science and Entrepreneurship, Bloomington South, Mitchell, New Albany, Sullivan, Terre Haute North, Terre Haute South, and Vincennes Rivet.

"Vincennes University has a long track record of support for the Science Olympiad, which includes some excellent scholarship opportunities. The competition provides students with an opportunity to connect their interests with the exceptional value that VU offers in STEM-related higher education," said Dr. Paul J. Wilder, dean of the VU College of Science and Mathematics.

Students will compete in 23 events that will test their knowledge of biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, computers, and technology.

This marks the 23rd year VU has hosted the Science Olympiad Regional Competition.

"VU is proud to host this competition. It is exciting to challenge these students beyond their scientific classrooms," said Rick Kribs, chair of the VU Dept. of Mathematics and regional tournament director of the Science Olympiad.

Teams will be welcomed during an opening ceremony at 8:30 a.m. (EST) at VU's Red Skelton Performing Arts Center. The contests will begin at 9:30 a.m. in

the McCormick Science Center and other campus sites and will conclude at 2:45 p.m. Awards will be presented at 3:45 p.m. at VU's Green Activities Center.

Members of winning teams in each event will receive medals. Top-finishing teams will receive trophies and may advance to the State Science Olympiad on March 21 at Indiana University in Bloomington.

In addition to the awards, the VU Foundation will sponsor the Mission Possible event and the top-place junior and senior competitors who choose to major in math or science at VU will receive a \$2,000 scholarship for first place, \$1,700 scholarship for second place, and \$1,300 scholarship for third place.

In the Mission Possible contest, participants design, build, test and document a Rube Goldberg-like device that completes a required Final Task using a sequence of consecutive energy transfers.

About Science Olympiad
For the past 30 years, Science Olympiad has led a revolution in science education. What began as a grassroots assembly of science teachers is now one of the premiere science competitions in the nation, providing rigorous, standards-based challenges to nearly 7,000 teams in 50 states. Science Olympiad's ever-changing line-up of events in all STEM disciplines exposes students to practicing scientists and career choices, and energizes classroom teachers with a dynamic content experience.

Purdue, VU renew student transfer program

BY OLIVIA MADDOX
Purdue University News Service

The Purdue University College of Agriculture and the Vincennes University College of Science, Engineering and Mathematics have signed a transfer agreement to both continue and expand a cooperative agricultural education program that has been in place for nearly six decades.

Students in the VU-Purdue Cooperative Agriculture Transfer Program who complete an Associate of Science degree in agriculture or a related science degree at VU can move to Purdue for the final two years to complete a bachelor's degree.

In February 1957, then-presidents Frederick L. Hovde of Purdue and Isaac K. Beckes of VU agreed to a one-year trial. The program has been offered continuously since, making it one of the oldest such agreements in the nation.

"Purdue Agriculture and Vincennes have a longstanding, collaborative relationship to provide agricultural education," said Jay Akridge, Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture. "The cooperative program envisioned in 1957 by presidents Hovde and Beckes has been successful in all respects, and it was time to revisit the agreement with a focus on the future."

Agreement provisions allow VU students to be treated the same as resident Purdue students entering their junior year in the College of Agriculture. Lower tuition costs, being close to home and attending a smaller university are among the top reasons students choose to begin at VU.

Paul Wilder, dean of VU's College of Science, Engineering and Mathematics, said VU gives students a transition experience before making the jump to Purdue.

"The program fills a need for students who are interested in attending Purdue but are not quite ready for such a large campus environment right after high school," he said. "We can help them make that

transition. It's important to have these baccalaureate degree options available to our students."

Marcos Fernandez, director of academic programs in agriculture at Purdue, said providing a seamless experience for students is among the many benefits.

"We have an on-site coordinator at Vincennes who also advises students and a staff member at Purdue who oversees transfer students when they get here," he said.

Additionally, all courses in VU's A.S. degree count toward Purdue degree requirements and the Statewide Transfer General Education Core - a set of competencies in areas agreed upon by Indiana's state-supported educational institutions. Fernandez said this saves students time and money by avoiding transferring credits that don't count toward a degree.

"We continue to focus on improving our transfer process in the state with colleagues like Vincennes and increasing our number of transfer students," he said.

Charles Mansfield, Purdue's coordinator on the VU campus, said the curriculum is designed so that courses are equivalent to those at Purdue.

"Students get high-quality agriculture, science and math classes at Vincennes," he said. "It's a great option for students to get through the basics."

VU also draws upon area Purdue Extension resources and the Southwest Purdue Agricultural Center, which is near the Vincennes campus.

The cooperative arrangement could expand to include use of VU teaching, laboratory and residential facilities for Purdue undergraduate and graduate students in summer educational or research experiences at SWPAC.

VU programs in the agreement are agriculture, agricultural machine systems, environmental and natural resources engineering, food science, forestry and conservation, natural resources and environmental science, and pre-veterinary.

Office of State-Based Initiatives releases annual report

The Office of State-Based Initiatives (OSBI) recently released its annual report detailing the economic cost of federal regulations, as well as how the federal government limits the ability of the states to implement creative solutions to problems they face. The report can be found at <http://www.in.gov/activecalendar/displaymedia.aspx?whatToDo=atth&id=6577>.

"The cure for what ails this country will come more from our states' capitals than it ever will from our nation's capital," said Governor Pence. "States like Indiana are the incubators of innovation in this nation, yet burdensome federal regulations hinder economic growth and negatively impact Hoosiers. With more flexibility from the federal government to implement efficient and

effective services based on the needs of our people, Indiana's success knows no bounds."

Governor Pence signed Executive Order 13-20 in July of 2013 to transform the Office of Federal Grants and Procurement into the Office of State-Based Initiatives. The OSBI is tasked with coordinating with state agencies to perform a cost-benefit analysis on every federal grant opportunity to measure the grant's fiscal and regulatory effect; working with agencies to develop block grant contingency plans; tracking the costs of federal regulations by studying data, surveying businesses, and talking to Hoosiers; and publishing an annual study of the effect of federal regulations and mandates and sharing it with Indiana's Congressional Delegation, the Governor, and the Indiana General Assembly.

Scholarships, jobs offered to engineers in training

The Indiana Department of Transportation is offering civil engineering students scholarships of up to \$3,125 per semester, and paid employment during summer breaks and upon graduation.

Students must be accepted or enrolled full time in one of Indiana's certified civil engineering schools and apply using the form at www.INDOTScholarship.in.gov. Applications for the 2015-2016 school year must be postmarked by Tuesday, March 31.

INDOT's scholarship program offers \$3,125 per semester or \$2,083 per trimester for up to five years of post-secondary civil engineering education. Scholarship funds can be applied to educational expenses, fees and books. In return, recipients will work for INDOT in full-time, paid positions during their summer breaks and upon graduation.

Students must be accepted or enrolled full time in one of Indiana's Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology certified civil engineering programs. Eligible programs include Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne, Purdue University, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Trine University, University of Evansville, University of Notre Dame and Valparaiso University.

Learn more about the INDOT Engineer

Scholarship program and download the application at www.INDOTScholarship.in.gov. Applications for the 2015-2016 school year must be postmarked by Tuesday, March 31.

Students or parents with questions may contact recruitment consultant Jeremy Haggard at jhaggard@spd.in.gov or 317-234-8096.

Rep. Braun applauds passage of House budget

"I am pleased that House Bill (HB) 1001, the state's biennial budget, passed the House today. As the only freshman legislator on the Ways and Means Committee, I was privileged to join my fellow committee members in crafting an honestly balanced budget that continues to live within our state's means and maintain healthy reserves.

"The House Republicans' commitment to fiscal integrity has allowed us to make the largest investment in K-12 education in our state's history, accounting for more than half of the entire budget and nearly a 5 percent increase from the previous biennium. As HB 1001 continues through the legislative process, I look forward to working with our colleagues in the Senate to build upon our state's strong fiscal foundation."

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



In a convent in Ireland, the 98-year-old Mother Superior lay dying. The nuns gathered around her bed trying to make her last journey comfortable.

They tried giving her warm milk to drink but she refused it.

One of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen. Then, remembering a bottle of Irish Whiskey that had been received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened it and poured a generous amount into the warm milk.

Back at Mother Superior's bed, they held the glass to her lips. The frail nun drank a little, then a little more and before they knew it, she had finished the whole glass down to the last drop.

As her eyes brightened, the nuns thought it would be a good opportunity to have one last talk with their spiritual leader.

"Mother," the nuns asked earnestly, "Please give us some of your wisdom before you leave us."

She raised herself up in bed on one elbow, looked at them and said, "DON'T SELL THAT COW!"

SOME SERIOUS THOUGHTS

1. It has been said, "time heals all wounds." I do not agree. The wounds remain. In time, the mind, protecting its sanity, covers them with scar tissue and the pain lessens. But it is never gone." -Rose Kennedy

2. As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands: one for helping yourself, and the other for helping others. -Audrey Hepburn

3. My faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can, with whatever I have, to try to make a difference.

3. (For my family) If ever there is a tomorrow when we're not together, there is something you must always remember. You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. But the most important thing is even if we are apart, I'll always be with you. -Winnie the Pooh

4. The past cannot be changed, forgotten, edited or erased. It can only be accepted.

5. In my world, there would be as many public libraries as there are Starbucks. -Henry Rollins

6. Winners are not people who never fail but people who never quit.

7. Not everyone likes me, but not everyone matters.

8. If there ever comes a day when we can't

be together, keep me in your heart. I'll stay there forever. -Winnie the Pooh

9. Do one act of kindness each day of the year and change 365 lives.

10. We are not given a good life or a bad life. We are given a life. It's up to us to make it good or bad.

11. I will not stress myself out about things I can't control or change.

12. The best portion of your life will be the small, nameless moments you spend smiling with someone who matters to you.

13. Worrying is like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do but gets you nowhere.

14. No matter how little money or how few possessions you own, having a dog makes you rich.

NOT SO SERIOUS THOUGHTS

1. Friends are like boobs: You've got big ones, small ones, real ones, and fake ones.

2. I will neither grow up or grow old. I will just age disgracefully with a smile.

3. Instead of a sign that says "Do Not Disturb," I need one that says, "Already Disturbed. Proceed with Caution."

4. I'm going to stand outside. So if anyone asks, I'm outstanding!

5. Do you ever just wanna grab someone by the shoulders, look them in the eyes, and whisper "No one gives a darn."

6. I really feel for the trees this time of year. At least when I went through 'the change' nothing fell off.

7. Have you ever looked at someone and automatically felt annoyed?

8. I try to be a nice person . . . but sometimes my mouth doesn't cooperate.

9. Hey friend. We've been through a lot together and most of it was your fault.

10. The past, the present, and the future walked in to a bar. It was tense.

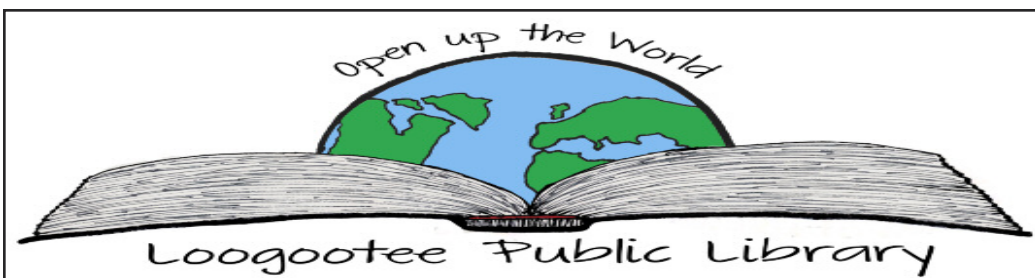
11. I'm not the kind of person you should put on speaker phone.

12. I'm not crazy, I'm just special! No, wait . . . maybe I'm crazy. One second . . . I have to talk to myself about this. Hold on.

13. A negative person sees the glass of water half empty. A positive person sees it half full. A realistic person adds two shots of whiskey, two cubes of ice, and says, "Cheers."

14. Snow-day (noun): 1. A day when God says, "Teachers, I still love you." 2. A day when parents realize just how underpaid teachers are.

Make someone smile today!



BY DARLA WAGLER Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Carolyn Howard, Author of "Blood of My Ancestor", "Faith Healer's Daughter" and "Liza, Ever Always" has rescheduled her "Bring Your Ancestors to Life" genealogy program. It will be held at the library on April 14, 2015 at 7 p.m.

New Books:

Mystery Fiction: "Motive" by Jonathan Kellerman and "Double Fudge Brownie Murder" by Joanne Fluke.

Fiction: "A Spool of Blue Thread" by Anne Tyler, "In Plain Sight" by Fern Michaels, "Mightier Than The Sword" by Jeffrey Archer, and "Prodigal Son" by Danielle Steel.

Inspirational Fiction: "The Trouble with Patience" by Maggie Brendan,

Non Fiction: "The Autoimmune Solution" by Amy Myers, M.D.

Children's: "Fancy Nancy and the Late, Late, LATE Night" by Jane O'Connor, "Sheep Out To Eat" by Nancy Shaw.

DVDs: "The Best of Me", "The Judge", "Disney's Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day", "The Roosevelts: An Intimate History", "Memory of The Camps", and "Justified: Season 1".

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. Check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook.

Calendar of Events

City council special meeting

The Loogootee City Council will hold a special meeting tonight, Wednesday, February 25 at 6 p.m. in the municipal building. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss city employees' health insurance. The meeting is open to the public.

Boy Scouts

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

Cub Scout meetings

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

SOAR Tutoring

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

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the

recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend. To find out how to become a member, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com.

Tourism meetings

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

Health Talk

By Brooke Albertson,
Registered Nurse



How Vaccines Work

There is a lot of talk about vaccinating due to the outbreak of measles linked to unvaccinated children. So let's talk shots. This is not an opinion piece, it is information from the Centers for Disease Control.

Every newborn will get vaccinations (with parent's permission). The precise timing of vaccinations have to do with the immunity (ability to resist infection) that the baby receives from the mother. It's not understood why some vaccines give lifelong immunity and other vaccines do not; for those that have proven to not protect one for their entire life, it is recommended to get a booster shot.

The body's immune system is made up of different types of cells (think white blood cells) that circulate in the blood. Vaccines are made by using a killed version of the foreign pathogen (bacteria, virus, etc.), a small portion of the pathogen, or the live, but weakened, version of the pathogen. Vaccines work by introducing our fighting immune cells to the various pathogens (measles, chicken pox, influenza...) so that it can build up the body's defenses to fight each one in an efficient amount of time, so that the next time the pathogen invades, it gets killed on the spot.

You've heard people say they get sick every time they get a vaccine. This is partly true. What isn't true is when someone says that they got the flu from the flu shot. Think about the cells meeting the vaccine invaders for the first time. Those cells fight a weakened if not dead version of the pathogen, so it is a significantly less severe illness compared to what the real, full on infection would feel like because it isn't the full-strength pathogen. Say a young family has three children and the first child gets chicken pox with the rash, fever and itching that goes along with it. The poor kid is in misery for a week or more and the pox may leave scars. The next child gets the chicken pox vaccine. This child might feel crummy for a day or two and run a fever, but will be up and running in two to three days. Yes the

second child might be considered sick for those first few days, but he does not have chicken pox. Now the third child gets the chicken pox before the immunization can be given. Both of the older children are safe and will not have chicken pox again because their immune systems are prepared for chicken pox and fights it swiftly to prevent illness.

Why the flu shot doesn't cause the flu can be explained similarly. There are tons of different viruses that cause the flu (A, B, H1N1). The vaccine will not cover a person for every single one. If someone does get the flu after a flu shot it would be caused by a flu virus not in the current vaccination. So the flu shot did not give them the flu. If the person has a few days of flu-like symptoms from the flu shot then that's because the body is building its defenses. Therefore, symptoms they feel are much less severe than what they would have if they got the full strength flu.

The key point about vaccinating against flu, measles, mumps, rubella, polio, whooping cough etc. is that the severity of the illnesses caused by coming in contact with the live virus in nature (not the vaccine) are potentially so dangerous as to cause permanent damage or even death. If the measles infection spreads it may kill 2 in every 1,000 people. That may not seem like a lot, but when you consider that only 1 in a million people vaccinated with MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) has a severe allergic reaction, it seems a little more careless to put yourself or someone else at risk when there is something available to prevent the infection. A person's severity of infection is dependent on their overall health and their immune system. Getting measles may not be that severe to one child or adult, but deadly to another.

The information in this column is NOT intended to replace a one-on-one relationship with a qualified health care professional and is not intended as medical advice. It is intended as a sharing of knowledge and information.