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## More than 350 attend 21st Martin County Ag Day



-Photo provided

Adilynn Brown showed some love to a calf at Martin County Ag Day last Saturday. German American Bank set up a petting zoo for the kids during the event.

## Loogootee Schools concerned about Impact Aid, receive \$73,000 technology grant

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Loogootee School Board met last Thursday, March 16. Superintendent Chip Mehaffey spoke to the board about his recent visit to Washington D.C. to speak to Indiana legislators about possible cuts in federal funds for schools – mainly federal Impact Aid. There were 400 people present in Washington representing schools around the country and Mehaffey said he is the only representative from the nine Indiana school districts that receives Impact Aid that went to D.C.

Impact Aid is provided to schools that are financially burdened by federal activities. Mehaffey said that 40,000 acres in the Loogootee School District are owned by Crane naval base. The school does not receive property tax dollars for government-owned land. Mehaffey noted that 180 students at Loogootee have parents that work at Crane.

Mehaffey commented at the meeting that he believes the federal government is trying to pull out of education more

and more and the lack of Impact Aid would be devastating to the school's budget. He said he explained to the legislators he met with the importance of the aid and how crucial it is to providing a quality education to Loogootee students. He said he received excellent feedback from the representatives.

In other business, the board accepted the resignation of long-time teacher Beth Buchta. Buchta has been with the school for 40 years. "She's as good as it gets," said Superintendent Mehaffey. "She's not just an awesome teacher, she's an awesome person," said Board Member Scott Hall who also mentioned that Buchta was his teacher when he was in grade school.

The board also approved a maternity leave request for Ann Hohl and for Scott Swartzentruber to serve as a junior high volunteer baseball coach.

Superintendent Mehaffey explained that after a department of education audit, the school must raise the price of milk to 50 cents. He said this is in line with what other school districts charge. The board approved the increase and (See 'LOOGOOTE' cont. on page 2)

The 21<sup>st</sup> Martin County Ag Day Celebration was held on Saturday March 18 at the Martin County Community Building. The event started with an invocation by Pastor Gary Elsten, the presentation of colors by Boy Scout Troup #484, The National Anthem by Kanton Dearwester, Pledge of Allegiance by Student Council members and the 4-H Pledge by Martin County Jr. Leader members.

Two hundred and eighty-four of the more than 350 attendees enjoyed a breakfast prepared and served by Martin County Jr. Leaders and Ag Day Committee members. Emcee Kenny Frye recognized service members and offered them a free breakfast. Twenty five booths loaded with information and give-a-ways filled the building. Children of all ages got up close with a calf, pigs, goats and chicks at the German American Bank petting zoo.

The 2017 Ag Award winners recog-

nized for their contribution to the Ag community were the Gary and Joy Gibson Family Farm, the Billings Family Farm and the Jerry and Rosemary Smith Family. 2016 Martin County SWCD award winners, "Master Conservationist"- Scott Lottes, "Farm Family"- Drexil Turpin Family and the West Boggs Park," Fred L. Woods Lifetime Conservationist Award"- Tom Harker were also recognized for their service to agriculture.

Martin County SWCD coloring contest winners were Naomi Holt and Brooklynn Albright from Shoals Elementary along with Jocelynn Sims and Dallyn Smith from Loogootee Elementary. Each coloring contest winner received a sports bag with their school's logo from the Martin County SWCD and a Loogootee Pool Pass donated by the Loogootee Pool. The day concluded with the door prize drawing. (See 'AG DAY' continued on page 2)



## Citizen of the Year

-Photo provided by the Martin County Chamber of Commerce

Marie Hawkins (right) was chosen as this year's Gene Shaw Citizen of the Year at the Martin County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner. Hawkins was nominated by Bill Whorrall (center) for her work with the Indiana Bicentennial for Martin County along with her continued work with the Chamber of Commerce and the tourism board. Also shown above in the photo on the left is Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty.

## Humane society receives grant to help Martin County residents

The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Banfield Foundation to help residents in the county, who need financial assistance, pay their vet bills.

Many times, Martin County residents call the animal shelter looking for help for their pets who may have been injured, are sick, have a costly disease, etc. Since the humane society operates on donations, rarely is there extra money available to assist with animals outside the shelter. This grant

changes that. While there are already programs in place in the state, along with the humane society's partnership with Pets Alive Spay/Neuter Clinic, to help people get their pets spayed or neutered, there are no programs to help pay vet bills for other issues. The grant received by the humane society cannot go toward covering anything related to spaying and neutering, only non-routine vet visits.

"We want to help animals as much as we can so this grant from the Banfield Foundation is a great help. (See 'GRANT' continued on page 2)



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Brandon and Lucy Grimes, owners of Wopenheimer's, in Haysville, held a "Loogootee weekend" recently and five percent of the revenue they made, \$650, went to Loogootee Schools to fund anti-bullying initiatives. Lucy, Rod, and Brandon Grimes are shown presenting the check to Loogootee Superintendent Chip Mehaffey.



# GRANT

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field Foundation is such a blessing to our community," said Humane Society Vice President Susan Wittmer. "Saving dogs and cats is our mission and this grant enables us to add another piece to that by helping animals outside the shelter."

Anyone needing assistance or for more information on qualifications for assistance, can contact the animal shelter at 812-295-5900, stop by during open hours Monday or Wednesday 5-7 p.m. or Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. or email [mchs@frontier.com](mailto:mchs@frontier.com).

About the Martin County Humane Society

The Martin County Humane Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 1977. The animal shelter, which opened in 2013, operates with unpaid volunteers and through donations and fundraisers. The animal shelter takes in an average of 280 dogs and cats a year and provides low-cost spay/neuter services through a partnership with Pets Alive in Bloomington. For more information, visit [www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org](http://www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org)

About the Banfield Foundation

At the core of the Banfield Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is the belief that all pets deserve access to veterinary care. In support of this belief, the foundation funds programs that enable veterinary care, elevate the power of the human-animal bond, provide disaster relief for pets,

and advance the science of veterinary medicine through fostering innovation and education. It also leverages the expertise and passion of Banfield Pet Hospital associates to care for pets in need. At the Banfield Foundation, we are committed to making a better world for pets because they make a better world for us. For more information, visit [www.BanfieldFoundation.org](http://www.BanfieldFoundation.org), or follow us at [www.Facebook.com/BanfieldFoundation](http://www.Facebook.com/BanfieldFoundation)

# AG DAY

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Winners were: two nights camping donated by West Boggs Park – Jim Todd, table top grill and accessories donated by Old National Bank- Hadley Haulk, \$100 Rural King gift card donated by Martin County Farm Bureau, Inc. – Bill Greene, West Boggs annual gate pass donated by West Boggs Park – Don Ritchey and weather radio donated by Daviess-Martin REMC – Ken Frye.

The Ag Day Committee would like to thank Duane Mann with Hometown IGA and Prairie Farms for their donation of milk and orange juice. Also, a thank you to all of the vendors and door prize sponsors.

The Committee is always looking for ideas on how to make Ag Day better and has already had two new ideas submitted. If you have something you would like to see at Ag Day, please call the Martin County SWCD office at 812-295-3149.

# LOOGOOTEE

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also a 10-cent increase in the cost of school lunch. The milk price increase will go into effect after Spring Break while the lunch price increase won't take effect until next school year.

Technology Director Mike Tippery spoke about the \$73,500 technology grant the school recently received from the Indiana Department of Education. The grant is not to be used to buy devices but will instead go toward professional development, hardware and software, and technology integration services. The school plans to move to a one-to-one next year – one device/tablet for each student in grades kindergarten through 12.

Superintendent Mehaffey said in a time of declining enrollment and less money from the state, grants are an important lifeline to rural schools. He said the school has received three grants in the past nine months totaling \$130,000.

The board voted to pay Flynn and Sons, of Bedford, to pave the front parking lot at a cost of \$47,000. He said the cost includes leveling the lot, sealing and striping.

The board accepted a check from Wopenheimer's owners Lucy and Brandon Grimes for \$650. Wopenheimer's, a restaurant, in Haysville, recently held a Loogootee weekend and five percent of their proceeds went to the Loogootee Schools to pay for anti-bullying initiatives.

Board Member Chad Wade was not present for the meeting.



# Coloring contest

-Photo provided

Each year the Martin County Soil & Water Conservation District holds a coloring contest for all 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students from Shoals and Loogootee Elementary schools. One winner is selected from each class and awarded a sports/ book bag. This year the Loogootee Pool donated a pool pass for each winner. This year's winners were Naomi Holt and Brooklynn Albright from Shoals Elementary and Jocelynn Sims and Dallyn Smith from Loogootee Elementary. Shown above are Naomi Holt and Brooklynn Albright.

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## JOHN OSBORN

John A. Osborn passed away with his loving wife by his side, on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at Bloomington Hospital. A resident of Loogootee, he was 70.



He was born on May 6, 1946 in Daviess County; son of Ernest Roy and Freda (Kale) Osborn. He married Deborah Mattingly on June 18, 1988.

He was a member of the Laborers' Union, Local #561. He was employed as a construction foreman with heavy equipment and worked for Jacobi Seeding and Sodding in Floyds Knobs and Hutson John Deere at Newberry. John liked riding his Harley Trike on vacations. He loved running heavy equipment, the outdoors, hunting mushrooms, deer hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Deborah Osborn of Loogootee; his fur babies, Buddy, Fluffy, Deborah K, Tommy, Black Foot, Pretty Boy, Bucky and Calico; three sisters, Joanne Sheetz of Ferdinand, Janice (Jim) Ivey of Dover Hill and Nola Jane (Jim) Osmon of Odon; nephew, Richard (Charla) Ivey of Trinity Springs and niece, Christy Osborn.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ernie Osborn; his mother, Freda Osborn and nephew, Jason Ivey.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 20 at Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon with Rev. Adam Cissell officiating. John was laid to rest in Burns City Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of John to the American Cancer Society.

All arrangements were entrusted to James W. Meng, Jr. and Meng Family Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to [www.mengfuneralhome.com](http://www.mengfuneralhome.com).

## LETHE BRADLEY

Lethe O. Bradley passed away at Memorial Hospital on March 18, 2017 at 10:23 a.m. She was 87.



She was born in Washington on December 28, 1929; daughter of Thomas and Eva Gladys (Hersham) Arvin.

She had been the Reeve Township Trustee for 20 years and also worked for Crane where she retired in 2001. She was a member of Whitfield Catholic Church and enjoyed music and playing the organ.

She is survived by sons, Terry Bradley of Alfordsville and Tom (Shawna) Bradley of Washington; four grandchildren, Joshua Bradley of Washington, Sarah Rutz of Washington, Utah; and Jonathan Bradley and Shaina Bradley, both of Washington; six great grandchildren, Carter Bradley, Connor Bradley, Calen Bradley, Chance Bradley, Gracelyn Rutz, and Mason Rutz; and brother, Delano Arvin of Lafayette.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charles Bradley on August 4, 2016 whom she married April 18, 1959; children, Theresa Bradley and Christopher Bradley; grandson, Jacob Ryan Bradley; and

brother, Ajax L. Arvin.

A mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday, March 23 at St Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield with Father Kenneth Walker, Father Joseph Erbacher and Father Frank Renner as concelebrants. Burial will follow in St. Martin Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22 and one hour before services on Thursday at St. Martin Catholic Church.

Memorial donations may be given to Martin County Community Foundation Lucille and Rosemary Arvin Fund P.O. Box 1235 Bedford, Indiana 47421. Condolences may be sent online at [www.dleemortuary.com](http://www.dleemortuary.com).

## JUANITA HOUSE

Juanita House passed away Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at Amber Manor in Petersburg. She was 89.



She was born in Washington on June 19, 1927; daughter of Roy and Mabel (McCary) May.

She graduated from Washington High School and had attended Aikman Creek Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Reba (Andy) Arvin of Loogootee, Judy (Bob Killion) Robinson; two sons, Roger (Veronica) Robinson of Loogootee and Eldon (Lida) of Velpen; two brothers, Asil May and Dudley May of Washington; four sisters, Naomi Thomas and Nina Way of Washington, Vera Rogowski of Florida, and Carol Rediger of Arizona.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two grandsons, Kyle Birt and an infant grandson; sisters, Frieda Arthur, Virginia Robinson and Rosemary Fidler, and an infant twin sister; brothers, Laverne May, Leon May and Philip May.

Her children held a memorial service in her honor on Thursday, March 16 at Ed Lee Mortuary.

## DONALD LANNAN

Donald S. Lannan passed away on March 14, 2017 at his home surrounded by family. A resident of Loogootee, he was 92.

He was born on June 23, 1924 in Loogootee; son of Leo and Nora (Brown) Lannan.

He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee, a former commander of the VFW, member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion. He entered the United States Army in March of 1943 and became a Private First Class 779<sup>th</sup> Anti Aircraft Artillery Battalion Battery D. He served in WWII and was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, and Victory Medal World War II. He was formally the owner of Don's Cleaners, of Shoals, and then went to work at NSA Crane as a boiler operations specialist.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Nora Lannan; his siblings, Martha Seger, Rosemary Bonifer, Pearl Atkins, Glenn Lannan, James Edward Lannan, Harold Lannan, George Lannan, Robert Lannan, Eugene Lannan, and Virgil Lannan.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Norma Lannan (Baker); his children, Ronald Lannan of Franklin,

Rhonda Laakso (John) of Montello, Wisconsin; and Michael Lannan (Mary) of Gurnee, Illinois; his grandchildren, Ryan Lannan (Susy), Jarrod Lannan (Weijun), Romy Kissel (Scott), Tyler Lannan (Cassandra), Nicholas Lannan, Jaymes Lannan, and Arianna Lannan, seven great grandchildren, his brothers, Charles Lannan (Reva) and Marion Francis Lannan and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker Saturday, March 18 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Condolences can be made online [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

## NORMA JEAN TISHNER

Norma Jean Tishner died March 16, 2017 at her home. A resident of Noblesville, she was 85.

She was born October 11, 1931 at Noblesville; daughter of Robert Eu-

## New study reveals colorectal cancer rates rising in young and middle-aged adults

Colorectal cancer is the third-most diagnosed cancer and cause of cancer-related death among men and women in Indiana and the United States. As rates rise nationally, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) reminds Hoosiers to consider getting screened for colorectal cancer as part of National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

Researchers at the American Cancer Society recently found colorectal cancer incidence rates are rising in young and middle-aged adults, including those in their early 50s. They also found the risk of colorectal cancer has increased for every generation since 1950.

"These rising rates in young and middle-aged adults highlight the need for more awareness of the importance of cancer screenings," said State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H. "As we're learning more about how colorectal cancer affects us all, early detection can be a life saver for Hoosiers."

Approximately 65 percent of Hoosiers meet recommendations for colorectal cancer screening. To reduce risks, the ISDH is participating in the 80% by 2018 initiative, which aims to increase colorectal cancer screening rates to 80 percent by the year 2018.

According to the Indiana State Cancer Registry, approximately 3,079 individuals were diagnosed with colorectal cancer and 1,177 colorectal cancer-related deaths occurred in Indiana during 2014. The two greatest risk factors for developing colorectal cancer are sex and age, with more than half of Indiana's cases being diagnosed among men from 2010-2014, and 90 percent of cases occurring in residents aged 50 and older. Additional risk factors include:

**Race:** In Indiana, African-Americans have higher colorectal cancer incidence and mortality rates compared to whites.

**Smoking:** According to The Health Consequences of Smoking—50 Years of Progress, smoking is a known cause of colorectal cancer and increases the failure rate of treatment for all cancers.

**Diabetes:** People with type 2 diabetes (usually non-insulin dependent) have an increased risk of colorectal cancer and tend to have a less favor-

able prognosis after diagnosis.

Personal or family history: Those with colorectal cancer are more likely to develop new cancers in other areas of the colon and rectum. People with a history of colorectal cancer in a first-degree relative are at increased risk. About 5 percent to 10 percent of people who develop colorectal cancer have inherited gene changes that can cause family cancer syndromes and lead to them getting the disease.

Modifiable risk factors: Several lifestyle-related factors such as diet, weight and exercise, have been strongly linked to colorectal cancer.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends that adults between ages 50 and 75—get screened for colorectal cancer, with the decision to be screened after 75 made on an individual basis. If you're older than 75, ask your doctor if screening is needed. Those at higher risk of developing colorectal cancer should begin screening at a younger age, and may need to be tested more frequently. Several screening tests can be used to find colorectal cancer. For average-risk individuals, depending on the test, screening intervals vary from one to 10 years.

To learn more about the 80% by 2018 initiative—or what you can do to help promote it, visit [www.nccrt.org](http://www.nccrt.org). For more on colorectal cancer, visit the Indiana Cancer Consortium website at [www.IndianaCancer.org](http://www.IndianaCancer.org). The ICC is a statewide network of partnerships whose mission is to reduce the cancer burden in Indiana through the development, implementation and evaluation of a comprehensive plan that addresses cancer across the continuum from prevention through palliation. The ICC is open to all organizations and individuals interested in cancer prevention, early detection, treatment, quality of life, data collection and advocacy regarding cancer-related issues.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, MARCH 13

7:50 a.m. - Jailer Emmick took one inmate to the doctor.

9:29 a.m. - Sergeant Keller performed a vehicle identification check south of Loogootee.

1:14 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:20 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

3:32 p.m. - Sergeant Keller performed a vehicle identification check north of Shoals.

3:57 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:53 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person walking along US 50, west of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded and everything was okay.

11:59 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 14

9:25 a.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

10:20 a.m. - Captain Dant performed a vehicle identification check north of Loogootee.

10:41 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:45 a.m. - Jailer Emmick on station with one inmate from Lawrence County for court.

1:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

1:30 p.m. - Received a report of a tree on fire east of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

1:35 p.m. - Jailer Emmick took one inmate to the doctor.

3:38 p.m. - Captain Dant performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

3:42 p.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

1:01 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded and all was okay.

9:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

10:25 a.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

11:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

11:52 a.m. - Sheriff Roush and ICO Mann responded to the department of child services office for a welfare check.

1:25 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

1:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Crane Fire responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:12 p.m. - Jail Officer Emmick transported one inmate to the doctor.

4:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:33 p.m. - Received a dog complaint east of Shoals. The Martin County Humane Society responded and retrieved the dogs.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 16

10:02 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took three inmates to court.

11:10 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took three inmates to court.

1:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

1:50 p.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

2:50 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took two inmates to court.

6:07 p.m. - Received a report of kids playing in the street in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded and talked to the kids.

11:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 17

8:55 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on Hwy 150. Orange County was advised it's in their county.

10:15 a.m. - Received a request for a vin check in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

1:30 p.m. - Received a report of a home alarm going off in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

3:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:30 p.m. - Received a report of a three-car accident on Hwy 231 South. Major Burkhardt, Loogootee Officer Floyd and ISP Trooper Beaver Responded. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire Responded. Dubois County Ambulance also assisted. G&M towed two vehicles and one patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital by Martin County Ambulance.

4:49 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on Hwy 550. Major Burkhardt responded.

7:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:08 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

8:10 p.m. - Received a report of a residential alarm in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

9:10 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

10:40 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident east of Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 18

12:29 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle east of Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded and KRB towed the vehicle.

4:12 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd and Deputy Shinn responded.

11:35 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Odon. Advised Daviess County.

9:51 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident on Hwy 150 in Orange County. Advised Orange County.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 19

12:19 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and no

transport was needed.

2:17 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Lost River Fire and Dubois County Ambulance responded. Dubois County Ambulance transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:29 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

1:09 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

4:00 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

8:10 p.m. - Received a report of a trespasser west of Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded.

8:50 p.m. - Received a request for

an officer in Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

10:18 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity north of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

Monday, March 20

12:41 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:48 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded no transport needed.

5:50 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to St. Vincent Dunn in Bedford.

## IDHS partners with all 92 Indiana counties to provide all-hazard radios to Hoosiers

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) is partnering with all 92 counties in the state to distribute more than 2,200 all-hazard (weather) radios to Hoosiers. The radios will be distributed on the local level by each county's emergency management agency.

"Receiving early warnings is critical to safety during severe weather events," said John Erickson, IDHS Director of Public Affairs. "All-hazard radios, which provide a wide range of alerts, are a valuable tool that can help citizens make decisions to better protect themselves and their families."

The distribution focuses on citizens who are particularly vulnerable to the damaging effects of severe weather: economically disadvantaged citizens, residents of mobile and prefabricated homes and others who may not be able to receive weather alerts by traditional means. Federal grants funded the purchase of the radios.

Mobile homes and other similar structures provide minimal protec-

tion against severe weather and other life-threatening disasters. In the event of severe weather, IDHS advises mobile home residents to seek shelter in a building with a strong foundation.

All-hazard radios receive more than 60 emergency alerts including hazardous weather, local area warnings and information on current conditions from the National Weather Service. In the event of a power outage, backup batteries power the radio.

Most all-hazard radios require a Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) code number, which limits the emergency messages they receive to a specific geographic area. The list of Indiana counties and their corresponding SAME codes are available at [www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/coverage/ccov.php?State=IN](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/coverage/ccov.php?State=IN).

To find contact information for county emergency management agencies, visit [www.in.gov/dhs/2797.htm](http://www.in.gov/dhs/2797.htm). For more information on severe weather safety and other topics, go to [GetPrepared.in.gov](http://GetPrepared.in.gov).

## Loogootee man jailed on multiple charges

A Loogootee native was arrested Thursday, March 16 after an investigation into his involvement in domestic violence actions the prior weekend.

Early Sunday morning, the Loogootee Police Department and the Martin County Sheriff's Department responded to 502 Butcher Boulevard, Loogootee, on reports of a female being threatened with a gun. Officers arrived to find that the individuals involved in the dispute were separated, and no charges were filed.

Later Sunday, Senior Trooper Jarrod Lents was contacted regarding the female involved in the morning dispute and informed Lents that she choked by her boyfriend, 20-year-old Jayce Wagoner, of Loogootee.

Lents was also informed that if any police report was filed in the matter, Wagoner was going to beat up officers as well as the female. Lents additionally learned that earlier in the weekend, Wagoner had threatened to shoot and kill his girlfriend.

Last Thursday morning at 10:48 a.m., Lents served an arrest warrant through the Martin County Circuit Court on Wagoner at 502 Butcher Bou-



JAYCE WAGONER

levard. Wagoner was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Martin County Jail.

Arrested and charges  
Jayce Patrick Wagoner  
-Strangulation, a Level 6 Felony  
-Intimidation, a Level 6 Felony  
-Criminal confinement, a Level 6 Felony  
-Domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor



# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

February 17

Garrett W. Biehl, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 351 days suspended and credit for 7 actual days previously served plus 7 good time credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

Stephani L. Disney, convicted of operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 361 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 good time credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES

DISMISSED

February 17

Garrett W. Biehl, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Stephani L. Disney, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

March 9

Carl E. Wiscaver, Sr. vs. Craig A. Cain, Benny L. Cain, Lori Carrico, Indiana Department of Revenue, Internal Revenue Service, Hoosier Accounts Service, United States Attorney's Office, Midland Funding, LLC; and Martin County Co-Op Credit Union, mortgage foreclosure.

March 13

Procol vs. Randy Fuhrman, civil plenary.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Robert E. White, civil collection.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

March 13

Larry Phillips vs. Nathaniel L. McCloud, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

March 16

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Lauren M. Baugh in the amount of \$1,028.93.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Andy F. Blanton in the amount of \$1,764.20.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Toni Clifton in the amount of \$759.61.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Cheryl M. Fields in the amount of \$6,121.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Travis J. Fox in the amount of \$2,403.28.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Karen Greer in the amount of \$2,207.08.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Jason P. Jones in the amount of \$5,011.17.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Jeremy S. Lemon in the amount of \$6,121.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Logan May in the amount of \$3,994.07.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant James H. McGuire in the amount of \$5,104.51.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Donna K. Sergeant in the amount of \$1,855.35.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

March 21

Dwayne Steven Anderson of Loogootee and Johnna Lynne Durham of Loogootee.

# Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, MARCH 13

3:00 p.m. - Male subject came on station regarding a child custody issue.

4:07 p.m. - Male came on station to report harassment.

5:37 p.m. - Female reported property damage.

8:30 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the county with a search warrant.

11:59 p.m. - Caller stated an intoxicated female was trying to enter her residence.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

12:45 p.m. - Caller reported an abandoned vehicle.

7:30 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

8:24 p.m. - Caller reported a noise complaint in Redwing Trailer Court.

10:46 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on Redwing Trailer Court.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

1:01 a.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

5:59 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

8:27 p.m. - Caller reported a phone scam.

10:23 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

1:50 p.m. - Female reported a violation of a protective order.

4:01 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on North Line Street.

7:39 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

7:43 p.m. - Caller reported her vehicle had been struck while parked in the high school parking lot.

7:55 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious activity.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

4:30 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 South for a vehicle accident.

9:10 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

## ARRESTS

MONDAY, MARCH 13

1:20 p.m. - Andrew Sanders, 25, of Elnora, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

10:23 p.m. - Billie Groff, 61, of French Lick, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

12:09 p.m. - Ashley Peek, 24, of Loogootee, was arrested by ICO Mann and charged with possession of meth and maintaining a common nuisance. She is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was Sheriff Roush.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

11:10 a.m. - Jayce Wagoner, 20, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with strangulation, criminal confinement, intimidation, and domestic battery. His bond has been set at \$25,000 10%.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

3:25 a.m. - Brandon Melvin, 21, of Shoals, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Floyd and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. Bond set at \$20,000 10%.

4:45 a.m. - Ryan Persinger, 39, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Floyd and charged with battery. Bond set at \$20,000 10%.

4:45 a.m. - Kent Bradley, 43, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Floyd and charged with battery and false informing. Bond set at \$20,000 10%.

1:29 a.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

11:00 a.m. - Male came on station to report a child custody violation.

1:45 p.m. - Female caller reported a burglary.

11:55 p.m. - Caller reported a noise complaint on Truelove Drive.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

9:35 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

2:35 p.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

7:12 p.m. - Female requested to speak with an officer regarding an eviction.

10:15 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

## Accident reports

MONDAY, MARCH 13

3:30 p.m. - Kashten S. Burch, of Loogootee, was backing a 2013 Chevy out of a parking spot at the Loogootee High School when the driver backed into a 1999 Pontiac operated by Corbin B. Henninger, of Loogootee. Chief Rayhill investigated.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

9:52 p.m. - Marvin Richardson, of Solsberry, was operating a 2015 Dodge on Wood Street when Richardson's vehicle struck a street sign. Captain Hennette investigated.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

6:04 p.m. - Tyler R. Walton, of Loogootee, was operating a 2003 Ford in the Chuckles parking lot when he backed up and struck a gas pump. Officer Floyd investigated.

## Real estate transfers

Mark J. Bowling, of Martin County, Indiana to Hershel Brian Graber and Melissa Ann Graber, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the southeast quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 4 West in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.34 acres.

Kathryn A. Pennington to the Kathryn A. Pennington Revocable Trust, 1.17 acres in Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 West.

Lorel Carroll n/k/a Lorel Woodard, of Wayne County, Michigan to Jeramey Osborn, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 54 in Keck's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

White River Cabin Rentals, LLC, by J. Cody Roush, of Martin County, Indiana to J. Cody Roush and Michelle L. Roush, of Martin County, Indiana, a tract of land in Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, more commonly known as 305 Water Street, Shoals IN 47581.

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## More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



I've often said, "I love my cousins," and I mean that sincerely. However, some of my cousins didn't live close by and I really didn't get to know them until we were adults. I'm happy to say that our newfound friendships mean the world to me. One such cousin, Phil Brooks, sent me the following. Although he hasn't really even lived in Loogootee, he keeps close tabs on Martin County and enjoys all the local history.

### DIDJ' A EVER WONDER?

1. I always wondered what the job application is like at Hooters. Do they just give you a bra and say, "Here, fill this out?"
2. I can't understand why women are okay that J.C. Penney has an older women's clothing line named, "Sag Harbor."
3. My therapist said that my narcissism causes me to misread social situations. I'm pretty sure she was hitting on me.
4. My 60-year kindergarten reunion is coming up soon and I'm worried about the 175 pounds I've gained since then.
5. Denny's has a slogan, "If it's your birthday, the meal is on us." If you're in Denny's and it's your birthday, your life sucks! Really!
6. The location of your mailbox shows you how far from your house you can be in a robe before you start looking like a mental patient.
7. I think it's pretty cool how Chinese people made a language entirely out of tattoos.
8. Money can't buy happiness, but it keeps the kids in touch!
9. The reason Mayberry was so peaceful and quiet was because nobody was married. Andy, Aunt Bea, Barney, Floyd, Howard, Goober, Bommer, Sam, Earnest T Bass, Helen Thelma Lou, Clara, and of course Opie, were all single. The only married person was Otis, and he stayed drunk.

### HUMORISMS:

1. Teenager for Sale: fully equipped

with rolling eyes, deep sighs, and sarcastic comments. Plays video games and texts 200 wpm. No reasonable offer will be refused.

2. Just changed my Facebook name to "No One" so when I see stupid posts I can click "like" and it will say, "No One likes this."

3. If my kids knew there was a light in the oven, they'd leave that on too.

4. The fact that jellyfish have lived for 650 million years despite having no brains gives hope to many people.

5. I think I'll just put an "Out of Order" sticker on my forehead and call it a day.

6. My brother has the coolest sister.

7. I've just been diagnosed with NCD. NO CAN DO.

8. Sometimes I panic and think there's a crazy person in my house. Then I realize it's just me.

9. Instead of a sign that says, "Do not Disturb," I need one that says, "Already disturbed, proceed with caution."

10. Some days the supply of available swear words is insufficient to meet my demands.

11. My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance to idiots that needs work.

12. Sometimes you've just got to be the crazy lady to get your point across.

### SERIOUSISMS (I made that word up):

1. When life throws you a curve ball, do your very best to hit it out of the park. Sometimes you'll strike out, but don't just stand there holding the bat.
2. Perhaps the butterfly is proof that you can go through a great deal of darkness yet become something beautiful.
3. Do the right thing when no one is looking. It's called Integrity.
4. The sign of a beautiful person is that they always see beauty in others.
5. Aspire to inspire before you expire.
6. The best sermons are lived, not preached.

Make someone smile today!



## Community helping community

Loogootee Mayor Noel Hartly traveled to Delphi, Indiana last week to donate a portion of the proceeds from the Martin County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner to Delphi Mayor Shane Evans. The \$300 donation will go toward establishing a softball fund in honor of two teen girls who were recently killed - Abigail Williams and Liberty German. Police are still trying to locate the person responsible for the murders.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday nights of revival

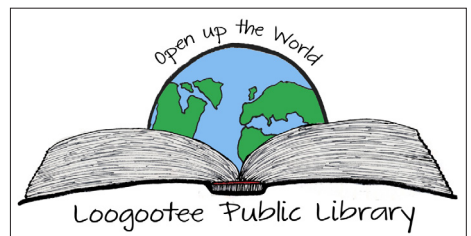
New Beginnings Community Church and Maranatha Tabernacle Church are holding 14 continuous Sunday nights of revival starting January 8 through April 9, 2017. The "Code Blue" (start your heart with God) revival meetings begin at 6 p.m. (EST) each Sunday night and meet at Maranatha Tabernacle Church, 13111 Hwy 231 N., Loogootee. Special revival speakers and worship bands will participate each month. For additional information, contact Pastor Ernie at 812-709-0258 or Pastor Duane at 812-295-4349.

### AL-ANON meetings

AL-ANON, a support group for those impacted by substance abuse, meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. at Loogootee Redemption Church.

### Attention Senior Citizens

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the Annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogootee provides activities for seniors every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tournaments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age



### BY DARLA WAGLER Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) members are volunteers from the community that give of their time and help to support library services and technologies. They meet the first Monday of each month at 1 p.m. in the library meeting room. If this is something that you might be interested in, they always welcome new members.

March 28, April 4, and April 24, at 7 p.m., Cheryl Waelbroeck, Certified Holistic Health Coach, will offer Essential Oil informational classes. On March 28, the class will be an introductory class, next the class focus will be on gut health and then the last scheduled class will be on seasonal allergies.

FOLL will have a book sale on Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 9-12 (rain date April 22). There are a lot of really nice hardbacks, paperbacks, and encyclopedias for a donation.

### New Books:

Children's Fiction: "Look and Find: Trolls" and "Nancy Clancy: Soccer Mania" by Jane O'Connor.

Nonfiction: "Hidden Figures" by Margot Lee Shetterly, and "The Lose Your Belly Diet: Change Your Gut, Change Your Life" by Travis Stork, M.D., and "I'll Be Damned: How My Young and Restless Life Led Me To America's #1 Daytime Drama" by Eric Braeden.

NEW DVDs: "Jackie", "Greenleaf: Season 1", "Fences", "Collateral Beauty", and "Passengers".

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

or residency requirements to participate.

### Free lunch for kids

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

### SOAR Tutoring

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

### Humane society meetings

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

### 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.

### Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public 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](http://www.martinswcd.com) or call at 295-3149.

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# 4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown  
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**-- LOOKING INWARD --**

Have you ever taken a good, hard look at yourself? Have you done some things that make you wonder why you did it? At the core of everyone is some basic truth, value system, or set of experiences that has shaped who you are and why you behave a certain way.

**-- AT OUR COUNTY TOO --**

That same “look inward” can be made at our county level too. We see things happening that cause us to ask “Why?” or “What could have caused that to happen?” As with anyone who cares for someone or something, many in our county are asking the next question to what we see: How can we make it better or fix it?

**-- YOUTH ARE US --**

We all were once, or maybe still are, “youth”. As I said earlier, who we are today was likely shaped by something or someone when we were younger. So, if we see people or environments in our county that can be better, a place to start looking for improvements is at the source of our county’s future. We need to look at our youth.

**-- START WITH YOUTH --**

To help address this issue, the MCCF has formed a first-of-its-kind partnership in Martin County with the Indiana Youth Institute (IYI). IYI provides programs and services for youth workers and nonprofit, youth-serving organizations. IYI’s mission and vision is to promote the healthy development of our children and youth in five critical areas: physical health and safety, emotional fulfillment, academic achievement, civic engagement, and economic self-sufficiency.

**-- YOUTH WORKER CAFE --**

Part of the IYI support is a “Youth Worker Cafe” (YWC) for youth workers in our county, providing both the lunch and speakers. These YWCs

bring together people working with youth and allow them to network and learn about timely youth topics. Martin County had its first YWC on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**-- OUR COUNTY RESPONDS --**

Once again, as I’ve seen before, our county responded when given an opportunity to help make a difference. We had 50 people attend this Café, representing 30 different youth serving organizations from around Martin County. An excellent turnout for a county our size!

Attendees saw the latest “State of the Child 2017” county data and statistics for a comprehensive look at what our youth are facing. Problems and solutions were discussed for topics such as education, child poverty, child care, mental health, violent relationships, and child maltreatment.

**-- NEXT STEPS --**

Future YWCs will be held spring-boarding off of the data and feedback from those attending this first session. We will be digging deeper into subjects that need more focus and attention across our youth worker community. IYI is an expert in this field and will help facilitate future YWCs in nearly any area that our county sees as important for our youth. Future YWCs will be announced in the newspapers and on Facebook (be sure to “like” our Facebook page to get the notices).

**-- MORE INFORMATION --**

For more information about the MCCF, please contact the Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org).

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

**Spring Break Science Day Camp**

Looking for something to do over spring break? Martin County Extension is offering a two-day science day camp for youth grades 3-12. The camp will be on March 29 and 30 from 1-4 p.m. each day. This is your chance to work with computer programming, robots, 3D pens, construction toys, and other exciting science gadgets. The camp is free to current 4-H members and \$15 for non-4-Hers. Deadline to register is March 24. Please call the Extension Office at 812-295-2412 to register.

**4-H Camp**

This year’s 4-H Camp will be June 12-14. Any 4-Her grades 3-8 are welcome. Applications have been sent out through the mail. You are also able to pick one up at the Extension Office. This year’s theme is game boards. This is a great opportunity to meet new people from different counties, learn new things, and have lots of fun! Applications are accepted on a first come first served basis.

**Club Meetings**

Jolly Juniors—Tuesdays, April 4 April 20, May 2, May 18, June 6; Thursday, June 22; Thursday, June 29; and Monday, July 3 all at 6 p.m. at Truelove Church.

Jolly Jug Rox—Monday, April 10; Monday, April 24; Tuesday, May 2;

Monday, May 22; Thursday, June 6 and Monday, June 19. The last meeting will be Thursday, July 6. All meetings are at the Hindostan Church from 6-7 p.m. Please mark your calendars and see you at the meetings.

Shooting Sports—Shooting Sports is becoming its own club. Please join us for meetings every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Martin County Community Building starting January 9.

**Horse and Pony--**

Monday, April 3, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Martin County Community Building

Robotics—Every Monday at 5 p.m. through April 15.

**Upcoming Events**

Livestock weigh-ins

Sheep & Goat: May 6, 2017, 9-11 a.m.

Swine: May 13, 2017, 9-11 a.m.

Poultry: June 17, 2017, 9-11 a.m.

**Become a Volunteer**

Volunteers for 4-H have the unique opportunity to grow true leaders in our community. Volunteering can be as active as leading a 4-H club or just helping out at fair time. Volunteers learn educational programs to take out to community youth. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call the Purdue Extension Martin County office at (812) 295-2412.

## Butcher Scholarship still looking for applicants

Rita and Jack Butcher hold the Loogootee basketball family close to their hearts. The “family” includes supporters of Loogootee High School basketball – past, present, and future. The Butchers acknowledge this family as one of their greatest blessings. Their goal in starting the Rita and Jack Butcher Loogootee Family Scholarship Fund in 2011 for a Loogootee High School senior, and now having established the fund at the Martin County Community Foundation, was “to give back for all our blessings.”

Mr. Butcher was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame and is the winningest basketball coach in state history, with a record of 806-250. His 45 years of coaching constituted an impressive era of high school basketball for Loogootee. The Butchers would like to provide Loogootee High School students with the opportunity to further their education and make Loogootee proud, much like Jack Butcher did.

An eligible applicant must be a graduating senior from Loogootee High School who has been accepted into an accredited college or university, or a vocational or trade school. The Butchers have recognized the need for additional vocations in the community, and preference may be given to an applicant entering a vocational or trade school. Applicants must have demonstrated a good attitude, work ethic and performed well academically. Applicants must have participated in sports and/or other extracurricular activities. Financial need and/or special circumstances are also a consideration for this scholarship.

Applications are available online at <http://www.cfpartner.org/mccfgrants>.

Applications must be completed and returned by March 31, 2017. Applications should be mailed to: Community Foundation Partnership, Attn: Programs Coordinator, PO Box 1235, Bedford, IN 47421.

For more information call Curt Johnson, Executive Director of the Martin County Community Foundation, at 812-295-1022 or email [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org).

## ANIMAL SHELTER Pets of the Week



The top photo is Brooks. He is a male beagle/hound mix around a year old. Very sweet. The bottom photo is Doshia, a female cat, 6 months old. Both are fixed and up to date on shots. The animal shelter is open Monday and Wednesday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee.



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If you did not get your peas planted on St. Patrick's Day, do not despair. There is still plenty of time to plant peas. Fresh peas are a spring tradition and since the sugars in peas begin to turn to starch quickly, they are rarely found in supermarkets. The best way to have truly fresh peas is to grow them.

Peas are native to the Mediterranean area and were one of the earliest crops to be domesticated. Originally, peas were grown and harvested as dried pulse, but by the Middle Ages, green peas became popular. Louis XIV of France was so fond of green peas that he ordered them served even when they were not in season. Glass houses were built to make it possible to grow peas in the winter.

There are hundreds of varieties of peas, but they all fall into three categories. Garden peas are grown for the immature seeds that are shelled from the pod. While most are green, there are some novelty purple cultivars, including one whose peas retain the purple color when cooked. They may be eaten raw or cooked, but are best consumed soon after being picked.

Snow peas are prized for their flat, edible pods. They should be picked before seeds develop in the pods. Sometimes called Chinese peas, they are a staple in stir-fry dishes. They are also a great snack food, with or without salad dressing.

The third member of the pea family is the newest type. Sugar snap peas,

or just snap peas, are a cross between snow peas and garden peas. They were first developed in the early 1950's. Like snow peas, the pods are edible, but instead of being flat, snap peas are rounded and contain small immature seeds. If they become too mature, the pod may be tough, but one may shell the peas and eat them as garden peas. Of the three, sugar snap peas are my personal favorite.

Peas will germinate when soils are still too cold for most seed germination. Cool weather also keeps the peas from becoming mature too quickly. All peas are vining crops, although some of the newer varieties have been developed to grow on short vines. Traditionally, small limbs were used to provide support for the vines, but many people now grow them on a fence or trellis.

Like other legumes, peas host beneficial bacteria that enable the plants to absorb nitrogen from the air and store it in nodules on the plant's roots. That nitrogen becomes available for other plants in the garden, making peas good companion plants for high-nitrogen feeders, such as corn and mustard greens.

Peas mature in forty-five to sixty days, depending on variety, so planting now will ensure fresh peas in May. If you miss getting them planted this spring, you will have another opportunity to plant in late summer for a fall crop. Either way, there is nothing at the supermarket that compares to home-grown peas.

## Indiana lake whitefish record broken twice in two weeks

The state record for lake whitefish has been broken twice in two weeks by anglers fishing Lake Michigan.

Josh Pisowicz was targeting whitefish on Feb. 19 on the Michigan City pier and caught a 5-pound, 9-ounce specimen. Pisowicz submitted a record fish application to DNR officials, and they certified the next day that his fish beat the previous record, set in 2015 by Dan Rostecki, by 1 ounce.

Then, on February 28, Alexander Ciesielski submitted a record fish application for a 5-pound, 13-ounce whitefish he caught near Portage Lakefront Park on January 21. Ciesielski was not targeting whitefish but knew as soon as he landed it that he had a record contender. DNR officials certified Ciesielski's record on March 3.

Ciesielski's fish marks the fifth record lake whitefish since the state established a category for the species in 2012.

Assistant Lake Michigan fisheries biologist Ben Dickinson thinks the Ciesielski record may not last long either.

"We consistently see whitefish over 6 pounds in our netting assessments, and

last year we had several weighing over 7 pounds," Dickinson said. "There are probably hundreds of fish swimming around Indiana waters right now that would break the record."

Whitefish have long been targets of commercial fishing operations in northern Lake Michigan due to demand for their flaky white flesh. Recently, sport anglers started targeting them in southern Lake Michigan.

Whitefish are a great resource for Hoosiers because they are abundant, delicious and accessible to shore anglers, according to DNR Lake Michigan fisheries biologist Brian Breidert.

"And they can be caught using simple techniques, such as bottom fishing with a 1- to 2-ounce weight, a 12- to 24-inch leader, and a small hook baited with waxworms, salmon eggs or bits of night crawler," Breidert said.

Whitefish can be caught from most of Indiana's shore access on Lake Michigan, especially the piers at Portage Lakefront Park and Michigan City, and the Port of Indiana shore-fishing site.

Typically, the best fishing occurs between November and April, when nearshore water temperatures are below 50 degrees. Whitefish spawn near shore in late fall and stay during winter and early spring to feed on crustaceans, small fish, invertebrates and mussels.

More on Lake Michigan fishing, including shore access points and tips for fishing for a variety of species, is at [wildlife.IN.gov/3625.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/3625.htm).

## Severe weather myths Hoosiers should be wary of this spring

Everyone has heard "dos and don'ts" when it comes to severe weather. For Severe Weather Preparedness and Flood Awareness Week 2017, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security is debunking a few myths that may help protect Hoosiers this spring.

**Myth #1: Any Building is Safe During a Tornado**

Manufactured buildings often can't stand up to the wind speed and pressure, and are not safe shelters during a tornado. Hoosiers living in mobile homes or similar structures should talk to friends, family or neighbors to find a safe shelter in advance.

Permanent structures are best for shelter during a tornado, especially if they have a basement. Interior, lower level rooms away from doors and windows can be an adequate backup plan.

**Myth #2: Seek Shelter in an Underpass During Tornadoes**

When traveling during a tornado, an underpass is one of the worst places to take shelter. Wind speeds can increase while flowing under the structure, and serious injuries can occur. Seek shelter in a permanent structure (even better if it has a basement).

If there is no safe building nearby, look for a depression or ditch that is safely and significantly lower than the level of the roadway. Lie down in that area. Hands and arms should be used to protect the head and neck. If there is no ditch or low areas nearby, park and stay in the car and continue to wear a seatbelt. Lean over to stay below window level. If possible, use hands, blankets or coats to protect the head and neck.

**Myth #3: Open Windows Prior to Tornado Strike to Equalize Pressure Inside the House**

Opening windows does not help equalize pressure, and spending the time cracking those windows can use up valuable seconds needed to take shelter. When an alert sounds on television, phones or all hazard radios, seek shelter right away.

**Myth #4: If outside in a thunderstorm, seek shelter under a tree to stay dry.**

Most lightning deaths and injuries occur when people are caught outdoors. Seek shelter right away, preferably in a building or hard top automobile. Although injuries can occur to someone in a car if lightning strikes the vehicle, being inside a hard-topped vehicle is better than outside. If no shelter is available, crouch in a low area such as a ravine or valley and stay alert for flash floods.

**Myth #5: It's OK to Drive Across a Flooded Roadway if it Doesn't Look Too Deep**

Never attempt to cross a flooded road, even if it seems shallow. Water can conceal dips, or worse, flood waters can damage roadways, washing away the entire road surface and a significant amount of ground.

**Myth #6: Playing in Flood Water is a Safe Tradition**

While playing in water can be a lot of fun, flood water can contain unknown contaminants such as oil and other waste that can impact health. Unseen dangers, like large rocks, tree limbs or strong water currents, also pose a threat when playing in flood water. Additionally, do not try to cross moving water on foot. As little as a few inches

of flowing water can knock adults off their feet.

**Myth #7: Flooding Only Impacts Properties Near Rivers**

Floods can impact properties no matter where they are located, but especially in a low-lying area, near water or downstream from a dam. Even very small streams, gullies, creeks, culverts, dry streambeds or low-lying ground that appears harmless in dry weather can flood. Keep storm drains clear to help combat localized flooding and monitor conditions closely during rain events.

Seven were mentioned, but really, here's one more...

**Myth #8: There's No Way to Prepare for Disasters**

Taking steps now can make a big difference during an emergency. Making a plan, building a preparedness kit and learning about common local risks can help increase safety. Being a little prepared for severe weather is better than doing nothing, and may help keep family members safe. Visit the Indiana Department of Homeland Security site [GetPrepared.IN.gov](http://GetPrepared.IN.gov) for more information and resources for severe weather and floods.

Finding and photographing spring wildflowers

Join Patoka River NWR Friends for a spring wildflower walk and photography workshop on Saturday, April 8, at 11 Eastern/10 Central. The program will be led by Linda and Larry Wilcox. Linda has been a wildflower enthusiast for many years, traveling extensively to view and photograph them. She is adept at wildflower identification. She will show participants how to use the key in Newcomb's Wildflower Guide which she says is a good guide for beginners. Larry is a photographer. He has many years of experience with cameras of all kinds and has taken photos of everything from wildflowers to jets. He will demonstrate some wildflower photography techniques using your own camera or even a cell phone. The wildflower walk and photography workshop will begin at the Boyd's Trail parking lot. From there, participants will walk the Turtle Trail. The program will last approximately two hours. Suitable clothing and shoes, as well as insect repellent, are suggested. Do know that neither book nor camera is required to enjoy the spring wildflower walk on Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge.

Directions: From SR 357 (Main St.) in Oakland City, go east on SR 64 one mile to CR 1275E (look for Refuge sign). Turn left (north) on 1275E. Follow the signs to Snakey Point Marsh and continue on to the parking lot on the left at Boyd's Trail. Questions or directions? Fine PatokaRefugeFriends on facebook or call 812-255-0763.

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## Women's History Month Spotlight: Mathias thriving as CFC Coordinator at NSWC Crane

Brenda Mathias has donated to the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) since the day she became a federal employee. It has always been important and meaningful to her to contribute to the largest workplace charity campaign, so much so that she served as the lead CFC Keyworker when she worked in the Comptroller Department at Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane).

When Mathias was approached about taking on the role of CFC coordinator for all of NSWC Crane, it was a no-brainer. Despite her responsibilities as manager for both the Onboarding and Mentoring programs, Mathias eagerly jumped at the opportunity to take on an even bigger role in NSWC Crane's CFC efforts.

Under Mathias' leadership, NSWC Crane's CFC participation nearly doubled from 5.4 percent in 2015 to 10.1 percent in 2016. NSWC Crane raised a total of \$137,215 last year – the most since 2012 – and every single department at Crane increased their participation in 2016.

"When I look at that, I don't see dollar amounts. What I see is the lives that were changed," Mathias said. "I see the face of a kid smiling because he didn't have to go to bed hungry. I see meals for homebound people. I see pet supplies for local animal shelters. I see scientists who are helping cure cancer because of the CFC campaign."

Mathias' success as NSWC Crane's CFC coordinator stems from her caring nature, but also from her creative and innovative approach to the role. She thinks outside the box and, with the support of Crane's Executive Leadership Team, comes up with ideas that make giving to the CFC both fun and rewarding.

An example came in January when NSWC Crane Commanding Officer, Captain JT Elder, agreed to kiss a pig if Crane's CFC participation exceeded 10 percent.

"CAPT Elder is such an approachable leader, and he's very passionate about the CFC as well," Mathias said. "CAPT Elder allowed me to try fresh



**BRENDA MATHIAS**

ideas, something new, something fun. Without the support of leadership, I don't think it would have happened.

"If you can make it fun and exciting, people get involved. Once they get involved, they realize we're not just having fun here, we're actually helping people change lives. That's what it truly is about – it's helping others."

As a result of her significant efforts and contributions, Mathias was nominated for the 2016 Hero of the Year award, given annually by the Office of Personnel Management to the campaign's unsung heroes who made significant differences and demonstrated leadership qualities in their campaign.

"I didn't reach these goals alone. I don't want the spotlight to be on me," Mathias said. "I want it to be on the real heroes, those employees that dug deep into their pockets to make it happen. I couldn't do it without all the help from CAPT Elder all the way down to the person that could give a dollar per pay period. This was a total team effort."

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

## Terri Sullivan Callaway Scholarship

America is facing a critical shortage of nurses of all categories due to the aging population of baby boomers. Salary and benefits are rising to encourage people to enter this field. In addition, nursing qualifies as one of the most personally fulfilling of all occupations.

To address this crisis, Tom and Sue Strange established a nursing scholarship endowment in 1999 with the Martin County Community Foundation to financially assist aspiring people to pursue the nursing profession. Terri passed away in 1998 and her scholarship addresses the vital need in all of our communities – the shortage of trained nurses upon which the sick and elderly depend.

This scholarship is open to both traditional and non-traditional students. Traditional students are defined as those who transition straight from high school to college, university or a vocational school. The Martin County Community Foundation defines Non-Traditional students as those who have taken one or more years between high school and are now enrolling in a higher education program.

An eligible applicant must be a

current high school senior who will graduate from a high school in Martin County, Indiana or a Non-Traditional student who is a resident of Martin County, Indiana. All applicants must meet the following criteria:

The applicant must be a member of a Christian faith church

The applicant must have been accepted into a school for continuing education

The applicant must be pursuing a career in the field of nursing

Priority will be given to members of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Martin County, Indiana

Applications are available at St. John the Evangelist church or online at [www.cfpartner.org/mccfgrants.htm](http://www.cfpartner.org/mccfgrants.htm). The applications must be completed and returned by March 31, 2017. Applications should be mailed to: Community Foundation Partnership, Attn: Programs Coordinator, PO Box 1235, Bedford, IN 47421.

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- Must be physically able to perform duties of a police officer.
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# LOGOOTEER HIGH SCHOOL



## 2017 Senior SPOTLIGHTS



**ABBEY BARKER**

Abigail Helen Marie Barker is the daughter of Mary and Freddie Padgett. After graduation, she plans to attend Pensacola State to study early childhood development. While in high school, Abigail participated in Intern (12), Musical (11,12), Cadet Teaching (11), and FACS (9).



**JAYLON COMBS**

Jaylon Michelle Combs is the daughter of Brad S. Combs Sr. and Donna F. Combs. After graduation, she plans to enter the workforce. While in high school, Jaylon participated in Musical (11,12), Intern (12), and Cadet Teaching (11,12). Jaylon was also a member of the softball team (10).



**JAKE NONTE**

Jacob Robert Nonte is the son of Brent and Bobbi Nonte. After graduation, Jacob plans to attend college to study electronics technology. While in high school Jacob participated in Spanish Club (9,10), Yearbook (9), SADD (9-12), Cadet Teaching (11), FACS (9), and Student Council (9,10). Jacob also participated in Baseball (9-12), Basketball (9-12), and Tennis (9).



**SHELBY GRABER**

Shelby Renee Graber is the daughter of Matt and the late Jodi Graber. After graduation, Shelby plans to attend Vincennes University to study nursing to become a midwife. While in high school, Shelby participated in Spanish Club (9-12), Pep Club (9-12), Student Council (10-12), Intern (12), and Cadet Teaching (11). She was also Class President (11), Class Secretary (12), Spanish Club Vice President (10), and Student Council Vice President (11). Shelby was also a member of the Softball (9-12) and Volleyball (9,10,12) teams.



**WYATT NONTE**

Wyatt James Nonte is the son of Lisa and Jeff Nonte. After graduation, Wyatt plans to attend Vincennes University. While in high school, Wyatt participated in Intern (12), Pep Club (9-12), Spanish Club (9-11), Student Council (9-11), FFA (12), and Basketball (9-12).



**LUKE REED**

Luke Christopher Steven Reed is the son of Chris Reed. After graduation, Luke plans to attend higher education. While in high school Luke participated in Spanish Club (9,10,11,12), Job Shadow (12), and Student Council (10,11). Luke also participated in Basketball (9-12).



*-Photo provided*

Pictured above are the seniors in the Class of 2017 who were honored on Sunday at the Tri Kappa Top 12 Academic Dinner which was held at the Fellowship Hall of the Loogootee United Methodist Church. In the front row, from left to right, are Tristan Jones, Xiao Yang, Mayson Riley, Kirsten Spears, Eden Jenkins, and Abbie Williams. In the back row, from left to right, are Kaleb Lyon, Nolan Lottes, Justin Wagler, Megan Mathies, Sara Bailey, and Shania Swigler.

## Top 12 LHS Seniors honored at Tri Kappa Academic Dinner

The eighth Annual Tri Kappa Top 12 Academic Dinner was held on Sunday, March 19, in the Fellowship Hall of the Loogootee United Methodist Church. Members of the local Tri Kappa chapter hosted the event to honor the top twelve academic students in the Loogootee Junior/Senior High School Class of 2017. Also attending were the parents of the students as well as the mentor chosen by each student – someone who had greatly influenced them in their lives.

Audrey Robinson, chairman of the dinner, served as emcee. She welcomed everyone and spoke of the work that Tri Kappa does promoting charity, culture and education. Donations are given annually to Riley Hospital for Children and in Martin County, especially to the school systems including a scholarship and Valedictorian and Salutatorian Awards. The funds for the donations are raised through the birthday calendar and assorted nut projects the chapter conducts each fall.

Following the blessing given by chapter president Barb McFeaters, members served a meal of salad, rosemary chicken and potatoes, green beans and a roll prepared by Tri Kappa Kathy Lingenfelter and her committee. An assortment of desserts made by chapter members were also served. Guests dined at decorated tables done in black and gold and included pictures of the honored students. The senior boards of the students were also on display in the room.

The honored students, their parents and their chosen mentors were, respectively, Shania Swigler, Larry Swigler and Shelley Christmas; Sara Bailey, Carroll and Alisha Bailey, and Lacey

Wade; Tristan Jones, Jason and Christina Frisz, and Brian Whitney; Mayson Riley, Ron and Trudy Riley, and Marlene Spears; Megan Mathies, Kevin Mathies and Beth Mathies, and Cindy Ritchey; Kaleb Lyon, Jeffrey and Shelby Lyon, and Misty Mosby; Eden Jenkins, Thomas Jenkins and Cari Jenkins, and Ronetta Bough; Kirsten Spears, Shane Spears and Carrie Arvin, and Betsy Graves; Nolan Lottes, Herbert and Donna Lottes, and Doug Mayfield; Xiao Yang, Jinshu Yang and Caimi Chen, and his mentors/grandparents Zhucheng Yang and Lin Qingdo of China were unable to attend; Abbie Williams, Brian and Jennifer Williams, and Charlotte Stephenson; Justin Wagler, Bob and Jo Dee Wagler.

Other guests at the dinner included Superintendent Chip Mehaffey, Principal Andrea Huff and Guidance Counselor Tracy Anderson.

Before Sunday's dinner, the students had been asked to write a letter to the person whom they had chosen as their mentor telling them why they had made a positive influence on them. The letter was included on a framed Certificate of Appreciation which was presented to the mentor as a gift after being read by the student at the dinner.

On behalf of the chapter, Barb McFeaters presented each of the students with a large personalized laundry bag for college and a copy of the Certificate of Appreciation given to their mentor.

Audrey closed the dinner by congratulating the students on their academic achievements in high school and wishing them the best in the future from the members of the Loogootee-Shoals Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa.

## SPRING CLEAN-UP

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