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WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 5, 2014

ERIC DOANE **Doane nominated** for James D. **Pitzer Award**

Indiana Conservation Officers are reporting that Officer Eric Doane, assigned to Martin County, has won the District 7 Officer of the year award.

An officer is selected in each of the ten DNR Law Enforcement Districts throughout the state and one officer is selected for the James D. Pitzer award.

The annual award is named after James D. Pitzer who was a conservation officer for 20 years before he was shot and killed in the line of duty while checking rabbit hunters in Jay County on January 1st 1961.

Below is the write up that will be presented to the selection committee.

2013 James D. Pitzer Award Nomination Indiana Conservation Officer Eric Doane, Martin County

The Indiana Conservation Officers of Operational District Seven are pleased and honored to nominate Officer Eric Doane for the Indiana Conservation Officer "James D. Pitzer award." Officer Doane was selected by the officers in his district because of his dedication and commitment to the performance of his job.

Officer Doane grew up in the small town of Dover Hill in the suburbs of Shoals, Indiana. He attended Shoals High School and graduated in 1988. After High School Officer Doane attended Vincennes University for Conservation Law and was hired by the DNR Law Enforcement Division in 1992. His first county assignment was Union County where he served for 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ years. He transferred back to his home county in 1998 where he is currently still serving. Department responsibilities and specialties include Use of force instructor, firearms and patrol rifle instructor, defensive tactics instructor, cave rescue, National Archery in the Schools instructor and instructor trainer and field training officer. Some of the programs Officer Doane instructed in 2013 included active shooter, close range gun fighting, firearms and defensive tactics training, Hunter Education and wilderness survival training. Officer Doane was active in public appearance hours throughout the state in 2013. Eric had 63 separate public appearances and over 200 hours dedicated to promoting a positive image of an Indiana Conservation

Chamber looking for Citizen of the Year nominations

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce is once again looking for nominations for the Citizen of the Year.

Martin County has many citizens who do an outstanding job of representing our county, and these citizens should be recognized. Know someone who goes above and beyond to make Martin County a better place to live? Maybe someone who beautifies the county, volunteers as a coach, helps out neighbors in need, donates time to an organization, the list goes on? Oftentimes these people fly under the radar because they are not

looking for recognition.

If you know someone who fits one or all of the above descriptions, why not nominate them for Martin County Citizen of the Year. Send your name and contact information along with the nominee's name, address, phone number and why you think they deserve to be Citizen of the Year. Return to Martin County Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 257 Loogootee, IN 47553.

The citizen of the year will be announced at the chamber of commerce's annual dinner scheduled for February 24.



I'll just sit here

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrall.com

The Kingfisher above found one of the few spots not covered in ice and snow to perch. Most species of Kingfisher are sit-and-wait predators, perching on a branch and flying down to capture fish or terrestrial prey. Birds in Indiana have had a rough go of it this winter.

Circuit court releases 2013 statistics

at the end of 2012. Approximately 1,566 appear.

Approximately 1,009 cases were pending deferred/diversion, guilty plea, or failure to

Sheriff's office releases 2013 activity report

Martin County Sheriff's Department 2013 activity report JAIL BOOKINGS Batteries - 28 Burglaries - 7 Child Neglect - 6 Court Orders / Holds - 48 Criminal Confinement - 3 Criminal Mischief - 1 Criminal Recklessness - 1 Criminal Trespass - 1 Disorderly Conduct - 5 Driving While Suspended - 12 Drug related - 127 False Informing - 5 Firearms - 8 Habitual Traffic Violator - 3 Interfering - 1 Intimidation - 8 Invasion of Privacy - 3 Maintaining Common Nuisance - 9 Minor Consuming / Possessing - 3 Other - 16 **OVWI - 28** Public Intoxication - 9 Resisting - 15 Theft / Receiving Stolen Property - 12 **TOTAL 359** ACCIDENT INFORMATION Car / Deer - 56 Fatal - 1 Hit and Run - 0 Property Damage - 120 Personal Injury - 21 TOTAL - 198 MILES DRIVEN - 119,092 AVERAGE MILES PER VEHICLE -17,013 PAPERS SERVED / PROCESSED Gun Permits Issued - 199 Civil Process Served - 729 Protective Orders Served - 106 Warrants Served - 52 TOTAL 1,086 AVERAGE DAILY JAIL POPULA-TION Male - 31.3

(See 'DOANE' continued on page 2)

new cases were filed during 2013. These and other year-end statistics are being released by the Martin County Court. Circuit Court Judge Lynne E. Ellis made the case information available and said, "In continuing to provide transparency of court business, I hope the residents of Martin County find the 2013 statistics informative."

Detailed case information is listed in a chart on page two. In addition:

279 Criminal cases filed by the prosecuting attorney were disposed of by: jury trial, plea agreement, diversion/deferral, or dismissal by the prosecuting attorney.

In 2013 two jury trials were conducted. Four post-conviction relief cases were filed by defendants and disposed of by bench disposition.

631 infractions, filed by the prosecuting attorney, were disposed of by: bench disposition, dismissal by prosecuting attorney,

625 civil cases were filed by individuals, companies or corporations and 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.

84 juvenile cases were filed by the Martin County Department of Child Services, the prosecuting attorney, or individuals (in paternity actions) and disposed of by: bench trial, bench disposition or dismissal.

As a collaborative effort between the court and Martin County Community Corrections the Court Assisted School Suspension (CASS) Pilot Program in the Shoals Community School Corporation, Jr.-Sr. High School proved very successful. The program assisted 59 students during 2013. Implementation of the program has begun in the Loogootee School Corporation, Jr.-(See 'COURT' continued on page 2)

Female - 4.8 TOTAL 36.1

There were no in custody or in jail deaths.

There were no major disturbances inside the jail to report.

There were no escapes to report.

There were no juveniles booked into the jail

Available services provided to inmates at the jail in 2013 were: GED tutoring, substance abuse classes, Inside Out Dad, AA and NA counseling

We continue to be understaffed in the jail officer and patrol deputy area.

Regular maintenance provided at the security center by current jail staff.

Current unfunded needs at the security center are updating the electronic door opening consoles.



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Miscellaneous Criminal

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Ann Stewart announces Democrat candidacy for Martin County Clerk

Ann Stewart, of Shoals, has announced her candidacy for the Martin County Clerk position in the upcoming Primary Election, running on the Democrat ticket.

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Ann is the daughter of Norma and the late Bill Baker. She has been married to Kevin Stewart for 22 years. Together they have two children, Mandi age 20 and Ryan who passed away November 11, 2010. They are also the proud grandparents of a grandson, Mason.

She is a lifelong resident of Shoals and a 1990 graduate of Shoals High School. She has been involved in several activities in her church, school and community. She is a member of The River where she volunteers her time to work at the church's food pantry and clothing ministry. Ann also is the co-leader for their grief share, Grief's Journey. She is also the Director of Ryan's Hope. Ryan's Hope was founded after her son's death to provide clothing and toys for disadvantaged children at Christmastime. She is also the program coordinator for the Shoals Angel Tree Program.

Ann is also on the Shoals Summer League board where she serves as sponsorship and concession stand coordinator. In addition to all of these volunteer positions, Ann has worked for the last eight years at the Shoals Community School.

When asked why she would like to be Martin County Clerk, she responds that she has been interested in politics for some time and has the desire to serve. Although she is a new face in the political arena, Ann believes she has sound ideas about customers and service and traditional values of honesty and hard work that will enhance

County council discusses employee pay

Meeting minutes provided by Martin County Auditor January Roush

The Martin County Council held their monthly meeting Monday, February 3.

Councilman Lonnie Hawkins suggested when the commissioners close the courthouse for inclement weather and that the employees of the highway and sheriff's departments be paid time and a half. Councilman Hawkins invited Sheriff Street and Superintendent Padgett to provide their input and the costs. A lengthy discussion followed. Councilman Wininger suggested an executive session be scheduled with the commissioners to discuss the matter. Auditor Roush will contact County Attorney Dave Lett to set up the session.

In other business it was reported that the highway department received \$113,469 in Crane Timber funds.

Judge Lynne Ellis submitted a request for an additional appropriation for psychi-



ANN STEWART

the clerk's office. She commits to provide accurate, timely information to you, the citizens of Martin County. Ann asks for your support in becoming the Democratic candidate for office and encourages everyone to vote in this important Primary Election.

DOANE (Continued from page one)

Officer. Officer Doane is not only active working for the state but is also active in his community. He is a 4H shooting sports instructor for both archery and muzzleloading. He teaches a wilderness survival class at Vincennes University, is a NASP instructor and a member of Dover Hill Christian Union Church.

Even with the multitude of tasks and responsibilities Officer Doane continues to put out high numbers of activity. Cases in 2013 ranged from ginseng violations to catching shiners and everything in between.

District Seven Lt. Duane Englert states "Eric is not only an impressive officer he also is an impressive person. He is a pillar of our district and can always be counted on to perform his job at an exceptional level."

This is the third time Officer Doane has won the District Seven Officer of the Year award. He also won the award in 2004 and 2007 respectively. Being chosen for the award three times in less than ten years shows his consistency and dedication to protecting the natural resources of our state.

The officers of district seven feel Eric Doane is worthy and has earned consideration for the James D. Pitzer award.

Commission on public records meeting February 20

The Martin County Commission on Public Records will meet Thursday, February 20 at 9 a.m. in the commissioners' room of the courthouse at 129 Main Street in Shoals. ADVERTISE IN THE JOURNAL FOR AS LOW AS \$13 A WEEK! And reaching 3,500 people! Contact courtney@martincountyjournal.com

COURT

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Sr. High School.

The Martin Circuit Court Administered Alcohol & Drug Program served more than 35 people during 2013. The program is self-supported by user fees paid by offenders participating in the program.

The court's participation in the IV-D Child Support Reimbursement Program during 2013 helped generate over \$8,000. The funds were placed in the Martin County General Fund and used to fund whatever the county council deemed appropriate.

The CASA Program, initiated by the court in 2011, continues to grow and seek volunteers for the program. The program served eight families during 2013.

The court appointed pauper counsel defense attorneys to 184 persons during 2013. To offset the costs, the court continues to participate in the Supplemental Public Defender Reimbursement Program and collect reimbursements from bonds. In 2013, the court collected \$18,678 in reimbursements. The court also entered into a contract for misdemeanant public representation. The goal of the contract is to provide excellent misdemeanant representation at a fixed cost to the county.

Judge Ellis was appointed to serve as special judge in Daviess, Dubois, Knox, and Pike counties on a total of 21 cases.

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CRIMINAL	NEW FILINGS
Murder	0
Criminal Class A Fel	onies 1
Criminal Class B Fel	lonies 21
Criminal Class C Fel	lonies 13
Criminal Class D Fel	lonies 59
Criminal Misdemean	nors 103

Post Conviction Relief 4 TOTAL CRIMINAL CASES FILED 242* **INFRACTIONS NEW FILINGS** TOTAL INFRACTIONS FILED 668* CIVIL **NEW FILINGS** Civil Plenary 3 Mortgage Foreclosure 16 Civil Collection 86 11 Civil Tort **Small Claims** 238 **Domestic Relations** 62 **Reciprocal Support** 1 Mental Health 16 Adoptions 2 Estates 12 Guardianships 7 Trusts 1 **Protective Orders** 96 Miscellaneous 30 TOTAL CIVIL CASES FILED 581* JUVENILE NEW FILINGS Juvenile CHINS 15 Juvenile Delinquency 8 Juvenile Status 1 Juvenile Paternity 9 Juvenile Miscellaneous 41 Juvenile Termination of Parental Rights 1

TOTAL JUVENILE CASES FILED 75* *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.



atric/medical-\$2,500. The council approved the request.

Ellis also advised the council the copier in her department needs replaced.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Martin County SWCD Forestry Workshop February 11, 2014

6:00 p.m. Martin County Learning Center

Learn about: Timber Stand Improvement (TSI), Managing Your Woodland, Invasive Species, Forestry Consultants, Cost Share Programs and much more. Talk with District & State Foresters, Forestry Consultants and NRCS District Conservationists.

Please contact the Martin County SWCD at 295-3149 to reserve your seat and information packet.



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OBITUARIES

Wednesday, February 5, 2014 ~ Martin County Journal

CECIL E. "BUD" EMMONS

Cecil Edward "Bud" Emmons passed away at 2:50 a.m. Sunday, February 2, 2014 at Rex Robley Veterans Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. A resident of Bedford, he was 67.

He was born December 29, 1946 in Shoals; the son of Cecil and Dorothy (Tuell) Emmons.

He had previously worked in Jackson, Mississippi at Sewell Plastics and at Frito Lay. He was a member of American Legion in Indianapolis and also the Disabled American Veterans.

He is survived by his loving companion, Roberta Tow of Bedford; daughter, Julie Christine Emmons of Bloomington; son, Maurice Edward Emmons of Paoli; sisters, Phyllis Jean Gomez of Orleans, Rowena Kay Spurgeon of West Baden, and Norma Gertrude Dunn of Paoli; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Paul Emmons; and sister, Mary Ellen Emmons.

Services were held this morning, Wednesday, February 5 at T.L Pinnick Mortuary in French Lick with Rev. Terry L. Pinnick officiating. Burial followed in Valley View Cemetery in Shoals.

Memorial contributions can be made to American Cancer Society, 6301 Old Boonville Highway, Evansville, Indiana 47715.

Special online condolences can be made

online at www.tlpinnickmortuary.com.

HARRY E. PURKHISER, JR.

Harry Edward Purkhiser, Jr. passed away at 2:35 a.m. Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at The Waters of Scottsburg in Scottsburg, Indiana. A resident of West Baden Springs, he was 90.

He was born August 2, 1923 in Martin County; the son of Harry and Ada (Moore) Purkhiser, Sr. He married Vera Gwendoline "Gwennie" Jones on February 29, 1940 and she preceded him in death on October 18, 2009.

He was a farmer, and had previously worked as an electronic technician at Crane and a truck driver. He was a member of the Newton Stewart Masonic Lodge and the West Baden American Legion. He was a member of the former Powell Valley EUB Church and attended Ames Chapel United Methodist Church. He was an avid reader, enjoyed woodworking and was talented at carving. He had served in the US Navy during WWII.

He is survived by a son Ray (Paulette) Purkhiser of French Lick; daughter, Brenda (Louis Rex) Emmons of French Lick; grandchildren, Sherri (Don) Horton of Haysville, Douglas (Nancy) Emmons of Jackson, Michigan; Pamela (Michael) Dixon of French Lick, Amanda (Ron) Parsons of French Lick, and James (Samantha) Emmons of Jasper, eight great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. Preceding him in death were his parents and wife, a sister, Mildred Chestnut; brothers, Virgil E. Purkhiser, Charles L. Purkhiser, and James Harold Purkhiser; two sisters in infancy, two granddaughters, Lisa K. Purkhiser and Marcy Dyann Emmons; and a daughter-in-law, Eva Sue Purkhiser.

Services were held Monday, February 3 at T.L Pinnick Mortuary in French Lick with Douglas Emmons and Matt Dalton officiating. Interment followed in the Ames Chapel Cemetery in Paoli with military graveside rites. A Masonic Service was held, Sunday, February 2.

Family requests memorial contributions can be made to Ames Chapel Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund or the Newton-Stewart Masonic Lodge.

Special online condolences can be made online at www.tlpinnickmortuary.com.

ROBERT OSBORN

Robert L. Osborn died at 2:35 p.m. Saturday, February 1, 2014 at St. Charles Health Campus in Jasper, with his family at his side. A resident of Burns City, he was 87.

He was born February 12, 1926 in Daviess County; the son of Orin and Fonnie (Asdell) Osborn. On July 26, 1952 he married Betty (Garrett) Osborn and she survives.

He was a 1944 graduate of Elnora High School and was retired from NSWC Crane as a transportation driver. He was also a member of the Odon Christian Church. He was a WW II Navy veteran and a member of the Washington Eastern Star, Elnora Masonic Lodge, and the Odon American Legion. He enjoyed the outdoors, farming, fishing and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Betty (Garrett) Osborn; one son, David and wife Vonda Osborn of Loogootee; one daughter, Diana and husband Andrew Gilbert of Greenville, South Carolina; one brother, Ben Osborn of Elnora; four grandchildren, Davida Cartwright of Terre Haute, Nicole and husband Billy Sanders of Marshall, Illinois; Jeramey Osborn of Loogootee, and Marya Gilliland of Loogootee; and six great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Orin and Fonnie (Asdell) Osborn; his stepmother, Marie (Stroud) Osborn; two sisters and one nephew.

Graveside funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 6 at Walnut Hill Cemetery in Odon. There will be no visitation.

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

There will be military graveside rites conducted by the Odon American Legion.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Riley Hospital, the Ronald McDonald House or the Odon Veterans Memorial.

Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.



COPS&COURT Wednesday, February 5, 2014 ~ Martin County Journal 4 Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

4:13 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

5:44 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down and across the roadway. Shoals Volunteer Fire Department responded and removed the debris from the roadway.

11:14 a.m. - Received a report of a personal injury accident on Windom Road. Martin County Deputies Keller and Baker responded as well as Lost River Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance Service.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of a theft. 2:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

4:57 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Mill Road.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

1:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

9:14 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

4:10 p.m. - Received report of a domestic

8:55 p.m. - Caller reported a trespassing

11:23 a.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged

4:53 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel

6:38 p.m. - Caller reported two motor-

4:15 p.m. - Caller reported property dam-

4:24 p.m. - First responders were re-

6:25 p.m. - Female caller requested an of-

quested on Hwy 50 for a medical problem.

out to US 231 for a small field fire.

bikes racing on North Line Street.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

4:45 p.m. - Caller reported a theft.

Loogootee Police log

home

complaint.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

10:50 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a check on a female. Female later returned residential alarm.

11:00 a.m. - Caller reported harassment.

11:55 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 231. State police was notified.

12:35 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted Trooper Lents on a traffic stop.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

1:43 p.m. - Caller reported a theft from her residence.

4:07 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

4:28 p.m. - Officer Nolan assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

12:15 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute. Alleged crime occurred in Daviess County. Trooper Lents completed a case report.

3:15 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

ficer in regards to obtaining personal property. 9:09 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle

blocking private property.

Steiner elected President of the Association of Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys

Martin County Prosecutor Mike Steiner was elected President of the Association of Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys at the annual winter conference in December. Two major issues facing prosecutors, and Indiana citizens, are the comprehensive criminal code revision currently in the legislature and ephedrine. "This is potentially a very difficult year. Due to the hard work of various people, including Senator Steele and Representatives Stuerwald, McMillin, and Pierce, we believe we have come up with a bill that addresses the concerns of all the people involved and improves public safety," said Steiner.

Steiner continued, "The other major issue is the possibility of making ephedrine a prescription drug. There were 1,808 meth lab seizures in the state in 2014. I believe we could reduce that number to less than 100 if we can get the legislature to make ephedrine a prescription drug. The drug companies will put up a big fight but the health and safety of our citizens, in particular, children, should come first.'

"I am honored that the other 90 prosecutors in the state have chosen me to lead us through this time. I am also thankful that small counties will have some serious input on how this turns out," Steiner said.

Accident report

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

7:10 p.m. - Christopher Konerding, of Lamar, was operating a 2006 vehicle and attempting to turn into a private drive. Konerding could not back the turn so he started to back up and backed into a 2003 Pontiac operated by Jordan Shake, of Washington. No injuries were reported. Officer Nolan investigated.

dispute in Shoals.

4:16 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

10:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

10:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

10:11 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

5:25 p.m. - Received a report of a civil dispute in Shoals.

8:39 p.m. - Received a report of a prowler on Brett Road.

11:47 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

1:56 a.m. - Received a report of domestic dispute in Loogootee.

7:16 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on State Road 450.

9:18 a.m. - Received a report of a burglary in Shoals.

3:35 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

10:47 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

12:09 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

1:50 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire on Simmons Creek Road. Lost River Fire Department responded.

4:45 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious car on Low Gap Road.

Martin County real estate transfers

Kelly Springer and David R. Springer and Coral Springer, of Martin County, Indiana to Doyle Miller, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 1 ¹/₄ acres, more or less.

Eva Catherine McAtee, of Martin County, Indiana to Eva Catherine McAtee and James T. McAtee, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 153 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. Also, the east one-half of Lot Number 152 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. Also 15 feet of even width off of the entire east end of the west one-half of Lot Number 152 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Homer F. Collins, of Martin County, Indiana to John R. Collins, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 11, Township 2 North, Range 4 West in Center Township, Martin County, Indiana containing

5:21 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire on County Farm Road. Shoals Volunteer Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance Service responded.

5:30 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Rutherford Township.

7:31 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute on Brooks Bridge Road.

9:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

12:09 a.m. - Received a noise complaint on State Road 550.

1:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

1:23 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

Jail bookings

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

3:00 p.m. - Amy Young, of Bloomington, was arrested by Martin County Chief Deputy Dant on a Martin County warrant. **THURSDAY, JANUARY 30**

11:04 p.m. - Roscoe Petty, of Shoals, was arrested by Shoals Town Marshal Eckert on preliminary charges of battery, theft and trespass.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

3:13 a.m. - Wesley Yokem, of Loogootee, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Sexton on the charge of operating while intoxicated.

Roger A. White and Brenda K. White to Preskenn, LLC, an Indiana Limited Liability Company, a part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 2, Town-

ship 4 North, Range 3 West, in Martin County, Indiana containing 3.21 acres, more or less.

Anita R. Mermoud, of Martin County, Indiana to Anita R. Mermoud and Robert A. Mermoud, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West containing 0.47 acre.

Rex F. Strawn and Janice Strawn, of Martin County, Indiana to Shelley C. Christmas, Jill J. Walker, and Clayton M. Strawn, of Martin County, Indiana, the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 4 West containing 48.617 acres, more or less, after a one-acre, 1.653-acre, 2.73-acre, and 14-acre exceptions.

John S. Covel, of Martin County, Indiana to Byron E. Stevenson, of Martin County, Indiana, 55 feet of even width off of the northwest end of Lot Number 44 in the town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. Roger C. Parsons, of Martin County, Indiana to Jonna D. Gerkin, of Martin County, Indiana, 43 feet and 6 inches of even width off the east side of Lot Number 15 and 6 inches of even width off the west side of Lot Number 14 in Cray's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana Robert F. Jones & Sons, a partnership to Robert F. Jones & Sons, LLC, a limited liability company, of Indiana, Lot Number 79 and Lot Number 80 in the original plat of the City of Loogootee, Indiana except 17 feet of even width off the entire west side of Lot Number 80.

11:30 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

from NW 1st Street.

age at Smokers Host.



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Martin County Court News

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

CRIMINAL COURT January 2

Evan T. Chestnut, possession of marijuana in the amount of less than 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Tanner S. Bough, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Michael W. Clifton, possession of marijuana in the amount of less than 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Charlotte A. Browder, dealing in metham-

phetamine, a Class B Felony.

Alice J. Terry, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class B Felony.

Arthur C. Terry, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class B Felony.

Juan L. Terry, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class B Felony.

Gregory T. Isaacs, possession of methamphetamine, a Class D Felony; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class D Felony; possession of marijuana in the amount of less than 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor.

January 7

Jose Benito Erazo-Fuentes, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Lisa M. Whitney, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor.

January 8

Jonathan M. Lawburgh, using private land without consent, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Donald L. Bowman, Jr., using private land without consent, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Jared L. Wittmer, jacklighting from a vehicle, a Class C Misdemeanor; hunting with the aid of a motor driven conveyance, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Delmer J. Knepp, jacklighting from a vehicle, a Class C Misdemeanor; hunting with the aid of a motor driven conveyance, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Stanley D. Graber, jacklighting from a vehicle, a Class C Misdemeanor; hunting with the aid of a motor driven conveyance, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Nicholas J. Guy, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Matthew S. Mathies, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Terry L. Jones, receiving stolen property, a Class D Felony.

January 14

Ryan J. Mattingly, false informing, a Strange, civil collection. Class B Misdemeanor.

January 15

Dwayne S. Anderson, possession of a controlled substance, a Class D Felony; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

January 16

Daniel P. Jackson, possession of metham- Gammon, complaint.

mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced on first two counts to serve 4 years in the Indiana Department of Corrections with 2 years executed and 2 years suspended with 130 actual days previously served plus 130 good time credit days. Defendant received 2 years of probation. Sentenced on last count to serve 180 days in the Martin County Security Center with 0 days suspended with 130 actual days previously served plus credit for 130 good time credit days.

January 16

Edwin L. Harris, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days in the Martin County Security Center with 46 days suspended and credit for 7 actual days previously served plus 7 good time credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

January 28

John R. Stuckey, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 361 days suspended and 2 actual days previously served plus 2 good time credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED January 2

Jessica D. Benefiel, 10 counts of forgery, Class C Felonies, dismissed.

January 14

Xavier Fuesler, auto theft, a Class D Felony, dismissed; two counts of theft, Class D Felonies, dismissed; resisting law enforcement, a Class D Felony, dismissed; three counts of criminal mischief, Class B Misdemeanors, dismissed; reckless driving, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

January 24

Joshua D. Simmons, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

January 28

Sharon R. Craft, theft, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed January 24

Kenneth D. Sanders vs. Lora L. Sanders, petition for dissolution of marriage.

January 27

Account Recovery Bureau vs. Michael

Asset Acceptance, LLC vs. Josh L. and Erica N. Roach, civil collection.

Mary Ann Wathen vs. Robert Lee Wathen, petition for dissolution of marriage.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed January 23

John Chattin vs. Pam Stone a/k/a Pam

Reminders about winter weather driving

upon us. Warnings about hazardous driving conditions will be issued by city, county and state law enforcement as well as by local and national media. Many will heed the warnings. Many more will ignore the warnings. With another major storm approaching, the Martin County Sheriff's Department, again, remind motorists to limit travel when possible. If travel is not necessary, then stay home. Most calls for service received by the Martin County Sheriff's Department and other police agencies during winter storms are for crashes and motorists that slide off state roads and interstates. It is important to remember that snow and ice covered roads do not cause crashes. The crashes are caused by unsafe driving on the snow and ice covered roadwav.

If you choose to drive during poor or hazardous driving conditions you must:

1. Leave sooner and expect your travel time to be twice as long as normal

2. Drive slower

3. Increase the following distance between you and the vehicle in front of you by at least five times greater than normal

4. Approach intersections with great care; other drivers not paying attention will slide through red lights

5. Signal all lane changes and turning movements

The posted speed limit may be more than twice as fast as the reduced speed drivers should travel to reduce the possibility of a collision or loss of control that puts a vehicle into a retaining wall, ditch or another motorist. Indiana code 9-21-5-1 specifies "Speed shall be restricted as necessary to avoid colliding with a person, vehicle, or other conveyance on, near or entering a highway." Motorists losing control of their vehicle or who are involved in a crash resulting in a police report should expect to be cited for this offense, which carries a maximum fine of \$500.

If you are involved in a crash, are uninjured and all vehicles are drivable, involved drivers should move to a safe place completely off the road, be it the next exit or to the parking lot of a business to await law enforcement response for a police report. It is important to remember crashes involving injury or lane blockage receive priority attention ahead of property damage crashes. So, keep in mind, it may be an extended period of time before law enforcement arrives. The reason and purpose for moving drivable vehicles off the road is to avoid secondary crashes of other inattentive motorists crashing into your scene or side-



Indiana's next blast of winter weather is swiping you if you've only moved to the side of the road.

> Something else to keep in mind, crash scenes with vehicles disabled in the roadway and state police presence may have the state police vehicle facing the wrong way with emergency lights and headlights on. This is to warn approaching motorists of impending danger.

> Remember, Indiana's Move Over Law states motorists MUST change lanes away from the emergency or utility vehicle if they can do it SAFELY. If not possible to move away from the emergency vehicle, motorists must SLOW DOWN and proceed with caution. Please give us room to work. We are asking motorists to SLOW DOWN and/or MOVE OVER WHEN SAFE TO DO SO

> Vehicles included in the Move Over law are:

- Police vehicles
- Ambulances
- Fire trucks and rescue equipment
- Highway incident-response vehicles

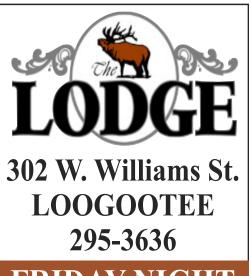
• Highway work vehicles-including snow plows

• Vehicle recovery equipment (tow trucks)

The point of not calling police agencies for road information during snow emergencies cannot be overstressed. Calling police departments about road conditions may delay action on critical life emergency 911 calls. Road conditions are likely the same for the area you want to know about as it is looking out your front window.

If you call for road conditions call the Indiana Department of Transportation's Road and Weather automated system at 800-262-7623 or visit the INDOT traffic map at http://indot.carsprogram.org/main.jsf. The 800 phone service is voice activated and updated with timely road conditions across Indiana. The INDOT web link allows users to check on specific locations for current closures and other road information.

For Indiana County Travel Status Reports, visit this link: www.in.gov/dhs/traveladvisory.



phetamine, a Class D Felony; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

January 17

Andy R. Banks, Jr., operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

January 23

Julie E. Lents, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Terry L. Jones, resisting law enforcement, a Class D Felony; criminal recklessness, a Class A Misdemeanor; passing school bus when arm signal device is extended, a Class B Misdemeanor.

William D. Pilkerton, Jr., possession of a controlled substance, a Class D Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Bobby L. Pilkerton, possession of a controlled substance, a Class D Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor.

January 27

Mark A. Payne, residential entry, a Class D Felony.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

January 14

Xavier Fuesler, convicted of two counts of burglary, Class C Felonies and criminal

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS **January 21**

Judgment in favor of the plaintiffs Dwight and Deanna Bauernfiend and against the defendants Richard and Dianna Lintz in the amount of \$930.

January 22

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Tony Dant and against the defendants Dean and Christine Radcliff in the amount of \$6,107. **January 23**

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Lorraine M. Hall in the amount of \$1,508.25.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Freida Hatfield in the amount of \$1,219.65.

January 24

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Dale Abel in the amount of \$5,046.51.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Justin A. Bryant in the amount of \$959.41.

January 30

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Renewing Management Inc. and against the defendant Jermey S. Terry in the amount of \$1,424.



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LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL



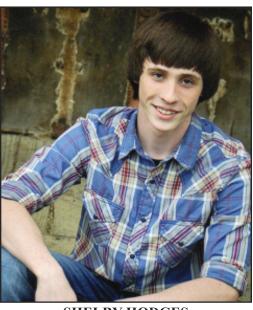
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ABBY ACKERMAN

Abagail Ann Ackerman is the daughter of Eric and Susan Ackerman. While in high school, she has been in Peers, SADD, pep club, and student council all four years. She was a cheerleader her freshman year, in Spanish Club in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades; in FCA her junior and senior years, a cadet teacher her junior year and an intern her senior year. She served as student council historian her junior year, student council ice president her senior year. In sports, Abby played tennis in 9th and 10th grades and volleyball all four years. She plans to attend IUPUI after graduation.





GABBY DANIEL-COX

Gabriella Raeanne Daniel-Cox is the daughter of Nellie an Mike Jones and Mark and Robin Cox. During high school, she has been in student council and pep club all four years. She was in FACS Club her freshman year, Spanish Club her 9th and 10th grade years, Peers her sophomore, junior and senior years; a cadet teacher in 11th and 12th grades and an intern her senior year. She played softball her freshman and sophomore years. Gabby plans to attend Vincennes University after graduation and study nursing.





Breakfast Thursday, February 6 Donut, ham patty, fruit Friday, February 7 Cheese omelet, wheat toast, fruit Monday, February 10 Pop Tart, string cheese, fruit Tuesday, February 11 Biscuit and gravy, sausage links, fruit Wednesday, February 12

LOOGOOTEE ELEMENTARY

Ham patty, egg, wheat toast, fruit Lunch

Thursday, February 6 Hot dogs, baked beans, cottage cheese, peaches, milk

Friday, February 7

Pizza, French fries, pears, milk

Monday, February 10

Breaded chicken, salad, mandarin oranges, milk

Tuesday, February 11

Breaded tenderloin, scalloped potatoes, peas, pears, milk

Wednesday, February 12

Turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, milk

LOOGOOTEE INTERMEDIATE AND JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL Lunch

Thursday, February 6

Hot dog or pizza, baked beans, cottage cheese, peaches, salad plate, milk **Friday, February 7**

Pizza, French fries, pears, salad plate, milk

Monday, February 10

Breaded chicken or pizza, salad, mandarin oranges, salad plate, milk

Tuesday, February 11

Breaded tenderloin or pizza, scalloped



potatoes, peas, pears, salad plate, milk Wednesday, February 12 Turkey or pizza, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, salad plate, milk

> SHOALS SCHOOLS Breakfast

Thursday, February 6

Cereal, graham cracker snack, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, February 7

Bagel, fruit, juice, milk

Monday, February 10 Chocolate chip muffin, banana, juice, milk

Tuesday, February 11

Cereal, granola bar, fruit, juice, milk Wednesday, February 12 Cinnamon biscuit, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch Thursday, February 6

Whole grain soft taco, corn, lettuce and cheese boat, pineapple, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: beef and bean burrito or chef salad

Friday, February 7

BBQ rib sandwich with whole grain bun, baked beans, orange slices, frozen fruit smoothie, milk

Monday, February 10

Chicken strips, California-blend vegetables, salad boat, pretzels, peaches, milk **Tuesday, February 11**

Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, applesauce, whole grain bread, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: turkey and cheese sandwich or chef salad **Wednesday, February 12**

Chili, cheese and crackers, cooked carrots, mandarin oranges, juice cup, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: corn dog or chef salad

SHELBY HODGES

Shelby Joe Hodges is the son of Stan and Angie Hodges. While in high school, he was on the yearbook staff in 10th, 11th and 12th grades, in the pep club his senior year and serves as an intern his senior year. He ran track all four years and competed in cross country his sophomore and junior years. Shelby plans to attend USI after high school and study physical therapy.

TREVOR RESLER

Trevor James Resler is the son of Travis and Sue Resler. While in high school, he played intramural basketball all four years, was in Peers in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades, French Club his sophomore and junior years, and Beta Club in 10th and 12th grades. He played baseball all four years. Trevor plans to continue his education after high school but is unsure what he will study.

Loogootee Little League sign-ups start Sunday

The Loogootee Little League will be holding sign-ups for the 2014 season starting this Sunday, February 9 from 1-4 p.m. Other sign-up dates include Wednesday, February 19 from 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday, February 26 from 6-8 p.m. All of the signups will be held at The Lee Kavanaugh Gymnasium, formerly St. John's Gym.

If you cannot make one of these dates, please return your registration form(s) and check(s) payable to Loogootee Little League, to any board member before March 2, 2014. The cost to participate in Little League will remain the same as last season; \$40 for one child, and \$30 for each additional child, with the family maximum being \$100. To be eligible to play, boys/girls must be four years old by April 30, 2014. Boys who do not turn 13 years old by April 30, 2014 are allowed to play, along with girls who were 12 or under by December 31, 2013.

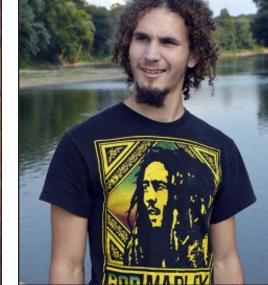
Lady Lions Soup Supper

The Loogootee Girls' Basketball Teams will be hosting a goodwill soup supper Saturday night, February 8 prior to the boys' game against Southridge at Jack Butcher Arena. The soup supper will be in the high school cafeteria starting at 5 p.m., with the girls' basketball team serving your choice of chili or chicken noodle soup with cheese, crackers, a drink and choice of dessert. Donations will be accepted and are appreciated.



ERICA BRATTON

Erica Jo Bratton was born on December 16th, 1995. She is the daughter of Larry and Sandy Bratton. She has two sisters, Kenady Bratton and Nicole Spears. While in high school she participated in basketball, SADD, pep club, IMPACCT and Spanish Club. She was also class vice president one year. Erica's favorite song is Thrift Shop by Macklemore. Her favorite teachers are Mrs. Heckard and Mr. Dahlen. Erica plans to attend IUPUI for a major in the medical field and a minor in creative writing.



CALEB DAVIS

Caleb Daniel Davis was born on April 11th, 1995. He is the son of Tony and Penny Davis. Caleb has one brother, Casey. While in high school Caleb participated in band, media and art. His favorite teacher is Mr. Gee. Caleb's best memory is graduating early while the rest of his classmates have to do second semester. Caleb plans to take a break from school and later intern for guitar repairs and making guitars. Most importantly, he wants to create an enjoyable life to live with nothing holding him back.

Calendar of Events

School safety commission meeting The Martin County School Safety Commission will meet on Wednesday, February 12 at 9 a.m. in the Martin County Civil Defense Building at 2660 U.S. Highway 50, Loogootee.

Food pantry applications

The River Food Pantry applications can be picked up next Wednesday, February 12 from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. The River is located at 125 Water Street in Shoals.

City pool fundraiser

On Sunday, February 16, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Loogootee UMC at 208 West Main Street in Loogootee will be hosting a fundraiser to rebuild the city's pool. They will be serving chili, vegetable, and chicken noodle soup along with hot dogs, desserts and drinks (all these items are being donated). All you need to do is show up and

share in a freewill donation for the pool fund. Call 295-3049 for more information.

Sons of the American **Revolution meeting**

The quarterly meeting of the Daniel Guthrie Chapter, Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution will meet at the Free Methodist Church on R Street and 7th in Bedford, on February 18. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and the cost is \$13. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. This will be the chapter's annual awards night where they will present the Firefighter, EMT and Heroes of the Year, Eagle Scout and many other awards.

Boy Scouts

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

GED exam fees

Catholic Charities is happy to announce-

ment that they will be sponsoring GED exam meets on the third Friday of the month at fees. If you are ready to take your GED exam, give them a call at 812-423-5456 or email us at ccordovilla@evdio.org.

SOAR Tutoring

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Solid waste board

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

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society

the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend. To find out how to become a member, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com.

Tourism meetings

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

Soil and Water meetings

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



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FARMING&OUTDOORS





Perhaps no genus of plants holds more intrigue in southern Indiana than the genus Cornus, commonly known as dogwood. The plants in this genus offer many uses in the garden and are the subject of myths and legends. No one is sure exactly how the plants became known as dogwoods. One explanation is that it was originally "dagwood" because the dense wood of the trees was commonly used for daggers.

Dogwood flowers are followed by fruits known as drapes. The drapes of many dogwoods are edible, but not all have a pleasant flavor. The drapes of some shrub dogwoods are mildly toxic to humans.

The most known dogwood is the "Cornus florida" or flowering dogwood. Festivals are held to celebrate the appearance of the clusters of tiny flowers surrounded by four bracts. In the wild, these bracts are usually white, but there are cultivars with pink and red bracts that are available for landscape plantings. They are, of course, native to much of the eastern portion of North America, but were greatly thinned out by disease a few years ago. Still, the woods of southern Indiana are white with dogwood flowers in late April or early May.

While flowering dogwoods rarely top forty feet, the Pacific dogwood of the far western United States may grow to heights of 75 feet. However, they lack the hardiness for Indiana, growing in zones 7-9.

When many cultivated dogwoods were killed by anthracnose and other diseases a few years ago, the Asian kousa dogwoods became more common. Variously known as Korean dogwood, Chinese dogwood and Japanese dogwood, the kousa dogwoods offered greater disease resistance and also allowed dogwoods to grow in more sunny locations. The flowers and bracts of the kousa are similar to those of the flowering dogwood, but while the flowers of the flowering dogwood appear before the leaves, the kousa sets flowers later, after the tree has leafed out. In Asia, the kousa is considered an orchard tree, grown for its fruit, which resembles a large red raspberry.

Another imported dogwood grown for its

Hoosier students learn archery in schools

Indiana Conservation Officers have introduced Hoosier schools to a new discipline – target archery. The National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) is being taught as part of the physical education curriculum in more than 300 Indiana schools and is affecting more than 50,000 students annually. The DNR Law Enforcement Division has certified more than 800 teachers as NASP instructors. Students participate by shooting a Genesis compound bow at an international competition scoring target.

fruit is the Cornelian cherry, native to southern Europe and parts of Asia. One of the first trees to flower in the spring, the drapes of this dogwood are gathered after they fall from the tree and made into preserves, syrups, liqueurs and wines.

While the flowering dogwood is the most common dogwood found in Indiana, it is not the only native. Pagoda dogwoods are more common in the southeast, but may be found in the state. The limbs and leaves of this dogwood appear in layers, creating the illusion of a pagoda. Pagodas are prized for bonsai specimens.

Not all dogwoods are trees. Some take the form of shrubs and even sub-shrubs. The swamp or gray dogwood is found in lowlying areas. Its flowers appear in clusters called cymes. Other shrubs include the red osier dogwood and the yellow-twig dogwood, often grown in the landscape for the bright colors of the young stems in fall and winter. Breeding has produced varieties that also offer pink and orange twigs. The rough leaf dogwood and stiff dogwood are also shrub types. They may spread by suckers and form large colonies.

The shortest of the dogwoods are the subshrub or groundcover types. There are a couple of species of sub-shrub dogwoods, both commonly called bunchberries. The flowers and bracts look like miniatures of the flowering dogwood.

Besides the beauty that dogwoods supply in the woods and our landscapes, the dogwood has also been known for its medicinal value. The fruits of the edible varieties are high in vitamin C and antioxidants. The bark is high in tannins and a tea made from the bark has been used to treat malaria and other fevers. Civil War soldiers used the leaves of dogwoods in poultices to cover wounds.

Most dogwood species are available at nurseries. Some of the tree varieties may carry hefty price tags, but are probably worth the investment. I discourage digging trees from the woods, but collecting seeds from the drapes in the fall is an acceptable alternative.

Grazing Bites By Victor Shelton NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

around too often. Memories of the winter of 1977-78 seem too familiar again; a slightly real Deja vu! It takes a winter as cold as this to remind me of why we build some things the way we do. Number one, burying pipeline deep enough not to freeze. Most years, I rarely see the ground frozen very deep at all, quite often just a few inches. That depth of freezing is highly influenced of course by the temperatures that are occurring, the duration of them, but also by cover. Bare soil, rocked areas, or soil with no insulation value on it, certainly will freeze deeper than soil that has some kind of "blanket." That blanket is usually good sod; the heavier the sod, the higher the insulation value and the shallower the freeze line. Snow can also have some decent insulation values, but snow may or may not happen and be present when really needed.

I generally try not to dig in the ground in the middle of the winter, especially if the wind chill can freeze your spit before it hits the ground. Luckily, I've not had to do that...yet, but I have found the temperature limitations of my old pump house. Pipelines need to be installed below the freeze line, not the average freeze line (depth), but the potential freeze line.

I've not dug down to see just how deep we are frozen right now. I'm curious, but not quite that curious. NRCS Soil Scientist Steve Wade recently told me that he had seen some sandy soils frozen down to 14 inches with some cover in central Daviess County. I'll take his word for it. With good cover and short durations, the freeze line should be less than 12 inches. No cover, and depending on where you are located, it could easily be approaching 30 inches or more. "Frost" levels could be even deeper, which is a good reason to keep pipelines a minimum of 36 inches deep or deeper north of I-70 and 30 inches or deeper south of I-70. Shallow lines, and I have a few, should be designed to be drained during the coldest months. This can be accomplished by gravity in some cases or blown out with an adapted air valve.

All-weather tanks such as "ball" tanks or heated tanks are great for extending the grazing season out in the field and for winter feeding areas. These tanks often indicate that they can handle more than fifty cows (2-ball) or something similar. These are sized (cow numbers) based on feedlot conditions, not for open pasture with long walking distances. Trying to utilize only this type of tank in the summer with more than eight hundred feet of walking distance is going to leave you with some unhappy cows, just not enough drinking space. Most non-electric type tanks are well insulated above ground and rely somewhat on a geo-tube to help keep the tank from freezing solid. The geo-tube is usually made of thick polyethylene plastic or very dense strong foam and is placed from under the tank down to four feet or more in the ground. This allows heat in the ground to rise up through the tube and help maintain warmer temperatures within the tank. Pipes to the tank are normally run within this tube

I am glad that winters like this don't come to also protect them from freezing. It is amazing how well some of these work.

Heated tanks also work very well, but of course require electricity, which can be a feat in itself. When choosing a heated unit, pay careful attention to what it will take to replace the heating element, which do tend to need to be replaced over time...some are easier to replace than others.

There are some gadgets out there that read the air temperature and when cold enough open up a valve to let a tiny stream of water flow freely or create a small spray. This keeps water somewhat "flowing" or moving and flowing water is less likely to freeze. These are best used on tanks with overflow pipes built in to keep the tanks from overflowing and creating a major mess or new resource concern. The overflow pipe generally goes underground to an outlet at a stable area away from the permanent tank. It also then helps keep the cows from using the area around the tank as a skating ring.

One of the more familiar tank systems with an overflow are tanks associated with spring developments. Natural springs occur where you have areas in the landscape where water from higher reservoirs find an outlet of least resistance and flow that direction. Springs are susceptible to contamination and seasonal changes in flow rate, but can be a very reliable and relatively inexpensive source of high quality soft drinking water if they are developed and maintained properly. Spring developments also make really great winter watering systems because water is constantly flowing through them keeping them open and fresh.

Most livestock prefer water between the temperatures of 37 and 65 degrees Fahrenheit. Honestly, that is about the same range I think I also prefer. When the water temperature deviates very much beyond this range intake is reduced. Being too hot is certainly more of an issue than being too cold which needs no explanation.

Cows will consume a fair amount of snow, especially if they are grazing stockpiled forages or winter annuals covered with it. Could it be the only source of water in some cases? This is a good question and the answer would probably begin with the words, "it depends." The moisture content of what the cattle are grazing and their personal water needs play a big part here, with dry cows probably most likely able to do it.

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Students are given an opportunity to join competitive archery teams to represent their schools at tournaments across the state.

"NASP has created an opportunity for anyone to join a team and compete at a high level," said Outdoor Education Lt. Larry Morrison. "Archery teaches concentration, poise, relaxation and commitment to practice, which translates to a better student in the classroom."

Indianapolis Public Schools will feature more than 260 students competing at the second annual IPS NASP qualifying tournament on March 8 at John Marshall Community High School from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The tournament is open to the public. Admission is charged.

"About 2,200 competitive shooters statewide are attempting to qualify for one the 1,600 spots at this year's State NASP tournament," said Outdoor Education Coorbe at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Champions Pavilion on March 22.

The Indiana State NASP tournament will

For more information, visit indiananasp.com/

Spring Mill SP to host Civil War battle

Explore the hardships of winter for Civil War soldiers during a special event at Spring Mill State Park, February 15 and 16, that will feature a battle re-enactment.

The Pioneer Village will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A re-enactment of a battle for control of Pioneer Village will begin at 2 p.m. on both days. At 1:50 p.m., visitors will be directed to a viewing area near the carriage house where they can safely see the program.

After the re-enactment, visitors are welcome to tour the village, visit with the re-enactors and warm up by the fire.

Park admission is \$5 per in-state vehicle and \$7 per out-of-state vehicle. 2014Annual Entrance Passes are also available.

For more information on this and other upcoming events contact Coletta Prewitt at (812) 849-3534 or springmillstatepark@ dnr.IN.gov.

Spring Mill State Park is at 3333 State Road 60 East, Mitchell, 47446.

But, if water is available...I've never seen them turn it down which tells me they still prefer to be able to drink some, and liquid water (or warmer water) utilized won't require as much energy.

Spring will come; we just need to be patient. Keep on grazing!

Reminders and opportunities

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

As of September 7, 2013, the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) is now the National Grazing Lands Coalition (GLC).



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Indiana is first in the nation with certified, tested ePollBooks

Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson announced last Wednesday that three electronic poll book systems (ePollBooks) have been certified for use in Indiana elections. The vendors with approved ePollBooks are Decision Support, Hart InterCivic and Election Systems and Software.

"Indiana is the first state in the nation to develop standards for this new frontier of technology," said Secretary Lawson. "We have become leaders in modernizing the electoral process. First, we gave every county the option to use ePollBooks and now we are protecting Hoosier voters as they sign-in by ensuring only the best quality ePollBooks are used in Indiana."

The new ePollBook system is an electronic, modernized version of the traditional paper poll list, which has been used for decades. With traditional paper poll lists, poll workers compare a voter's ID with the names on the list before issuing a ballot. The voter then signs the list next to their name and indicates whether or not the voter's address has changed.

The new ePollBooks will scan the bar code on the back of a voter's driver's license to permit poll workers to efficiently locate the voter's record and to ensure the voter gets the correct ballot. The voter will then sign an electronic signature pad.

"The ePollBook has been used in Indiana in since the 2007 vote center pilot program," said Secretary Lawson. "Now, all counties have the option to use ePollBooks. Statewide standards will help county officials make sure they purchase the best equipment and give Hoosier voters confidence in their counties election equipment."

The Indiana standards used to test and certify the approved ePollBooks were developed by Ball State University political and computer scientists and are being considered as a model for other states. Pennsylvania and Virginia have already asked for more information about Indiana's new standards.

Information concerning all ePollBook systems that have applied for certification will be published atwww.in.gov/elections as additional information becomes available.

House passes bill promoting entrepreneurship

State Representative Mark Messmer (R-Jasper) has authored a piece of legislation to further promote entrepreneurship in young Hoosiers. Yesterday, House Bill (HB) 1332 passed the Indiana House of Representatives with a unanimous vote.

HB 1332 combines several pro-entrepreneurship efforts and organizations into a single organization, known as the Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship (OSBE), an organization under the direction of the lieutenant governor. It also extends the young entrepreneurship program by two years.

"This organization will help focus many of the programs created in past years under one umbrella," said Rep. Messmer. "This will not only simplify and consolidate our existing efforts, but also further encourage entrepreneurship and innovation in the future. For the most part, our small businesses simply want the government to leave them alone, however this legislation will truly benefit small business throughout the state http://www.in.gov/legislative.

by focusing on their needs."

The OSBE will put a focus on small business needs such as specialty programming and business consulting, in addition to integrating universities, private sector business and government stakeholders.

"As a small business advocate, my number one goal is to make Indiana the best place in the country to start and grow a business," said Rep. Messmer. "The offices that the lieutenant governor already oversees currently provide outreach and opportunities for Indiana small businesses, but by adding OSBE to the Lt. Governor's Family of Business, we will be able to foster greater capacity building for individuals and their communities."

Next, HB 1332 will move to the state Senate for further debate and discussion. If it is passed in the Senate and the governor signs it into law, it will take effect on May 1, 2014.

To keep up with HB 1332, visit

NSWC Crane leading collaboration in radiation effects research

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) is spearheading collaboration with laboratories and universities across the country in radiation effects research by advancing their Naval Innovative

and Los Alamos National labs and academia to produce over 20 papers published in peer journals and presented at conferences to date. In addition to the publications, Crane inventors have disclosed or received four patents



Approaching the halfway point

While I'm in session during the week until mid-March, I want to make sure to stay connected to my constituents and keep everyone informed of the legislative proceedings. It would be impossible to share with you every bill that we have discussed, but I would like to pick a couple that I think not only apply to our district but are also interesting.

One of those bills is House Bill (HB) 1052, a bill which I authored concerning the development around military bases. This is particularly important in our district because we are home to the Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center. HB 1052 passed the House on 2nd reading on Thursday with no amendments and will be up for a final vote on Monday.

This bill expands the definition of "military base" to include the Glendora Lake Test Facility in Sullivan County. Crane uses this facility for missile tests and other important functions. By adding the lake to the definition of "military base," this means that before a local government unit can take action concerning planning or zoning within three miles of the perimeter of the lake, they must first notify the base's commander.

This provides Crane an opportunity to preempt any actions by a local government which would impede their ability to operate the base. Crane provides our state with many jobs and contributes more than \$2 million to the Hoosier economy every day. This expansion would allow Indiana to grow its defense industry and add more defense jobs.

Another bill that I would like to share with you is HB 1351, which passed out of the House on Tuesday and will now be discussed further in the Senate. HB 1351 is a multi-pronged approach to addressing entitlement reform in Indiana.

The first thing this bill would do is require a county office to administer a written or electronic substance abuse exam, known as the Substance Abuse Subtle Screen Inventory (SASSI) test, to all Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients. If the county office considers an individual to have reasonable suspicion of illegally using a controlled substance, they would then be placed into a separate group for further testing. Fifty percent of that group is then randomly selected to take a drug examination.

If they test positive for illegal substances, they can continue to receive benefits only if they enroll in a substance abuse treatment program. However, if they do not test clean while in treatment, their benefits will be removed for a total of three months. It is still important that we look out for children in these situations and that they are being raised in safe environments. If benefits are removed from a household with children, those benefits can be transferred to a different legal guardian.

The second thing this bill would do is place new restrictions on what foods and drinks can be purchased using Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. Individuals will only be able to purchase items of sufficient nutritional value such as fruits and vegetables. Because SNAP is a federal program, these changes must first be approved by the federal government via a waiver.

The final thing that this bill would do is require the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to study topics related to long-term unemployment issues. The DWD would then submit a report to the Legislative Council and the Unemployment Insurance Oversight Committee with their findings.

HB 1351 is a win-win because it will put more Hoosiers back into the workforce, thus boosting our economy, and should ultimately lead to less Hoosiers depending on entitlement benefits.

I will continue to provide updates throughout session. Please do not hesitate to call me at 317-232-9620 or email me via h63@iga.in.gov if you have any questions on these bills or other pertinent matters.

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

Farm winery legislation passes the Indiana House

State Representative Mark Messmer (R-Jasper) authored a bill to remove a barrier to small winery businesses in Indiana. House Bill (HB) 1387 passed the House of Representatives Monday with a vote of 94ness between Indiana's farm wineries and the privileges already enjoyed by Indiana micro-breweries.

"It has always been a priority for me to address the burdens on small businesses, and increase economic development in our state. This bill could potentially support further growth of Indiana's farm wineries and attract additional tourism and more revenue to local communities," said Rep. Messmer. The bill will now be considered by the Senate. To learn more about HB 1387 and keep up-to-date on the bill's status, please visit https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2014/bills/hous e/1387/#document-d0df1552.

Science and Engineering (NISE/219) Program.

The NISE/219 Program sponsored by the Office of Naval Research was created to provide means for laboratory directors to fund initiatives that directly support defense missions and provide enhancements for the science and engineering workforce. NSWC Crane has placed a concerted effort in advancing technologies associated with radiation effects research bolstering their capability to support the critical trusted electronics required for the nation's strategic deterrence programs.

"We are striving to be Navy's national leaders in radiation effects research and collaborating with universities and laboratories to support a critical need of our customer." said Brad Secrest, NSWC Crane's Joint Mission Office Director for Strategic Missions. "Radiation effects technology advancements are essential to providing fully reliable advanced electronics solutions for the strategic deterrent systems."

NSWC Crane has designated almost \$1M dollars in research funding over the past three years to radiation effects research. Scientists and engineers at Crane have collaborated with Naval Research Laboratory, Air Force Research Laboratory, Department of Energy, NASA, John Hopkins Applied Physics Lab

as a result of their research.

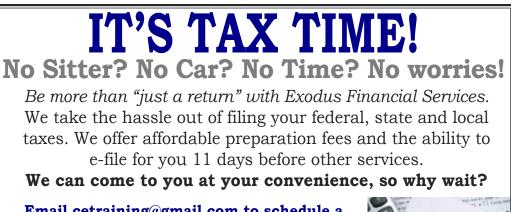
NSWC Crane has already witnessed their research efforts advancing into an applied research application. One paper entitled, "Effect of Accumulated Charge on the Total Ionizing Dose Response of a NAND Flash Memory," was nominated for best paper at the 2012 Nuclear and Space Radiation Effects Conference. As a result of that research and resulting patent, this capability is currently being utilized in a GPS satellite being designed by a national lab.

"The NISE program and our focused efforts in radiation effects helps sustain Crane as a premier Warfare Center," said Ben Harkness, Global Deterrence and Defense Department Director. "Our projects serve as an excellent opportunity to engage the research community and other academic experts in highly relevant and meaningful research aligned to benefit the Navy and our Strategic Missions customers."

NSWC Crane is a naval laboratory and a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) with focus areas in Special Missions, Strategic Missions and Electronic Warfare/Information Operations. The Warfare Center's research and development efforts support the Warfighter by providing capabilities and resources to advance technologies for the military.

HB 1387 allows small wineries to sell up to 5,000 gallons of wine directly to retailers within the same county, or a county contiguous to that county.

From 1971-2006, Indiana's farm wineries had the ability for unlimited self-distribution of their product. However, in 2006, the General Assembly passed a law prohibiting them from self-distributing any of their product. Removing this barrier brings fair-



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Primary Election candidate filings

Anyone wanting to run in the 2014 Primary Election, the last day to register is FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 BY NOON. HALBERT TOWNSHIP LOST RIVER TOWNSHIP

Martin County offices up for election in 2014 include: prosecutor, clerk, assessor, commissioner district 2 (currently held by Paul George), county council districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 (currently held by Randy Wininger, Keith Gibson, Barb McFeaters, and Lynn Gee), sheriff, township trustees and advisory boards, and state convention delegates.

For information on registering in the Primary, contact the Martin County Clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

The following are current filings to date, that pertain to Martin County: **UNITED STATES REP. (DISTRICT 8)** Larry D. Bucshon (R) Andrew T. McNeil (R) William Bryk (D) Tom Spangler (D) **INDIANA SENATE (DISTRICT 39)** Eric Bassler (R) John M. Waterman (R) **INDIANA STATE REP. (DISTRICT 62)** Matt Ubelhor (R) Jeff Sparks (D) **INDIANA STATE REP. (DISTRICT 63)** Mike Braun (R) Richard Moss (R) CLERK Gerald D. Montgomery (R) Ann Marie Stewart (D) ASSESSOR Carolyn S. McGuire (R) SHERIFF Robert F. "Rob" Street (D) **PROSECUTING ATTORNEY** C. Michael Steiner (D) R. Joseph (Joe) Howell (D) **COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2** Paul R. George (D) **COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1** Randy Wininger (D) **COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2** John Keith Gibson (R) **COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3** Barbara D. McFeaters (R) **COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4** Lynn Gee (D) Karen A. Hickman (R) **CENTER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE** Charles S. Hamilton (R)

Exzelia Montgomery (R) LOST RIVER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE Mildred C. Brown (R) MITCHELTREE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE Tammy Jo Gore (D) James Norman Pup (R) **PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE** Ernest S. Canell (R) Joe McAtee (D) Jason Hennette (D) **RUTHERFORD TOWNSHIP** TRUSTEE Terry J. Street (D) **CENTER TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD** (vote for 3) Gerald Wilcoxen (R) Kenneth L. Brett (R) Larry L. Downs (R) HALBERT TOWNSHIP ADVISORY **BOARD** (vote for 3) Travis Montgomery (R) Stevie J. Horton (R) Kimberly L. Albright (R) MITCHELTREE TOWNSHP ADVI-SORY BOARD (vote for 3) Sharon K. Belcher (R) Charity (Belcher) Tolbert (R) PERRY TOWNSHIP ADVISORY **BOARD** (vote for 3) Julie Green (D) Sue Hunt (D) STATE CONVENTION **DELEGATES** (vote for 4) Gerald D. Montgomery (R) Stevie J. Horton (R) Warren D. Albright (R) Karen A. Hickman (R) **DEMOCRAT PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN** James Richard Taylor (Perry 1) Tammy Jo Gore (Mitcheltree) Raydies Thimling (East Memphis) Roger Cooper (Lost River) Alice A. Robbins (West Memphis) Richard Baugh (North Halbert) The last day residents can register to vote in the Primary Election is Monday, April 7. You can register at the clerk's office at the courthouse in Shoals or online at www.indianavoters.in.gov.

For information, contact the clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

VU Theatre Department presents The Glass Menagerie

Tennessee Williams' classic drama "The Glass Menagerie" will be presented for three performances beginning February 14 at Vincennes University's Red Skelton Performing Arts Center. Performances will continue February 15 and 16 with show times at 8 p.m. (EST) on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. An Opening Night Party will be held after the February 14 performance where guests will be able to meet the cast and production staff and enjoy desserts and beverages. The all-student cast includes Hannah Simpson, Rushville; Danielle Ferguson, Greenfield; Quentin Toetz, Indianapolis; and Sam Warren, Warsaw. The assistant director is Sami Cunningham, Vincennes, and the stage manager is Kendall Stevenson, Hobart. Tickets cost \$7 for adults and seniors and \$5 for non-VU students. For school groups of 10 or more, bus drivers and two chaperones may be admitted free. VU employees receive two free tickets and VU students one free ticket - all with I.D. Tickets can be purchased in person at the Skelton Center Box Office, by phone at 812-888-4039, online or at www.vinu.edu/redskelton. Box office hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. On show nights the box office opens one hour before the performance.



Vectren gas infrastructure replacement plans: Consumer comments on anticipated rate increases invited

The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) is inviting written consumer comments on Vectren Energy Delivery's plans for natural gas transmission, distribution and storage system improvements. This includes Vectren's request for incremental gas rate increases to recover the costs as the projects proceed over the next seven years, through a new rate adjustment mechanism. Vectren's proposals include a \$647 million plan for its North territory and a \$217 million plan for its South territory.

The OUCC – the state agency representing consumer interests in cases before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) – is reviewing the utility's plans and has not yet taken a position in the pending case. The OUCC anticipates completing its review and filing testimony on March 7, 2014.

Vectren has filed its requests under two state laws: 1) A law approved by the Indiana General Assembly in 2011 (IC 8-1-8.4) that allows energy utilities to recover federally mandated costs through rates, and 2) A 2013 law (IC 8-1-39) allowing natural gas and electric utilities to submit seven-year infrastructure improvement plans for IURC approval. The 2013 law allows utilities to then seek rate increases every six months - subject to IURC and OUCC review - to recover project costs under their plans as they are incurred. Recovery under the 2013 law is referred to in statute as the "Transmission, Distribution, and Storage System Improvement Charge (TDSIC)." A utility may recover 80 percent of the incurred costs through the adjustments while deferring the remaining 20 percent to its next base rate case, which must be filed by the end of the seven-year period.

In IURC Cause No. 44429, Vectren proposes to create a new Compliance System and Improvement Adjustment (CSIA) to recover costs under the two laws, and states that it plans to file its first CSIA rate increase requests in September 2014.

According to the utility's testimony, the proposed projects throughout its North and South service territories would start later this year.

Projects would include main replacements and upgrades to transmission and distribution pipelines. The Vectren North plan would also include extensions into areas that currently do not have natural gas service.

The seven-year plan for the Vectren North service territory – which includes about 570,000 customers in 48 central, south-central and southeastern Indiana counties formerly served by Indiana Gas Co. – includes a total of \$647.1 million in capital improvement projects. This total includes \$369.7

The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer bounselor (OUCC) is inviting written conumer comments on Vectren Energy Delivry's plans for natural gas transmission, tomer's monthly bill – in the first year – by \$0.97 in the North territory and \$1.34 in the South territory. Larger increases would ensue each year through 2021.

This proposal would not affect service or rates for Vectren's electric utility in southwestern Indiana.

An IURC technical evidentiary hearing in this case is scheduled to start April 15, 2014 at the PNC Center (101 W. Washington St.) in Indianapolis. While evidentiary hearings are open to the public, participation is typically limited to attorney and Commission questioning of expert witnesses who have filed technical testimony on behalf of the case's formal parties.

For more information on this case and the applicable laws, please visit www.in.gov/oucc/2770.htm.

Consumers who wish to submit written comments may do so via the OUCC's Website at www.in.gov/oucc/2361.htm, or by mail, email or fax:

Mail: Consumer Services Staff Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor, 115 W. Washington St., Suite 1500 South, Indianapolis, IN 46204, email: uccinfo@oucc.IN.gov, Fax: (317) 232-5923

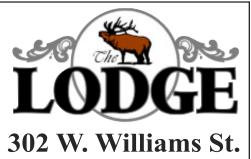
Written comments the OUCC receives by February 28, 2014 will be filed with the Commission and included in the case's formal evidentiary record. Comments should include the consumer's name, mailing address, and a reference to "IURC Cause No. 44429."

Consumers with questions about submitting written comments can contact the OUCC's consumer services staff toll-free at 1-888-441-2494.

(IURC Cause No. 44429)

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ABOUT THE PLAY

"The Glass Menagerie" is Tennessee

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Cast members of "The Glass Menagerie" are Sam Warren (on floor), Quentin Toetz, Danielle Ferguson, and Hannah Simpson.

Williams' poetic masterpiece. A faded, tragic remnant of Southern gentility, Amanda Wingfield desperately struggles to provide her shy and fragile daughter with at least one suitable "gentleman caller." Her son Tom dreams of escaping from his job at a warehouse and his oppressive life at home. "The Glass Menagerie" is a drama of great tenderness, charm, and beauty and is one of the most famous plays of the modern theatre. Originally produced on Broadway in 1945, it has shown huge success then and now with the new Broadway revival currently taking audiences by storm. million under the federal mandate law and \$277.4 million in TDSIC rate recovery.

The seven-year plan for the Vectren South service territory – which includes approximately 110,000 customers in nine southwestern Indiana counties formerly served by Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Co. (SIGECO) – includes a total of \$216.8 million in capital improvement projects. This total includes \$173.7 million under the federal mandate law and \$43.1 million in TDSIC rate recovery.

In its testimony and exhibits, the utility projects that the TDSIC portion of the CSIA would raise an average residential cus-

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