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## Principals at Loogootee making several changes

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
*Martin County Journal Publisher*

The two new principals at Loogootee Schools, Elementary Principal Dara Chezem and High School Principal Chip Mehaffey, gave lengthy reports to the school board last Thursday night at their meeting. Some of the things discussed for the elementary were a new reward system that gives students money based on their grades, attendance and behavior and PAWS time that allows for 30 extra minutes each day of reading and math. Chezem also told the board that the teachers are spending quite a bit of time breaking down the state standards to help improve ISTEP scores by working with other teachers in their grade level.

Some of the changes in the high school under Mehaffey have been the addition of three AP classes for advanced learners, the implementation of learning lunch that requires students who have failing

grades or who have not completed their homework to have supervised "learning" lunches instead of going to regular lunch. Other students use the time for a WIN "What I Need" period to help students with remediation or whatever they need in various subject. Mehaffey also wants to add more dual credit courses and envisions a form of "Loogootee University" to have students earning college degrees right out of high school. The school will also be adding Conexus Hire Technology Program that readies students who may not attend a four-year college but instead may go into the manufacturing sector, such as Toyota or Jasper Engines.

In other business, the board discussed the need to remodel the weight room at the high school. Board Member Nancy Summers said with the way school finances are, she's not sure they can afford it right now.

Board Member Scott Hall said he felt (See 'LOGOOTE' on page 2)

## Martin County Primary Election filings to date

The 2016 Primary Election will be held May 3, 2016. The filing period for candidates ends February 5, 2016 at noon. For information, contact the clerk's office at 812-247-3651. The following are current Martin County filings:

Martin County Auditor

January L. Roush (D)

Martin County Circuit Court Judge

Lynne E. Ellis (R)

Martin County Commissioner District

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Dan J. Gregory (R)

Martin County Council-at-Large

Warren D. Albright (R)

Floyd "Lonnie" Hawkins (D)

Keith Gibson (R)

Richard "Rich" Summers (D)

Martin County Coroner

Tina Franklin (D)

Larry R. Harding (D)

Martin County Recorder

Rhonda Sanders (R)

Gianna Gee-Armstrong (D)

Martin County Surveyor

Nathan D. Hoffman (R)

Martin County Treasurer

Lori Carrico (R)

Julie Fithian (D)

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Gerald D. Montgomery

Republican Precinct Committeemen

South Halbert - Gerald D. Montgomery

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South Center - Jon "Pat" Brown

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## Retirement

-Photo by Courtney Hughett

A retirement open house was held last week for Loogootee's Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Kay Summers who will be leaving this week. Summers has served in the clerk-treasurer's office for eight years.

## Sheriff updates merit board on human and canine officers

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Martin County Merit Board met for the first time this year, Monday afternoon, January 25 at the security center. The merit board is a five-member board that handles business regarding the sheriff's department, mainly personnel decisions.

Sheriff Travis Roush led the meeting with the first order of business being the resignation of merit board member David Qualkenbush. Bruce Hawkins took Qualkenbush's seat as the deputy's appointment and Monday was his first meeting. Other members of the board include Prosecutor Mike Steiner, Gene Sherfick, August Bauer, and Bruce Hawkins. Three members of the board are appointed by the sheriff with the other two being appointed by a majority vote of all the merit officers. A merit officer is any full-time deputy.

Sheriff Roush reported to the board that they county has two drug dogs now, both are also certified in aggression. The second dog was purchased in part due to a grant the prosecutor's office received for \$2,000. Deputy Damon Baker has K9 Virka and Major Andy Burkhardt has K9 Asher.

The board asked the ages of the dogs and how long they would be able to serve for the sheriff's department. Roush replied that they are each around two years old and have a working life of six to nine years. He said that this means the taxpayers will not be burdened to buy and train new dogs for the next seven years at least.

On the subject of dogs, Sheriff Roush told the board that in the next six months he plans to work toward putting Josh Hughett in the position of a special deputy to handle animal complaint issues. He said since Hughett works so closely with the humane society, the county could benefit from having a form of an animal control officer that has some enforcement power. He said this would relieve his other deputies to work on non-animal related issues which currently consume quite a bit of their time.

Roush spoke briefly of the reserve program that is still just getting started. He currently has two reserves sworn in, Gerald Gammon and John Wright. He explained that neither reserve has arrest powers as that requires a year of training, however they can assist on (See 'OFFICERS' on page 2)



## Coyote not so ugly

-Photo by Bill Whorrall,  
www.billwhorrallart.com

Photographer Bill Whorrall caught sight of this dark-colored coyote Tuesday morning in Martin County. Coyotes are formidable in the field where they enjoy keen vision and a strong sense of smell. They can run up to 40 miles an hour. There have been many reports lately of coyotes being seen all over the county.

## Commissioners hear department updates

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, January 19.

Kathy Collins, Community Corrections Director, submitted a grant information packet for fiscal year 2017 which is grant cycle July 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2017. Director Collins reviewed parts of the packet with the commissioners. Due to HEA 1006 the grant requirements have changed and funds are available to community corrections. A flyer reviewing community corrections was also submitted. Director Collins submitted a letter for the commissioners' signatures to note their approval of the grant sub-

mission. Commission President Paul George signed the letter.

Community corrections will be partnering with Shoals Community School through a grant for Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support (PBIS). Community corrections will provide a CASS instructor as the PBIS coach one day per week at the school. Collins explained the need for an agreement with Shoals Community Schools. County Attorney Dave Lett will review the agreement to be discussed at the next meeting.

President George invited Katina Clif- (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

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# CHANGES

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that improvements to the school would help bring new families to Loogootee. He said the school can continue to save wherever they can but if the school eventually had to shut its doors due to lack of enrollment, they would have wished they would have made the improvements.

The board voted to spend around \$50,000 to make improvements to the school. The first phase would cost \$23,000 and the second phase would be \$27,000. Board Member Summers voted against the spending.

Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty who was in the audience said he would like to see work done to improve the restrooms.

The board approved \$50,000 from

# COMMISSIONERS

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ton to join Director Collins at the table to discuss grant opportunities for the community that she has been researching. Clifton would like to see community programs for the youth. Director Collins encouraged Clifton to reach out to Leslie Bauer at The River Church. A lengthy discussion followed on community grants.

Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent, updated the commissioners on his department happenings. He will submit the two-week work schedule at the next meeting. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the Indiana Department of Transportation Bridge Inspection Contract Supplemental 1. Commis-

rainy day to go toward technology. The goal is to have each student in the high school eventually have their own tablet.

A \$75 donation to the high school library was approved from Daviess Martin Retired Teachers.

The board approved a transfer of \$200,000 from the transportation fund to the rainy day fund. This puts the rainy day fund at \$1.2 million.

The board accepted the resignation of Erin Bateman as junior high track coach.

Kevin Farmer was approved to serve as volunteer track coach; Madison Zins, Amy Waggner, Nathan Waggner, Eric Thomas, Leslie VanHoy were approved as junior high softball volunteers; Rob Blackwell was approved as junior high baseball coach, Ed Harder as varsity

volunteer baseball coach, Scott Arthur for varsity assistant volunteer baseball coach, and Cam Sheetz as junior high baseball assistant.

The board accepted the resignation of Mike Wagoner from the position of health and physical education teacher effective at the end of the school year. Wagoner also coached the state championship basketball team in 2012 and was the varsity baseball coach as well. Superintendent Keller thanked Mr. Wagoner for his many years of service to Loogootee students.

The board approved the placing of a wooden storage building on the school property. The building is being purchased by the choral department to house props at a cost of \$699.

sioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Superintendent Padgett discussed the Martin County part of 800 North, the road is half mile long and is deteriorating quickly. A discussion on how to repair the road followed.

Sheriff Travis Roush submitted a service contract for the new radio system. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve the service agreement with ERS for \$151.85 per year. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

There are currently 51 inmates in the security center with three being from the department of corrections. Sheriff Roush updated the commissioners on the con-

dition of the security center and will present the inspection report at the next meeting.

Cameron Wolf and Andy Ringwald, EMA/Civil Defense, updated the commissioners on the bird flu outbreak in Dubois County. The surveillance zone has been extended into Martin County which means they are testing in all professional bird barns. Ringwald informed the commissioners of additional information regarding the bird flu. If citizens in Martin County have backyard birds they want tested they are to call the Martin County Health Department 812-247-3303.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

# OFFICERS

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arrests. Roush said he has two more reserves that have been through the 40-hour course but have not been through the physical fitness test yet. He noted that one of the new reserves is female, the first so far.

On the subject of requirements on physical fitness tests, Mike Steiner explained that the law enforcement academy has standards in physical fitness for officers. These standards are also required of reserve officers.

Sheriff Roush told the board that he recently accepted applications for two deputy positions. A total of 11 applications were received and those were narrowed down to five. A panel (do you want me to include the names of the panel members?) then interviewed each applicant and scored them. Roush provided the board with the results of that scoring along with the applicants' test scores, physical fitness results, and educational background. The panel along with Sheriff Roush recommended hiring Tyler Reed and Danny Salmon. The merit board voted to approved those recommendations.

Sheriff Roush also reported on the outcome of the first-ever Safe Community Event held recently at the fairgrounds, designed to allow the public to interact with the county's law enforcement officials. Roush said they plan to do this event every year. He noted that the event allowed for money and food to be raised for the county's food pantries.

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# Obituaries

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## DOROTHY KAVANAUGH

Dorothy Kavanaugh passed away at 4:16 p.m. Thursday, January 21, 2016 at Eastgate Manor. A resident of Cannelburg, she was 82.

She was born May 6, 1933 in Loogootee; daughter of the late Edward James and Emily Mae (Fields) Spaulding.

She was a member of All Saints Catholic Church. She loved to volunteer at the church and Washington Nursing Center.

She is survived by one sister, Mary Catherine (Richard) Combs of Indianapolis and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George B. Kavanaugh; parents, Edward James and Emily Mae (Fields) Spaulding; brother, Rev. Donald Spaulding.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. James E. Koressel Monday, January 25 at All Saints Catholic

Church in Cannelburg. Burial followed in St. Peter Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Martin County Humane Society or your local animal shelter.

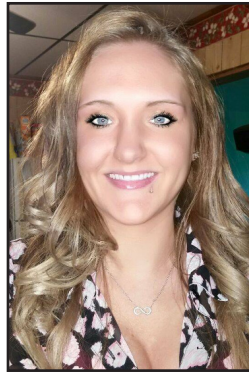
Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be made online at [blakefuneralhomes.com](http://blakefuneralhomes.com).

## STORMY ALDRICH

Stormy Rain Aldrich went to her Heavenly Home on January 20, 2016 surrounded by her loving family. A resident of Washington, she was 22.

She was born March 28, 1993; daughter of the late Pat Aldrich and her mother Stephanie Bowman. She attended both Loogootee and Washington High School.

She was a certified EMT. She found great joy in helping others. She loved her family and her dogs very much.



STORMY ALDRICH

She is survived by her mother, Stephanie (David) Bowman; brothers, Shawn Winger and Gregory Aldrich; half-brother, Caleb Aldrich; half-sister, Kelly Aldrich; step sister, Whitney Jellison; grandfather, Philip M. Winger; grandmother, Mary Joyce Bowman; aunts and uncles, Philip A. Winger, Craig (Tyra) Winger, Wayne Winger, Shelly Grubb, Shannon (Lori) Winger, Shane Winger, Serena (Mike) Erb, Ernie (Marcee) Winger, Doug (Karen) Bowman, Daniel (Lori) Bowman, Todd (Jackie) Bowman, Pete (Tammy) Aldrich, Vivian (Jerry) Sidebottom, April (Mike) Pettigrew, Shelly Aldrich; and many cousins.

She is preceded by her father, Pat Aldrich; grandmothers, Shirley Winger and Alice Joann Aldrich; brother, Loren Aldrich; uncle, Scott Aldrich; aunt, Susan Winger.

The funeral service was held Sunday, January 24 at Gill Funeral Home with Pastor Ed Seals officiating. Entombment followed at Sugarland Memory Gardens. V

Memorial contributions may be made to the CF (Cystic Fibrosis) Foundation. Online condolences may be made to [www.gillsince1872.com](http://www.gillsince1872.com).

## REV. PAUL KEYS

Rev. Paul Dean Keys went to be with



PAUL KEYS

his Lord and Savior at 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at Memorial Hospital & Healthcare Center in Jasper. A resident of Shoals, he was 76.

He was born August 27, 1939 in Jasper County,

Illinois; the son of Lorance and Bertha (Walters) Keys. He married Norma Perisho on June 5, 1959 in Casey, Illinois.

He graduated from Oblong High School and furthered his education at Frankfort Pilgrim College in Frankfort, Indiana.

He and his wife Norma served Wesleyan congregations throughout Indiana, including pastorates in Wheatland, Medora, Linton, and the Crystal Community Church. He currently attended the Weisbach Community Church in Shoals.

Survivors include his mother, Bertha Keys of Oblong, Illinois; wife, Norma Keys of Shoals; two daughters, Pauletta and husband, Vaughn Montgomery, of Shoals; Brenda and husband, Tracy Moore, of Loogootee; son, Bruce and wife, Brenda Keys, of Wheatland; eight grandchildren, Denise Sanders, Darrell Montgomery, Jeannette Estes, Jennifer Montgomery, Jeffrey Keys, Alicia Moore, James Moore and Damaris Moore; three great-grandchildren; one sister, Nina Sutton of Indianapolis; brothers, Roy Keys and Chester Keys both of Oblong, Illinois; Rodger Keys of Peotone Illinois; James Keys and Estell Keys both of Willow Hill, Illinois; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father and a brother, Charles Keys in infancy.

The funeral service was held Saturday, January 23 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Condolences may be made online to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

## SHERRI HOLT

Sherri Kaye Holt, formerly of Loogootee, passed away at 1:52 a.m. January 21, 2016 at IU Health Bloomington Hospital. A resident of Bloomington, she was 56.

She was born February 23, 1959 in Jasper; the daughter of Richard and Margie (Street) Divine.

She was a graduate of Loogootee High School and furthered her education by obtaining an A.S. degree from Vincennes University Jasper Center. She was most recently employed as Manager of the Loogootee McDonalds.

She attended the Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church. She was outgoing and never met a stranger. She loved music, singing and had the voice of an angel.

She will always be loved and remembered by her parents, Margie and Richard of Loogootee; three sons, Damien Cooley of Maryland; Kevin "Kade" and Elizabeth Holt of Bloomington; and Aaron Holt of Loogootee; grandma's girls, Margot Kaye Holt, Jolene Cooley and Lenora Cooley; two sisters, Peggy and husband, Craig Bullock, of Loogootee; Beverly and husband, Tony Roberts, of Loogootee, two brothers, Richard Jr. and wife Mary Divine of Freedom; and Rodney and wife, Angie Divine, of Washington; nieces; nephews; many friends; and her loyal companion SHOGO.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, January 26 at Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church in Rutherford Township, south of Loogootee.

Burial followed in the Mt. Zion Church Cemetery.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

Arrangements under the direction of Lee Funeral Home in Loogootee.

## CARL CARRICO

Carl W. Carrico passed away unexpectedly at 6:47 a.m. January 21, 2016 at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center in Jasper. A resident of Shoals, he was 64.

He was born September 19, 1951 in Washington; the son of the late Joseph H and Dorothy (Alford) Carrico.

He was a retired truck driver and a veteran of the United States Army.

Survivors include his longtime and loving friend, Mary E. Holt of Shoals; four sisters, Joann Carrico of Evansville, June (Larry) Matheis of Newburgh, Jane Carrico of Carlsbad, California; and Patty Cornish of Albuquerque, New Mexico; brother, Jeremy Carrico of Loogootee; nieces, nephews and many friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents and one son, Christopher Carrico.

A funeral service was held Monday, January 25 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. The Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker officiated the service. A private committal service will be held at Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

Condolences may be made online to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

The family requests that expressions of sympathy be made to the Shoals Jr. Sr. High School Band or Loogootee Jr. Sr. High School Band.

## American Legion progress report for 2015

The American Legion is a nation-wide organization, founded after World War I as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans. The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation, volunteerism, and especially community support. The organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives. As an active community organization, Loogootee Post 120 works to improve and enhance the local community through support of local veterans, civic and non-profit organizations, and community activities. During the past year, members of Post 120 participated in various activities and events, including: provided military honors for internment of veterans; conducted Memorial Day Services at nine cemeteries; visited veterans in local healthcare facilities; provided assistance to transient veterans; supported the American Legion Baseball Program; supported

the Cops and Kids Program and other community programs; provided flags for gravesites; conducted a Veterans' Day Program at the high school, and in conjunction with the American Legion Auxiliary, provided visits with Santa and sponsored and Easter Egg Hunt at the Legion Country Club.

To support these and additional programs, the American Legion and the Sons of the American Legion held fish fries, hog roasts, and chicken dinners open to the public. The American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, and the Legion Auxiliary appreciate the support and monetary assistance the local community has provided the local Post, and look forward to another successful year in helping the local community.

All veterans are encouraged to join the American Legion or another veterans service organization, and at all times to support the missions of the veterans organizations. The American Legion is the voice not only of active duty personnel, but also prior service members. At the national and state level, the American Legion encourages politicians to maintain and improve health care and rehabilitation, educational opportunities, employment, and dependent care.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, JANUARY 18

8:46 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:46 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:40 p.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

6:05 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation south of Loogootee. Sheriff Roush responded.

7:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

6:19 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless semi on US 150, east of Shoals. Deputy Salmon stopped the truck and all was okay.

9:49 a.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist in Shoals.

12:54 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

1:25 p.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

2:19 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, south of Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

3:12 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and checked the vehicle.

4:27 p.m. - Received a report of a stolen vehicle south of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

4:54 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:48 p.m. - Received a report of kids playing in the street in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

6:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:13 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

5:21 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist near Shoals.

12:25 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to Daviess County Court.

1:50 p.m. - Received a report of reckless four wheelers driving in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

2:51 p.m. - Received a report of a slide off west of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

6:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

6:04 p.m. - Received a report of cows out north of Shoals. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

6:56 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

8:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

9:07 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded and all was okay.

10:53 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist east of Shoals.

11:47 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded but no one was transported.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

12:36 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire, Martin County Ambulance, Sergeant Keller, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded. No one was transported.

6:58 a.m. - Received a report of trespassers at a residence south of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller, Captain Dant, and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

8:50 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to the doctor.

9:28 a.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted a motorist near Loogootee.

9:45 a.m. - Sheriff Roush performed a welfare check near Shoals.

10:05 a.m. - Received a request for assistance in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

5:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

5:05 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity in Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

7:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:48 a.m. - Received an alarm call north of Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded and all was okay.

10:13 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:55 a.m. - Received a report of an object discarded on US 50, west of Shoals. Major Burkhardt and Corporal Baker were unable to locate the object.

12:28 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious subject walking along the road south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and Corporal Baker located and spoke with the subject. All was okay.

2:00 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

3:05 p.m. - Sheriff Roush did a welfare check near Loogootee.

4:07 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

4:43 p.m. - Received a report of a broken down semi near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

6:03 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

10:41 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless semi in Shoals. Deputy Salmon stopped the vehicle and all was okay.

11:18 p.m. - Deputy Salmon assisted a motorist in Shoals.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

3:21 a.m. - Received a report of a prowler north of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon and Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

9:23 a.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist near Shoals.

11:25 a.m. - Received a report of a speeding vehicle on US 50 heading in to Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was dispatched.

11:50 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee

Captain Akles, Loogootee Fire Department, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

12:13 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

12:19 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Southwest Medical responded.

2:13 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 150, east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

4:10 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation north of Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Major Burkhardt, Deputy Salmon, ICO Mann, ISP Trooper Sexton, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

4:30 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

6:55 p.m. - Received a report of a

car-deer accident south of Loogootee on US 231. Deputy Salmon responded.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

12:37 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded to the call.

12:55 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

12:57 p.m. - Received a report of a tree blocking Hwy 150, east of Shoals. The Shoals Fire Department responded.

1:54 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on Hwy 450, north of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

4:21 p.m. - Received a report of an unlawful entry near Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

7:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

## ARRESTS

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

11:35 a.m. - Shawn Vincz, 48, of Williams, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and is being held on a Lawrence County warrant.

1:29 p.m. - David Contreras, 35, of Jasper, was arrested by ISP Trooper Werne for leaving the scene of an accident, removal of vehicle identification numbers, and driving without ever being licensed. He is being held without bond. Assisting in the arrest was ISP Trooper McBeth.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

2:45 p.m. - Jeff Hamilton, 44, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents for possession of marijuana and maintaining a common nuisance. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

10:56 p.m. - Miranda Pershing, 19, of Dubois, was arrested by Deputy

Salmon and charged with visiting a common nuisance and is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond. Deputy Salmon was assisted by Loogootee Sergeant Norris and K9 Officer Shani.

11:00 p.m. - Colton Lengacher, 20, of Odon, was arrested by Deputy Salmon and charged with possession of marijuana and visiting a common nuisance. He is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond. Assisting with the arrest were Loogootee Sergeant Norris, Town Marshal Eckert and K9 Officer Shani.

11:11 p.m. - Tyler Hostetter, 22, of Elnora, was arrested by Deputy Salmon for possession of marijuana and maintaining a common nuisance. His bond has been set at \$25,000 10%. Assisting with the arrest was Loogootee Sergeant Norris, Town Marshal Eckert, and K9 Officer Shani.



The Martin County Veteran Service Officer has an office in the Martin County Courthouse. An appointment isn't required but suggested as most of the time I am out of the office transporting veterans to medical appointments, meeting with or visiting veterans in the community.

During the month of December the veteran service officer assisted 10 veterans, had seven meetings, took one veteran run, participated in zero funerals, visited the Legion's and VFW's in Crane, Loogootee and Shoals once and delivered candy to the veterans in the nursing homes for Christmas. The veterans van took 12 trips transporting 12 veterans to VA medical centers and clinics.

DRIVERS NEEDED for the veterans van. I am aware that we all have very busy lives and very little free time which is why I am looking for reliable drivers to add to my call list. I am looking for VOLUNTEERS that are willing to transport a veteran possibly one trip a week to medical appointments in the

surrounding area. This is not a paid position but I am able to provide \$10.00 a trip as long as there is money in the "Thank the Driver Fund". You must have an Indiana license and a clean driving record. If interested, please contact me.

Two "Reserved for Veteran Transport" signs have been purchased so that the parking spots next to the garage where the veterans van is parked can be utilized by our veterans when they have appointments and need to use the van. I want to thank the Shoals Legion Post 61, the Shoals Sons of American Legion, the Loogootee Legion Post 120 and the Loogootee VFW for donating the funds needed to purchase the signs.

The Veterans Crisis Line provides confidential help for Veterans and their families. Call at 1-800-273-8255 (PRESS 1) for help.

For assistance call 812-247-2210, transportation needs call 812-247-2450 and leave a message or e-mail [martin-countyvs2013@yahoo.com](mailto:martin-countyvs2013@yahoo.com).



# Loogootee Police Department activity

## MONDAY, JANUARY 18

9:45 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic disturbance on East Broadway Street.

1:10 p.m. - Female caller requested assistance in a civil matter.

2:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231. Officers were unable to locate.

3:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231. Chief Rayhill stopped the vehicle and spoke with the driver.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

4:15 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody violation.

4:45 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

5:44 p.m. - Caller reported a female juvenile runaway from Washington was at his residence. Officer Nolan located the juvenile and transported her to Washington Police Department.

11:13 p.m. - Caller on North Line Street reported he believed someone was trying to enter his residence.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

5:50 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle making a bad pass on Hwy 50.

7:30 a.m. - Caller reported a slide off on West Williams Street.

2:00 p.m. - Caller reported a loud ATV in Shaded Estates.

6:03 p.m. - First responders were requested on East Broadway Street for a medical call.

7:00 p.m. - Caller reported a possible domestic dispute on SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

9:07 p.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a business alarm.

10:03 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check for a person on State Road 550.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

6:58 a.m. - Caller reported a trespasser on US 231.

10:20 a.m. - Chief Rayhill and the Martin County Ambulance Service assisted with a medical call.

5:55 a.m. - First responders were requested on Vine Street for a medical call.

7:00 a.m. - Caller reported fraud with a debit card. Officer Nolan completed a case report.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

5:05 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department advised of a 911 hang-up on South Oak Street.

7:48 a.m. - Captain Akles responded to a business alarm on Pineview Road.

5:53 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious activity on Fairview Street.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

9:28 a.m. - Caller reported a lost cell phone.

11:25 a.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

4:05 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

7:42 p.m. - First responders were requested in Redwing Trailer Court for a medical call.

9:14 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

9:34 p.m. - Caller reported property damage.

## COURT NEWS

### CRIMINAL JUDGMENTS AND SENTENCING

#### January 7

Jason A. Hudson, convicted of dealing in methamphetamine, a Class B Felony and convicted of operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced on the first count to serve 6 years at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 164 actual days previously served plus 164 Class 1 credit days. Sentenced on the second count to serve 60 days in the Martin County Security Center with 0 days suspended and credit for 30 actual days previously served plus 30 Class 1 credit days.

#### January 12

Jacob E. Jones, convicted of prisoner possessing a deadly weapon, a Class 4 Felony. Sentenced to serve 4 years at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 2 years suspended and credit for 192 actual days previously served plus 64 Class B credit days. Defendant received 2 years of probation.

James G. Sisco, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 3 years at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 158 actual days previously served plus 53 Class B credit days.

#### Charges Dismissed

#### January 7

Jason A. Hudson, possession of marijuana, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

#### January 12

James G. Sisco, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 3 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

#### CIVIL COURT

#### New Suits Filed

#### January 19

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Patricia Ziegler, civil collection.

Betty Edmondson vs. Dustin Campbell, civil tort.

#### CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

#### January 25

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Michael E. Clifton and against the defendant Nathan Jones and Brittany Blaker in the amount of \$7,662.54.

#### MARRIAGE LICENSES

#### January 20

Angela Michelle Callison of Loogootee and Jeffrey Thomas Brookshire of Loogootee.

#### January 26

Grady E. W. Key of Shoals and Britani N. Land of Shoals.

## Accident reports

### MONDAY, JANUARY 18

8:40 a.m. - Nathan B. Wolfe, of Loogootee, was operating a 2006 Chevy on Broadway Street. Wolfe stated a 2001 GMC operated by Gordon M. Petty, of Carlisle, struck his driver's side mirror. Chief Rayhill investigated.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

6:05 p.m. - Kayetlyn R. Carter, of Loogootee, was operating a 2001 Chrysler on Broadway Street. At this time, another vehicle merged into her lane and struck her vehicle. The other driver left the scene. Officer Nolan investigated.

11:50 a.m. - Alicia S. Wildman, of Loogootee, was operating a 2005 Volkswagen in the Circle K parking lot. At this time the Wildman vehicle struck a fence. Captain Akles investigated.

## Jasper man arrested in Martin County after crashing car

A Jasper man was arrested after an investigation showed that he left the scene of a crash he had on Sunday morning in Martin County.

On Sunday, January 17, Troopers Brock Werne and Josh McBeth responded to a report of a vehicle found over a steep embankment north of the Haysville Bridge on US 231 in Martin County. Troopers found nobody around the crashed 1992 Ford Explorer, and additionally found that the license plate and vehicle identification number (VIN) plate had been removed from the vehicle.

Troopers continued their investigation on Wednesday by speaking with the registered owner of the vehicle. They learned that the owner had loaned the vehicle to 35 year old David Siguenza Contreras, of Jasper. Contreras allegedly lost control of the vehicle Sunday morning, crashed over the embankment, and left the scene because it was cold outside. Troopers also learned Contreras removed the VIN and registration plates.

Contreras was placed into custody and lodged in the Martin County Jail without incident.

Arrested and charges:

David Siguenza Contreras, 35

3828 North Portersville Road, Lot 20, Jasper, IN

-Removing a Vehicle Identification Number, Level 5 Felony

-Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Crash, Class B Misdemeanor

-Operating a Motor Vehicle while Never Licensed, Class C Misdemeanor

## Real estate transfers

E&W Realty, LLC, of Marion County, Indiana to **Richard L. Bell and Adam M. Crouse**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a portion of the south half of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3.77 acres, more or less.

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## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



### TO REALIZE:

To realize the value of a sister/brother, ask someone who doesn't have one.  
 To realize the value of ten years, ask a newly divorced couple.  
 To realize the value of four years, ask a graduate.  
 To realize the value of one year, ask a student who has failed a final exam.  
 To realize the value of nine months, ask a mother who gave birth to a still-born.  
 To realize the value of one month, ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby.  
 To realize the value of one week, ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.  
 To realize the value of one minute, ask a person who has missed the train, bus, or plane.  
 To realize the value of one second, ask a person who has survived an accident.  
 To realize the value of a friend or family member, lose one.  
 Time waits for no one. Treasure every moment you have. You will treasure it even more when you can share it with someone special.

Knock knock. Who's there?  
 Good riddance.  
 Fight fire with fire.  
 Too much of a good thing.  
 Wear your heart on your sleeve..  
 Not slept one wink.  
 The game is up.  
 What's done is done.  
 Green eyed monster  
 Vanish into thin air  
 Be all and end all  
 Out of the jaws of death  
 Dead as a doornail  
 Wild goose chase  
 Off with his head  
 Love is blind  
 Heart of hearts  
 Catch a cold  
 Clothes maketh the man  
 Eat out of house and home  
 Every dog will have his day  
 Method in his madness  
 Smells to high heaven  
 It was Greek to me  
 Refuse to budge an inch  
 Tower of strength  
 Too much of a good thing  
 No rhyme or reason  
 Makes your hair stand on end

### THINGS WE SAY TODAY WHICH WE OWE TO SHAKESPEARE:

Make someone smile today!



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

The Bicentennial Committee for Martin County met Monday morning at City Hall. From left to right are Jeff Nagan, Public Affairs Officer of NSA Crane; Marie Hawkins, Noelle Szydlyk, State Director of the Bicentennial Torch Relay; Jim Stoughton, Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty, Jim Henry, and Jamison Hibbs, Assistant Superintendent of West Boggs Park.

## Shoals Business Association discusses Bicentennial, economic development

The Shoals Business Association met January 21. The meeting was called to order by Jim Stoughton. Also present for the meeting were Marie Hawkins, Deanna Bauernfiend, Donna Stoughton, Carolyn Parsons-Downey, and Jim Marshall.

The treasurer's report for December 2015 was reviewed. Marie Hawkins made a motion to accept with a second by Donna Stoughton. The motion was approved and passed.

Minutes from December 2015 meeting were not available.

Old Business  
 2016 Bicentennial Torch - Marie Hawkins is working very closely with the state. For information you can go to [www.indiana2016.org](http://www.indiana2016.org). 30 torch runners and three alternates have been selected. Marie showed the group possible Bicentennial sponsor's gifts, They were made

of clear and blue crystal, blue being in the shape of a flame. Marie also shared information of a 100-year time capsule that will be located near the current county courthouse. Jim Marshall suggested that they only place current 2016 items in the capsule, like who's running for political office.

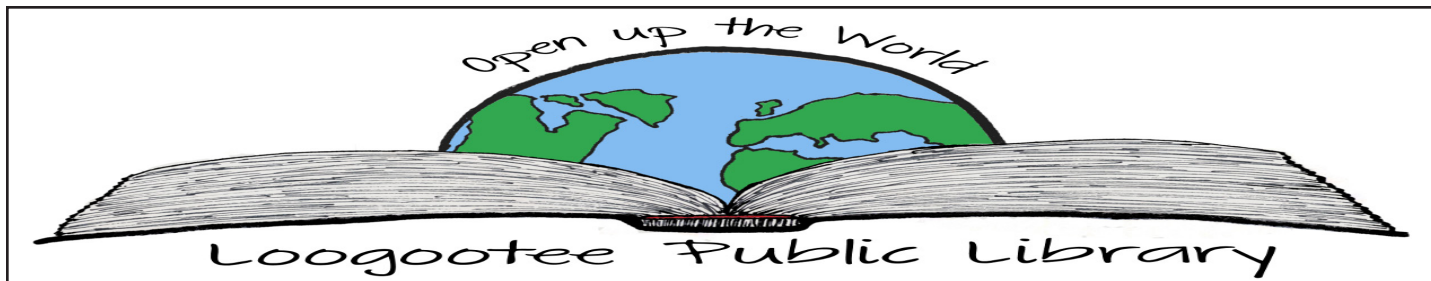
National Register - Jim Marshall met with a member of the engineering company that is creating the application for Shoals to be included in the National Register. He was able to provide the engineering company with information identifying the original owners of the buildings on Main Street.

Economic Development - With the Defense Manufacturing Assistance Program there is a potential of getting \$25,000 for the county to use for tourism, work development and housing study. The project is still pending. No additional information is available at this time.

Patient First Building Windows - Leslie Bauer with The S.H.O.P has been given permission to use the Patient First Building as long as they fix the leaks and pay the utilities. The owner has not heard from S.H.O.P. in a long time, so the owner has given the business association permission to put pictures in the windows. They have not made a final decision yet but they will either place large photos, art work from Shoals School or a combination of both in the windows.

New Business  
 Deanna Bauernfiend made a motion seconded by Donna Stoughton to have Jim Stoughton and Marie Hawkins added to the signature list for the Shoals Business Association's checking account. Motion passed, all in favor.

A motion was made by Donna Stoughton and seconded by Marie Hawkins for the meeting to adjourn. All were in favor and the motion passed



BY DARLA WAGLER  
 Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

January is a busy month at the library as far as compiling data to input into the Indiana Public Libraries Annual Report. The report covers annual circulation, library funding, expenditure data, employment, technology, programming and attendance, computer usage, visits to the library, acquisitions, and library standards. After submitting the report electronically, the data is shared with Federal and State government. The data shows if the library has complied with

standards, if people are using the library, computer usage, and many other things.

New Books:  
 Mystery Fiction:  
 Fiction: "Blue" by Danielle Steel, "Sage's Eyes" by V.C. Andrews, "The Spring Moss" by Carla Neggers.  
 Inspirational Fiction: "A Son's Vow" by Shelley Shepard Gray, "The Restoration" by Wanda Brunstetter, "Joshua's Mission" by Vannetta Chapman, and "Keeper of the Stars" by Robin Lee Hatcher.  
 DVDs: "Downton Abbey: Season 6",

"Goosebumps", Rigoletto", "Jem and the Holograms", "The Adventures of The Wilderness Family Trilogy", "Everest", "The Martian", "The Intern", "Love Finds You in Charm", "Woodlawn", "Jesse Stone: Lost in Paradise", and "Pan".

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

## Medical scholarship opportunities through Memorial Hospital Foundation

The Memorial Hospital Foundation is offering various medical scholarship opportunities. A scholarship application must be completed by applicants and returned to the Memorial Hospital Foundation office by March 1, 2016. Applications will be available at the Memorial Hospital Foundation office located at 709 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Jasper or online at [www.mhcc.org](http://www.mhcc.org).

Selection of scholarship recipients shall be made by a committee composed of staff members of Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center as designated by Memorial Hospital. The committee will include, but is not limited to, the Executive Director of Memorial Hospital Foundation, the Vice President of Patient Services, and a minimum of one Patient Services Director from the Hospital.

For more information regarding these scholarship opportunities, please contact

Mike Jones, Executive Director, Memorial Hospital Foundation, at [mjones@mhcc.org](mailto:mjones@mhcc.org), or by phone at 812-996-8426.

The Doris A. Ackerman and Family Nursing Scholarship

Graduates of public high schools located in Dubois County, Indiana, who are enrolled in post-high school programs leading to a registered nurse designation. Financial need is a primary consideration. Students with plans to return to Dubois County will receive priority consideration. Previous Ackerman Scholarship recipients may be considered and will receive equal consideration as graduating seniors. (2016 Amount: \$750)

The Mabel L. Kuebler Nursing Endowment

Graduates of public high schools located in Dubois County, Indiana, who are enrolled in post-high school programs leading to a registered nurse designation.

Financial need is a primary consideration. Current college students and previous Kuebler Scholarship recipients may be considered. (2016 Amount: \$1,500)

The Mildred E. Schwinghammer Nursing Scholarship

Dubois County residents who are enrolled in post-high school programs leading to a registered nurse designation. Current college students and previous Schwinghammer Scholarship residents may be considered. (2016 Amount: \$1,200)

The St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship

Graduate of Southridge High School pursuing a career in the health care field. Current college students that are graduates of Southridge High School may be considered. (2016 Amount: \$800)

The Kathleen M. Tempel Nursing Scholarship

Scholarships will be awarded to residents of the Memorial Hospital service area or southern Indiana area who are enrolled, or plan to enroll, in post-high school programs leading to an ASN or BSN registered nurse designation. The desired outcome is that the recipient returns to the southern Indiana area to practice subsequent to graduation. Past recipients may apply annually if they wish. (2016 Amount: Up to \$1,500)

### Jolly Jug Rox meetings

Jolly Jug Rox 4-H Club Meetings will be held on the following dates from 6-7 p.m. at the Hindostan United Methodist Church.

- March 1 and 14
- April 12
- May 16
- June 7 and 20
- July 7



## USDA expands microloans to help farmers purchase farmland and improve property

Agriculture Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden, on January 19, announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will begin offering farm ownership microloans, creating a new financing avenue for farmers to buy and improve property. These microloans will be especially helpful to beginning or underserved farmers, U.S. veterans looking for a career in farming, and those who have small and mid-sized farming operations.

"Many producers, especially new and underserved farmers, tell us that access to land is one of the biggest challenges they face in establishing and growing their own farming operation," said Harden. "USDA is making it easier for new farmers to hit the ground running and get access to the land that they need to establish their farms or improve their property."

The microloan program, which celebrates its third anniversary this week, has been hugely successful, providing more than 16,800 low-interest loans, totaling over \$373 million to producers across the country. Microloans have helped farmers and

ranchers with operating costs, such as feed, fertilizer, tools, fencing, equipment, and living expenses since 2013. Seventy percent of loans have gone to new farmers.

Now, microloans will be available to also help with farm land and building purchases, and soil and water conservation improvements. FSA designed the expanded program to simplify the application process, expand eligibility requirements and expedite smaller real estate loans to help farmers strengthen their operations. Microloans provide up to \$50,000 to qualified producers, and can be issued to the applicant directly from the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA).

This microloan announcement is another USDA resource for America's farmers and ranchers to utilize, especially as [new and beginning farmers and ranchers](#) look for the assistance they need to get started. To learn more about the FSA microloan program visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/microloans](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/microloans), or contact your local FSA office. To find your nearest office location, please visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

## Celebrate 100 years of state parks with SPR GO! Game

Discover the hidden treasures of Indiana's state parks as they celebrate their centennial year by taking part in the SPR GO! Game.

The game is similar to bingo. Players must find game codes at designated locations on the properties and record them on their game card in the appropriate space. Completing five spaces in a row, column or diagonal qualifies the player for prizes.

Prizes include annual entrance passes that can be used at state parks, reservoirs and state forest recreation areas; gift cards for Indiana State Park inns and lodges; camping gift cards; subscriptions to Outdoor Indiana magazine and more.

As a bonus to celebrate the 100th birthday of Indiana State Parks, SPR GO! Game participants can try the more challenging "Centennial Cover-All" version.

The Cover-All requires participants to visit at least 25 of the 40 sites on the card. Finishers will receive a

free Indiana State Parks centennial coin, and also qualify for prizes.

The game's webpage, [stateparks.IN.gov/gamecard](http://stateparks.IN.gov/gamecard), is the place to download a game card, read hints for finding the game code locations at each property, and to read rules and regulations.

SPR GO! is an abbreviation for State Parks & Reservoirs, Get Outside.

Each household is limited to one game card. Game cards must be received by the Department of Natural Resources by January 31, 2017, to be eligible for prizes.

In addition to prizes, the game is an opportunity to learn, create memories, and discover the parks. Indiana's state parks system was established in 1916 as a gift to Hoosiers in recognition of the state's 100th birthday.

To see other ways to celebrate Indiana State Parks centennial year, visit [INStateParks100.com](http://INStateParks100.com).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Free lunch for kids

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

### SOAR Tutoring

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

### Improve Your Life!

#### Solid waste board

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

#### Humane society meetings

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

#### Tourism meetings

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

#### Soil and Water meetings

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

## General Assembly honors State Parks' 100th

The Indiana General Assembly on Monday unanimously passed a concurrent resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Indiana State Parks system.

The resolution recognized State Parks for "contributions to the health, recreation, and outdoor education of Indiana's citizens and guests, and its commitment to the conservation of the State of Indiana's unique natural and cultural resources held in trust in those state parks."

Rep. Sean Eberhart (R-Shelbyville) authored the resolution (CR 13) in the House, and Sen. Sue Glick (R-LaGrange) was the Senate sponsor.

The resolution congratulated Indiana State Parks for "its continued commitment to providing outstanding outdoor experiences for all of Indiana's citizens, and to maintaining excellence in stewardship of the natural and cultural resources with which the system is entrusted."

DNR director Cameron Clark, who spoke to both the House and Senate on the measure, expressed appreciation for the General Assembly's support of state parks.

"It was an honor to stand before both houses while they recognized the importance of our state parks to Indiana," Clark said. "The reception we received was truly humbling."

DNR State Parks division director Dan Bortner said: "I am very appreciative of the General Assembly taking time out of its busy schedule to recognize the partnership that began a century ago when they created the Indiana State Parks system."

While time has passed, the affection Hoosiers have for these special places has not, and that was evidenced by the warm reception we experienced today."

State Parks were established in 1916 when McCormick's Creek (Owen County) and Turkey Run (Parke County) were presented as gifts to Indiana citizens in celebration of 100 years of statehood.

At the time, state parks advocate Col. Richard Lieber said: "The chief purpose of State Parks is to refresh and strengthen and renew tired people, and fit them for the common round of daily life ... I hope and trust that the small beginning we have made will have laid the foundation for a comprehensive system of State Parks which will not only stand forever as a token of the past, but which will bring health, wealth and happiness to our own generation and the many that will come after us."

Since then, the DNR Division of State Parks has grown to 32 properties, including 24 state parks and eight U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reservoirs, as well as seven State Park inns. Together they annually attract an average of 15-16 million visitors.

## Martin County Soil & Water Conservation District ANNUAL MEETING

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## Indiana State Veterinarian optimistic, while reminding the avian flu event is not over

Although tests in the Dubois County avian influenza incident continue to prove negative, much more work must still be completed before this event can be considered over, according to Indiana State Veterinarian Bret D. Marsh, DVM.

"We are optimistic with each day that yields more negative flock tests," said Dr. Marsh. "But we are mindful that the situation could change, and that continued testing and surveillance are the vitally important next steps that will be ongoing for a few weeks."

Weekly testing and monitoring of commercial poultry farms in the 10-kilometer control area will continue for several weeks as Indiana moves through the process to be declared avian flu-free. Indiana established an additional 10-kilometer surveillance zone with aggressive testing requirements to assure the industry and partners the disease is not present. Birds and eggs may be moved into and out of the control area only after negative testing.

In addition, state and federal teams have visited 1,935 residences in the 10 km control area to identify small/backyard flocks for testing. Tests of those 96 identified flocks, which are nearly complete, have all proven negative. After initial testing, these flocks will be retested in 14 days.

"The State Board of Animal Health continues our resolve to eliminate this virus wherever it is found," Dr. Marsh said. "We know this virus is unpredictable, and it can pop-up again. So reporting bird illness and maintaining high biosecurity is vital to protecting Indiana poultry."

concluded Wednesday evening, January 20. Disposal of the turkeys, via indoor composting, will be followed by thorough cleaning and disinfection of all barns on the 10 infected sites.

"The cooperation and diligence of the affected farmers have been vital to this response, and we encourage all Hoosiers to stay the course as this work continues," added Marsh. "We still have a lot of work to do."

Clinical signs of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI)

Birds affected with HPAI may show one or more of the following signs:

- Sudden death without clinical signs;
- Lack of energy and appetite;
- Decreased egg production;
- Soft-shelled or misshapen eggs;
- Swelling of the head, eyelids, comb, wattles, and hocks;
- Purple discoloration of the wattles, combs, and legs;
- Nasal discharge;
- Coughing, sneezing;
- Incoordination;
- Diarrhea.

Hoosier poultry owners who notice illness in their birds should report them to the Healthy Birds Hotline: 1-866-536-7593.

Hoosiers can also report dead wild birds (five or more) to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources at 812-334-1137.

Although there have been no reported human cases of the H7N8 strain, the Dubois County Health Department continues to monitor those exposed for signs of illness.

Avian influenza does not present a food safety risk; poultry and eggs are

## Lt. Governor launches 2016 Hoosier Women Artists Contest

Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann announced details for the 2016 Hoosier Women Artists Contest. The annual competition was established to celebrate Women's History Month by highlighting talented female artists throughout Indiana.

The contest celebrates a wide variety of graphic arts including drawing, painting and photography. Past entries have included – but are not limited to – portraits, landscapes, still lifes, animals, buildings, interdisciplinary arts and abstracts. Winners of the Hoosier Women Artists Contest will have their artwork displayed in the Lt. Governor's office at the Statehouse for one year.

"The arts play a critical role in economic development by enhancing the quality of place throughout Indiana's cities and towns," said Lt. Governor Ellspermann. "It's truly an honor to be able to recognize these talented female artists and share their work with the thousands of visitors who come by the Statehouse every year."

The winning artwork is judged by a panel that includes Lt. Governor Ellspermann, staff and a professor

from the [Indiana University Herron School of Art and Design](#) at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis.

Applications along with electronic copies of the artwork can be submitted online through the Lt. Governor's website, [www.lg.in.gov](#) or mailed to 200 West Washington Street, Room 333 Indianapolis, IN 46204. Applications are being accepted until March 4, 2016.

A reception will be held on March 29, 2016 from 1 to 3 p.m. EST at the Indiana Statehouse to honor the selected artists.

Requirements include:  
Framed wall art only  
Maximum dimensions (including frame): 42"x 60"

Maximum weight: 60 lbs  
Must be installation ready, including frame and hanging wires  
Submit one entry per artist to be considered

2015 Hoosier Women Artists are able to pick up their artwork between April 1, 2016 to May 5, 2016 in the Office of Lt. Governor Ellspermann. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST.

## Local responders turn out in force for behind-the-scenes role to fight bird flu

Public safety professionals in Dubois County have played a behind-the-scenes but important role in the response to avian flu detected recently in commercial turkey flocks.

"They haven't been out front due to the type of response, but their participation and expertise has been paramount," said Dr. Brett Marsh of the Indiana State Board of Animal Health. "We could not have accomplished what we have without local team partners."

The firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians and health officials who call Dubois County home have braved long hours, severe cold and stressful conditions to keep residents safe and to help stop the flu from spreading to other bird flocks. They are among 518 professionals from local, state and federal agencies, and from private organizations, joining forces to combat the avian flu challenge on the front lines in the southwestern Indiana county.

The following local organizations have assisted in the incident response:

The Dubois County Health Department has assisted by interviewing and monitoring the responders, farm personnel and residents who have been involved in the incident.

The Dubois County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) has continuously provided personnel and resources for the response efforts and has been assisted by emergency management staff from the following EMAs: the Knox County EMA, Daviess County EMA, Martin County EMA, Gibson County EMA, Pike County EMA, Crawford County EMA, Posey County EMA, Vanderburgh County EMA, Warrick County EMA, Spencer County EMA, and Perry County EMA.

Memorial Hospital and Healthcare has provided equipment and nursing staff to assist in specimen collection. The Memorial Hospital Behavioral Health Service and the Southern Hills Counseling

Center are providing counseling and mental health services for individuals in the community and those involved in the incident.

The City of Jasper has provided equipment, and the Jasper Street Department has helped plow snow from parking lots offered by the Vincennes University Jasper campus to provide parking for incident personnel. The Dubois County Highway Department has salted roadways and laid rock to make incident areas more accessible for responders. The Dubois County Commissioners and all members of the Dubois County Council have regularly visited the Incident Command Post and offered county assistance. The Dubois County Sheriff's Department has made all personnel available if needed for the incident. The Dubois Water Utility and Patoka Regional Water have supplied water for depopulation efforts.

The following fire departments have supplied tankers and personnel for water transport to assist in depopulation efforts: Birdseye Fire Department, Celestine Fire Department, Dubois Fire Department, Ferdinand Fire Department, Haysville Fire Department, Holland Fire Department, Huntingburg Fire Department, Ireland Fire Department, Jasper Fire Department, St. Anthony Fire Department, St. Henry Fire Department and the Schnellville Fire Department.

The American Red Cross has assisted by providing food and support to responders.

The Brett Collignon and Dubois County 4-H Council has allowed the fairgrounds to be used as a staging area for incident response.

John Erickson, Indiana Department of Homeland Security Director of Public Information, said, "Everyone plays a role. Local responders have been low key and effective. This enterprise wouldn't have been nearly as successful without the local teams."



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## Shoals to host Coaches vs. Cancer

This week is the annual Coaches vs. Cancer game as the Shoals Jug Rox takes on the South Knox Spartans on Saturday night, January 30. The Martin County Relay for Life Committee and Teams will be present as 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.

A shirt has been designed for the game. Students can order through the school or contact JD Shirt Design, 812-295-3966. Proceeds from the shirt sales will also benefit the cause.

Please come out and support your



Shoals Jug Rox on Saturday and help us to find a cure for cancer. It's a WIN, WIN situation.



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LHS Senior Emma Walters is shown above with Nicole Bays' 6th grade class after Emma had taught a Spanish vocabulary lesson on school related words.

## Loogootee students learning Spanish

Students in Ms. Nicole Bays' 6th grade Social Studies class have been studying Mexican culture. To enhance their studies, fourth year Spanish students in Mrs. Ronetta Bough's class taught a lesson on vocabulary words. LHS Senior Emma Walters prepared and taught a lesson to help the 6th graders learn the Spanish pronunciation for school related objects, like pencil, ruler, paper and many other objects.

Senior Nicole Ader also prepared and taught a lesson on the Spanish vocabulary related to colors and clothing. The 6th graders applied what they had learned by playing a learning game, called Kahoot and by completing a coloring worksheet, written in Spanish.

"It was fun to listen to my students try

to apply what they learned in Spanish class. Later in the day, they continued to be excited about Spanish and tried to incorporate the Spanish words they had learned in their conversations," said Ms. Bays. This collaboration between high school and middle school students benefit both groups immensely.

The high school students are practicing college and career ready skills like teamwork, leadership, planning and communication. Middle school students receive a preview into foreign language and have an opportunity to learn more about the world around them.

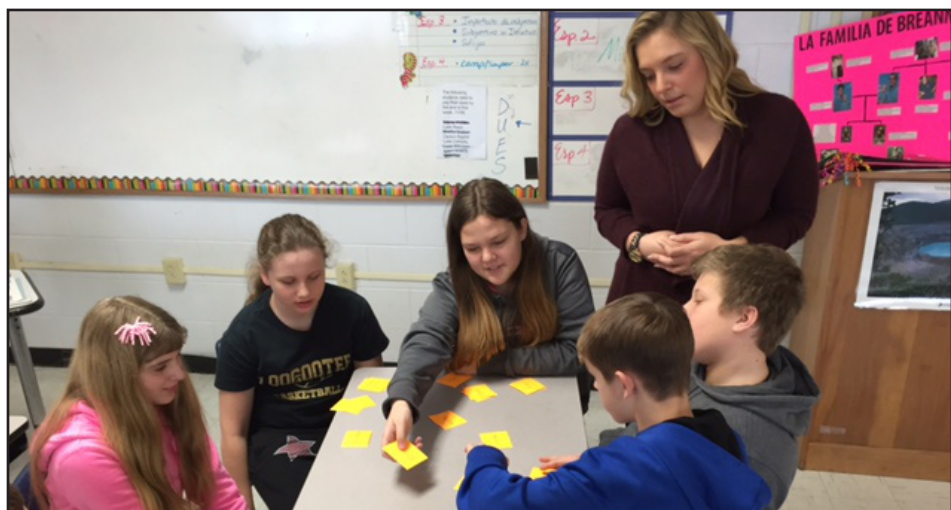
"It is fun to see middle school students excited about foreign language," said Seniors Nicole Ader and Emma Walters.



## Students teaching each other

-Photos provided

Students in Sr. Ronetta Bough's fourth year Spanish class have been preparing lessons in Mexican language and culture to teach to Ms. Nicole Bays' sixth grade Social Studies class. "This is a wonderful opportunity for advanced Spanish students to share what they have spent the last four years learning. My students have to apply skills in public speaking, organization, planning and Spanish to prepare the lessons," said Sr. Bough. Ms. Bays' students benefit from the knowledge shared by these high school students. The first lesson was given by Lexi Willis on the Family Tree. She presented the lesson, then planned a matching game for the sixth graders to play to help reinforce what they had learned.



## Loogootee Little League sign-ups

It's that time of year again; time to begin thinking about baseball/softball. The Loogootee Little League will be having sign-ups for the 2016 Season, Sunday, January 31 from 1-4 p.m., Wednesday, February 3, 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, February 6 from 9 a.m. to noon.

All of these signup dates will be held in the Loogootee High School cafeteria.

The cost to participate in Little League will remain the same as last

season; \$40 for one child, and \$30 for each additional child, with the family maximum being \$100. No child will be turned away due to financial hardship.

To be eligible to play, boys/girls must be four years old by August 30, 2016. Boys who do not turn 13 years old by April 30, 2016 are allowed to play, along with girls who were 12 or under by December 31, 2015.

League divisions are determined upon numbers, so it is important to meet the February 6 deadline.



-Photo provided

LHS Senior Nicole Ader is assisting Ms Nicole Bays' 6th grade students in completing a Spanish worksheet on colors and clothing.

## Degrees and academic honors from Purdue

Purdue University awarded about 2,100 degrees to students following the fall semester. Adam Michael Trueblood, of Loogootee, received a bachelor of science degree from the College of Technology at the Vincennes campus.

About 17,000 Purdue University students earned academic honors for the fall 2015 semester. To earn honors, students must have had at least a 3.5 semester or cumulative GPA on a four-

point scale. The following are students from Martin County that received academic achievements from the Purdue West Lafayette campus.

Ashleigh Zoe Powell, of Loogootee  
Curtis Ryan Slaubaugh, of Loogootee

Cole James Hovis, of Shoals  
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## ~LETTERS TO THE EDITOR~

**'We need elected people who understand our core conservative principles'**

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

In 2016, we have a chance to support and vote for many candidates either countywide, statewide, or nationally. At the national level, we need elected people who understand our core conservative principles, and would seek to apply them to our federal government. Today, I write because I feel that for U.S. Senate, we need to support, and vote in the Republican primary, for Rep. Marlin Stutzman for the Republican nomination to the U.S. Senate.

Marlin is a farmer and family man first and foremost. After 9/11, he felt led to make a difference by running for and then winning election to Indiana State Representative in 2002. That meant changing to a part time role on his 4<sup>th</sup> generation family farm, serving Hoosiers, and eventually becoming a State Senator in 2008. While in the State Legislature, he worked with Governor Mitch Daniels to begin the process of balancing Indiana's budget, making Indiana a place companies would want to do work, starting road improvement projects including I-69, and lowering our individual tax load through tax reforms. Marlin also co-authored the lifetime concealed carry gun permit bill, and has the rarely given A+ rating from the NRA.

In 2010, Marlin Stutzman joined the wave of Republicans elected to U.S. House of Representatives in Washington. He joined conservatives in the Freedom Caucus to bring conservative reforms to our Federal government. He wrote the 2015 Republican conservative budget, that balances the Federal budget within 5 years! Friends and family of mine up in NE Indiana say Marlin hasn't changed his guiding principles after all these years in office. Think of that! Most elected people get quickly changed for the worse, but Marlin is still doing the good work, and part time farming too!

This is why I support Marlin. I have met him twice, and I can confirm he will do what is right for us and the nation's future. Take any chance you have to meet Marlin, support Marlin, and then vote for Marlin on May 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Republican primary. We need Marlin Stutzman in the U.S. Senate.

Adrian Engelberth  
Jasper, Indiana

**'Defending freedom'**

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

"We have an education system that continues to penalize low-income and minority students by keeping them trapped in failing schools rather than giving them the choice to attend schools that best suit their academic needs," said Dr. Ben Carson celebrating Martin Luther King Day in South Carolina. "The status quo rewards national teachers' unions at the expense of what is best for our students."

The policies empowering parents to choose what they perceive to be the best educational option for their children is supported by Dr. Carson as well as Dr. Moss and Congressman Stutzman. These champions of the opposition to the Progressive Establishment which maintains the status quo, will bring hope to the people for turning away from what has become an evil, corrupted system that's coming apart at the seams all around us. "Things fall apart; the center cannot hold," W.B. Yeats observed.

"Our greatest treasure is Freedom—the absence of restraints on our ability to think and to act," expressed an Oklahoma State University video. "The corollary of freedom is individual responsibility. We believe in the power of the individual. 'History moves towards freedom,' President Bush said, 'because the desire for freedom is written in every human heart,' Freedom will only be preserved as long as the devotion to freedom is expressed in the heart of our actions. Freedom, the capacity for self-determination, is not an entity but a condition, and conditions change." These conservative candidates are deeply committed to defending, preserving, and expanding freedom.

A big attitude adjustment is coming to America as the Progressive status quo's solutions increasingly implode. What are ordinary people going to do. Recently, an elected official in Dubois County told me that the path to solving our problems is more civic involvement. When you have, he said, an 80-90% turnout at the polls, politicians will sit up, take notice and respond to the will of the people. Will you relinquish your self-determination and the right to responsibly think and to act for yourself, or will you defend freedom at the polls?

Michael Lewinski  
Dubois, Indiana

## Vincennes hosts artist-in-residence

Vincennes University's Department of Music and Theatre will host vocalist Kathy Kosins as Artist in Residence February 2-4. A public performance will be February 3, 7:30 p.m. (EST), at VU's Red Skelton Performing Arts Center. The concert is free and open to the public.

While in residence, Kosins will work with VU students, local high school and elementary students; offer public performances at VU and at the Northwest Territory Art Guild; and offer performances for Knox County sixth graders. The week's activities are sponsored by grants from the VU Student Activities Board and the Knox County Psi Iota Xi Sorority.

### ABOUT THE ARTIST

[www.kathykosins.com](http://www.kathykosins.com). Award-winning vocalist Kathy Kosins has won the hearts of critics and fans around the globe with her eclectic musical palette that expands the rich history of jazz and soul.

Born during the Motown era of Detroit, she began singing and arranging background vocals for producer Don Was (now president of Blue Note Records) in the early eighties, which led to her becoming one of the most sought-after session singers. As a lead vocalist she recorded for both Carrere (Sony) and Quality Records and later toured with Was/Not Was.

Kosins has performed with numerous names in the jazz and R&B world; among the notables are: Cyrus Chestnut, Terrell Stafford, Randy Brecker, Javon Jackson, Larry Goldings, James Moody, Kevin Mahogany, Bernard Purdie, Greg Hutchinson, Eric Harland, Red Holloway, Grant Green Jr., Reuben Rogers, Reuben Wilson, Aaron Goldberg, Tamir Hendelman, Jesse Davis, Eric Marienthal, Matt Wilson, Mitch Ryder, Was/Not Was, and Michael Henderson.

## Powerful new ads mark the 5th year of the successful "Tips From Former Smokers" campaign

A brand-new series of emotionally powerful ads kick off the fifth year of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's "Tips From Former Smokers" campaign. The new ads tell moving, personal stories of Americans suffering from smoking-related illnesses, including heart disease, tooth loss, depression, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Beginning January 25, the ads will run consecutively for 20 weeks on television, radio, billboards, online, and in magazines and newspapers.

In 2015, Tips ads had an immediate and strong impact, showing the campaign's sustained success since its launch in 2012. When the ads were on the air, about 62 percent more people called the national quitline, 1-800-QUIT-NOW, for free help. Since 2012, Tips ads have generated more than 600,000 additional calls to the toll-free quitline number.

"More than 30 courageous people have shared their stories through the Tips campaign since 2012," said CDC Director Tom Frieden, M.D., M.P.H. "These real-life stories show, in a way that statistics can't, the suffering and disability smoking causes. Most Americans who have ever smoked have already quit, and most people who still smoke want to quit — this campaign will help them try and help

### VU debate to address idea of faculty carrying firearms on college campuses

Should faculty members carry firearms on college campuses? That will be the topic of debate on February 9, 11 a.m. (EST), at Vincennes University's Red Skelton Performing Arts Center.

The public is invited to the debate which is sponsored by VU's Center for Research and Learning. The Center has sponsored debates on a range of public policy topics. The Center has proposed this debate in the context of a spree of shootings that have occurred across the country. Currently most college campuses, including VU, have policies prohibiting any firearms on campus outside of campus police departments.

Taking the side that proposes firearms should be allowed are Lou Caprino, chair of VU's Homeland Security program, and William Gollmitzer, professor of Law Enforcement at VU. Caprino, is a 29-year veteran of the FBI who has extensive training in security tactics. Gollmitzer also has a long history working within the law enforcement community, including serving as a visiting professor at the FBI Quantico National Academy.

Opposing the proposition of faculty carrying firearms on campus are Gary May, emeritus associate professor of Social Work at the University of Southern Indiana (USI), and Dr. Todd Schroer, chair of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice at USI. May previously worked in veteran's affairs, disability advocacy, and civil rights. He is a combat-disabled veteran of the U.S. Marine Corp who fought in Vietnam.

Schroer has researched the White Racialist Movement since the early 1990s and published in numerous professional journals. The debate will be live-streamed by WVUT-22. The event is free to the public, and no tickets or reservations are necessary. More information is available by contacting debate moderator Rob Evans, professor of Sociology at VU, at 812-888-4468, or Dr. Mike Drysdale, professor of Sociology and director of Research and Learning at VU, at 812-888-4223.



them succeed."

One of this year's new ad participants is Becky, 54, an attorney from Ohio, who started smoking at 16. By the time she was 45, Becky was a mother of two and had her dream job as a child-advocate attorney. Then Becky was diagnosed with COPD. She had to quit her job and suffered a collapsed lung. She managed to quit smoking at age 52, but now has end-stage COPD and is tethered to an oxygen tank at all times.

New ads highlight harms of smoking, benefits of quitting

The ads also feature:

Brian, 60, a military veteran from Texas, who started smoking at age 8 and had his first heart attack at 35.

Rebecca, 57, a Florida grandmother of three who began smoking at 16. She suffered tooth loss and depression. She finally quit at 53. Six months later, she ran a 5K race to celebrate.

Rico, 48, a businessman from California, who started smoking at 14 and was diagnosed with cancer at 44. He quit, increasing his chances of survival, and was able to see his daughter graduate high school.

Kristy, 36, from Tennessee, started smoking cigarettes at 13, and tried to quit smoking by using e-cigarettes and cutting back on the number of cigarettes she smoked. Kristy kept smoking traditional cigarettes but eventually stopped using e-cigarettes. She finally quit smoking for good at age 33 after suffering a collapsed lung. Kristy was also featured in the 2015 campaign.

Smokers who cut down on the number of cigarettes by adding another tobacco product, like e-cigarettes, still face serious health risks. Smokers must quit smoking completely to fully protect their health — even a few cigarettes a day are dangerous.

Cigarette smoking remains the single largest cause of preventable disease and death in the United States, killing more than 480,000 Americans each year. And for every American who dies from a smoking-related disease, about 30 more suffer at least one serious illness from smoking.

Besides the harm it does to peoples' lives, cigarette smoking also seriously harms the U.S. economy. It costs more than \$300 billion a year — nearly \$170 billion in direct medical care for adults and more than \$156 billion in lost productivity. The Tips campaign is an important counter to the more than \$9 billion spent annually by the tobacco industry to make cigarettes more attractive and more affordable, particularly to young people.

The Tips ads encourage smokers to call 1-800-QUIT-NOW or to visit [www.cdc.gov/tips](http://www.cdc.gov/tips) to view the personal stories from the campaign. The website includes detailed assistance developed by the National Cancer Institute to support smokers trying to quit. For more information on the Tips campaign, including profiles of the former smokers, other campaign resources and links to the ads, visit [www.cdc.gov/tips](http://www.cdc.gov/tips).