



-Photo provided

Shown above is the Ford F-150 that was driven by John McPherson, of Shoals, in the crash on US 50 last Friday.

Drunk driver causes crash on US 50, injures Shoals man

A head on collision last Friday morning in Daviess County left five people injured and one driver behind bars.

An investigation by Trooper Jarrod Lents reveals that at about 8:30 a.m., Hsa Moo Thaw, 32, Washington, was traveling eastbound on US Highway 50 in a 1999 Toyota four-door. While eastbound and near County Road 1200 East, Thaw decided to pass a tractor-trailer in his lane. Due to the slick road conditions and what investigators believe to be an unsafe speed, Thaw lost control of the Toyota and slid, head on, into a 1996 Ford F-150, driven by John E. McPherson, 44, Shoals.

McPherson had to be extricated from his truck. He was airlifted from the scene and taken to Deaconess Hospital in Evansville. He was listed in critical condition after suffering a fractured pelvis, leg and nose. As

Election 2014 filings

The following are those who have filed locally for the Primary Election as of press time. Filing opened today, Wednesday, January 8. The deadline to file for candidacy is Friday, February 7 by noon. For more information, contact the Martin County Clerk's Office at 812-247-3651.

Gerald Montgomery, Republican, Martin County Clerk
Ann Marie (Baker) Stewart, Democrat, Martin County Clerk
Exzelia Montgomery, Republican, Halbert Township Trustee
Robert "Rob" Street, Democrat, Martin County Sheriff
Carolyn McGuire, Republican, Martin County Assessor

of Monday, he was listed in good condition. Four occupants in the Toyota were injured, sustaining injuries ranging from a broken back to abdominal abrasions.

Further investigation by Trooper Lents found Thaw to be operating while intoxicated, having a blood alcohol content of .21%. He was lodged in the Daviess County Security Center. Thaw was not injured in the crash.

State Police was assisted at the scene by the Daviess County Sheriff's Department.

Injured:
John E. McPherson, 44, 11882 Deep Cut Lake Road, Shoals, IN (Driver, Ford)
- Pelvic Fracture, Broken Right Femur, Nasal Fracture

Hsee Wawah, 42, Indianapolis (Front Seat Passenger, Toyota)

- Broken Back
Me Me Titaray, 7, Indianapolis (Rear Seat Passenger, Toyota)

- Broken Shoulder and Clavicle
Hser Eh Thaw, 4, Washington (Rear Seat Passenger, Toyota)

- Abdominal Abrasions
Hsa Blut Soe, 10, Washington (Rear Seat Passenger, Toyota)

- Abdominal Abrasions
Arrested and Charges:
Hsa Moo Thaw, 32

1402 McCormick Ave, Washington
- Operating While Intoxicated, Causing Serious Injury; D-Felony; Three Counts

- Operating While Intoxicated with Minor Passengers in the Vehicle; D-Felony; Three Counts

- Neglect of a Dependent; C-Felony; Two Counts

- Driving While Suspended – Prior, Causing Serious Injury; D-Felony; Three Counts

- Reckless Driving; A-Misdemeanor



Frozen

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrall.com

The past few days, the county has experienced the coldest temperatures we have seen in 20 years. With highs in the negative, scenes as shown above and below are commonplace. Temperatures are forecasted to steadily increase over the next few days so residents can finally see some thawing.



Local food service establishments inspected

The following restaurant inspections were done by Julia Albright, of the Martin County Health Department. The information listed is verbatim from the inspection report and all were routine inspections. A violation that has been found from one inspection to the next will be labeled with "repeat violation".

DECEMBER 20

The Junction, 605 W. Broadway Street, Loogootee

Three non-critical violations:
-Wiping cloth at beverage station not stored in sanitizer

-Upper interior surface of ice machine has build-up of black substance

-No paper towels available at hand sink in bar area

China Wok, 601 W. Broadway Street, Loogootee

Two critical violations:
-Lowest temperature of items on dessert bar 52 degrees. Meat in large bowl in kitchen held at room temperature – temperature of chicken was 52 degrees

-No date marking noted on multiple items in coolers (repeat violation)

Two non-critical violations:
-Multiple items on counter and in coolers was not covered between use (repeat violation)

-Kitchen exterior screen door not tightly sealed (repeat violation)

Hometown IGA (Houchen's North Foods, LLC), 500 W. Broadway Street, Loogootee

Two non-critical violations:
-Fan unit of walk-in milk cooler and fan unit in meat prep room have build-up of dust

-Unshielded light bulbs in dairy and meat coolers (repeat violation)

Carla's Catering, 12547 West River Road, Shoals

No violations noted.

VFW Post 9395, 300 Vine Street, Loogootee

No violations noted.

Wendy's #364, 704 W. Broadway Street, Loogootee

No violations noted.

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Sheriff Rob Street announces re-election bid

Current Martin County Sheriff Rob Street would like to announce that he will be seeking re-election for sheriff this year.

Rob has been employed with the sheriff's department for the past 30 years and says during those years, he has gained valuable experience by not only being sheriff four years and serving as chief deputy for eight years prior to that, but also by working his way through the ranks of the department as dispatcher, deputy sheriff, corporal, sergeant and major.

Rob is the son of Phil and Virginia (Tow) Street of Loogootee. He has two brothers, Terry and Alan and two sisters, Rheta Divine and Marsha Lukomski. He was raised in Rutherford Township and lived his childhood there until moving to Loogootee after graduating high school. He is married to the former Dee Dee Helderman and they have two children, Dylan, age 17, is a junior and Sara, age 11, is in fifth grade. He is also a member of Saint John Catholic Church in Loogootee, Indiana Sheriff's Association, National Sheriff's Association, Fraternal Order of Police as well as serve on the board of Local Coordinating Council, Martin County School Safety Commission, Martin County Advisory Board, and the Martin County Child Protection Team.

"During my first term as your sheriff, I have tried to surround myself with quality employees to be able to better serve our community and I believe I was able to accomplish that," he said.



ROB STREET

Street said that also during his first term, he has operated the department with the amount of money appropriated by the county council and not had to go back and ask for an additional appropriation to his budget. "I hold myself accountable to the taxpayers of the county and find it extremely important to be able to operate 'within ones means'," he said.

"I am currently YOUR sheriff and would be honored to have your vote and support to continue to serve you for an additional term," said Street.



Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrall.com

Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers are fairly small woodpeckers with stout, straight bills. The Yellow-bellied Sapsucker is the only woodpecker in eastern North America that is completely migratory. Although a few individuals remain throughout much of the winter in the southern part of the breeding range, most head farther south, going as far south as Panama. Females tend to migrate farther south than do males.

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MELODY FAYE MOSIER

Melody Faye Mosier died Saturday, January 4, 2014 at her home. A resident of Shoals, she was 49.

She was born March 8, 1964 in Washington; the daughter of Marvin and Joyce (Bobbitt) Montgomery. She married Stan Mosier on June 19, 1983 and he survives. She taught at Bedford High School for one year. She worked in bookkeeping, sales and technical support at Marvin's Shop which is her family's business and in computer layout design for Country Pines Printing. She was a member of the Dover Hill Church.

Survivors include her husband, Stan of Shoals; her parents, Marvin and Joyce Montgomery; a son, Zach Mosier of Jasper; two step-children, Erik Mosier and wife, Tonya of Springville and Reagan Norman of Bedford; four grandchildren, Addison Mosier, Logan, Gracie and Gavin Norman; a sister, Melba Richardson of Loogootee; a brother, Ansel Montgomery of Haysville; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday, January 9th in the Elmwood Chapel of the Day & Carter Mortuary with Pastor Mike Schlaegel officiating. Burial will follow in Green Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, January 8th at the Day & Carter Mortuary.

The family asks that friends consider memorial contributions be made, in lieu of flowers, to the Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Mission c/o Rebecca Muir, 1211 Churchill Road, Manion Center, PA 15759.

NORMAN "GEORGE" SURVANCE

Norman D. "George" Survance died at 6 a.m. on Friday, January 3, 2014. A resident of Loogootee, he was 64.

He was born May 11, 1949 in Vincennes; the son of James Daniel and Violet (Hitt) Survance.

He is survived by one brother, Lonnie

Survance of Loogootee; and two sisters, Deborah Survance of Jasper and Phyllis Jones of Benton, Illinois.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Daniel and Violet (Hitt) Survance; and one brother, Marvin Survance.

The body of George Survance was cremated and there will be graveside services conducted at a later date.

Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

WILLIAM RABER

William Raber died Monday evening, January 6, 2014 at Daviess Community Hospital in Washington. A resident of El-nora, he was 90.

He was born February 5, 1923 in Daviess County; the son of Joseph and Barbara (Knepp) Raber. On December 19, 1946 he married Lillie Catherine (Wagler) Raber and she preceded him in death on February 20, 2011.

He was a member of the Zion Amish Mennonite Church in Montgomery.

He is survived by two daughters, Barbara and husband Don Parson and Regina and husband Larry Wagler, both of Odon; two sons, Delbert Lynn and wife Anna Marie Raber and Terry Lee Raber, both of Odon; two brothers, Alva Raber and Herbert Raber, both of Montgomery; six grandchildren, Abbie Lynn and husband Gabriel Swartzentruber, William Cole Raber, Clayton Lee Raber, Logan David Wagler, Ryan Cody Parsons, and Cassie Janae Wagler; and two great grandchildren, Max Toy and Callie Catherine Swartzentruber.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Barbara (Knepp) Raber; three brothers, Henry, Jerome and John Raber; and four sisters, Margaret Graber, Mary Graber, Martha Graber, and Ida Wagler.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 10 at the Simon J.

Grabber Complex with burial to follow in the Zion Amish Mennonite Church Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3 until 8 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday at the Zion Amish Mennonite Church.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Parkview Village Christian Care in Odon.

Brocksmith-Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery is in charge of arrangements.

LEROY WAGLER

Leroy Dale Wagler died at 2:15 a.m. Friday, January 3, 2014 at his home. A resident of Odon, he was 60.

He was born April 12, 1953, in Daviess County; the son of Mahlon and Rachel (Grabber) Wagler.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He is survived by his wife, Keturah (Wagler) Wagler; his mother, Rachel Wagler of Montgomery; three daughters, Linda Kay and husband Allen Dale Miller, Verna Darlene and husband David Leon Knepp, all of Montgomery, and Clara Mae and husband Dewayne Wittmer of Odon; three sons, Gary Wayne and wife Emily Marie Wagler of Odon, Darrell Ray and wife Marlene Wagler of Loogootee, and Jason Dale Wagler of Odon; four sisters, Ester and husband Amos Graber of Montgomery, Verna Wagler of Odon; Kate and husband Calvin Graber of Montgomery, and Fannie and husband Wilmer Wagler of Loogootee; two brothers, Earl and wife Jean Wagler of Cannelburg, and Mahlon Jr. and wife Dorothy Wagler of Odon; one sister-in-law, Edith Wagler of Montgomery; and 19 grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his father, Mahlon Wagler Sr.; two sons, Randy Lee Wagler and Norman Jay Wagler; one daughter, Rosie Marie Wagler; and one brother, Menno Wagler.

The funeral was held Sunday, January 5 at the Produce Building in Montgomery. Burial followed in North Bogard Cemetery in Odon.

Arrangements were made through Brocksmith-Blake and Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery.

DIANE PHILLIPS

Diane E. Phillips passed away at 9:22 p.m. Wednesday, January 1, 2014 at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh. A resident of Loogootee, she was 69.

She was born March 28, 1944, in Jasper; the daughter of Lawrence and Lucille (Schuetter) Jahn. She married David Phillips on April 1, 1967 and he preceded her in death on August 14, 1987.

A 1962 graduate of Jasper High School, she worked as a legal secretary for Greg Smith until her illness forced her to retire.

She is survived by two daughters, Kim (Bob) Friedmeyer of Oldsmar, Florida, and Dana (Lynn Matchem) Sparks of Evansville; one son, Kevin Phillips of Washington; five grandchildren, Kiersten Sparks, Nick Sparks, Nathan Sparks, Noah Sparks, and Sara Friedmeyer; her friend, Robert Szeszycki of Loogootee; two sisters, Marline (Gary) Schmitt of Ireland, and Carol "Susie" Sander of Jasper; two half sisters, Mary Lou (Frank) Schmitt of Ireland, and Frances (Vincent) Ackerman of Jasper; one half-brother, Charlie (Clara Mae) Schulte of Jasper.

She also was preceded in death by her parents and two half-brothers, Bernie Schulte and John Schulte.

The funeral was held Saturday, January 4 at Ed Lee Mortuary, with Yvonne Evans officiating. Burial followed in St. John Cemetery in Washington.

Memorial donations may be given to St. John Cemetery, 101 N. Meridian St., Washington, IN 47501.

Condolences may be sent online at www.edleemortuary.com.

~LETTERS TO THE EDITOR~

"The government now ignores the fourth amendment"

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

As we have come to find out, the National Security Agency (NSA) is recording everything we do. Every phone and cellular call, every email, tweet, online picture, video call, every cloud save of a document... you name and it is recorded at a NSA server farm. They intercept computer and digital packages to hardwire in key loggers and other tracking devices if you fit their broad definition potential terrorist that covers around half of the USA. Additionally, the NSA actively pushes spyware and virus on every digital device connected to the internet. That means they can turn on your webcam and record you, or access every file on your hard drive or network storage to view and save it. So our federal government now treats us as guilty until proven innocent which makes you a criminal in their eyes.

The government now ignores the fourth amendment all in the name of some generic abstract version of security because it doesn't trust you.

The way to stop this is to have elected officials at the federal, state, and local level that seek to minimize our government size and to not limit our liberty. In 2013, Congress had the chance to remove authority from the NSA to perform blanket collections of records of Americans. The amendment was pushed forward by Rep. Justin Amash (R) and Rep. John Conyers (D) of Michigan lost 217-205 with the NSA and President lobbying the big government Republicans and Democrats to beat the amendment. Our own Rep. Larry Bucshon sided with the big brother government and voted against the amendment! We must voice our opinion on the spying and support the recently announced class action lawsuit from Sen. Rand Paul (R) to stop the NSA

violation of the fourth amendment of the US Constitution. Finally, those who vote in the GOP primary must hold Larry Bucshon accountable for his poor voting history and support someone else in 2014, like Andrew McNeil, in the primary. We can make a difference but have to want to be involved because silence will be deadly to your long term liberty.

Adrian Engelberth
Jasper, Indiana

The Martin County Tea Party – My take

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

The American TEA Party (I say American because there is now a British version known as The UK Independence Party or UKIP shaking things up across the pond) has of late come under the scrutiny of the IRS and has been singled out for special persecutions designed to eliminate it as an effective political force. In the latest battles over the budget and the national debt, the TEA Party (deriving its name from the acronym T.E.A. standing for Taxed Enough Already!) has again been vilified by members of both parties who, despite what they say, actually prefer the status quo of big government with its influence peddling through drunken spending. Members of Congress sympathetic to the TEA Party who tried to keep their promises to us to stop OBAMA Care were undermined and overrun by the "good ole boy" faction and were painted as "hostage takers" and terrorists.

So what is the TEA Party? What does it stand for? The first thing to know about it is that it is NOT an organization – though numerous political action groups have sprung up from it and bear its name. Rather, it is a grass routes movement, a body of thought, if you will, comprised of uniquely

American moral values and notions of freedom, proper government, and individualism. It has always been a part of our national character, and it is not going away! Following is a short list of things the Martin County TEA Party upholds:

1. We believe in the Constitution of the United States as it is written. We believe that it was inspired by God to establish a free people. It protects "we the people" from tyranny by defining and limiting the powers of the federal government and affirms that our rights come not from government but from God Himself.

2. In accordance with Constitutional standards, we believe that government is best when it is small and that taxation is tolerable only when it is limited and duly authorized by the people's elected representatives.

3. We believe in the free market economy and in the private ownership of property. Our historic freedom to engage in enterprise has created personal wealth, employment, an inexhaustible pool of goods and services at reasonable prices, and a general prosperity that is unique in the history of the world.


4. We believe that human life, including that of unborn babies, is sacred.

It follows, then, that we are against: the present authoritarian tendencies of the federal government (OBAMA Care being a prime example), confiscatory taxation, redistribution of wealth, the over regulation of the private sector, and abortion. These are some of the positions of the Martin County TEA Party.

If you agree with the above principles, you just might be a "TEA Partier" too! We get together every third Thursday in the basement of the Shoals Public Library. One of the things we do is to invite political candidates to speak to us and to share their views on the issues. On Thursday, January 16, we will be addressed by Andrew McNeil. He is running against Representative Larry Bucshon in the May Republican pri-

mary. Hope to see you there. Also, you may pick up a free copy of the United States Constitution at The Cartridge Depot located at 219 1/2 JFK Avenue, next to His and Hers Beauty Shop in Loogootee. We just ask that you read it. Our freedom, yours and mine, depends on our understanding and following it. God bless you and yours.

Dennis Jones
Shoals, Indiana



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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

10:20 a.m. - Received a report of property damage accident on U.S. 150.

10:22 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals.

2:11 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary on Killion Mill Road.

3:26 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing on Sorrells Lane.

4:42 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

10:04 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

11:47 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance on Panhandle Road.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

8:31 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

11:46 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

6:05 a.m. - Caller reported a parking hazard.

11:00 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the Indiana State Police with a search warrant.

2:44 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a house fire on 350 North.

5:25 p.m. - Captain Akles assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a call.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

8:45 p.m. - Caller reported a fight on Vincennes Street.

8:47 p.m. - Caller reported a theft from her vehicle. The items were later found.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

8:10 a.m. - Male caller reported an item stolen from his vehicle.

11:40 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on Mulberry Street.

12:30 p.m. - Caller reported an abandoned vehicle near the post office.

8:40 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless vehicle in the swimming pool parking lot.

9:15 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

2:07 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on North Oak Street.

2:24 a.m. - Caller reported someone had entered his garage.

3:23 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded

3:14 p.m. - Received a report of a civil dispute in Crane.

4:10 p.m. - Received a report of an abandoned dog on U.S. Hwy 150.

8:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

3:01 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

4:17 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

11:20 a.m. - Received a report of a phone scam.

2:44 p.m. - Received a report of a structure fire on County Road 350 North.

6:10 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 50 and Dover Hill Road.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

6:07 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Mill Road.

9:35 a.m. - Received a report of a civil

dispute in Shoals.

to a business alarm.

7:25 a.m. - Caller reported a break in on North Oak Street.

12:45 p.m. - Female reported harassment.

11:58 p.m. - Male caller reported that he was being harassed.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

9:40 a.m. - Female caller reported a burglary.

9:17 p.m. - First responders were requested on Broadway Street for a medical problem.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

3:07 a.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

2:56 a.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm on Church Street.

7:57 a.m. - Officer Keller reported a stop sign that had been damaged.

5:23 p.m. - Caller reported a fight on North Oak Street.

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dispute in Shoals.

5:05 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

6:05 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals.

6:18 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute on Elliot Lane.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

1:51 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

8:16 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

11:37 a.m. - Received a report of theft in Shoals.

5:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

8:03 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

12:12 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 50, east of Shoals.

4:34 a.m. - Received a report of a prowler on Mount Pleasant Road.

8:03 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

4:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

4:55 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Buckley Road.

5:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

9:00 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

11:16 p.m. - Received a report of a prowler on Mount Pleasant Road.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

7:09 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

4:04 p.m. - Received a report of a robbery in Shoals.

4:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

11:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

11:34 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. South.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

11:30 a.m. - Received a report of a child dispute in Shoals.

12:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

10:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on SR 450. Martin County Ambulance transported subject to Dunn Memorial Hospital.

9:18 p.m. - Received a report of a fight on Low Street. Deputy Harmon was advised.

9:52 p.m. - Received a report of a fight

at Shaded Estates Trailer Park. Loogootee Police Department was advised.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

5:07 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on Hwy 150. Deputy Harmon responded.

11:57 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Hwy 231. Martin County Ambulance transported subject to Jasper Memorial.

Jail bookings

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:30 p.m. - Tanner Vaught, of Crane, was arrested by Martin County Deputy Harmon on a Martin County warrant.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

1:00 p.m. - Gregory Isaacs, of Loogootee, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Lents on preliminary charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, and maintaining a common nuisance.

3:20 p.m. - Tanner S. Bough Sr., 35, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Police and charged with domestic battery and transported to the Martin Co. Security Center. Chief Rayhill was assisted by Deputy Damon Baker.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

8:12 p.m. - Paul Cary, of Shoals, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Beaver on a Knox County warrant.

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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 2

James D. Hunt, burglary, a Class B Felony; residential entry, a Class D Felony; criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor.

December 4

Justin Crosby, criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Adam H. Russell, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

December 9

Justin C. Crosby, theft, a Class D Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Class D Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Edward A. Haste, possession of a controlled substance, a Class D Felony; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Larry G. Holt, Jr., possession of methamphetamine, a Class D Felony; possession of marijuana in the amount of less than 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor.

December 16

Bryan Scott Melvin, operating a vehicle while a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

December 20

Jordan Douglas Wright, arson, a Class B Felony.

December 23

Travis Ray Salmon, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Brian Thomas Juday, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

November 27

Kellie M. Welby, convicted of operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days in the Martin County Security Center with 52 days suspended and credit for 4 actual days previously served plus 4 good time credit days.

December 5

Joseph Andrew Clark Kellams, convicted of conversion, a Class A Misdemeanor amended from theft, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 247 days suspended and credit for 59 actual days previously served and 59 good time credit days. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

Ryan Bell, convicted of intimidation, a Class D Felony amended from intimidation, a Class C Felony. Also convicted of domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced on the first count to 3 years in the Indiana Department of Correction with 537 days suspended and credit for 279 actual days previously served and 279 good time credit days. Defendant received 537 days of probation. Sentenced on the second count to 1 year in the Martin County Security Center with 0 days suspended and credit for 180 actual days previously served and 180 good time credit days.

December 7

Justin G. Fraley, convicted of two counts of theft, Class D Felonies. Sentenced on the first count to serve 18 months in the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 134 days previously served plus 134 good time credit days. Sentenced on the second count to 18 months in the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 134 days previously served plus 134 good time credit days.

December 17

Joshua C. Hill, convicted of battery, a Class A Misdemeanor and resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced on count one to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 237 days suspended and credit for 64 actual days previously served plus 64 good time credit days. Sentenced on count II to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 237 days suspended and credit

for 64 actual days previously served plus 64 good time credit days. Defendant received 7 months of probation.

December 19

David W. Terry, convicted of battery, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days in the Martin County Security Center with 0 days suspended and credit for 90 actual days previously served plus 90 good time credit days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

December 17

Joshua C. Hill, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

December 19

David W. Terry, residential entry, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

December 23

MSW Capital, LLC vs. Tracy French, civil collection.

December 30

Mumma Brothers Drilling, Inc. vs. John Cannon, Stephanie Estrada Cannon and Norma Cannon, civil plenary.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

December 16

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff JP Morgan Chase Bank and against the defendants Jeremy L. and Rebecca J. Chestnut, for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$99,839.62.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

December 26

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Ryan T. Reynolds, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Joshua L. Walls, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Chad R. Pace, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Thomas R. Wilson, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Jacob L. Lynch, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Tyson S. Banks, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Joshua McPherson, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Chalice Pettis, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Amy M. Farren, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Teresa D. Biddinger, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Allan J. Albrecht, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Christopher R. Allbright, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Kevin E. Cliff, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Ronald E. Early, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Kimberly M. Nickless, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Carol D. Thompson, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Anthony D. Fay, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Brandon S. Fields, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Robin L. Mitchell, complaint.

December 30

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Joel Boyd, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Melissa Pierce, complaint.

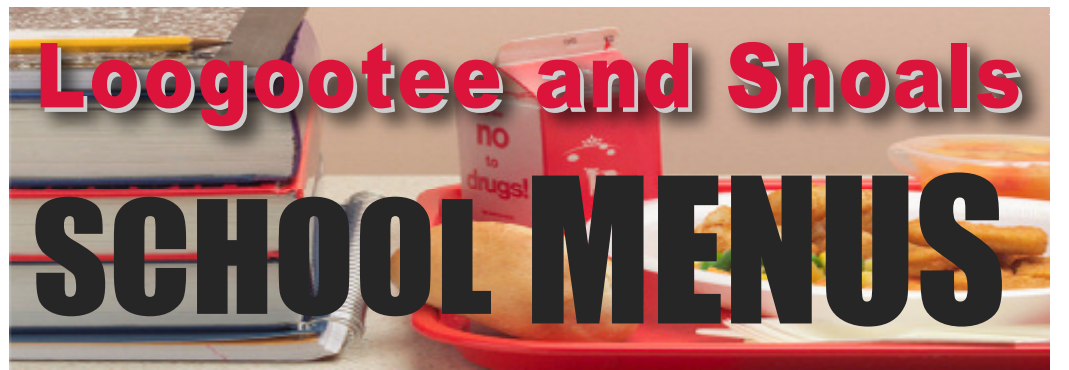
Hoosier Accounts Service vs. William W. Bruner, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Henrietta Day, complaint.

Richard David Grey vs. Robert and Danielle Sprowl, complaint.

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LOOGOOTEE ELEMENTARY

Breakfast

Thursday, January 9

Omelet, toast, fruit

Friday, January 10

Breakfast pizza, egg patty, fruit

Monday, January 13

Egg patty, sausage, toast, fruit

Tuesday, January 14

Biscuit and gravy, mini hash rounds, fruit

Wednesday, January 15

Pop tart, sausage links, fruit

Lunch

Thursday, January 9

Sloppy Joe, tator tots, lettuce and tomatoes, applesauce, milk

Friday, January 10

Pizza, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, pears, milk

Monday, January 13

Hamburger, French fries, green beans, tropical fruit, milk

Tuesday, January 14

Cheese quesadilla, refried beans, lettuce and cheese, applesauce, milk

Wednesday, January 15

Turkey, mashed potatoes, peas, peaches, milk

LOOGOOTEE INTERMEDIATE AND JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

Lunch

Thursday, January 9

Sloppy Joe or pizza, tator tots, lettuce and tomatoes, applesauce, salad plate, milk

Friday, January 10

Pizza, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, pears, salad plate, milk

Monday, January 13

Hamburger or pizza, French fries, green beans, tropical fruit, salad plate, milk

Tuesday, January 14

Cheese quesadilla or pizza, refried beans, lettuce and cheese, applesauce, salad plate, milk

Wednesday, January 15

Turkey or pizza, mashed potatoes, peas, peaches, salad plate, milk

SHOALS SCHOOLS

Breakfast

Thursday, January 9

Cereal, graham cracker snack, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, January 10

Yogurt parfait, fruit, juice, milk

Monday, January 13

Muffin top, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, January 14

Cereal, granola bar, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, January 15

Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Thursday, January 9

Fajita chicken, brown rice, broccoli and cheese, pears, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: deli wrap or chef salad

Friday, January 10

Whole grain Bosco sticks with marinara sauce, fresh jicama sticks and grape tomatoes with ranch dip, fresh apple, milk

Monday, January 13

Breaded chicken sandwich with whole grain bun, salad boat, green beans, peaches, milk

Tuesday, January 14

Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, applesauce, honey wheat roll, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: sausage pizza or chef salad

Wednesday, January 15

Chicken nuggets, baked hash brown, fresh broccoli with ranch dip, pears, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: ham and cheese sandwich or chef salad

Health screening available in Jasper

The Jasper Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center, is sponsoring a public health screening on Wednesday, January 29 from 5:45 – 9 a.m. at Memorial Southside Office, located at 1100 West 12th Avenue in Jasper. The cost of the screening is \$37, and is open to those who live or work in the Jasper area.

Participants must be 18 years of age or older and will have the following screenings: height and weight, body mass index, waist circumference, blood pressure, cholesterol (including total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, and triglycerides), blood glucose, and a chemistry panel. A 12-hour fast is required before the screening, however water and prescription medications are allowed.

PSA (optional for men 50 and older or

those with a risk for prostate cancer), Colon Cancer Screening Kits, and health risk assessments will be available for an additional fee. PSAs are \$20 for men choosing this optional test and Colon Cancer Screening Kits are \$8. The cost of the optional paper health risk assessment is \$22. The screening lasts approximately 15 minutes, and pre-registration is required.

To register for the screening, or for more information, please visit Memorial Hospital's website at www.mhcc.org and click on "Health Screenings." Enter the company name as "Jasper Chamber" and enter "2014" as the password.

You may also register by calling the Health and Wellness department at 996-2399 or toll-free at 800-852-7279, ext. 2399.

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Calendar of Events

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Tuesday, January 14 at 5:30 p.m. Some items on the agenda include selection of meeting dates and times, election of board officers. Investment report, appointments, and bus fuel contracts. The meeting is open to the public.

Food pantry collection

The River is looking for churches that are willing to put out a box to collect items for the food pantry. Items needed: canned vegetables, canned fruit, dry beans, canned soup, boxes of instant potatoes, cake mixes, eggs, dry milk, peanut butter, jelly, infant formula, pasta, rice, macaroni & cheese, juice. For more information call Christy Farhar at 709-0778 or Rachel Roach at 709-0110.

Tea Party meeting

Martin County Indiana Tea Party will meet Thursday evening, January 16 at 7 p.m. in the Shoals Library Basement. Andrew McNeil will address the group at this meeting. Mr. McNeil is running against current 8th District Representative Larry Buschon in the May 2014 Republican Primary. The meeting is open to the public.

School safety meeting

The Martin County School Safety Commission will be meeting Monday, January 13 at 9 a.m. in the central office of the Shoals Community School Corporation at 11741 Ironton Road, Shoals.

Six weeks of healing classes

Pastor Debbie Davis, of The Loogootee Revival Center Church, will be teaching on healing, from a Biblical view, for six Wednesdays beginning January 8-February 12, from 7-8 p.m. Pastor Debbie was divinely healed of rheumatoid arthritis over 33 years ago. Her heart is to see people healed and set free from sickness and disease. The LRC Church is located on Wood Street in Loogootee.

SWCD Annual Meeting & Banquet

The 69th Martin County Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Meeting & Banquet will be held on January 27, 2014 at the Martin County Community Building. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with the meal, catered by Schnitzelbank Catering, being served at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker for the night will be local historian, Bill Greene. Also on the agenda will be election of supervisors and presentation of awards. Tickets for the event will be \$5 each (adult and

children) and must be purchased in advance. Please contact the SWCD office at 295-3149 before noon January 20 for your tickets.

Boy Scouts

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

Public Square Rosary

The public is invited to pray a patriotic rosary every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. on the square in Loogootee. Bring a lawn chair if desired. Booklets are provided.

GED exam fees

Catholic Charities is happy to announce that they will be sponsoring GED exam fees. If you are ready to take your GED exam, give them a call at 812-423-5456 or email us at ccordovilla@evdio.org.

SAT prep classes

SAT preparation classes at the Martin County Learning Center are scheduled for the first through third and the fifth Wednesdays in January 8, 15, 22, and 29, from 7-9 p.m. These classes are sponsored by the counseling departments of the Shoals and Loogootee High Schools, and Martin County SOAR, the adult literacy program. Karen Whorrall teaches these classes to help Martin County high school students improve their chances of getting into the college of their choice and prepare themselves for a career. The cost is \$25, payable the first night. Please sign up with your guidance counselor. Out-of-county students, please call Kris Beasley at the learning center, 295-2674. Class will be repeated in January. For further information, call Karen at 388-6639.

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 second Wednesday 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.

Notes from the WIC Nutritionist for January

BY ELIZABETH WHITE
Martin County WIC Nutritionist

This past summer I talked about summer being a good time to increase your physical activity but you don't want to lose that momentum in the winter. Physical activity is any body movement that uses energy. For the activity to have health benefits it needs to be moderate to vigorous. It is important to consult with your doctor to make sure you are in good health before changing your activity level. (myplate.gov)

For young children (2-5) there is not a certain number of minutes per day recommended. They usually have several short, moderate to vigorous activity times each day. Parents can encourage physical activity by offering age appropriate activities that are fun and seem more like play than exercise. Always remember to drink lots of water when being physically active. You may not get as hot in the winter while exer-

cising then in the summer but it is still very important to stay hydrated. (myplate.gov)

According to the "calories burned" calculator at webmd.com/calories-burned, here are some winter activities and the amount of calories burned during a 1-hour duration:

Ice skating-490 calories, sledding-490 calories, skiing downhill-420 calories, skiing cross country-560 calories, snowball fight(playing catch)-175 calories, aerobics (most libraries and places you can rent videos have exercise videos for free)-455 calories

*WIC CLIENTS: WIC has a kid's exercise video for you at your next certification or nutrition education appointment.

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 County 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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FEMA denies Indiana's appeal for federal assistance from November 17 tornadoes

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has denied Indiana's appeal for federal assistance from severe storms, high winds, and tornadoes that hit the state on November 17.

Denied were Boone, Daviess, Fountain, Grant, Howard and Tippecanoe counties.

Indiana first filed for federal assistance for Howard County on December 4. FEMA denied that request on December 11. On December 23, Indiana appealed that decision, adding Boone, Daviess, Fountain, Grant and Tippecanoe counties. This was the appeal that was just denied.

Humane Society featured pet



Shown above is a male terrier/beagle mix. He is a year and a half old. He is up to date on his shots. This boy is one of six from his litter still at the shelter. Three are boys and three are girls. If interested in adopting her or one of her siblings, stop by the shelter at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Shelter hours through the winter are Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appt. For information, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com. You can find all of the adoptable dogs and cats at the humane society on Petfinder or Facebook.

Auditions postponed for OTP play

Because of expected bad weather, auditions for the Old Town Players comedy/mystery "Deathtrap" have been postponed to January 8 and 9, 7 p.m. (EST), at the OTP Theatre and Arts Center located on Broadway at Fifth Street in Vincennes. Parts are available for three men and two women.

Newcomers are welcome and encouraged to try out. No advance preparation is required. "Deathtrap" is presented with assistance from corporate sponsor Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana.

Performances of "Deathtrap" will be February 21-22-23, 28, and March 1-2, with show times at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. More information is available at OTP's website, www.oldtownplayers.org, or email oldtownplayers@gmail.com.

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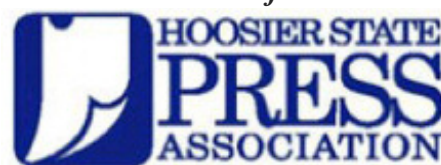
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State health officials report three influenza deaths

State health officials last week reported the first influenza (flu) deaths of the 2013-2014 flu season. Influenza is now widespread across Indiana, said State Health Commissioner William VanNess, M.D.

"Flu activity is increasing around the state," said Dr. VanNess. "The recent deaths remind us that influenza can be very serious and even deadly. I encourage all Hoosiers to become vaccinated from flu to protect themselves, their families and the community."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has reported that several flu deaths, including children have been reported across the nation and predict the numbers will increase as flu season continues.

A flu vaccine locator can be found at www.StateHealth.in.gov. Flu vaccine can usually be found at local health departments, pharmacies and with health care providers.

Flu vaccination is recommended for anyone 6 months of age or older. It is especially important for those at higher risk of complications related to the flu to get vaccinated. High risk individuals include pregnant women, young children, people with chronic illnesses and/or compromised immune systems and the elderly.

State health officials also encourage influenza vaccination of health care workers, and household contacts and caregivers of children less than 6 months of age, as well as household contacts of people at high risk

for flu complications.

Dr. VanNess also reminds Hoosiers to practice the "Three Cs" to help prevent spread of flu and other infectious diseases:

- Clean your hands often with soap and warm water.
- Cover your cough and sneeze using your sleeve or a tissue.
- Contain your illness by staying home when you are sick.

Influenza is a viral infection of the respiratory tract. Influenza is spread by respiratory droplets from close contact with infected persons or contact with contaminated surfaces or objects. Infection can occur when influenza viruses contact the eyes, mouth, or nose, and possibly through inhaling droplets from a sneeze or cough. Sometimes people may become infected by touching surfaces or objects contaminated with influenza viruses and then touching their eyes, mouth, or nose.

Symptoms of flu include:

- fever 100 degrees Fahrenheit, or greater
- headache
- fatigue
- cough
- muscle aches
- sore throat

For more information about Indiana's 2013-2014 influenza season, visit www.StateHealth.in.gov. Follow the Indiana State Department of Health on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/isdh1 for important health updates.

Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson helps Hoosiers tackle their finances in the new year

Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson knows many of you want to pay off debt and improve your financial situation in 2014. Many Hoosiers' New Year's resolutions involve money, and there's no time like the present to get started.

Over the next few weeks, as part of her focus on financial literacy, Secretary Lawson will take to Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest to share helpful tips for starting a budget, paying off debt, and saving for the future.

Secretary Lawson's Top Tips for 2014

1) Create a budget and prioritize it! Cutting unnecessary expenses will allow you to pay off debt and build a bigger nest egg. Plus, understanding how your money is being used can lead to more responsible decision-making.

2) Try to negotiate lower interest rates with creditors. If you're in good standing with the creditor, it's possible they will give you a better rate and make it easier for you to pay back what you owe. There's no harm in asking.

3) After paying off a credit card, consider keeping it open! Your credit score is partially determined by how much credit you have, and how much of that credit you are using. It's called credit utilization. If you have a lot of credit, but are only using a small amount, your score will go up. Closing a card will

lower your amount of available credit and potentially lower your score.

4) The new year is a good time to check on your credit report. You're entitled to one free credit report every twelve months from each of the three major credit reporting agencies. The official website to order these credit reports is www.AnnualCreditReport.com. Go over your credit reports carefully. Mistakes happen!

Secretary Lawson says, "The most effective form of investor protection is investor education." Her office teaches Hoosiers about investment fraud and financial literacy through Indiana Investment Watch. The education program is not funded by taxpayers, but with fines imposed on violators of securities laws. Indiana Investment Watch has educational materials covering the various types of fraud, as well as general financial literacy tools. Workshops and outreach events held throughout the state provide more in-depth information on detecting and avoiding scams. For more information, visit www.IndianaInvestmentWatch.com.

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The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative
Mark Messmer



The importance of coal in Indiana

Before we get into the hustle and bustle of the 2014 legislative session, I want to acknowledge an issue that I have received a great deal of feedback about during the past year: the future of coal in Indiana.

The coal industry plays a significant role in the livelihood of southern Indiana, so it is not hard to understand why many of my constituents feel passionately about the continuation of its use. According to a 2012 study by the Indiana Coal Council, Pike County was the number five producer of coal in the entire state, followed by Daviess County at number six and Dubois County at number seven.

During President Obama's first term in office, he had created regulations for all newly built coal plants in an attempt to limit their carbon emissions. Recently however, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced plans to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from both new and existing fossil-fuel based electric generating plants.

It is no secret that the president believes the benefits of reducing these emissions would far outweigh the costs. However, like many of you, I recognize that our neighborhoods stand to take a significant hit from these changes, perhaps more so than most others.

I believe that with thoughtful policies we can not only address these emissions but also assure our state and country's continued prosperity and economic competitiveness which has been afforded to us through our most abundant energy source: coal.

In Indiana in particular, coal-based generation provides 90 percent of our electricity. This is the primary reason why Indiana has maintained competitive energy costs and is a leading manufacturing state. In keeping

energy costs low, Hoosiers are able to keep more money in their pockets to be spent on other wants and necessities. I believe that our national policies should support this economic security.

The EPA's pending proposal for new power plants would essentially establish a de-facto ban on new coal power plants. Advanced high-efficiency coal technologies available today can reduce carbon dioxide emissions by as much as 40 percent compared to the older plants they would replace. EPA rules have already taken a heavy toll on the nation's electric-generation capacity. Most recently, the rules have resulted in the closure, or pending closure of almost 300 power plants, which is comparable to shutting off electricity in 11 states.

As a result of these proposed regulations, both House Speaker Brian Bosma and Senate President Pro Tempore David Long, have written the EPA Administrator sharing their concerns and encouraging them to visit Indiana so that they can hold listening sessions and be better informed on the implications these regulations will have. Letters from the legislature have also been sent to President Obama expressing the same trepidations.

As a state representative, I unfortunately will never get direct say on this issue as it is a national policy. The best that I can do is represent our state interests in any way possible. I assure you that I personally reject any policy that would inflict further damage to the coal-based electricity generation that provides Indiana residents and businesses the reliable and affordable power they need to succeed.

Rep. Messmer (R-Jasper) represents portions of Daviess, Dubois, Pike and Martin counties.

Little Company of Mary Outstanding Physician Award nomination process

Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center will be presenting a Little Company of Mary Outstanding Physician Award to a deserving physician.

The award is based on outstanding job performance reflecting Memorial Hospital's Mission Statement and the Core Values of Respect for Human Dignity, Compassionate Caring, Stewardship, Quality and Justice. To be accepted as a nominee, a physician must be classified as a member of the hospital's Active Medical Staff for a minimum of twelve months and be in good standing with the Medical Staff.

The nomination process begins with any individual, i.e. patient, community member, hospital employee, physician, etc. completing and submitting a nomination form to Michele Rose by January 24, 2014. All nominations will be reviewed by the hospital's Mission Committee, with the top six nominees forwarded to the Selection Committee, consisting of the Medical Staff Officers, the Executive Director of Mission

Integration, and the Vice President of Patient Services/Chief Nursing Officer of Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. Members of the Mission Committee and Selection Committee may not submit a nomination form. Only one nomination per individual will be accepted.

The LCM Outstanding Physician Award will be presented by the Medical Staff President during the hospital's Medical Staff Appreciation Banquet.

For more information, please contact Michele Rose, Medical Staff Coordinator, at 996-0675 or mrose@mhcc.org, or visit the hospital's website at www.mhcc.org.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

With the holidays and some traveling, it has been awhile since I have written a column. For the most part, the garden is sleeping at this time of year. It is a great time for planning and dreaming, and the wish books keep coming on a daily basis. Seed and nursery catalogues offer the best and newest varieties available, and I admit that I can easily be lured to try one of everything. However, I have to get realistic with time and finances and pare down my wish list quite a bit before placing my order. If there is some new cultivar that one simply cannot live without, order soon. Most new introductions have limited availability, so it is necessary to be one of the first to order. However, if you find the plant has already sold out, look for it again in the fall or next year. Chances are, it will be a little cheaper. There is a price to pay to be the first to have the latest fad, even in the world of horticulture.

My holiday trip this year took me to Nashville, Tennessee. It was my first trip to Nashville since they had the big flood a few years ago. The resort where I stayed was nicely landscaped, but had mulch volcanoes so often found in such landscapes. The planning beds still had some blooming pansies, but Nashville is enough south of us to have over-wintering pansies on a regular basis. The most striking plants in the landscape were several mahonias, also known as Oregon grape hollies. The boasted bright green, waxy leaves, with clusters of bright red berries. (Some mahonias have orange or yellow berries.) These plants were mingled among azaleas, hollies and magnolias, creating the bones for an attractive overall plan.

The highlight of the trip, at least for horticulture, was a trip to visit the Opryland Hotel. The Christmas decorations were nice, but it would be hard to go wrong with adding a few accent lights to such a grand indoor garden. The hotel has three public areas under glass roofs, landscaped to rival any park. There are numerous waterfalls and fountains and even a river. My great nephew, Gunner, and I took a boat ride and got a different perspective on the landscape.

First Day Hikes draw 1,200-plus to Indiana state parks

More than one thousand hardy hikers took to the trails on New Year's Day for First Day activities at dozens of state parks and reservoir properties.

"First Day Hikes focus a spotlight on state park systems and their value in conserving natural and cultural resources and providing great places for outdoor recreation and exercise," said Dan Bortner, director of the DNR Division of State Parks & Reservoirs.

We learned that twenty horticulturalists work to keep the plants growing in the hotel. At Christmas, the normal plantings are supplemented with hundreds of poinsettias. Several small hedges grouped red poinsettias with Dusty Miller to make an attractive border for beds. Numerous orchids and bromeliads cling to the artificial cliffs around the waterfalls. There are palm trees, banana trees, orange trees, papaya trees, grapefruit trees and other tropical plants growing in the conservatories, many of them producing fruit. Several other attractive and unusual trees line the walkways, including a bonsai specimen of a tea tree that is 1500 years old. Since these areas also have restaurants and stores, they are open to the public, so one does not have to be a guest of the hotel to enjoy a walk through the conservatories.

Nashville is also home to several old plantations and public gardens, but winter is not the best time for those venues. I hope to return to Nashville next summer for a few days of visiting some historical and beautiful gardens.

If you received holiday plants this year, give them care and they will last for several months. The most common mistake with indoor plants is over-watering. Do not water them unless the soil is dry to a depth of about an inch. Poinsettias and Christmas cacti are native to dry regions, so they do not require a lot of water. More plants have been killed by over-watering than by under-watering.

The weatherman is predicting some very cold weather this week. If you have some marginally-hardy plants in the landscape, they may need some extra protection. Snow is actually our friend when the mercury dips below zero. It provides insulation for the roots of plants. Apply a layer of mulch when there is no snow cover to keep the ground frozen and prevent heaving on those warm days that are sure to come eventually. For now, I recommend sitting by the fire with a good book or a nursery catalogue and dreaming of the perfect garden that you will have in the spring.

"Our staff and volunteers did a great job promoting and hosting our hikes this year, and we hope Hoosiers make visits to Indiana state parks and reservoirs a habit in 2014."

The family-friendly, guided hikes at 30 DNR-managed sites were organized by the Division of State Parks & Reservoirs in cooperation with America's State Parks and the National Association of State Park Directors. According to America's State Parks, First Day Hikes were scheduled in all 50 states this year.

Getting outdoors was the objective of the day at Indiana's events, and 1,207 people did.

Monroe Lake drew the most with 207 runners and walkers turning out for a Fitness Trail Run/Walk event. Participants had the option of a 4-mile or 1.33-mile wooded course.

Mounds State Park had the next biggest group with 130 people taking an evening hike on an illuminated trail.

Shakamak State Park had 127 visitors who warmed up around a campfire and refreshments after their 1.5-mile hike on the park's paved road.

Eight other parks had more than 40 participants each, including Pokagon State Park, where 75 people followed their hike to Lake Lonidaw with a ride on the park's toboggan slide.

Thirteen horseback riders took part in a unique First Day ride through Tippecanoe River State Park.

Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton
NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

I believe I've already had enough winter, but looking at the long term forecast I guess I better just get used to it for a while. Of course, it is Indiana weather, so they could be wrong! It is a new year, and I will be optimistic that 2014 is going to be a good one. The livestock don't seem too concerned about what year it is and just chew their cud and ruminate over greener days ahead.

Whether you are grazing stockpiled forages, feeding hay or other feed, some winter days are more challenging than others for both the producer and the livestock. I'm sure the livestock might think that this forage or feed stuff with frost, snow, ice or combination, would have been nice a few days last August instead of now. It always surprises me though how snow is usually no issue for them. If the quality of the stockpiled forage is good, then they will go after it...even if hay is provided. The quality of good stockpiled forage can easily be better than hay. Too much hay is still cut and baled for yield, not quality. Given a choice, the livestock will choose the better of the two.

Ice, or enough ice to prevent grazing, is probably the number one reason to pull up stakes and move to some hay or other feed. Deep snow is next. How deep is too deep? That depends on two things, the livestock grazing it and the amount of forage present. Experienced animals, those that have done it before, won't even hesitate; they know where dinner is and go after it. If you watch the younger, less experienced animals, they tend to eat first where others have been eating and then they soon figure it all out. Smaller ruminants, especially sheep, tend to have less issue with snow and are quite good at digging it out with their hooves. I've observed deer doing the same thing; they also are quite good in digging up turnip bulbs out of frozen ground. The amount of forage present becomes more critical as the amount of snow increases; the more forage present, the easier it is to get to.

The quality of that stockpiled forage must be good; if anything, energy is usually the shortfall, protein second, if too much mature forage is included. Energy can be a challenge. Growing and lactating animals may need supplementation. Winter annuals such as brassicas (turnips, kale), and cereal grains will do a better job of maintaining enough energy and protein for those animals needing more.

Most producers are feeding hay or other feed by this time of year and there is certainly nothing wrong with that. There are on the other hand, producers that want to reduce the amount of fed products and would rather move temporary fences than get a tractor out. Remember everyone still needs a contingency plan!

Weather can surprise us, even with the best of planning, and quickly force you into plan B...or C. You don't want to find yourself unprepared and I've found that it is just best to be ready and prepared for short notice too. Stationing large round bales of hay in good locations, is a good way to do this; ideally, a location close to where you are grazing (could even be a portion of that field), especially an area that could benefit from added nutrients and or organic matter.

I would also recommend if possible, that they have some wind protection. This hay can be set out quite a bit in advance and ready to be used when needed. Bales should be set out in such a pattern where you can easily allocate them as needed by simply moving a temporary fence. This type of system puts nutrients back where they are needed and is nothing permanent.

Permanent winter feeding areas should ideally be in an area with some wind break, a good winter watering source, on a well-drained soil/site, and where runoff and manure/waste feed can be managed. This means away from water bodies or with adequate buffers and usually with rock or concrete pads to feed on. Mud, along with wet cold weather, really increases energy needs. For the pocketbook, the producer, and livestock, good feeding or grazing conditions are ideal. Muddy, stressful conditions should be avoided when possible. Feeding on rock padded areas or grazing sufficiently heavy stands of stockpiled forage usually are adequate.

We are just weeks away from Indiana's two grazing conferences. Both conferences will have outstanding speakers and I would strongly encourage you to attend either or both. The planning committees have worked hard to get outstanding speakers and keep the costs low. Each conference has its own agenda with different speakers so there will be no duplication if you can attend more than one. Also, the Heart of America Grazing Conference is here in Indiana later this month.

Keep on grazing!

Reminders and opportunities

American Forage & Grassland Council Conference - January 12-14, 2014, Memphis, TN; for more information go to: <http://www.afgc.org/>

Heart of America Grazing Conference - January 20-21, 2014, Columbus, IN; for more information go to <https://ag.purdue.edu/agry/extension/Pages/grazing.asp>

Southern Indiana Grazing Conference - February 5, 2014, Odon, IN - Jim Gerrish and Kathy Voth are main speakers. For more information contact the Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation office at 812-254-4780, Extension 3, email Toni Allison at dcswcd@rtccom.net, or visit their website at http://daviesscoswcd.org/main/page_sigc.html or <https://www.facebook.com/SouthernIndianaGrazingConference>

Northern Indiana Grazing Conference - February 7-8, 2014 - Michiana Event Center, Howe, IN. For more information contact the LaGrange County Soil and Water Conservation office at 260-463-3471, Ext. 3 or visit their website at www.lagrangeswcd.org.

Livestock Forage and Grain Forum - March 13, 2014 - Marriott Hotel in downtown Indianapolis, IN. For more information go to: www.indianasoybean.com/events-and-promotions/livestock-forage-and-grain-forum

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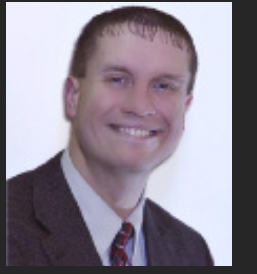
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The annual meeting of East Fork Water, Inc. will be held January 27, 2014, commencing at 7:30 p.m. at the office, located at 213 S. Main Street in Shoals, Indiana. Directors for North Rutherford, West Perry, and South Center townships will be elected. Members are invited to attend.

The Mayor's Den

By Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty



December started with joyful noise with the "Joyful Hearts" performance at St. John's Lutheran Church. The music group (including members from numerous area churches) did a spectacular job singing some of our favorite all time Christmas melodies. A special "thank you" to Debbie Parsons, the performers, and all of the people who make this event happen year after year – including the delicious refreshments! Monday the 2nd, I attended the monthly school safety council meeting at Shoals Community Schools. Many updates were brought to the council along with upcoming functions and meeting dates discussed. Following the meeting, I headed back to city hall for the final Christmas Stroll meeting and final planning stages of the event. That evening, I went to Jack Butcher Arena to watch the Lion 5th and 6th Grade Boys' Basketball Team take on the Wolverines of White River Valley. Our 5th grade Lions came out very strong in the first game; throughout the whole game had a good lead, and finished with a large win. In the 6th grade game, our Lions started out slow; however they ended up winning! Tuesday the 3rd started with my volunteer document duplication duties at Loogootee Elementary. Then, I headed to city hall to meet with members of the Sock Hop Committee for the upcoming New Year's Eve event. In the evening, I watched the Lady Lions Junior Varsity and Varsity take on the Orleans Bulldogs at Jack Butcher Arena. In the first round of action, the Lady Lions came out playing very competitive and strongly dominated the whole game. In the second round, the Lady Lions again played strong and competitive but didn't take home the win.

Wednesday the 4th, I spent most of the day planning for the upcoming Christmas Stroll. That evening, I attended "active shooter training" put on by the Indiana State Police at the LHS auditorium. Thursday the 5th started again making plans for the Christmas Stroll which was scheduled for that evening; however late in the morning the decision was made to postpone the Stroll a week. The rest of the day was spent working on Christmas decorations and preparing for bad weather. Friday the 6th, schools were closed and the snow kept falling, making travel difficult. Most of the day was spent assisting in clearing walks and completing day-to-day operations. A special "thank you" to German American Bank for providing all of the city employees a delicious lunch! On Saturday the 7th, I attended Shoals' Annual Christmas Parade. Despite repercussions from bad weather, the parade (which has never been cancelled) went on as planned. Sunday the 8th, with dark skies and rain beginning to steadily fall, a decision was made by parade chairpersons to delay our parade one week. Monday the 9th, I spent most of the day working at the office and that evening in meetings: building commission, board of works and city council. The biggest topic, other than the weather, was the hiring of a new police officer and setting meeting dates for the 2014 calendar year. Tuesday the 10th, with another two inches of snow falling, I spent most of the day in the office. The street crew that morning ran into a bit of bad luck; the sand truck suffered a flat tire which put it out of commission for a couple of hours.

Wednesday the 11th, I attended the annual SIDC Christmas party and meeting at the Martin County Community Building. The primary subjects of the meeting were the budget and the procedures manual. Following the event, I headed to WestGate Technology Park for the ribbon cutting of the new WestGate Child Development Center. The opening of this new facility is a very exciting event for WestGate and Crane itself and offers many opportunities for child de-

velopment. On my way to the facility, I thought of what a wonderful Christmas present it is for the area. Congratulations to business owner Teresa Nolley, Director of Operations Helen Dearwester, and facility owners Chris Baugh and Marv Wagler. In the evening, I met with the pool committee to discuss upcoming and ongoing events for the project. Thursday the 12th, my dear mother, Dee Sanders, greeted me first thing to wish me a "Happy Birthday" and start my day off with a smile! Later, I attended the ribbon cutting of Kizior and Young Orthodontists – their third branch in Southern Indiana. They provide the latest in technology in this field; and we welcome them to our community. It was a very special day, spent at noon with friends, and in the evening at this year's Christmas Stroll with more friends and members of the community. I want to thank each and every one of you for all of the warm wishes on my special day. The Stroll, though many still attended despite the cold weather, did not do as well as I am sure most of the downtown business hoped, probably because it was so cold and so many who normally come stayed home. Friday the 13th, I met with Sock Hop Committee members Dee Sanders and Ruth Smith along with representatives from Old National Bank Susan Arthur, Mindy Henrichson, and Jonell Sutton at the Loogootee Tribune to receive a very generous check from Old National sponsoring the entertainment for the upcoming event. In the evening, I went to Forest Park High School to watch the Lions take on the Rangers. Both matches were great as the Lions played very hard, but were just not where they wanted to be in the end. Saturday the 14th, I attended the afternoon wedding of Aaron Mudd and Alison Burch at St. John's Catholic Church. The wedding, as most Christmas weddings are, was very beautiful as the couple vowed their love for one another. In the evening, I headed to my old stomping ground to watch the Battle of Martin County. Both teams played well with the Lions coming on top with both matches. Sunday the 15th, started sadly with the early afternoon funeral of my longtime friend, Steve Struck. Steve and I both helped open the Loogootee McDonalds back in 1999; however, Steve spent most of his working career as a funeral director and also served as for a term as Martin County Coroner. He was known for his caring of others; and he will be greatly missed. After the funeral, I went to this year's Christmas Choral Concert at the LHS auditorium. The concert was very well attended and enjoyed by all. Monday the 16th, I attended the afternoon funeral of Mrs. Joyce Smith. Mrs. Smith was an active person in our community and will be missed very much. That evening, I went to the first freshman game of the year with our Lions taking on Bloomfield Cardinals. Coach Callahan is a very enthusiastic coach, working with the boys to look towards the future. Although the team played very competitively but didn't win, they still learned a lot by building experience in high school play. Tuesday the 17th, I started off at the elementary doing my volunteer document duplication. Then I went to the Martin County Learning Center for the monthly Alliance Meeting for Economic Development. Many issues and updates were discussed. In the early evening, I attended the ribbon cutting for Ron and Laura Jean Gilbert's new business offering Scentsy products. We wish them much success in their new venture! Then, I went to LHS for their monthly school board meeting. The highlighted discussions were the announcement of the retirements of Laura Mattingly and Mary Walton. Following the meeting, I walked down the hall to Jack Butcher Arena to watch the official first home game of the

season: the Loogootee Lions Varsity and Junior Varsity Boys' Basketball team taking on the South Knox Spartans. Both of our teams played well and kept the game very close, but neither was victorious.

Wednesday the 18th, I spoke to Mrs. Marcia Wagoner's 3rd Grade Class at Loogootee Elementary about different levels of government. In the evening, I attended the retirement party for Charlotte Meyer. Charlotte started selling real estate in 1979 and worked for Century 21 since 1992. I have a lot of great memories of working with Charlotte and she will truly be missed in the business. Thursday the 19th, I went to Lee Kavanaugh Gym in the evening to watch the junior high boys' basketball team take on the Washington Catholic Cardinals. The Lions played hard in both games; and in the end the 7th grade came up short just by a few points while the 8th grade prevailed. Friday the 23rd we held our annual Christmas party for the staff at city hall. Everyone enjoyed a very delicious meal catered by Sue David and Jennifer Wagler. Saturday the 21st, I started the morning at Kavanaugh Kourt, home of the Barr-Reeve Vikings, watching our Lions 5th and 6th grade boys' basketball teams take on the Vikings. Both games were very exciting with both ending in small margin deficits. That evening I went to Washington to the Hatchet House to watch the Lions take on the Hatchets. The Hatchet House always brings back memories as the sectional and regional were both played there not so many years ago before the current days of class sports. The Lions had a rough night in both matches. Sunday the 22nd, I was invited to the home of Charlotte Meyer for her client party which she had rescheduled from earlier in the month because of the large volume of snow. It is always a treat going to Charlotte's party and see so many familiar faces from the community. Monday the 23rd was the last normal work day before the Christmas Holiday and I spent it in the office on day-to-day operations. In the late afternoon, I went to North Daviess High School for the opening of the Graber Post Classic. Four great matches were played at the annual

tourney with South Knox and Orleans, Brownstown and South Ridge, Barr-Reeve and Clay City, and North Daviess and North Posey. South Knox, Brownstown, Barr-Reeve and North Daviess were the four winners. In the morning of Christmas Eve, I went to Loogootee Nursing Center and Loogootee Health Care and Rehabilitation Services to visit, pass out calendars, and wish the patients and staff a Merry Christmas. Christmas Eve and day I spent with family and friends enjoying the reason for the season.

December the 26th, I worked most of the day at the office. Friday the 27th, I attended the mid-afternoon annual Springs Valley tournament, this year featuring our Lions, Springs Valley, Milan, Dubois, Lanesville, and West Washington. The Lions played hard up against some of the best, squaring off with Milan in the first round followed by Springs Valley and West Washington in the early evening game on Saturday. Our Lions made us very proud. Monday the 30th was mostly spent working on routine operations of the office. New Year's Eve morning, the Sock Hop Committee members and I set-up and decorated JFK gym for that night's big event, "At the Hop!" A special "thank you" to city employees Mike Taylor and Don Mann for playing a big part in this as well and to all the volunteers who working together made set-up quick and easy. That evening was finally the long anticipated Hop! Approximately 60 sock hoppers attended, and everyone had a good time enjoying the music, the refreshments, the company, the atmosphere – and the whole evening. A special "thank you" to Old National Bank for sponsoring the entertainment and to Ruth Smith for her hard work in coordinating everything, along with Karen Slaven and Administrative Assistant Phyllis Panko. I also want to thank Steve Belcher for his donation of flowers and Jennifer David Wagler, Sue David, and Vonda Winer for the delicious breakfast. The Hop was a fun and fantastic way to ring in the New Year. I want to take this time to wish each and every one of you a very blessed 2014!

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