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First-ever state champs

-Photo by Kerry Cooper

The Loogootee Lady Lions Varsity Basketball Team won the school's first-ever state title last Saturday at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. The girls defeated Pioneer 45-43, in the Class 1A division. Chelsie Sutton was awarded the Patricia L. Roy Mental Attitude Award for Class 1A.

Loogootee prepping to do stormwater projects

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Last fall, the City of Loogootee was awarded \$763,531.50 in Community Crossings grant funds from the State of Indiana, to do stormwater improvements and road paving. The city is required to provide a match of 25 percent for the total grant amount.

At last month's city council meeting, bids were opened to do the work. The low bid from E&B Paving came in at \$1,237,039. The bid has not officially been approved by the council, however, was higher than the city anticipated, and

County council discusses Shoals bank closing

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Council met Monday, March 2.

Martin County Recorder Rhonda Sanders submitted a request to transfer funds within her budget of \$3,930 from equipment to travel. Sanders stated that with Old National Bank closing, her office will have to drive to Loogootee daily to make a deposit and to exchange the daily backup which is kept in a safety deposit box. The money is to pay for mileage for those trips. Sanders said she believes the amount she is requesting will get them through the year.

Sanders said she received a letter stating items needed to be removed from the safety deposit box by April 3, but they may be able to stay until the week of April 24. She also stated that she really doesn't want to switch banks.

they will be required to come up with \$473,507.50.

Some of the funds will come from the EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) fund and the city has \$152,355.66 in the stormwater fee account.

If the money cannot be found, some of the roads planned for paving will be removed.

The following areas are slated for stormwater drainage system repairs:

- West Main Street from Sheridan Street to Northwest 1st Street
- Northwest 1st Street from West Main Street to West Railroad Street
- West Railroad Street from Northwest

Council Member Warren Albright asked if they have considered getting a check reader which would allow checks to be deposited in the office. Sanders said they discussed it, but she still has cash that needs deposited sometimes too, plus she still needs to exchange her backup tape.

(See 'COUNCIL' on page 2)

Cabin owners bill passes, now goes on to governor

SB 433, to help the Shoals cabin owners, passed the Indiana Senate in a unanimous vote on Tuesday. It now moves on to the governor for approval. The bill was authored to prevent the DNR from requiring residents along the White River to tear down their cabins due to being in a flood plain. The DNR threatened to fine the property owners \$500 a day if they did not comply. Due to ongoing litigation and work in the Statehouse over the past year, no fines were ever issued.

According to the bill, in order to keep their cabins, owners will have to raise them up two feet about the 100-year flood elevation. According to cabin owner Adam Greene, he would have to raise his cabin six or seven feet to be in com-

(See 'BILL' on page 2)

Chamber to hold annual dinner

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual dinner on Tuesday, March 17 at 6 p.m. in St John's Center Lower Level in Loogootee.

This year's guest speaker will be Carolyn Clay-Gudger. Carolyn Gudger was a school resource officer at Sullivan Central when a would-be school shooter tried to kill the



CAROLYN GUDGER

very people she was in charge of keeping safe. That was nearly ten years ago, but the deadly mass shooting in Florida brought all the emotions flooding back. "It's just a situation you expect, and you train for, you just hope it doesn't happen," Gudger said. August 30, 2010 is a day she thinks about often, finding herself between Sullivan Central's principal and Thomas Cowan, armed with two guns. "It's just part of our job as a school resource officer protect everybody we can," she said.

This year will be the second Organization of the Year award, along with the Martin County Chamber's scholarship presentations. This is the second year of awarding scholarships and the proceeds from the annual dinner will go towards the scholarship fund. The Chamber will (See 'DINNER' on page 2)

1st Street to US Hwy 231

-East Railroad Street from Hwy 231 to East 1st Street.

-North Kentucky Avenue from 170 feet south of East Main Street to CSX Railroad right of way

-Northeast 3rd Street from 150 ft. south (See 'STORMWATER' on page 2)



Semi-state champs!

-Photo provided

Jug Rox Robotix pulled out another win this past weekend as they went up against 35 other teams at the Indiana Semi-State Super Qualifying Tournament. Along with their alliance partners Warrior Tech and Blackout, they received the Winning Alliance Award, solidifying their position as one of the top robotics teams in Indiana. They will now advance to the Indiana State Championship at Crawfordsville High School, Crawfordsville on March 21. The team has also been invited to the Kentucky State Championship on March 7. Advancement from either of these state championships will assure them a place at the 2020 World Festival to be held in Detroit from April 28-May 2. As always, the team would like to thank the school, their generous sponsors, and the local community for their continuing support. Jug Rox Robotix is coached by Dean Troutman and Jennifer Mauntel. Shown above, from left to right, are Colton Mullins, Hunter Jones, Jocelyn Davis, Zane Lake, Andrew Newland, Lydia Cook, Alan Cook, Shyla Taylor, Mallory Wagoner, Alexis Rush, Noah Stoll, Olivia Alcorn and Luke Troutman.



Voter registration closes April 6; COUNCIL absentee voting starts April 7

The 2020 Primary Election will be held May 5, 2020. Voter registration will close on April 6, 2020. Please make sure you are properly registered by April 6, 2020. You can call the Martin County Clerk's office at 812-247-3651 or go to www.Indianavoters.com to check status of your registration. You must have a photo ID to match your registration address in order to vote.

In office absentee voting will begin April 7, 2020 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday and end May 1, 2020. The clerk's office will also be open on Saturday, April 25; Saturday, May 2; and Monday, May 4, 2020 from 8 a.m. until noon. You can request an application to vote by mail at any time by calling the clerk's office at 812-247-3651. The last day to send out an absentee ballot by mail is Thursday April 23, 2020.

During the Primary Election, voters choose either a Republican or Democrat ballot. In the General Election, all candidates, who made it past the Primary, are on one ballot.

Candidates on the Martin County ballots:

U.S. President

- Joseph R. Biden (D)
- Michael R. Bloomberg (D)
- Pete Buttigieg (D)
- Tulsi Gabbard (D)
- Amy Klobucher (D)
- Bernie Sanders (D)
- Tom Steyer (D)
- Elizabeth Warren (D)
- Andrew Yang (D)
- Donald J. Trump (R)
- Bill Weld (R)

Indiana Governor

- Woodrow "Woody" Myers (D)
- Eric Holcomb (R)

District 8 U.S. Representative

- Ron Drake (D)
- E. Thomasina Marsili (D)
- Mike Webster (D)

State Representative District 62

- Alyssa Bailey (D)
- Jeff Ellington (R)
- Greg Knott (R)

State Representative District 63

- Teresa Kendall (D)
- Shane M. Lindauer (R)

Martin County Auditor

Bobbie Abel (D)

Martin County Coroner

Tina M. Franklin (D)

Martin County Recorder

Rhonda Sanders (R)

Martin County Surveyor

Nathan D. Hoffman (R)

Martin County Treasurer

Lori Carrico (R)

Martin County Commissioner District 1

Kevin R. Boyd (R)

Cody Roush (R)

Martin County Commissioners District 3

Michael D. "Mike" Dant (D)

Jon Richer (R)

Aaron "Moose" Summers (R)

Martin County Council At-Large (choose 3)

Richard Summers (D)

Jim Woody (D)

Warren D. Albright (R)

Keith Gibson (R)

Adam Greene (R)

STORMWATER

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of East Main Street to CSX Railroad right of way

-Queen Street from 710 ft east of Bloomfield Road to 375 feet west of city limits

The roads slated for paving include:

-Northeast 3rd Street from Clark Street to North Street

-Walnut Street from Hwy 231 to Oak Street

-Washington Street from Dewey Street to Sheridan Street.

-Sheridan Street from Southwest 1st Street to Washington Street

-Walker Street from West Williams Street to Vine Street

-Walnut Street from South Oak Street to Cedar Street

The work is set to begin sometime this spring/summer. The mayor said it will be based on the contractor's schedule.

As far as applying for another Community Crossings grant, Mayor Noel Harty said that coming up with the 25 percent match will be the issue.

The Community Crossings grant maximum is \$1 million per year.

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Council Member Randy Winger asked how the clerk's office is going to handle the bank closing. Sanders and Auditor Bobbie Abel said they didn't know. It was noted that the treasurer lives in Loogootee and banks at German American.

Council Member Buck Stiles asked if the departments can all bank at the same location and prevent multiple trips to Loogootee. Sanders said they discussed it however some do deposits at the beginning of the day and others do them at the end of the day. She also said that she doesn't know if she can handle a different department's money without having to change her bond. "I just want to be responsible for me and my stuff, that's it," said Sanders.

Stiles said he was just trying to come up with a solution to prevent multiple department heads from making trips to Loogootee every day, thus costing mileage. Stiles and Winger both stated that there has to be a better solution. It was discussed that another bank may end up moving into Shoals but there are rumors that there is a no-compete clause on the building.

BILL

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pliancy, which would put the cabin 15 feet off the ground. Greene said that if the 100-year flood plain is reevaluated, they may not need to raise the cabins. He said it has not been changed since the flood of 1913. The bill also states that the bill only applies to homes built prior to January 1, 2020.

Residents affected by the DNR's move and supporters of the cabin owners have rallied together to fight the DNR over the past several months. The bill was authored by Martin County's State Senator Eric Bassler and District 12 State Senator Blake Doriot. It was sponsored by Martin County Representative Shane Lindauer. There is no date on when the governor will consider the bill.

The full bill can be found here: http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2020/bills/senate/433?fbclid=IwAR1jOueSCT_91rZ-8rDy_CX9NfxxXI-UnNoDNOH7Hu-jU7sdOxtAqTIRDVRZo

The council discussed what other businesses in town will do when Old National closed. "It's kind of an inconvenience," said Council Member Rich Summers.

The council approved the transfer.

Greg Hamilton, leader of the Martin County 2A group, talked to the council about signing a resolution recognizing Martin County as a Second Amendment Sanctuary. The commissioners approved a resolution at their last meeting and Hamilton would like the county council to sign one also. Auditor Abel advised the council that County Attorney Dave Lett will draw up a resolution if the council wants one. Council Members Summers, Winger, and Stiles all spoke out in support of a resolution. Abel advised the council that the commissioners are the body of record and would be the only ones able to revise a resolution or withdraw a resolution however the council can do a resolution just to show support. Winger asked the auditor to have the county attorney draft a letter of support from the county council to the commissioners in support of the resolution. "We want this to carry up the ladder," said Council Member Winger. "Being a little noisy can be good."

The next council meeting will be held Monday, April 6 at 6 p.m.

DINNER

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also honor the Gene Shaw Citizen of the Year. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased at Old National Bank Loogootee and Shoals or you can call the Chamber Office to get your tickets at 812-295-4093. Advance sales only, no tickets will be sold at the door. The public is welcome to attend.

This year's sponsors for the dinner are the following 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.

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OBITUARIES

BARBARA JEAN MUNDY

Barbara Jean Mundy, 75, passed away Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at Indiana University Health Bedford Hospital. A resident of Mitchell, she was 75.

She was born May 28, 1944, in Lawrence County; the daughter of Harvey Goldsberry and Mary (Woods) Chastain. She married James Stanley Mundy, Sr. May 18, 1962.

Barbara had been employed at Hoosier Uplands Head Start and Mitchell Manor. She graduated from Huron High School in 1962 and was a member of Fairview Church of Christ. Barbara enjoyed decorating cakes, reading, and being with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, James Stanley Mundy, Sr. of Mitchell; children, Sheri Ellen Mundy of Mitchell and Sandra Jeanne (John) Abel and James Stanley (Amy) Mundy, Jr., both of Shoals; 11 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren, great-great granddaughter, brothers, Don Goldsberry and David Payton, both of Mitchell and stepbrothers and stepsisters.

She was preceded in death by her parents, grandson, Waylon Abel; and brothers, Bill Goldsberry and Charles "Chuck" Payton.

A funeral service was held Saturday, February 29 in the Memorial Chapel of Chastain Funeral Home & Cremation Center with Brother Kris Beasley and Vernon Sutton officiating. Burial followed in Clark Cemetery.

DIANA SCHUTTE

Diana Marie Schutte passed away Friday February 28, 2020 at IU Health University Hospital in Indianapolis surrounded by her family. A resident of Loogootee, she was 56.



DIANA SCHUTTE

She was born May 30, 1963 in Washington; daughter of the late George Victor and Rose Pauline (Dages) Burch.

Diana was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church. She married Scott Schutte on November 17, 1984. Diana worked throughout her life at Loogootee Food Market, various banks, and as a recorder and treasurer for over 20 years at the Martin County Courthouse. She enjoyed swimming, baking, and walking. Diana liked the snow and cold

weather and was known to play an occasional game of P.I.G. She loved to sit on her front porch and swing enjoying the weather. Most of all Diana loved spending time with her family and grandkids.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Pauline Burch and her brothers, Patrick Burch and Paul Burch.

She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Scott Schutte of Loogootee; her children, Jason (Melissa) Schutte of

Newburgh, Adam (Jen) Schutte of Huntington, and Ashley (James) Peek of Shoals; her grandchildren, Victoria and Dylan Schutte, Cole and Cailey Schutte, Ava, Braelynn and Harmony Peek; her siblings, Eugene Burch, Norbert Burch, Martin Burch, Mary Ann Wathen, and Andrew Burch and numerous nieces and nephews, and many great nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian burial was cele-

brated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker this morning, Wednesday March 4 at St. Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the family for a future charity to help children in Diana's memory.

Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.



Making A Difference



-- SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE --

The scholarships offered by the MCCF come from one of the five types of funds we hold. I have talked about the types of funds in other columns: unrestricted, designated, field-of-interest, donor-advised, and scholarship funds.

Below are the scholarships provided to our Martin County students who are pursuing higher education. Some are specific to the Loogootee High School, some to the Shoals High School, and some reach out to all Martin County seniors and/or residents. Here are summaries for each scholarship, which are for graduating seniors unless otherwise specified.

-- LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL --

- Ann Jones Burch Tennis (Two \$1,000) A scholarship to both a boy and a girl student has a commitment to tennis, has participated in other school activities, and shown that they are a good citizen, well rounded and civic minded.

- Ben Trout Memorial Student Athlete (\$2,000)

Earned an academic honors degree and a varsity athletic letter. Shows outstanding mental attitude, team spirit and sportsmanship.

- Gerdon Jones Memorial (\$2,595) Participated in high school athletics and showed improved skills. Displays a positive mental attitude.

- Loogootee Alumni (\$811)

Displays good citizenship, gentleness, easy to speak to, and participates in school activities. Be one of humility, and unwavering belief in the dignity and aspirations of those they touch, commitment to their fellowman and the strength

of self-discovery and individual growth.

- Robert Scott Waggner Memorial (\$500) - NEW

Has a good attitude, work ethic and performed well academically. Has participated in sports, extracurricular activities, and/or is an active community or school member and is a supporter of their school and others.

- Saint Vincent de Paul Society (\$1,162) Must have financial need as determined using standard financial need discovery instruments.

- William McGovern II Fund Provides scholarships to seniors planning to pursue higher education at a college, university or trade school.

-- LHS (SELECTED BY MCCF) --
- Rita and Jack Butcher Loogootee Basketball Family (\$1,500)

Has a good attitude, work ethic and performed well academically. Has participated in sports and/or other extracurricular activities.

- Wilma L Bateman Memorial (\$1,000) - NEW

Participated in high school athletics for at least two years. Has shown leadership qualities and been involved in community activities.

-- SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL --
- Faye Shobe Memorial (\$500)

Preference will be given to a student seeking a degree in the field of Elementary Education.

- Saint Vincent de Paul Society (\$1,186) Must have financial need as determined using standard financial need discovery instruments.

-- COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS (SELECTED BY THE MCCF) --

- George M and Barbara Cropp (\$2,500) - NEW

Graduating seniors from Loogootee and/or Shoals High School must have a GPA of 3.0 or above (on a 4.0 scale). Fi-

nancial need and/or special circumstances may be a consideration. This scholarship may be renewed subsequent years to the student if criteria are met.

- Terri Sullivan Callaway (\$2,407)

For students who transition straight from high school OR for those who have taken ONE OF MORE YEARS BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL AND HIGHER EDUCATION (known as a "non-traditional" student). Must be a senior graduating from a Martin County high school or a non-traditional student who is a resident of Martin County. Must be a member of a Christian faith church and pursuing the field of nursing. Priority is given to members of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

-- HOW TO APPLY --
The majority of the scholarships are available through the Loogootee and Shoals High School counselors and selected by each school. The exceptions are the Butcher Loogootee Basketball Family, Wilma L Bateman Memorial, George M and Barbara Cropp, and Terry Sullivan Callaway scholarships. These scholarships are selected by the MCCF and are available online at www.cfpartner.org/scholarships and ARE DUE MARCH 20, 2020.

-- MORE INFORMATION --
For more information about the MCCF, please contact the Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

12:17 a.m. - Received a report of a medical alarm in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

12:47 a.m. - Received a report of a business alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded and assisted with shut off.

6:58 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:06 a.m. - Received a report of a cow out in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded and cow owner was contacted.

10:20 a.m. - Received a request for accident report information. Advised Deputy Gibson.

10:35 a.m. - Received a request for accident report information. Advised Chief Deputy Greene.

10:50 a.m. - Received a request for accident report information. Advised the Loogootee Police Department.

11:00 a.m. - Received a request for information in reference to a protective order. Advised Deputy Gibson and Sheriff Roush.

11:40 a.m. - Jail Officer Dant transported one inmate to the doctor.

1:13 p.m. - Received a report of a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

2:08 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on an individual near Shoals. Major Keller, Deputy Wells, ISP Beaver, Deputy Gibson, ICO Hembree and Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to IU Health Bedford.

2:09 p.m. - Received a request for medical assistance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Haysville Fire Department responded.

3:23 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Advised all Martin County law enforcement.

5:00 p.m. - Received a request to speak with Animal Control. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

8:29 p.m. - Received a request to speak with an officer in reference to harassment. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

8:35 p.m. - Received a report of a single-vehicle accident near Shoals. Deputy Wells, Corporal Reed, Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department and Lost River Fire Department responded.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

12:36 a.m. - Received a request for a security check north of Shoals. Corporal Reed responded.

4:47 a.m. - Received a request for medical assistance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:53 a.m. - Received a request for medical assistance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Corporal Reed and Chief Deputy Greene responded. One subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:45 a.m. - Major Keller transported two inmates to court.

11:40 p.m. - Received a report of theft in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Chief Rayhill.

12:00 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

1:59 p.m. - Deputy Wells transported two inmates to court.

2:17 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint near Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

2:48 p.m. - Received a report of a dis-

abled vehicle north of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

5:20 p.m. - Received a report of keys found near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert retrieved them.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

12:07 a.m. - Received a request for medical attention in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:15 a.m. - Received a request for medical assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

1:41 a.m. - Received a report of a medical alarm in Loogootee. Martin County Sheriff's Office, Loogootee Sergeant Floyd and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

2:04 a.m. - Martin County Ambulance responded to a medical request in Shoals. Subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:19 a.m. - Received a report of an emergency in Loogootee. Major Keller, Chief Deputy Greene, Loogootee Chief Rayhill, ICO Mann, ISP Trooper Beaver and ISP Detective Lents responded. False call and all were okay.

10:00 a.m. - Major Keller transported two inmates to court.

11:00 a.m. - Major Keller transported one inmate to court.

12:24 p.m. - Received a report of a found animal in Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

3:32 p.m. - Received a request for a subject walking along the road. Deputy Wells responded.

6:50 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

9:54 p.m. - Received a request for medical assistance in Shoals. Deputy Gibson, Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

6:41 a.m. - Received a request for medical assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

9:15 a.m. - Major Keller transported two inmates to court.

9:34 a.m. - Jail Commander Brulla transported one inmate to the doctor.

11:57 a.m. - Received a report of scam phone call in Shoals.

1:40 p.m. - Received a request to speak with animal control in reference to animal neglect. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

1:47 p.m. - Received a request to speak with animal control in reference to animal neglect. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

2:01 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

2:15 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

2:30 p.m. - Corporal Wright transported two inmates to court.

3:20 p.m. - Received a report of two vehicles sideswiping near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Corporal Wright responded.

4:26 p.m. - Received a report of a two-vehicle accident west of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department and Big John's Towing responded.

5:30 p.m. - Received a report of a hitchhiker in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

6:20 p.m. - Received a report of four-wheelers in the road east of Shoals. Deputy Gibson responded.

8:05 p.m. - Received a request from Daviess County for a medical transport

to Jasper Memorial Hospital. Martin County Ambulance responded.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

3:38 a.m. - Received a request for medical attention in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:56 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle east of Shoals. Deputy Gibson responded.

7:52 a.m. - Received a report of a single-vehicle accident east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department, Major Keller, ISP Trooper Beaver and ATM Towing responded.

10:00 a.m. - Corporal Wright transported two inmates to court.

10:58 a.m. - Corporal Wright transported one inmate to court.

1:15 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle side swiping a guard rail south of Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

1:48 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver. Corporal Wright responded.

1:50 p.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennette performed a VIN check in Loogootee.

1:53 p.m. - Corporal Wright performed a watercraft inspection near Shoals.

2:23 p.m. - Received a request for medical assistance east of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire Department and Corporal Wright responded.

2:31 p.m. - Received a report of a subject walking near the highway. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

2:39 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on a subject in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

3:04 p.m. - Received a request to speak with animal control. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

3:19 p.m. - Animal Control Officer Hughett spoke to an individual in reference to animal neglect.

3:51 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm near Shoals. Corporal Wright and home watcher responded.

6:32 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Reserve Deputy Ochs and Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

9:23 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Greene and G&M Towing responded.

11:39 p.m. - Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded to two vehicles disabled south of Loogootee. ATM towed vehicles and Reserve Deputy Dorsey transported the subjects.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

1:23 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglary alarm in Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Greene responded.

2:05 a.m. - Loogootee Officer McBeth performed a welfare check in Loogootee.

4:08 a.m. - Received a report of an attic fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, Martin County Ambulance, LPD Officer McBeth, Reserve Deputy Dorsey, Reserve Deputy Greene, Deputy Seymour and Deputy Gibson responded.

9:18 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn near Shoals.

9:44 a.m. - Received a report of a smoke smell at a business. Loogootee Fire Department and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

10:12 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Advised Corporal Wright.

10:54 a.m. - Received a report of a two-vehicle accident in Shoals. Corporal

Wright responded.

11:20 a.m. - Received a request to speak with a deputy. Advised Deputy Wells.

1:15 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn near Loogootee.

1:30 p.m. - Received a request to speak with Loogootee City Police. Advised Loogootee Captain Hennette.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of a motion detection alarm near Shoals. Corporal Wright responded.

2:20 p.m. - Received a report of rocks near the road west of Shoals. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

5:23 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn near Shoals.

5:35 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Crane. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

5:45 p.m. - Received a report of a possible residential entry. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

6:58 p.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm near Shoals. Deputy Gibson and Deputy Wells responded.

7:22 p.m. - Received a report of a dog being found in Loogootee.

8:04 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

8:12 p.m. - Received a report of an animal attack in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett and Reserve Deputy Greene responded.

8:29 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic argument in Crane. Deputy Gibson, Loogootee Sergeant Floyd and Daviess County Sheriff's Office responded.

8:42 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Deputy Gibson responded.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

3:07 a.m. - Received a report of subjects arguing outside a home. Deputy Gibson, Deputy Seymour and Greene County Sheriff's Office responded.

8:40 a.m. - Received a request for medical attention near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:32 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

11:34 a.m. - Received a request for medical assistance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:48 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Police Department.

6:30 p.m. - Received a request for medical assistance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

9:10 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol near Shoals. Corporal Reed responded.



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COURT NEWS

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CRIMINAL COURT

New Charges Filed

January 29

Eli William Schott, reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Ashten L. Carnegie, five counts of check deception, Class A Misdemeanors.

Bryce C. Boyd, nine counts of check deception, Class A Misdemeanors.

January 31

Robert J. Hawkins, criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Lisa C. Chandler, forgery, a Level 6 Felony; theft, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Robert J. Hawkins, intimidation, a Level 6 Felony.

February 3

Lisa A. Jones, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor, amended to operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Tammy A. Huff, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

February 6

Lawrence R. Dillinger, operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Nicholas J. Reinhart, cruelty to an animal, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Pamela D. Gammon, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

February 10

Enoch J. Spaulding, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

February 12

William E. Redman, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 4 Felony; two counts of possession of a narcotic drug, Class 6 Felonies; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; two counts of unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, Level 6 Felonies; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Mark A. Johnson II, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony.

Zane Anthony Sanders, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Level 6 Felony; battery against a public safety official, a Level 6 Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Crystal C. Trambaugh, neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; dealing in marijuana, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Thomas R. Moffitt, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; dealing in marijuana, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor.

February 13

Jesse R. Tolbert, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Alicia N. McQueen, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance

– controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony.

February 18

Robert E. Blanton, burglary, a Level 4 Felony; theft, a Level 6 Felony.

February 19

Devon Wayne Cornett, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony; possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 5 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony.

February 20

Billie J. Groff, strangulation, a Level 6 Felony; intimidation, a Level 6 Felony; domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor.

February 21

Curtis D. Brown, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

James C. Gingras, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Dennis R. Green, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Cody W. Combs, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor.

February 24

Robert A. McTague, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Daniel E. McCrary II, leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Donald J. Hawk, criminal mischief, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Rebecca L. Allbright, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor, amended to operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Gregory M. Tolbert, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; visiting a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class B Misdemeanor.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

February 6

James M. Gregory, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 1,278 days with 685 days suspended and credit for 445 actual days previously served plus 148 Class B credit days. Defendant to serve 685 days as a direct commitment through Martin County Community Corrections.

February 11

Benny L. Cain, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor and resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 347 days suspended and credit for 9 actual days previously served plus 9 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

February 20

Thomas Clyde Holt, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 900 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 900 days suspended. Defendant received 18 months of probation.

February 21

Veronica E. Abrams, convicted of pos-

session of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 291 days suspended and credit for 37 actual days previously served plus 37 Class A credit days. Defendant received 9 months of probation.

Debra G. Bottorff, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony and operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 546 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant to serve 180 days as a direct commitment through Martin County Community Corrections. Defendant received 18 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

February 6

James M. Gregory, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

February 11

Benny L. Cain, disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

February 20

Thomas Clyde Holt, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

February 21

Veronica E. Abrams, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Debra G. Bottorff, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a

Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

February 25

Towd Point Mortgage Trust vs. James M. Sorrells, Amanda D. Sorrells, Capital One Bank, Accounts Recovery Bureau, Inc.; and the State of Indiana Department of Revenue, mortgage foreclosure.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

February 27

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Martha Weaver in the amount of \$911.91.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Andrew Petry in the amount of \$898.73.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Barclays Bank Delaware and against the defendant Frank E. Fields in the amount of \$2,361.76.

March 2

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC and against the defendant Sandra C. Waid in the amount of \$1,499.02.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

February 25

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Anson V. Wagler in the amount of \$563.69.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Cindy Nicholson and against the defendants Jessica Winger Stephens and Gerald Stephens in the amount of \$4,855.08.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Dakota N. Mullins in the amount of \$708.21.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Cassidee A. Harker in the amount of \$2,033.33.

February 26

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Sharon L. Gibson in the amount of \$4,485.70.

Man receives prison sentence for escape and non-support

On August 16, 2019, Steven Boyd was released from incarceration to serve a home detention and probation sentence after pleading guilty to non-support of a dependent.

When the Martin County Prosecutor's Office received notice that the defendant had violated the terms and conditions of that program, the prosecutor requested an arrest warrant and filed a new charge of escape, a Level 6 Felony, with the court.

On August 30, 2019, Martin County Sheriff's Office Deputy John Wright served the arrest warrant and transported the defendant to the Martin County Security Center. The prosecutor's office then requested the Martin Circuit Court revoke the defendant's probation as unsuccessful and sentence him to a term of imprisonment at the Indiana Department of Corrections.

On January 30, 2020, Judge Lynne E. Ellis approved the prosecutor's request and the four-year state prison sentence for Level 6 Felony escape and Level 5 non-support of a dependent, the conviction was entered and the defendant to be transferred to state prison.



STEVEN BOYD

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

12:16 a.m. - Richard Allen, 46, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment and leaving the scene of an accident. He is being held on \$25,000/10% bond.

11:26 p.m. - Justin Boyd, 32, of Shoals, was arrested by Shoals Town Marshal Eckert and charged with attempted theft and public intoxication. He is currently being held without bond.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

2:35 p.m. - Robin Rush, 27, of Shoals, was arrested by ICO Mann on a Martin County Warrant. She is currently being held without bond.

9:00 p.m. - Nicholas Clifton, 18, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with invasion of privacy. He is currently being held without bond.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

10:12 a.m. - Joshua Jones, 35, of Shoals, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on a Martin County warrant. He is currently being held without bond.

9:25 p.m. - Grazzin Eaton, 21, of Montgomery, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated controlled substance and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment. He is currently being held on \$25,000/10% bond.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

10:49 a.m. - Ceccora Holt, 21, of Loogootee, was arrested by Major Keller and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated controlled substance, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment and possession of marijuana. She is currently being held without bond.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

4:44 a.m. - Erika Harl, 22, of Linton, was arrested by Deputy Seymour and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated, operating a vehicle while intoxicated refusal and chemical refusal. She is currently being held on \$20,000/10% bond.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



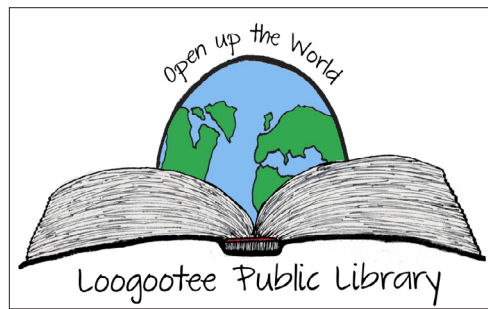
Recipe for Iced Coffee

1. Have kids.
2. Make coffee.
3. Forget you made coffee.
4. Drink it cold.

Experts: A serving size of chips is 10 chips.

Actual Humans: I eat 10 chips while I'm standing in the pantry with the bag open, trying to decide if I want to eat chips.

THOUGHTS



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

If you haven't read "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens, "The Giver of the Stars" by JoJo Moyes, and the book "Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michelle Richardson, you are really missing out. These three novels have increased circulation numbers and rarely ever are found on the shelves at the library. We offer them in print and audiobook plus can be downloaded via Overdrive with your library card.

The March calendar has been posted and Children's Librarian Jen Zehr will have a few evening and Saturday programs as well as many fun activities for kids.

New Books:

Mystery Fiction: "Lavender Blue Murder" by Laura Childs and "Long Range" by C.J. Box.

Fiction: "The Numbers Game" by Danielle Steel.

Inspirational Fiction: "Secrets of My Heart" by Tracie Peterson, "The Crow's Call" by Wanda Brunstetter, "Star of Persia" by Jill Eileen Smith,

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

*Sorry, I can't make it in to work today, my dog just laid her head on my foot and, well that's that.

*Why do eggs come in flimsy Styrofoam cartons and batteries come in a package only a chain saw can open?

*Singing in the shower is all fun and games until you get shampoo in your mouth, then it becomes a soap opera.

*Shopping tip: "Accidentally" buy the potato chips your spouse doesn't like so you don't have to share.

THINGS I'M SUPER GOOD AT

1. Running. Late, that is.
2. Forgetting someone's name two minutes after they tell me.
3. Thinking of a great comeback – an hour later.
4. Digging through the trash for the food box I just threw away, because I already forgot the directions.
5. Adding items to online carts and then deleting.
6. Making plans, then regretting making plans.
7. Eating other people's French fries on the way home from the drive-thru.
8. Googling my ailments. Then panicking.
9. Forgetting about the laundry – until I'm in bed.
10. Calculating how much sleep I'll get if I can just "fall asleep right now."
11. Forgetting simple words then acting them out to get people to understand me.
12. Telling corny jokes and laughing so hard at myself that I don't notice that no one around me is laughing.
13. Losing my phone multiple times a day because I can't remember where I had it last.
14. Having moments where I remember every detail of an event or a story and then forget it all before I can tell anyone about it.

SERIOUSISMS
*Common sense is not a gift, it's a punishment because you have to deal with everyone who doesn't have it.

*Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain.

*If someone really wants to see you, they will find a reason, they will find a way, and they will make the effort.

*Stay away from negative people – they have a problem for every solution.

-Albert Einstein.

Make someone smile today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Free community dinner

The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, would like to extend an invitation to the entire community for a free dinner to be held Thursday, March 5 from 6-8 p.m. in the church basement. All members of the community are invited to join.

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.

Mental Health Task Force

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

Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

Local recovery meetings

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

Martin County real estate transfers

William R. Pruett, of Martin County, Indiana to M. Lynette Bauer, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 11, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.10 acres, more or less.

Donna L. Stinson and Kieran Z. Spaulding, of Martin County, Indiana to DLS McNair, of Crawford County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter, Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 8 acres, more or less.

Christina L. Smith and Raymond T. Smith to Judith A. Smith, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.44 acres, more or less. Being Tract 7 in Country Court Tract III.

Donna L. Stinson and Enoch J. Spaulding, of Martin County, Indiana to DLS McNair, of Crawford County, Indiana, a part of the west one-half of the northeast quarter of Section 35, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.50 acres, more or less.

Judith A. Smith, of Martin County, Indiana to Randall L. Kaiser and Linda K. Kaiser, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West in

Building Loogootee at 8 p.m.

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

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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.

Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.44 acres, more or less. Being Tract 7 in Country Court Tract III.

Zachary S. Baker, of Martin County, Indiana to James R. Tompkins, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 68 in the original Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Tammy L. Carrico and Ashten L. Goldsberry, of Martin County, Indiana to Joshua V. Fuartado and John F. Kidwell, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.50 acres, more or less.

Mark Ellis, of Monroe County, Indiana to Michael Alvarez, of Allen County, Indiana, Lot Number 3 in Brook's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

What you don't see is what you get. When we think of gardens and the plants we want to grow in our gardens, we usually think about the stems, leaves and flowers that we see when walking through the garden. We choose our plants from the garden center based on what we see on the tables, or at least the pictures on the tags that promise what the plant will look like later. We choose plants that have flowers in the colors we like or that have a growth pattern that fits our gardens. When I have an empty trellis, it is a vine that I seek. The things I see help me to choose the plant that best fits my needs.

However, what we see often does not tell us much about the success of the plant. The important stuff for most plants is what is happening beneath the soil level. If the root system is not in good shape, the plant will eventually be affected. If the soil is not right, there is little hope for success with even the best plant in the world.

Therefore, when choosing a plant, look beneath the surface. Healthy roots are white and do not circle the pot. Do not be afraid to pop a plant out of the pot at the garden center to inspect the root system. If doing so offends the people at the garden center, you need to be shopping somewhere else. Good garden centers want you to succeed with your plants and that means starting with the best roots. Of course, when you buy plants on-line or through a catalogue, you do not have the opportunity to inspect the roots before purchasing but do so immediately upon receipt and never be intimidated about calling and requesting a different plant. Many plants, especially trees and shrubs, are shipped bare-root. In most cases, these plants have been field-grown, then dug. The soil has been washed away and some pruning of

Outdoor Indiana magazine features interpretive naturalists

Outdoor Indiana magazine's March/April issue features a cover article on the DNR's interpretive naturalists.

Interpretive naturalists, once known as nature guides, are the experts at state parks and state forest properties who educate guests about the place they are visiting so they can enjoy and appreciate it more. The cover shows Sheree Belt, who fills that role at Spring Mill State Park.

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the roots may have been done. Shipping without soil is cheaper, as the roots are much lighter than a potted plant. The plants are shipped in a dormant state, so it is not detrimental to the plant's success. It is, of course, easy to inspect the roots of such plants. When you receive them, it is important to get them planted soon. I like to soak the roots overnight in a solution of water with a few drops of a root-stimulating liquid fertilizer before planting.

Proper planting is essential to getting the plant to thrive. The first question is to amend or not to amend. For many years, we were instructed to dig a hole as deep as the roots and twice as wide as the root ball and amend the soil. However, more recent studies question this. When we amend the soil in the hole, we created a vase effect. The roots will grow in the amended soil but fail to move out into the surrounding soil. Eventually, the roots may circle and choke the plant. Instead, now experts say to plant the roots in the soil and amend by using compost or another organic mulch, which will eventually break down and enrich the soil.

Some experts now call for removing the soil from the roots of potted plants when planting them. They believe that the vase effect will also occur when roots refuse to grow out of the soil in the pot into the native soil. I doubt that I will ever go that far, but I do always tease some of the roots out of the root ball.

Another area of recent research is the effects of microorganisms in the soil and the effects they have on plant growth. There are more organisms in a gram of soil than there are people on the earth. Research shows that some of these organisms regulate the rate at which minerals are taken up by plants. A lot more research is needed, but it looks like microorganisms may one day be able to greatly reduce the use of chemical fertilizers and thereby reduce water pollution caused by run-off of excess fertilizers. There really is a lot going on in that area we normally do not see.

Farm stress, solutions focus of workshops

To assist with the issue of farm stress and good mental health, Purdue Extension and their partners are reaching out to farmers through two workshops. Each workshop will provide the tools to handle stress so that county farmers, their families, and our local communities can better cultivate a productive mindset in the face of stress common to rural areas.

The first workshop will take place at the Dubois Community Park at Jasper-Dubois Road and Hwy 545, Dubois, on March 16, 2020 from 5-7 p.m. EST. The second workshop will also be on March 16, running from 7-9 p.m. EST at the Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds Clover Pavilion at 4157 S. State Road 162, Huntingburg.

Each session will instruct attendees on ways to identify stress, to learn what can trigger stress, and to know helpful techniques for responding to stress. A meal is included with each workshop.

There is no charge to attend, but reservations for materials and meals are due for either of the locations by March 10 to the Purdue Extension office at ph.812-482-1782 or email duboisces@purdue.edu.



Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton
NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

We got a bit too far into numbers and math last issue, but understanding grazing math is important and powerful information and can certainly impact your bottom line. You certainly don't want to wait until this time of year to find that you don't have enough winter feed so we must constantly be looking ahead.

There is more than one way to reduce the amount of hay or winter feed needed and we probably need to take advantage of them. We've discussed some of these before, such as the use of crop residue, cover crops, annuals of all kinds and stockpile, of course. I can't stress enough that this does require thinking ahead.

The biggest advantage, which can produce nice dividends, is getting livestock off pastures in late summer and keeping them off as long as possible. You are able to do this IF you have somewhere else you can go with the livestock. This doesn't mean letting them "accidentally" roam over onto your neighbor's farm, but honestly that could be a viable option...with permission of course.

If you can get the grazing livestock off the pasture early, say late August or early September, then that deferment of pasture use provides a wonderful recovery period, capturing the last part of the growth curve for cool season forages and allowing for a lot more forage growth that can be used later in the late fall or winter or even going into spring.

The first opportunity to move the grazing livestock to somewhere different could be very early, even as early as late July. That is possible when a summer annual or mix is planted directly after a wheat crop. Some people don't think about all the possible options that could come from utilizing a nearby, or better yet, connecting crop field. Double crop soybeans are not always the best option or even feasible after wheat, especially above Interstate-70.

Utilizing a summer annual mix after wheat instead of double crop soybeans can provide several benefits besides high yielding quality forage for livestock. They can certainly reduce erosion potential of the field, improve soil structure from adding massive amounts of roots and those roots create passages and pore spaces to allow increase moisture percolation and aeration of the soil and also help increase soil organic matter. You also can't forget about the diversity that is being added into the cropping system and soil microbiome either.

Could the feed value of that summer forage be worth more than the soybeans harvested after inputs? Yes, that is very possible. How quickly you can start grazing the annuals will depend on the species and moisture but can sometimes be within just a few weeks of planting.

The next best option arrives or could possibly arrive mid to late August or early September depending where you are located and if you are cutting silage. If you are cutting silage, then it's pretty much a no brainer; you have plenty of time to get an early fall annual forage or cover crop planted.

I will side track here briefly to point out that annual forages and cover crops could be pretty much one in the same, but the main difference being annuals planted for just forage or grazing are not true cover crops of which have primary goals of erosion control, weed suppression, and soil health. That doesn't mean that you can't achieve some of the same benefits, you can, but management of that vegetation is the difference.

Back to the post silage scenario. Generally, because silage corn is chopped much earlier than corn for grain, you have ample time to get annuals planted and get tremendous growth off them for early grazing. A combination such as oats, a brassica such as a turnip or rapeseed, and cereal rye or triticale, works great planted then. The earlier they are planted, the greater the opportunity for moisture and growth.

With enough moisture and time, the brassica and oats can provide an enormous amount of early fall forage to graze. The oats and brassica come on strong with enough nutrients and moisture for possibly September to December grazing options. The cereal rye or triticale is laying quietly underneath, and it takes off early spring, creating another possible grazing opportunity if you have good soil conditions.

A crop field that is no-tilled continuously, and especially with cover crops or annuals for grazing, will normally holdup better for grazing than one that has been tilled. On a tilled field, the livestock, especially cows, will more likely pug up the site to the depth of the tillage. Fields where natural soil aggregation has been maintained or built back have more air and infiltration because of that structure and thus are able to be more resilient to grazing. If carefully managed, the field can still be successfully no-tilled after the grazing event. Part of that management is not grazing during excessively wet periods, not feeding on the cropland, and not lingering any longer than necessary. We'll discuss management more some other time.

Why talk about this right now? Because now is the time to start planning the forage balance for the rest of this year and thinking ahead for improvements for next winter. Winter feed costs are generally at least fifty percent of the cost of keeping a cow around. Depending on the price of hay, winter feeding will run from a shy dollar per day per animal unit or \$1.20 for a 1,200-pound cow to over \$2 per day depending on the source of hay and/or other feeds fed. That adds up very fast. Hay and other feed are not free. There are always nutrients to be returned, equipment to maintain, and if a wheel is turning, we are spending money. A dollar saved, is a dollar earned. That's a Benjamin Franklin adage with some inflation added on.

Lastly, the question about when we can start grazing has already been asked. There is regrowth in some areas mainly due to some slightly warmer weather periods this winter. The cows are always ready to consume those tender morsels, but it is still best to wait until there is ample growth available prior to any grazing. Grazing too quickly in the spring actually reduces the total production for the season. Most cool season grasses should be at least eight inches tall prior to the first grazing and even then, shouldn't have much removed with the first grazing because the plant is rebuilding that needed solar panel and new roots. Remember, it takes grass to grow grass.

Keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities

Southern Indiana Grazing Conference (SIGC) – March 4, 2020, Crane, IN – Speakers include Troy Bishop "The Grass Whisperer," Greg Brann, and Seven Sons. For more information contact the Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation office at 812-254-4780, Ext 3, email Megan Frederick at megan.frederick@daviess.org or visit www.daviesscoswcd.org/index.php/sigc or www.facebook.com/SouthernIndianaGrazingConference

2020 Seniors



SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL



BRIAN BROWN

Brian Jacob Brown was born on April 2, 2002 to Brian and Tessa Brown. While in high school, Brian was an active member of the shop class. His favorite memory of high school was meeting friends. After graduation, Brian plans to work for his dad.



MORGAN BAYLIS

Morgan Elise Baylis was born on July 29, 2002 to Jeremy and Jayliene Grogan. Morgan takes pride in the three years she was able to play for the Jug Rox Volleyball team. Her favorite memory of high school is being able to play on the same volleyball team as her sister. After graduation, Morgan plans to attend Culinary School and then open up her own bakery.



BRYCE BAKER

Bryce William Baker was born on April 12, 2002 to Mary Ellen and William Dean Baker. While in high school, Bryce was involved in basketball, soccer, baseball, spell bowl, Academic team, Mayor's Youth Council, Beta Club, Spanish Club, and Pep Club. His favorite memory of high school was winning the Blue Chip Conference his junior year in soccer. After graduation, Bryce plans to attend Vincennes University and become an electrical engineer.



PEARL CROWDER

Pearl Mae Crowder was born on July 27, 2002 to Richard & Kimberly Crowder. While in high school, Pearl participated in dance. Her favorite memory is getting on the gym floor for the first time during a dance routine. After graduation, Pearl plans on working to help her family.



LOGAN CAMPBELL

Logan James Campbell was born on July 6, 2002 to Les & Ashley Campbell. While in high school, Logan participated in baseball, film club, and was an intern for the maintenance staff. Following graduation, Logan plans on entering the workforce.



TAYLOR DAVIS SANDERS

Taylor Michelle (Davis) Sanders was born on September 10, 2001 to Mary and Mike Davis. While at Shoals, Taylor participated in Spanish and 4-H club. She also enjoyed assisting the librarian as a classroom aide. Her favorite memory of high school was getting Senior High Point in 4-H with her horse, Murphy. After graduation, Taylor plans on being a marine wife and traveling around the world.



LHS tradition -Photos provided

A tradition Loogootee High School has upheld since the early 1990s is having students attend the Indiana Music Educators Association All-State Honor Band. Reece Tippery kept this tradition going this year. He participated in the prestigious concert band that includes the top high school band students from all across the state of Indiana. It took place from January 16-18 in Fort Wayne at the Embassy Theater.

Chamber holds monthly meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce met February 19 on Crane Base. Present for the meeting were representatives from the following businesses: Hollies Eats & Treats-Theresa Abney, The Candy Mill-Carolyn Parsons-Downey, MC Alliance-Tim Kinder, Martin County Community Foundation-Curt Johnson, West Boggs Park-Jameson Hibbs, Tourism-Karen Whorrall, WorkOne South Central-Linda Eslinger, Mike Boulanger and Jeff Grissom; Daviess-Martin REMC-Blake Kleaving, Loughmiller Machine-Pam Loughmiller and Memorial Hospital & Health Care-Meredith Voegerl and Adrian Lanman NSA Crane-Todd Woods and Jeff Nagan, Duke Energy-Kurt Phegley, Daviess Community Hospital-Angie Steiner, German American Bank-Kenny Frye, and American Tree Experts-Rodney Wright and Marie Hawkins.

The treasurer's report was given by Carolyn Parsons-Downey. There are no extra expenses this month. Money is coming in for sponsorship of the annual dinner. Marie Hawkins made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Angie Steiner, and all were in favor.

The secretary's report was given by Carolyn Parsons-Downey. The report was emailed out prior to the meeting and two minor corrections were made at that time. Karen Whorrall made a motion to accept the minutes, Marie Hawkins seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The program was given by Adrian Lanman, with Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. Adrian is the Director of Telemedicine Stroke Program. Memorial Hospital works very closely with University of Louisville Hospital. A person has a better change of full recovery when they can get medical help within four hours after they have a stroke. Some signs of a stroke: FAST – facial drop, arm may lose movement or draw up, speech may become slurred, time – they need to get help as soon as any of these systems show up. The sooner a person gets help the better chance of recovery is. Adrian gave the past history of the number of stroke victims they have seen and treated.

The Martin County Chamber Annual Dinner will be March 17, at 6 p.m. held at St. John's Center Lower Level. This year's guest speaker is Carolyn Gudger a resource officer from Sullivan High School who was faced with a gunman that had entered the school. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased at Old National

Bank in Loogootee and Shoals. They will be giving the award for Gene Show Citizen of the year, as well as Organization of the Year. They will be presenting one senior from both Loogootee and Shoals High School for the Chamber scholarship.

Upcoming events:
Blake Kleaving, with Daviess-Martin REMC, said they have an open position at REMC for marketing for Daviess, Martin and Lawrence counties. They will be holding their annual meeting at 6 p.m. on April 2 at North Daviess High School.

WestGate Academy – Pam Loughmiller, reported that Indiana Autonomous Day 2020 will be March 3, 2020. You can RSVP at www.westgate-academy.com/event.

Kenny Frye, with German American Bank, reported that this year will be the 25th year for Martin County Ag Day. The date is March 21 at the Martin County Community Building. German American will be holding their 6th year of Clean Sweep on April 25. They will take 10 teams that will pick up trash in the community. Teams will earn \$25 per bag of trash they turn in up to 10 bags.

Angie Steiner, with Daviess Community Hospital, reported they'll host a Women's Health Fair on February 27. Information has been sent out a couple of times through the Chamber.

Martin County has their first leadership program finishing up this spring. Theresa Abney had asked if the chamber would be willing to buy the group's lunch next month at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant. Karen Whorrall made a motion that the Chamber pay for their lunch, Pam Loughmiller seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The door prize was donated by Memorial Hospital & Health Care and the drawing was won by Blake Kleaving.

Marie Hawkins made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Karen Whorrall, and all were in favor.

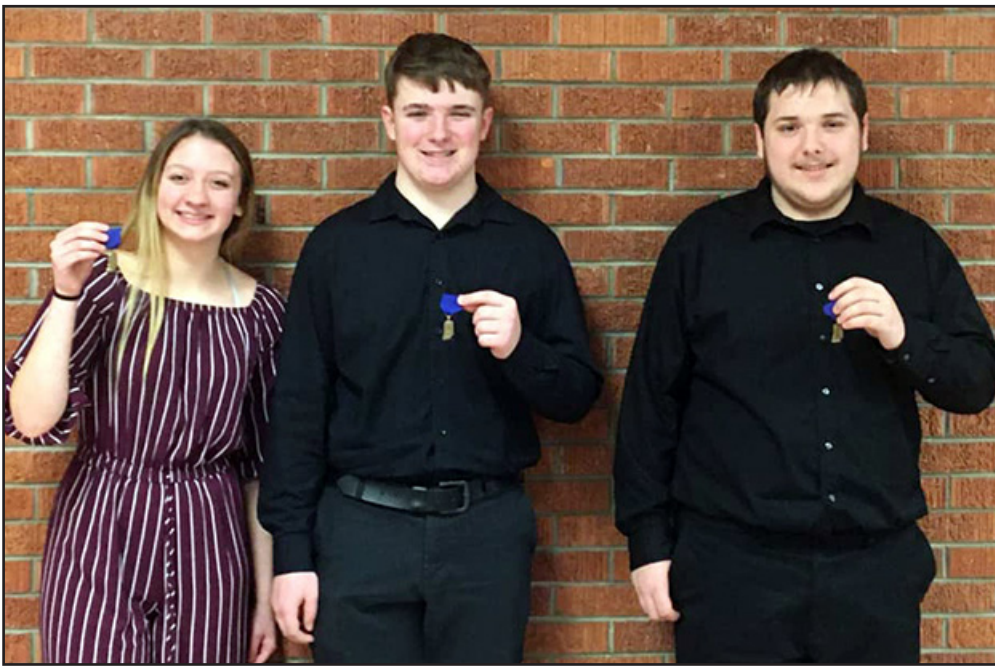
Freshman Orientation to be held March 12 at Shoals

Shoals High School will hold Freshman Orientation on Thursday, March 12 at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Items to be discussed include new graduation requirements, pathways and new majors that will be offered beginning with the class of 2024. Students will also be able to visit booths for each major and complete a course request. Refreshments will be served.

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LHS Band District winners



On Saturday, February 8, 19 Loogootee High School students participated in the instrumental District Solo and Ensemble contest at Southridge High School. Out of 18 entries, Loogootee had 11 gold ratings and seven silver. Scores range from nine as outstanding in nearly every detail to 36 as unacceptable in nearly every detail. Five students received a near perfect score of 9.5: Reece Tippery, Sarah Wagler, Wayden Wagoner, Emily Frisz, and Bridget Like. The flute trio received a perfect score: Sarah Wagler, Bridget Like and Abbey Fischer. On Saturday, February 29 the state qualifiers all took home gold medals. Soloist Reece Tippery and flute trio (Sarah Wagler, Bridget Like, and Abbey Fischer) earned gold with distinction. Next, the band will be performing at the Disney's Magic Kingdom March on Monday, March 23 at 9:45 a.m.



Purdue to offer immersive online program to train novices for cybersecurity jobs

BY GREG KLINE
Purdue University News Service

Purdue University is partnering with design and development company Socratic Arts to offer the Cyber Academy, a 30-week cybersecurity training program designed to train candidates with basic computer skills and a desire to learn about cybersecurity.

Students in the immersive program, developed with funding from the U.S. Department of Defense, learn to identify, defend against and reverse engineer cyberattacks in a realistic, but fictional, context as if they were entry-level employees in cybersecurity operations for the military, government or business.

"Purdue recognizes that cybersecurity is an exploding field vital to the nation and to society – and that there just are not enough trained people, at all levels, to fill jobs in this field," said Gerry McCartney, executive vice president for Purdue Online. "This partnership, among Purdue's many other cybersecurity teaching and research efforts, can help address the challenge."

More information about the Purdue Cyber Academy and other Purdue online programs is available through Purdue's unified online portal at online.purdue.edu. Informational sessions about the Purdue Cyber Academy will be held at 7 p.m. EST on Wednesday (March 4) and March 18. Visit <http://eventreg.purdue.edu/online/CAinfo> to sign up for the sessions.

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The Cyber Academy is open to students who are intensely curious, dogged at problem solving, and predisposed toward self-directed learning. Some knowledge of computer networks, protocols and the fundamentals of operating systems is recommended, but the Cyber Academy's successes have included people from a variety of other fields.

"The qualities successful students bring to the program are more important than their professional backgrounds," said Ray Bareiss, Socratic Arts vice president.

Students work through tasks in three modules involving 25 hours a week and building on each other. The initial Immediate Immersion course develops foundational cybersecurity knowledge, while the Defense and Attack courses that follow impart understanding of cybersecurity defense tactics and of the methods cyberattackers use.

The courses are not for college credit, but students receive certification upon completion, preparing them for entry-level cybersecurity jobs.

Purdue joins colleges and universities already offering the program, including the University of Texas at Austin and the University of California, Davis.

For more information please email cyberacademy@purdue.edu.

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Parkview Village Christian Care, is taking applications for **Evening Kitchen Positions** and **Evening & Night Resident Attendant Position**

Please apply online at www.parkview-village.org or in person at Parkview Village, 800 S. West St., Odon, IN 47562 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.



Call Gina Wagler at 812-636-3000 for more information

City of Loogootee Open Positions

The City of Loogootee is accepting applications for one Full-Time Laborer position and one Part-Time Mechanic Position with the Public Works Department.

- Full-Time laborer's position candidate requirements are, but not limited to:
- Must possess a valid Indiana driver's license
 - Must have a high school diploma or equivalent
 - Be able to pass pre-employment physical, drug and alcohol screening with random testing thereafter
 - Preference may be given to candidates with prior experience, possess a CDL license and/or heavy equipment skills
- Part-time mechanic's position candidate requirements are, but not limited to:
- Must possess a valid Indiana's driver's license
 - Must have a high school diploma or equivalent, certification from a vocational school or completion of apprenticeship is preferred
 - Be able to pass pre-employment physical, drug and alcohol screening with random testing thereafter
 - Preference may be given to candidate with a CDL and/or heavy equipment skills
 - Candidate will be required to conduct routine maintenance on vehicles and machinery, schedule future routine maintenance and maintain records of all work performed.

Applications available at the Loogootee Municipal Building or Utility Office, 401 JFK Avenue, Loogootee IN 47553. Deadline for job applications is Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 4 p.m.