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City drops issue of stop sign, purchases new truck

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Loogootee Board of Public Works and City Council met Monday night, March 11.

After several months of discussion about what needs to be done about speeding vehicles on Walker Street, the city council decided to drop the issue and do nothing at the intersection of Walker and Vine streets. Much discussion has ensued over the past several months on whether stop signs needed to be added to that intersection, speed bumps or digital speed alert signs. The council, last month, had decided to purchase a mobile digital speed alert sign and a stationary one. The cost of the mobile unit is \$8,805 and the stationary unit is \$3,345.

On Monday night, the board of public works, who meets prior to the city council, voted to instead purchase two stop signs at a cost of \$600 each.

When the city council reached that agenda item, Council Member Colin Padgett said he was never in favor of the digital signs or any sign. He said he feels like better patrol from the city police would suffice. "I don't think we need to add a stop sign every time someone is speeding," said Padgett noting that was his own personal opinion.

Council Member Roger Downey said he was not in favor of stop signs and neither were the police chief or the

public works superintendent.

Police Chief Kelly Rayhill agreed saying it was not a square intersection and he didn't think it would be safe. Mayor Noel Harty replied saying that Rayhill was for stop signs at the meeting he attended because that was what was discussed.

Rayhill said it was his recommendation, but the intersection is not square, and he just didn't think it would work.

Ruth Smith said she has been watching the intersection and she has seen only one person run the stop sign at Butcher Boulevard. She has not witnessed speeding vehicles and noted that her idea of speeding may not be what someone else thinks is speeding. She recommended the police issue tickets and the word will spread for folks to slow down.

Council Member Padgett said people speed down his road all the time but putting stop signs everywhere isn't going to help.

Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson requested permission from the board of public works and the city council to purchase two new trucks – one for the wastewater department and one for the street department. He spoke to Uebelhor's but they only have extended cab trucks at this time for \$44,833. He then contacted Ruxer Ford who has a 2018 standard cab for \$42,623.25 and a 2019 standard cab for \$43,816.25. The vehicles come with

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Multi-county and agency group unites together to support NSA Crane in new White River Military Coordination Alliance

A new multi-county and state agency team has assembled to aggressively support long-term economic growth and military value associated with the nearly 100-square-mile Naval Support Activity Crane (NSA Crane). The group, called the White River Military Coordination Alliance (WRMCA), expects to support joint strategies that will help capture new economic development opportunities that mutually benefit the military facility, the 3rd largest U.S. Navy base. These are made possible by the expansion of I-69 in the region and related commercial defense potential growth, according to Gene McCracken, who was elected to serve as the Alliance's first chair.

A major task for the new Alliance, which includes economic development engagement from five counties in southern Indiana – Daviess, Greene, Lawrence, Martin and Sullivan, will be to provide positive and practical support for putting into action the recent NSA Crane Joint Land Use Study. This now-completed study, which helps provide a pathway for positive development that is compatible with the Military missions of NSA Crane, was commissioned by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA), Radius Indiana, and

the Indiana Office of Defense Development (IODD).

A number of other major military facilities have faced encroachment and other issues that inhibit the mission of those facilities and hamper possible growth. The NSA Crane study was undertaken to be a forward-looking initiative that is expected to help avoid serious issues that have affected other military installations. At the same time, the Alliance will leverage the study to jointly promote positive development and growth in the region.

Located about 70 miles southwest of Indianapolis and 90 miles northeast of Evansville, NSA Crane represents one of the largest employers in southwest Indiana. NSA Crane operations are in or adjacent to Daviess, Greene, Lawrence and Martin counties. NSA Crane's Lake Glendora Test Facility (LGTF) is located in Sullivan County.

The Alliance will focus on three general areas in its pursuit of helping implement the Joint Land Use Study. This will include formal efforts to build trust among the Alliance members and region through mutual two-way communication between the communities, counties, state agencies and the NSA Crane base. "Anytime you have a massive global operation

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Commissioners change county's agent of record

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday night, March 12. The main topic of discussion was the county's workman compensation insurance and the potential for savings with the county's vehicle and property insurance. Dave Welsh, with German American, explained to the commissioners that since he took over being the agent for the workman's compensation, programs and classes pertaining to safety and headed up by courthouse staff, have lowered the county's accident rating. The lowered rating over the last few years has now paid off and Welsh said they county could save \$15,000-plus this year in liability insurance.

Welsh said that in looking at the property and auto insurance, from a distance, he noticed that the deductibles are all over the place and cited one case where a vehicle that may be worth \$300 is under a plan with a \$500 deductible. He said that he would love to be able to delve into the property and auto insurance, like he did with the liability insurance, but he is not the county's agent of record so he can't. He offered to take that position though to see what savings he could come up with for the county.

With Commissioner Kevin Boyd not present for the meeting, Commissioners Dan Gregory and Paul George spent a long time debating whether to change their agent of record. They consulted with the county

attorney who said that the commissioners can change the agent at any time. Commissioner George said he would prefer to wait until Commissioner Boyd was able to attend but it was noted by Welsh that the auto policies were auto-renewing on April 1. He said the county is currently paying \$35,000 for auto insurance with a \$500 deductible. Changing the deductible, he said, could save the county a lot of money on annual premiums.

After some more debate and a lot of silence, the two commissioners voted to change the agent of record from Rex Strawn to Dave Welsh. Welsh thanked the commissioners and said he will start immediately going through all the policies.

Prosecutor Aureola Wright talked to the commissioners about adding another attorney to her office. She said she went to the county council at their meeting and realized she should have talked to the commissioners first. She apologized but said she wanted to let them know what the issues are. She said that the case load has increased by 56 percent since 2014, in the county, and the backlog of cases has caused an issue with quality and case processing. It has also affected victim advocacy, which is important to her, she said.

Wright said that since she spoke to the county council, she has actually had an idea - hiring the 4D attorney, who handles child support cases, as a full-time position in her office. She said that the attorney would

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Martin County's unemployment rate at 3.5 percent for January

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Martin County's jobless rate bumped up from 2.7 percent in December to 3.5 percent in January, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported yesterday. The county had the 15th lowest jobless rate in the state for January, tied with Kosciusko, Tipton and Warrick counties.

In January, there were 5,204 residents in the workforce and 182 of them without jobs. In December, there were 5,166 residents able to work and 139 of them without jobs.

In January of last year, Martin County's jobless rate was 3 percent with 5,057 residents in the workforce and 153 of them unemployed.

Daviess County's jobless rate moved from 2.7 percent in December to 3.3 percent in January. The county had the sixth lowest unemployment rate in the state for January, tied with Adams, Johnson and Jackson counties.

In January, the county had 16,734 residents in the workforce and 560 of them unemployed. In December, there were 16,568 residents able to work and

441 of them without jobs. In January of last year, Daviess County's jobless rate was 2.9 percent with 15,845 residents in the workforce and 454 of them unemployed.

Dubois County's unemployment rate jumped from 2.4 percent in December to 3 percent in January. The county had the lowest jobless rate in the state for January, tied with Gibson County.

In January, the county had 23,289 residents in the workforce with 707 of them unemployed. In December, there were 23,113 residents able to work and 553 of them without jobs. In December of 2018, Dubois County's jobless rate was 2.6 percent with 22,988 residents in the workforce and 606 of them without jobs.

The top ten spots in the state with the lowest jobless rate for January were Gibson and Dubois counties at 3 percent, Hamilton, Boone, and Bartholomew counties at 3.1 percent; Johnson, Jackson, Daviess and Adams counties at 3.3 percent; and Steuben, Posey, Hendricks, DeKalb and Clinton counties at 3.4 percent.

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safety lighting and a snow plow. Both are utility bed trucks.

The board of public works recommended purchasing both vehicles however the city council did not approve that recommendation. Council Member Teresa Nolley asked if the trucks that will be replaced will be traded in. Wilson replied that he plans to just sell three trucks outright, through a bidding process, when they are replaced. They currently have a 2003 half ton four wheel drive with snow plow, a 2003 three-quarter ton two wheel drive, and a 2003 straight four wheel drive. Wilson said they have three other trucks that he would like to replace at one a year over the next three years.

Council Member Downey said he liked the recommendation however he didn't want to buy two trucks at the same time and would prefer to wait.

In the end, the council agreed to purchase one truck from the MVH (Motor Vehicle Highway) fund.

The council also agreed to purchase a new 61-inch cut Kawasaki mower from 3M Mowers, in Loogootee, for \$8,799. Superintendent Wilson said that 3M, in an effort to get the city's business, has offered service for the mower for the life of the mower and also a free weed eater, chain saw or leaf blower at no cost.

Council Member Nolley asked if Wilson plans to sell the two zero-turn mowers the city currently owns. Wilson said he plans to keep the 2007 model and sell the other.

The owners of Mill Street Grille and Hembree Auto talked to the board of works about parking issues on Southwest Third Street and Mill Street. It was noted that the congestion in the area causes traffic flow issues. Lisa Nonte, owner of Mill Street Grille, said she wasn't sure what the solution would be however possibly having lines painted and two-hour parking on Southwest Third Street would help. Mayor Harty said that he felt the general consensus was to limit parking on Southwest Third to two-hours at a time Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Roger Hembree, owner of Hembree Auto, said that he was under the impression that Mill Street would also be included in the parking change.

Nonte said that if parking was limited on Mill Street, it would affect all the businesses in the area, including Toy's Auto, whose employees park on Mill Street.

Hembree replied that a restaurant should not have been opened at that location and it is affecting his parking, along with his customers. Nonte said they have been there for a while and when they wanted to open it as a restaurant, there was no objection from the city.

Arguing then began to ensue and Mayor Harty brought the meeting back to order saying that a resolution had to be reached.

It was suggested that angled parking lines be put on the Mill Street Grille side of Southwest Third Street and then parallel parking only lines placed on the Hembree Auto side. Both with two-hour only parking.

Hembree said he owns the lot across from Mill Street Grille on Southwest Third Street and feels he should have a say-so in what happens to it.

Mayor Harty said that neither party seemed to want to agree on a resolution and asked Loogootee Police Chief Kelly Rayhill to look at the area and see if he had a solution. Mayor Noel Harty

then said they could possibly meet outside a meeting for a resolution.

Mayor Harty said he was contacted by Eagle Place Apartments about adding a loading zone and three handicap parking spots directly in front of the building on Church Street. This would put their handicap parking at five spots with three in front of the sidewalk and two in the parking lot across the street. Mayor Harty said he felt five spots for 20 apartments was a reasonable request.

Council Member Nolley suggested asking Hoosier Uplands, who owns Eagle Place Apartments, if they plan to do the work involved with potentially sloping the sidewalk and making the area ADA compliant. Superintendent Bo Wilson also noted that an ordinance would have to be approved by the city council as well. The council agreed with adding the parking spots and loading zone once Eagle Place answered these questions.

Superintendent Wilson wanted it noted to the public that water main construction on Park Street is supposed to be starting this month, per the contractor hired.

Wilson also talked to the council about repairs to the electric at the city park. He said that Duke Energy has provided four new poles for the lighting that will be installed when the ground dries some. They have also offered to purchase dusk to dawn lighting. M&M Electric provided a quote for \$15,137.20 to rewire the shelter houses, with electrical boxes, and run the wire to the four poles once installed.

Council Member Nolley asked how the park board planned to pay for the work since there was no money in their budget. Using Public Safety LOIT (Local Option Income Tax) money was discussed but Mayor Harty said he felt using it for lighting would be a stretch according to statute.

Nolley also noted that repairs are needed on the kiddie pool and they don't have the money to pay for that either.

It was decided that they would table both issues until next month while they figure out a way to pay for the work.

Martin County Alliance Director Tim Kinder talked about the city joining the county and the Towns of Shoals and Crane so Martin County, as a whole, could become a broadband ready community. He provided an example resolution that the City of Bedford approved. Kinder noted that becoming broadband ready would help with showing Martin County's interest in getting broadband access and could help with the \$100 million in Next Level grants the state will be giving out. Kinder said there was no guarantee that it would get funds for the county but having the joint resolution could not hurt. The resolution doesn't cost anything to approve. The council said they are on board with doing the resolution jointly and Kinder said he will be speaking to the commissioners Tuesday night and already had approval from the Towns of Shoals and Crane. He would bring the resolution back to next month's council meeting.

The council approved the following building permits:

-Kerns Property Management for a concrete drive at 122 Church Street

-Carl Wiscaver for a building add-on at 204 E. Broadway Street

-Loogootee Public Library for a building at 504 Park Street

Carol Rayhill was not present for the city council meeting.

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handle child support cases 25 percent of the time and then lower-level misdemeanors the rest of the time. Since the 4D attorney is already paid by the county for the work she currently does, she estimates and additional salary of \$40,000-\$43,000. It was noted that this would not include the amount for benefits which would be a little less than half of the salary. Wright said that it would also be beneficial to clients, and herself, to be able to speak to the 4D attorney whenever needed, having her in the office. She currently works out of Dubois County. Wright said she has a spare office at the prosecutor's office and wouldn't need any additional space.

The commissioners gave Wright the go ahead with hiring the 4D attorney full time if the council could find a way to fund it.

Tim Hunt, with HWC Engineering, gave the commissioners an update on the historical analysis being done on the Brickyard Road bridge. He said the funding has been set aside for the bridge, through federal monies, once the analysis is complete. They expect the new bridge to be installed in 2022 to 2024.

Hunt also told the commissioners that they should know who is awarded money from the Community Crossings grant next week or by the end of the month, at the latest. The county applied for \$1 million and he noted that three bridges are included in that application for a total of around \$100,000. He said this would help with the mounting bridge issues in the county.

Brent Roberts, with BF&S, talked to the commissioners about issues with Brooks Bridge. He said that 10 connections are failing which impact 12 truss-

es on the bridge. The connections need to be fixed in the next few years, per Roberts, or the bridge will have to be closed. He told the commissioners that they can decide how the work will be done – a few connections at a time or all of them at once. The commissioners asked Roberts to get prices for both ways and report back. It was noted that Brooks Bridge would be closed while repairs are done. The bridge was completely rehabbed in 2009.

Roberts also talked about the serious erosion problem on the west bank of Brooks Bridge Road. They are awaiting permits from DNR to do repairs, but Roberts noted that the work needs to be more extensive than originally planned due to the amount of erosion.

Commissioner Dan Gregory talked to Commissioner George about the broadband ready community resolution that has now been approved by the county council, City of Loogootee, and Towns of Shoals and Crane. He requested that the commissioners also approve being a part of the resolution. George agreed.

Auditor Bobbie Abel said that since the health department is moving across the street, behind the courthouse, they have requested that the parking lot potholes be filled. There has also been a request to have the sidewalk evened out, behind the courthouse. The commissioners requested that the highway department fix the parking lot and Abel look into finding a company who will fix the sidewalk.

Abel also told the commissioners that the front doors of the courthouse are leaking causing water to enter the downstairs and into the ceiling tiles. The commissioners requested Abel to contact the company that installed the doors and have them come look at the problem.

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like Crane, unfounded rumors and misunderstandings can inadvertently arise," explained McCracken. "The Alliance will help counter that with a pro-active communication outreach and joint community building."

The second area will be to help sustain and grow NSA Crane's established capacity to provide military value.

The third initiative being addressed by the new Alliance is to foster mutually beneficial development in the region and create a problem-solving platform for all engaged parties. "As both a principal munitions supplier and a federal national laboratory, NSA Crane has historically been in the forefront of U.S. military technology development," explained Matt Craig, director of Crane Community Support for Radius Indiana. "The Alliance will help both the neighboring communities and professionals inside the Crane base better work together to advance everyone's best interest."

"We have the advantage of a talented and highly motivated group of economic development professionals, elected officials, senior military representatives and others who all hold the strategic support of NSA Crane and NSWC Crane as critically important," said McCracken, who is also vice president of the Lawrence County Commissioners and a former local economic development professional. "We already have created positive momentum in the region with the joint communication efforts that produced the new NSA Crane Land Use Study, and we expect to build on that momentum with the Alliance."

The 26-member Alliance includes

economic development directors, mayors, county commissioners, county and city council members, command-level officers from NSA Crane, the CEO of the Regional Opportunities Initiative (ROI), the executive director of the Southern Indiana Development Commission, state agency administrators, Radius Indiana representatives and others.

"Several officials in the various counties and NSA administrators have collaborated previously for important initiatives like the three-county West-Gate@Crane Technology Park," said Brianne Jerrels, who was named vice chair of the new Alliance. "We all look forward to this new Alliance serving as a catalyst to improve communication even further and help create new opportunities." Jerrels also serves as the executive director of the Greene County Economic Development Corporation.

"The Alliance has already added a new dimension of unified effort to the region to support NSA Crane's growth, and to identify Crane-related opportunities that can potentially advance prosperity," said Bryant Niehoff, executive director of the Daviess County Economic Development Corporation. "We anticipate great success for the Alliance and the region."

In addition to naming McCracken as its new chair and Jerrels as vice chair, the Alliance also named Jathan Wright, the clerk-treasurer for the city of Linton in Greene County, as the organization's secretary.

The Alliance expects to release additional details of its plan to support its three general initiatives later this spring.

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MARY PHILLIPS

Mary E. Phillips passed away at her home on Monday, March 11, 2019. A resident of Loogootee, she was 69.

She was born January 6, 1950 in Plymouth; daughter of Lloyd and Henrietta (Greer) Evan. She married Joseph A. Phillips on September 9, 1969 in Loogootee.

She was employed by Federal Mogol in Leiters Ford, Indiana.

Survivors include her husband; children, Lila J. (Jerry Jr.) Allen of Loogootee, Lloyd E. Phillips (Wilma Neace) of Rochester, Linda R. (Larry) Allen of Vincennes, and Annetta M. (Jerry Jr. "Hairball") Walters of Winamac; five brothers, Lloyd "Pike" (Peggy) Evans, Roger (Coleen) Evans, Orville Evans, Robert (Sheila) Evans, Charles (Sue) Green, and Patrick (Naomi) Evans; and two sisters, Rebecca Gardener and Becky "Candy" Beatty Brodner.

She is preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Bonnie Lou Deaton and Gloria Jean Cox and a great granddaughter.

Services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at the Mt Zion Church with Bro. John Simmons officiating. Burial will be in the Mt. Zion Cemetery. Visitation will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday until the time of service at the church.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes is entrusted with the arrangements.

JAYMA ACTON

Jayma Sue (Larkin) Acton passed away at 8:28 p.m. Monday, March 11, 2019 at St. Vincent's Hearth Center, Indianapolis. A resident of Bloomington, she was 54.

She was born February 18, 1965 in Loogootee; daughter of James and Lenora (Davis) Larkin. She graduated from Loogootee High School in 1983 and Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education in 1986. She married David Acton on June 28, 1986.

Jayma was a member of St. Paul Catholic Center in Bloomington. She was an elementary teacher for Monroe County School Corporation since 1987, with the last 29 years at Childs Elementary. She absolutely loved teaching and always referred to her students as her kids. She was a wonderful daughter, wife, mother, and Nana J. She truly enjoyed spending time with her family, playing all types of games and cards, singing enthusiastically, enjoying hikes in all types of state and national parks, and spending time on her screened in porch.

She is survived by her mother, Lenora (Davis) Larkin; husband, David Acton; two sons, James and wife, Samantha and Matthew and fiancé, Kelsey Sigman; daughter, Hannah; one grandson, Roy James; sister, Mary Ann McAtee and husband, Steve; four nephews and one niece.

She was preceded in death by her dad, James Larkin.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 14 at St. Paul Catholic Center in Bloomington. Burial will follow at Clear Creek Cemetery in Bloomington.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington. A rosary will be prayed at 4 p.m. at the start of visitation.

In lieu of flowers, respectfully requests donations be made to the Monroe County Community School Cor-

poration Foundation. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Jayma's family at www.allencares.com.

ALICE WILDMAN

Alice Lloyd Wildman passed away March 11, 2019 at the Loogootee Nursing Center. A resident of Shoals, she was 99.

She was born March 8, 1920 in Martin County; daughter of Frank and Kathryn (Fawcett) Sherfick. She married Wilmer Wildman on July 11, 1936 and he preceded her in death on June 12, 1986.

She attended Trinity Springs Church of Christ, retired from Sarkas Tarzan in Bloomington and Wavetech in Beech Grove. She loved sitting on the front porch enjoying nature, gardening, the outdoors, was an avid mushroom hunter and was a State Champion Quilter, competing in the State Fair.

Survivors include her children, Warren L. Wildman of Trinity Springs, Wilma K. Tirmenstein (Don Hauser) of Indianapolis, and Leslie E. "Les" Wildman of Trinity Springs; four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and one sister, Dorothy Bough of Loogootee.

Preceding her in death are her brothers, Kenneth Sherfick and Herbert Sherfick; and sister, Mary Johnson.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 15 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Warren Lee Wildman Jr. officiating. Burial will be in the Trinity Springs Cemetery. Visitation is at 11:30 a.m. Friday until the time of service.

Memorial donations may be made, in lieu of flowers, to the Trinity Springs Church of Christ.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

DOYLE ELLIOTT

Doyle Elliott passed away at 2:20 p.m. Sunday, March 10, 2019 at Good Samaritan Society - Northwood in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, he was 77.

He was born April 28, 1941 in Whitfield; son of the late Clarence and Ada (Doyle) Elliott.

Doyle was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and the St. Martin Men's Club. He loved playing cards and antique cars. He also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Ada (Doyle) Elliott; sisters, Naomi (Rocky) Walters, Martha (Merrill) Wolford; brothers, Clarence Jr. (LaVon), Carl (Marie), Curt, Fred, Norbert, and Larry Elliott; and brother-in-law, Bob VanWinkle.

He is survived by his wife, Rita Joan Mattingly, who he married June 22, 1963; daughter, Judith Anne (Chris) Winger of Canton, South Dakota; grandchildren, Bryce (Kaitlin) Winger of Harvest, Alabama, Mercedes Winger of Odon, Jayce (Kaitlin) Winger of San Antonio, Texas, Tiana and Alexia Winger of Canton, South Dakota; great-grandchildren, Keely and Kara Winger, Karsyn and Aryia Winger and Evelyn Nora Winger; siblings, Donna VanWinkle of Loogootee, Tony (Debbie) Elliott of Indianapolis, Mike (Vonda) Elliott of Loogootee; sisters-in-law, Irene Elliott and Georgia Elliott, both of Loogootee, Mary Elliott of Harrison, Thelma Elliott of Wilmington, Ohio, Patricia Tow of Fishers, Alberta Turner of Indianapolis, and Bonnie Tennis of Wash-

ington; and brother-in-law, Tim (Eleanor) Mattingly of Montgomery.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 16 at St. Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held Friday, March 15 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at St. Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield and Saturday, March 16 from 9 a.m. until the of service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

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

Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

MARY LENTZ

Mary Louise Lentz passed away at 6:15 p.m. Saturday, March 9, 2019 at The Timbers of Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, she was 101.

She was born March 13, 1917 in Cannelburg; daughter of the late Joseph B. and Josephine (Arvin) McCann Williams.

Mary was a member of the St. Martin Altar Society and a quilter, greeter and funeral meal committee for St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. She liked volunteering at the Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center when her health allowed. She enjoyed playing cards and spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph J. Lentz, who she married May 25, 1939 and passed away August 29, 1984; son, Jim Lentz; granddaughters, Denise Michele Lentz and Amanda Lentz; great-granddaughters, Kinan Marie Lentz, Jaca Christine Lentz and Breana Dules; parents, Joseph B. and Josephine (Arvin) McCann Williams; and siblings, Shelley, Dode and Adrian Williams, Lettie Strange, Annie McDonald, Ellen Burr, Earl and Raymond McCann and Margie Spalding.

She is survived by her children, Charles (Terri) Lentz of Orlando, Florida; Tony Lentz of Indianapolis, Linda (Ron) Mehne of Jasper and Nancy (Richard) Summers of Loogootee; daughter-in-law, Mickey Lentz of Indianapolis; grandchildren, Marcy Dules, Rob Lentz, Lisa Lentz, Eric Lentz, Knute Lentz, Jeff Mehne, Jill Weidenbener, Amy Stevens, Aaron Summers and Ali Summers; 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker and concelebrant, Fr. Joseph Erbacher at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 14 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Burial will follow in St. Martin Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, March 13 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee and Thursday, March 14 from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church or St. Martin Catholic Cemetery.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

MABLE AKLES

Mable A. Akles passed away at her home on March 9, 2019. A resident of Shoals, she was 77.

She was born October 18, 1941 in Martin County; daughter of Frank and Clara (Sheetz) Wilcoxon. She married Joseph Larry Akles on August 6, 1960 and he preceded her in death December 23, 2018.

Mable graduated Shoals High School and was retired from The United Postal Service Shoals Post Office. She was a past member of the Toastmaster Club, and was an avid reader, artist and writer. She was a devoted wife and loving mother who will be greatly missed.

Surviving are two sons, Larry Joseph "Joe" Akles and Kevin James Akles, both of Shoals; one daughter, Natalie Ann (Tim) Sargent of Winchester, Virginia; one grandson, Tanner Akles of Loogootee; one brother, Leland Wilcoxon of Shoals and sister-in-law, Ruby Wilcoxon of Shoals.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, one brother, Gerald Lee Wilcoxon; and sisters, Bonnie Davis, Ruth Hunt, Wilma Davis, Virginia Brown, Bernice Morris and Ann Vaught.

No services are planned. The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes is in charge of the arrangements.

ANNE ARVIN

Anne Arvin passed away at 11:35 a.m. Thursday, March 7, 2019 at Newburgh Healthcare in Newburgh. A resident of Loogootee, she was 78.

She was born August 10, 1940 in Daviess County; daughter of the late Michael and Mary (Fegan) Steiner.

Anne was a past member of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and St. Martin Altar Society. She also was a past member of St. Martin Catholic Church and a current member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. She loved spending time with her family and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Joseph Arvin; parents, Michael and Mary (Fegan) Steiner; sisters, Mary Jane Colbert, Dorothy Hagerty and Joan Steiner; and brothers, John "Jack" Steiner, Charles Steiner and James Steiner.

She is survived by her sons, Douglas J. Arvin of Acworth, Georgia; Michael (Lisa) Arvin of Loogootee and David (Aimee) Arvin of Newburgh; grandchildren, Charles Raymond Arvin, Allyson Ann (Landon) Lengacher, Bradley Douglas Arvin, Adalyn Rae (Liam) Hollihan, Kaeleigh Dawn Ross and Raymond Nicholas Arvin; great-grandchild, Lanson Michael Lengacher; brother, Dan Steiner; sisters-in-law, Mary June Steiner and Barbara Steiner; and brother-in-law, Ralph Hagerty.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Tuesday, March 12 at St. Martin Catholic Church.

Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.



MARY LENTZ



ANNE ARVIN

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MARCH 4

9:15 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:10 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check southeast of Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

2:52 p.m. - Received a report of a scam in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

2:54 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

4:29 p.m. - Received a report of debris on US 231, north of Loogootee. Deputy Gibson responded and removed the debris.

4:35 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded and picked up the dogs.

5:36 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

10:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

2:09 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:08 a.m. - Received a report of animal neglect near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was contacted.

8:43 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

8:48 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check southeast of Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded and all was okay.

10:38 a.m. - Deputy Shinn performed a vehicle identification check in Shoals.

10:48 a.m. - Deputy Gibson transported two inmates to court.

11:06 a.m. - Received a report of animal neglect in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was contacted.

11:31 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

11:51 a.m. - Jail Officer Shaw took one inmate to the doctor.

12:23 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:47 p.m. - Deputy Gibson transported three inmates to court.

3:06 p.m. - Deputy Wright performed two vehicle identification checks in Crane.

4:19 p.m. - Shoals Fire assisted a person in to their home near Shoals.

5:34 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. No one was transported.

6:01 p.m. - Received a report of a flue fire near Shoals. Shoals Fire, Deputy Lents, and Deputy Gibson responded.

7:29 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital. Lost River Fire assisted.

10:44 p.m. - Received a report of a child out of control in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

11:29 a.m. - Deputy Gibson took one inmate to court.

11:30 a.m. - Received a request for a

welfare check south of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

1:54 p.m. - Deputy Gibson took two inmates to court.

9:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

6:35 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:30 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:28 a.m. - Jail Officer Shaw took one inmate to the doctor.

10:16 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist in Shoals.

10:22 a.m. - Sergeant Keller took two inmates to court.

12:19 p.m. - Jail Officer Shaw took one inmate to rehab.

12:59 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took two inmates to court.

1:34 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took two inmates to court.

2:35 p.m. - Received a report of property damage south of Loogootee. Deputy Wright responded.

2:59 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took three inmates to court.

3:30 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

4:10 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took two inmates to court.

4:45 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took two inmates to court.

5:19 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals on SR 150. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

5:35 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 231, north of Loogootee. Deputy Wright, Loogootee Officer McBeth, Loogootee Fire, an Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

10:26 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute north of Shoals. Deputy Reed, Deputy Wright, Town Marshal Eckert, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

2:54 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

7:33 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:49 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:50 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Wright unlocked the vehicle.

10:37 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Deputy Wright unlocked the vehicle.

11:23 a.m. - Deputy Shinn performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

1:01 p.m. - Received a dog neglect call in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

2:42 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

2:55 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle on Hwy. 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:42 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi on SR 450. Reserve Deputy Greene and Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

10:43 p.m. - Received a report of a disorderly teenager near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert, Corporal Reed, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:45 p.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle near Shoals. Corporal Reed responded.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

6:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:42 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded and all was secure.

5:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin

County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:21 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

9:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:23 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

12:17 a.m. - Received a report of an accident and tree down on SR 50, west of Shoals. Deputy Lents and Shoals Fire responded.

10:05 a.m. - Deputy Gibson did a vehicle unlock in Shoals.

1:12 p.m. - Deputy Gibson assisted with a property dispute in Shoals.

5:43 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

7:29 p.m. - Received a report of a run-away north of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, MARCH 4

10:01 p.m. - James Cunningham, 60, of Loogootee, was arrested by DEA Officer Garland and charged with dealing in methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia, and maintaining a common nuisance. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were the Daviess County Sheriff's Office and the Washington Police Department.

11:40 p.m. - Georgia Cunningham, 58, of Loogootee, was arrested by DEA Officer Garland and charged with dealing in methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia, and maintaining a common nuisance. She is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were the Daviess County Sheriff's Office and the Washington Police Department.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

12:48 a.m. - Enemesio Mora, 30, of Washington, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan and charged with driving while suspended prior. His bond has been set at \$20,000 10%.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

12:03 p.m. - Keaton Teague-Napier, 18, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennette and charged with possession of methamphetamine on school property and is being held without bond. Loogootee Chief Rayhill assisted with the arrest.

12:03 p.m. - Noah Hinojosa, 18, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennette and charged with possession of methamphetamine on school property and is being held without bond. Loogootee Chief Rayhill assisted with the arrest.

12:03 p.m. - Kaedon Holt, 18, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennette and charged with possession of methamphetamine on school property and is being held without bond. ISP Trooper Beaver assisted with the arrest.

12:32 p.m. - Rosliene Evans, 31, of Boonville, was arrested by Deputy Reed and charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of paraphernalia. She is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Captain Dant and K9 Officer Yirka.

1:44 p.m. - Logan Kelsey, 22, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with possession of a controlled substance and neglect of a dependent. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Deputy Wright, K9 Officer Spike, and the department of child services.

2:26 p.m. - Jasmine Harner, 22, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with possession of a controlled substance and neglect of a dependent. She is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Deputy Wright, K9 Officer Spike, and the department of child services.

8:24 p.m. - Rory Browder, 53, of Shoals, was arrested by Shoals Town Marshal Eckert and charged with dealing of a controlled substance and is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

11:45 p.m. - Trenton Chastain, 31, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Reed and charged with battery, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on a \$50,000 10% bond. Assisting with the arrest were Shoals Town Marshal Eckert and Deputy Wright.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

8:30 p.m. - Cole Hovis, 23, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Johnson and charged with operating while intoxicated controlled substance. His bond has been set at \$20,000 10%.

Sobriety checkpoint

Indiana State Police Jasper District Commander Lieutenant Jason Allen has announced troopers will be conducting a sobriety checkpoint in Dubois County on Friday, March 22. The exact location and time will not be released. Motorists that are not impaired can expect a very short delay of 2-3 minutes while passing through the checkpoint.

Troopers encourage all motorists to call 911 or the closest Indiana State Police Post when they observe another motorist that may be impaired. Be prepared to give a description of the vehicle, location and direction of travel.

Operation Pull-Over Blitz will continue through March 24.

COURT NEWS

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

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

January 29

Ryan D. Bell, convicted of intimidation, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 545 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 15 months of probation.

February 7

Al R. Martin, convicted of possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor and possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 277 days suspended and credit for 44 actual days previously served plus 44 Class A credit days. Defendant received 9 months of probation.

February 12

Chiffonne N. Puckett, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony and possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 570 days suspended and credit for 80 actual days previously served plus 80 Class A credit days. Defendant received 19 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES

DISMISSED

February 7

Al R. Martin, possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

February 12

Chiffonne N. Puckett, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

March 1

Christine M. White, illegal possession of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

February 28

Christy L. Hert vs. Richard A. Hert, petition for dissolution of marriage.

March 1

Crane Credit Union vs. Amber M. Pulliam, civil collection.

Crane Credit Union vs. Ashley N. Robards, civil collection.

Crane Credit Union vs. Michael D. Hollar and Miles N. Hollar, civil collection.

March 4

Prestige Financial Services vs. William Grafton and Ramona Grafton, civil collection.

March 5

Real estate transfers

Lisa Luegers Mehringer, of Martin County, Indiana and **Robin Knies, Jane Durcholz, and Arminda C. Bueltel**, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Sam and Abby Mehringer Farms, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of Section 13, Township 1 North, Range 5 West, containing 2.8374 acres.

Helen S. Albright, of Martin County, Indiana to **Curtis F. Rafferty and Karyn B. Rafferty**, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, 1.679 acres, more or less, in Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West in the Town of Shoals, Martin County, Indiana.

Gary L. Sager, of Martin County, Indiana to **Garrett L. Carrico**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Sysco/Louisville, Inc. vs. Carla Harner d/b/a Carla's Country Catering, civil collection.

Capital One Bank vs. Sabra D. Taylor, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

February 27

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Kimberly Whitaker in the amount of \$13,289.98.

March 1

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Citibank and against the defendants Dale E. Abel and Darcus J. Abel for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$22,398.95.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Amanda Campbell in the amount of \$637.61.

March 5

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Janice A. Haney in the amount of \$8,079.22.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Roger L. Robinson in the amount of \$3,627.77.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance and against the defendant Keith E. Williams for civil plenary in the amount of \$6,193.56.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

February 28

Hoosier Accounts vs. Lori D. Daniel, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts vs. Logan Dant, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts vs. Kirby McGuire, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts vs. Amy N. Gilbert, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts vs. Matthew S. Clark, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts vs. Jasmine N. Harner, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts vs. Gina Divine, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Kason J. Henderson, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. John D. Capps, Jr., complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Alvin Dukes, Jr., complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Bryan L. Haworth, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Steven J. Knox, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Cory Baker, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Virgil A. Strong, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Phillip B. Mitchell, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Brandi L. Baker, complaint.

March 1

Hoosier Accounts vs. Michael W. Jewell, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts vs. Kyle Searl, complaint.

March 4

Crane Credit Union vs. Beverly A. Dale and Geneann Dale, complaint.

Monty Gregory vs. Jay and Melissa Sargent, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

March 5

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Nicole M. Huff in the amount of \$5,982.59.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

March 7

Darren K. Holt of Shoals and Amanda Jeanne Stewart of Shoals.

Loogootee Police log

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:00 a.m. - Captain Hennette tagged an abandoned vehicle in Sunset Trailer Court.

11:03 a.m. - Caller reported a broken-down semi on US 231.

11:35 a.m. - Caller reported a broken-down vehicle near CVS.

1:29 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

1:35 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle all over the road on US 231.

2:41 p.m. - Female requested a vehicle identification check.

3:16 p.m. - Female reported her wallet stolen at Ruler.

3:40 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle ran through a stop arm. Vehicle was located and a male was cited for reckless driving.

5:35 p.m. - Chief Rayhill stopped a vehicle and a male operating the vehicle. The male was later admitted to Daviess Community Hospital with a BAC of .445. Charges were filed.

6:05 p.m. - First responders were requested on Broadway Street for a medical call.

8:00 p.m. - Female reported a harassment complaint.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

10:05 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

2:50 p.m. - Female reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

5:15 p.m. - Caller reported juveniles riding scooters without helmets.

6:24 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a possible fire on West Broadway Street. Everything checked out okay.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

6:30 a.m. - Male reported vandalism to his vehicle.

8:40 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Cedar Street.

1:25 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

3:30 p.m. - Male reported a property damage accident on US 231.

6:15 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the county with a drug activity.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

8:04 a.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident at the intersection of US 50 and 231.

10:38 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle making bad passes on US 231.

10:55 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

3:32 p.m. - Male requested a welfare check on a female.

10:09 p.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

11:30 p.m. - Caller reported extra patrol.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

8:32 a.m. - Officer McBeth assisted the county with a residential alarm.

8:43 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male on North Line Street.

11:16 a.m. - Caller reported a verbal dispute on JFK Avenue.

11:56 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

8:30 p.m. - Female reported a verbal dispute in Sunset Trailer Court.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

3:53 p.m. - Female reported a dispute on JFK Avenue.

8:26 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle near Family Dollar.

8:38 p.m. - Female reported a battery case involving a juvenile.

11:45 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

MONDAY, MARCH 4

3:33 a.m. - First responders were requested in Loogootee for a medical call.

9:15 a.m. - Caller reported having problems with a loose dog on Acker-

man Drive.

2:52 p.m. - Male reported a quick change scam at Marathon.

5:34 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

9:46 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

2:09 a.m. - First responders were requested on Boston Street for a medical call.

7:42 a.m. - Caller reported a broken-down vehicle on Kentucky Avenue.

11:31 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on an elderly male on NW 1st Street.

2:15 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

10:46 p.m. - Caller requested an officer for an out of control juvenile.

11:08 p.m. - Male requested extra patrol.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

7:35 p.m. - Caller reported having problems with a juvenile.

9:18 p.m. - First responders were requested in Bowling Trailer Court for a medical call.

10:45 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

7:30 a.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident at the light near Chuckles.

10:45 a.m. - Female reported a possible intoxicated driver on JFK Avenue.

1:15 p.m. - Female reported a lost wallet.

3:30 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Queen Street.

4:02 p.m. - Male reported a civil matter.

5:47 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a vehicle accident.

9:25 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male near Wendy's parking lot.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

1:01 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle at Country Place Apartments.

2:25 p.m. - Female reported a civil complaint.

2:42 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident in the IGA parking lot.

3:23 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

8:45 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

6:20 a.m. - First responders were requested in Burns City for a medical call.

12:42 p.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a residential alarm.

5:15 p.m. - First responders were requested on Pleasant View Lane for a medical call.

8:10 p.m. - Female reported a possible break-in at her residence.

9:35 p.m. - Caller reported a male making a disturbance on North Line Street.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

9:15 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

6:31 p.m. - Female reported a possible violation of a protective order.

9:16 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on Butcher Boulevard.

11:09 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



The Boy Scout came to his troop meeting with a black eye. When asked what had happened, he said that he had tried to help an elderly lady across the street.

“How in the world,” asked the Scoutmaster, “did you get a black eye doing that?”

“Well,” the young Scout replied, “she didn’t want to go.”

THOUGHTS:

*Old hippies never die, they just fade into crazy grandparents.

*I thought I was losing weight, but it turned out my sweat pants had come untied.

*They say women speak 20,000 words a day. I have a daughter who gets that done by breakfast.

*Me: I’m so tired from all that cross-fit this morning.

Friend: It’s pronounced croissant... and I’m not sure how you managed to eat 12.

*I have the right to remain silent. I just don’t have that ability.

*I came, I saw, I forgot what I was doing, retraced my steps, got distracted on my way back, have no idea what’s going on and now I have to pee.

*Thing I have in common with Victoria Secret’s models: being hungry.

*If really good-looking people are “eye candy” I guess that puts me somewhere around the “eye broccoli” category.

*Reading can seriously damage your ignorance.

*I miss the good ole days...when you could actually have an opinion without offending somebody.

*My superpower is holding on to

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



FIONA is a female dilute tortoiseshell cat, around 2 years old. She is very sweet and gets along with other cats. She is spayed and up to date on shots. Adoption fee is \$45. 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.humanesocietyofmartin-county.org.

junk for years and throwing it away a week before I need it.

DID YOU KNOW?

LIFESAVERS. In 1912, a Cleveland candy-maker named Clarence Crane decided to make a mint to sell in the summer. Until then, most mints were imported from Europe; Crane figured he could cut the price by making them in the U.S. He had the candy manufactured by a pill-maker—who discovered that his machinery would only work if it punched a hole in the middle of each candy. So, Crane called the mint *Life-savers*.

LEFTIES. Why are lefties called “southpaws?” In the late 1890s, most baseball parks were laid out with the pitcher facing west and the batter facing east (so the sun wouldn’t be in his eyes). That meant left-handed pitchers threw with the arm that faced south. So, Chicago sportswriter Charles Seymour began calling them “southpaws.”

HELP WANTED ADS:

*Wanted: Jelly maker wants to practice with professional jazz band. Object: Jam sessions.

*Wanted: Mail Sorters – must be letter perfect.

*Wanted: Success-oriented people to drive cement trucks—Only individuals with concrete plans for the future need apply.

*Wanted: Construction company needs man to dig holes—Ground level position available.

*Wanted: Man needed to pack new mittens in small crates—Must have experience boxing gloves.

Make someone smile today!

Gift of Life banquet

The Pregnancy Care Center of Washington is holding their “Gift of Life” banquet on April 4, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the community building at Eastside Park in Washington. Featured speaker is Kailee Perrin from Syracuse, New York. The meal will be catered by Wittmer’s Catering. Music will be provided by Barefoot Sundays. They will be updating the community on the ministry and the status of the remodeling of the new building on Walnut Street on the west side of Washington. Please call the office at (812) 257-1041 if you want to purchase tickets. Tickets are \$15 for individuals and \$25 for couples. Tickets can be picked up at their office at 705 Troy Road in Washington or you can send a check and the tickets will be mailed to you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, March 14 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

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. Lo-

cated in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

Humane society meetings

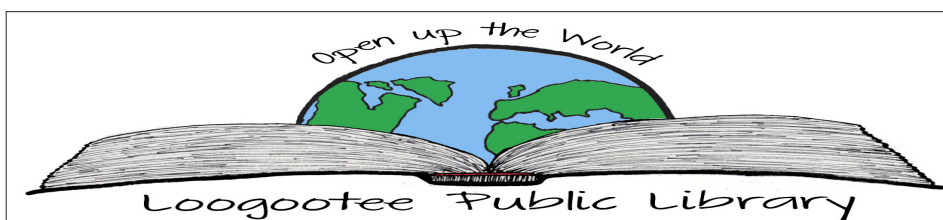
The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 5:30 p.m.

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.



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library will be closed Thursday, March 21, from 2-5 p.m. so employees can attend the new library building groundbreaking. If you have driven on Park Street in the past week, you might have noticed the new library construction sign posted on the building site. Seufert’s Construction will begin the ground work this month.

Saturday, March 13 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. National Library Week Spring Fling Book/Bake and Vendor Sale at Loogootee United Methodist Church. Sponsored by Friends of Loogootee Library. Young Living, 31, Trades of Hope, Vessels Pottery Studio, Handwoven by Sharron, Damsel in Defense, Handcrafted & Homemade Items, Lemongrass Spa, Wini Frances Children’s Book author, and many more. There will be new vendors added until April 1, 2019. There will be lots of books for sale including some new hardbacks. I have been weeding books and have a couple hundred children’s books in the sale.

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 Com-

merce, and Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL). There will be copies available at the book signing.

New Books:

Mystery Fiction: “Broken Bone China” by Laura Childs, “Wolf Pack” by C. J. Box, “All the Wrong Places” by Joy Fielding, and “A Lethal Legacy” by Heather Graham.

Fiction: “Cemetery Road” by Greg Iles and “Silent Night” by Danielle Steel.

Inspirational Fiction: “How the Light Gets In” by Jolina Petersheim and “When You Are Near” by Tracie Peterson, “The Unexpected Champion” by Mary Connealy, “Hearts in Harmony” by Beth Wiseman, and “All IN” by Shelley Shepard Gray.

Nonfiction: “The First Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill George Washington” by Brad Meltzer, “Keto Diet” by Dr. Josh Axe, and “The Clean 20” by Ian Smith M.D.

DVDs: “Green Book”, “Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald”, and “Instant Family”.

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Making A Difference

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director



-- GIVE LATER --

I have talked before about how a bequest or a will can be used to make a “deferred” gift to the Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF). Bequests and wills can be used to make deferred gifts that do not require an immediate outlay of your assets or cash. You retain full use of your property during life, so there is no immediate out-of-pocket cost, reduction in net worth, or disruption of cash flow. Other deferred gifts can be assets such as IRAs, stocks, bonds, real estate, life estate, cash and/or insurance benefits.

-- GIVE FOREVER --

With a deferred gift, you can strategically accomplish your financial and charitable objectives. This includes preserving the family name, honoring loved ones, minimizing tax burdens, and supporting the community you call home. Remember that bequests to the MCCF are exempt from estate taxes.

You can support your favorite local charity or charities, enrich education, provide scholarships, support your church, fund human services, foster a stronger community, and much more. Tell us what is important to you and we will help identify an existing fund or begin the paperwork to satisfy your intentions when the deferred gift is received. These gifts will keep on giving long after you’re gone.

-- A CROPP LEGACY --

With a deferred gift, you are creating your legacy and sharing your passion with others for generations to come. You can help ensure that the organizations or causes that have a place in heart are cared for, forever.

George and Barbara Cropp were such people. They had passions and loves in their lives and decided to give back to the county that they loved and called home. So, they established deferred funds and gifts in their will to do just that.

-- SHOALS UMC --

One endowment fund is the “Shoals United Methodist Church” (SUMC) fund. This year is the first payout for this young fund. As with any MCCF funds, we work to allow the funds to grow and this fund will be no different. The SUMC will forever be reminded

of the Cropp’s generosity and love for Martin County.

-- GOODWILL CEMETERY --

The Cropps also created an endowment fund to support the Goodwill Cemetery. This fund is the “George M and Barbara Cropp Fund for Goodwill Cemetery.” Now the cemetery board will have another funding stream to help maintain and preserve the cemetery in a way that was important to the Cropps.

-- YOU CAN TOO --

Any time you are drafting or changing your will or estate plans, you may also want to consider adding a charitable endowment gift to the MCCF. Your financial advisor or legal advisor can provide professional guidance related to your specific estate, income goals, beneficiaries, taxes and other considerations.

Once you’ve decided the details of your deferred gift, provide the MCCF a copy of the portion of your estate planning document that pertains to the gift. The amount of the gift does not need to be revealed to us. We’ll work with you on a “Statement of Gift Intention” form to be used to record your gift.

-- WITH MORE NOW --

But if you want to make that difference now, the MCCF has a matching grant opportunity called GIFT VII. This is the seventh phase of Lilly Endowment’s Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow initiative. With this grant, the MCCF can match \$2 for every \$1 donated to an unrestricted fund and 50¢ for each \$1 donated to another fund type. The matching grant is available through December 2020, but on a first-come, first-served basis while the grant funds are available.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about GIFT VII and fund types, or how you can make your “forever gift”, please contact the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

You are also welcome to visit our website at www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm, follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF](https://twitter.com/MartinCountyCF), and “like” the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation.



Pictured left to right are Cemetery Board Members Dick Barber, Ralph and Joy Ausbrooks (Treasurer), Curt Johnson (MCCF Director), and Kenny Woods (Cemetery Board President) receiving the \$1,104 grant check, which is from both the Cropp Fund and the pre-existing Goodwill Cemetery Fund.

Shoals to hold Kindergarten Round-Up

Shoals Elementary School is conducting its annual search for potential kindergarten students in preparation for Round-Up. The Round-Up will be held for incoming kindergarten students Friday, April 5, at Shoals Elementary School from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pre-registration is necessary for all students by Friday, March 22.

A child must be five years old on or before Wednesday, August 1, 2019, in order to enroll in kindergarten. All eligible children should enroll during Round-Up.

Parents should attend Round-Up with their child and bring the child’s certificate of birth, social security card and immunization records. Below are the available sessions.

The elementary asks that you choose which session works with your schedule and mark the corresponding session on the registration form at the bottom of the page.

Session 1: 8:30 a.m., Session 2: 10 a.m., Session 3: 1 p.m.

(Space is limited for each session, so you are encouraged to register as early as possible)

Each session will last approximately one and one-half hours. Parents are asked to please use the front parking lot (in front of the gym) and enter through the doors past the elementary office. Signs will be posted.

Physicals and immunizations will be offered on this date. Immunizations will be administered at the Martin County Health Department, and physicals will be offered at Shoals Elementary.

Minimum immunization requirements for all children newly enrolled in kindergarten, less than seven years of age, are: 5 doses of DTaP, 4 doses of OPV, 2 MMRs, 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine, 2 doses chicken pox vaccine (Varicella) or record of the disease, and 2 doses of Hep A. A physical, complete immunizations, social security card, and certificate of birth (not the hospital birth certificate) are all required for entry into school.

It is necessary to pre-register your child for Round-Up via mail, fax, school website (shoals.k12.in.us) or phone on or before Friday, March 22 keeping in mind that the school office will be closed March 25-March 29 for Spring Break. To ensure proper delivery, the elementary is highly discouraging registration by email.

If you have any questions concerning Kindergarten Round-Up, please contact the elementary school at 812-247-2085.

Complete, cut, and submit the below prior to Friday, March 22 to: Shoals Elementary School, 11749 Ironton Road, Shoals, IN 47581; phone: 812-247-2085; fax: 812-247-9913.



Pictured in the front row, left to right, are SUMC Pastor Marty Evans receiving the \$1,840 grant check, Curt Johnson (MCCF Director), and Betty Butler (Trustee). In the bank row are Daniel and Alice Lewis (Trustees), and Jerry and Barbara Loomis (Chairperson and Finance respectively).

Complete, cut, and submit prior to Friday, March 22 to: Shoals Elementary School, 11749 Ironton Road, Shoals, IN 47581

Child’s Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ M or F

Parent’s Name(s): _____

Parent’s Phone Number(s) _____

Email: _____

Circle desired session:

Session 1: 8:30am

Session 2: 10:00am

Session 3: 1:00pm

In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

I made a trip north to the capital city Saturday. Although I was really there for other business, I took advantage of the trip to go to the Indiana Flower and Patio Show at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. It was the first day for this year's show, which continues through Sunday, March 17. While some of the other flower and patio shows have totally morphed into sales opportunities for spas, window and door manufacturers and loan companies, this show remains a good one for gardeners. That is not to say that there are not a number of booths that are not garden-related, but there are still many booths and exhibits that will please the gardeners.

There were a few booths offering garden tools and several that had different types of edging and mulch. There were numerous booths with garden décor, most of which was well beyond my means. However, I did purchase a combination outdoor mobile and wind chime at a fair price. Many of the exhibitors are the wholesale suppliers for many retail shops, so you may find some bargains. The popularity of fairy gardens was evident, with many of these booths offering items for building a fairy garden.

The exhibits are in two buildings at the fairgrounds, and the Indianapolis Landscapers' Association has built a garden in each of the buildings. These are lavish displays and a stroll through them is like a walk in a beautiful park. They have forced many spring flowers into bloom, so the scene is similar to a garden just a couple of weeks in the future.

The best part of the show was the increase in the number of vendors with plants and seeds for sale. Some of the seed outlets have seeds for unusual and even rare plants. Usually, one finds these seeds only in catalogues, so this is an opportunity to get something different for your garden with-

Salamander Sunday is March 31 at Paynetown SRA

Learn everything you wanted to know about salamanders at Paynetown SRA on March 31 during Salamander Sunday. Four programs will help you understand the salamander's environment, habitat and behavior.

Two programs are open to everyone with no registration needed: a salamander survey at 8 a.m. at Stillwater Marsh, and a woodland salamander exploration at 3 p.m.

Two other programs require advance registration by March 27. The first is a presentation on the salamanders of southern Indiana, which is limited to 25 people, at 10:30 a.m. The second is a salamander craft session, which is limited to 16 children, at 1 p.m.

Complete details on all four programs, including meeting locations and registration links for the two programs that require advance signup, are at <http://bit.ly/salamandersunday2019>.

Salamander Sunday programs are free. There is no fee to enter the property during the winter season.

Paynetown SRA (on.IN.gov/monroelake) is at 4850 South State Road 446, Bloomington, 47401.

out ordering the seeds and waiting on delivery. There were also booths with houseplants, garden plants and various bulbs, tubers and corms.

This must be the year of the tillandsia, since several of the booths offered a variety of air plants. These plants are grown as houseplants in our climate but are native to parts of the southern United States, Mexico and Central America. The Spanish moss seen on trees in the south is actually related to these house plants. Tillandsias take in moisture and nutrients through their leaves from the moisture, dust and debris in the air. (They should get plenty of nourishment in my house!!) The small "root" of a tillandsia acts mostly as an anchor, allowing the plant to cling to tree branches, rocks and even wires.

There are actually more than 650 species of tillandsias in the wild and many are available for purchase. The booths at the Flower and Patio Show had several different tillandsias, with prices ranging from about two dollars up to twenty dollars.

In general, the color of the tillandsia will tell you where to put them in your house. The darker green-leaved plants are from moist forests, so they need less light, but need higher humidity. They are the perfect plant for most bathrooms. The gray-leaved plants come from more arid areas, including deserts. They need more sun, so put them near a window. Mist them a couple of times a week, and they will be happy.

Tillandsias may take years to bloom, but once they do, the mother plant will die. To keep your plant going, pinch out any long stems that develop. It is on these long stems that the blooms will appear.

I recommend the Indiana Flower and Patio Show to help with your bouts of spring fever. It will certainly get you thinking about the coming weather changes.

Industrial hemp workshop planned

The Purdue Extension will be hosting an informational session titled "Growing Hemp in Indiana" on Wednesday, March 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Banquet Hall at the Vanderburgh County 4-H Center located at 201 E. Boonville-New Harmony Road, Evansville, IN 47725.

The United States passed the 2018 Farm Bill on December 21, 2018. This new legislation changed long-standing laws regarding industrial hemp, which is no longer considered a Schedule 1 drug. Hemp no longer requires a federal DEA permit to handle, is recognized as an agricultural crop, and is regulated by the USDA. For the 2019 growing season, there is an opportunity and a need to accommodate research that will contribute to Indiana's hemp infrastructure.

At this workshop, Extension educators will present the current status of hemp production in Indiana and provide information for interested growers. A question and answer session will take place following the presentation.

This event is open to the public and no RSVP is necessary. For more information, please call the Purdue Extension - Vanderburgh County Office at 812-867-4935.

Outdoor Indiana magazine features grasslands initiative

Outdoor Indiana magazine's March/April issue features a cover article on the Grasslands for Gamebirds & Songbirds initiative.

Grasslands for Gamebirds & Songbirds (GGS) gives qualifying private landowners financial incentives to develop such habitat, which attracts pollinators, and has diminished over the years.

The issue also contains features on Project Healing Waters, a fly-fishing and fellowship program for veterans, and Indiana's ports.

In 2018, Outdoor Indiana was honored by the Association for Conservation Information (ACI) as the third-best state-sponsored conservation/outdoor recreation magazine in the country.

Outdoor Indiana is available now at most Barnes & Noble stores in Indiana for \$4. Subscriptions are \$15 for one year (six issues, a 38 percent savings off cover) and \$28 for two years (12 is-



sues, a 42 percent savings off cover).

Subscribe at innsgifts.com or by calling 317-233-3046. To read article excerpts, go to OutdoorIndiana.org.

USDA announces January income over feed cost margin triggers first 2019 dairy safety net payment

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced last week that the January 2019 income over feed cost margin was \$7.99 per hundredweight, triggering the first payment for eligible dairy producers who purchase the appropriate level of coverage under the new but yet-to-be established Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) program.

DMC, which replaces the Margin Protection Program for Dairy, is a voluntary risk management program for dairy producers that was authorized by the 2018 Farm Bill. DMC offers protection to dairy producers when the difference between the all milk price and the average feed cost (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer.

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue announced last week that sign up for DMC will open by mid-June of this year. At the time of sign up, producers who elect a DMC coverage level between \$8.00 and \$9.50 would be eligible for a payment for January 2019.

For example, a dairy operation with an established production history of 3 million pounds (30,000 cwt.) that elects the \$9.50 coverage level for 50 percent of its production could potentially be eligible to receive \$1,887.50 for January.

Sample calculation:
\$9.50 - \$7.99 margin = \$1.51 difference

\$1.51 times 50 percent of production times 2,500 cwt. (30,000 cwt./12) = \$1,887.50

The calculated annual premium for coverage at \$9.50 on 50 percent of a 3-million-pound production history for this example would be \$2,250.

Sample calculation:
3,000,000 times 50 percent = 1,500,000/100 = 15,000 cwt. times 0.150 premium fee = \$2,250

Operations making a one-time election to participate in DMC through 2023 are eligible to receive a 25 percent discount on their premium for the existing margin coverage rates.

"Congress created the Dairy Margin Coverage program to provide an important financial safety net for dairy producers, helping them weather shifting milk and feed prices," FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce said. "This program builds on the previous Margin Protection Program for Dairy, carrying forward many of the program upgrades made last year based on feedback from producers. We're working diligently to implement the DMC program and other FSA programs authorized by the 2018 Farm Bill."

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National unemployment declines to 3.8 for February despite low job gains

Total nonfarm payroll employment changed little in February (+20,000), and the unemployment rate declined to 3.8 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Employment in professional and business services, health care, and wholesale trade continued to trend up, while construction employment decreased.

Household Survey Data

The unemployment rate declined by 0.2 percentage point to 3.8 percent in February, and the number of unemployed persons decreased by 300,000 to 6.2 million. Among the unemployed, the number of job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs (including people on temporary layoff) declined by 225,000. This decline reflects, in part, the return of federal workers who were furloughed in January due to the partial government shutdown.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (3.5 percent), Whites (3.3 percent), and Hispanics (4.3 percent) decreased in February. The jobless rates for adult women (3.4 percent), teenagers (13.4 percent), Blacks (7.0 percent), and Asians (3.1 percent) showed little or no change over the month.

In February, the number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was essentially unchanged at 1.3 million and accounted for 20.4 percent of the unemployed.

The labor force participation rate held at 63.2 percent in February and has changed little over the year. The employment-population ratio, at 60.7 percent, was unchanged over the month but was up by 0.3 percentage point over the year.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) decreased by 837,000 to 4.3 million in February.

This decline follows a sharp increase in January that may have resulted from the partial federal government shutdown. (Persons employed part time for economic reasons would have preferred full-time employment but were working part time because their hours had been reduced or they were unable to find full-time jobs.)

In February, 1.4 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, a decrease of 178,000 from a year earlier. (Data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the last 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

Among the marginally attached, there were 428,000 discouraged workers in February, little changed from a year earlier. (Data are not seasonally adjusted.) Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 1.0 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in February had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment was little changed in February (+20,000), after increasing by 311,000 in January. In 2018, job growth averaged 223,000 per month. In February, employment continued to trend up in professional and business services, health care, and wholesale trade, while construction employment declined.

In February, employment in professional and business services continued to trend up (+42,000), in line with its

average monthly gain over the prior 12 months.

Health care added 21,000 jobs in February and 361,000 jobs over the year. Employment in ambulatory health care services edged up over the month (+16,000).

In February, wholesale trade employment continued its upward trend (+11,000). The industry has added 95,000 jobs over the year, largely among durable goods wholesalers.

Employment in construction declined by 31,000 in February, partially offsetting an increase of 53,000 in January. In February, employment declined in heavy and civil engineering construction (-13,000). Over the year, construction has added 223,000 jobs.

Manufacturing employment changed little in February (+4,000), after increasing by an average of 22,000 per month over the prior 12 months.

In February, employment in leisure and hospitality was unchanged, after posting job gains of 89,000 and 65,000 in January and December, respectively. Over the year, leisure and hospitality has added 410,000 jobs.

Employment in other major industries, including mining, retail trade, transportation and warehousing, information, financial activities, and government, showed little or no change over the month.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls decreased by 0.1 hour to 34.4 hours in February. In manufacturing, the average workweek declined 0.1 hour to 40.7 hours, while overtime was unchanged at 3.5 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls fell by 0.2 hour to 33.6 hours.

In February, average hourly earnings

for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 11 cents to \$27.66, following a 2-cent gain in January. Over the year, average hourly earnings have increased by 3.4 percent. Average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees increased by 8 cents to \$23.18 in February.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for December was revised up from +222,000 to +227,000, and the change for January was revised up from +304,000 to +311,000. With these revisions, employment gains in December and January combined were 12,000 more than previously reported. (Monthly revisions result from additional reports received from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates and from the recalculation of seasonal factors.) After revisions, job gains have averaged 186,000 per month over the last 3 months.

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RATE

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The top ten spots in the state with the highest jobless rate for January were Vermillion County at 6.8 percent, Crawford County at 6 percent, Lake

County at 5.8 percent, Greene and Sullivan counties at 5.6 percent, LaPorte, Newton and Starke counties at 5.5 percent; Vigo County at 5.4 percent, and Fayette County at 5.3 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate stands at 3.5 percent for January and remains lower than the national rate of 4.0 percent. With the exception of one month when it was equal (October 2014), Indiana's unemployment rate now has been below the U.S. rate for more than five years. The monthly unemployment rate is a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people seeking employment within the prior four weeks as a percentage of the labor force.

Indiana's labor force had a net increase of 7,613 over the previous month. This was a result of an increase of 1,556 unemployed residents and an increase of 6,057 employed residents. Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3.39 million, and the state's 65.1 percent labor force participation rate remains above the national rate of 63.2 percent.

Learn more about how unemployment rates are calculated here: www.hoosierdata.in.gov/infographics/employment-status.asp.

Employment by Sector
Private sector employment has grown by 35,200 over the year and 7,200 over the previous month. The monthly increase is primarily due to gains in the Private Educational and

Health Services (3,100) and the Trade, Transportation and Utilities (3,000) sectors. Gains were partially offset by a loss in the Professional and Business Services (-1,700) sector. Total private employment reached a preliminary record highpoint of 2,739,300, which is 7,200 above the new December 2018 peak. The January 2019 peak, like all data within this report, is subject to monthly revisions and annual benchmarking.

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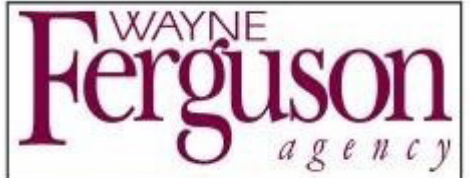
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