

Council goes over economic development, new sheriff's department trucks, road crew

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Tim Kinder, director of the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, went before the Martin County Council Monday night, February 2 to discuss what the Alliance has done for the county since its inception in 2010.

Kinder, in his sixth year as director of the Alliance, provided a press release to the council stating that thanks to the Alliance, 110 new jobs have been created and 279 jobs have been kept in the county since April of 2010. When Kinder was asked if the jobs benefited Martin County residents, he replied that some businesses employed Martin County residents, but they also employed residents in the surrounding counties. He estimated that 35-45 jobs were given to Martin County residents. Kinder was also asked if the new jobs were solely limited to the West-Gate Tech Park to which Kinder replied that none of them were in the tech park. He said there were investments related to the tech park but not jobs. Kinder's press release stated that there have been \$28 million in new investments since 2010.

Kathy Collins, community corrections director, provided the council with an update on the road crew. She explained that the work done by the road crew, if they were hired employees at \$10 an hour, would cost the county \$16,000 over a six-month period. Some areas the road crew has worked include the library, museum, recycling center, mowing the bank of the city pool, and humane society. She said that in the past, the commissioners and county council have expressed interest in continuing funding of the road crew and that she had told both boards

that continued funding down the road would become an issue.

Some of the money to fund the road crew comes from the misdemeanor fund that is shared with the sheriff's department. The misdemeanor fund is replenished each year with around \$3,500. Collins said that the fund currently has a balance of \$2,400. She said they are not allowed to use grant funds to keep the road crew going because the department of corrections doesn't consider road crew to be in the scope of their funding responsibilities, it is more of a local program implemented by counties.

Collins said that she doesn't want to take anything away from the sheriff's department or the jail in order to fund the road crew but she does see it as a benefit to the county.

Sheriff Travis Roush chimed in saying that he felt road crew was important and he would be willing to look into a way to help keep it funded if need be.

Collins explained that they budget \$18,000 annually to fund road crew and spend just over \$13,000. She said if new equipment, like a new mower, was needed they may spend \$14,000 or so but they have no immediate equipment needs.

After more discussion, the council voted to give road crew \$11,000. Council member Lonnie Hawkins voted against saying that he was in favor of giving the money but against it coming from CEDIT (County Economic Development Income Tax) funds. He said there were other funds it could come out of. Council member Barb McFeaters noted that the tourism committee has been trying to promote tourism in Martin County and having trash picked up and the county cleaned up in general helps with that goal. She said that has to do with economic development.

Hawkins replied that he is not sold on that idea.

Sheriff Roush approached the council about purchasing three new vehicles for the sheriff's department. He said they plan to purchase one of the vehicles outright to replace Deputy Harmon's vehicle that currently has 139,000 miles. He said he feels that is very high for an emergency vehicle. Roush also explained that he wants to trade Sargeant Keller's black Dodge truck. He said they are looking at a Dodge Ram in Bloomington that has 40,000 miles on it and is specialized for police use.

Roush said the vehicle he currently drives has the second highest mileage in the department at 51,000. He said it runs fine but the front end is a little loose. He can get some money to trade it in but would need additional funds from the council. He said his goal is to start trading in department vehicles when they reach 40,000 miles and also implement a better maintenance plan on their fleet.

Prices were omitted from this article at the request of the commissioners who discussed requesting bids on the vehicles.

Clerk Gerald Montgomery came before the council to request a transfer of funds of \$4,500 from his postage account to part-time help and an additional money request of \$5,000 to go toward hiring another part-time person. Montgomery explained that one of his full-time staff members wants to go to part-time and eventually retire all together. He said that he needs an additional person to take her place. The office currently has four full-time staff members, counting Montgomery, and one part-time person. With the change, he would have three full-time staff (See 'COUNCIL' continued on page 2)

Martin County at 22nd place in December for lowest state jobless rate

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Martin County's unemployment rate remained unchanged from November to December, standing at 5.1 percent. The county was in an eight-way tie for 22nd place in the state for lowest jobless rate.

In December, the county had 5,253 residents in the workforce with 267 of them without jobs. In November, there were 5,221 residents able to work and 265 of them were unemployed. In December of 2013, Martin County's jobless rate was also at 5.1 percent with 5,111 residents in the workforce and 263 of them were unemployed.

Daviess County's jobless rate dropped just slightly from November to December, from 4.7 percent to 4.5 percent. The county had the fourth lowest unemployment rate in the state for December.

In December, Daviess County had 15,467 residents in the workforce with 692 of them without jobs. In November, there were 15,232 residents able to work and 712 of them unemployed. In December of 2013, the county's jobless rate was 4.6 percent with 14,859 residents in the workforce and 677 of them without jobs.

Dubois County's unemployment rate stayed at 4.1 percent in December. The county tied for first place in the state, with Hamilton County, for the lowest jobless rate for December.

In December, Dubois had 22,171 residents in the workforce with 905 of them without jobs. In November, there were 21,967 residents able to work with 907 of them unemployed. In December of 2013, the county had a jobless rate of 4.2 percent with 21,502 residents in the workforce and 913 of them (See 'RATE' continued on page two)

City election filings to date

The 2015 Municipal Primary Election for the City of Loogootee will be May 5, 2015.

Candidates may file for candidacy for the following offices: mayor, city clerk/treasurer, city council member districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and at-large.

Last day to file for candidacy is this Friday, February 6, 2015 by noon.

The following are current filings to date:
Mayor
Noel D. Harty (D)
Clerk/Treasurer
Ronald "Ron" Gilbert (D)
Gianna M. Armstrong (D)
Nancy (McAtee) Jones (D)
City Council District 1:
James Richard Taylor (D)
Teresa Nolley (D)
Roy Pannell (D)
City Council District 2:
Ruth Smith (D)
City Council District 3:
Carroll Rayhill (D)
City Council District 4:
Tim "Biggin" Lawrence (D)
Bettye Norris (D)
City Council At-Large:
Fred Dupps (D)
Roger Downey (D)
Marty Tarrh (R)

Lengthy drug investigation in Martin County nets six

A multi-agency drug investigation in Martin County culminated last Wednesday morning after the execution of search and arrest warrants.

On Wednesday, January 28, officers from the Indiana State Police, Martin and Daviess County Sheriff's Departments, Drug Enforcement Agency Task Force, United States Marshall's Office, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms met for an operations briefing at 5 in the morning at a location outside of Martin County. At 6:15, three teams simultaneously executed the search and arrest warrants, with all targets being taken into custody without incident before 7 a.m. The warrants were issued based on a narcotics investigation that began during the summer months of 2014, targeting the sale and distribution of methamphetamine.

"I appreciate the detailed and hard work of all the police officers involved in this investigation," commented Martin County Prosecutor Michael Steiner. "I also appreciate the long hours that my Chief Deputy Prosecutor Larry Brodeur put in on this case."

All defendants had initial hearings in front of the Martin County Judge Wednesday afternoon.

Arrested and charges:

Kevin B. Streete, 60, 13080 East County Road 400 South, Loogootee,
Bond \$250,000 cash only
-Conspiracy to Deal Methamphetamine (2 Counts), Level 2 Felony
-Dealing in Methamphetamine, Level 5 Felony
-Dealing in Methamphetamine, Level 4 Felony
-Filed motion as Habitual Offender
Michael Troy Kline, 45, 1674 Scenic Hill, Loogootee
No Bond
-Conspiracy to Deal Methamphetamine (2 Counts), Level 2 Felony
-Conspiracy to Deal Methamphetamine, Level 3 Felony
-Dealing in Methamphetamine, Level 3 Felony
-Dealing in Methamphetamine, Level 2 Felony
-Filed motion for 16 years for a prior conviction
James Mesarosh, 37, 5736 Leaf Branch Lane, Shoals
No Bond
-Dealing in Methamphetamine, Level 5 Felony
Sheila Taylor, 39, 105 East North Street,



KEVIN B. STREETE TROY KLINE



JAMES MESAROSH SHEILA TAYLOR



TIFFANY BAUGH FRANK NOLLEY

Rossville
Bond \$75,000 / 10%
-Conspiracy to Deal Methamphetamine,
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COUNCIL

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members and two part-time. Montgomery said that with the city and town elections this year, they are much more difficult than other elections. Council member Barb McFeaters asked him why they were more difficult and Montgomery replied that he wasn't sure, but he was told at state training that they were. He said his election clerk doesn't just do elections but also works the front counter and does small claims cases. He said his staff is swamped and he needs additional help. Council member McFeaters said she just doesn't know if a part-time person is needed forever.

Montgomery said he didn't want anyone to take it the wrong way but the other offices are not as busy as his office.

Council member Lynn Gee said that the clerk's office has more part-time funds than any other office. She suggested hiring someone part-time until they are trained and then moving them to full-time once the other staff member retires.

Council member Randy Winger said he thinks the clerk's office needs to operate on the money they are given and if staff changes

need to be made, then Montgomery should make them. Montgomery suggested Winger come sit in the office to watch how busy they are to which Winger replied he has his own job. Montgomery reiterated that his current staff is swamped with work and he needs the extra help.

The council voted to approve the transfers but tabled a decision on the additional request for \$5,000.

Judge Lynne Ellis told the council that she is going to need a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) director as soon as possible. She is estimating that cost to be around \$40,000. She explained that she has around \$15,000 currently and an addition \$3,500 in grant money that is on hold until she decides what she plans to do about the position. She said that she has had 18 cases already this year where an advocate was needed. Martin County used to piggyback with Daviess County by using one of their CASA people but they can no longer handle the workload from Martin County. Ellis said she doesn't expect a decision from the council now and will come back at their next meeting with more information.

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without jobs.

Orange County's unemployment rate rose just slightly to 6.2 percent in December, up from 6.1 percent the month before. The county had the 27th highest jobless rate in the state for December, tied with Randolph County.

In December, Orange County had 10,461 residents in the workforce with 649 of them unemployed. In November, there were 10,050 residents able to work with 616 of them unemployed. The county's unemployment rate for December of 2013 was 7.1 percent with 9,894 residents in the workforce and 702 of them without jobs.

Lawrence County also saw a slight increase in their jobless rate from November to December, moving from 6.9 percent to 7.2 percent. The county had the 9th highest jobless rate in the state for December, tied with Starke County.

In December, the county had 21,285 residents in the workforce with 1,527 of them without jobs. In November, there were 21,326 residents able to work and 1,476 of them were unemployed. In December of 2013, Lawrence County had a jobless rate of 8.2 percent with 20,997 residents in the workforce and 1,723 of them unemployed.

The top ten spots in the state for the lowest unemployment rate for December went to: Hamilton and Dubois counties at 4.1 percent, Bartholomew County at 4.3 percent, Daviess County at 4.5 percent, Boone County at 4.6 percent, LaGrange, Jackson, Kosciusko, and Hendricks counties at 4.7 percent; and Wells, Warrick, Pulaski, and Clark counties at 4.8 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for the highest jobless rate for December went to: Lake

County at 8.2 percent, Vermillion County at 8.1 percent, Fayette, LaPorte and Sullivan counties at 8 percent; Jasper County at 7.9 percent, Newton and Vigo counties at 7.5 percent, and Lawrence and Starke counties at 7.2 percent.

Indiana gained 4,000 private sector jobs in December and ended 2014 with a total of 51,500 jobs added. The Hoosier State's continued job growth encouraged the return this month of more than 9,000 Hoosiers to the labor force to look for work. The large influx

	Dec. 2013	Nov. 2014	Dec. 2014	Monthly Change
Indiana	6.8%	5.7%	5.8%	0.1%
U.S.	6.7%	5.8%	5.6%	-0.2%
Illinois	8.9%	6.4%	6.2%	-0.2%
Kentucky	7.9%	6.0%	5.7%	-0.3%
Michigan	8.3%	6.7%	6.3%	-0.4%
Ohio	7.1%	5.0%	4.8%	-0.2%

of jobseekers drove Indiana's unemployment rate up 0.1 percent to 5.8 percent. Since December 2013, Indiana's labor force has grown by over 83,000 individuals, nearly twice that of any other Midwestern state.

This is the first month in a year that Indiana's unemployment rate has exceeded the U.S. rate, which declined by 0.2 percent to 5.6 percent, mainly due to a decrease of 273,000 in the national labor force.

Indiana's private sector growth in December was led mostly by increases in the Professional & Business Services (+3,700), and Manufacturing (+1,600) sectors. Since July 2009, the low point of employment in the state, Indiana has grown a total of 267,000 private sector jobs. The Hoosier State now stands only 18,000 private sector jobs below the all-time peak benchmark of employment in the state, which occurred in March of 2000.

"Indiana's labor force growth over the past year has been extraordinary," said Steven J. Braun, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. "Since December 2013, the Hoosier labor force has grown by more than 83,000 individuals, which is nearly twice that of any other Midwestern state. This is proof Hoosiers are confident the state's economy is improving and are returning to work. It has also directly resulted in an unemployment rate that remains higher than many of our Midwest neighbors."

Braun also noted 63.7 percent of Hoosiers are participating in the labor force, which is a full percentage point higher than the national average. This marks the ninth month in a row Indiana has exceeded the national labor force participation rate.

Employment by Sector
Sectors showing gains in December include: Professional and Business Services (3,700), Manufacturing (1,600), Private Educational & Health Services (400), and Leisure and Hospitality (300). The Trade, Transportation & Utilities (-1,100) sector was the only to experience declines in December. Total nonfarm employment increased in December (5,100).

INVESTIGATION

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Level 4 Felony

-Dealing in Methamphetamine, Level 4 Felony

-Possession of Methamphetamine, Level 6 Felony

Frank Nolley, 55, 8124 US 231, Loogootee Bond \$50,000 / 10%

-Possession of Methamphetamine, Level 5 Felony

-Maintaining a Common Nuisance, Level 6 Felony

-Possession of Paraphernalia, Class A Misdemeanor

Tiffany Baugh, 26, 6271 Gun Shop Road, Shoals

Bond \$50,000 / 10%

-Dealing in Methamphetamine, Level 5 Felony

Martin County Circuit Court releases 2014 case statistics

The Martin County Circuit Court released the following annual report for 2014.

Circuit Court Judge Lynne E. Ellis made the case information available and said, "Preparing this information provides an opportunity to look back and see what changes have occurred since I've been in office. I hope Martin County residents find the information as interesting as I do."

Approximately 946 cases were pending at the end of 2013. Approximately 1,561 new cases were filed during 2014.

The approximate number of cases disposed of in 2014 is as follows:

-536 criminal cases were disposed of by: jury trial, plea agreement, diversion/deferment, or dismissal by the prosecuting attorney.

In 2014 three jury trials were conducted.

-597 infractions were disposed of by: bench disposition, dismissal by prosecuting attorney, deferred/diversion, guilty plea, or failure to appear.

-665 civil cases were disposed of by: bench trial, bench disposition, agreement between the parties, default judgment, or dismissed by either a party involved in the case or the trial judge.

-95 juvenile cases were disposed of by: bench trial, bench disposition or dismissal.

The Martin County Community Corrections Department is now conducting the Court Assisted School Suspension (CASS) program in both the Shoals and Loogootee schools. The program served 55 students from 37 families during 2014. The court wishes to recognize the excellent and dedicated work of the coordinator, instructors, and school administrators who have made this program so successful. With the Grant Funds provided by the Indiana Department of Corrections, Martin County Community Corrections Department, and Indiana Supreme Court, this program will be able to move forward during the upcoming year.

The Martin Circuit court-administered alcohol and drug program served more than 36 people during 2014. The program is self-supported by user fees paid by offenders participating in the program.

The Martin Circuit Court initiated the use of a parenting class to help parents develop a working relationship for parenting purposes. This new program served 26 families in 2014. It is self-funded by parents attending the class.

The Daviess - Martin County CASA Program began in 2011. In 2014, the program served 65 children in Martin County, compared to eight children served in 2013. Due to the growing needs in the county, the court is working towards establishing an independent program for Martin County. During 2015, the goal is to hire a director and actively seek and educate volunteers.

The Alternative Dispute Program (ADR) provided family resolution services for 22 children from 12 families.

The court provided Spanish interpretation services for one defendant through a free service provider referred by the Indiana State Court Administration.

The court appointed pauper counsel attorneys to 265 persons during 2014 for criminal, mental health, juvenile and guardianship proceedings. To offset the costs, the court participates in the supplemental public defender reimbursement program and also collects reimbursements from bonds. In 2014, the court collected approximately \$72,000 in reimbursements from these programs. To help with rising pauper counsel costs, the court entered into contracts with four separate legal firms for representation in all cases requiring court-appointed attorneys (except murder, attempted murder and appeals) during 2015.

Judge Ellis was appointed to serve as special judge in Daviess, Dubois, Knox, and Pike counties on a total of 35 cases.

CRIMINAL	NEW FILINGS
Murder	1
Class A, Level 1 & 2 Felonies	2
Class B, Level 3 & 4 Felonies	13
Class C, Level 5 Felonies	13
Class D, Level 6 Felonies	84
Misdemeanors	93
Miscellaneous Criminal	32
Post Conviction Relief	0
TOTAL CRIMINAL CASES FILED	237*

TOTAL INFRACTIONS FILED 612*	CIVIL	NEW FILINGS
Civil Plenary		3
Mortgage Foreclosure		21
Civil Collection		99
Civil Tort		7
Small Claims		207
Domestic Relations		63
Reciprocal Support		3
Mental Health		24
Adoptions	1	
Estates		18
Guardianships		22
Trusts		0
Protective Orders		76
Miscellaneous		34
TOTAL CIVIL CASES FILED 578*		

JUVENILE	NEW FILINGS
Juvenile CHINS	58
Juvenile Delinquency	8
Juvenile Status	0
Juvenile Paternity	7
Juvenile Miscellaneous	54
Juvenile Termination of Parental Rights	7
TOTAL JUVENILE CASES FILED 134*	

*IC 33-24-6-3 requires The Division of State Court Administration to collect trial court case statistics. All numbers stated herein are estimates only and official numbers will be submitted to the Division of State Court Administration for publication in its annual report.



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CHARLES "CHUCK" LASOTA

Charles (Chuck) Stanley LaSota, 59, lost his battle with cancer and went to be with his heavenly Father on January 26, 2015. A resident of Bloomfield, he was 59.



CHUCK LASOTA

He was born January 24, 1956; son of Dennis and Margie LaSota.

He retired in 2011 after serving for 35 years in the United States Navy. He enlisted in the Navy July 1976. His initial service was as an Enlisted Reactor Operator on board our Navy's submarines where he rose to the rank of Chief Petty Officer. After attending college through the Navy's Enlisted Commissioning Program, he rose to the rank of Captain and served in critical submarine design, construction, testing, and sustainment positions.

Captain LaSota's final Naval tour was as the 25th Commanding Officer of Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Crane. Following retirement and until his diagnosis in November 2014, he served as the President/CEO of the Battery Innovation Center (BIC), a non-profit organization located at the WestGate Technology Park. He also served on the Board of Directors for Operation Job Ready Veterans (formerly CLEC) which is dedicated to preparing veterans for employment and as the President of the Hoosier Trails Council for Boy Scouts of America.

Survivors include his wife, Teresa (Overton) LaSota of Bloomfield; step-son, Jason (Toby) Pridemore of Bloomfield; step-daughter, Audra (Nelson) Stoll of Loogootee; and son, Matthew (Melissa) LaSota of Plainfield, Illinois; grandchildren, Aiden, Braylen and Caitlyn Pridemore; Parker, Addison and Cole Stoll; and Matthew and Ava LaSota and Nicole and Allison McCoy; his father, Dennis LaSota of Volo, Illinois; his mother-in-law, Winona Overton of Odon; brothers, Richard and Peter and sisters, Carol and Suzi.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Margie and father-in-law, Kenny.

Chuck has been a member of the Boy Scouts of America since 1965 and earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 1972. In 2010 he was recognized as a Distinguished Eagle Scout. He lived his life based on the Scout oath and law by continuing to serve God, his country, and other people. A memorial fund has been established with the Boy Scouts and contributions may be made in Chuck's memory. Hoosier Trails BSA, LaSota Memorial Fund at 5625 E State Road 46, Bloomington IN 47401. There were no funeral services.

DORIS RYAN

Doris Ryan passed away Friday, January 30, 2015 at Loogootee Nursing Center. A resident of Montgomery, she was 95.



DORIS RYAN

She was born June 26, 1919; daughter of the late William and Sarah (Kidwell) Montgomery. She married Leo Ryan November 20, 1941 and he preceded her in death on October 5, 2002.

She retired from UniRoyal after 10 years of service. Doris was a 75-year member of St. Peter Catholic Church, where she was part of the Altar Society. She also was involved with St. Vincent De Paul Society and Daviess County Homemaker Extension Club - Mix and Mingle.

She loved sewing and her family and friends benefited greatly from her sewing skills. She also enjoyed crocheting. Most importantly, the highlight of her life was raising her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

She is survived by her son, Patrick Ryan and wife, Carolyn, of Loogootee; daughters, Sally Halbig and husband, Dan, of

Owensboro, Kentucky; Mary Anna Hesler and husband, John, of Payneville, Kentucky; and Peggy Bridgewater and husband, Charles, of Loogootee; 15 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Leo Ryan; parents; sister, Loretta Hoy-nacki; brothers, Paul, Ernest, Leo, Vetus, Eugene, and Thurman Montgomery.

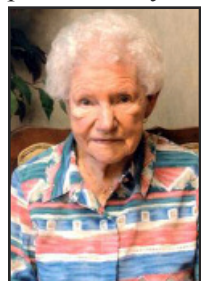
A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday, February 3 at St. Peter Catholic Church in Montgomery, officiated by Rev. Jim Koressel. Burial followed in St. Peter Catholic Cemetery.

Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter Catholic Church. Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

DOROTHY NIGG

Dorothy Nigg, formerly of Loogootee, passed away January 29, 2015 at Good Samaritan Northwood's Retirement Community in Jasper. A resident of Jasper, she was 93.



DOROTHY NIGG

She was born on July 21, 1921; daughter of the late Ott and Maggie (Fry) White.

She was a member of the Loogootee United Methodist Church Super 60's. She was a homemaker and a seamstress and enjoyed sewing, gardening and Indiana Pacers.

She is survived by son, Kenny Nigg and wife, Cheryl, of Hammond; daughters, Judy Meade and husband, Steve, of Washington and Gina Flick and husband, Terry, of Huntingburg; nine grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and 10 step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Nigg; sons, Bill and Jim Nigg; brother, Lolan White; and sisters, Augusta Stone and Goldie Martin.

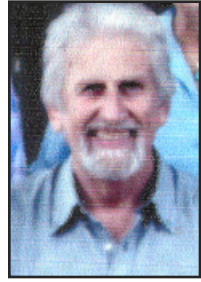
Funeral services were held Saturday, January 31 at Loogootee United Methodist Church. Burial followed in Goodwill Cemetery.

Brocksmith Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements. Contributions may be made to Loogootee United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be made online at brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

GARY THOMPSON

Gary Thompson, age 69, passed away January 29, 2015 at Memorial Hospital in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, he was 69.



GARY THOMPSON

He was born September 30, 1945 in Loogootee; son of the late Harold J. Thompson and Loretta (Burruss) Thompson. He was married to Veda (Jeffers) Thompson for 48 years.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He loved classic cars and loved restoring classic cars. He was very proud of his grandchildren and loved his family very much. He was a kind man with a great sense of humor. He was a great husband, father, grandfather and friend. He was loved by all and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Veda Thompson; daughters, Kim Bowling and husband, Stacey; Leah Stanley, and Alisha Bailey and husband, Carroll; sisters, Beverly Kay Hedrick, Carla Harbison and husband, Mike; and Leah Tolbert and husband, Bill; grandchildren, Nicholas Bowling, Kristen June (David), Tori Stanley, Connor Bailey, Sara Bailey, and Hannah Bailey; great-grandchild, Terra June.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Loretta Thompson.

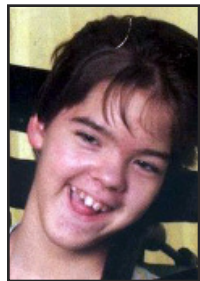
A Mass of Christian Burial was cele-

brated Monday, February 2 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee, officiated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker. Burial followed in Goodwill Cemetery.

Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be made online at brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

JESSICA TROUTMAN

Jessica A. Troutman passed away Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at Major Hospital in Shelbyville. A resident of Shoals, she was 14.



She was born June 21, 2000; daughter of Chris and Alisha (Taylor) Troutman.

She attended Shoals Elementary School and Especially Kidz in Shelbyville. She was a member of Hindostan United Methodist Church. She loved her family, friends and being with her peers at school.

She enjoyed watching Reba and cartoons on television.

She is survived by parents, Chris and Alisha (Taylor) Troutman of Shoals; twin brother, Phillip David Troutman; maternal grandfather, Larry Taylor of Eckerty; paternal grandparents, Loland and Bonnie (Cobb) Troutman of Shoals; paternal great-grandmother, Ruth Taylor of Loogootee; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She is preceded in death by maternal grandmother, Bonnie (Bowman) Taylor; maternal great-grandparents, Harold and Laura Bowman; paternal great-grandparents, Lee and Hazel Cobb and John and Mamie Troutman; maternal great-grandfather, Ernest Taylor.

Funeral services were conducted this morning, Wednesday, February 4 at Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in Hindostan United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hindostan United Methodist Church. Condolences may be made online at www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

KAREN SMITH

Karen Smith passed away Monday, February 2, 2015 at her home. A resident of Montgomery, she was 68.



She was born October 25, 1946; daughter of the late Ernest and Alice (Cochran) Fry.

Her passion in life was watching her grandchildren play basketball. When she wasn't able to attend the basketball game, she was always listening on the radio. She loved the Barr-Reeve Vikings, Indianapolis Colts, Indiana Pacers, Indiana University Basketball and St. Louis Cardinals.

She was a 1964 graduate of Loogootee High School. She was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. She was a medical receptionist for many years and retired from Valley Optical.

She is survived by daughters, Shannon Neukam of Dubois, Terri Swartzentruber and husband, PJ, of Montgomery, and Dawn Smith of Indianapolis; best friends, Margaret Hall of Loogootee and Mike O' Bryan of Washington; grandchildren, Garrett Neukam of Dubois and friend, Dana Fuhrman, of Jasper; Wyllie Neukam of Dubois, Wyatt Neukam of Dubois, and Josh, Matt, Seth, Allison, Mackenzie, Nick and Hannah Swartzentruber, all of Montgomery.

She is preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday, February 5 at Providence Mennonite Church in Montgomery. Burial will follow in Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee.

Visitation will be Wednesday, February 4 from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Providence

Mennonite Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Emily Lengacher Scholarship Foundation or Barr-Reeve Scholarship Foundation.

Condolences may be made online at www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

NORMA SCHLAEGEL

Norma Jean Schlaegel died at 5:38 a.m. Monday, January 26, 2015 in Memorial Hospital, Jasper following an extended illness. A resident of Shoals, she was 75.

She was born August 25, 1939, in Ross County; daughter of the late Rev. Harry H. and Ethel Shoemaker Knisley. On May 21, 1961, she married Joe H. Schlaegel who survives.

She was a member of Plug Run Church of Christ in Christian Union. She had formerly worked for Golden Corral.

Also surviving are sons, Rev. Mike (Becky) Schlaegel, of Shoals and Robert (Tonya) Schlaegel of Chillicothe; five grandchildren; a great grandson; brothers, Wayne (Linda) Knisley of Circleville and Gerald Knisley of Chillicothe; sisters, Opal Horsley, Joyce Knisley and Becky (Jerry) Niver, all of Chillicothe; and many nieces and nephews.

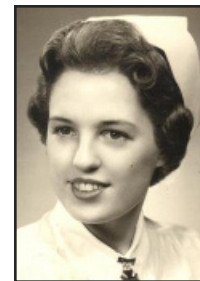
She was preceded in death by a son, Joe Schlaegel; an infant sister, Beverly; and a brother, Harry "Bud" Knisley.

Funeral services were held Friday, January 30 in the Ware Funeral Home with Rev. David Mar Hoover officiating. Burial followed in Twin Township Cemetery.

You may sign her online register at www.warefh.com.

VIRGINIA STRANGE

Virginia Sue Gootee Strange passed away January 28, 2015, at the Loogootee Nursing Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 77.



She was born June 17, 1936; daughter of the late Cletus and Theresa Gootee.

She was a 1955 graduate of St. John High School. She earned her R.N. at St. Vincent School of Nursing in 1958 where she served as class president. She worked for many years at the Daviess County Hospital as the supervisor in the Intensive Care Unit. She also worked for several years at Dunn Memorial Hospital in Bedford as a recovery room nurse.

She was passionate about being a good nurse and caring for those in need. Her peers and her patients treasured Sue for her competence and her caring. Her nursing career was cut short by a serious traffic accident in 1993. She and her husband, Tom, learned to love cruises as they expanded their horizons to the Caribbean, the Pacific, the Atlantic, the Mediterranean and three very memorable trips to Rome in 2000, 2003 and 2005.

Sue was a devoted basketball fan (St. John's Eagles, Loogootee Lions, IU Hoosiers) and football fan (Notre Dame).

She is survived by her husband, Thomas Strange; brother, Frank Gootee (Nancy); sister, Julie (Rick) Turner and children, Andrea and Max Turner; uncle, Joseph Louis Padgett; two brothers-in-law, Tim and Ed Strange; four sisters-in-law, Karen Norris, Joan (Leo) Haag, Kay Love and Francie (Fred) Doyle and more than 20 nieces and nephews on the Strange side.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her daughter, Terri Sullivan Calloway.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday, January 31 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee, officiated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Martin County Community Foundation, Terri Sullivan Calloway - Nursing Scholarship.

Condolences may be made online at brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

2:59 a.m. - Received a report of a subject walking along US 50 near Rama Dye Road. Deputy Harmon transported the subject to Loogootee.

3:26 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

9:25 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver southbound on US 231 approaching Loogootee. All on-duty officers were advised.

9:37 a.m. - Received a report of a dog not having proper shelter. Deputy Dant responded.

12:41 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

1:30 p.m. - Deputy Dant transported one inmate to court.

3:31 p.m. - Received a request for an officer to assist the department of child services south of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

3:52 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver eastbound on US 50 near Peeks Road. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

5:05 p.m. - Received a request for two VIN checks. Sergeant Keller completed the detail.

5:38 p.m. - Received a report of a broken down vehicle on US 231 near Hoffman Road. Sergeant Keller responded.

7:20 p.m. - Received a report of a broken down vehicle on US 231 near Truelove Church Road. Sergeant Keller responded.

9:50 p.m. - Received a report of harassing text messages south of Shoals. Deputy Harmon was advised.

11:57 p.m. - Received a report of a verbal

domestic dispute south of Loogootee. Deputy Harmon responded.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

1:48 a.m. - Received a report of a fully engulfed house fire in Shoals. The Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, Martin County EMS, and Duke Energy responded.

4:23 a.m. - Received a request for road conditions. Dispatch advised of conditions.

5:17 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on US 231 on the bridge at the Martin-Dubois County line. Deputy Harmon and the Haysville Fire Department responded.

5:41 a.m. - Received a report of a rekindle at the house fire in Shoals. The Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:26 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane Village. Martin County EMS and the Crane Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to St. Vincent Dunn Hospital, Bedford.

6:30 a.m. - Received a report of a second vehicle crash with no injury on US 231 on the bridge at the Martin-Dubois County line. Deputy Harmon and the Haysville Fire Department on scene.

7:35 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on US 50 west of Rama Dye Road. Deputy Dant responded.

8:30 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle slide off on Mill Road north of US 150. Deputy Dant responded.

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Dant transported one inmate to court.

10:40 a.m. - Deputy Dant transported four inmates to court.

11:30 a.m. - Sergeant Keller transported one inmate to court.

12:28 p.m. - Received a report of a possible

shots fired east of Shoals on US 150. Sergeant Keller, Major Burkhardt, Deputy Dant, Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, and ISP Trooper Stailey responded.

2:00 p.m. - Deputy Dant transported two inmates to court.

3:05 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on US 231 near Ranglesville Road. Chief Deputy Greene and Martin County EMS responded.

3:30 p.m. - Received a report of an aggressive dog in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

5:15 p.m. - Received a report of gas smell at a residence in Shoals. The Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

8:21 p.m. - Received a report of a rekindle at the house fire in Shoals. The Shoals Fire Department responded.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

2:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

7:23 p.m. - Received a request to remove subjects from a property in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

8:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

7:43 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on US 231 near Wattertank Road. Deputy Dant responded.

7:53 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

8:56 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS transported to St. Vincent Dunn Hospital, Bedford.

10:30 a.m. - Two inmates were transported to court.

2:00 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene, Major Burkhardt, and Deputy Dant transported six inmates to court.

3:14 p.m. - Received a report of a possible gas leak south of Shoals. The Lost River Fire Department and White River Co-Op responded.

6:54 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

12:08 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver northbound on US 231 from Haysville. All on-duty officers were advised.

8:22 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

11:53 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

12:40 p.m. - Received a report of a residential burglar alarm north of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

1:00 p.m. - One inmate was transported to court.

1:52 p.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm at the Martin County Community Building. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:53 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver northbound on US 231 from Whitfield. All on-duty officers were advised.

4:04 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Good Samaritan Hospital, Vincennes.

4:40 p.m. - Received a report of a house fire in Shoals. The Shoals Fire Department responded.

5:55 p.m. - Received a report of harassment southeast of Shoals. Deputy Baker responded.

7:37 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

9:19 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Baker and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

12:54 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance south of Loogootee. Deputy Baker responded.

1:08 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance east of Loogootee. Deputy Baker and Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

7:09 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on US 231 near Hoffman Road. Sergeant Keller responded.

9:56 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

10:23 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver northbound on US 231 from Haysville. All on-duty officers were advised.

10:32 a.m. - Received a report of a property dispute in Shoals. Sergeant Keller and Sheriff Roush responded.

10:33 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

10:48 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Sergeant Keller, ISP Trooper Lents, IU Health Bedford EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded.

2:40 p.m. - A subject came to the Martin County Sheriff's Department to report a theft. Sergeant Keller took the report.

3:56 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on US 231 near Lumpkin Road. Loogootee Captain Akles and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

1:35 a.m. - Received a report of an injured deer in the roadway on US 231 at 250 N.

10:17 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles, ISP Trooper Lents, and Martin County EMS responded.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of tree across the roadway on State Road 550 near Spout Springs Road. INDOT responded.

5:14 p.m. - Received a report of a child custody dispute at the Loogootee Police Department parking lot. Loogootee Captain Akles and Sergeant Keller responded.

8:33 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on Main Street in Shoals. Deputy Harmon and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

4:50 p.m. - Received a report of a custody issue in Loogootee. Sergeant Keller spoke with the complainant.

10:25 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism to a sign in Shoals. Deputy Harmon responded.



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Bids will be accepted until close of business February 27th, 2015.

Bid proposals may be forwarded to Goodwill Cemetery Association in care of Lett and Jones Attorney office. The Association reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal or proposals.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

7:50 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a broken down vehicle on Butcher Boulevard.
8:20 a.m. - Female came on station to report a theft of a bicycle. Bike was later located.

9:20 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231. Chief Rayhill located the vehicle and spoke with the driver.

11:30 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted Duke Energy on Broadway Street.

6:39 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to East Broadway Street for a child custody issue.

7:25 p.m. - Officers were notified to be on the look out for a vehicle that was involved in a hit-and-run accident in Jasper.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

9:30 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a broken down vehicle on North Line Street.

10:40 a.m. - Chief Rayhill transported a male to Daviess Community Hospital for a mental evaluation.

1:00 p.m. - Female caller reported an arrow stuck in the door facing of her home.

5:30 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

5:34 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

7:26 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious persons in Sunset Trailer Court. Captain Hennette located and spoke with them.

8:35 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on SW 2nd Street.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

8:40 a.m. - Caller requested an officer to speak with their child about not wanting to go to school.

9:48 a.m. - A male came on station to report an arrow had been shot at his garage door.

4:49 p.m. - Caller reported a minor prop-

erty damage accident at Blake Car Wash.

5:50 p.m. - Female caller reported a phone scam involving Publishers Clearinghouse.

7:51 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

8:30 a.m. - A male came on station to request assistance in obtaining personal property from a residence on North Line Street.

8:30 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious odor on Lincoln Avenue.

5:13 p.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a 911 hang up in Country Place Apartments.

9:46 p.m. - Female caller reported harassment.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

12:08 a.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231. Vehicle was located and the driver checked out okay.

9:20 a.m. - Captain Akles assisted with a funeral procession.

6:27 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles. A suspect name was given.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

10:23 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

10:53 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Dewey Street.

11:53 a.m. - Dorothy Allbright, of Shoals, reported her 2008 Chevy had been struck while parked at CVS. The other driver was located and was unaware he had struck the Allbright vehicle.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

10:17 a.m. - Captain Akles responded to a domestic dispute on Wood Street.

5:19 p.m. - Male reported a child custody issue.

8:44 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious persons on West Washington Street.

8:55 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

Martin County real estate transfers

Brian S. Truelove and Tracy S. Truelove, of Martin County, Indiana to **Marvin W. Bailey and Carroll Bailey**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, in the Town of Shoals, Indiana.

Kenneth L. Halcomb, of Morgan County, Indiana to **Marvin Lengacher and Naomi Lengacher**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of Section 25, Township 5 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana containing 157.06 acres, more or less.

Kenneth L. Halcomb, of Morgan County, Indiana to **Wagler Mini Barn Products**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the west half of the northeast quarter and a part of the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 5 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana containing 59.52 acres, more or less.

Robert K. Moffett, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jeffrey L. Teague and Rhea F. Teague**, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lot Numbered 9 in Block "E" in Loogootee Land Company's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Gregory A. Tush, of Washington County, Indiana to **Terry E. Kerns and Alyssa Kerns**, of Martin County, Indiana, the west half of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 11, Township 1 North, Range 3 West containing 20 acres, more or less.

Kerr Family Limited Partnership, of Martin County, Indiana to **Donald E. Kerr and Teri J. Kerr**, of Martin County, Indiana, that portion of the northeast quarter of Section 35, Township 4 North, Range 4 West of the second principal meridian, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 1.770 acres, more or less.

Martin County Court News

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

CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed January 9

Jesus B. Torres-Valdez, two counts of forgery, Class 6 Felonies; counterfeiting, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

January 13

Richard A. Walton, possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction.

Christopher W. Davis, battery on a person less than 14 years old, a Class 6 Felony.

January 15

Cody J. Flinn, four counts of child molesting, two Class 3 Felonies and two Class 4 Felonies.

January 20

Rejan K. Allen, operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

David H. Sorrells, operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Nickolas Clingerman, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony; two counts of maintaining a common nuisance, Class 6 Felonies; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor; unlawful possession of a police radio, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Jessic L. Bates, possession of a narcotic drug, a Class 6 Felony; possession of a synthetic drug or synthetic drug look-a-like substance, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Jason L. Moffitt, maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; habitual offender sentence enhancement.

January 22

Robert E. Taylor, operating a motor vehicle after forfeiture of license for life, a Class 5 Felony.

Dylan V. Bruner, sexual misconduct with a minor, a Class C Felony.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED January 5

Dylan T. Beyers, maintaining a common nuisance, a Class D Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; two counts of public

intoxication, Class B Misdemeanors, dismissed; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; two counts of disorderly conduct, Class B Misdemeanors, dismissed; battery, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; two counts of resisting law enforcement, Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed; possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

James A. Booher, driving while suspended with prior conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

January 8

Blake L. Burch, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

January 9

Joshua Troy Rush, driving while suspended with prior conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; three counts of possession of a controlled substance, Class D Felonies, dismissed; public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; two counts of neglect of a dependent, Class D Felonies, dismissed; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed January 21

Robert L. Spurgeon vs. Kimberly S. Spurgeon, petition for dissolution of marriage.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed January 21

Anna Furgal and Andy Rucker vs. Fanessa Burch, complaint.

Jay M. and Cynthia M. Smith vs. Rhonda Hardwick, complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSES February 2

Travis Shane Bauernfiend of Shoals and Jennifer Lynn Witt of Shoals.



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JAIL BOOKINGS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

1:52 p.m. - Robert L. Earps, 50, of Bedford, was arrested on a Brown County warrant. Earps is being held awaiting extradition to Brown County and was arrested by Sergeant Keller.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

6:58 a.m. - James Mesarosh, 37, of Shoals, was arrested for dealing methamphetamine. Mesarosh is being held without bond and was arrested by ISP Trooper Sexton.

7:26 a.m. - Kevin B. Streete, 60, of Loogootee, was arrested for conspiracy to deal methamphetamine, dealing methamphetamine, and as a habitual offender. Streete is being held on \$250,000 cash only bond and was arrested by ISP Trooper Sexton.

7:29 a.m. - Tiffany Baugh, 26, of Shoals, was arrested for dealing methamphetamine. Baugh is being held on \$50,000 or 10% bond and was arrested by ISP Trooper Sexton.

7:33 a.m. - Michael T. Kline, 45, of Loogootee, was arrested for conspiracy to deal methamphetamine, dealing methamphetamine and with prior convictions. Kline is being held without bond and was arrested by ISP Trooper Sexton.

7:47 a.m. - Frank Nolley, 55, of Loogootee, was arrested for possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance, and possession of paraphernalia. Nolley is being held on \$50,000 or 10% bond and was arrested by ISP Trooper Sexton.

8:59 a.m. - Sheila Taylor, 39, of Rossville, was arrested for conspiracy to deal methamphetamine, dealing methamphetamine, and possession of methamphetamine. Taylor is being held without bond and was arrested by ISP Trooper Sexton.

7:28 p.m. - Bryce J. Wilson, 31, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Police

after a traffic stop. Wilson was charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and transported to the Daviess County Security Center. Officer Nolan was the arresting officer.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

9:27 p.m. - Kenneth Fleetwood, Jr., 53, of Bedford, was arrested on a failure to appear warrant out of Monroe County. Fleetwood, Jr. is being held without bond and was arrested by ISP Trooper Beaver.

9:29 p.m. - Leia Epperson, 32, of Shoals, was arrested for battery. Epperson is being held without bond and was arrested by Deputy Baker.

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Shown above are the students that collected money for Aid for Africa. From left to right, are Makenzie VanHoy, Jordan Wildman, Jaelyn Walker, Aaron Dant and Macy McAtee.

Loogootee School Great Kindness Challenge

Loogootee Middle School students accepted the challenge to make the world a better place. Students in Nicole Wade's 6th grade class participated in The Great Kindness Challenge, the week of January 26-30.

The Great Kindness Challenge is a week-long, nationwide challenge to do small acts of kindness to make someone's day a bit brighter.

Students worked in groups to plan and carry out their ideas. One group collected money to send to Aid for Africa, an organization that helps children in need. Another group made bracelets to remind their

friends about the Great Kindness Challenge. The last group made postcards with kindness quotes to share with their friends. In addition, each day, a student shared a quote about kindness over the school intercom.

"The students in my class have worked hard to do their part to make our school a better place. I am proud of their ability to work together to achieve a common goal. This is a good groups of students. They all have kind hearts and are working hard to share their talents with others," said Ms. Wade, their teacher.



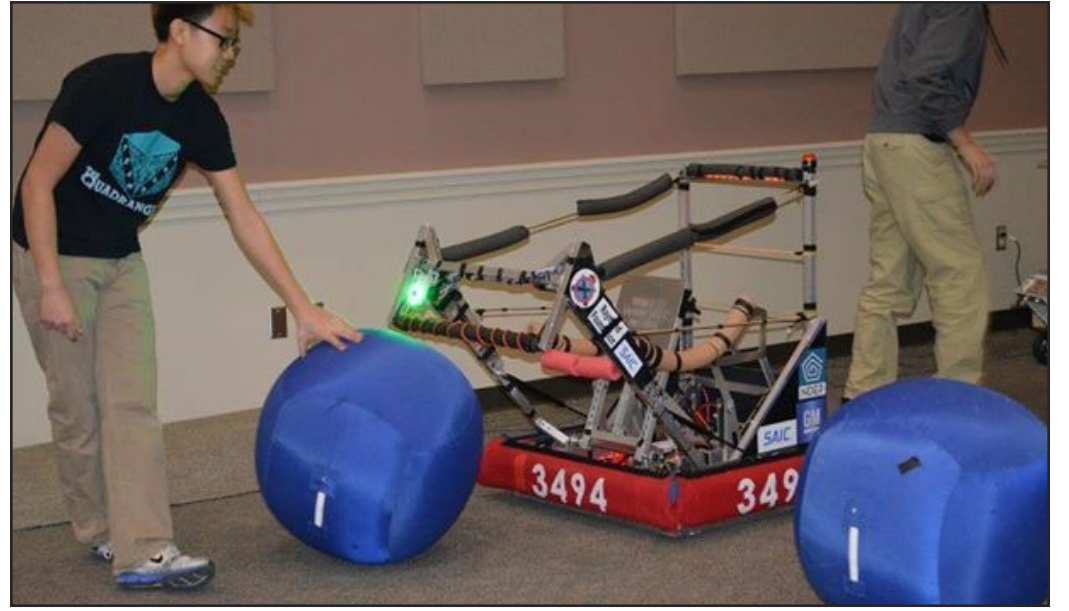
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Shown are students sharing bracelets with their friends. They are Maria Chestnut, Shea Arthur, Jarod Sullivan, Brittany Walker, Jordan Wildman, Matthew Poole and Billy Wetter.



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Sharing kindness quotes with their friends are Delani BAteman, Karissa Hunt, Kaylee Auterson, Sirena Nuggent, Cody Carrico, Stanley Wagler, Tyler Wagoner and Aaron Todd.



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Students are shown above displaying robotics projects at the 2014 Team Crane Science Fair.

31st Annual Team Crane Science Fair now taking entries

The 31st Annual Team Crane Science Fair is currently accepting entries for its 2015 contest, with cash prizes for winners. The science fair will be held at the WestGate Academy Conferencing and Training Center on April 22, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

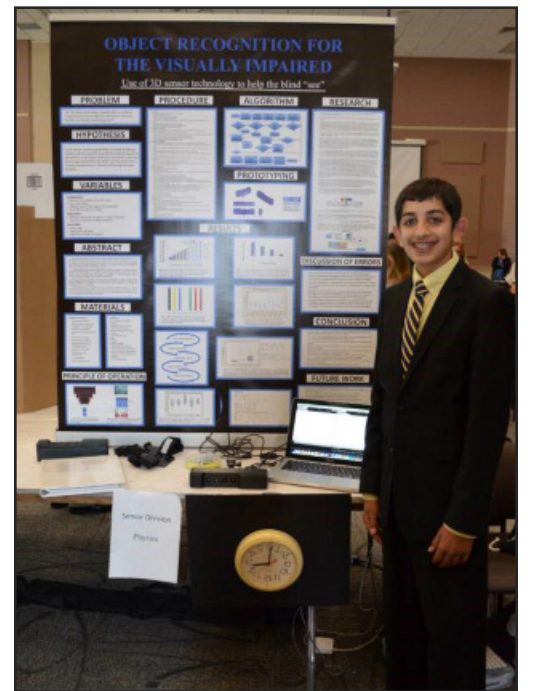
The science fair is open to all students (public, private, and home school) statewide, grades 6-12. Entries will be accepted in the following categories:

- Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Chemistry and Bio Chemistry
- Consumer Science
- Earth Space and Environmental Science
- Inventions
- Mathematics and Computers
- Medicine and Health
- Biology
- Physics

The deadline to enter is Thursday, April 2, 2015. Entries can be completed online at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1XQvdWC4JITp5KefyT2YQDGUF0SITf5DiWm-PqWdxbrzk/viewform>.

Volunteers are also needed to serve as judges and to provide general assistance. To register as a volunteer, visit www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0948a9ac2da5fc1-team.

All links are available at the WestGate@Crane Technology Park website at <http://westgatecrane.com/sciencefair/>.



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The Team Crane Science Fair is open to students grades 6-12 throughout the state of Indiana.

For more information, please contact Tina Closser, florentina.closser@navy.mil or 812-854-3882

Melissa Pittman, melissa.pittman@stimulusengineering.com or 812-863-2756



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Pennies for Kindness

Loogootee Middle School students in Nicole Wade's 6th grade class participated in Pennies for Kindness, a project that is a part of the Great Kindness Challenge. Students Aaron Dant, Macy McAtee, Makenzie VanHoy, Jordan Wildman and Jaelyn Walker worked together to organize the fund drive. They asked their friends, family and neighbors to donate their spare change to Aid for Africa. Aid for Africa uses donations to provide needed medical care, school books and school supplies to children in Africa. The students' efforts raised over \$100 in five school days, with money still being donated. "I'm so proud of their accomplishments. These students took initiative to plan and organize their fundraiser. They also researched the organization they chose to donate their money to," says Nicole Wade, LMS 6th grade teacher. "It shows that a committed group of people can accomplish great things, regardless of age." Shown above are Nicole Wade, Aaron Dant, Macy McAtee, Makenzie VanHoy, Jordan Wildman, and Jaelyn Walker.

Rep. Braun joins Suits and Sneakers at Statehouse

State Rep. Mike Braun (R-Jasper), legislators and staff wore sneakers at the Statehouse last Thursday in support of the “Suits and Sneakers” challenge to raise awareness of the fight against cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), in 2012, 35,000 Hoosiers heard the words “you have cancer,” and of those, 13,000 lost their lives to the disease. The Suits and Sneakers challenge is an annual event sponsored by the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches to help raise cancer awareness and support those affected by it.

“Cancer has a profound impact on the lives of many Hoosier families,” said Rep. Braun. “I was proud to join my fellow legislators today to support the American Cancer Society and their efforts to raise awareness, fighting against this terrible disease.”

State Representative David Wolkins (R-Warsaw), who is currently fighting cancer, has been allowed to remove his tie during session in order to be more comfortable, which male legislators are normally required to wear. In order to show support for their fellow legislator, the Speaker encouraged staff and legislators to remove their ties, while female legislators were encouraged to creatively incorporate a tie into their wardrobes. Legislators and staff also donated to the ACS.

“Along with wearing sneakers, it was an honor to show support for my colleague, Rep. Wolkins, by not wearing a tie for the day,” said Rep. Braun. “I look forward to building on our efforts to put an end to this horrible disease as well as raising awareness to reduce the risk of cancer.”

As a part of the Suits and Sneakers Day,

State of Indiana releases data analytics report on infant mortality

Yesterday, the State of Indiana released a report detailing the findings of an advanced analytics study on the root causes of infant mortality in Indiana. This study, which began in 2013 as a priority project for the Governor’s Management and Performance Hub (MPH) initiative, is the result of a collaboration between the Indiana Office of Technology (IOT), Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) and KSM Consulting (KSMC). Several agencies also contributed to the research-gathering phase, including the Family and Social Services Administration, Department of Child Services, Department of Revenue, Department of Local Government Finance, Department of Corrections, and Department of Workforce Development.

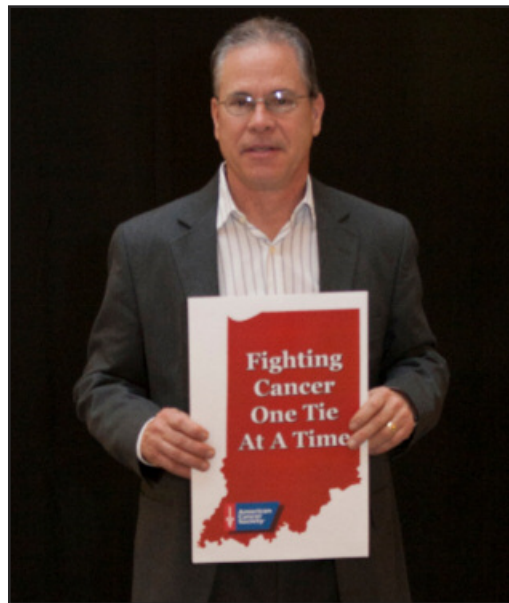
“As I’ve said before, I am an advocate for strong and healthy families, and I believe that with this insight into infant mortality we have the potential to save lives,” said Governor Pence. “In my recommended budget, I asked the General Assembly for \$13.5 million to reduce infant mortality, and this study will allow us to take a practical, data-driven approach to spending those resources at the Indiana State Department of Health in a manner that will improve outcomes.”

Based on the results of this study, MPH has created a tool that will continue research regarding infant mortality risk factors and gauge where and how resources are needed to support positive birth outcomes across the state.

The chief risk factors identified by the study are:

- Inadequate prenatal care: Of all factors studied, access to prenatal care was the most important predictor of adverse outcomes. The study showed that the highest risk of infant deaths is to mothers with less than 10 prenatal visits.

- Medicaid enrollment: Significant disparities exist in infants born to mothers en-



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Rep. Braun is shown above last Thursday supporting Rep. Wolkins and the American Cancer Society as a part of Suits and Sneakers Day.

Coach Greg Lansing of the Indiana State University men’s basketball team represented all Indiana college basketball coaches during his visit to the Statehouse. He encouraged House members and staff to continue to raise awareness on ways to reduce the risk of cancer and follow the ACS’s recommended cancer screening guidelines.

Visit www.cancer.org for more information on how you can help spread the message and fight back against cancer.

Rep. Braun (R-Jasper) represents portions of Daviess, Dubois, Pike and Martin counties. He serves on the ways and means and roads and transportation committees.

rolled in Medicaid, with increased risk for having low birth weight infants.

- Young maternal age: 15- to 20-year old mothers with fewer than 10 prenatal visits were at the highest level of risk for adverse health outcomes. These mothers are most at risk due to a combination of the above, including more likely to have less prenatal care and be enrolled in Medicaid. These are complex risks and this is just the beginning of a comprehensive and collaborative plan to make a true impact on this important issue facing our state.

While identified high-risk subpopulations account for only 1.6 percent of all births in Indiana, they account for nearly 50 percent of infant deaths.

The findings of the report are already changing the way the State of Indiana tackles infant mortality. On January 14, 2015, First Lady Karen Pence and ISDH announced the launch of a new infant mortality public awareness campaign called Labor of Love – Helping Indiana Reduce Infant Death. This campaign, which took advantage of the findings of the report, encourages women who are pregnant or planning to become pregnant to learn more about early and regular prenatal care and other ways to help ensure a healthy pregnancy and first year of life for infants.

“We were able to use preliminary results from the study to help shape the Labor of Love campaign messaging and placement,” said State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H. “For example, because the study identified prenatal care as the top indicator for infant mortality, the importance of prenatal care was the exclusive focus of our television and radio efforts, in addition to being included in online and transit placement.”

More information about the Labor of Love campaign can be found at www.laboroflove.in.gov or by calling 2-1-1.

Hoosier Hot 50 provides info about top jobs through 2022

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) on Monday unveiled an updated tool for Hoosiers seeking guidance about the top high-wage/high-demand careers of today and in the future in Indiana. The Hoosier Hot 50 lists the top 50 high-wage jobs in the state by 2022. First introduced in 2006, it is published every two years by DWD.

“This information will help Hoosiers identify the skills and training needed now and in the coming years to have a successful career,” said Steven J. Braun, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. “I encourage folks of all ages to take a look at HoosierHot50.com and view what the future of Indiana’s workforce will look like and what training and education will be needed to remain relevant in the job market.”

The updated Hoosier Hot 50 features a new website with video profiles of Hoosiers currently working in each position. The profiles provide an inside look at a typical day on the job and how each person broke into that field. The profiles also include data on the number of projected job openings by 2022, average salary and the education/training required

for that career.

Highlights of the updated Hoosier Hot 50

18 new jobs in the Hoosier Hot 50, the most since the list’s inception.

Nearly 90 percent of the careers listed require some type of post-secondary certificate or degree.

ALL jobs require AT LEAST a high school diploma or equivalency and on-the-job training.

The majority of the jobs are in STEM-related fields.

Manufacturing and Healthcare professions account for nearly half of the list.

19 jobs are listed as “Hot Now”, or currently in-demand.

The full list of jobs and profiles are available at www.HoosierHot50.com.

The Hoosier Hot 50 Jobs list is produced by DWD Research and Analysis team. It is based on seven weighted measurements including long-term growth forecasts (2022), job openings due to turnover in the current workforce and salary. The DWD Team that created this forecasting model was honored in 2006 with The Governor’s Public Service Award and has trained other states on this program at the request of the U.S. Department of Labor.

Indiana joins \$1.375 billion settlement with Standard & Poor’s

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller and Secretary of State Connie Lawson announced yesterday that Indiana, the U.S. Department of Justice, 18 other states and the District of Columbia reached a settlement agreement with Standard & Poor’s Financial Services LLC (S&P) resolving allegations that S&P misled investors when it rated structured finance securities in the lead-up to the 2008 financial crisis.

The settlement requires S&P to pay \$1.375 billion, which will be split among the states and the Department of Justice. Indiana will receive \$21.5 million in the settlement, a majority of which will go toward the state General Fund.

The state and federal complaints against S&P alleged that – despite S&P’s repeated statements emphasizing its independence and objectivity – the credit rating agency allowed its analysis to be influenced and shaped by its desire to earn lucrative fees from its investment bank clients. Moreover, the lawsuits alleged S&P knowingly inflated the credit ratings of toxic assets packaged and sold by the Wall Street investment banks. The alleged misconduct which misled investors began as early as 2001 and became particularly egregious between 2004 and 2007.

Structured finance securities backed by subprime mortgages were at the center of the 2008 financial crisis. These financial products, including residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) and collateralized debt obligations (CDOs), derive their value from the monthly payments consumers make on their mortgages. Instruments backed by subprime mortgages – where borrowers by definition are more likely to default – are riskier investments, which S&P’s rating analysis downplayed, leading investors to investment decisions based on faulty assumptions.

“As alleged in our lawsuit, Standard & Poor’s misled investors who believed they were getting objective analysis, which contributed to the worst financial crisis we’ve experienced in decades,” Zoeller said. “This company’s misleading of the investing public created hardship for many, and today’s settlement sends a message that these deceptive practices will not be toler-

ated.”

In June of 2013, the Indiana Attorney General’s Office filed a lawsuit against S&P on behalf of Secretary of State Connie Lawson’s office, which oversees the securities industry in Indiana. Indiana’s complaint alleged that S&P violated the Indiana Uniform Securities Act by misrepresenting the objectivity and independence of its rating process with respect to certain structured finance securities. The complaint did not challenge S&P’s ratings of Indiana’s state and municipal securities.

“I’m pleased that S&P was held accountable for its actions through the enforcement of Indiana’s securities law,” Secretary Lawson said. “Investors deserve accurate and objective ratings when investing and many Hoosiers look to S&P as a trusted and reliable source. We cannot have companies defrauding the marketplace.”

In addition to the financial settlement, S&P has agreed to a statement of facts acknowledging conduct related to its analysis of structured finance securities. S&P also agrees in the settlement to comply with all applicable state laws, and for five years it will cooperate with any request for information from any state expressing concern over a possible violation of state law. Further, the states retain authority to enforce their laws – the same laws used to bring these cases – if S&P engages in similar conduct in the future. The states and federal government have agreed to file stipulated judgments, consent judgments or similar pleadings in their lawsuits in order to implement the terms of the settlement agreement and resolve their respective court proceedings.

Zoeller thanked Indiana’s state and federal partners for the cooperation and coordination that led to yesterday’s settlement announcement.

The other states that are participating in the settlement include: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee and Washington as well as the District of Columbia.

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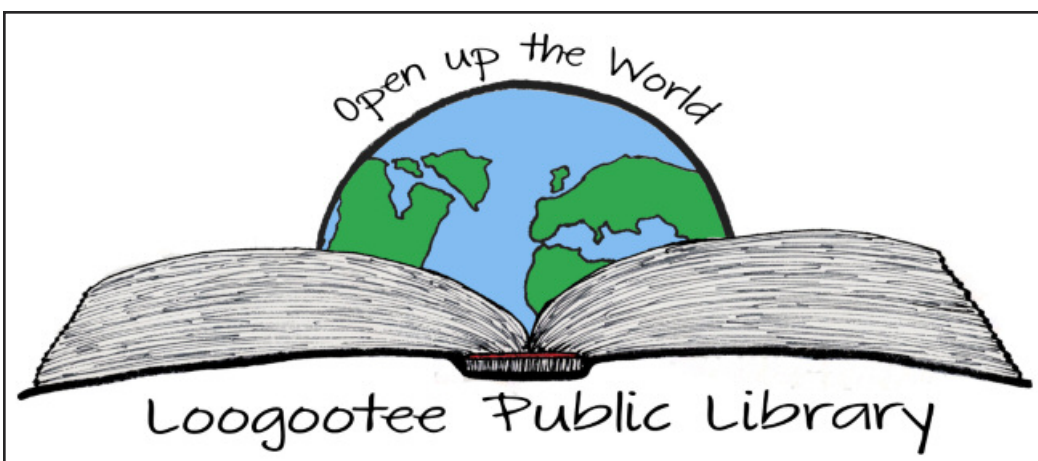
Humane Society featured pet



Kylee is a female boxer mix, around a year old. She is very sweet and gets along well with other dogs. She is scheduled to be spayed next Thursday. Her adoption fee is \$60. If interested in adopting her, stop by the animal shelter at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Shelter hours are Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appt.

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The Loogootee Public Library Monday Pre-K class learned about the letter "B" last week. The kids all made beards for the letter "B".



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

IRS and Indiana tax forms are here. This year the IRS instructions booklets and many of the forms will not be sent to libraries, if you want forms and instructions you can obtain copies of IRS tax forms, instructions and publications through:

IRS.gov/Forms - to view and download
IRS.gov/orderforms - to order tax products to be delivered by mail
1-800-829-3676 - to order tax products to be delivered by mail

Last week, during the Monday pre-K class, kids were introduced to the letter "B" and heard a poem about a man that had a beard. The kids enjoyed making their own beards. This week the theme was Groundhog's Day and a story about Punxsutawney Phil was read. The program ended with a groundhog puppet craft.

The Loogootee Woman's Club graciously donated a new copy of "The Complete Poems of Emily Dickinson" edited by Thomas H. Johnson.

New Books:
Mystery Fiction: "Crash & Burn" by Lisa Gardner and "Obsession in Death" by J.D. Robb.
Fiction: "The Marriage Charm" by Linda Lael Miller and "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah.

Inspirational Fiction: "Miriam's Secret" by Jerry S. Eicher, "The Lost Heiress" by Mary Ellis, "The Amish Clockmaker" by Mindy

Artist will speak about her work Friday at VU

Photographic artist Letitia Huckaby will present a lecture on her work on February 6 at 10 a.m. (EST), in Shircliff Auditorium, followed by a closing reception for the artist at the Shircliff Gallery of Art at 11 a.m. The Gallery and the Auditorium are located inside the Shircliff Humanities Building at the corner of Second and Harrison Streets. Admission is free.

Huckaby's exhibition, "Folktales," is currently on display in the Gallery.

Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays; and noon to 3 p.m. on Sundays. For more information, contact Emily Loehle, gallery director and assistant professor of art and design, 812-888-4316, eloehle@vinu.edu. Information about upcoming exhibitions is available at www.vinu.edu/content/shircliff-gallery-art.

Starns Clark, "the Promise Of Palm Grove" by Shelley Shepard Gray, "Love Gently Falling" by Melody Carlson, AND "Twisted Innocence" by Terri Blackstock.

Non-Fiction: "The Autoimmune Solution" by Amy Myers, M.D.

Children's: "The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure" by Doreen Cronin, "Paw Patrol: Chase Is On The Case" by Carolyn Hay, "Katy Duck and The Secret Valentine" by Alyssa Capucilli, and "Kid Sheriff And The Terrible Toads" by Bob Shea.

DVDs: "The Book of Life" and "The Box-Trolls".

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. Check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Pool donation

The Loogootee Park Board received a check for \$41,000 last Tuesday from Smithville Telephone Company and the Martin County Community Foundation to go toward the rebuilding of the city pool. Shown above, from left to right, are Mark Ellis, park board member; Janie Frye, park board member; Sue Carrico, park board member; Sammi Nelson, park board president; Noel Harty, Loogootee Mayor; Elizabeth Lesem, Smithville Charitable Organization; Darby A. McCarty, president and CEO of Smithville; Beth Lett, Martin County Community Foundation President; Hope Flores, Lawrence-Martin County Community Foundation Area Director; Dan Gregory, Martin County Community Foundation Director; and Karen Slaven, park board member.

Calendar of Events

Talk To A Lawyer on February 5

The next monthly telephone clinic that provides free legal advice and counsel is scheduled for Thursday, February 5. Talk To A Lawyer is a free monthly telephone clinic that allows the general public to call and ask general legal questions and receive general legal advice and counsel. Sponsored by the Volunteer Lawyer Program of SW Indiana, Indiana Bar Foundation and Evansville Bar Foundation, this program provides an opportunity the first Thursday of every month for anyone with a legal question concerning Indiana law, to call in and actually talk to an attorney. To access the clinic, the telephone numbers are: (812) 618-4845 and 888-594-3449. The hours for those individuals on Central time are 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. and for those in the Eastern time zone are 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sons of the American Revolution meeting

The first quarterly meeting of the Daniel Guthrie Chapter, Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution will be held on February 17 at the Free Methodist Church on R Street in Bedford. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and the cost is \$13 each. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. This will be the annual Awards Night where they will be presenting the Law Enforcement and Firefighter Commendation Medals and Certificates. Hero of the year Medal and Certificate will

be presented. They will also be presenting the Bronze Good Citizenship and Outstanding Citizenship awards. Three Edgewood High School girls will receive certificates from the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest. A Eagle Scout Medal, patch and certificate will be presented to an Eagle Scout.

ACCTS Banquet

The ACCTS (Area Churches honoring Christ Together in Service) 13th Annual Banquet will be held Saturday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level of St. John Center in Loogootee. The event is free of charge and the public is invited to attend.

Boy Scouts

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

Cub Scout meetings

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

SOAR Tutoring

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

Tourism meetings

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

Soil and Water meetings

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



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Shown above are member of the RSVP Board of Directors. In the front row, from left to right, are Bonnie Brown, Jan Smith, Karen Powers, Jane Neeley, and JoAnn Dayton. In the middle row, from left to right, are Charlene Johnson, Cathy Padgett, Jeannie Burks, Betty Huelsman, Margaret Clauss, and Jill Cecil. In the back row, from left to right, are Chris Peter, Mark Bledsoe, and Tom Baumert. Not pictured were Van Kavanaugh, Rosie McGuire, Arlene Sobecki, and Kathy Wittmer.

RSVP Board of Directors hold annual meeting

The RSVP Volunteer Center Board of Directors held their annual breakfast and first meeting of 2015 on January 29 at the Washington Community Building. The accomplishments of 2014 and plans for 2015 were discussed. The RSVP Board oversees operations, approves policies and procedures, and assists with activities and projects.

The 2014 annual report was given by Executive Director Kim Herbertz and highlighted the many accomplishments of 2014. A total of 400 volunteers contributed 93,284 hours of service to 52 different agencies and organizations in Daviess and Martin counties. Using the value of an hour of volunteer service as determined by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, those hours translate to over two million dollars' worth of service given to local communities.

RSVP is funded through many sources including the Corporation for National and Community Service, the City of Washington, the Daviess County Commissioners, the Daviess County Community Foundation, the Martin County Community Foundation, United Way of Daviess County, REMC, and local businesses and individuals.

RSVP Volunteers are active men and women age 55 and over. They serve as much or as little as they choose in activities that fit with their available time and interests. The RSVP office is a first stop for those newly retired people who are finding that they have a little too much time on their hands and want to help others in their community.

Purdue expert: Don't delay at first sign of heart attack

BY JUDITH BARRA AUSTIN
Purdue University News Service

Craig Goergen, a Purdue University assistant professor of biomedical engineering, says a new American Heart Association campaign that urges people to call 911 at the first sign of a heart attack can be a life-saver.

Goergen, who studies cardiovascular disease, imaging and mechanics, says fast medical intervention after a heart attack can mean the difference between life and death.

Each and every day, RSVP volunteers directly or indirectly touch the lives of most citizens in our communities. They are responsible for tending the lovely flowers at Eastside Park, screening the vision of children and adults in both counties, visiting and making lap robes for area nursing home residents, hosting the "Little Elves Workshop" for Head Start students, helping in area schools and at community events, providing service at area food pantries and thrift stores, working at Daviess Community Hospital, visiting the sick and homebound, and numerous other tasks and activities.

The 2015 officers of the RSVP Board are Betty Huelsman, president; Jane Neeley, vice-president; Mark Bledsoe, treasurer; and Jeannie Burks, secretary. Other board members include Tom Baumert, Bonnie Brown, Jill Cecil, Margaret Clauss, JoAnn Dayton, Charlene Johnson, Van Kavanaugh, Rosie McGuire, Cathy Padgett, Chris Peter, Karen Powers, Dave Rhoads, Jan Smith, Arlene Sobecki, and Kathy Wittmer.

The mission statement of the RSVP Volunteer Center is: To engage men and women, age 55 and better, in meaningful volunteer service that strengthens the well-being of self and community.

RSVP always welcomes new members. To find out more about the program and current volunteer opportunities, interested persons can visit the office located in the Washington Community Building at Eastside Park or call 812-254-1996.

"Health care providers can give aspirin to prevent further blood clotting and nitroglycerin to reduce the heart's workload and improve blood flow," he said. "They also can administer thrombolytic therapies that can actually dissolve blood clots. Electrical cardiac defibrillation also can be used to stop abnormal heart rhythms that prevent the heart from beating efficiently after a heart attack."

February is American Heart Month, and the American Heart Association has launched its "Don't Die of Doubt" campaign that urges people not to ignore the signs of a heart attack.

Goergen describes these possible signs as a feeling of pressure in the chest; pain in the back, neck, arms or chest; shortness of breath; nausea; or the development of a cold sweat.

He says causes of a heart attack can be increasing age, unhealthy diet, sedentary lifestyle and genetics. A calculator to estimate risk of a heart attack can be found at http://my.americanheart.org/professional/StatementsGuidelines/Prevention-Guidelines_UCM_457698_SubHomePage.jsp

Goergen is among several researchers at Purdue who are focusing on improving the diagnosis and treatment of heart disease. More information about their work can be found at www.purdue.edu/newsroom/releases/2014/Q4/ultrasound-revealing-secrets-of-deadly-abdominal-aortic-aneurysms.html

Cervical cancer screening is crucial to prevention

Like most cancers, cervical cancer has the potential to be serious, even fatal, but unlike many cancers, it is almost completely preventable. According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 12,360 women were diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer in 2014, and more than 4,000 deaths occurred as a result of cervical cancer nationwide. In Indiana, approximately 240 new cases of cervical cancer, and 100 cervical cancer-related deaths occurred during 2012.

Hoosier women can reduce their cervical cancer risk by getting routine screenings, getting recommended vaccines that can help prevent cancer and avoiding controllable risk factors. By protecting themselves from the human papillomavirus (HPV), getting recommended Pap screenings and avoiding tobacco, women can greatly reduce their risk for cervical cancer.

The greatest risk factor for cervical cancer is exposure to HPV. The virus is spread through sexual contact. Two high-risk HPV strains (HPV 16 and HPV 18) account for more than 70 percent of all cervical cancer cases, according to the National Cancer Institute.

Two vaccines, Gardasil and Cervarix, have been shown to protect against most cervical cancers. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend vaccination for females and males ages 11 through 26. According to the National Immunization Survey, only 54 percent of females and 18 percent of males ages 13-17 in Indiana received the first dose in the three dose series of HPV vaccine. Compared to other teen vaccines, 91 percent of males and females age 13-17 received Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) and 94 percent received meningitis in Indiana, coverage rates of HPV vaccine are extremely low.

"By having a conversation with younger adult women and men and parents of adolescents and teens, providers have a unique opportunity to reduce the burden of cancer in the state," said State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H.

There are two screening tests that can help prevent cervical cancer or find it at an early stage, when treatment is most success-

ful. The Pap test looks for cell changes on the cervix that might become cancerous if they aren't treated appropriately. The HPV test looks for the virus that can cause these cell changes.

The United States Preventive Services Task Force recommends screening for cervical cancer in women ages 21 to 65 years with a Pap test every three years; or, for women ages 30 to 65 who want to lengthen the screening interval, screening with a combination of a Pap test and an HPV test every five years. Some women may need to have a different screening schedule for cervical cancer due to their medical history. It is important to talk to your doctor to see what is right for you in regards to screening.

According to the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, during 2012, 76.4 percent of Indiana women age 21 and older reported having had a Pap test during the past three years. Indiana is ranked 48th nationally for Pap testing rates.

Another high risk factor for cervical cancer is smoking. Women who smoke are about twice as likely as non-smokers to get cervical cancer. To quit smoking or to help someone you care about quit, contact the Indiana Tobacco Quitline at 1-800-QUIT NOW (1-800-784-8669).

If you don't have health care coverage or access to a doctor, see if you're eligible for the new Healthy Indiana Plan—HIP 2.0—by visiting www.HIP.IN.gov or calling 1-877-GET-HIP-9. Also, the Indiana Breast and Cervical Cancer Program provides access to breast and cervical cancer screenings, diagnostic testing and treatment for underinsured women who qualify for services. To find out if you qualify for this program, call the Indiana Family Helpline at 1-855-HELP-1ST (1-855-435-7178).

To learn more about the HPV vaccine, visit www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/Vaccines/HPV/hpv_faqs.html. Visit the Indiana State Department of Health at www.StateHealth.in.gov. For important health and safety tips, follow us on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/isdh1.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

If groundhogs are to be believed, we should have six more weeks of winter. That will put us very near the first day of spring. On Monday morning, I looked out my window to see silvery snowflakes in the morning sunlight. A dozen male cardinals and literally hundreds of other birds flocked to the feeders, resulting in a scene that rivals any snow globe ever made. I love to watch the seasons and the garden change, but I am certainly looking forward to spring.

It is time for some garden work. If you want to raise onions from seed, now is the time to plant. Onion seeds are very small, so it is best to take the packet of seed and mix it with some coarse sand to get better spacing of the seed. As I have advocated in the past, it is best to use a soil-free planting medium to start seedlings. Garden centers will have bags of seed-starting mix that will do well. Onions are not particularly difficult to grow from seed, but getting off to a good start is the most important step.

Onions will germinate best in a covered container. Plastic trays with a clear domed lid are excellent for this job. Fill the container with the seed-starting mix and moisten it, pressing it down lightly to settle the mix. Scatter the seed and sand mixture on the surface and press the mix into the seed-starting mix. You do not need to cover the seed. Many types of onion seed need light for germination, so just press down to ensure good contact with the soil. Cover the container with the plastic dome, which will help keep the growing medium moist.

Heat is another necessity for good germination of onion seed. I have found that bot-

tom heat works the best. You may place the tray on an electric heating mat, available at most garden centers. If you do not have a mat or want to buy one, supply bottom heat in another way. I have successfully started onion seeds by setting the tray over the pilot light on a gas range. I have also put trays on the top of the refrigerator to get seeds to germinate.

Watch the tray carefully. It needs to remain moist, but be careful when watering not to displace the seeds. It is best to use a spray bottle with a light mist setting to water the seed bed. The covering should hold the moisture, so watering will not be a daily chore.

Once the seeds have germinated and you see the slender green onion leaves, move the tray into a sunny window. You will need to turn the tray often to prevent the onions from growing toward the light. If you have grow lights, place them a few inches above the top of the tray for best results. As the onions grow taller, you will need to remove the cover. By that time, you may wish to give the new plants a little liquid fertilizer, but do not overdo it. If the leaves get too all and spindly, use scissors to cut them back. You will have better onions in the long run. The plants should be ready for the garden in about six weeks.

While onions grown from sets are fine for green onions, seed-grown plants or onions grown from purchased plants are preferable for producing larger bulbs for storage. Those tiny seeds planted in February will become the onion slices of summer picnics. Bring on the burgers.

DNR to offer value packages at Boat, Sport and Travel Show

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources will be at the Indy Boat, Sport & Travel Show, February 20 through March 1, offering promotions that make enjoying the outdoors more affordable and educational nature programs.

For only \$99, the SPR GO! Trails and Waves Package offers Hoosiers:

- An Annual Entrance Pass to Indiana's 32 state parks and reservoirs.
- A one-year subscription to Outdoor Indiana magazine.
- A 2014 Motorized Lake Permit.
- Your choice of a \$40 gift card for DNR

Producers invited to attend FSA's Farm Bill meeting

The Daviess-Martin Farm Service Agency is hosting a Farm Bill meeting on Friday, February 6 at 1 p.m. at the Washington Carnegie Public Library located at 300 W Main Street in Washington. The meeting is free and open to the public.

FSA will review a power point presentation that will include information about the new Farm Bill programs. The presentation will help producers understand their enrollment decisions regarding the Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs. Learning more about ARC and PLC is extremely important for producers who must make a one-time decision about base and yield updates as well as ARC or PLC election and enrollment decisions.

RSVPs are greatly appreciated by February 4, 2015. Please call 812-254-4780 ext 2 to RSVP or with any questions.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting/event/function should contact Fears at the above number or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 by February 4, 2015.

campsite rental or a \$40 gift certificate for use at any of the seven Indiana State Park Inns.

- Four Centennial Booklets, each detailing the history of an individual state park or lake.

- An SPR GO! signature sportpack. The value of the SPR GO! Trails and Waves Package is \$143, for a savings of \$44.

"Family budgets are tight and we want to make it just a little easier for Hoosiers to 'Get Outside,' which is what 'GO!' stands for," said Dan Bortner, director of the DNR Division of State Parks.

The SPR GO! Trails and Waves Package also is available for purchase at InnsGifts.com. Online sales will include the option of an Annual Horse Tag instead of a Motorized Lake Permit.

Visitors also can buy 2015 fishing and hunting licenses and other permits, camping gift cards in \$25, \$50 and \$100 denominations, and other DNR offerings, and pick up the 2015 DNR Recreation Guide and 2015 DNR Fishing Guide for free.

On Saturday, February 21 and again on Sunday, March 1, the DNR booth will offer a Birds of Prey program with live raptors.

On Sunday, February 22, visitors can meet the furry conservation officers (dogs) in DNR Law Enforcement's K9 unit.

Also on Sunday February 22, and again on Saturday February 28, visitors can see a dozen or more native Indiana snakes, and will even be able to touch one or two.

On Saturday February 21 and 28, the DNR Go FishIN program will teach fish identification, fish handling, knot tying, and rod rigging.

From Thursday, February 26, through Sunday, March 1, invasive species experts will be on hand to teach boaters and anglers how they can help slow the spread of invasive species into Indiana waters.

2014 state park deer reduction report available

Volunteer hunter hunters took 1,004 deer during controlled hunts at 18 state parks and one state natural area in November and December of 2014, according to Mike Mycroft, chief of natural resources for the DNR Division of State Parks.

A full report is available at dnr.IN.gov/parklake/files/sp-DeerRMRR.pdf

The controlled hunts were November 17-18 and December 1-2 at Brown County, Chain O'Lakes, Charlestown, Clifty Falls, Fort Harrison, Harmonie, Indiana Dunes, Lincoln, McCormick's Creek, Ouabache, Pokagon, Potato Creek, Prophetstown, Shakamak, Spring Mill, Summit Lake, Tippecanoe River and Whitewater Memorial state parks, and at Cave River Valley State Natural Area.

Indiana state parks cover more than 65,000 acres of land and are home to unique plants

and valuable wildlife habitat. Controlled hunts help protect these areas by reducing browsing by deer and allowing vegetation to recover.

"The overall quality of habitat has been greatly improved for several plants and animals, including the deer," Mycroft said. "But the program also ensures healthier forests, wetlands, savannas and prairies moving into the future."

Each park is evaluated annually to determine which require a controlled hunt the next year. Decisions are based largely on previous harvest information. About one-third of the parks have achieved a maintenance status and regularly take a year off from controlled hunts.

Hunters interested in participating in 2015 can find details starting in July at dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/5834.htm

Crop seminar focuses on grain storage, management

BY DARRIN PACK
Purdue University News Service

With on-farm stocks of corn and soybeans up significantly following last year's record yields, organizers of the upcoming South-west Indiana Crop Seminar decided to focus this year's program on grain storage and management issues.

The seminar, sponsored by Purdue Extension, will take place February 27 from noon to 4 p.m. EST at the Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds Clover Pavilion, 4157 S. State route 162, Huntingburg.

"We chose topics specifically to help farmers, private applicators and crop advisers learn how to handle the very large amounts of grain that have gone into storage," said Kenneth Eck, Extension educator in Dubois County. "In some cases, farmers might be storing crops on their own property for the first time."

Speakers and topics are:

- * Klein Ileleji, associate professor of agri-

cultural and biological engineering: Proactive stored grain management strategies.

* Charles Woloshuk, professor of botany and plant pathology: The basics of stored grain molds, mycotoxins and post-harvest grain-handling issues.

* Mike Manning, agricultural engineer: Grain bin safety.

* Mahsa Fardisi, entomologist: Grain insect management.

Eck will also provide an overview of basic pesticide information.

The seminar counts as one of three meetings required for private applicator recertification. The fee for recertification credit is \$10. Participants requesting credit must bring their pesticide cards and attend the entire program.

Organizers have applied for continuing education credits.

For more information, visit the Purdue Extension Dubois County website at <https://extension.purdue.edu/dubois>.

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Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton
NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

We live in a fast-paced world. I remember quite well having to read published research "papers," magazine articles, and books to learn about the latest innovations. There was no internet, email, smart phones, or electronic information sources except local television and radio. My mother often spoke about time going faster as she got older. I think the addition of electronics has accelerated it even faster while at the same time making the world smaller and somehow warping the measure of time itself. Those statements are sounding a bit deep for an article on grazing...but hopefully they will help promote pondering for a moment the question, "Are we making an impact?"

It seems not so long ago, during post-harvest to early spring, there was time where things slowed down a bit, and there was time for some deep cleaning of files and drawers, enjoying a little down time, actually enjoying time reading, and planning for the upcoming season. I now find myself scrambling and searching for that time with it quite often being accomplished at the cost of some sleep.

I would encourage you to stop and think for a moment about changes that have been made to your operation. What has improved from decade to decade? Have the livestock you raised changed in a positive way? Are the forages of higher quality and production? Are they more efficient than what was on the farm 20, 30 or 50 years ago? Is the operation more efficient?

Especially pre WWII, most grazing types of livestock were forage based, and only supplemented as needed. Pre and post the Depression, beef was a luxury. In fact, my mother's family wouldn't even consider eating one of the prized beef animals, even to the disappointment of my grandmother who tired of pork and chicken. Little or no beef

was consumed until the late 40's when freezer space was rented at the locker in town. Today, we could have a steak on a whim by going to the basement freezer or the refrigerator. Have our living standards changed?

I believe that with the advances in synthetic fertilizers and herbicides post WWII along with improved technology and equipment, we suddenly found we could raise a lot of cheap corn. Scholars promoted grain fed operations because you could raise and maintain more animals than what could be maintained on primarily forages, and we shifted from grazing to carrying the feed to the cows. We transformed the cows from forage consumers to corn burners. As operating costs increased, including high commodity prices, producers got a lot more interested in getting ruminant animals back out on grass. Can we carry as many animals as we did when we were carrying quite a bit to them? No, not likely, especially when the amount of land we have committed to forages has also probably declined during the same time-frame.

Of course, with good fertility, good management, adequate cover and rest, provided by rotating the animals in such a way that we can capture as much solar energy as possible. This enables maximum growth and yield potential creating more carrying capacity or better yet, potential grazing days than a low fertility, unmanaged system. These practices should also accomplish better nutritional forage to grow milk and meat.

So, have we changed with the times? If we haven't, then how efficient is our operation? After the big commodity bubble, we are now seeing some marginal cropland that used to be pasture or hay land going back to forage. Higher cattle prices have made beef some-

what of a luxury again and it may stay that way until cattle numbers rebound.

Perhaps it is time for us to consider converting marginal cropland acreage back to forage for grazing or hay and matching the livestock numbers more to the land available. There has been a lot of land that shifted to corn or soybean production in the last five years that would have been better off left in grass. The justification for removing trees and fencerows was stronger with higher commodity prices. I know some wish they had not been quite so aggressive. We lost a lot of valuable cows in the process, plus we degraded and opened some land up to soil erosion and lost a lot of biodiversity.

There is a lot of talk and discussion about grass-fed animals today. I'm not even going to try to list the possible nutritional benefits. More research is actually needed to substantiate some of the promoted benefits. Some are not quite as distinct as we would think, especially if in the same grade, but there is still some. What does stand out clearly as a difference is grass-based operations are more environmentally friendly, economically sound and much more sustainable.

What does it boil down to? Grazing type livestock have four feet which are four feet drive, a built-in harvester and a fertilizer spreader all working simultaneously. They are more efficient in harvesting their own meal than anything we can harvest and carry to them.

What do we need to change in our operation right now to make life a little easier and perhaps allow us a little time to pick up that book that we laid down and relax a bit while increasing our profitability?

Keep on grazing!
Reminders & Opportunities
Northern Indiana Conference is this week

February 6-7 - For more information call the LaGrange County Soil and Water District at 260-463-3166.

Indiana Forage Council Annual Meeting & Seminar is February 19, 2015 at Clifty Falls State Park Inn, Hoffman Room, Madison, IN. Please RSVP by February 13 to Lisa Green, lgreen06@purdue.edu or 765-494-4783

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

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

Spring Mill State Park hosts Civil War 'battle'

Explore the hardships of winter for Civil War soldiers during battle re-enactments February 7 and 8 at Spring Mill State Park.

The Pioneer Village will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and a tactical battle will start at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. At 1:50 p.m. visitors will be directed to a viewing area where they can safely view the battle.

Before and after the battle, visitors are welcome to tour the village, visit with soldiers and warm by a fire.

Park admission is \$5 per in-state vehicle and \$7 per out-of-state vehicle.

For more information, contact Coletta Prewitt at (812) 849-3534 or springmill-statepark@dnr.IN.gov.

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

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