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Dreams can come true

-Photo by Noel Harty

The Loogootee Jr./Sr. High School Band students took a trip to Florida over Spring Break last week. The band performed in Disney's Magic Kingdom Theme Park in Orlando. Shown above are the students and chaperones on the trip.

Community corrections moving to Loogootee

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins, along with her advisory board, went before the Martin County Council Monday night to once again ask for help finding a new location for their offices. Corrections currently shares 300 square feet in the basement of the courthouse with the probation department.

Collins had gone before the council last year with the idea of purchasing the former River Church building behind the courthouse. In the end, the owner simply wanted too much for the property. Collins then spoke to the council about building on solid waste's property across from the courthouse which also ended up being too costly. There was even discussion about adding another story onto the courthouse but it

was discovered that this would cost millions of dollars so that idea was quickly scrapped too.

On Monday night, Collins brought forth another building option – the Hawkins Health Care Center building in Loogootee. She explained that Hawkins will be moving into the former Pamida building in May so that building will be available for lease. The building is owned by Theresa Nolley and is 2,000 square feet. She said that the rent will be \$1,000 a month and utilities will be an estimated \$450 a month.

Chan Cornett, a member of the corrections advisory board, provided the council with reasons why the community corrections department needs space. He said that Martin County has twice the offenders in jail as Daviess, Law-

rence and Knox counties. Martin County also has less than half of offenders on community corrections than those three counties.

He said the current restraints for the corrections department are security issues working with the offenders in the small space in the basement, urine screens being done in the courthouse public bathrooms, the corrections supervisor meeting with offenders outside due to lack of space, and no way to add programs and services to the department because there is nowhere to house any other staff members. He said he also spoke with the county's two probation officers and they feel like it is "unprofessional and inefficient" to share the space with community corrections.

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-Photo provided

St. Vincent DePaul of Loogootee was awarded a \$2,500 Operation Round Up grant for a Martin County Home Rehabilitation Program. Conference members (from left to right) Dan Gregory, Keith Greenwell and Joe Williams, accept the check from Theresa Showalter, Daviess-Martin County REMC Administrative Assistant.

REMC elects trustee, awards grants

The Daviess-Martin County REMC Community Fund, Inc. recently elected one new board trustee and officers. Effective in June 2016, outgoing trustee is Jean Corbin, who served two, 3-year terms and new trustee is Martin (Marty) Evans. Board officers elected were President Gina Toy, Vice President Greg Edwards, Secretary Sherry Wade and Treasurer Barbara Gregory. Operation Round Up is a volun-

tary, convenient and effective way for electric co-op customers to help the community in which they live. Participants consent to have Daviess-Martin County REMC round up their electric bills to the next whole dollar. Operation Round Up then puts the customers' nickels and dimes to work in their community.

The latest allocation - \$7,500 – was (See 'REMC cont. on page 2)

Commissioners approve contracts, new county-wide notification system

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, March 29.

Kathy Collins, community corrections director, came before the commissioners for a contract approval with Amy Money. In a previous meeting, the commissioners approved a contract with the Shoals Community School Corporation regarding the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support) program. Money would serve as the PBIS Coach under this contract. The contract would include a 7.5-hour, one day a week at

the school for \$416.50 per month. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the contract between the commissioners, community corrections and Amy Money for \$416.50 a month as the PBIS Coach at the Shoals Community Schools. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Director Collins updated the commissioners on a potential office building for community corrections. The space (See 'CONTRACTS' cont. on page 3)

Police looking for info on bridge damage

The Martin County Commissioners have received information that a county bridge has been damaged by the intentional action of some person or persons. Such action is considered to be domestic terrorism and is a crime under Indiana statutes. It is the intention of the board of commissioners to assure the safety of all citizens utilizing

county highways and bridges. Any information about intentional damage to county bridges or highways is appreciated. Please contact the Martin County Sheriff's Department at 812-247-3726 with information. All calls will be anonymous. The sheriff has requested that the location of the damaged bridge(s) not be disclosed at this time.

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MOVING

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He also explained that if more inmates were released from jail on put on house arrest, etc. it would free up space in the jail to house inmates from other counties. He said they would like to have at least 10 of these inmates to make extra money for the county.

Cornett said he is a former offender so he has struggled with the same things as people participating in community corrections. He said a heroin epidemic is coming when I-69 is finished being linked to Indianapolis and it will be much worse than the meth problem the county is facing now in regard to deaths from overdose.

Before zoning in on the Hawkins Health Care building, Cornett said they had looks at space at the learning center on the fairgrounds that Ivy Tech is vacating. The 4-H Council however said they are not interested in having community corrections clients in and out of that building. Cornett said that apparently it is okay for offenders to pick up trash and mow the property but not okay for them to inhabit the building.

The council asked what kind of lease the corrections department was looking at. Collins and Cornett explained that it can be from one year to three years. Collins told the council that there was an extra \$15,000 in the CEDIT (County Economic Development Income Tax) fund that could be used to pay the rent for 15 months. She said the commissioners have agreed to pay the utilities out of their budget. The \$15,000 is from a match that was to be used for the housing rehabilitation grant the county did not get. Auditor January Roush noted that they are reapplying for the grant right now but the matching funds would not be needed until next year if the grant is awarded this time.

Collins also said she has around \$90,000 in her project income fund to pay for renovations needed at the Hawkins building. Some of those renovations include moving around the room partitions, installing flooring in a few rooms, buying a new server (\$14,000) and putting in new phone lines (\$6,000). She said they have slated \$60,000 for renovations and want to have a cushion of \$30,000 to eventually purchase a new vehicle for the corrections department. She also noted that the property has a backyard that could be used to put storage buildings on and the sheriff's department is in need of storage space.

Cornett said that time was of the essence with this property because Hawkins will be moving out next month. He said Nolley hasn't listed the property as available yet but it wouldn't last long once she did.

Council Member Lonnie Hawkins asked if the money corrections has in project income could be given to the county and then the county could pay the rent for the building.

Collins replied that corrections has three full-time employees and they reimburse the county for those employees' benefits, \$50,000 to \$75,000 a year. She said she didn't want to sound disrespectful, but community corrections already helps the county out with that.

She also said they cannot use project income money to pay rent and she's not sure about utilities.

Hawkins again asked if corrections could transfer project income money to the county.

Auditor Roush said she could ask the state board of accounts but she is almost sure they would say no.

Hawkins said he would like to know if that's possible. He said that he prefers to make decisions like this at budget

time but realizes there are special situations. He said he'd like to wait until next month to see what the state board of accounts says about transferring the money but a decision would be made at the May meeting.

Cornett said Nolley will get nervous waiting until May and the property may not be available by that time.

Collins told Hawkins that community corrections is the same as other county departments such as soil and water, the extension office, etc. and the county contributes money toward their living expenses.

Buck Stiles made a motion to approve the lease however he was against it moving to Loogootee but understands why.

Council Member Rich Summers said they would like to see a lease agreement. It was discussed that there would possibly be a three-year lease with an option for two more. There could even be a possibility of purchasing the building down the road.

Council Member Lynn Gee made a second to Stiles' motion.

Hawkins asked if the motion would include that the county would pay the first 15 months from CEDIT with the first month being June. After that the council would have to decide where they money would come from to pay the rent. And that the commissioners would pay the utilities out of the commissioners' budget.

The council approved it unanimously.

In other business, Sheriff Travis Roush spoke to the council about purchasing a new truck to replace Major Burkhardt's 2013 Dodge Ram. He said that the truck has 51,700 miles. The trade in value is \$20,000 so he needs the council to approve an additional \$6,800 to cover the difference.

Roush said following his plan to trade in vehicles at 40,000-50,000 miles, next year he will want to trade in Chief Deputy Greene's vehicle and Sergeant Keller's vehicle.

The council questioned whether community corrections could buy the Dodge Ram from the sheriff's department for \$20,000. Kathy Collins said she would certainly look into that.

The council voted to approve the additional \$6,800 for the sheriff's department.

The council looked over the quarterly report for the humane society.

The council approved \$85,000 for public defender fees for the circuit court. Judge Lynne Ellis said she came up that that amount so she doesn't have to keep coming back to the council asking for another transfer. The money comes from her own budget, not the county coffers.

The council also approved \$3,175 for a part-time court reporter that Judge Ellis said she will need for upcoming trials.

Regarding the \$15,000 additional appropriation from the highway department for cumulative bridge for contract services, the council tabled a decision until Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett provided more information. Auditor Roush said she thought the money was for bridge 11; the county's portion of the bridge replacement is around \$90,000, and they already have \$75,000. The council felt that the highway superintendent needed to verify that information.

The council did approve transfers in the highway department of \$17,000 from equipment payments to culverts and \$1,624 from equipment payments to bituminous.

In a final order of business, Kenneth Inman was approved to serve on the alcoholic beverage commission.

REMC

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presented to recipients chosen by the community fund's board of trustees for the first quarter of 2016. Recipients were:

St. Vincent DePaul, Martin County Home Rehabilitation Program: \$2,500

Generations, Area 13 Agency on Aging & Disability, Meals on Wheels Program: \$2,500

Mitchell Church of Christ Bread of Life: \$1,000

Southwest Indiana Powerhouse, greenhouse project: \$1,000

Barr-Reeve Band Boosters: \$500

Groups in the community may

submit applications to the Operation Round Up program. The board of trustees evaluates those applications and distributes funds. The funds are allocated according to the program's bylaws to benefit organizations for community service projects, economic development, education and youth programs, environmental projects, and emergency assistance or disaster relief.

For more information on the Operation Round Up program or the application process, contact Theresa Showalter at the REMC at (812) 295-4200 or (800) 762-7362. The deadline for 2nd quarter applications is May 31.



-Photo provided

Generations, Area 13 Agency on Aging & Disability, was awarded a \$2,500 Operation Round Up grant for the Meals on Wheels Program. Laura Holscher, Assistant Vice-President, VU Community Services, left, accepts the award from Theresa Showalter, Daviess-Martin County REMC Administrative Assistant.

Martin County Humane Society ANNUAL AUCTION

Saturday, April 9

Item viewing from 4-5 p.m. Auction starts at 5 p.m.
at Loogootee United Methodist Church

CURRENT AUCTION ITEMS

- Car cleaning kit and jumper cables from O'Reilly Auto Parts
- Pacers team autographed basketball w/certificate of authenticity
- (2) classic model cars donated by Butch and Norma Bailey
- Clayton Richards of the Chicago Cubs autographed photo
- Campfire Ring donated by Fire Ring King
- Roadmaster Free Bird adult bicycle donated by Butch and Norma Bailey
- Briggs & Stratton tune up kit donated by Toy's Auto Parts
- Spring wreath made by Kelly Bridgewater
- Nerium day and night creams
- "Poop" bag gift set from Earth Rated products
- (2) collar, leash and key ring sets from Lupine Pet
- Colt team stamped football
- 22-ounce hammer and measuring tape from DC Metal
- Biolog shampoo & conditioner and Chi oil donated by Lisa's Salon
- BBQ and various sauce gift set from Jasper Engines & Transmission
- Cordless drill and worklight combo set from Builders Best
- (4) view level or (2) terrace line seats to a Cincinnati Reds baseball game
- (2) tickets to Holiday World
- (2) one-night stays to the Gasthof Village Inn
- Oil change from Muffler Menders
- (6) tickets to AMC movie theatre in Vincennes
- (2) buffet dinners from Dogwood BBQ in Vincennes
- (12) Arby's combo meals
- \$20 in gift certificates for Wendy's, Grandy's, Denny's or Long John Silvers
- (2) reserved seats to a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game
- (2) \$100 gift certificates to The Lodge of Loogootee
- (2) tickets to Kings Island
- Overnight stay at Sybaris Pool Suites in Indianapolis
- Overnight stay, dinner for two, and \$20 in casino cash to Horseshoe Casino in Elizabeth, Indiana
- One night stay, dinner for two with choice of breakfast or lunch for two to Rising Star Casino in Rising Sun
- (4) reserved seats to an Indianapolis Indians baseball game
- \$20 Williams Bros. gift card
- Emergency radio donated by Daviess-Martin REMC
- Drill bit set and 20-piece socket set from Greenwell Hardware
- (4) tickets to a U of E Purple Aces men's basketball game
- Oil change from Harder's Auto Service
- (4) one-day Park Hopper Passes to 4 Disney Orlando Theme Parks
- West Boggs Park 2016 gate pass
- 40 lb. bag of Diamond Dog Food from Big John's Racks & Reels
- Timer candle from Crane Federal Credit Union
- (15) gift bags of dog treats
- (4) Wonder collar and leash sets from Kurgo
- Oil change from Bill Dobson Ford
- (4) tickets to Mesker Park Zoo
- (2) Funday passes to Indiana Beach Amusement Resort
- Dog-themed gift bag from Lynn Gee
- (2) \$25 gift cards to Loogootee Marathon (Jones Oil)
- (2) passes to Jump-N-Jax
- \$25 gift card to Bobe's Pizza Express in Washington
- Chi Tea Tree Oil trio set from Running With Scissors salon
- \$10 gift certificates to Dairy Master
- (2) cuts and styles from Broadway Salon
- \$25 gift certificate to Hometown Flowers & Gifts
- Avon floral fountain donated by Julia Albright
- Autographed Mutts Comic
- (17) Loogootee Lions/Shoals t-shirts (various designs and sizes) from JD Shirt Design
- Farm bell donated by Kathy Burns
- (5) subscriptions to Bark Magazine
- Cat concrete stone donated by Liz's Ceramics
- \$50 gift card to Rural King
- \$2 weeks of advertising in the Martin County Journal
- (2) tickets to the Indianapolis Zoo
- (4) autographed novels from Lisa Jackson
- Electronic thermostat donated by M&M Electric
- \$30 China Wok gift certificate
- Hair cut from Hair Tropics
- \$25 gift certificate to Bradley's Bar & Grill
- (4) \$10 car washes from Blake Hi-Y Car Wash
- (2) \$25 gift certificates to Red Bones Bar & Grill
- \$25 gift card to the Odon Tavern
- (2) Adult buffets for two plus drinks from The Gasthof
- \$40 Ebony's Cuts and More gift certificate
- (6) loaves of fresh baked bread from The Rox Café at Shoals High School
- (2) \$25 gift cards to IGA
- (2) \$25 gift certificates to Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant
- Large wooden carved bear
- Giant gift bag of items from German American Bank
- Travel bag and \$30 Visa card from Old National Bank
- (2) ice packs from Hawkins Health Care
- (2) Coozies, a t-shirt and \$50 gift certificate from Greene's Body Shop
- Huge wooden planter shaped like an old-fashioned tool box donated by Arvin's Crushed Stone
- Handmade kitty quilt donated by Annie Bullock
- \$30 Jamberry gift certificate from Jennifer Randolph
- \$25 gift card from Walmart
- Wreath donated by Rosie's Shirts & Gifts
- Spring grapevine wreath made by Debbie Truelove
- \$10 Scentys gift certificate from Ron Gilbert
- Kong products gift box
- (2) six session of Aqua Massage from Harmon Family Chiropractic
- 30-minute massage from Bowling Massage
- \$30 gift certificate to Faytastic Pizza
- \$25 gift certificate to Biggin's Pizza
- \$15 gift certificate to Break Time Bar & Grill
- 16-inch two-topping pizza from Pizza Junction
- (4) tickets to Indiana University Men's Baseball game
- Solomon Hill autographed Pacers basketball w/certificate of authenticity
- (5) passes to Indiana Theatre in Washington
- Flower arrangement from Walton's Greenhouse
- 30-minute reflexology treatment from Reflexology at your Fingertips
- \$20 gift card to CVS
- Shakeology package and cup from Fit4Life (Jayme Thompson)
- (2) reserved pavilion seats to an Evansville Otters Baseball game
- Mary Kay Satin Hands set donated by Delores Strieby
- Bath and body gift set
- Rustic jewelry holder made by Jennifer Randolph
- Pet signs donated by Hollies Eats and Treats
- Summer-themed gift bag

Obituaries

PATRICIA COLLINS

Patricia Joann Collins died early Sunday morning, April 3, 2016 at Good Samaritan Society Northwood Retirement Community. A resident of Jasper, she was 83.

She was born November 23, 1932 in Muncie; the daughter of the late Carlton & Gracie (Sanders) Wilson.

She was a housekeeper at French Lick Hotel and enjoyed motorcycle riding, camping and going to car races. She es-



PATRICIA COLLINS

pecially loved taking care of kids.

She is survived by a two daughters, Judy Martin of Loogootee and Carol Humbert (Mark) of Jasper; four sons, David Collins Sr. (Ann) of Eaton, Danny Collins Sr. of Shoals, Frank Collins Sr. of

Hartford City, and Ronald Collins Sr. of Shoals; one brother, Jerry Wilson of Galveston; nineteen grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by her husband, Bill Collins Jr.; two daughters, Beverly Sue Collins and Freda Bell; one brother and four sisters.

Funeral services were held today, Wednesday, April 6 at 1 p.m. at Garden

View Funeral Home, with Deta Starbuck Lasley officiating. Burial followed in Gardens of Memory Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Eaton Volunteer Fire Department.

Sign up for Carter's Legacy 5K Run/Walk

Carter's Legacy 5k Run/Walk will be held this year on May 14. Packet pick up begins at 7:30 a.m. with the race starting at 9 a.m. The 5K will be held at West Boggs Park and there is a \$6 per vehicle entrance fee to enter the park.

The race is in loving memory of Carter Lee Kerns, son of Alyssa and Ed Kerns. Carter died in a tragic accident the day before his first birthday. Determined to bring good from tragedy, his parents founded the Carter Lee Kerns Memorial Fund, a permanent endowment fund established at the Martin County Community Foundation.

Entry fees: Ages 16 & up: \$25 (includes shirt); ages 5-15: \$15 (includes shirt); under 5: no charge (shirts available for purchase \$10); ghost Runner: \$20 (not participating, but will get a shirt) Trophies will be awarded to the top male and female finisher overall. Medals will be awarded for the top three males and females in the following age categories: Under 16, 16-25, 26-35, 36-45, 46-55, 56-65, 66+.

You can sign up to run/walk the race via the website: www.wizathon.com/carters-legacy-5k.

CONTRACTS

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would require very little remodeling and if any updates are needed there are project income funds available for the expense. The county would only be responsible for the monthly rent and utilities. The commissioners were all in agreement to proceed with the project.

Cameron Wolf, EMA/civil defense, attended a meeting with the homeland security and D10 directors. Sheriff Roush and Director Wolf submitted information regarding a county-wide notification system called CODE RED. The commissioners all agreed the system was needed. The funds needed for the system are available in the public safety LOIT (Local Option Income Tax) fund. The cost of the CODE RED would be \$8,000 per year. Sheriff Roush is to have the contract reviewed by County Attorney Lett prior to the next meeting. They also discussed communication is-

ssues happening throughout the county with the current radios. Sheriff Roush is looking at possible grants to help with the communication issues.

Sheriff Roush reported there are currently 53 inmates in the jail with one department of corrections inmate. To assist drivers trying to report to USG, the sheriff is going to have USG address changed to a Hwy 650 address instead of Deep Cut Lake Road.

Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule. The highway department will be accepting applications for part-time employment. A discussion concerning vandalism being done to a county bridge followed. Sheriff Roush is to investigate. Superintendent Padgett questioned section 3.6 of the county handbook. He also gave several repair and road updates. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the repair of

three sets of kingpins to be repaired at Ruxer Ford for \$1,600 each. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Superintendent Padgett submitted a list of possible roads to be paved this summer along with estimates. An issue on Possum Hollow Road was also discussed. He also submitted pictures of the work being done at bridge #11.

Brent Roberts, BF&S, submitted the construction and engineering agreement for bridge #11. The commissioners approved the agreement at prior meeting. Now that INDOT has approved, the commissioners needed to sign the agreement.

Director Collins requested permission to apply for a grant through TANF. The commissioners were all in agreement to proceed with the application process.

Auditor Roush updated the commissioners on upcoming Bicentennial events.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MAY 28

12:08 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded and all was okay.

4:20 a.m. - Received report of a tree across the road north of Shoals. Corporal Baker responded and removed the tree.

7:48 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and all was okay.

10:41 a.m. - Captain Dant performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

12:00 p.m. - Captain Dant transported one inmate to the doctor.

12:12 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:56 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist south of Loogootee.

8:01 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

1:30 a.m. - Corporal Baker, K9 Officer Yirka, and Deputy Reed assisted ICO Mann on an arrest west of Loogootee.

3:15 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

4:26 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:00 a.m. - Received a report of a drive off in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

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

10:00 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took two inmates to court.

10:14 a.m. - Received a report of an assault in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

11:06 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:30 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took two inmates to court.

3:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took two inmates to court.

3:13 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance and Crane Fire responded. The subject was transported to the hospital.

4:24 p.m. - Received a report of a fight in Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, and Major Burkhardt responded.

5:15 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

5:17 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Major Burkhardt, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

5:44 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation south of Loogootee.

8:15 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver coming in to Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

10:41 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver eastbound coming in to Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

1:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance

responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:18 a.m. - Received a report of a deer in the roadway east of Shoals on US 50. Sergeant Keller responded and removed the deer.

5:38 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:05 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Crane. Sergeant Keller responded.

9:57 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

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

1:15 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

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

2:13 p.m. - Received a report of kids playing on the railroad in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded and spoke with the kids.

3:01 p.m. - Received a fire alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire responded.

3:43 p.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a welfare check near Shoals.

4:09 p.m. - Captain Dant performed a vehicle identification check near Loogootee.

7:54 p.m. - Received a report of a theft near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

8:36 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

10:03 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation south of Loogootee. Deputy Floyd and Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

1:45 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across US 50, east of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

4:59 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

5:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:40 a.m. - Received a report of a hit-and-run accident in Crane. Sergeant Keller responded.

7:20 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across US 50 in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and the state highway department responded.

8:34 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

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

10:50 a.m. - Reserve Deputy Gammon took two inmates to court.

11:40 a.m. - Received an alarm call north of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded and all was okay.

12:10 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to the doctor.

12:09 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Chief Deputy Greene responded. The sub-

ject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:55 p.m. - Reserve Deputy Gammon took three inmates to court.

1:55 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took two inmates to court.

2:50 p.m. - Reserve Deputy Gammon took one inmate to court.

3:37 p.m. - Shoals Fire assisted in the removal of some trees east of Shoals.

4:26 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:23 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Loogootee. Civil defense removed the tree.

7:53 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department checked and all was okay.

9:04 p.m. - Received a report of a gas fire east of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller, Deputy Reed, Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

7:05 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:30 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

12:25 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

12:35 p.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

1:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to court.

1:10 p.m. - Received report of a property dispute east of Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

1:30 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

2:45 p.m. - Sheriff Roush investigated a report of suspicious people near Shoals.

10:35 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, south of Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

11:30 p.m. - Town Marshal Eckert performed a welfare check in Shoals. The subject was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital.

11:43 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism and trespassing in Shoals. Major Burkhardt and K9 Officer Asher responded.

11:46 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

3:35 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Corporal Baker, K9 Officer Yirka, and Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

7:36 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:15 a.m. - Loogootee Captain Akles performed a vehicle identification check in Loogootee.

3:57 p.m. - Lost River Fire removed a tree south of Shoals.

4:28 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on SR 450. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

5:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:50 p.m. - Received several reports of trees down near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

7:23 p.m. - Received a request for

an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire, Deputy Reed, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

8:06 a.m. - Received several reports of trees down in the county and city of Loogootee. Appropriate agencies responded.

11:00 a.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist in Shoals.

12:00 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50 near Shoals. Captain Dant, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

1:28 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

1:54 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

2:43 p.m. - Shoals Fire removed a tree across the road east of Shoals.

3:17 p.m. - Captain Dant performed a vehicle identification check in Shoals.

4:25 p.m. - Received a report of reckless drivers in Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

5:18 p.m. - Received a report of trees down across roads east of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded and removed the trees.

6:49 p.m. - Received a fire alarm near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded and all was okay.

9:28 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee on US 231. Deputy Reed responded.

10:57 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

11:03 p.m. - Received a report of a bonfire in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

MONDAY, APRIL 4

6:28 a.m. - Deputy Reed assisted a motorist north of Loogootee.

Hoosiers asked to keep campaign signs out of rights of way

The Indiana Department of Transportation urges political candidates and their supporters to keep our roads free from encroaching campaign signs for the safety of the motoring public. The signs can block visibility for traffic entering and exiting the roadway at intersections and driveways.

Areas that should remain sign-free include intersections, interchanges and rights of way that run along the roadway. Where the right of way is not clearly marked, boundaries may be estimated as the fence line, the back of the ditch or behind utility poles.

Sign removal-Indiana Code 9-21-4-6 authorizes INDOT and local governments to remove advertising signs from their public highways. INDOT staff removes encroaching signs as part of their normal maintenance activities and takes the signs to a nearby INDOT maintenance facility, where they may be reclaimed by their owners.

For hours of operation or to report signs blocking visibility, contact your regional INDOT district. A map of INDOT's districts and sub-districts and contact information is at: <http://entapps.indot.in.gov/dotmaps/district-maps>.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, MARCH 28

12:08 a.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

12:15 a.m. - Caller reported a female threatening to harm herself. Female was later transported to Jasper Memorial by Martin County Ambulance Service.

12:10 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of medication.

2:30 p.m. - Male came on station to report a theft from his mailbox.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

3:15 a.m. - Daviess County requested Sgt. Norris check a residence for a missing 18-year-old. Officer was unable to locate.

7:10 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

10:05 a.m. - Caller reported a fight at the American Legion. Chief Rayhill responded and filed charges on a male.

11:00 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Walker Street.

2:00 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody violation.

2:30 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

6:12 p.m. - First responders were requested on Brooks Bridge Road for a medical problem.

8:29 p.m. - Caller reported property damage to a vehicle.

10:25 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

10:44 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

1:40 a.m. - First responders were requested on Boston Street for a medical call.

1:15 p.m. - Caller reported a semi

ARREST

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

1:20 p.m. - Joseph Pendley, 31, of Shoals, was arrested by Sergeant Keller for driving while never being licensed. His bond has been set at \$10,000 10%.

Real estate transfers

Zabrina M. Ping, of Martin County, Indiana to **Andrew J. Tedrow and Rachel L. Tedrow**, of Martin County, Indiana, all that part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 10, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, that lies of the Harrisonville and Loogootee Road, containing 5 acres, more or less.

Connie M. Walker, of Martin County, Indiana to **Timothy J. Walker**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.73 acres, more or less.

Terry L. Jones, of Martin County, Indiana to **Douglas D. Bridges and Rose Ann Bridges**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 0.30 acre, more or less.

Eric A. Sanquetti and Judith A. Sanquetti to **Steven D. VanLear and Vicky N. VanLear**, a part of the north half of Section 28 and part of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 29, all in Township 4 North, Range 3 West, situated in Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 122.81 acres, more or less, except a section containing 96.66 acres.

Robert L. Stuckey and Judith A. Stuckey, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kathryn A. Gibson and Denise L. Padgett**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: 66 feet off of the west side of Lot #10. Tract II: A part of Lot #9 in the New Fairway Addition to Loogootee, Indiana.

was stuck on Green Street.

4:30 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

5:00 p.m. - Caller reported a trash burn on West Washington Street.

8:43 p.m. - Caller reported a loud music complaint on Cedar Street.

10:37 p.m. - Caller reported a civil matter.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

7:15 a.m. - Received a report of a semi with dim headlights and taillights.

7:20 a.m. - Caller reported a tree had fallen on East Broadway Street.

2:15 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted with a funeral procession.

7:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

7:56 p.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a residential alarm.

9:07 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a gas fire on State Road 550.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

7:17 p.m. - Charles Allbright of Loogootee reported his vehicle had been struck while parked at the Family Dollar.

10:03 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle keeps driving my his house honking the horn.

11:46 p.m. - Caller on Cedar Street reported a burglary.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

3:15 a.m. - Caller requested police help him out with a ride to Odon.

3:35 a.m. - Officer Nolan assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a hit-and-run accident.

7:15 a.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

4:06 p.m. - Caller reported a fight between a male and female on North Line Street.

4:56 p.m. - First responders were requested in Sunset Trailer Court for a medical call.

7:35 p.m. - Caller reported a tree over the railroad tracks.

11:13 p.m. - Caller reported a road sign down.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

12:02 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle in the middle of the road on Nobles Court.

1:28 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231.

11:02 p.m. - Caller requested a security check on a business.

11:03 p.m. - Caller reported a bonfire on West Washington Street.

Sheriff camp looking for 7th, 8th graders

Sheriff Roush this week announced the 37th Annual Indiana Sheriff's association Youth Leadership Camp will be held in July again this year. The session will be held July 11-13 at Waycross Episcopal Camp in Morgantown (Brown County).

The Indiana Sheriffs' Association Youth Leadership Camp is a program provided by the Indiana Sheriffs' Association for boy and girls who are currently in the 7th or 8th grade of school and are interested in learning more about a possible career in law enforcement. The camp provides a very meaningful experience and relationship with other campers from throughout the state and sheriff officers who serve as counselors and instructors.

Any boy or girl in the 7th or 8th grade of school interested in attending the camp should contact the sheriff's office or your school counselor for an application and additional information.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL COURT

New Charges Filed

February 26

Brian L. Tharp, driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

March 3

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

Euric W. LaMar, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

March 9

Joshua M. Payne, operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

William T. Montgomery, Jr., carry a handgun without a license, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Travis R. Salmon, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Thomas W. Telford, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Robert E. White, III, intimidation, a Class 6 Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor.

March 10

David W. Whorrall, domestic battery, a Class 6 Felony.

Jesica N. Lomax Whorrall, domestic battery, a Class 6 Felony.

March 14

Joyce Jones, theft, a Class A Misdemeanor.

James R. Brim, driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

March 15

Tyler T. Davis, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Gary L. Stancombe, Jr., two counts of battery against a public safety official, Class 5 Felonies; two counts of resisting law enforcement, Class 6 Felonies; intimidation, a Class 6 Felony; strangulation, a Class 6 Felony; criminal confinement, a Class 6 Felony; domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Jackie R. Edmondson, Jr., three counts of possession of methamphetamine, Class 6 Felonies.

Caleb H. Truelove, leaving the scene of an accident, a Class 6 Felony.

March 17

Jessica L. Jackson, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; possession of a narcotic drug, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony; theft, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

March 23

Paul M. Davis, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; habitual vehicular substance offender sentence enhancement.

March 28

Kelvis D. Edmond, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Jason A. Clark, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Cathy E. Might, passing a school bus when arm signal device is extended, a Class B Misdemeanor.

CRIMINAL JUDGMENTS AND SENTENCING

March 15

Justin R. Boyd, convicted of battery in the presence of a child, a Class 6 Felony and operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 470 days suspended and credit for 130 actual days previously served plus 130 Class A credit days. Defendant received 15 months of probation.

March 17

Rebecca D. Rush, convicted of theft, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 339 days suspended and credit for 13 actual days previously served plus 13 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES

DISMISSED

March 17

Rebecca D. Rush, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

March 29

Ian J. Nelson, driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction, dismissed; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

March 23

Credit Acceptance Corporation vs. Nathan G. Shoultz and McKenzie L. Cates, civil collection.

March 28

Cach, LLC vs. Matthew New, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

March 28

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Branch Banking and Trust Company and against the defendant Matthew Bradley for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$79,233.39.

March 30

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Hills Credit Union and against the defendant Sylvia B. Johnson for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$43,556.20.

March 31

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Branch Banking and Trust Company and against the defendants Stanley and Shannon Knepp for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$71,289.03.

April 4

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Baird Financial Services and against the defendants Shanna Hughett, Jesse Hughett, Carolyn Estrada, and Steve Estrada for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$34,691.40.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

April 4

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Linda Hotz in the amount of \$6,121.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

April 1

Brandon D. Wildman of Crane and Jada L. Archer of Crane.

Derek D. Holt of Shoals and Teresa A. Ziegler of Shoals.

April 4

Wyatt L. Smith of Loogootee and Ashley N. Jones of Loogootee.

Accident report

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

7:00 p.m. - Phyllis G. Waddle, of Loogootee, was operating a 2005 Buick and attempting to turn onto JFK Avenue when she turned into the path of a 1993 GMC operated by Ricky Hurt, of Loogootee. Captain Akles investigated.

More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



There are still good Samaritans in our community! I would like to thank Eric Jones for volunteering the help he gave in unloading a very heavy table to my porch. He says he likes this article and I want him to know I like his kindness.

12 THINGS TO ALWAYS REMEMBER

1. The past cannot be changed.
2. Opinions don't define your reality.
3. Everyone's journey is different.
4. Things always get better with time.
5. Judgments are a confession of character.
6. Overthinking will lead to sadness.
7. Happiness is found within.
8. Positive thoughts create positive things.
9. Smiles are contagious.
10. Kindness is free.
11. You only fail if you quit.
12. What goes around, comes around.

THREE SIMPLE RULES IN LIFE:

1. If you do not go after what you want, you'll never have it.
2. If you do not ask, the answer will always be no.
3. If you do not step forward, you'll always be in the same place.

No one notices your tears.
No one notices your sadness.
No one notices your pains.
But they all notice your mistakes.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

1. Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety-one?
2. If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhea does that mean that one out of five enjoys it?
3. If people from Poland are called Poles, then why aren't people from Holland called Holes?
4. If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

5. Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist, but a person who drives a race car is not called a racist?

6. If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

7. If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, then doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

8. Do Lipton Tea employees take 'coffee breaks'?

9. What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?

10. I thought about how mothers feed their babies with tiny little spoons and forks, so do Chinese mothers use toothpicks?

11. Is it true that you never really learn to swear until you learn to drive?

12. Whatever happened to Preparations A through G?

13. Why, why, why do we press harder on the remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?

14. Why do banks charge a fee due to insufficient funds when they already know you're broke?

15. Why is it that when someone tells you that there are one billion stars in the universe you believe them, but if they tell you there is wet paint you have to touch it to check?

16. Why, in winter, do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

17. The statistics on sanity say that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends. If they're OK, then it's you!

18. It's not that we have more patience as we grow older, it's just that we're too tired to care about all the pointless drama.

Make someone smile today!

Spring Clean-up set for April 22

The Martin County Solid Waste Management District will host their annual Spring Clean-up and Yard Sale at the Loogootee Recycling Center on Friday, April 22 from 9-4:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 23 from 8 a.m.-11:30 p.m. This event is for all Martin County residents and businesses only. This is an opportunity for everyone to clean out the garages, attic, and homes of unwanted trash, and junk that plagues every one.

They will accept items such as mattresses, indoor and outdoor furniture, carpeting, bagged garbage and other bulky items.

They are also hosting a yard sale - make a few dollars by selling your items during the clean-up. You are responsible for your own sale. There is NO COST TO YOU.

All yard sale patrons will use the lawn to set up for their sale. The yard sale will be same hours as the clean-up event.

The center asks that you separate materials that can be recycled. What will be recycled: All scrap metals, such as TV towers, metal fence, and appliances.

Lt. Governor Holcomb and FSSA now accepting 2016 Golden Hoosier Award nominations

Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb, in collaboration with the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's (FSSA) Division of Aging, has announced that nominations are now being accepted for the 2016 Golden Hoosier Awards. The award, which began in 2008, annually honors Hoosier senior citizens for their lifetime of service and commitment to their communities. The award is considered one of the highest honors given by the State of Indiana to senior citizens.

"Indiana is home to many seniors who transform their communities through their tireless service. By working with youth programs, volunteering at local food shelters, and so much more, these Hoosiers have a transformational impact on making our cities

Also recyclable are magazines and catalogues, plastic bottles, tin cans, aluminum cans, cardboard, hardback books, paperback books, phone books, and plastic film such as grocery sacks and dry cleaning bags. Never throw away your junk mail or any personal records that contain your name. The recycling center has a shredder for you to use.

The fees: A truck load will be \$10. Tires; auto and small pick up truck size are \$4 each, if you have rims add one dollar, tractor and semi tires are \$15 each. Paint and paint products are \$1 each, if you have larger than gallon size the prices is \$1 per gallon. Appliances with Freon are \$20 each, computer monitors are \$10 each, TVs are \$10 and up... depends on how big TV you have.

If you cannot afford the fees, please call the recycling center and arrangements will be made for you to dispose of your stuff. There is no reason that any property in Martin County should be an eye sore with piles of trash and junk lying around.

Questions, please call 295-4142.

and towns even better places to live," said Holcomb. "It is my honor to recognize these special individuals for their important contributions, and I encourage everyone to nominate a senior Hoosier that has dedicated his or her life to giving back."

To be eligible for the Golden Hoosier Award, the nominee must currently be an Indiana resident, age 65 or older and have been a volunteer in the community for the past three years.

Additional guidelines and the nomination form are available at www.lg.in.gov. Completed applications must be submitted online by April 29, 2016.

The awards will be presented to the selected 2016 Golden Hoosier recipients on Friday, June 3, 2016 at the Indiana Statehouse.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Burns City Cemetery Association

The Burns City Cemetery Association will be holding their annual meeting on Monday, April 11 at 6 p.m. at the Burns City Methodist Church. Guests are welcome to attend. Thank you for your consideration.

Chamber of commerce meeting

The next Martin County Chamber of Commerce meeting will be Wednesday, April 20 at noon at Pizza Junction. Those attending are asked to come early to place your order if eating and have some time to network with other businesses.

Martin County Beekeepers meeting

Martin County Beekeepers Association's first meeting will be Thursday April 14 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Country Club. Slated meetings will be the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Country Club. Come out and see what's buzzing in Martin County.

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 Beverly at 812-709-1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

Solid waste board

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

Humane society meetings

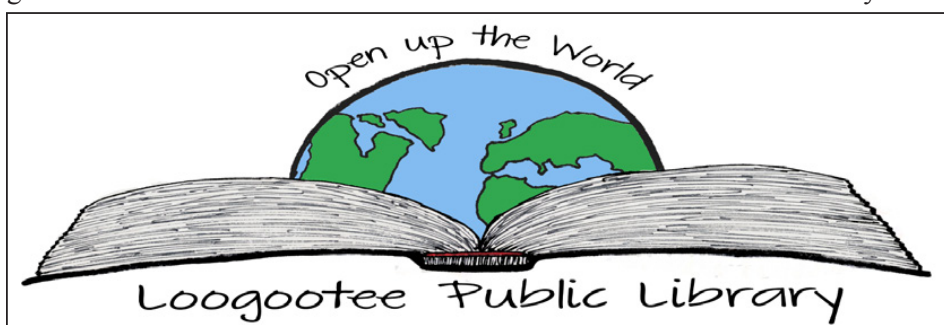
The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend.

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Shoals Public Library. 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 or call at 295-3149.



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The staff is busy planning the 2016 summer reading program. The theme is "On Your Mark, Get Set...READ! This is a fun theme that will combine reading and physical activity. The summer reading program is offered to area kids ages 2-12 and will begin June 2. I will provide more details about registration in a few weeks.

Don't forget about the FOLL (Friends of the Loogootee Library) book sale on Saturday, April 16 from 9-noon.

New Books:

Mystery: "As Time Goes By" by Mary Higgins Clark, "Blood Orange" by Susan Wittig Albert, and "Family Jewels" by Stuart Woods.

Fiction: "Once a Rancher" by Linda Lael Miller, "Miller's Valley" by Anna Quindlen, "Miss Julia Inherits a Mess" by Ann B. Ross, and "Flawless" by Heather Graham.

Inspirational Fiction: "A Dream of Miracles" by Ruth Reid, "The Rebel" by Marta Perry, and "Heart of a Warrior" series by Kariss Lynch.

DVDs: "Forsaken", "Black Mass", "Mission Air", Disney's The Lion Guard, and "Blink of an Eye".

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 or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.



In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

Heavy winds recently caused damage to landscapes in southern Indiana. At Sandhill Gardens, I spent most of the day on Saturday picking up limbs that had been blown out of trees. However, the damage was actual minor here. If you had damage to trees or shrubs, go ahead and do some cosmetic pruning. Cut broken branches back to the nearest junction. The tree will compartmentalize the damage and seal itself. There is no need to paint the wound with any type of sealer. If you have major damage to large trees, it is better left to a professional. We have several certified arborists in the area who will know the proper way to trim the trees and minimize the damage.

The loss of large limbs or even whole trees can change a garden greatly. Areas that were previously in full shade may now be in partial sun or even full sun. It may be necessary to move shade-loving plants to another location and begin planning a new garden of sun-loving plants. Gardeners and gardens are quite resilient, taking a bad situation and making the most of it. This may be a chance to try a new plant that did not fit into the landscape previously.

During an interim period, it is sometimes advisable to use pots to fill the empty places. Pots are more adaptable, allowing one to experiment a little before finalizing a new planting plan.

The only thing in a garden that is constant is change. At this time of the year, the garden changes daily. A gardener needs to take walks daily just to see what is new. Some changes are quite noticeable, as large shrubs burst into bloom, while others may be more subtle, such as the bumblebee primroses that are now blooming at Sandhill Gardens. If I did not know that they were there, I could easily have missed the diminutive blossoms peeking out from under some larger plants. The tiny flowers really do look a little like bumblebees. Another supporting star now in bloom is the checkered lily. They are neither bright nor showy, but they are interesting. If you have some dry shade areas, I would recommend epimediums. The tiny blooms must have reminded someone of the hats worn by Catholic bishops, resulting in the common name of "bishop's caps". Another name for epimedium is "barrenwort". Even when the flowers are gone, the mounds of heart-shaped leaves are attractive. The leaves are often edged with red, providing color even when not in bloom.

There are still a few late daffodils blooming at Sandhill Gardens. The many clumps of hellebores continue to dazzle me, as well as several visitors to the gardens this week. Grape

hyacinths, woods poppies, pulmonaria, Jacob's ladders and brunnera are all providing splashes of color in the shady spots. Flowering crabapples are the current garden stars, with several cultivars, each with its own bloom color in shades of pink and white. The earliest lilacs are beginning to bloom and that wonderful scent will be here during this week.

Daylilies and hostas are peeking through the ground. If your clumps are getting crowded, now is the easiest time to dig and divide. If crowded, daylilies will have fewer and smaller blooms. Hostas will also have smaller leaves. When the ground is dry enough for digging, lift the whole clump of either plant. You may then pull the clump apart, re-planting some of the divisions and taking others to other locations or sharing them with friends. Generally, such plants do best if divided every three to five years. I have several clumps that need to be divided this year, so I will have plenty of plants to trade at plant swaps this spring.

The Blackhawk Manor Renaissance Fair will be held at Patoka Lake this weekend. The Renaissance included a rebirth in interest in landscapes. During the Middle Ages, most of the knowledge of plants and landscape design was kept alive in the monasteries. Therefore, look for me in the monk's costume at the renaissance fair. I will be teaching about healing herbs and hanging out with bonsai master Tim Morrison. Come by and see us.

Hurt: Too many acres targeted for corn plantings

BY KEITH ROBINSON
Purdue University News Service

U.S. farmers reacted to global markets in making a major shift by intending to plant more acres in corn this year than last, a situation that could add to abundant supplies and result in lower prices for producers, Purdue University agricultural economist Chris Hurt said.

Farmers indicated in a U.S. Department of Agriculture survey they would plant 6 percent more acres of corn this year - 93.6 million, the most since 2013 and the third highest since 1944 - because of a world surplus of wheat and reduced sorghum demand from China.

Farmers expect to reduce their acreage of both wheat and sorghum and replace it with corn and cotton. Cotton acreage would increase by 11 percent.

"The bottom line is that 93.6 million acres is too much corn acreage that with normal yields will cause further building of already-large corn inventories," Hurt said. "Production would be expected to move above 14 billion bushels, with corn prices at harvest falling to the lower \$3 per bushel."

The reduction in wheat acreage is related to low prices from the surplus of that crop and increased international competition. The lower demand for sorghum is the result of reduced use in Chinese feeding rations, causing sorghum prices to drop relative to corn.

The shift is less apparent in the Corn Belt. Still, corn there could increase by 1.5 million acres. Somehow, Hurt said, farmers in the Corn Belt also are going



By Stacy Brown
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Upcoming Events

Livestock weigh-ins for the fair have been set for the spring. They will take place at the fairgrounds.

Sheep & Goat-April 30, 2016, 9-11 a.m.

Swine-May 7, 2016, 9-11 a.m.

Poultry-June 18, 2016, 9-11 a.m.

Share the Fun

Our county 4-Hers are warming up and rehearsing for this year's Share the Fun program. The general public is encouraged to come support our very talented 4-Hers as they sing, dance, and act their way to the area event. Share the Fun will be on April 25 at 7 p.m. in the Martin County Community Building.

Rabbit Show

There will be a double open class and 4-H Rabbit Show on Saturday, April 16 at the Martin County Community Building. For more information, call the extension office (812) 295-2412.

4-H News

The Color Me Green 4-H Dash will be Sunday, April 10 at 3 p.m. Join us at the fairgrounds for a healthy, fun kick off to spring. The first 25 participants will receive a free t-shirt. This is open to 4-Hers and community youth.

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We are also adding new things to our

webpage, visit us at <https://extension.purdue.edu/Martin/Pages/default.aspx>

We need volunteers! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with 4-H, please call or stop by the office.

Jolly Jug Rox 4-H Club Meetings are on the following dates: April 11, May 16, June 7, June 20, and July 7. The meetings are at Hindostan Methodist Church from 6 to 7 p.m.

Camps and Programs

The following camps, tours, and programs are available for 4-H members. For more information, please call or stop by the office.

4-H Camp - June 6-8. Applications will be available in April. This is for 4-H members in grades 3-8.

State Fair Exhibit Hall Workers—paper application. Please stop by the office to register. Deadline is April 15, 2016.

National 4-H Congress—register online at 4Honline.com. Deadline is May 1, 2016.

Citizenship Washington Focus 2017 Presidential Inauguration. Register online at 4Honline.com. Deadline is May 2, 2016.

4-H Academy@Purdue. Come into the office to register. Deadline is May 15, 2016.

4-H Round Up. Come into the office to register. Deadline is June 1, 2016.

to plant 840,000 more acres of soybeans, and more wheat acres as well. This made Hurt wonder whether farmers might have over-estimated their total acreage numbers.

The Prospective Plantings report of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, released Thursday, March 31, is based on a nationwide survey of 83,000 farm operators. It was conducted in the first two weeks of March.

The estimated corn planting area nationally is up 6 percent from last year's 88 million acres. Indiana farmers indicated they would plant 5.8 million acres in corn, up 3 percent from 5.65 million last year.

Soybean farmers nationally intended to plant 82.2 million acres, down less than 1 percent from 82.6 million from last year. Farmers in Indiana planned the same amount as last year: 5.5 million acres.

Hurt said soybean stock supplies were about 40 million bushels lower than expected, indicating that more soybeans might have been used than expected or the size of the 2015 crop was over-estimated. In addition, soybean acreage nationally was 660,000 acres smaller than pre-report estimates. This means, Hurt said, that the 2016 crop would have U.S. average prices near \$9 for the marketing year.

"These reports together suggest that the market prices of corn and soybeans will now adjust to give producers reduced financial incentives to plant corn and increased price incentives to plant more soybeans, spring wheat and other

spring-planted crops," he said.

Hurt noted that spring weather also will be important in determining how many acres get planted to each crop. The weather has tended to favor an early start to the planting season, which generally favors corn acreage.

PLANTINGS BY THE NUMBERS:

* Corn nationally: The highest planted corn acreage was 113.02 million in 1932. The closest it has come since then was in 2012, when 97.29 million acres were planted. Planted acres have exceeded 90 million acres 21 times since 1926 but only five times since 2007. The other 16 times occurred between 1926 and 1944.

* Indiana corn: Highest planted acreage: 6.5 million in both 1976 and 2007. At least 6 million acres have been planted 14 years since 1926 but only twice since 2007 (2012 and 2013).

* Soybeans nationally: Highest planted acreage: 83.27 million in 2014. In 2015, planted acres were slightly less (82.65 million). Planted acres have exceeded 70 million every year since 1997 except in 2007 (64.74 million). Before 1997, planted acres exceeded 70 million acres nationally only twice, in 1979 and 1982.

* Indiana Soybeans: Highest planted acreage: 5.8 million in 2002. The first time Indiana saw 5 million acres in soybeans was in 1995, and it has remained at least that high every year since then except in 2007 (4.8 million).

Source: USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service

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DNR gets clarification on new rifle law for deer hunting

The Department of Natural Resources has received numerous questions regarding recent legislation that legalizes certain rifles for deer hunting beginning later this year. Most questions have to do with calibers and cartridges allowed under the new law.

House Enrolled Act 1231 that was passed earlier this year by the Indiana General Assembly allows some additional rifle cartridges to be used only on private land during the firearms season.

The new legal cartridges include, but are not limited to, the .243 Winchester, .30-30 Winchester, .300 AAC Blackout, and .30-06 Springfield. Additional requirements are:

The rifle must have a barrel length of at least 16 inches

The rifle cartridges must have a cartridge case length of least 1.16 inches

The rifle cartridge must fire a bullet with a diameter that is

- .243 inches (or 6 mm); or
- .308 inches (or 7.62 mm)

No cartridges with a bullet diameter between .243 and .308 are legal (such as the .270 Winchester)

A hunter may not possess more than 10 such cartridges while in the field

Rifles with pistol cartridges that have been allowed in previous years may still be used to hunt deer on both private and public land.

Additional cartridges that are legal under HEA 1231 include, but are not

limited to, the following:

- 6mm-06
- 6mm BR Remington
- 6mm PPC
- 6mm Remington
- .240 Weatherby
- .243 Winchester
- .243 Winchester Super Short Magnum
- .30 Carbine
- .30 Herrett
- .30 Remington AR
- .30-06 Springfield
- .30-30 Winchester
- .30-40 Krag
- .300 AAC Blackout (.300 Whisper)
- .300 H&H Magnum
- .300 Remington Short Action Ultra Magnum
- .300 Savage
- .300 Weatherby Magnum
- .300 Winchester Magnum
- .300 Winchester Short Magnum
- .300 Remington Ultra Magnum
- .308 Marlin
- .308 Winchester
- 7.62x39mm
- 7.62x54mmR

There are other cartridges that meet the law's specifications, and there are others that do not. A partial list of cartridges that are not allowed under HEA 1231 includes the .270 Winchester, .38-55 Winchester, .444 Marlin, and .45-70 Government.

HEA 1231 is scheduled to expire after the 2020 deer season, at which time the DNR will submit an impact report to the Governor and the General Assembly.

DNR seeks input on fish, hunt, trap regulations

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife wants to hear your ideas on fishing, hunting, trapping and other fish-and-wildlife-related regulations in Indiana, including special permits.

From April 1 to May 15, the public can use a convenient online form to contribute ideas and provide input on issues the DNR has identified for consideration.

The form is at wildlife.IN.gov/7373.htm.

"Got INput?" allows the public to comment on ideas put forward by the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife as well as requests for rule changes from citizen petitions. The program also allows members of the public to propose their own ideas on any fishing, hunting or trapping topic.

Celebrate National Volunteer Week at Indiana State Parks

From maintaining trails to entering computer data, Hoosiers can celebrate National Volunteer Week, April 10-16, by donating their time and talent to Indiana's state parks.

"Volunteering gives you a great sense of accomplishment," said Jody Heaston, volunteer coordinator for DNR Division of State Parks. "You know you are helping manage and conserve our natural and cultural resources for future generations to enjoy."

Heaston said she hopes National Volunteer week participants will "catch the giving-back spirit" and continue volunteering with state parks.

Information about volunteer events and opportunities at specific properties is available at stateparks.IN.gov/2443.htm or by calling the offices at those properties.

Some examples of upcoming volunteer opportunities are:

- Indiana Dunes State Park's 20th

Got INput users must register with a username and a password.

Input and ideas can also be mailed to:

DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife
Attn: Got INput
402 W. Washington St., Room W273
Indianapolis, IN 46204

This is the second year of the Got INput program. The first year, in 2014, more than 3,000 comments were received.

After May 15, the Division of Fish & Wildlife staff will evaluate all comments and seek approval on rule changes to present to the Natural Resources Commission for preliminary adoption. No rule proposals would take effect this year.

Annual Friends of Indiana Dunes Plant Sale, April 9, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information, call (219) 926-1390.

-O'Bannon Woods State Park clean-up, April 9-12. For more information, call (812) 738-8234.

-Ouabache State Park trail maintenance day, April 10, 1-3 p.m. For more information, call (260) 824-0926.

-Pokagon State Park's Woodland Window Clean-up, Sunday, April 10 at 2 p.m. For more information, call (260) 833-2012.

-Salamonie Lake's Spruce-Up Salamonie Day, April 10 at 1 p.m. For more information, call (260) 468-2127.

-Versailles State Park's trash pick-up day, April 13, 1-3 p.m. For more information, call (812) 689-6424.

-Summit Lake State Park, April 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Help build and place Leopold benches on trails. For more information and to register, call (765) 766-5873.



The fuel has been thrown on the fire. Forages are starting to really grow and may have enough available forage to start grazing depending on where you are at. One question I hear quite frequently this time of year is: "When do I start grazing?" Most grazers are eager to get the animals back out grazing and reduce feeding hay. Depending on where you are located, it would be easy to say that on a certain day you should to go open a gate and initiate grazing, but you know it is not that easy.

Remaining stockpiled fields should have more residue left behind and should also have the most "green" growth because of more reserves. These fields should be the first ones to start grazing this spring. Fields grazed later into the winter or very early spring will be shorter and will need extra rest to rebuild root reserves prior to grazing. You need a game plan on how you are going to graze the paddocks so you can know where and when to start. You need to "stage" the paddocks to keep them in the preferred condition with quality forage.

Each year is certainly different because of prevailing weather and soil conditions that set the precedence for the onset of grazing in the spring. This is somewhat dictated by how hard the pasture was last grazed and more importantly how much residue or stubble was left behind. Pastures that were grazed down real tight early last fall and prior to going dormant will tend to be very short in the spring and slower to start growing because the plants will also have to grow roots at the same time. Dependent on how they were grazed, closely grazed pastures are often a slightly darker green because of higher concentrations of nitrogen, especially if they were grazed at high density. These pastures will benefit from a longer resting period prior to being grazed the first time.

Pastures that were stockpiled and grazed after going dormant are in a little better shape and, depending on how fast regrowth comes, can be grazed fairly soon. Stockpiled pastures that had adequate residue left behind, usually a minimum of 3-4 inches, are really good places to start grazing and are actually better balanced as far as crude protein, nitrogen, carbon, and fiber is concerned. As I quite often say, "you can walk a little closer behind these cows."

So, here is how to answer the real question of the day of "when do I start grazing?" Preferably, you will want to start grazing when the plants are about 6 to 8 inches tall (tall cool-season forages such as fescues and orchardgrass) and the ground is dry enough to support the weight of the livestock without causing damage to the forage base. On some soils, especially ones that tend to be wet, the forages may be closer to 10 inches or more before conditions allow for grazing with no damage to roots, crowns and added compaction. The more residue left from the previous year and consequently the more root base, the earlier you can normally graze without damage which is basically the same concept for grazing stockpiled forages on non-frozen ground all winter.

Especially in a rotated grazing system, there is some advantage to grazing fairly early as long as you use some control...animal control. Starting early and making sure to maintain stop grazing heights for the forages is really the critical issue, but it also helps to keep

the forages from getting too far ahead of you before you graze them. Staging forages helps you to be able to keep more of the paddocks in better condition longer with less need of haying or clipping. Like mentioned at the beginning, fields with more rest and more residue will be ready earlier and tighter grazed fields will be ready later.

If you are dealing with wet conditions and less residue then you would be better off waiting until forages are at least 6 - 8 inches providing better, thicker growth to hold up the weight of the grazing animals. I would still promote grazing for short periods, keeping the animals moving and never grazing closer than 3-4 inches whenever possible. If the forages do start getting ahead of you, consider making the paddocks slightly bigger and grazing the areas for shorter periods of time letting the animals harvest the best of the best. Quality forage with good intake will ensure good growth on growing animals and milk for lactating animals. When forages are growing fast, move the animals from paddock to paddock quicker. When forage growth slows down, slow down the rotation too.

Clipping can help simulate proper grazing and will greatly improve these pastures for later grazing, but I would only do this if really necessary to maintain quality...not for just aesthetics. We'll talk more about clipping in a month or two.

Keep grazing new paddocks until the first paddocks grazed have grown back to that 6-8 inch desirable height and then start back on them. You need to try and keep the paddocks as vegetative as possible for growing animals and not wait too long to re-graze them or you will quickly get frustrated in trying to play catch-up. Applying fertilizer sparingly, especially nitrogen, in the early spring will help keep this furious growth under a little more control.

If I have to skip a paddock, it is always best to be thinking ahead of time what field(s) would be advantageous to bypass. Paddocks with thin soils, low organic matter and low fertility, are south/southwest/west facing (hotter soils), and are always the first fields to consider and the ones that usually could reap the benefits of extra growth and rest.

I'll end today with a thought on magnesium. With temperatures fluctuating quite a bit right now and new grass starting to be utilized by livestock, it is pretty easy to be short on magnesium when the animals consume lots of new "washy" green grass. It is a good idea to move to a high magnesium type mineral supplement (usually 10-20% instead of 1 or 2%) and continue with it until we are past the early flush of new forage. The issue with insufficient magnesium is more of a problem where nitrogen and/or potassium has been applied recently or in excessive amounts. Grass tetany is the name of the disease where magnesium is deficient. For more detailed information about grass tetany, contact your local extension service or large animal veterinarian.

Enjoy the spring weather and keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities
Howard County Pasture Walk – June 7 – Details coming.

GrassFed Exchange Conference – April 27-29 – Perry GA. For more information go to www.grassfedexchange.com/conference/

National unemployment rate at 5 percent for March

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 215,000 in March, and the unemployment rate was little changed at 5.0 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last Friday. Employment increased in retail trade, construction, and health care. Job losses occurred in manufacturing and mining.

Household Survey Data

In March, the unemployment rate (5.0 percent) and the number of unemployed persons (8.0 million) were little changed. Both measures have shown little movement since August.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (4.5 percent), adult women (4.6 percent), teenagers (15.9 percent), Whites (4.3 percent), Blacks (9.0 percent), Asians (4.0 percent), and Hispanics (5.6 percent) showed little or no change in March.

The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was essentially unchanged at 2.2 million in March and has shown little movement since June. In March, these individuals accounted for 27.6 percent of the unemployed.

In March, the labor force participation rate (63.0 percent) and the employment-population ratio (59.9 percent) changed little. Both measures were up by 0.6 percentage point since September.

The number of persons employed part-time for economic reasons (also referred to as involuntary part-time workers) was about unchanged in March at 6.1 million and has shown little movement since November. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part-time because their hours had been cut back or because they were unable to find a full-time job.

In March, 1.7 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, down by 335,000 from a year earlier. (The 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 prior 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 585,000 discouraged workers in March, down by 153,000 from a year earlier. (The 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 1.1 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in March had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 215,000 in March. Employment gains occurred in retail trade, construction, and health care, while job losses occurred in manufacturing and mining.

Retail trade added 48,000 jobs in March. Employment gains occurred in general merchandise stores (+12,000), health and personal care stores (+10,000), building material and garden supply stores (+10,000), and automobile dealers (+5,000). Over the past 12 months, retail trade has added 378,000 jobs.

Construction employment rose by 37,000 in March. Job gains occurred

among residential specialty trade contractors (+12,000) and in heavy and civil engineering construction (+11,000). Over the year, construction has added 301,000 jobs.

Employment in health care increased by 37,000 over the month, about in line with the average monthly gain over the prior 12 months. In March, employment rose in ambulatory health care services (+27,000) and hospitals (+10,000). Over the year, health care employment has increased by 503,000.

Over the month, employment continued to trend up in food services and drinking places (+25,000) and in financial activities (+15,000).

In March, employment in professional and business services changed little for the third month in a row. In 2015, the industry added an average of 52,000 jobs per month.

Employment in manufacturing declined by 29,000 in March. Most of the job losses occurred in durable goods industries (-24,000), including machinery (-7,000), primary metals (-3,000), and semiconductors and electronic components (-3,000).

Mining employment continued to decline in March (-12,000) with losses concentrated in support activities for mining (-10,000). Since reaching a peak in September 2014, employment in mining has decreased by 185,000.

Employment in other major industries, including wholesale trade, transportation and warehousing, information, and government, changed little over the month.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 34.4 hours in March. The manufacturing workweek edged down by 0.1 hour to 40.6 hours. Factory overtime was 3.3 hours for the fourth month in a row. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 33.6 hours.

In March, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased by 7 cents to \$25.43, following a 2-cent decline in February. Over the year, average hourly earnings have risen by 2.3 percent. In March, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees increased by 4 cents to \$21.37.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for January was revised from +172,000 to +168,000, and the change for February was revised from +242,000 to +245,000. With these revisions, employment gains in January and February combined were 1,000 less than previously reported. Over the past 3 months, job gains have averaged 209,000 per month.

Standard and Poor's reaffirms Indiana's AAA credit rating

In a report released last week, Standard and Poor's reaffirmed the state of Indiana's AAA credit rating. Indiana has held AAA ratings with all three agencies, Standard and Poor's, Moody's and Fitch Ratings, since April of 2010. The AAA rating is the highest possible rating of the state's finances. It signals to families and businesses already in Indiana or thinking of moving here that Indiana is a strong and stable environment for investment, growth, and keeping more of what they earn.

"Our record of passing honestly

Indiana settles claims against two sham cancer charities, leader banned from working for nonprofits

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller along with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and agencies from all 50 states have obtained a permanent injunction to dissolve two nationwide sham cancer charities and ban their president from profiting from any charity fundraising in the future under a settlement filed in court late last Tuesday.

Cancer Fund of America Inc. (CFA), Cancer Support Services Inc. (CSS) and their leader, James Reynolds, Sr., agreed to settle charges that CFA and CSS claimed to help cancer patients, but instead, spent the overwhelming majority of donations on their operators, families and friends, and fundraisers.

The agencies' complaint, filed in May 2015, targeted four sham charities run by Reynolds and his family members that allegedly bilked more than \$187 million from donors. CFA and CSS were responsible for more than \$75 million of that amount. The other two sham charities settled in May 2015. The settlement announced last Wednesday concludes the largest joint enforcement action ever undertaken by the FTC and state charity regulators.

Under the settlement order, CFA and CSS will be permanently closed and their assets liquidated. Reynolds is banned from profiting from charity fundraising and nonprofit work, and from serving as a charity's director or trustee or otherwise managing charitable assets. He is also prohibited from making misrepresentations about goods or services, and violating the FTC's Telemarketing Sales Rule and state laws.

"The defendants in this case preyed off of peoples' compassion and generosity. This contemptible behavior harmed donors who believed their money would be used to help cancer patients as well as legitimate charities that could have used those donations to make a real impact in fighting this disease," Zoeller said. "This settlement highlights the importance of doing research on charitable organizations to ensure your money is used how you intended."

The order imposes a judgment against CFA, CSS, and Reynolds, jointly and severally, of \$75,825,653, the amount consumers donated to CFA and CSS between 2008 and 2012. The judgment against CFA and CSS will be partially satisfied via liquidation of their assets.

A portion of any money collected through settlements will be granted

to charities that do provide assistance to cancer patients, as selected by participating states. A portion will also be used to cover costs borne by the states in investigating and prosecuting this action.

Zoeller reminded Hoosiers to follow the below guidelines for safe charitable giving:

Before donating, contact one of the organizations listed on the Attorney General's website that collect financial information on charities, especially those that conduct nationwide solicitation campaigns;

Ask the caller for written information on the charitable organization, including the charity's name, address, telephone number, mission and details on how your donation will be used;

Watch out for charities with similar sounding names. Some unscrupulous charities use names that are very similar to those of respected organizations to scam consumers;

Do not click on pop-up solicitations or reply to emails asking for donations. These are likely phishing scams;

Be suspicious if a caller or invoice thanks you for making a pledge that you didn't make. If you have any doubt about whether you made a pledge, check your records;

Under Indiana law, you have the right to cancel a pledge prior to making a contribution; and

Always make contributions by credit card or check and payable to the charitable organization, not to the solicitor. Never wire money or use a pre-paid debit card to make a donation.

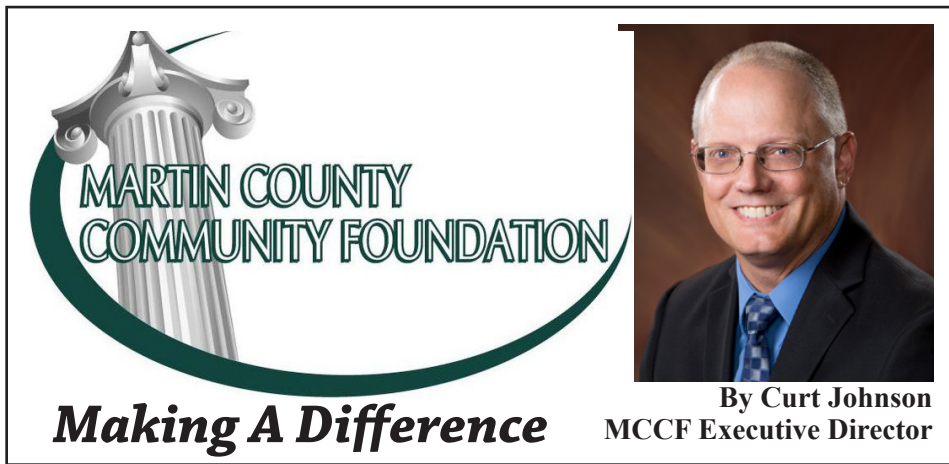
Under Indiana law, a professional solicitor who is hired to solicit contributions for a charitable organization must register with the Attorney General's Office a copy of its contract with the charitable organization. Additionally, professional solicitors are required to submit financial data to the Attorney General's Office after the end of each solicitation campaign, and after the anniversary of the start of a solicitation campaign lasting more than one year. For more information, visit <http://in.gov/attorneygeneral/2382.htm>.

Hoosiers who believe they have been deceived by a charity can file a complaint with the Attorney General's Office at www.IndianaConsumer.com or by calling 800-382-5516.

Zoeller thanked Deputy Attorneys General Justin Hazlett and Jefferson Garn for their work on this case.

balanced budgets, maintaining sufficient reserves while cutting taxes for working Hoosiers and employers has once again been affirmed as the way to grow a more prosperous Indiana," said Governor Mike Pence. "In just the last few years, our state has added nearly 140,000 new jobs; our labor force participation rates continue to outpace national averages; and, more Hoosiers are working than ever before. Rest assured that this administration will continue to advance policies that demonstrate responsible fiscal leadership and make appropriate investments in areas like workforce, education and infrastructure. That is what makes Indiana a state that works."

Regarding Standard and Poor's issuer credit rating (ICR), the report states, "The AAA ICR on Indiana reflects our view of the state's proven commitment to and significant focus on strengthening the budget through extensive use of management controls that have led to maintenance of structural balance, growth in reserve levels, and continued funding of long-term liabilities."



April is Prevent Child Abuse Awareness Month

Child abuse and neglect affects children of every age, gender, race, and income level. As a community, we have a responsibility to help every child reach their full potential.

Prevent Child Abuse Awareness Month is a time for families and communities to come together, honor the children affected by abuse and neglect, and raise awareness of resources and programs of prevention.

"Each day our agency must respond to reports of tragic abuse and neglect," said Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) Director, Mary Beth Bonaventura. "This month gives us an opportunity to highlight community resources to help at-risk parents and ultimately keep children safe."

On April 11, Governor Pence will recognize Prevent Child Abuse Awareness Month with a presentation starting at 2 p.m. at the Statehouse, followed by a planting of a pinwheel garden on the south Statehouse lawn.

Statewide Prevent Child Abuse Awareness Events/Activities

Again this year, DCS and their partners will host local Prevent Child Abuse Awareness Events/Activities across Indiana. Additional events are still being finalized. Each is tailored to each local community to best reach and inform families of child abuse prevention resources available.

A Google map with the current events, locations, and additional information is available on the Prevent Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month web page www.in.gov/dcs/preventchildabuse. Please be aware the Google map will be updated throughout the month with additional events as they become available.

Risk Factors that contribute to abuse and neglect of children:

- Immaturity of Parent
- Unrealistic Parenting Expectations
- Lack of Understanding of Child Development
- Stress
- Substance Abuse
- Isolation
- Intergenerational Patterns of Abuse or Neglect.

DCS Prevention Programs

•Healthy Families Indiana is a voluntary home visitation program designed to promote healthy families and healthy children through a variety of services, including child development, access to health care and parent education. www.in.gov/dcs/healthyfamilies

•Community Partners for Child Safety is a statewide prevention program. It is designed to strengthen the family unit and build support ser-

vices. It is voluntary, free, and provides home-based services to connect families with resources. www.in.gov/dcs/communitypartners

•Youth Service Bureaus (YSBs) & Safe Place provide a variety of programs aimed at preventing delinquent behavior in teenagers. www.in.gov/dcs/3326.htm

Other Resources
 •Children's Mental Health Initiative allows families access to needed services so that children do not enter the child welfare or probation system for the sole purpose of accessing mental health assistance. www.in.gov/dcs/cmhi

•Kids First Trust Fund
 The mission of the Kids First Trust Fund is to promote the health of children and reduce infant mortality by funding programs which prevent child abuse and neglect. www.kids-first.in.gov

How can you help prevent abuse and neglect?

•If you suspect abuse or neglect, please call the Indiana Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 1-800-800-5556.

•Reach out to parents that you know and offer a hand or emotional support.

•Volunteer time to programs that help parents.

•Let all of the children in your life know that that they can depend on you.

•Advocate for community services to help families.

•Report suspected child abuse or neglect.

•Consider becoming a foster parent. Indiana Department of Child Services

The Indiana Department of Child Services protects children from abuse and neglect and works to ensure the financial support of children. Indiana Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline: 800-800-5556. Child Support Customer Service Kidline: 800-840-8757 or 317-233-5437. www.in.gov/dcs

Our Partners
 Prevent Child Abuse Indiana is dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect, and is committed to making Indiana a better, safer place for Indiana's most precious resources – our children. <http://pcain.org/>

Indiana Child Advocates (Court Appointed Special Advocates or CASA) These volunteers are carefully trained, appointed by the court and supported by program staff so they can advocate for the child's best interests and help them have a safe and permanent home as soon as possible. www.childadvocatesnetwork.org/

-- COMMUNITY SUPPORT --

One of the missions of the Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF) is to provide a philanthropic vehicle for donors, typically from within our community, to help Martin County. The endowments managed by the MCCF are founded by these donors that wish to improve the quality of life and address needs or concerns that are close to their heart. These caring people could have been, or are, your friend, your neighbor, your co-worker, or simply someone that smiles and wishes you a "good day" when they pass by.

-- AG DAY --

A prime example of community support is the recent Martin County Ag Day event that was held on March 12, 2016 in the Martin County Community Building. There were 21 local vendors that sponsored booths, many donated door prizes, and a wonderful breakfast served to 344 people from within the community.

Did you ever wonder what the Ag Day Committee does with the profits from Ag Day? One of the many donations the Ag Day Association is making this year includes a \$200 donation to the Martin County 4-H Club Council Fund. These donations are only possible because of the support provided by you, the community.

-- QUIETLY DOING GOOD --

While there is community support like Ag Day or other events, individual MCCF donors are a huge reason that the endowments can grow for the continuing benefit of our community, now and forever. Some of our donors prefer to remain anonymous, a desire that the

Foundation is pleased to accommodate.

As a recent example, the MCCF received a donation from an anonymous donor who wanted to do something good for Martin County. They had been giving for several years and saw a great opportunity to make an even bigger impact with the Lilly GIFT VI match program. They wanted to be sure that their donation went to a fund that would provide the greatest benefit for the community. The Martin County Unrestricted Fund allows us to do just that. Adding to the benefit was the Lilly match that allowed the realized impact to double with \$1 for each \$1 that was donated.

-- GOOD PEOPLE --

This is a very good example of good people giving for good causes, selfless in nature whether in the spirit of the Biblical tradition of secret almsgiving, wishing to keep their egos out of their giving, or they feel that anonymity may help preserve the purity or sincerity of their selflessness. Whether or not an anonymous donor, or an organization, or from a deferred gift (I'll talk about those in a future column), our community is full of concerned, caring, good people.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For information about how the MCCF can help with your desire to do some more good within our community, please contact the MCCF Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

Information is also on our website at www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm or "liking" the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mccommunityfoundation.



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Pictured above is David Gregory, Martin County Ag Day Association President, presenting a check to Curt Johnson, MCCF Executive Director, for the Martin County 4-H Club Council endowment fund that is managed by the MCCF.

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BLADEN ALLBRIGHT

Bladen James Allbright was in band and Pep Club all four years of high school. She also did job shadowing (9th and 10th) and was an intern (11th and 12th). Bladen plans to attend college after graduation.



WYATT HUGHETT

Wyatt Lee Hughett is the son of Josh and Courtney Hughett. While in high school, he was an intern his senior year. Wyatt plans to attend college and study computer programming.

Loogootee Elementary Students of the Month

-Photo provided

Loogootee Elementary recently chose students of the month for March. In the front row, from left to right, are Liam Todd, Breanna Courter, Cooper VanHoy, and Chase Miller. In the second row, from left to right, are Kade Weidenbenner, Anderson Aiman, Landon Mathies, Seth Salmon, and Carter Walton. In the back row, from left to right, are Chance Carrico, Connor Swartzentruber, Sam Graber, Kyle Neal, and AJ Foster. Not pictured is Albany Crim.



Cards hard on visiting Pride

Pride 21 made the trip north on US Hwy 231 to visit the Cardinals of Bloomfield and the Redbirds handed the Lions a 7 – 1 loss. Averi Workman picked up the win for the Cardinals going 4 innings while striking out 5 Lion batters and issuing 2 free passes. Meaghan Bond came on in relief to start the 5th inning and struck out two and walked three for the save. Loogootee freshman, Sydney Davis, got the nod to start in the circle for the Lions and took the loss, striking out two Cardinal batters and walking three while going 5 2/3 innings. Renee Whitman came on in relief in the 6th and after giving up a single to left center, got Kelsey Moody to ground out to the Lion Shortstop, Bailey Davis, to end the inning.

The Cardinals scored the first run of their season in the second inning when Meaghan Bond went deep in the count

before drawing a walk from the Lions hurler. A slap single and another walk loaded the bases before Davis sat down Kelsey Moody looking for the first out of the inning. It appeared that Davis was going to work her way out of the bases loaded jam when Haley England lifted a pop up to right field that landed just out of the reach of both the Lions second baseman and right fielder for a base hit that scored Bond. Davis then got Graf to watch a third strike go by and got McIntosh to ground out to Bell at third to end the bases loaded jam.

After Bloomfield scored another run in the 4th, Loogootee got on the board in the 5th, when, with two outs, Julianne Bell singled, stole second and then scampered into third as the throw got away from the Bloomfield shortstop. Tyanna Graber drew a walk, before Lady Lions Senior, Bailey Davis, drove in Bell with a sharp line drive up

the middle.

Bloomfield plated another run in the bottom of the 5th, before erupting for four runs in the 6th on a one out double, then a tough ruling by the scorer for a two base error on the Lions right fielder, and then back to back home runs from the Cardinals 4th and 5th place hitters. Renee Whitman entered the game for the Lions at this point and after giving up a single to left center, got the next batter to ground out to the Lions Shortstop to end the Cardinals 6th inning.

In the top half of the 7th, Loogootee sent 4 batters to the plate, with Bailey Davis reaching 2nd base on a dropped fly ball by the Cardinals center fielder. Loogootee next sees action when the Pike Central Chargers come to town for a varsity, junior varsity double header on Thursday, April 7. Game time is slated for 5 p.m.

CLASSIFIED ADS

HELP WANTED

PART-TIME SUMMER ASSISTANT

Purdue Extension—Martin County has an opening for a part-time Summer Assistant. Applicant will assist Extension Educator by performing a wide variety of tasks from computer-oriented record keeping and document creation to filing, copying, light lifting, cleaning, answering phones, directing questions and calls, and all other Extension Office duties necessary to have a successful county fair. Applicant must be available to work 20-25 hours most weeks, and up to 37.5 hours during the busiest weeks. The successful applicant must have good computer skills, communication skills, and be able to perform physical tasks. Applicant must be available from early May to late August. Pay is \$8.50 an hour. To apply, come and complete an application at the Martin County Extension Office, located in the Learning Center at the fairgrounds, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The deadline to apply is 4 p.m. on April 15. Interviews will be during the day on April 22.

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT POSITION

The Martin County Highway Department is now accepting applications for part-time.

Requirements are: Valid driver's license, 18 years of age and be able to pass a drug screening. Job description is as follows: use tractor with mowing equipment, chain saw, physical labor (heavy lifting), shovel gravel/blacktop, clean culverts, etc.

Applications and a full job description may be picked up and submitted at the Martin County Highway Department, 10753 Sherfick School Rd, Shoals, Indiana. Inquires, call 812-247-2666.

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