

County council discusses animals, appointments

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Council met Monday night, January 5. This was the first meeting for new council member Buck Stiles, replacing Keith Gibson, whom Stiles defeated in the Primary Election. The rest of the council remained the same. Councilman Warren Albright was not present.

Josh and Courtney Hughett, with the Martin County Humane Society, presented the council with the animal shelter's annual report. According to the report, the shelter adopted out 160 dogs and cats in 2014 and took in 84 dogs and 76 cats. On the last day of 2014, the shelter had 12 dogs and 22 cats. Also, a total of 56 members of the Martin County community volunteered 1,979.10 hours in 2014 taking care of the shelter animals. No dogs or cats were euthanized last year. The Hughetts also provided the council with a list of all the dogs and cats that were adopted out in 2014 and where they came from originally.

Council member Randy Winger asked if a majority of animals that come into the shelter are strays that are just roaming around on the streets. Courtney replied that 90 percent of dogs and cats brought in are said to be strays found. Winger asked if it seemed that the population of dogs was now under control to which Courtney replied that it is. The shelter currently does not have a waiting list for incoming dogs and only has a population of 12 which is about 20 less than where it started in 2014. She explained that the cat population would take quite a bit

longer to control because cats were not much of a focus prior to the shelter opening. They are trying to correct that now.

Kathy Collins, community corrections director, thanked the humane society for being so welcoming to the road crew during inclement weather days when they go to the shelter to work. The Hughetts thanked Collins saying that the road crew is a tremendous amount of help and are all good to the dogs and cats.

Judge Lynne Ellis introduced Isha Wright, Attorney at Law; Brandon Smith, Chestnut Law Office and Casey Lindeman, Lindeman Law to the council as contracted public defenders. Aureola S. Wright, Wright Law, LLC was unable to attend. The commissioners approved the public defender contracts at their last meeting. Each agreement is for \$42,000 per year and covers all misdemeanors and felons except murders, attempted murders and appeals. The county has received \$55,000 in public defender reimbursement and \$17,000 into the supplement public defender fund. Only \$80,000 is budgeted for public defender fees, so an additional appropriation will have to be done later in the year.

Under the subject of council appointments, Kathy Collins told the council that according to the community corrections by laws, an advisory board member is not allowed to miss three consecutive meetings without it being excused. She explained that Warren Albright was the council's appointment to the advisory board and his attendance at meetings over the past three years (See 'COUNCIL' cont. on page 2)



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

The Loogootee School Board held their reorganizational meeting Monday night with new board members Brent Courter and Chad Wade. From left to right are Tim Bradley, Courter, Nancy Summers, Wade, and Scott Hall.

Loogootee hires math teacher

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The Loogootee School Board held a short reorganizational meeting Monday night, January 5. This was the first meeting for new board members Chad Wade and Brent Courter.

The board voted to make Nancy Summers the president for the next year and Tim Bradley as vice president. Courter was voted as secretary.

The board hired Andrea Sutton as the new math teacher to replace Jeff Richardson who resigned. Superintendent Joan Keller said that they received five applications but three of those were only qualified to teach math through ninth grade. Keller said they felt it would be better to have a teacher who could do all levels of math. Sutton currently

teaches at North Daviess and will be starting at Loogootee within the next few weeks. Sutton is a Loogootee High School graduate.

The board voted to continue to hold their monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. It was noted that if any school events fall on a regular meeting night, it would be changed.

The board approved a resolution setting board members' pay, as required by the state board of finance. The board is paid \$112 for regular meetings and \$62 for executive meetings.

The board approved Sandra LaMar as corporation treasurer, Brenda Mathies as corporation deputy treasurer, Lynn Bateman as high school and middle school ECA treasurer, and Kerry Sims as elementary (See 'LOOGOOTE' cont. on page 2)

Commissioners fill board openings

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The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday night, January 6.

Bruce Fithian came before the council to request that they approve him to retain his position on the Lost River Township Advisory Board. He explained that he did not re-run for the position because he ran for county council. He lost the bid for council but one spot on the advisory board was never filled.

The commissioners and County Attorney Dave Lett told Fithian that he would have to return to the next meeting so Lett could look up proper procedure on approving that appointment. They explained that they just wanted it done correctly.

Josh and Courtney Hughett, with the humane society, presented the shelter's fourth quarter report and annual report to commissioners as they did the night before to the county council. Commissioner Paul George noted that the fourth quarter was really big

for cat intake and adoptions and Courtney explained that Petsense in Jasper is serving as an adoption partner for the shelter from October of 2014 through March 31, of 2015. Due to the large volume of people that frequent the store, they are able to adopt out several of the shelter's cats.

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Sanders made recorder

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Rhonda Sanders was appointed to serve as the Martin County Recorder replacing Gerald Montgomery who was elected clerk and began his term January 1.

Sanders has worked in the recorder's office as the deputy for three years. She has lived in Martin County most of her life. Her deputy is Lori Carrico, who used to work in the assessor's office.

Sanders said she will serve the remainder of Montgomery's term through 2016 and plans to run for the office of recorder in the 2016 election.



-Photo provided

Shoals Lego winners

The Shoals FIRST Lego League team, the Roxstars competed on December 13 at the Indiana FLL championship held in Fort Wayne at IPFW. They were able to achieve a 2nd place ranking in the robot performance games out of the 52 teams at the championship. The competition was close during the first 2 rounds of the robot performance games with the RoxStars bouncing back and forth between 2nd, 3rd and 4th for the first 2 rounds. The Roxstars were in second place at the end of the second round with a score of 361 and then secured second place with a 403 point run in the third round. The robot performance games require the students to design, build and program a robot to perform a variety of tasks. Points are given for each task completed within a 2 minute 30 second time frame. The team has been working since the first of September to perfect their robot design and program.

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COUNCIL

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has not met the by law requirements. She said she understands that Albright has a busy schedule and she wants to be as workable as possible but she was concerned. She said the president of the advisory board spoke to Albright on Monday and he expressed interest in continuing on the board. She said she is fine with that but she does need him present at meetings.

After discussion, the council voted to appoint Barb McFeaters to the community corrections advisory board, instead of Albright. Other appointments were approved as follows:

-Kyle Wininger to the alcoholic beverage board. Council members Lonnie Hawkins and Buck Stiles abstained from the vote because they do not know Wininger.

-Lynn Gee to the Samaritan advisory council

-Randy Wininger to the Southern Indiana

If you get stranded in cold weather

With the frigid cold temperatures and high winds we're experiencing, a disabled or stranded vehicle could make for a life or death situation for the driver and passengers. Following the few tips listed below could save your life:

- Let someone know your route of travel.
- Always keep your gas tank full when driving in cold weather.
- Carry a winter survival kit in your car which is to include: blankets, extra warm clothes, flashlight, extra batteries, brightly colored cloth, sand or a bag of cat litter, shovel, candles and matches, non-perishable high calorie foods, (nuts, raisins, and protein or energy bars), newspapers (for insulation), a first aid kit and jumper cables.
- Do not leave your car if stranded, it is your best protection. Do not panic, an idling car only uses an average of one gallon of gas

Development Commission

-Richard Summers to the solid waste management district board

-Warren Albright to the economic development commission

-Mitch Green to the Martin County Park Board

-Lonnie Hawkins and Buck Stiles to the redevelopment commission

-Barb McFeaters to the Martin County Alliance board

New Sheriff Travis Roush came before the council to discuss the fundraiser for the K-9 unit for the county. The K-9 would be used as a drug and search dog.

The fund will be handled by the auditor's office and donations are now being accepted. They are trying to raise \$12,000 to \$20,000.

He said the dog costs \$5,000-\$7,000 and then training for the dog and the officer would be the rest of the expense.

per hour.

• Roll down a window a very small amount for fresh air.

• Make sure the car's exhaust pipe is not blocked to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

• At night, leave your dome light on.

• Always have your cell phone and a charger so you can call and let us know where you're located.

Following these simple tips could save you or a family member's life. Motorists are also reminded that with the frigid temperatures, gusting winds and blowing snow also comes the possibility of intersections, bridge decks and overpasses icing over. Please keep this in mind and drive with caution.

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OPENINGS

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Commissioner Dan Gregory asked about the operation cost of the shelter for the year. Courtney explained that it was right around \$29,000 which was actually only about \$9,000 more than before the shelter was opened.

The commissioners also discussed adoption fees and whether the shelter was breaking even with the cost of the animals and what was coming back in the adoption fee. Courtney explained that it is pretty close and that thanks to the low cost spaying and neutering through Pets Alive in Bloomington, who the shelter partners with, they are able to keep the adoption fees as is. She said that at \$30 to fix cats and \$60 to fix dogs, they don't have the urgency to increase adoption fees which stand right now at \$60 to adopt a dog and \$40 to adopt a cat.

The commissioners thanked the Hughetts for the work being done to control the dog and cat population in the county and said they would put the humane society in their budget again for next year.

Commissioner George read the veteran service officer report for December. There were eight total trips taken in the veteran van for eight veterans. Veteran Service Officer Linda Evans-Dillon had a total of 57 phone calls to and from her home and 48 to and from her office in the courthouse. The commissioners felt that the office number needed to be published again to try and get more phone calls to the office as opposed to her home. The number is 812-247-2210.

Mike Einterz, of Indianapolis, approached the commissioners regarding property he has a purchase contract for located in Martin County where County Road 45 terminates, on Cane Creek Lane, in the southeastern portion of the county. He said the road doesn't look like it is being maintained by the county. He said the property doesn't currently have any structures on it but he plans to build some. He said he needs to know what the county plans to do with the road - maintain it or not maintain it so he can continue with the purchase. He also wants to make sure he has an easement for access to the property. He said he is a lawyer in Indianapolis but has clients in Martin County and was going to use this property as a second home.

The commissioners made the following appointments:

-Leo Padgett as highway superintendent
-David Lett as county attorney
-John Jones as courthouse custodian
-Linda Evans-Dillon as veteran service officer

-Kevin Boyd to the Southern Indiana Development Commission (SIDC) board and Four Rivers RC&D Council

-Bill Shaw to the alcoholic beverage commission

-All three commissioners (Kevin Boyd, Paul George, and Dan Gregory) to the Martin County Redevelopment Commission and the solid waste board

-Don Bowling to the WestGate Authority
-Dan Gregory to the local economic development commission

-Paul George to the district oversight committee and the South Central Region 8 Workforce Board

-Cameron Wolf as civil defense director
-Andy Ringwald and Mike Ringwald as civil defense assistant directors

-Casey Dearwester to the disaster planning council

-Don Bowling and Vicki Bauernfiend to the Hoosier Uplands Board

The commissioners tabled appointing Gerald Wilcoxon to the Samaritan Board until someone could see if he still wanted to do it.

LOOGOOTE

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treasurer.

Board members Chad Wade and Scott Hall signed conflict of interest statements due to having family members that work within the corporation.

The board approved Mary Walton, former corporation treasurer who retired, to keep coming in through tax time to help out, as needed.

Board member Scott Hall noted that concerns have been raised recently regarding safety rails on the stairwells in the gym. He said older individuals that attend ballgames have a hard time getting down the stairs. He said he didn't know if there was an easy solution or if rails were even possible given the spacing issue but wanted to bring it up. High School Principal Chip Mehaffey said that the administration would be happy to meet and accompany any individual who wants to get to the lower seats. He also noted that there is an elevator that can be utilized.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF EAST FORK WATER, INC.

The annual meeting of East Fork Water, Inc. will be held January 26, 2015, commencing at 7:30 p.m. at the office, located at 213 S. Main Street in Shoals, Indiana. Directors for North Center, South Rutherford, Halbert and Lost River townships will be elected. Members are invited to attend.

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CHARLES PAYNE

Charles J. Payne passed away at 8:10 p.m. Monday, December 29, 2014 at his home. A resident of Washington, he was 76.



He was born November 22, 1938 in Shoals; the son of Claude and Ruby (Waggoner) Payne. He married Linda Kay Wagoner on August 28, 1970; and she survives.

CHARLES PAYNE

He retired from U.S. Gypsum, where he worked as a truck driver and ran the powder wagon. He was a member of the National Guard. He was a member of the Shoals Nazarene Church.

Surviving are his wife, Linda Kay (Wagoner) Payne of Washington; daughter, Charlene Underhil of Washington; step-daughter, Pamela Belmore of Fishers; step-sons, Mark Winger and Kevin Winger of Shoals; son, George Payne of Loogootee; sister, Dora (Fred) Pennington of Shoals; brother, Leonard (Betty) Payne; twelve grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren.

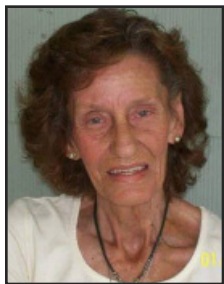
He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Charles R. Payne; five brothers, Henry, Carl, Norman, William, and George William; four sisters, Helen Hart, Deloris Melson, Mae Payne and Sue Marques; and one great-grandchild Rolan Wilson.

A funeral service was held Saturday, January 3 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home, with Pastor James Downs and Pastor Kevin Quinn officiating. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

GRACE HOVIS

Grace I. Hovis, former 72-year resident of Shoals, passed away on the morning of December 20, 2014 at her home. A resident of Patterson, Louisiana, she was 80.

She was born June 3, 1934; the daughter of Leland and Edith Grace (Ray) Grissom.



GRACE HOVIS

A life time caretaker, homemaker and also known by many as the 'the babysitter' because of the many, many children that she cared for and nurtured for working parents. She was a member of the Nazarene Church in Shoals. Married to Paul Hovis, who preceded her in death on November 18, 1994, she was a devoted wife of 45 years and loving mother to children, John Hovis of Mitchell, and his wife, Debbie; Jim Hovis of Shoals, David Hovis (deceased), Patricia Brantley (deceased) and her husband, Dan of Eustis, Florida; Brenda White and her husband, Dallas of Spencer; and Karen Hovis of Louisiana and was blessed with several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by brother, Eddie Grissom and sisters, Delema Taylor, Leluah Moffitt and Loretta Mowery.

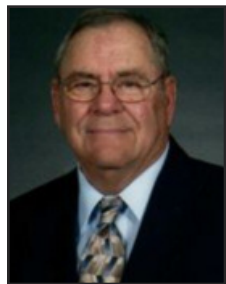
A private service will be held in Louisiana followed by her final flight home for a pending service and burial at Hickory Ridge in Indiana.

WILLIAM FARRELL

William Clement Farrell passed away Friday, January 2, 2015 at Loogootee Nursing Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 83.

He was born May 23, 1931 in Loogootee; the son of John Vernon and Alberta (Padgett) Farrell. He married Janet Harder on November 28, 1957; and she preceded him in death on January 18, 1998. He later married Eleanor Arvin; and she preceded him in death in 2012.

He was a graduate of Loogootee High School, Class of 1949. He retired from Crane Naval Base in the 1990's. He was a member of the American Legion Post #61. Mr. Farrell was a member of St. John's Catholic Church of Loogootee. He was a veteran of the United



WILLIAM FARRELL

States Air Force where he served in Korea. Surviving are three daughters, Joni and Rick Parks of West Bend, Wisconsin; Judith Lynch of French Lick, and Lisa and Kenny Elliott of Jasper; one son, Jeffery A. Farrell of Shoals; seven grandchildren, Seth Dickey, Josh Lynch, Kaci Lynch, Matt Parks, Kyle Parks, Nick Elliott, and Ben Elliott; three great-grandchildren, Colton, Elijah, and Arianna Dickey; three brothers, Jim Farrell of Indianapolis, Al Farrell of Santa Claus, and Larry Farrell of Speedway; and two sisters, Barbara Link of Brownsburg, and Martha Love of Loogootee.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, January 6 at St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee, with Father Ken Walker officiating. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Queen-Lee Funeral Home, Shoals, was in charge of arrangements.

JANET RAGAINS

Janet L. (Tinkle) Ragains passed away January 6, 2015 at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Shoals, she was 83.

She was born August 14, 1931 in Martin County; the daughter of David and Ruth (Lindley) Tinkle. She was married to Vernon Ragains and he preceded her in death.

She attended the Dover Hill Christian Union Church and she retired from Jasper Furniture.

She is survived by four brothers, Bill Tinkle of Jasper, Tennis Tinkle of Petersburg, Harold Tinkle of Dubois, and Carl Tinkle of French Lick; five sisters, Yvonne Stone of Shoals, Linda K. Courtright of Loogootee, Brenda Tedrow of Loogootee, Pamela Blair of Petersburg, and Lana Bush of Linton; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great



JANET RAGAINS

nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, parents, brothers, Jack Tinkle and Daniel Tinkle; and sisters, Clara Winger and Carolyn Sue Bailey.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the hour of service at 1 p.m. on Friday, January 9 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial will follow in Spring Hill Cemetery.

HELEN JONES

Helen F. Jones passed away at 11:12 a.m. January 6, 2015 at the Loogootee Nursing Center. A resident of Shoals, she was 96.

She was born March 8, 1918 in Chicago, Illinois; the daughter of Joe and Josephine (Moske) Martin. She married Austin Jones in 1945 in Quincy, Illinois, and he preceded her in death in 1980.

She was a homemaker. She enjoyed traveling, gardening, canning, and frying fish.

She was a dedicated member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witness in French Lick.

She is survived by one son, James A. Jones, and wife, Stephanie, of Shoals; grandchildren, Jamie Leidgen of Jasper, Jason L. Jones of Shoals, James Jones Jr. of Jasper, Jennifer Gibson of Jasper, Courtney Neideffer of Shoals, and Jennifer Baxter of Lafayette; eight great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren; one brother, John Martin of Springfield, Illinois; and one sister, Caroline Thomas of Springfield, Illinois.

She is preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Marie Martin.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the hour of service at 1 p.m. on Thursday, January 8 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial will be made in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Applications available at REMC for 2015 youth activities

Daviess-Martin County REMC is excited to offer two unique programs geared toward the youth of the community. High school juniors in the Daviess-Martin County REMC service territory are invited to apply for participation in this year's Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., and sixth graders are encouraged to apply for participation in the twelfth annual Touchstone Energy Camp.

Join Indiana Youth In Washington D.C.! High school juniors have a chance to join other Indiana youth on a trip of a lifetime. Applications are now available for the 2015 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. The trip begins on June 11 in Indianapolis and ends on June 18.

According to Ken Frye, General Manager of Daviess-Martin County REMC, the Indiana delegation will be approximately 75 stu-

dents from throughout the state, each selected by a local Touchstone Energy cooperative. They will join over a thousand other high school juniors from across the nation.

"Daviess-Martin County REMC is pleased to be able to provide this opportunity for local students," Frye said. "It's a great trip and a wonderful chance to see the sights, make new friends and learn how everyone, even young people, can make a difference in the world."

The Indiana delegation will meet in Indianapolis on Thursday, June 12 to tour the Indiana Statehouse and attend a get acquainted dinner with fellow Youth Tour delegates.

As they head east, students and chaperones will make a stop at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, on their way to Gettysburg where they will visit the battlefield and museum. Then on to Washington, D.C. to begin a full schedule of

sight-seeing, visits to Arlington National Cemetery, the Smithsonian museums on the National Mall and tours of the National Memorials. Students will also have an opportunity to compete for a \$1,000 scholarship and the Youth Leadership Council.

Over 1,500 students – representing 44 states – will participate in the "Youth Tour Rally" on Monday morning where they will share their thoughts and opinions on a variety of timely issues. This will prepare them for a busy Tuesday on Capitol Hill, when students visit with representatives of Indiana's Congressional delegation. Leadership lessons will be intertwined with the itinerary throughout the week.

Indiana's electric cooperatives have hosted the Youth Tour since 1960, providing hundreds of young Hoosiers the opportunity to visit our nation's capital and learn about the federal government and the cooperative utility industry.

Touchstone Energy Camp The Touchstone Energy Camp will be held June 3-6 at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston.

The experience was designed to educate sixth grade students across rural Indiana about electrification and electric safety, and help them to understand the cooperative business principle. A wide variety of activities have been designed to enhance this summer camp opportunity and create a memorable educational experience.

"Students will benefit from participation in a fun and powerful program," said Janet Chestnut, Daviess-Martin County REMC manager of communications/member relations. "Topics ranging from environmental education to electrification will be supplemented by traditional summer camp activities like swimming and horseback riding. This is truly a unique opportunity."

One student whose parents are members of Daviess-Martin County REMC will be chosen to participate in the Youth Tour and two students will be chosen for Touchstone Energy Camp. Applications for both programs

are available at area schools and the REMC office. Deadlines to submit an application are February 20 for both the Youth Tour and Touchstone Energy Camp. For more information contact Janet Chestnut at 800-762-7362 or visit the website at www.dmremc.com.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

6:30 p.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism northeast of Loogootee. Deputy Baker was advised.

8:44 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance in Shoals. Deputy Baker and Marshall Eckert responded.

8:57 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and the Loogootee Fire Department responded.

11:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

2:59 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

8:20 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance north of Shoals. The Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:18 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Sergeant Keller responded. Martin County EMS transported to Good Samaritan Hospital, Vincennes.

10:00 a.m. - Sergeant Keller transported one inmate to court.

1:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

5:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

5:48 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver northbound on US 231 from Jasper. All on-duty officers were advised.

5:50 p.m. - Received a request for a wel-

fare check south of Whitfield. Major Burkhardt responded.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:05 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance northeast of Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

9:30 a.m. - A subject came to the Martin County Sheriff's Department to report a domestic dispute. Major Burkhardt spoke with the subject.

7:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and the Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

10:35 p.m. - Received a report of phone harassment. Corporal Greene spoke to the complainant.

11:42 p.m. - Received a report of illegally parked vehicles at the Maranatha Tabernacle Church. Corporal Greene responded.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

12:21 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Loogootee. Martin County EMS and the Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

12:54 a.m. - Received a report of a male out of control in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

4:15 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

4:23 a.m. - Received a report of a male out of control, east of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

1:31 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County

EMS and the Williams Fire Department responded.

4:52 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on Butler Bridge Road near Rusk Road. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, the Shoals Fire Department, and G&M Wrecker responded.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

2:05 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

3:59 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with possible injury on US 50 near Peeks Road. Deputy Baker, Martin County EMS, and the Shoals Fire Department responded.

4:54 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

6:05 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Good Samaritan Hospital, Vincennes.

10:24 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle slide off on Chicken Farm Road just north of Spring Hill Road. Chief Deputy Greene and G&M Wrecker responded.

10:49 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS responded.

11:30 a.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on Mount Pleasant Road. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

11:35 a.m. - Received a report of a slight vehicle crash on Main Street in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

3:23 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

5:40 p.m. - Received a report of a power line across Weisbach Road. Deputy Harmon and the Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane Village. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

11:35 p.m. - Received a report of a slight

vehicle crash on Butler Bridge Road. Deputy Baker responded.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

12:08 p.m. - Received a report of large rocks in the roadway on US 50 west of Rama Dye Road. Sergeant Keller and ICO Tony Mann responded.

12:23 p.m. - Received a report of large rocks in the roadway on US 50 west of Rama Dye Road. Sergeant Keller responded.

2:47 p.m. - Received a report of a bottle bomb at the Shoals Boat Ramp. Sheriff Roush, Sergeant Keller, and ISP Trooper Lents responded.

3:55 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver northbound on US 231 from Haysville. All on-duty officers were advised.

8:25 p.m. - Received a report of yard vandalism in Shoals. Deputy Harmon responded.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

3:22 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County EMS and the Loogootee Fire Department responded.

4:17 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane Village. Martin County EMS responded.

5:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

10:40 a.m. - Received a report of a three-vehicle crash with no injury on Capital Avenue at the intersection of Poplar Street. Sergeant Keller responded.

3:42 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on Main Street in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

7:09 p.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant. Deputy Harmon responded.

9:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at the intersection of Kale Cross Road and Progress School Road. Martin County EMS and the Lost River Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

Loogootee Police Department log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

12:15 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a 911 hang-up on 1300 East. Everything checked out okay.

5:09 p.m. - Caller reported a traffic complaint.

7:11 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

9:02 p.m. - First responders were requested on Cedar Street for lifting assistance.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:08 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231. Officers were unable to locate.

3:03 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

1:30 p.m. - Caller reported property damage on NE 1st Street.

7:29 p.m. - First responders were requested at the Martin County Nursing Home for a medical call.

11:17 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a possible gas leak on East Main Street.

11:25 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on North Line Street.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

12:21 a.m. - First responders were requested on Hwy 50 for a medical call.

8:25 a.m. - Caller reported a lost or stolen checkbook.

10:35 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

2:35 p.m. - Female caller reported she loaned her vehicle out and its not been returned yet.

11:08 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Cedar Street.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

10:10 a.m. - Female reported a dog com-

plaint on North Street.

6:46 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious smell on North Line Street.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

8:27 a.m. - Captain Akles responded to a 911 hang-up on Byron Street. Everything checked out okay.

9:54 p.m. - Captain Akles responded to a 911 hang-up on Walker Street. Faulty phone lines were to blame.

4:16 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

5:56 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

10:35 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Queen Street.

11:50 p.m. - Caller reported a possible domestic dispute in Redwing Trailer Court.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

3:22 a.m. - First responders were requested on Dover Hill Road for a medical call.

3:19 a.m. - Received several calls regarding a power outage.

9:00 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute at Country Place Apartments.

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Martin County Court News

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

CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed December 1

Jemimah B. Tharp, theft, a Class A Misdemeanor.

December 8

Thomas R. Lake, possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor.

December 9

Kevin J. Akles, operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

December 17

Darren B. Stone, unlawful possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon, a Class 4 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; habitual offender, sentence enhancement.

Julie E. Lents, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor; visiting a common nuisance, a Class B Misdemeanor; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor.

December 18

Ashley B. Harris, escape, a Class 6 Felony; unauthorized absence from home detention, a Class A Misdemeanor.

December 23

Larry J. Jones, driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Sean L. Hunt, possession of a narcotic drug, a Class 6 Felony; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Baltazar Garzona, four counts of forgery, Class 6 Felonies; counterfeiting, a Class 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Daniel P. Jackson, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 2 Felony; unlawful possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon, a Class 4 Felony; possession of a narcotic drug, a Class 4 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; unlawful use of a police radio, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed December 29

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Eva J. Flores, civil collection.

Tammac Holdings Corporation vs. Bill J. Holt, Martin County Treasurer, Discover Bank and Sommerhill Capital, mortgage foreclosure.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed December 29

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Kaelyn M. Baldwin and Jeffery L. Raisor, Jr., complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Jason L. Dyer, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Zachary W. Leek, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Chantele F. Floyd, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Ashley R. Moothery, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Todd A. Miller, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Laurie M. Stanich, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Krystal L. Schmitt and Cory A. Hissner, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Mysti B. Fisher, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. David W. Wilson, Sr., complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Joseph D. Becker, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. John M. Vaughan, Jr., complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Jonathan M. Cumbie, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Adriana J. Strong, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Keith S. Kelley, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Charles F. Padgett, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Daniale R. Thompson, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Mark W. Collins, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS December 23

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Larae Nunn in the amount of \$1,241.64.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Juan L. Medina III in the amount of \$1,164.17.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Jessica L. Jackson in the amount of \$1,322.85.

December 24

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Jayliene Baylis in the amount of \$1,648.91.



-Photo provided

Shown above are the new Jasper District State Troopers From left to right are Trooper Greene, Trooper Mears, Trooper Gillespie, Trooper Nanney

Jasper ISP District welcomes four new troopers

The 42 newest members of the Indiana State Police reported for duty today at the 14 state police posts across the state.

On Tuesday, December 23, 2014, after 23 weeks of intense training, the 74th Recruit Academy took their oath of office to serve and protect the citizens of the State of Indiana. The graduation ceremony was a culmination of training in subjects including criminal and traffic law, crash investigations, emergency vehicle operations, defensive tactics, firearms, and a host of other subjects related to modern policing.

The Jasper District is very pleased to welcome four Troopers from the 74th Class: Troopers Samuel Gillespie, Kaitlyn Greene, Justin Mears, and Paul Nanney. The four will work alongside seasoned troopers for the next three months prior to working within their assignments on solo patrol.

Trooper Gillespie, originally from Bedford, Indiana, graduated from Bedford North Lawrence High School and Danville Area Community College (Danville, Illinois), where he majored in Psychology. Trooper Gillespie is the grandson of Trooper Robert C. Gillespie, who was killed in the line of duty on June 8, 1962. Trooper Gillespie will primarily patrol Orange County.

Trooper Greene, originally from Rockport, Indiana, graduated from South Spencer High School in 2009 and attended the University of Southern Indiana and Vincennes University, receiving an Associate's Degree. Greene is an active volunteer member of the Chrisney Fire Department, Spencer County Search and Rescue, and Spencer County Water Rescue Team. Greene is the daughter of Sergeant Sherri Heichelbech and becomes the first mother-daughter active duty relationship on the de-

partment. Trooper Greene will primarily patrol Spencer County.

Trooper Mears, originally from Louisville, Kentucky, attended Fern Creek Traditional High School and Jefferson Community College (both in Louisville, Kentucky), with a major in Criminal Justice. Mears holds a student pilot's license and has over 100 hours of aircraft flight time. Trooper Mears will primarily patrol Crawford County. 4

Trooper Nanney, originally from Louisville, Kentucky, was home schooled through high school and attended Jefferson Community and Technical College (Louisville, Kentucky), where he majored in Communications. Nanney worked as a Correctional Officer at the Roederer Correctional Complex (LaGrange, Kentucky) prior to attending the State Police Academy. Trooper Nanney will primarily patrol Crawford County.

Accident reports

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

12:02 a.m. - Maggie Hedrick, of Loogootee, was operating a 2005 Toyota on North Line Street when she said she took her eye off the road and struck the rear of a parked 2002 Dodge. This caused the Dodge to be pushed into the rear of 2002 Pontiac. Both vehicles are owned by Rusty Sutton, of Loogootee. Debris from the accident struck a black Ford owned by Wade Arvin. Officer Nolan was the investigating officer.

10:48 a.m. - Enos Wagler, of Cannelburg, was operating a 2000 Chevy and attempting to turn into Gasoline Alley. As Wagler was turning, he struck a 1998 Ford operated by Diane C. Fields, of Loogootee. Captain Akles investigated.

Martin County real estate transfers

Mark J. Franklin, of Martin County, Indiana to **Mark J. Franklin and Tina M. Franklin**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, in Martin County, Indiana containing 0.59 acre.

Lawrence R. Carpenter and Linda K. Carpenter, of Martin County, Indiana to **James Dale Carpenter**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, lying in Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 32.27 acres, more or less.

Big Valley Farms, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to **Matthew D. Lark**, of Martin County, Indiana, the west half of the southeast quarter of Section 33, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, 43 acres; the west half of the southeast quarter of Section 33, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, 37 acres; the east of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 33, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, 20 acres; the east part of the east half of the northeast quarter of Section 4, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, 50 acres; the east half of the southeast quarter of

Section 33, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, 60 acres; the west half of the northeast quarter of Section 33, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, 80 acres; and the east part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 33, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, 15 acres.

Michael J. McAtee, of Martin County, Indiana to **Charles M. Halbert and M. Darlene Halbert**, of Martin County, Indiana, commencing at a point 10 feet east of the northwest quarter of Lot 15 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, on Main Street; thence running east 89 feet, thence south on the lands of Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern Railway Company (to the north line thereof); thence west 89 feet; thence north to the place of beginning. This conveyance includes a part of Lots Number 15 and 16 in the Original Town of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana.

Michael L. Staab, of Martin County, Indiana to **Michael L. Staab and Carol L. Staab**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, 40 acres, more or less. Tract II: a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quar-

ter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 4 West containing ¾ of an acre. Tract III: a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 4 West containing ¾ acre. Also, a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, lying in Halbert Township in Martin County, Indiana containing 0.152 acres.

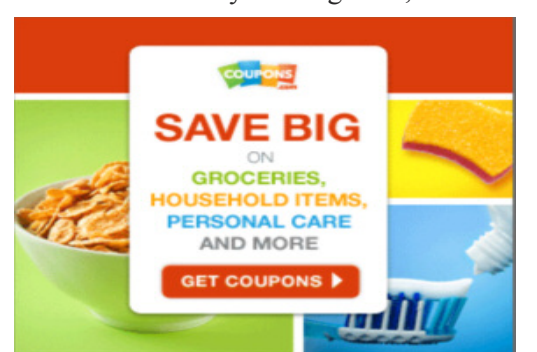
Terry Hoopingarner and Carolyn Hoopingarner, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jason D. Maschino**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 12 of Thompson Woods Subdivision, containing 7.3 acres, more or less.

Kenneth R. Fuhrman and Dorothy L. Fuhrman, of Martin County, Indiana to **K&D Fuhrman Farm, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, the east half of the northeast quarter of Section 9, Township 1 North, Range 4 West containing 71 acres, more or less. A part of Section 10, in Township 1 North, Range 4 West containing 222.72 acres, more or less. Part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 9, Township 1 North, Range 4 West containing 3.18 acres, more or less. The northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 9,

Township 1 North, Range 4 West containing 40 acres, more or less. Also, the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter, a strip of land containing 81 acres, more or less. The northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 9, Township 1 North, Range 4 West containing 40 acres, more or less.

Teresa D. Wininger, of Martin County, Indiana to **Floyd L. Hawkins**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 4 West containing 0.34 acre, more or less.

Thomas P. Jenkins and Cari A. Jenkins, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jason D. Wathen and Tina Rae Wathen**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 23 in Walker Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.



Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton
NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

It seems like everyone likes to complain about the weather, especially during the winter when it can be so dreary. There is really no good reason to complain because there is very little you can do about it, except to go somewhere with other weather conditions to complain about. I think it is just best to deal with it. Being prepared ahead of time is always a good start.

We have had a few warm days that snuck in there, especially in the southern portion of Indiana. This type of weather spurred a little bit of new regrowth on some forages, especially tall fescue. Just remember that this growth is pulling from reserves. It would be best to not graze this growth. If removed, that much more will have to regrow again in the spring and that will slow the regrowth. Left alone, it will be ready to be part of that early spring solar panel and it help feed energy to the rest of the plant.

If you are feeding hay now, you ideally don't want to put out too much at a time to create some competition, which will reduce waste and improve efficiency. Additional hay could be set out for the next feeding or two and fenced off with some temporary electric fence. Hay is an input into the operation, so when utilized, it needs to be efficient as possible.

The hay feeding location should be thought out. It should have proper drainage, fairly close to a water source if possible, and not located where it will cause problems, such as along a stream or above or adjacent to a water body. The ideal site should always be where water is available and nutrients are lacking...easier and cheaper to feed where you want the nutrients than to haul them there later. It is best to plan ahead to where the hay will be fed and assures that the site is practical under any possible conditions. If using a heavy use area rocked pad, good access is critical in all weather. You don't want to rut-up areas that you will have to repair later or that will cause damage off site either.

It is also time to start thinking about frost-seeding additional or needed legumes into pastures and hayfields that need them. Frost seeding is certainly one of the least expensive ways to enhance the stand of legumes in your pastures. It is basically the process of broadcasting the legume seed onto the soil's surface during the winter dormant months. I usually say the ideal time period is somewhere between Christmas and Valentine's Day. I like to wait until there is a "light" snow on the ground and then do the sowing. The snow serves two good purposes.

One, it helps "catch" the seed and transport it to the ground and two, it serves as a great marker for the tractor, ATV, or foot prints in some cases.

I usually recommend slightly higher seeding rates for frost seeding than for conventional seeding. White clovers can be seeded at 1-1.5 lbs. per acre, remembering that it is a much smaller seed than red clover and will be around longer. You can get it on too thick and yes, I know, it's hard to seed such a small amount! Red clover should be seeded at 6-8 lbs. per acre; birdsfoot trefoil at 5 lbs. per acre, and common lespedeza with hulled seed at 10 lbs. All legumes should be inoculated with the appropriate inoculants for that species to insure proper bacteria, good germination and growth.

I'm attaching an article that was recently published in the Progressive Forage magazine. It can only be redistributed as the version attached, but has good information on managing your pasture for soil health. It is never too early to start talking about soil health!

Keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities

Grazing Conferences – Mark the dates

Northern Indiana Conference is February 6-7, 2015, for more information go to http://www.lagrangescwd.org/_mgxroot/page_10789.html or call the LaGrange County Soil and Water District at 260-463-3166.

Southern Indiana Grazing Conference is March 4, 2015 and will be held at an excellent new location, the WestGate Academy near Crane, Indiana. For more information go to www.daviesscoswd.org/index.php/sigc or call 812-254-4780 Ext 3.

Important - 2014 Farm Bill Brings Major Changes to Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) – Please note this FSA news release and factsheet. This material is time sensitive for producers of crops intended for mechanically harvested hay.

News Release: http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/newsReleases?area=newsroom&subject=landing&opic=ner&newstype=newsrel&type=detail&item=nr_20141212_rel_0269.html
Factsheet: http://fsa.usda.gov/FSA/newsReleases?area=newsroom&subject=landing&opic=pfs&newstype=prfactsheet&type=detail&item=pf_20141212_distr_en_non-ins_cr.html

More pasture information and past issues of Grazing Bites are available at: www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/in/technical/landuse/pasture/

Spring Mill SP hosts a cornhusk workshop, January 29

Learn the art of cornhusk doll making at a Jan. 29 workshop at Spring Mill State Park.

Participants will learn to make a small cornhusk doll, a larger, more intricate cornhusk doll, and a cornhusk rose.

The workshop runs from 10:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Elm Room at Spring Mill Inn. All supplies are provided.

The workshop includes a buffet lunch at Spring Mill Inn's Millstone dining room.

A corn husk doll is an American Indian toy, made out of the dried leaves or "husk" of a corncob. Early European settlers in America adopted the craft. Corn husk doll making is now practiced in the United States as a link to early American culture.

Fifteen spots will be available. Advance registration is required by January 24 by calling (812) 849-4081. The cost is \$30 per person.

For more information, email springmill-statepark@dnr.IN.gov.

Spring Mill State Park (stateparks.IN.gov/2968.htm) is at 3333 State Road 60 East, Mitchell, 47446.



In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

As sure as the New Year arrives, the seed and plant catalogues fill the mailbox. Through the years, I have purchased from several companies, but I somehow manage to get on the mailing list of many such companies, even though I have never bought anything from them. In some cases, the catalogues come because several companies are now actually owned by only a few corporations. The various companies within a corporation share customer lists, so one gets a catalogue from each company. Often, the catalogues are almost exactly alike, with just the masthead changed. In other cases, the corporation uses one company to sell vegetable seeds, another to sell fruit trees and berry plants and yet another for ornamentals.

This alignment of vendors is the result of the economic troubles seed companies and nurseries suffered over the past several years. Many of the old companies went into bankruptcy and were then purchased by the mega-corporations. The result has been some more stable companies, but with less variety.

However, over the past few years, there has been a resurgence of small, independent seed and nursery companies. Some of the independents have created a niche in the market by working to create their own hybrids with desirable traits. Others specialize in heirloom plants and seeds or offer hybrids developed many years ago which are no longer carried by the big companies. Many of these companies specialize in a single genus or group of related genera. Often their catalogues lack the glossy pictures that big corporations use to seduce gardeners. In fact, many of their mailings could not be considered catalogues at all. Some are more of a newsletter, with only a few pages of type describing the plant and seed offerings, with few or no pictures. However, in most cases, the independent nurseries work harder to get your available dollars, giving greater information about planting and caring for their stock.

Among the many catalogues I have received this winter have been two such specialty suppliers for vegetable gardeners. I have ordered from one of these companies in the past and the other is a new one to me. (I'm not sure just how I came to be on their mailing list. It may have been through a gardening publication to which I subscribe or through one of the many gardening organizations to which I belong.)

I have ordered from Dixondale Farms

Feeling owly? Get Outdoor Indiana magazine

The January-February issue of Outdoor Indiana magazine features a cover story on the state's owls.

The article shows and tells the difference between a barred owl and a barn owl, which is the owl on the cover. The snowy owl, the species of Harry Potter books and movies, is also included, as are many others.

The issue's removable eight-page insert booklet on Indiana Dunes State Park continues the series in which one state park or reservoir property is portrayed in depth. The series runs through 2016, the 100th anniversary of Indiana state parks. A short video on the park is at youtube.com/idnrvideos under

since 1997, and will recommend them for all of your culinary needs in the allium family. Dixondale specializes in onions, but also offers shallots, leeks and garlic. Their small catalogue is a great resource for anyone who wants to grow onions. They have detailed explanations about the short-day, intermediate-day and long-day varieties of onions. We all know that here in Indiana, our daylight time is longer in the summer, but not as long as the days in Alaska, the Land of the Midnight Sun. However, we often forget that areas closer to the equator see little difference in day length from summer to winter. Therefore, short-day onion types are more suitable for gardens in the deep south. Intermediate-day varieties do best in Indiana, while long-day varieties have been developed for gardens farther north. The catalogue is also a primer for which onions are best for winter storage and which make the best scallions. Dixondale onions are sold as plants instead of onion sets. Most gardeners believe that plants yield larger onions than sets. They also offer tools, fertilizer and other products related to the growing of onions. The company also has a very informative e-mail newsletter, offering information about every aspect of growing, harvesting and storing onions and other alliums. One may request a catalogue by writing to P.O. Box 129, Carrico Springs, Texas 78834, or call them at 1-877-367-1015. One may also find them on the internet at www.dixondalefarms.com.

Although a letter included with The Main Potato Lady catalogue states that this is their ninth year of mail-order sales, it is the first catalogue that I have ever received from this company. We usually associate potatoes with Idaho, but Maine is also a major supplier of potatoes. This catalogue specializes in potatoes and sweet potatoes, but also has some allium offerings, including potato onions. They also sell seed for cover crops and green manure crops. The catalogue describes the best varieties for use in different soils and climates, as well as which are best for early spring crops, summer crops and late crops. There is a section for the fingerling potatoes that have become popular with chefs in recent years and another for potatoes in unusual colors, including blue and purple. Having never ordered from this company, I cannot offer a personal endorsement, but I have enjoyed the catalogue. Write to them at P.O. Box 65, Guilford, Maine 04443, call 207-717-5451, or find them at www.maineptotolady.com.

"Indiana State Parks."

Outdoor Indiana is available now at most Barnes & Noble stores for \$4. A one-year, six-issue subscription costs \$15. A two-year subscription is \$28. Subscribe online for yourself or as a gift or read excerpts at OutdoorIndiana.org.

The 2015 Outdoor Indiana wall calendar costs \$10 and is available by calling (317) 233-3046.

Magazine subscriptions can be purchased at the same phone number. While supplies last, every new online subscription order will receive a free 2015 Outdoor Indiana wall calendar.

Monroe Lake offers Winter Exploration Hike Series

From January through April, Monroe Lake will offer guided hikes twice a month, leading participants on off-trail adventures to lesser-known areas of the property.

Each trek on the Winter Exploration Hike Series will last 90 minutes to two hours.

Monroe Lake naturalist Jill Vance will lead the hikes. The hikes are free, but advance registration is required.

Vance recommends the hikes for ages 12

and older.

Because of parking restrictions, the March and April hikes are capped at 10 participants.

Details and registration information for each hike are at stateparks.IN.gov/2954.htm.

For more information, contact Jill Vance at jvance@dnr.IN.gov, or (812) 837-9967.

Monroe Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2954.htm) is at 4850 South State Road 446, Bloomington, 47401.

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Three Shoals Lego League teams compete at USI



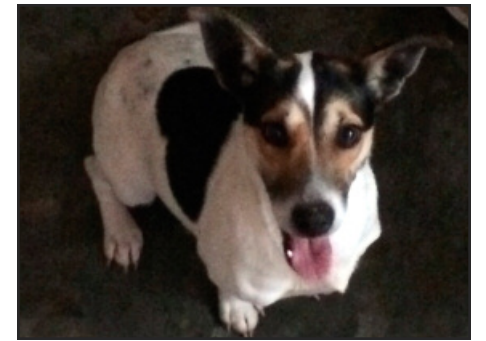
Three Shoals FIRST Lego League teams competed on November 8 at the University of Southern Indiana at the FLL regional qualifying tournament. The teams were judged in four areas, project presentation, core values presentation, robot design presentation, and the robot performance games. The three teams with the best overall scores in the four judging areas qualified to advance to the Indiana FLL championship in Fort Wayne at IPFW.

Fifteen teams from southern Indiana participated in the regional tournament. The RoxBots came in 2nd place in robot performance games. The RoboRox team received the "Rising Star" trophy for the best rookie team, second place for their presentation of core values, and came in fifth in the robot performance games. The RoxStars team received the first place trophy for their presentation of core values, fourth place in the robot performance games and had a high enough overall score in the four judging areas to qualify for the Indiana FLL championship.

This year marks the third year for the program at Shoals which has grown from 8 to 27 students in grades 4 through 8. The school would like to thank the coaches Dean Troutman, Jason Reinbold, Reuben

Montgomery, Mimi Hawkins, Terra Boyd, Joy Bough and Lorna Troutman and sponsors SAIC, NDEP, Jones' Oil, Sugar Shack, WhiteRiver Outfitters, McNabb Printing and Chastain Flowers for their support of the program at Shoals Community School and in making it a success.

Humane Society featured pet



Spunky is a young, male terrier mix. Feisty but friendly. If interested in adopting, stop by the shelter at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Shelter hours are Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appt. any day except Sunday.

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Notes from the WIC Nutritionist

BY ELIZABETH WHITE
Martin County WIC Nutritionist

This month on baby behavior we will be talking about "How to Read Your Baby." Babies have ways of showing you that they need something before they cry. Sometimes baby language can be so subtle you would not notice that your baby is "talking" to you. However the more time you spend with your baby the easier it will become to interpret what they are trying to tell you.

Here are a few things your baby might be telling you:

"I'm hungry" cues; makes sucking noises, puckers lips, keeps hands near mouth, sucks on fist or fingers, searches for the nipple (rooting), bends arms and legs, pull hands and knees toward face, cries.

"I'm full" cues; sucks slower or stops sucking, relaxes hands and arms, turns away from the nipple, pushes away, falls asleep, cries if not allowed to stop eating.

"I need something to be different" cues; breaths faster, moves hand to ear, extends fingers, looks away, turns body away, arches back, frowns or has a glazed look, stiffens hands, stiffens arms, stiffens legs, yawns, falls asleep, cries.

It is very normal for babies to do a combination of all the above when talking to you which can be very confusing. Remember it takes time to build a relationship with anyone, especially someone who doesn't speak your language. Stay relaxed and spend as much time as possible with your baby.

Still to come: How to Calm an Crying Baby

California WIC and University of California

Live Well Digest: Learning the Secrets of Baby Behavior

Upcoming Baby Behavior Topics: How to Read Your Baby and How to Calm a Crying Baby

The WIC program provides supplemental nutritional foods, referrals, breastfeeding support, and nutrition education for pregnant women, nursing women, infants, and children 1-5 years.

The Martin Co WIC clinic is open Monday and Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Please call 247-3303 to make an appointment.

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Calendar of Events

Commissioners' executive meeting

The Martin County Commissioners will meet in executive session Thursday, January 8 at 5 p.m. in the courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss personnel records classified as confidential by state and federal statutes as authorized by I.C. 5-14-1.5-5.1 (b)(7). The meeting is closed to the public.

Talk to a lawyer clinic

The next talk to a lawyer telephone hotline will take place on Thursday, January 8 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. CST and 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. EST. Talk to a lawyer allows the general public to ask legal questions and receive legal advice and guidance – FREE! Anyone can use the hotline, as long as the questions relate to Indiana law. To access the hotline, the telephone numbers are: (812) 618-4845 and 888-594-3449. These telephone numbers are only accessible during the time the clinic is open. Talk to a lawyer is co-sponsored by Evansville Bar Foundation, Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana and Indiana Bar Foundation. Each year, hundreds of calls and callers are assisted through the hotline and by the volunteer attorneys who donate their time and expertise.

Boy Scouts

Boys interested in Boy Scouts, call 295-6652 or 854-7837 for information on joining.

Cub Scout meetings

Cub scout meetings are held at Loogootee United Methodist Church on the first, third, and fourth Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Bryan Adams at 812-854-7837.

SOAR Tutoring

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Solid waste board

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

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. To find out how to become a member, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com.

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Martin County Community Learning Center on the fairgrounds.

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.

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



A husband went to the sheriff's department to report that his wife was missing:

Husband: I've lost my wife. She went shopping yesterday and has not come home.

SERGEANT: What is her height?

HUSBAND: Gee, I really never noticed. Maybe about five feet tall.

SERGEANT: Build?

HUSBAND: Not slim, not really fat.

SERGEANT: Color of eyes?

HUSBAND: Never noticed.

SERGEANT: Color of hair?

HUSBAND: Changes a couple times a year . . . maybe red.

SERGEANT: What was she wearing?

HUSBAND: Could have been a skirt or shorts. I don't remember exactly.

SERGEANT: Did she go in a car?

HUSBAND: No, she went in my truck.

SERGEANT: What kind of truck was it?

HUSBAND: Brand new Ford F150 King Ranch 4x4 with Eco-boost 5.0L V8 engine special ordered with manual transmission. It has a custom matching white cover for the bed. Custom leather seats, DVD with Navigation, 21 channel CB radio, 6 cup holders, 4 power outlets, custom "Bubba" floor mats, trailering package with gold balls hanging from the hitch. Put on special alloy wheels and off-road Michelin's. Wife put a small scratch on the driver's door. . . .at this point the husband started tearing up and almost cried.

SERGEANT: Don't worry Bubba. . . . We'll find your truck.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE:

1. Vegetarian is an old Indian word for Bad Hunter.

2. A man asked a genie to make him desirable and irresistible to all women . . . She turned him into a credit card.

3. Friendship is . . . getting in to her car even though her driving makes you fear for your life.

4. Behind every successful woman is a substantial amount of coffee and a good dog.

5. It takes real skill to choke on air, fall up stairs, and trip over completely nothing . . . I have that skill.

6. In Florida, we salt Margaritas, not sidewalks.

7. I meant to behave but there are just too many other options.

8. This salad tastes like, "I'd rather be fat."

9. Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance.

10. "Exercise?" I could have sworn you said "Extra fries."

11. Sometimes the first step toward forgiveness is realizing the other person was born an idiot.

12. Sorry I can't go to work tomorrow. I fractured my motivation.

13. I see no point in arguing with you. You do a fine job of proving your complete ignorance on your own.

14. I've reached that age where my brain went from, "You probably shouldn't say that" to "What the heck. Let's see what happens."

15. If my body is ever found dead on a jogging trail, just know I was murdered elsewhere and dumped there.

A woman went to the doctor's office, where she was seen by one of the new doctors, but after about 4 minutes in the examination room, she burst out, screaming as she ran down the hall.

An older doctor stopped her and asked what the problem was, and she told him her story. After listening, he had her sit down and told her to go relax in another room.

The older doctor marched down the hallway to the back where the first doctor was and demanded, "What's the matter with you? Mrs. Terry is 63 years old, she has two grown children and several grandchildren, and you told her she was pregnant?"

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