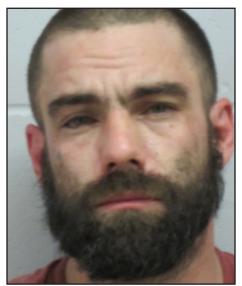
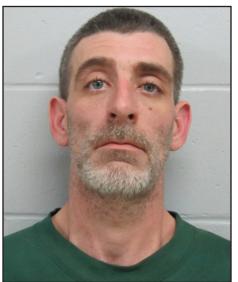
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TRAVIS W. STINE



MITCHELL F. NEWTON Two arrested after traffic stop

A Wednesday afternoon traffic stop resulted in two men spending the rest of the day behind bars on multiple charges.

At 3:15 p.m., Senior Trooper Jarrod Lents observed a green 1997 Dodge Dakota pick-up truck disregard a stop sign on Weisbach Road at Sherfick School Road near Shoals. Trooper Lents pulled the truck over and began speaking with the two occupants. Lents learned that the driver, 39 year old Mitchell F. Newton of Dubois, was driving with a suspended driver's license through Indiana, and had a prior conviction for the same offense. The passenger, Travis W. Stine, 39, French Lick, initially gave Trooper Lents a false name and information in an attempt to not be identified. Lents later learned and confirmed his correct identification, as well as the fact that he was wanted through Crawford County on a felony theft charge.

During the stop, Lents asked for the assistance of Sheriff Travis Roush and Major Andy Burkhardt of the Martin County Sheriff's Department. Burkhardt conducted an open-air search with his K9 partner Asher, who positively indicated the presence of narcotics in the vehicle. Officers searched the vehicle, locating marijuana, (See 'ARRESTED' cont. on page 2)



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Loogootee Police Officer Steve Nolan was recognized at the Loogootee City Council meeting Monday night by Indiana Mothers Against Drunk Driving for having 16 operating while intoxicated arrests in 2015. Shown above, from left to right, are Sheriff's Officer Damon Baker, Indiana State Police Trooper Jarrod Lents, Lael Hill with Indiana MADD; Officer Nolan, Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty and Loogootee Police Chief Kelly Rayhill.

New members start on Loogootee Council

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT Martin County Journal Publisher

The new members of the Loogootee City Council took their seats for the first meeting of the year Monday night, January 11. New council members Teresa Nolley, Ruth Smith, Tim Lawrence and Roger Downey joined returning member Carroll Rayhill.

When Mayor Noel Harty asked for a nomination for president of the council, Tim Lawrence nominated Roger Downey and Ruth Smith nominated Carroll Rayhill. Teresa Nolley was the deciding vote and seconded Smith's motion to make Rayhill the council president.

Lael Hill, with Indiana MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) presented Loogootee Officer Steve Nolan with an award for having 16 operating while intoxicated arrests last year in the City of Loogootee. Indiana State Trooper Jarrod Lents was instrumental in nominating ance companies, they should contact his Nolan for the award. Lents said that in the two-county radius he patrols, Martin and Daviess counties, he may have 30-40 driving under the influence arrests in a year. He said Nolan having 16 in a small city is very impressive.

The city also presented Nolan with a

A public hearing was held for the rates related to the West Boggs Sewer District that the city now controls. A few members of the audience asked the council if rates would be going up for the West Boggs Sewer customers. Mayor Harty said it was hard to predict the future but he is guessing a minimal increase, comparable to the 5-6 percent the West Boggs customers have seen in the past.

Mayor Harty reported that the fire departments ISO rating went back to a "6" at the first of the year. He said that if any residents still have issues with their insuroffice.

Marty Tarrh, representing the Stormwater Utility Board, gave an update on what the board has come up with regarding user fees for water customers. The board consists of Bo Wilson, Gianna Armstrong, Noel Harty and Tarrh. In order for the city to qualify for grants related to stormwater projects, user fees are needed. The higher the user fee, the more points the grant application would receive.

Tarrh said that the board checked around to other cities to see what kind of user fees they charge. Many charge \$3 and some go as high as \$6. The stormwater board is suggesting charging Loogootee Water customers that have residences \$5 per month and businesses \$25-\$50 per month. This would bring in an additional \$72,000 from residential customers and \$66,000 a year from businesses at the \$25

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Safe Community Campaign event this Saturday

Police officers serving Martin County from both local and state agencies will host a community appreciation event this Saturday, January 16 at the community building located on the fairgrounds. The event, which will be called the Martin County Safe Community Campaign, will bring the community and its police officers together for a day of fun and information sharing. Opening ceremonies will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 2 p.m. with a drawing for larger door prizes.

This first-time community event will feature officers and informational displays from the Martin County Sheriff's Office, Indiana Conservation Officers, Indiana State Police, Indiana Excise Police, Community Corrections, Shoals Police Department, and the Loogootee Police Department. Several law enforcement vehicles including a Humvee, ATVs, and an air boat will be on display as well as other tactical and rescue gear.



Sgt. Andy Burkhardt will be doing a demonstration this Saturday at the Safe Community Event with K9 Asher.

The event will be free to the public and will feature several law enforcement speakers and programs as well as free food and door prizes. Some of the programs include kid's self defense, meth awareness, ATV safety and a police K9 demonstration.

Whether it is a family crisis, an acci-

dent, or other emergency, many times, police officers and the people in their communities don't always meet in the best situations. One of the goals of this event is to allow the community to meet with the officers in a relaxed and fun environment.

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LHS Class of 1995 gathering

The Loogootee High School Class of 1995 have planned a get-together on Saturday, January 16. Classmates can meet up at three different locations on Saturday:

-4:30 p.m. - Hang out and have dinner at Biggin's Pizza, the back room is reserved. Biggin's is located on Hill Street in Loo-

-LHS vs. Barr-Reeve ballgame starting at 6 p.m. at Jack Butcher Arena

-Post-game informal gathering at Bradley's Bar & Grill, located on Broadway Street across from Wendy's in Loogootee.

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rate or \$133,000 a year from businesses at the \$50 rate.

He said after the council approves of the fee scale, an income survey would be required. The council did not act on the user fee at Monday's meeting. It is planned to be discussed again at the council's February meeting.

Courtney Hughett, who was in the audience, commended the Loogootee First Responders for how quickly they responded to her residence after a recent 911 call. Hughett also asked the council to look into parking issues on Kentucky Avenue in the section between the Elementary East Gym and the Catholic church. She

explained that cars are parking on both sides of the road making it only one lane which causes a traffic concern for people turning off the highway onto Kentucky Avenue. Police Chief Kelly Rayhill said this has been an issue for years. He will look into it and report back to the council at the next meeting.

Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson told the council that one of the water wells needs work at a cost of \$16,000. The council approved the well cleaning by Layne Company. They won't know if any additional repairs will be needed until the well is taken apart. The council also approved the maintenance agreement from Layne Company for the well field.

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As a way to further help and unite the community, officers are teaming up with the Martin County area food banks for a food drive during the event. Food bank volunteers will be accepting food items and monetary donations throughout the day. Although the event will be free to the public, each person will need to bring a non-perishable food item to be eligible for the many door prizes.

Door prize tickets will be given depending on the food pantry donation. (1 item=1 ticket, 1 sack or box=5 tickets, truck load=10 tickets) Smaller door prizes will be drawn throughout the day, larger door prizes will be drawn at 1:30 p.m.

The food banks and local churches are preparing the following foods as lunch for the event for a monetary donation or food items: hot dogs, potato soup, chili soup and chicken noodle soup, desserts, and drinks.

If you are interested in helping out or donating door prize items, please contact ICO Eric Doane at (317) 694-3064 or ing remarks

Sheriff Travis Roush at (812) 247-3726.

The followings is a schedule of events for the day:

10-10:30 a.m. - Opening Ceremonies (The Loogootee American Legion will be bringing in the colors. Kindergarten students from both Shoals and Loogootee Schools will be leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Austin Jones, of Shoals, will be playing the National Anthem on guitar.

10:30-11 a.m. - Introductions (Each department will introduce officers)

11-11:30 a.m. - Kid's Self Defense (Eric Doane)

11:30-11:45 a.m. - Kathy Collins (Community Corrections)

11:45 a.m.-12 p.m. Jon Cropp (prescription medicine abuse)

12-12:30 p.m. - Meth Awareness (Steve Sexton, ISP)

12:30-12:45 p.m. - ATV safety (ICOs) 12:45-1 p.m. - Prosecutor's Office

1-1:30 p.m. - K9 demonstration (Andy Burkhardt)

1:30-2 p.m. - Door prize drawings/clos-

Local food service establishments inspected

The following restaurant inspections room door 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, unless otherwise noted. Violations that were seen again from one inspection to the next are noted with "(Repeat violation)" after the entry.

DECEMBER 18

Pure & Simple Products, 11299 Golden Park Road, Williams

No violations noted.

DECEMBER 21

Shoals Senior Center, 409 Courthouse Dr, Shoals

One critical violation:

-Eggs stored over ready-to-use milk in Kenmore refrigerator

DECEMBER 26

Carla's Catering, West River Road, Shoals

No violations noted.

JayC Food Store #52, 201 South High Street, Shoals

Three non-critical violations:

-No self-closing device on men's toilet

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a metal smoking pipe, and two syringes. Officers later learned the narcotics and paraphernalia belonged to Stine.

Both Newton and Stine were placed into custody and lodged, without incident, in the Martin County Jail.

Arrested and Charges:

Mitchell F. Newton, 39, Dubois: Driving While Suspended with a Prior Conviction, Class A Misdemeanor

Travis W. Stine, 39, French Lick: Illegal Possession of a Syringe, Level 6 Felony; Possession of Marijuana, Class B Misdemeanor; False Informing, Class B Misdemeanor; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Class C Misdemeanor

-Several display cases have unshielded light bulbs throughout the store

-Exterior door at loading dock not tightly sealed when closed

DECEMBER 28

Faytastic Pizza, 220 Main Street, Shoals No violations noted.

DECEMBER 29

Biggin's Place, LLC, 109 Hill Street, Loogootee

One critical violation:

-Temperature of several items on salad bar over 41 degrees – cottage cheese 44.6 degrees, bean salad 45 degrees, broccoli salad 44 degrees (Repeat violation)

One non-critical violation:

-Range hood filters above fryers have accumulation of grease/dust (Repeat viola-

American Legion Post 61, 224 South High Street, Shoals

One critical violation:

-Raw hamburger and eggs stored above ready-to-use shredded cheese in cooler

Fraternal Order of Eagles #2442, 207 South Main Street, Shoals

One non-critical violation:

-No hot water in women's toilet room in bingo hall

Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant, 15519 US Hwy. 231, Loogootee

One critical violation:

-Temperature of multiple items on salad bar above 41 degrees.

(Response to inspection filed by Martha Schitter, manager/owner, of Stoll's Lakeview: "Am trading out salad bar items every two hours and trading out for colder product to keep safe temperature and products for customers. Marking time on side of containers."

Break Time Bar & Grill, 119 Cooper Plaza, Loogootee

No violations noted.

China Wok, 601 West Broadway Street, Loogootee

Two critical violations;

-Multiple items on hot food buffet at temperatures between 120-130 degrees (Repeat violation)

-Multiple items in coolers had no date marking

Two non-critical violations:

-Storage containers have build-up of dried food particles

-Pepsi machine fountain nozzles have build-up of black substance

Corner Café, 201 JFK Avenue, Loogoo-

One non-critical violation:

-Range hood vents and fan in dish area have accumulation of dust (Repeat viola-

Village Pizza, 102 Furlong Street, Crane Two non-critical violations:

-Range hood vents have build-up of dust/

-Exterior door of storage room not tightly sealed

VFW Post 9297, 168 Leahy Street, Crane

Two non-critical violations:

-Boxes of cups and food containers stored on floor of storage room

-No self-closing device on women's toilet room door

VFW Post 9395, 300 West Vine Street, Loogootee

No violations noted.

DECEMBER 31

Veterans of Foreign Wars, 314 South Main Street, Shoals

No violations noted.

Velma's Diner, Main Street, Shoals (Routine inspection plus complaint inspec-

One critical violation:

-Raw meat stored above ready-to-eat cabbage in Kenmore cooler (Repeat violation) One non-critical violation:

-Women's toilet room door has no self-closing device

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DEBORAH HEDRICK

Deborah Hedrick passed away at 8:43 p.m. January 10, 2016 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 54.

She was born April 28, 1961 in Washington; daughter of Betty (Strawn) Gray and the late Bob Daily.

She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. She loved

She is survived by her husband, Richie Hedrick of Loogootee; son, Jimmy Honeycutt of Loogootee; daughter, Kristi Hayden of Odon; four grandchildren; mother; Betty (Joe) Gray of Loogootee and many aunts and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Bob Daily and brother, Danny

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Tuesday, January 12 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be made online at blakefuneralhomes.com.

DEWEY WEAVER

Dewey E. Weaver passed away at 5:45 a.m. January 10, 2016 at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation. A resident of Loogootee, he was 88.

He was born June 19, 1927 in Elnora; son of the late Jasper and Violet (Walls) Weaver.

He was a World War II Veteran and was honorably discharged from the Army Air Force. He worked at various mechanic shops in Washington and Plainville Machine and Tool prior to his employment at CAAA Crane.

He enjoyed woodworking and was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Rita (Lannan) Weaver of Loogootee; children, Sandra Boger of Washington and Dan (Laurie) Weaver of Jasper; step-children, Steve (Carla) Strange of Peru, Sam (Andrea) Strange of Loogootee, Cathy (Phil) Todd of Loogootee, John (Vickie) Strange of Jasper and Nancy (Bob) Consley of Loogootee; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; 14 step-grandchildren; 28 step-great-grandchildren; and one step-great-great-grandchild; brothers, James (Marilyn) Weaver of Belivedere, Illinois and William J. (Shirley) Weaver of Evansville; and sister, Judy (Jerry) Dickens of Belivedere, Illinois.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Neva (White) Weaver in 1993; infant daughter, Violet Rose Weaver; step-grandson, Philip Todd; brothers, Ralph (Maxine) Weaver and Harold Weaver; and sisters, Maxine (Bill) Drew and Vivian Weaver.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 14 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Sugarland Memory Garden in Washington.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, January 13 from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Condolences may be made online at blakefuneralhomes.com.

GENO SPAULDING

Captain Eugene "Geno" A. Spaulding died Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at MARTIN COUNTY JOURNAL



GENO SPAULDING

Jasper Memorial Hospital due to a heart attack. A resident of Shoals, he was 60.

He was born November 25, 1955 in Jasper; son of the late Imelda (Theile) and Robert "Kie" Spaulding. Geno spent his

early years with his family in Loogootee. He was baptized, took first communion, and served as an altar boy at St. John Catholic Church. He graduated from Loogootee High School and continued his education at Indiana University where he lettered in varsity rugby. He joined the US Navy in June of 1975 and served for four years as an Operation Specialist Second Class Petty Officer. His last Navy voyage was on the USS Waddell DDG-24. He was discharged with the following honors and medals: National Defense Service Medal, Navy & Marine Corp Expeditionary Medal, Navy First Good Conduct Medal, and Battle E Ribbon. He continued sailing the sea by joining the Merchant Marines after his US Navy Service. He worked his way up to the title of Chief Mate and Master Mariner Officer during his career and served on numerous ships and traveled worldwide.

Geno spent his free time on shore with friends and family in ports around the globe. He retired from the Merchant Marines after 31 years of service in 2012 and settled back down in Shoals to follow his passions. He was an avid motorcycle collector and built multiple bikes up from their engine blocks. He would blaze down the highway on his bright orange Indian and was always willing to talk up a storm about motorcycles or music. He traveled with a guitar while at sea and would regale you with stories about the artists he was able to meet on his travels. He was a member of the International Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots union and the Shoals VFW Post 8589.

He is survived by two children and three step-children, Kieran Spaulding, Enoch Spaulding, Cherish Benge, Alexander Benge, and HeMan Rootz. He also leaves behind one grandchild, Asa Corwin, and numerous cousins from both the Spaulding and Theile fami-

He will be cremated with a memorial mass to be held at St. John Catholic Church, date and time pending. The family also has a celebration of life planned for the spring, in which the family requests guests attend with joy and remembrance of Geno. Any questions regarding either can be referred to Kieran Spaulding.

Memorial Donations may be made to the US Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Association and Foundation in Eugene's name.

Condolences may be made online at blakefuneralhomes.com. Blake Funeral Home, in Loogootee, handled the arrangements.

LESTER GAMMON

Lester Eugene Gammon, age 78, of Shoals, passed away Sunday, January 10, 2016 at the University of Louisville Hospital following several weeks of injury from a burn. A resident of Shoals, he was 78.

He was born December 17, 1937 in Martin County; the son of the late

LESTER

Roman and Margaret Irene (Terrell) Gammon. He married Judy A. Tedrow on August 10, 1961 and she preceded him in death on July 20, 2000.

He graduated from Shoals High **GAMMON** School and proudly

served his country in the United States Army. He retired as an explosive supervisor from NSWC Crane in 1993. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aeries#2442, V.F.W. Post #8589, and Shoals American Legion Post #61.

Surviving are three daughters, Terri L. Gammon, Shelly Gammon Emmons and husband, Chuck Emmons; and Pamela D. Gammon, all of Shoals; six grandchildren, Brittany Erwin, Justin Emmons, Lindsey Emmons, Tracy Spurgeon, Jerad Emmons and Harley Gammon; six great-grandchildren; brother, Gerald Gammon of Shoals; sister, Margaret Campbell of Lexington, Indiana; brother-in-law, Larry Stroud of Shoals; and nieces and neph-

He is preceded by his parents; wife, Judy; longtime companion, Marcella Russell; son, Lester Gammon Jr. in infancy; one brother, Robert Gammon and one sister, Wilma Stroud.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the hour of service at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13 at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial will follow in Spring Hill Cemetery. Bro. Matthew Sullivan will officiate the service. The American Legion Post #61 will accord military graveside rites.

Condolences may be made online to the family at www.queenlee.com.

RANDY BATES

Randy R. Bates passed away at 6:15 a.m. January 8, 2016 at his home. A resident of Kokomo, he was 54.



He was born March 12, 1961 in Kokomo; son of Howard and Mary Lou Stimbo Bates.

from Taylor High School in 1979 and worked at Overhead Door in

graduated

He

RANDY BATES Westfield for over 20 years. He had a great sense of humor, and was an avid Colts and Pacers

He enjoyed collecting rocks, deer hunting, and his dog "Cherry Berry". He loved spending time with his family and friends.

Survivors include his children, Jacob Bates of Kokomo, Levi (Kelly) Bates of Missouri, and Brandi Latus of Russiaville; mother, Mary Lou Bates of Searcy, Arkansas; brothers, Mickey Bates of Shoals and William Bates of Kokomo; sister, Gayle Hunt of Searcy, Arkansas; grandchildren, Joseph, Jacquelyn, Julliannah, Jillian, and Juliette Bates; and nieces and nephews, Corey, Ashley, and Jessica Bates, and Jozee

He was preceded in death by his father, Howard Bates.

A funeral service was conducted on Monday, January 11 at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel.

In keeping with Randy's wishes, cremation followed the service.

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

TERRY WININGER

Terry Norman Wininger passed away January 8, 2016 at IU Health University Hospital. A resident of Shoals, he was 64.

He was born in Washington on September 26, 1951; son of Norman and Nancy (Brown) Wininger. He was a 1969 Shoals High School graduate. He was a veteran of the US Army serving during the Vietnam War from 1971-1974. He was a member of the Shoals American Legion and VFW. He enjoyed music and watching IU basket-

He is survived by his daughter, Penny (Ryan) Dunn of Linton; his mother, Nancy Baker of Shoals; his step-mother, Betty Wininger of Odon; four brothers; Rick (Julie) Wininger of Jasper, Scott (Jeannie) Wininger of Odon, Gregory Wininger of Odon, and Troy (Amber) Wininger of Odon; two sisters, Anita (Charles) Cooper of Bloomington and Cathy Rush of Shoals; grandchildren, Deacon Dunn and Violet Dunn and several aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Norman Wininger and his step-father, Dale Baker.

Graveside services will be Thursday, January 14 at 1 p.m. at Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals with full military

WILMA ALBRIGHT

Wilma Louise Albright passed away Monday, January 11, 2016 at her home. A resident of Shoals, she was 84.



WILMA ALBRIGHT

She was born February 14, 1931 in Martin County; the daughter of the late Wayne and Beulah (Abel) Montgomery. She married Robert D. Albright on May 14, 1947 and he preceded her in death.

She attended Shoals High School and currently served as president of Country Pines Inc., their family-owned print shop where she worked until the last two months.

Surviving are three daughters, Esther Dennis, Eloise Haycox, and Vicki and her husband, Terry Tichenor, all of Shoals; three sons, Melvin and wife, Markeeta Albright; Wesley and wife, Vonda Albright; and Warren and wife, Kimberly Albright, all of Shoals; 17 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren; one sister, Eileen and husband, Wayne Sanders, of Salem, Ohio; and four brothers, Kenneth Montgomery, Robert and wife, Ruth Montgomery; Stanley and wife, Carla Montgomery; and Marvin Montgomery of Jasper.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, two brothers, Danny and Donnie Montgomery; two sons-in-law, Verlin Dennis and Donald Haycox; and one great-grandson, Brandon Albright.

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, January 13 at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. The funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Spring Hill Cemetery. Pastor John Ziegler will officiate the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to God's Bible School and College, 1810 Young Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 or online at www.gbs.edu/ giving/givenow/

Condolences may be made to the family at www.queenlee.com.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

3:17 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

7:18 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 50, west of Shoals. Captain Dant worked the accident.

9:27 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded to the call.

9:35 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

10:11 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to IU Health Hospital.

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

1:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospi-

2:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

3:45 p.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist in Shoals.

4:00 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was notified.

5:17 p.m. - Received a complaint of debris on US 50, west of Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Deputy Salmon, ICO Doane, and the Shoals Fire Department responded. The highway was cleared.

7:14 p.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident on US 50, west of Shoals. Deputy Salmon and the Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:17 p.m. - Received a medical alert alarm in Loogootee Captain Hennette responded and all was

7:32 p.m. - Received a report of a car-dog accident on US 50, east of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon respond-

9:07 p.m. - Received an alarm call north of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller and Deputy Salmon responded. All

9:11 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Sergeant Keller, Deputy Salmon, Martin County Ambulance, and the Shoals Fire Department responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

3:46 a.m. - Received a request for officers in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris and Sergeant Keller responded. Martin County Ambulance responded to the scene and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospi-

4:59 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 50, east of the fairgrounds. Sergeant Keller respond-

8:32 a.m. - Received a report of a semi blocking the road east of Shoals. Captain Dant assisted the county highway department with the detail.

9:30 a.m. - Sheriff Roush and Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

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

10:35 a.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

11:43 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and the Loogootee Fire Department responded.

11:44 a.m. - Received a report of a semi blocking the tracks east of Shoals. Sheriff Roush and CSX responded.

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

1:35 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted the department of child services with a welfare check north of Loogoo-

2:30 p.m. - Received a report of a missing person north of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

2:40 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Corporal Baker re-

3:34 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

4:40 p.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted a motorist in Shoals.

7:10 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Sheriff Roush worked the accident.

7:21 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 50, west of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene worked the accident.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

8:02 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:32 p.m. - Received a noise complaint east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

9:27 p.m. - Received a report of possible gun shots west of Shoals. Sergeant Keller, Deputy Salmon, Town Marshal Eckert, and ISP Troopers Beaver and Sexton responded. All was okay.

11:07 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle in the river east of Shoals. Sergeant Keller, Town Marshal Eckert and ISP Troopers Beaver and Sexton responded.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

6:57 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Captain Dant and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:42 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

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

3:45 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:28 p.m. - Received a custody complaint near Shoals. Major Burkhardt spoke with all involved.

9:05 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation north of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

10:17 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident just east of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

12:43 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took two inmates to court.

6:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was trans-

6:52 p.m. - Received a theft report near Shoals. Deputy Salmon respond-

7:08 p.m. - Received a request for an responded. ambulance in Loogootee. The Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial

9:57 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County Ambulance, Chief Deputy Greene, Deputy Salmon, and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:20 p.m. - Received a report of a fight near Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert and Corporal Baker re-

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

10:59 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 150, east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

12:11 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain responded.

5:05 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

9:02 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Shoals. Deputy Salmon worked the accident.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

2:15 a.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Deputy Salmon

ARRESTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

10:17 a.m. - Kevin Graber, 43, of Washington, was arrested by Captain Dant on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

5:50 p.m. - Troy Lowe, 32, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Burkhardt on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

3:25 a.m. - Betty Edmondson, 38, of Washington, was arrested by Sergeant Keller on a Martin County writ of attachment and is being held on a \$500

3:25 a.m. - Monty Murphy, 36, of Washington, was arrested by Sergeant Keller on a Martin County writ of attachment and is being held on a \$500 bond.

3:45 p.m. - Mitchell Newton, 39, of Dubois, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents for driving while suspended prior and is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond. Sheriff Roush, Major Burkhardt, and K9 Officer Asher assisted in the

8:02 a.m. - Travis Stine, 39, of French Lick, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents for possession of a syringe, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, and false reporting. He is being held without bond. Sheriff Roush, Major Burkhardt, and K9 Officer Asher assisted in the arrest.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

2:20 p.m. - Malcom Laramore, 41, of Linton, was arrested by ISP Trooper Beaver for driving while suspended prior and is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond. Major Burkhardt and K9 Officer Asher assisted with the arrest.

Sunday, January 10

7:07 a.m. - Steven Sterling, 62, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Salmon for operating a vehicle while intoxicated and is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

3:02 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

3:13 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road near Shoals. The Shoals Fire Department removed the

3:39 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

4:12 a.m. - Received a report of tree debris on roadway east of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense respond-

4:31 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle stuck on Hwy 450 near Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded.

4:39 a.m. - Received a report of a slide off near Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

7:15 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across Hwy 150, east of Shoals. The Shoals Fire Department respond-

8:31 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road near Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense respond-

8:55 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:10 p.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist in Shoals.

12:39 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road south of Loogootee. The Martin County Highway Department responded.

1:10 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

6:05 p.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist in Loogootee.



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Loogootee Police Department activity

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

9:30 a.m. - Caller reported an aggressive dog had chased her into her home. Dog was picked up and transported to the Martin County Humane Society.

10:05 a.m. - Male came on station to report a theft from his vehicle while parked on Cedar Street.

4:10 p.m. - Caller reported a loose dog complaint.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

3:46 a.m. - First responders were requested on Park Street for a medical

10:35 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a residential alarm.

11:13 a.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver. Officers were unable to locate.

3:02 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 50. Captain Hennette located the vehicle.

3:34 p.m. - Caller reported a noise complaint in Shaded Estates.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

12:45 p.m. - Male came on station to request a vehicle identification check.

1:40 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department and Martin County Community Corrections with a residential search.

7:14 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

8:15 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on East Broadway Street. THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

6:57 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless in the ditch on Cooper Street.

The State of Indiana has seen a decline

in the number of deaths related to fires, a

figure that dropped from 84 in 2014 down

to 73 for 2015. The Indiana Department

of Homeland Security (IDHS) Division

of Fire and Building Safety is praising

local first responders across the state for

their efforts in working to make Hoosiers

jured or killed in a fire, we're encouraged to see that fewer people were affected this

year," said Indiana State Fire Marshal Jim

Greeson. "We applaud the first respond-

ers throughout the state who have worked

tirelessly, day and night, to not only pro-

tect those in danger, but also to better ed-

In an effort to better protect Hoosiers,

local departments across the state have

ucate their communities on fire safety."

'While we never want to see anyone in-

more safe.

Fire deaths in Indiana

down 14 percent in 2015

vehicle on US 231. Officers were unable to locate.

10:45 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a residential alarm.

4:23 p.m. - Caller requested to speak with an officer regarding child custody.

5:21 p.m. - Caller reported an aggressive dog on East Main Street.

6:59 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

3:05 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

7:12 p.m. - First responders were requested on North Oak Street for a med-

9:18 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious persons on Indiana Avenue.

9:58 p.m. - First responders were requested in Redwing Trailer Court for a medical call.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

7:25 a.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

12:11 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious activity on Church Street.

4:51 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

3:02 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on State Road 550.

3:39 a.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted with a slide off on US 231.

3:18 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Church Street.

9:44 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle

Department, Frankfort Fire Department

and the Indianapolis Fire Department

have worked alongside the American Red

Cross to help install working smoke de-

tectors in Hoosier homes, as well as pro-

vide educational material on fire safety.

Collectively, the Red Cross has helped

local fire departments install more than

5,700 smoke detectors throughout the

IDHS has also continued working

alongside State Farm, which provided

grant funding in the amount of \$7,000 in

2015 for the purpose of purchasing and

distributing smoke detectors through-

out the state. The partnership has helped

provide nearly 1,000 smoke detectors to

The Indiana State Fire Marshal over-

sees the IDHS Division of Fire and Build-

Hoosiers over the last two years.

state since October 2014.

Court news

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed January 4

Xtec, Inc. vs. Hembree Consulting Services, Inc. and Larry Hembree, civil collection.

Tannya Stout vs. Eric Stout, petition for dissolution of marriage.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed December 30

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Ronald N. and Sharayn T. Menne, complaint. Crane Federal Credit Union vs. William B. and Rebecca S. Allen, com-

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Jason R. Dobbins, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Wesley D. Pullum, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. William R. Dougherty, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Mark Jackson, complaint.

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Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Ashley N. Gillespie, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Michael R. McKamey, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Jordan Page, complaint.

Renewing Management, Inc. vs. Rene Hert, complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSES January 8

Darrell James Warne of Loogootee and Kimberly E. Perry of Loogootee.

Indiana Court of Appeals at VU

The Indiana Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments in the case Drapeau v. State on Jan. 26, 12:50 p.m. (EST), at Shircliff Auditorium.

A three-member panel of judges will hear the following case: On January 18, 2015, Blake Drapeau was arrested at his mother's apartment for: attempted battery against a public safety officer; resisting law enforcement; and criminal trespass. After a bench trial he was convicted on all three counts. On appeal he argues there was insufficient evidence to sustain his convictions for criminal trespass and resisting law enforcement. He also argues there was a material and fatal variance between the crime of criminal trespass charged in the information and the theory and evidence of criminal trespass presented at trial.

Following oral argument, the Court will answer questions about the judicial process in Indiana from VU students who will be in attendance, including paralegal studies students.

Since its centennial in 2001, the Court has heard oral argument in venues across the state to enable Hoosiers to learn about the judicial branch.

Real estate transfers

David W. Whorrall, of Martin County, Indiana to William L. Heckard and **Amanda N. Heckard,** of Martin County, Indiana, part of the northwest quarter of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.46 acres, more or less.

R. Thomas Brasseur, of Seminole County, Florida to Jeffery Walton, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast one quarter of the northwest one quarter and a part of the southwest one quarter of the northeast one quarter of Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 36.214 acres, more or less. Also, a part of the northwest one quarter of the southeast one quarter and a part of the northeast one quarter of the southwest one quarter of Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 28.176 acres, more or less.

R. Thomas Brasseur, of Seminole County, Florida to Dennis R. Cecil and Dana R. Cecil, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 131.665 acres, more or less.

Neale Warren Allegree, Dallas Gene Allegree, and Lisa K. Henry to Kyle O'Rion Trambaugh and Denise M. Will, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the south half of the southeast quarter of Section 21, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 22.47 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the south half of the southeast quarter of Section 21, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 7.784 acres, more or less. Tract III: The north half of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 20.073 acres, more or less. Tract IV: A part of the north half of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 21, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.470 acres, more or less

Mark Daniel Wening, Jr., of Martin County, Indiana to Robert L. Dillon and **Jacqueline S. Dillon,** of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of Lot #13 in Risacher's Second Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Accident reports

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

4:51 p.m. - Rick R. Kaiser, of Loogootee, was operating a 2000 Ford on Cooper Street. Kaiser was stopped and decided to back up and backed into a 2007 Chevy operated by Stephanie L. Blackburn, of Williams. Captain Hennette investigated.

8:56 p.m. - Tyler Resler, of Loogootee, was operating a 2005 Pontiac and attempting to exit the Wendy's parking lot when he pulled into the path of a 2014 GMC operated by Thomas P. Jenkins, of Loogootee. Captain Hennette investigated.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

11:57 a.m. - Richard E. Farhar, of Shoals, was operating a 2004 Ford on Broadway Street when he proceeded through the intersection and struck a 2004 Buick operated by Patty A. Bowling, of Loogootee. Bowling stated she had a green light. Captain Hennette investigated.

continued to make smoke detectors ing Safety. available to their communities. Many For more information on fire safety, visdepartments, including the Gary Fire it GetPrepared.IN.gov. A new approach to training new conservation officers

Indiana Conservation Officers have Pavilion, an assisted living complex in initiated a new training concept to prepare rookie officers for their service to the public. Research shows among the complaints against law enforcement agencies are the lack of proper skills of an officer to interact with a diverse public.

"Interpersonal communication skills are often overlooked by law enforcement agencies when training new officers", said Officer Dennis Talley. "Electronic communication devices have created an environment that makes face-to-face communication a difficult obstacle for these officers to overcome. This training will address these concerns."

On January 5, 2015, ICO rookie officers reported to Meadowood Health

Bloomington, and were tasked with engaging in a one-hour conversation with a resident. Throughout the conversations. the new officers concentrated on their speaking skills as well as their active listening skills. On January 7, the new officers will be giving a verbal presentation to the training staff explaining their experience and identifying their weaknesses and strengths.

"This training concept is challenging to this generation of officers", said Captain Zach Mathews, Training Section Commander. "This will give us an opportunity to work on weaknesses and enhance their ability to build positive community relationships with the citizens they will be serving. Public relations are a high priority for our agency", said DNR Law Enforcement Director Danny L. East. "This ground breaking training concept provides our new officers with confidence and understanding on effective ways to interact with their diverse communities."

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF EAST FORK WATER, INC.

The annual meeting of East Fork Water, Inc. will be held January 25, 2016, commencing at 7:30 p.m. at the office, located at 213 S. Main Street in Shoals, Indiana. Directors for Mitcheltree and East Perry townships will be elected. Members are invited to attend.



20 SIGNS YOU GREW UP IN A **SMALL TOWN**

- 1. When people ask where you're from, you say the nearest well-known city rather than where you're actually from.
- 2. You went to high school with the same people as from kindergarten.
- 3. You knew everybody in your graduating class.
- 4. Actually, you knew just about everybody in your high school.
 - 5. And their families.
- 6. You and your friends just drove around at night blasting music because there was nothing else fun to do.
- 7. And hanging out in a store parking lot was the Friday night norm.
- 8. Whenever you go to a large city, the traffic blows your mind.
- 9. It's at least a 30-minute drive to see a movie in theaters.
- 10. Dating in high school was awkward because you knew all of their exes.
 - 11. Teachers often knew your siblings.
- 12. "Y'all" is part of everyone's vocabulary.
- 13. It was a normal thing to get caught behind a tractor on the road.
- 14. Everyone knew everything about everybody.
- 15. You see at least 5 people you know every time you go to the grocery store.
- 16. And that quick trip to the grocery store turns into an hour-long trip because you have to talk to each one of them.
- 17. It's a big deal when a new restaurant opens in your town.
- 18. It shocked you when you went to a restaurant further north and they didn't have sweet tea.
- 19. Your Facebook feed is full of dead animals during hunting season.
- 20. Everyone could only talk about leaving, but once you're gone, you miss it.

HOW TO START A FIGHT: Wife: What's on the TV?

Husband: Dust!

Dad: See, Math isn't so bad!

Son: Dad, will I ever use this stuff in real life?

Dad: Absolutely. One day you'll have to help your own child with math homework.

This January, why not start the year with an empty jar and fill it with notes about good things that happen. Then, on New Year's Eve, empty it and see what awesome stuff happened that year.

Please join me in giving thanks to whoever first looked at a coffee bean and thought, "Hey, if I smash that and put it in hot water it would be awesome."

A recent study has shown that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.

If you can fold a fitted sheet, you're obviously a witch or Martha Stewart.

Me: I really want to travel.

Bank Account: Like . . . to the backyard?

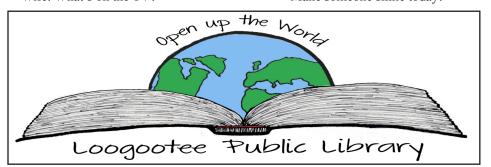
I've reached the point in my life where I find it's no longer necessary to try to impress anyone. If they like me the way I am, that's good. If they don't, it's their loss.

I wanted to reward myself with a hard earned glass of wine after a long week. And then I realized it was only Monday.

I don't need a personal trainer as much as I need someone to follow me around and slap unhealthy foods out of my hand.

A beautiful face will age and a perfect body will change, but an awesome person will always be an awesome person.

Make someone smile today!



BY DARLA WAGLER Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

In celebration of Indiana's Bicentennial, the Indiana State Library and The Indiana Department of Natural Resources, State Parks Department have partnered to provide one park permit to each Indiana library. The public is encouraged to contact the library concerning the park pass and how it will be circulated. Some things to consider will be: How long can an individual have the pass checked out? Should it be checked out for a day or a week? If it is not returned on time, how much should the late fee be? Should it be able to be reserved or an in-house request only? Most State Parks will accept the pass but a few will not and those will be posted in the library. Locally, Daviess-Martin County owned West Boggs Lake will not since it is a county park.

The total number of materials checked out in 2015 was 33,849 which included 2,124 eBooks. These statistics are provided by the Indiana State Library via reports printed from the ILS (Evergreen Indiana).

New Books:

Children's Books: "Princess Academy" series by Shannon Hale and "Paw Patrol: Chase's Space Case" by Kristen

DVDs: "Love Finds You in Charm", "The Intern", "Friends: The Complete Series", "The Garage Sale Mystery", and "The Walking Dead".

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



Decade-plus employees

Loughmiller Machine Tool & Design recently recognized employees that have been with their company 10 years or longer. Shown above from the top down are Brian Mathies (26 years), Jeff Lundy (11 years), Donnie Reinhart (11 years), Terry Chapman (13 years), Lee Asbell (13 years), Matt Graber (10 years), Brian Potts (10 years), Mike Guinn (10 years), Jared Walton (11 years), Dave Asbell (12 years), Travis Davis (12 years), Kevin Newman (15 years), Sonny Strawn (10 years), Chad Grafton (17 years), Ann Burch (15 years), and Jason and Pam Loughmiller, owners.

CALENDAR OF EVEN

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, January 14 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. Some items on the agenda include election of officers, set meeting dates and times, appointment of treasurers, driver's education, request for change to preschool schedule, and approval of the 2016-17 school calendar. The meeting is open to the public.

Chamber of commerce meeting

The next Martin County Chamber of Commerce meeting will be Wednesday, January 20 at noon at the Candy Mill located at 108 Mill Street in Loogootee. Lunch will be provided by The Candy Mill and Hometown IGA. Anyone interested in being a part of the chamber is invited to attend.

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

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Shoals Public Library. The public is invited to attend.

Soil and Water meetings

The Martin County SWCD meets the third Monday of the month at the SWCD office located at Martin County Learning Center. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays except Thursdays when it is closed. Visit www.martinswed. com or call at 295-3149.

BLOCKBUSTER AUTO SALES

701 E National Hwy. Washington, IN 812-617-5382 Page 7 Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Become a state park volunteer for MLK Day of Service

National Day of Service on January 18 by signing up to volunteer at an Indiana State Park in 2016.

From maintaining trails to entering computer data to helping in the nature centers, Hoosiers can help state park properties by donating their time and talent.

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

For more information, visit stateparks.IN.gov/2443.htm. You can down-

Celebrate the Martin Luther King Jr. load an application and return it to the state park or lake where you want to volunteer. You can also send the application to jheaston@dnr.IN.gov if you don't have a particular park in mind.

> January 18 is a state holiday, so property offices and most nature centers will not be open. Self-directed service such as walking trails and picking up litter on that day is welcome. You can check with your favorite park the week before to see if other self-directed volunteer opportunities are available.

> Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service volunteers can take a photo and share it with Indiana State Parks on Facebook at facebook.com/INdnrstateparksandreservoirs.

Purdue Extension Workshop to focus on retirement, estate management

Purdue Extension is offering families a chance to learn more about retirement and estate management during a two-day workshop on February 9 and 10, with training to occur at the Vanderburgh 4-H Center, 201 E. Boonville-New Harmony Road, in Evans-

Topics of "Planning for Retirement and Estate Management" include:

- * Alternative funds for retirement.
- * Planning possible long-term care.
- * Accounting for "sweat equity" in

The first day of the workshop will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and includes lunch. The second day consists of a one-hour farm family meeting with the Farm Succession Planning Team.

Registration is due two weeks before each program. Cost is \$150 for the first four family members and \$15 for each additional member. Each family will be mailed a program packet. Registration forms are available at Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture's website at www.agecon.purdue.edu/commercialag or at any Purdue Extension office.

For more information contact Denise Schroeder, Purdue Extension educator, at 219-984-5115 or schroedd@purdue.

The North Central Risk Management Agency and the U.S. Department of Agriculture provided funding for the workshops. Partners include the Purdue Farm Succession Planning Team and the Purdue Women in Agriculture Team.



Last week, we looked at the 2016 Perennial Plant of the Year, Honerine Jobert anemone. While perennials are important, there are other plants that are picked for outstanding characteristics. This week, we will look at some of the other plants selected for recognition in 2016. Perhaps you will want to grow some of them in your

Plants may be selected by various organizations, including horticultural societies, plant societies and universities. Even political entities sometimes get into the act. The United Nations has proclaimed 2016 the Year of Pulses. Pulses include beans, peas, edible small grains and other legumes. These plants play an important role in providing food for the planet. Unlike some plants, pulses actually enrich the soils in which they grow. Legumes have the capability of taking nitrogen out of the air and fixing it in nodules in the roots of the plants. When the plants are tilled in at the end of the season, that nitrogen is added to the soil, where it is available to the plants that will grow there the next season. Most pulses are very nutritious and they do not require a lot of space to grow. That means a lot of food value can be achieved in a small amount of

The American Herb society has selected the Chili pepper as the herb of the year. There are literally hundreds of varieties of chilies, ranging from just a spicy flavor to five alarm fire. The chili provides a lot of flavor to our diets and also has medical uses.

The tropical hibiscus has been named the Terrace Plant of the Year. In the past decade, breeders have been working with hibiscus plants to develop selections that will thrive in containers. The colors available today range from nearly black to orange, red, yellow, peach and white. Many ruffled, double and variegated cultivars have also been produced.

In recent years, ornamental grasses have become the rage in landscapes. The 2016 grass of the year is Dallas Blue Switchgrass. Developed from native switchgrass parentage, this attractive blue-hued grass retains the toughness of the native predecessors. It is very drought tolerant, once established, and has almost no known disease and pest problems. It works well as a ground cover between taller grasses and perennials.

There are plant societies for many different genera of plants, and each chooses a cultivar to honor as its plant of the year. Next week, we will look at some of those selections.

State Parks visitors travel 2,513 miles on First Day Hikes

Almost 1,700 people started the new year on the right foot by participating in a guided First Day Hike at an Indiana State Park property on January 1.

Combined, those 1,675 hikers trekked 2,513 miles.

First Day Hikes are a healthy way to start the year and a chance to get outside, exercise, enjoy nature and connect with friends.

The hikes are hosted each year by staff and volunteers at Indiana's 32 state park properties and are part of a nationwide program promoted by America's State Parks.

According to Vicki Basman, Indiana State Parks chief of interpretation, Indiana's First Day program started at one park four years ago with just 20

"Our First Day Hikes have grown tremendously," Basman said. "We are happy that so many people chose to be in our beautiful state parks for New Year's Day. And of course we hope they keep coming back to visit their favorite parks throughout the year."

Hikes ranged in length from a halfmile to 4 miles. The types of hikes varied, too. Mounds State Park hosted a nighttime luminary hike, and Tippecanoe River State Park hosted a horseback ride instead of a hike.

Monroe Lake welcomed the most participants with 297 people attending its 4-mile run.

Across the country, almost 56,000 visitors to state parks hiked a combined 133,832 miles.

"We hope that using state park facilities as part of the regular exercise routine will become habit-forming for many of the people who came out on New Year's Day," said Lewis Ledford, executive director of the National Association of State Park Directors.

First Day Hikes originated more than 20 years ago at the Blue Hills Reservation state park in Milton, Mass.

America's State Parks is committed to promoting outdoor recreation in state parks as a way to address obesity, especially among children.

Spring Mill SP hosts infinity scarf and mitten workshop

Learn a unique way to make an infinity scarf at a Spring Mill State Park workshop on January 28.

The workshop starts at 10:30 a.m. Participants will break at noon for a buffet lunch at the Millstone Dining Room in Spring Mill Inn.

After lunch, the workshop resumes and participants will start a pair of fingerless mittens.

These simple patterns make attractive items to use or give as unique handmade gifts for loved ones.

The workshop costs \$35 per person and includes lunch and everything needed to make both items.

Basic crochet skills are required.

Fifteen spots will be available. Advance registration is required by January 25 by calling the Spring Mill Inn at (812) 849-4508.

For more information, email springmillstatepark@dnr.IN.gov.

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

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National unemployment stays at 5 percent for December

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 292,000 in December, and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.0 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week.

Employment gains occurred in several industries, led by professional and business services, construction, health care, and food services and drinking places. Mining employment continued to decline.

Household Survey Data

The number of unemployed persons, at 7.9 million, was essentially unchanged in December, and the unemployment rate was 5.0 percent for the third month in a row. Over the past 12 months, the unemployment rate and the number of unemployed persons were down by 0.6 percentage point and 800,000, respectively.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rate for blacks declined to 8.3 percent in December, while the rates for adult men (4.7 percent), adult women (4.4 percent), teenagers (16.1 percent), whites (4.5 percent), Asians (4.0 percent), and Hispanics (6.3 percent) showed little or no change.

The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was essentially unchanged at 2.1 million in December and accounted for 26.3 percent of the unemployed.

The number of long-term unemployed has shown little movement since June, but was down by 687,000 over the year.

The civilian labor force participation rate, at 62.6 percent, was little changed in December and has shown little movement in recent months. In December, the employment-population ratio, at 59.5 percent, changed little.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary parttime workers) was little changed at 6.0 million in December but was down by 764,000 over the year. These individuals, who would have preferred fulltime employment, were working part time because their hours had been cut back or because they were unable to find a full-time job.

In December, 1.8 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, down by 427,000 from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

Among the marginally attached, there were 663,000 discouraged workers in December, little changed from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 1.2 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in December had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 292,000 in December. Employment rose in several industries, including professional and business services, construction, health care, and food services and drinking places. Mining employment continued to decline. In 2015, payroll employment with 3.1 million in 2014.

Employment in professional and business services increased by 73,000 in December, with temporary help services accounting for 34,000 of the gain. In 2015, professional and business services added 605,000 jobs, compared with a gain of 704,000 in 2014.

Construction showed strong job growth for the third consecutive month, gaining 45,000 jobs in December. Job gains occurred among specialty trade contractors (+29,000) and in construction of buildings (+10,000). Over the year, construction added 263,000 jobs, compared with a gain of 338,000 jobs in 2014.

In December, health care employment rose by 39,000, with most of the increase occurring in ambulatory health care services (+23,000) and hospitals (+12,000). Job growth in health care averaged 40,000 per month in 2015, compared with 26,000 per month in 2014.

Food services and drinking places added 37,000 jobs in December. In

growth totaled 2.7 million, compared 2015, the industry added 357,000 jobs.

Employment in transportation and warehousing rose by 23,000 in December, with a gain of 15,000 in couriers and messengers.

Within the information industry, motion pictures and sound recording added 15,000 jobs in December, offsetting a decline of 13,000 in the prior month.

Employment in mining continued to decline in December (-8,000). After adding 41,000 jobs in 2014, mining lost 129,000 jobs in 2015, with most of the loss in support activities for min-

Manufacturing employment changed little in December, though its nondurable goods component added 14,000 jobs. In 2015, manufacturing employment was little changed (+30,000), following strong growth in 2014 (+215,000)

Employment in other major industries, including wholesale trade, retail trade, financial activities, and government, changed little over the month.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 34.5 hours in December. The manufacturing workweek edged down by 0.1 hour to 40.6 hours, and factory overtime edged up by 0.1 hour to 3.3 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 33.7 hours.

In December, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls, at \$25.24, changed little (-1 cent), following an increase of 5 cents in November. Over the year, average hourly earnings have risen by 2.5 percent. In December, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees, at \$21.22, changed little (+2 cents).

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for October was revised from +298,000 to +307,000, and the change for November was revised from +211,000 to +252,000. With these revisions, employment gains in October and November combined were 50,000 higher than previously reported. Over the past 3 months, job gains have averaged 284,000 per month.

Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs announces Downtown Enhancement Grant application availability

Tuesday, the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) announced that they are now accepting Downtown Enhancement Grant (DEG) applications as part of the <u>Indiana Main</u> Street (IMS) program.

DEG offers IMS designated communities the opportunity to apply for project funding from \$5,000 to \$10,000 through a competitive application process. The goal of the program is to improve the quality of life, spur economic development and advance avenues for increasing private investment and employment in downtown areas. Through the OCRA program, innovative projects that support and promote community-based collaboration and downtown revitalization can be seen in communities throughout the state.

"DEG continues to assist in fostering a culture that welcomes new businesses and quality of place initiatives for our Indiana Main Street communities," said OCRA Executive Director Bill Konyha."We look forward to the continued partnerships in building economic prosperity for both current and future residents of our Hoosier communities."

Interested communities, who meet established eligibility requirements, must submit an application online by March 11, 2016 before 4 p.m. EST. In order to access the online instructions, applicants must contact their OCRA commu-<u>nity liaison</u> and request the submission link by March 4, 2016. Grant awardees will be announced the week of April 4, 2016 and posted on OCRA's website.

DEG is a component of the OCRA Indiana Main Street program, which, is founded on a Four Point Approach to downtown development: organization, design, promotion and economic vitality. Across the state, numerous Indiana Main Street communities work on these four main aspects of their downtowns in order to drive restoration and revitalization efforts.

For more information about the Indiana Main Street Program and Downtown Enhancement Grants, contact your regional Community Liaison with questions and visit OCRA's IMS webpage.

State health officials encourage Hoosiers to stay safe this winter

As temperatures drop, state health officials are reminding Hoosiers to take steps to prevent injuries while clearing driveways and sidewalks of snow and ice.

"Winter can be a fun time, but it can also be dangerous," said State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H. "Activities like shoveling snow can provide a good workout, but Hoosiers need to make sure they're safe while doing so to prevent injury or even death."

Shoveling snow can put a big strain on your heart and muscles. Don't pick up that shovel without a doctor's permission if you have a history of heart disease. If you feel tightness in the chest or dizziness, stop immediately. A clear driveway is not worth your life.

Here are some other tips to stay safe while clearing the way:

-Warm up by stretching and doing a few exercises before shoveling.

-Dress warmly in layers, being sure to wear a hat and cover your neck.

-Avoid smoking or eating a large meal before shoveling.

-Shovel heavy snow in stages. Start by skimming off the snow from the top, and then remove the bottom layer. Don't overload the shovel.

-Allow enough time to do the work. Follow a slow and steady pace and take frequent breaks to stand up and stretch.

-Watch for ice patches and uneven surfaces. Don't let a hat or scarf block your vision.

-Use a shovel that's comfortable for your height and strength. Space your hands on the tool grip to increase your leverage.

-Push the snow instead of lifting it. If you must lift, squat with your legs apart, knees bent and back straight. Lift with your legs. Do not bend at the waist.

-Do not throw the snow over your shoulder or to the side, as it could hurt your back.

-Breathing cold air dehydrates the body. so drink water during breaks.

-Operating a snow blower can also pose a hazard if the user isn't careful. Finger and hand lacerations and finger amputations can occur. Be sure to read the instruction manual and become familiar with safety features before using a snow blower.

-Residents also are urged to use caution when walking during the winter. When snow falls, so do people. Ice-covered sidewalks, steps, driveways or porches can cause falls that result in broken bones and head injuries.

-To stay safe, remove snow and ice as soon as possible. Keep your steps and walkways as free of ice as possible by using rock salt or another chemical de-icing compound. Sand or cat litter may also be used on walkways to reduce the risk of slipping and falling.

-Don't forget your family pets. If it's too cold outside for you, it's probably too cold for your pet. -Like people, animals are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia and should be kept inside or provided adequate shelter if outside. Owners should also ensure that pets' water sources don't freeze over.

For more winter safety tips, visit www. cdc.gov/features/winterweather/.

Visit the Indiana State Department of Health at www.StateHealth.in.gov for important health and safety information or follow us on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/

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Students step up to support Martin County Safe Communities Day





School are working to make a difference for families in Martin County. Students in Ms. Nicole Bays' 6th grade class organized a food drive at school to support the food drive being held in conjunction with the Martin County Safe Communities Day.

"Doing a project like this gives us a chance to help others in the community and realize how fortunate we really are. Most of us have plenty of food to eat, but we know not everyone is that lucky," said 6th grade students Kylie VanHoy, Chantel Greene, Grace Lingenfelter and Kyndal Braun.

Sherriff Travis Roush, Deputies Andy Burkhart, Josh Greene and State Trooper Jarrod Lents visited Loogootee Middle School students to

Students at Loogootee Middle talk with them about the importance of helping others and to encourage them to attend the Martin County Safe Communities Day. This event gives members of the community a chance to hang out with local police officers and enjoy a fun filled day of talks and presentations.

Students in grades 5 - 8 will be collecting food January 8-15 and will donate it to local food banks on behalf of the Martin County Safe Communities Day, held January 16 at the Martin County 4H Fairgrounds. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Shown in the photos on the left are Ms Nicole Bays' 6th grade class collecting food for the food drive and the bottom photo is Sheriff Travis Roush speaking to LMS students.

Coaches versus Cancer games this week at LHS

This week is the annual Coaches vs Cancer games for both the girls' and boys' teams at the Loogootee Community School Corporation. The Martin County Relay for Life Committee and Teams will be present on Thursday, January 14, as the Lady Lions take on visiting Vincennes Rivet Lady Patri-

Then on Saturday, January 16 the mighty Lions will host rival, the Barr Reeve Vikings, both games will be at Jack Butcher Arena.

The bucket brigade will be around the gym for any loose change or donations to help with the fight of finding a cure for cancer. The money collected will be turned in for the 2016 Martin County Relay for Life that will be held on June 11.

Shirts have been designed for both games. Rosie's has the design for the girl's game and JD Shirt Design has the shirt for the boys.

Proceeds from the shirt sales will also benefit the cause.

Please come out and support our Lady Lions Thursday and then on Saturday, enjoy Homecoming, a great ball game between two great rivals and help us to find a cure for cancer. It's a WIN, WIN, situation.

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