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Governor Halcomb to be guest speaker at Chamber Dinner

Martin County Chamber of Commerce announces 2019 Annual Dinner

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will hold their Annual Dinner on Monday, March 18 at 6 p.m. in St John's Center Lower Level in Loogootee. This year's guest speaker will be Governor of Indiana, Eric Holcomb.

The Chamber will present the Gene Shaw Citizen of the year and this year will be the first Organization of the Year award along with Chamber scholarship presentations. Robert Sullivan will provide entertainment for the evening.

The proceeds from the annual dinner will go towards the scholarship fund

Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased at Old National Bank in Loogootee and Shoals, German American Bank in Loogootee and at the Chamber office on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Advance sales only, no tickets will be sold at the door. The public is welcome to attend.

Guest speaker, Eric Holcomb, is the 51st Governor of Indiana. A lifelong Hoosier, Gov. Holcomb is a veteran of the United States Navy, served as the state's 51st Lt. Governor, was an advisor to both Governor Mitch Daniels and Senator Dan Coats, and was a former state chairman of the Indiana Republican Party.

He was elected governor in November 2016 and was sworn in on January 9, 2017.

The governor is a graduate of Pike High School in Indianapolis and Haver College in southeastern Indiana



ERIC HALCOMB

where he majored in U.S. History with a focus on the American Civil War and the Reconstruction Era. He is a collector of presidential signatures and currently has documents signed by 42 of the nation's 44 presidents.

He and his wife, Janet, live with their dog, Henry, in the Governor's residence on North Meridian Street in Indianapolis.

This year's sponsors for the dinner are Old National Bank, Crane Federal Credit Union, Isha E. Wright-Ryan Attorney at Law, P.C.; Martin County Alliance, German American Bank, Loughmiller Machine Tool & Design Inc., City of Loogootee, Springs Valley Bank & Trust, Memorial Hospital, St. Vincent DePaul Store, Martin County Criminal Justice, Martin County Community Foundation and West Boggs Park.

State says highway departments must spend half their budget on roads

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday night, February 26. Commissioner Dan Gregory was not in attendance.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett told the commissioners that the Indiana State Board of Accounts has been in contact with his department.

Braun replaces Bauer on Shoals School Board

The Shoals School Board met in special session on Monday, February 25 to appoint a new board member to replace Bill Bauer, who resigned. The meeting lasted one minute.

The board presented their choice for District 3 Board Member, Jerry Braun. A motion was made by Jenell Hoffman to accept the recommendation of Jerry Braun as the new District 3 Representative. The motion was seconded by Samantha Boyd. Motion was passed 4-0.

ment. The state has a new mandate requiring highway departments to spend at least 50 percent of their budget on road repairs, construction or rehabilitation. This went into effect January 1 of this year. The state said that there have been too many complaints about where highway money is going, so this is their fix. Since it's the first year this is a requirement, Auditor Bobbie Abel said there are no known penalties if the highway department can't reach the 50 percent goal this year however that may change in future years. Superintendent Padgett said that the highway department is currently \$147,000 shy of reaching that 50 percent goal. There are specific requirements with the new mandate and Padgett touched on a few of those including the fact that salt and sand did not count toward the 50 percent. It was discussed that if the county would move the insurance costs from the highway department budget back into the general fund, that would take care of almost all the deficit. More in-
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Bowling honored by Crane

-Photo provided

Former Loogootee Mayor Don Bowling was honored on Monday, February 26, at NSWC Crane for the work he has done to help keep Crane in operation over the years. Bowling was instrumental in BRAC talks many years ago, when Crane was at risk of closure.

Patrons speak out in favor of coach, school board silent

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Loogootee School Board met last Wednesday, February 20. Board Member Nancy Summers joined the meeting via speaker phone as she was under the weather. Superintendent Chip Mehaffey was also not in attendance due to illness.

The main item discussed was an incident that happened with High School Boys' Basketball Coach Kent Chezem. According to a press release from the Loogootee Superintendent Chip Mehaffey, Chezem was placed on administrative leave due to an incident that happened after the boys' game against Mitchell. The matter was being investigated. The administration would not elaborate further on any details.

At the meeting last Wednesday, Board President Brent Courter read a statement saying that the open door law does not give patrons the right to participate in meetings; the school board chooses to allow patrons to speak. He said restrictions apply to patrons speaking which includes that they must be called on to speak by the board president and they must speak directly to the board president. Patrons can speak for three minutes, one time, and those comments cannot be frivolous, harassing or repetitive. Patrons cannot comment on any personnel issues and the president of the board can terminate comments if they are about personnel.

Although the board never spoke of what the incident entailed, members of the audience, when they spoke, insinuated the issue happened on the bus after the game and that Coach Chezem was agitated at the loss.

10 members of the audience, including two students, spoke out in favor of

Kent Chezem. Some who spoke were parents of students coached by Chezem, some not. Some issues brought up by the patrons included their feeling that the situation was not handled properly which makes the school look bad. One adult and one student said that the board should allow Chezem to walk with his son on Senior Night, to be held the following evening. Other speakers noted that there were four adult men who were with Chezem on the bus during the incident and asked why they were not in trouble with Chezem, since they did not stop the incident from happening. It was noted by multiple speakers that they do not fear for their children when Coach Chezem is around and their children are not afraid of Chezem. One patron said that not having a public response from the school, when Chezem was being attacked on social media, to put a stop to it, caused a division in the community. All speakers spoke of what a great coach and great person Kent Chezem is.

President Courter was asked what happens when an allegation is made against any person, how is that handled. Courter said he will not answer the question during the meeting.

High School Principal Chad Walker, sitting in for Superintendent Mehaffey, said they do have a protocol in place - they call child services and the local police. They also immediately contact the parents if the parents are not the ones involved in the safety issue. A legal process then ensues. A policy is in place to handle incidents and they are investigated. When asked who makes the decision on disciplinary action, Walker said that typically the principal would make a recommendation to the superintendent who accepts or de-
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COACH

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nies that recommendation and then it moves on to the school board.

The board made no decision in open meeting regarding Chezem however held a closed-door meeting for two hours prior to the open board meeting. On Thursday, a post from the Support Coach Chezem Facebook page said that Chezem had been reinstated and would be on the bench for that night's game. The school board never voted or discussed Chezem at all in open meeting and never discussed what incident occurred or whether there was any wrongdoing with the coaching staff. Chezem was back in the classroom and coaching the team as of Thursday.

In other business, the board voted to extend Chip Mehaffey's superintendent contract for another three years. Mehaffey is paid a base salary of \$105,000 per year.

The board accepted the resignation of Adam Carol as alternative education teacher and Jill Toy as middle school tennis coach.

The board approved Shelly Lengacher as head volleyball coach, Adam Carol as middle school head track coach and Ariel Hert as middle school assistant coach.

Curriculum and Technology Director Dara Chezem spoke about two bids they received to rewire the corporation as it pertains to technology. This is part of the school's bond for renovations. She said they received two bids - one from a company in Garden Grove, California and the other from Matrix Integration, of Jasper. She said the low bid was Matrix Integration for \$205,199. The board approved the bid. It was noted that \$83,713 will be reimbursed. The original amount of the budget for the project was \$225,000 so Chezem noted that this was substantially less. She also told the board that the school's wiring for internet had not been done since 1999.

The board approved the band to take a trip to Disney World in March of 2020 and the golf team to go on an overnight trip to Corydon in April.

NSWC Crane employee's experience as a sailor provides insight into today's warfighter needs

James Garrett is a Logistics Management Specialist at Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) and helps provide the logistics element of the Test, Measurement, and Diagnostic Equipment (TMDE) Life Cycle Support Program for the OHIO Class and COLUMBIA Class Submarine. He provides product support, data management, quality assurance, training, and more to ensure sailors are successful.

Garrett says that throughout his career he has strived to set goals, challenge himself, and achieve them. At 17, The Pittsburg, Pennsylvania native joined the Navy and traveled the world as an aircraft mechanic and as military law enforcement.

After 20 years as a sailor, Garrett felt ready for the next challenge.

"I went back to school to earn my Bachelor's Degree in Business," says Garrett. "I did it for Aliah, Alexis, and Amaya, who are my three goal-oriented daughters, and my granddaughter, Heaven, who I am very proud of. They are such go-getters. They motivated me to go back and get my degree. I wanted to set an example for them to achieve what they wanted in life."

After furthering his education, Garrett began a career as a civilian federal employee. He says his experience as a sailor provides insight into the needs and requirements of today's warfighter.

"From my experience in military, I dealt with a lot of technical documen-



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tation. These documents change and upgrade frequently along with technology or equipment. As a former sailor myself who relied on the accuracy of these documents, I know firsthand the importance of getting it right. I was once that sailor who I brief now."

Garrett now travels from coast to coast interacting with sailors. He says he gets a better understanding of their

needs when he is able to engage with them in-person.

"It is encouraging to hear positive feedback directly from the sailors who use these products and services," he says. "It is satisfying to know I make a difference. What I love about my job is adding value to the sailors' mission."

From his time as a sailor to providing products and services for sailors, the Navy has been central to Garrett's career.

"The Navy has been a big part of my life since I was a teenager. The Navy has been great to me; it's family."

NSWC Crane is a naval laboratory and a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) with mission areas in Expeditionary Warfare, Strategic Missions and Electronic Warfare. The warfare center is responsible for multi-domain, multi-spectral, full life cycle support of technologies and systems enhancing capability to today's Warfighter.

HIGHWAY

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formation will be forthcoming as the state board of accounts meets with the highway department and auditor.

Padgett also told the commissioners that he spoke to Shoals School administration and the county attorney about installing a school zone sign on Iron-ton Road, by the school, with a posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour. The school is on board with the sign and Padgett said the county attorney would come up with a resolution, as is required to designate a slow speed zone.

Mike Duckworth with Commonwealth Engineers, of Evansville, talked to the commissioners about his firm providing stormwater, wastewater and waterline improvement services. He said the firm has been successful in securing funding for other communities to help with infrastructure. He provided the commissioners with his contact information if they were ever in need of Commonwealth's services.

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Obituaries

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JACOB WATHEN

Jacob James Wathen, formerly of Loogootee, passed away Tuesday February 19, 2019 at IU Health in Lafayette. A resident of Monticello, he was 42.



JACOB WATHEN

He was born May 17, 1976 in Bedford; son of Daniel Joseph Arvin and Barbara Elaine (Eichmiller) Wathen.

Jacob was a member of the Catholic faith. He enjoyed landscaping, gardening, and had a great love for animals. He had a passion for taking care of people and loved being a nurse.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Barbara Elaine Wathen and Daniel Joseph Arvin, and his uncle, Donald Flinn.

He is survived by his life partner, Joshua Zepada; his father, Mark Wathen of Loogootee; his brother, Jason (Tina) Wathen of Loogootee; his nieces and nephews, Ashlynn, Macey, and Ruger Wathen of Loogootee; several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A funeral service was conducted Saturday February 23 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Burial followed in St. John's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Martin County Humane Society in honor of Jacob.

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

JIM RAGAINS

James "Jim" Gordon Ragains passed away Monday, February 18, 2019, at the Springs Valley Meadows, in French Lick. A resident of French Lick, he was 87.

Indoor archery lesson, fun shoot at Patoka

Meet the naturalist and other certified archery instructors at the Patoka Lake Nature Center for a beginner to intermediate archery lesson on Saturday, March 16 from 9 a.m.-noon. This event is open to adults and youth ages 8 and up. All archery equipment will be provided. Participation is limited to the first 15 registrants. Register by calling the Patoka Lake Nature Center at 812-685-2447. Cost is \$5/person. Join in a friendly archery competition at 11:30 a.m. using the skills learned at the lesson.

For more information regarding this program or other interpretive events, please call the Nature Center at 812.685.2447.

Patoka Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2953.htm) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.



JIM RAGAINS

He was a member of Crystal Community Church, the Phillips-Gregory American Legion Post No. 149, in West Baden Springs, and the French Lick Masonic Lodge F.&A.M. #586.

He was a Veteran of the United States Army serving in the Korean War and had worked as a concrete mason spending more than 20 years at Lindsey's Construction.

He enjoyed watching his sons, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in all their sporting activities. He was an avid IU and Colts fan but added Kentucky for his great-grandson Carter.

He loved spending time with his family and never met a stranger.

Surviving along with his wife Marian Ragains, of French Lick, are two sons, Kevin Gordon Ragains and wife Angela, and Duane Kent Ragains, all of French Lick; three grandchildren, Janelle Crews and husband Kyle, of French Lick; Kyle Gordon Ragains and wife Maggie, of Lake Terrace, Wash-

Join in Marsh Madness at Goose Pond FWA

Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area is celebrating the return of sandhill cranes and waterfowl to the area with the Marsh Madness Sandhill Crane Festival on Friday, March 1, and Saturday, March 2

Marsh Madness is a community-based birding festival in Linton. There will be a kick-off banquet, craft fair, live birds of prey and activities for children, among other events.

Events begin March 1 at 5 p.m. at Linton Elks Lodge, 9779 State Road 54, Linton, 47441 with the kick-off festival. On March 2, events will be at Humphreys Park, 1351 A St. NE, Linton. Visit <https://friendsofgoosepond.org/marsh-madness-schedule/> for a full schedule.

Single tickets are \$25 each. To purchase tickets, visit <https://friendsofgoosepond.org/product/2019-marsh-madness-ticket/>. The event is sponsored by the Friends of Goose Pond through a partnership with the Indiana Division of Fish & Wildlife.

Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area is located at 13540 W. County Road 400 S., Linton 47441.

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

February 26, 1931; son of Rollie and Creasy (Andrews) Ragains.

Jim married Marian Hall on September 3, 1955, and she survives.

ington; and Keyly Ragains, of French Lick; and two great-grandchildren, Carter Crews and Mia Grace Crews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Bobby Gene and Clarence Ragains; and two sisters, Dolores Compton and Maxine Coomer.

A funeral service was conducted by Pastor Mike Stout on Sunday, February

24, at Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home, in French Lick.

Burial followed in the Crystal Community Cemetery, in Crystal.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Crystal Community Cemetery, Melvin Jones, 9097 N 900 E., Dubois, IN 47527.



Spring looms ever closer and it is time to get to work. It is still too early for most planting, but it is not too early to get a bed ready. In existing beds, remove any debris left from last year. Add a couple of inches of compost. If there are no perennial plants in the bed, you may be able to solarize the soil and reduce the need for weeding later in the year. Wet the area down and cover it with a sheet of plastic. The plastic will help heat the soil and kill weed seeds. When planting time comes, just roll up the plastic and go to work.

If you are planning a new bed, the same solarizing action will help get started. Whether the area presently has grass or unwanted plants, covering them with cardboard or using black plastic will help kill existing plants. Plants need light and depriving them of light is one of the best ways to kill them. The plastic, whether clear or black, will also heat up the area as described above and that will kill many weed seeds. That is especially important when planting asparagus. Asparagus is a perennial vegetable and it does not compete well with weeds. Keeping a new asparagus planting free of weeds in a challenge but is very important in establishing the bed.

It is also an important time for lawn care. You may spot-treat for broad-leaf weeds any day when the temperature is above 50 degrees. Wait until the red-buds bloom to treat for annual weeds, including crabgrass. Crabgrass preventer should be watered in to be effective. Remember, if you are putting down any type of weed preventer, they work by keeping the seeds from being able to sprout. That includes grass seed, so do not use a preventer in any area where you are seeding. You may seed at any time now. If over-seeding to get a thicker lawn, I would suggest first using an aerator to break up the soil. Another option is to use a power seeder, which cuts slits in the soil and deposits the seeds in the slits.

I do not recommend using a high nitrogen fertilizer on the lawn in the spring. The nitrogen will promote rapid growth and you will be mowing often. Instead, I suggest applying a layer of compost over the entire lawn and raking it in. Not only will the compost give the grass some nutrients, it will improve the tilth of the soil. The result is a more lush lawn, and that is the best way to get rid of weeds. A healthy lawn will out-compete many weeds. Wait until late summer and fall to apply fertilizer. If you do decide to fertilize in the spring or use a weed-and-feed chemical, do not exceed the recommended application. Over-fertilization may actually cause more damage to the lawn than it does good, and run-off of fertilizer is a major water pollutant.

Now is the time to fertilize perennial beds, including the spring-blooming bulbs. Some people recommend fertilizing when daffodils, tulips and other bulb plants are in bloom, but the roots will take up the fertilizer better now. Of course, you may add compost to the beds now or later. You do not even need to till it in. The worms will rise to the occasion and incorporate the compost into the soil.

If it sounds like I am a compost fanatic, I am. It is also a good time to begin a compost operation. It may be as simple as just a pile in which to place kitchen vegetable and fruit scraps or as scientific as a fermenting system that will even digest meat and dairy products. Most people do something in the middle. You may purchase a variety of compost bins and tumblers or make a bin using pallets or other items you have on hand. The most important thing is to just get started. Composting means you will be throwing less in the garbage and the resulting humus is one of the best things you can do for your garden.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:30 a.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident in Shoals. Major Dant responded.

7:45 a.m. - Jail Commander Brulla took one inmate to the doctor.

7:52 a.m. - Major Dant assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

9:38 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Major Dant responded.

11:45 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

12:15 p.m. - Received a report of commercial panic alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded. Everything checked out okay.

1:20 p.m. - Received a report of property dispute north of Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

2:38 p.m. - Received a request for welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Lents responded. Everything checked out okay.

3:42 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving in Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

6:31 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:21 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:28 p.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident on US Highway 50, west of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

7:37 p.m. - Received a report of property dispute east of Loogootee. Deputy Lents responded.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

12:23 a.m. - Received a report of commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris and Deputy Gibson responded. Everything checked out okay.

2:13 a.m. - Received a report of commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded. Everything checked out okay.

5:00 a.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident on US Highway 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Gibson responded.

5:25 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Deputy Gibson responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:40 a.m. - Received a report of theft near Loogootee. Major Dant responded.

9:13 a.m. - Deputy Lents took two inmates to court.

11:25 a.m. - Received a report of theft north of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

12:00 p.m. - Received a report of deceased bobcat on US Highway 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn and ICO Doane responded.

12:55 p.m. - Deputy Lents took one inmate to court.

1:15 p.m. - Received a request for welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded. Everything checked out okay.

1:58 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Daviess

Community Hospital.

4:33 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on US Highway 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Lents responded.

4:38 p.m. - Received a report of forgery north of Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

6:08 p.m. - Shoals Town Marshal Eckert assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Shoals.

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of pallets in roadway on US Highway 231 in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

7:30 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

8:41 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

11:15 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious individual north of Shoals. Deputy Gibson and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

5:55 a.m. - Received a report of water line break in Loogootee. Loogootee City Utilities were notified.

6:05 a.m. - Received a report of water over roadway on US Highway 150. Indiana Department of Transportation was notified.

7:38 a.m. - Received a report of water line break in Shoals. East Fork Water was notified.

9:35 a.m. - Received a report of tree down on Red School Road. Martin County Highway Department responded.

10:13 a.m. - Received a report of reckless driving in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:54 a.m. - Received a report of dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:03 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

2:03 p.m. - Received a report of scam phone calls in the area.

4:33 p.m. - Received a report of property damage, south of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

6:10 p.m. - Received a report of commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd and Sergeant Keller responded. Everything checked out okay.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

5:50 a.m. - Received a report of a hit-and-run accident on US Highway 231. Deputy Gibson responded.

7:35 a.m. - Received reports of multiple vehicle slide-offs on State Road 450. Deputy Gibson and Shoals Fire Department responded. Indiana Department of Transportation was notified for road treatment.

10:00 a.m. - Sergeant Keller took two inmates to court.

10:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:50 a.m. - Sergeant Keller took three inmates to court.

1:20 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:25 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took three inmates to court.

2:12 p.m. - Deputy Wright took one inmate to court.

2:29 p.m. - Received a report of possible gas smell in residence in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

2:50 p.m. - Received a report of deceased bobcat on roadway in Crane. Crane Police Department was notified.

3:30 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on US Highway 50, west of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

6:28 p.m. - Received a report of a brush fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:18 a.m. - Received a report of debris on roadway on US Highway 50. Chief Deputy Greene responded and removed debris.

8:20 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette, Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

12:50 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity on US Highway 50, east of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

1:00 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

5:44 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee due to suspicious individual. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

6:40 p.m. - Received a report of abandoned vehicle on State Road 450. Deputy Wright responded.

8:36 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee for a lift assist. Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:50 p.m. - Received a report of two missing individuals in Shoals. Deputy Reed, Shoals Town Marshal Eckert and Sergeant Keller responded. Missing individuals were later located, and everything checked out okay.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

5:36 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:52 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

9:25 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn in Shoals.

10:36 a.m. - Received a report of disabled vehicle on US Highway 150. Shoals Fire Department and Indiana State Police responded to assist.

1:25 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Hennette responded.

2:01 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:36 p.m. - Received a report of domestic dispute in Crane. Corporal Reed, ISP Trooper Nolan and Greene County responded.

9:56 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

5:24 a.m. - Received a report of tree over the roadway at Highway 550 and Boyd Hollow Road. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the tree.

7:08 a.m. - Received a report of tree limb down on US Highway 50. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the tree.

7:10 a.m. - Received a report of tree limb down on State Road 450. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the tree.

7:22 a.m. - Received a report of debris on US Highway 50, east of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Dant responded.

7:35 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US Highway 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the tree.

7:47 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Truelove Church Road. Loogootee Officer Dant responded.

8:18 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Hickory Ridge Road. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the tree.

9:23 a.m. - Received a request for lift assist in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

9:26 a.m. - Received a report of several trees down on Abel Hill Road. Lost River Fire Department responded and removed the trees.

10:54 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:48 p.m. - Received a report of civil dispute in Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Dant responded.

1:21 p.m. - Received a report of teenager walking on US Highway 50, east of Shoals.

1:21 p.m. - Received a report of civil dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Dant responded.

3:34 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:08 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US Highway 150. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the tree.

4:24 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Rama Dye Road. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the tree.

6:23 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US Highway 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the tree.

9:10 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

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Arrest of wanted man results in narcotics found

On Tuesday, February 19, at 1:34 p.m., Martin County Sheriff Travis Roush and Martin County Sheriff's Office Corporal Tyler Reed were on patrol in Corporal Reed's police vehicle on Mill Road conducting a follow-up investigation of an unrelated incident when they observed David W. Terry, 37, of Shoals, in the driveway of a residence. Sheriff Roush and Corporal Reed knew that Terry had a Level 3 Felony warrant out of Lawrence County for dealing in methamphetamine.

When Terry saw officers, he ducked behind a vehicle and then fled behind the residence. Corporal Reed requested additional officers to their location. Sheriff Roush and Corporal Reed then approached the residence and met two other subjects who also confirmed that it was Terry.

Sheriff Roush and Corporal Reed located Terry in the woods behind the residence and took him into custody without incident.

A search of Terry's person resulted in Corporal Reed locating a metal socket with a burnt residue with the odor of burnt marijuana.

While being walked to a patrol vehicle for transport, Terry asked Depu-



DAVID W. TERRY

ty Shinn to retrieve his cell phone and coffee cup from the bed of a truck. Additional narcotics were located in the coffee cup including half a gram of methamphetamine, a controlled substance, marijuana, and paraphernalia. Terry was transported to the Martin County Security Center without incident.

Terry was charged with possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; and a Lawrence County warrant.

Martin County real estate transfers

Robert D. Lythgoe and Brenda S. Lythgoe to The Brenda S. Lythgoe Trust, the north part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 21, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 21.5 acres, more or less. More commonly known as 6804 Haw Creek Road, Loogootee IN 47553.

Michael J. Hopkins and Karen A. Hopkins, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jeremy R. Smith and Sarah M. Smith**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the south half of the southwest quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, lying in Halbert Township in Martin County, Indiana, containing 13.682 acres, more or less, except sections containing 2 acres and 1.662 acres, more or less.

Michael K. Braun, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Braun Family Properties, LLC**, of Dubois County, Indiana, the southwest quarter of Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, in Martin County, Indiana, containing 112 acres, more or less.

Jerome G. Knies and Holly L. Knies to APEX Acreage, LLC. Tract I: Part of the southeast quarter of Section 22, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 117.16 acres, more or less. Tract II: Part of the southeast quarter of Section 22, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 52.517 acres, more or less. Tract III: Part of the north half of the southwest quarter of Section 35, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 54.153 acres, more or less.

Michael K. Braun, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Braun Family Properties, LLC**, of Dubois County, Indiana, the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter; also that part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter lying west of the public highway known as Cale and Mountain Springs Pike Road. All in Section 4, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, and containing 50 acres, more or less. Also, beginning at the northeast corner of the southwest quarter

of the southwest quarter of Section 4, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing 2 acres, more or less. Part of the north half of the southwest quarter of Section 4, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing 70 acres, more or less. A part of the west half of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 4, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing 1.25 acres, more or less.

Kevin M. Qualkenbush and Andrea M. Qualkenbush, of Martin County, Indiana to **Loren Brent Baker and Pamela Sue Baker**, of Daviess County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 27, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.50 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 27, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.19 acres, more or less. Tract III: A part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 27, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 12.06 acres, more or less.

Michael K. Braun, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Braun Family Properties, LLC**, of Dubois County, Indiana. Tract I: Part of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 11, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 31.55 acres, more or less. Part of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 11, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 31.5 acres. Except a section containing .09 acre, more or less. Tract II: Portions of the south half of the southwest quarter of Section 1, the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 12 and the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 11, all in Township 3 North, Range 3 West of the Second Principal Meridian lying in Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 38.137 acres, more or less.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:23 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

11:09 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

1:13 p.m. - Male requested a security check on a business.

3:42 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle ran a school bus arm on North Line Street. Vehicle was located and the driver was cited.

8:45 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

2:13 a.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

1:15 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a juvenile.

6:00 p.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

7:35 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint. Animal Control was contacted.

7:45 p.m. - Caller reported debris in the road on Broadway Street.

7:55 p.m. - Caller reported a deer in the road on Hwy 50.

8:05 p.m. - Caller reported the traffic light not working near Wendy's

9:47 p.m. - Caller reported a 911 hang-up on Garrett Street.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

10:13 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

10:54 a.m. - Caller reported a disruptive customer at a local business.

1:30 p.m. - Caller reported an open door at a residence on Church Street.

4:34 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

6:17 p.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

11:06 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:30 a.m. - Female reported being locked out of her residence.

9:51 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted with a medical call on North Line Street.

2:29 p.m. - First responders were requested on Cedar Street for a burning odor in a residence.

3:30 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50. Vehicle was located.

6:32 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a brush fire on Poplar Street.

9:34 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:18 a.m. - Caller reported debris in the road on Hwy 50.

5:47 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male at a local business.

7:41 p.m. - First responders were requested on Crane Street for lifting assistance.

9:55 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on US 231.

11:09 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

5:36 a.m. - First responders were requested in the Crane area for a medical call.

1:44 p.m. - Female called and advised she was having problems with her daughter.

2:00 p.m. - Caller reported a possible theft on North Line Street.

6:30 p.m. - Caller reported an irate juvenile.

7:38 p.m. - Officer McBeth assisted Daviess County with a disruptive male.

8:05 p.m. - Officer McBeth assisted the county with a domestic dispute on US 231.

10:02 p.m. - First responders were

requested on JFK Avenue for a medical call.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:22 a.m. - Caller reported traffic cones on the road on Hwy 50.

7:47 a.m. - Male reported a tree over the road on Truelove Drive.

9:39 a.m. - Caller reported a damaged traffic sign on Broadway Street.

1:01 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Broadway Street.

1:21 p.m. - Female requested an officer at a residence on Park Street. Female was getting some personal belongings.

9:14 p.m. - First responders were requested on JFK Avenue for lifting assistance.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

11:55 a.m. - First responders were requested on Terrace Drive for a medical call.

6:07 p.m. - First responders were requested on Broadway Street for a medical call.

6:55 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

9:56 p.m. - First responders were requested in Redwing Trailer Court for a medical call.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

2:17 p.m. - David Terry, 37, of Shoals, was arrested by Corporal Reed and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. Terry was also wanted out of Lawrence County on a warrant. He is being held without bond. Sheriff Roush, Deputy Shinn, Deputy Wright, ISP Trooper Lents and ISP Trooper Nolan assisted.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

9:12 a.m. - James Hardesty, 26, of Shoals, was arrested by Sergeant Keller on a warrant for invasion of privacy and held without bond.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

5:05 p.m. - David Stoll, 44, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with possession of a schedule II-controlled substance with a prior conviction and is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

3:41 p.m. - Roberta Warren, 36, of Washington, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and false informing. She was also wanted out of Daviess County on a warrant. She is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

3:41 p.m. - Damon Dant, 42, of Montgomery, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana-prior, possession of a schedule II-controlled substance and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

9:43 p.m. - Fayeleigh Milne, 18, of Crane, was arrested by Corporal Reed and charged with domestic battery. She is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. ISP Trooper Nolan assisted with the arrest.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

1:12 a.m. - James Truelove, 39, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer McBeth and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



An elderly Floridian called 911 on her cell phone to report that her car has been broken into. She is hysterical as she explains her situation to the dispatcher: "They've stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal, and even the accelerator!" she cried.

The dispatcher said, "Stay calm. An officer is on the way."

A few minutes later, the officer radios in. "Disregard," he says. "She got in the back seat by mistake."

THOUGHTS:

*Shopping with your husband is like hunting with the game warden.

*People are usually shocked when they find out I'm not a very good electrician.

*Potatoes make French fries, chips, and vodka. It's like the other vegetables aren't even trying.

*You know you're over 50 when... you get up from the sofa to get your reading glasses, do six other things, forget your glasses, and sit down on the sofa again.

*I was sitting in my truck at Walmart watching this guy who apparently forgot where he parked. He kept putting his remote in the air and every time he squeezed...I honked my horn.

*Just a couple of laps around the gym. Perhaps next time I'll actually park the car and go in.

RIDDLES:

1. What is the difference between a guitar and a fish?

2. What is the world's tallest building?

3. Why did the fish blush?

4. Why did the school kids eat their homework?

5. What do cats eat for breakfast?

6. What do you get when you cross an elephant and a fish?

7. Why did the cowboy get a Dachshund?

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

*Lasagna: Ancient Greeks used chamber pots called *lasaons*. So, the Romans jokingly called any flat cooking pots *lasaons*. The food took on the

name of its container.

*Tutti-frutti: Ice cream made with several fruits. "Tutti frutti" is Italian for "all fruits."

*Pinto beans: Pinto is "painted" in Spanish. The beans were so named for their mottled skins.

*Butterscotch: It doesn't contain any scotch or have any affiliation with Scotland—while the candy is cooling, it is "scotched" into squares. ("To scotch" something used to mean "to score" it.)

*Corned beef: The "corn" in this dish refers to the corns of salt used to make salted beef.

**Au gratin*: From the French, this cooking method becomes "with scrapings." A dish served *au gratin* includes dried bread crumbs mixed with grated cheese and browned on top.

*Junk food: From the Dutch *jonket*. These were dried fish and salted meat rations fed to sailors on long voyages.

*Whiskey: This word is from the Gaelic *uisquebaugh*, meaning "water of life."

*Pudding: From *boudin*, a gooey French dish of sausage encased in the intestines of animals.

*Ginger: Originating in India, this spice's name is from the Sanskrit *sing-ahera* ("horn shaped") because of the roots.

ANSWERS:

1. You can tune a guitar, but you can't tuna fish.

2. The library – so many stories.

3. It saw the ocean's bottom.

4. The teacher told them it was a piece of cake.

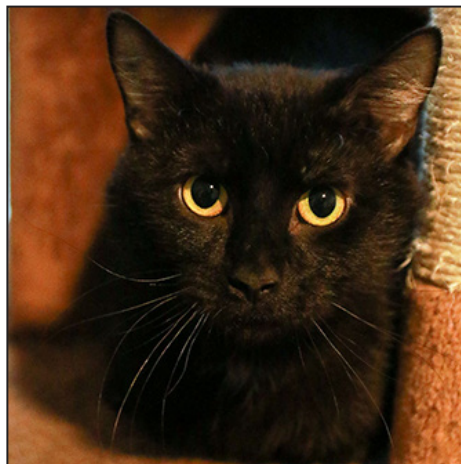
5. Mice krispies.

6. Swim trunks.

7. Someone told him to get a long little doggie.

Make someone smile today!

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



ROSCOE is a male black cat, around 2 years old. He is very sweet, a little feisty when he wants to be. He gets along with other cats. He is neutered and up to date on shots. Adoption fee is \$40. The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. For info or to see all the dogs and cats available for adoption, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Food pantry hours

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

Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school-age children every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 200 West Main Street next to the post office. For more info, call 812-709-2525.

SOAR Tutoring

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

Humane society meetings

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

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

Attention Senior Citizens

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



The Martin County Veteran Service Officer has an office in the Martin County Courthouse. An appointment is necessary. For assistance, call 812-247-2210; transportation needs, call 812-247-2450 and leave a message or e-mail martincountyvso2013@yahoo.com. Calls are returned on Tuesday and Thursday.

During the month of January, the veteran service officer assisted 13 veterans and had three meetings. The veterans' van took one trip transporting one veteran to VA medical centers and clinics. The van was cancelled two times this month by veterans.

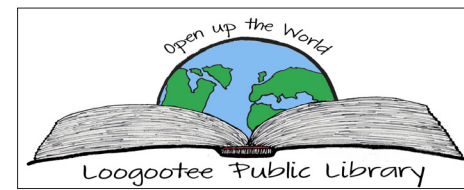
DRIVERS NEEDED for the veterans' van. I am aware that we all have very busy lives and very little free time which is why I am looking for reliable drivers to add to my call list. I am looking for **VOLUNTEERS** that are willing to transport a veteran possibly one trip a week to medical appointments at VA hospital and clinics in the surrounding area. This is not a paid position. You must have an Indiana license and a clean driving record. If interested, please contact me.

The veterans' van only transports to appointments at VA hospitals and clinics. You must contact me for transportation needs. Do NOT contact the driver's directly, they do not have the van schedule. The veterans' van is not a part of the DAV program, it is funded by Martin County taxpayers so we only transport Martin County residents.

The veterans' van will only transport to Indianapolis and Northern clinics on Tuesday and Thursday, Louisville and New Albany on Wednesday and Friday and Southern clinics on Monday's. The veterans' van will NOT leave the recycling center earlier than 7 a.m. Please schedule your appointments accordingly.

The Veterans Crisis Line provides

confidential help for veterans and their families. Call at 1-800-273-8255 (PRESS 1) for help.



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library will be closed Monday, March 5, from 2-5 p.m. so employees can attend the new library building groundbreaking. On Sunday, April 14 from 2-3 p.m., Marla Williams-Vanhoy will be at the library to discuss "Memories of a Small Town". Copies are available to purchase at German American Bank, Martin County Chamber of Commerce and Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL).

On Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) will have a Book/Bake/Vendor Sale at Loogootee Methodist Church. Recently, I weeded 200 children's books that will be available as well as magazines, hardbacks, and audiobooks.

New Books:

Mystery Fiction: "Never Tell" by Lisa Gardner, "A Justified Murder" by Jude Deveraux, and "The Chef" by James Patterson and "Chocolate Cream Pie Murder" by Joanne Fluke.

Fiction: "An American Duchess" by Karen Harper.

Nonfiction: "Racing to the Finish" by Dale Earnhardt, Jr.

DVDs: "A Star is Born".

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

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