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Shoals Robotix keeps rolling

-Photo provided

The Shoals JugRox Robotix team knocked it out of the park again Saturday, February 1 at the Southern Indiana League Championship tournament in Spencer, as they faced 24 other teams. After a rocky start, JugRox and their alliance partners, Genesis and Toirtap, emerged as victors in the robot games, taking home the Winning Alliance Award. The team also scooped up the Community Service Award, the Motivate Award, and third place for the prestigious and highly-coveted Inspire Award. Last but not least, Andrew Newland and Alan Cook made it through to the next round of interviews for the Dean's List Award. The team now advances to the semi-state tournament in Lafayette on February 29. Once again the team would like to thank the community and all sponsors for their continued support. In the front row, from left to right, are Shyla Taylor, Mallory Waggoner, Luke Troutman, Alexis Rush, Lydia Cook, and Jocelyn Davis. In the back row, from left to right, are Andrew Newland, Noah Stoll, Alan Cook Zane Lake, Hunter Jones, and Colton Mullins.

Current filings for 2020 Primary

The 2020 Primary Election will be held May 5, 2020. Candidate filing ended on February 7, 2020 at noon. The following are the candidates that have filed for the Martin County 2020 Primary Election.

Martin County Auditor
Bobbie Abel (D)
Martin County Coroner
Tina M. Franklin (D)
Martin County Recorder
Rhonda Sanders (R)
Martin County Surveyor
Nathan D. Hoffman (R)
Martin County Treasurer
Lori Carrico (R)
Martin County Commissioner District 1
Kevin R. Boyd (R)
Cody Roush (R)
Martin County Commissioner District 3
Michael D. "Mike" Dant (D)
Jon Richer (R)
Aaron "Moose" Summers (R)
Martin County Council-at-Large (three seats available)
Warren D. Albright (R)
Keith Gibson (R)
Adam Greene (R)
Richard Summers (D)
Jim Woody (D)
Republican Precinct Committeemen
(Since there is no competition Republican Precinct Committeemen will not appear on the ballot.)
Perry 1 – Carolyn S. McGuire
Perry 3 – Leah Govea
Perry 5 – David A. Smith
Perry 6 – Aaron Summers
Mitcheltree – Becky L. Sellers
North Center – Benjamin C. (Snoop) Shaw
South Center – Dean Crandall
Lost River – Bruce Fithian
South Halbert – Gerald D. Montgomery
Democrat State Convention Delegates
(Choose 3) -

Audra P. Deckard
Stephen A. Deckard
Larry R. Fellers
Republican State Convention Delegates (Choose 4)
Warren Albright
Leah Govea
Gerald D. Montgomery
Larry G. Shaw
Chase A. Wilcoxen

If you missed the filing deadline and are interested in appearing on the November General Election ballot contact your party chairman. The chairman has until July 6, 2020 to fill any vacancies.

Voter registration will close on April 6, 2020. Please make sure you are properly registered by April 6, 2020. You can call the Martin County Clerk's office at 812-247-3651 or go to www.Indianvoters.com to check status of your registration. You MUST HAVE A PHOTO ID TO MATCH YOUR REGISTRATION ADDRESS in order to vote. In office absentee voting will begin April 7, 2020 and end May 4, 2020 at noon. You can request an application to vote by mail at any time by calling the Clerk's Office at 812-247-3651.

The following is a list of polling sites for the election:

Perry 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6: St. John's Center 408 Church Street, Loogootee, IN 47553

Perry 5 and Rutherford: St. Martin's Church Hall 524 Whitfield Rd, Loogootee, IN 47553

Perry 7 and Crane: Bramble Conservation Club 1024 Bramble Rd., Loogootee, IN 47553

North Center and Mitcheltree: Dover Hill Church of Christ 15581 N. State Rd 450, Shoals, IN 47581

North Halbert, South Halbert, Southeast Halbert, Lost River, East Memphis, West Memphis, and South Center: St. Mary's Church Hall 128 High Street, Shoals, IN 47581

West Boggs Director updates council on park's progress

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Jameson Hibbs, director of West Boggs Park, spent about 40 minutes at the Martin County Council meeting Monday, February 10, talking about the upgrades and improvements at the park over the past five years.

Hibbs started working as assistant director of West Boggs Park in 2015. When the director passed away in 2016, Hibbs took over. He said that he inherited a train wreck when he took over and that funds were not being spent appropriately. He said he spent the first year to year and a half restructuring the staff to focus on his vision for the park. Hibbs said he used to be a parks and recreation manager for several years in Terre Haute and he wanted to not only focus on out-of-town visitors but also reconnect with the local population. He didn't feel like the previous managers were community minded.

Since Hibbs took over, he has added a program director and customer service manager, to improve return visitors and customer satisfaction. The park has added dozens of programs including Friday

movies for kids, pancake breakfasts, drone races, a concert series, a luau beach party, civil war reenactments, fishing derbies, 5K runs, a summer day camp, etc. They now look for sponsorships for programs to the tune of \$16,000 a year to help offset costs.

The park is currently building a new gatehouse, upgraded a sewer lift station, added lanes to the entrance, added on and replaced water lines, built a new playground, installed landscaping around the park and built a walking path around the playground.

Plans for the future include installing a pergola in the playground on the beach, road improvements including replacing 40-50 culverts, a new solar powered fish cleaning station, new boat ramps, an easy launch kayak system, an outdoor concrete ping pong table at the activity center, upgrade camp sites, rebuilding the concessions building at the beach, adding outdoor fitness equipment, and add a fishing pier, among other things.

Hibbs said they are also working to get rid of the blue-green algae around the lake which has been a huge issue with visitors and residents. They are working (See 'WEST BOGGS' on page 2)

Commissioners discuss bridges, roads, old county records

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners talked bridges at their meeting Tuesday night, February 11. Tim Hunt, with HWC Engineering, told the commissioners that bridge 58, on Brickyard Road, has been funded with federal aid to be replaced. Hunt said he believes it is a \$3.3 million max project and the county will be responsible for providing some funds, but Hunt said he isn't sure how much that will be.

The commissioners accepted the paving bids for Milestone \$187,606 for Bellbrook Road in two spots (Mt. Calvary to Bellbrook Avenue and Bellbrook Avenue to Brickyard Road) and CR 400 South in two spots (CR E 400 South to Hwy 231 and CR E 400 South to CR 176). They also approved CLR to do work on bridges 92 and 69 for \$546,600.

The commissioners approved the engineering bid for work on the bank of Brooks Bridge to HWC Engineering for \$19,500.

The commissioners also accepted the resignation for the mechanic at the highway department, effective December 26 of last year.

Bill Greene, president of the Martin County Historical Society, reported they are working on a grant to replace the heating and cooling system in the museum. He asked that the commissioners help them with support letters to include with the grant. They estimate the cost of the heating and cooling system to be \$90,000. The grant they are applying for is \$50,000.

They are also getting ready to restore the courtroom upstairs in the museum but right now they need to figure out what to do with the old records being stored. They would like to be able to store the records (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

Loogootee City Council opens bids for stormwater, road work

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Loogootee City Council opened bids for stormwater and road improvements at their meeting Monday night, February 10. The bids will be paid in part with the \$764,000 awarded to the city from Community Crossings grant funds. The remainder will come from the stormwater fund and the EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax).

According to Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty, the stormwater portion of the work encompasses 75 percent of the money with roadwork being 25 percent. Harty said that the road work goes along

with the stormwater projects because the road has to be torn up to do the work. The stormwater work will take place in various locations around the city.

The two bids opened were from Milestone for \$1,719,737.10 and E&B Paving for \$1,317,039. The Milestone bid also included two alternative prices, if chosen, to use polyethylene pipe as opposed to concrete, decreasing the cost by \$56,528 and \$1,200 (for two different projects) and E&B Paving decreased their bid by \$50,000 and \$30,000 for the same change, if chosen.

Midwestern Engineers will review the bids to make sure everything is in order (See 'CITY COUNCIL' on page 2)

WEST BOGGS

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on treating the algae however the cost is \$27,000 each treatment of 100 acres. He is applying for a LARE (Lake and River Enhancement) grant to do a study to find out where the algae is coming from and how to prevent it. The cost is \$50,000 and will take a few years to complete. They have also started a lake enhancement fund by adding a \$2 fee to season passes and camping and a \$20 fee to boat rentals. He estimates that this will bring in \$30,000 a year to help cover grant applications. He is also offering residents an option of paying to have the algae treated in front of their residences.

The park has also started accepting camping reservations online, since January. Hibbs said they have been working toward that for a while and will be a huge asset to the park. Hibbs said that the popularity of West Boggs continues to increase. Camping revenue was \$571,000 in 2015 and in 2019 it was \$831,000. The park had \$1.2 million last year in total revenue with \$1 million in expenses.

Hibbs also talked about the possibility of the council implementing a five percent innkeeper's tax. He said that this could help generate \$6,000-\$7,000 to help go toward tourism marketing. There are only 11 counties in the state that do not have an innkeeper's tax, Martin County is one of them. Hibbs said there are very few places that offer overnight stays in the county however any amount helps and doesn't have come from taxpayers. The innkeeper's tax is paid by the visitor, not by the business owner. Hibbs said he will provide more information on the tax to the council in the future.

In other business, Martin County Sheriff Travis Roush submitted a check from Vigo County for housing inmates for four months for \$118,000.

The council approved the following additional appropriations:

- \$444,433.90 for the Community Crossings grant to be moved to the highway budget. Highway Secretary Terri Alcorn said that most of the money has been spent from the 2019 grant with bids being opened at the commissioners' meeting Tuesday night for the remaining road improvements.
- \$12,500 from the general fund to cover

shortages in the police pension due to an additional deputy being hired.

- \$1,500 of grant funds from the Martin County Community Foundation to the Martin County Community Corrections budget for equipment

- \$7,936 of grant funds from IPEP to the Martin County Community Corrections budget for safety equipment

- \$60,000 of grant funds from the Indiana State Opioid Response to the circuit court to hire Esolve Solutions to gather data, do community outreach and training/certification needed to apply for the next round of funding for an additional \$60,000.

COMMISSIONERS

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in one of the museum's vaults but they are not sure if they have permission to relocate the items without the presence of someone from the courthouse offices, as some of it is sensitive material. Auditor Bobbie Abel told Greene at the public records commission will be meeting next week if he would like to attend that meeting.

Civil Defense Director Monte Wolf told the commissioners that the hazard mitigation plan has been completed. He thanked the commissioners for their help. The plan is required in order for the county to qualify for grants.

Commissioner Paul George asked County Attorney Dave Lett if he could come up with an ordinance requested by the Martin County 2A group who wants to make Martin County a second amendment sanctuary. The group will be meeting Wednesday night at the fairgrounds. Attorney Lett said he plans to attend the meeting to hear what exactly the group is looking for. Commissioner Aaron Summers said that he has heard from a lot of people in the community and so far, not one person has been opposed to what the group is trying to do. The leader of the group, Charles Hamilton, who was present in the audience, said he provided an ordinance from Grant County for the commissioners to consider. He said six counties in Indiana have approved an ordinance, so far. The ordinance from Grant County states that the county will honor the US Constitution and supports their citizens' right to bear arms and is against any law that prohibits that right. The group would like Martin County to pass the same ordinance.



-Photo by Josh Hughett

The Loogootee City Council officially signed over the deed of the Red Door building to Four Rivers. Four Rivers has occupied the city-owned building for several decades so the city gifted the building in order for Four Rivers to make improvements. Shown above, from left to right are Four Rivers Director Sherri Tredway, CEO of Developmental Services, Inc.; Shane Burton, Loogootee Mayor Noel Hart, City Council Members Rick Norris and Teresa Nolley, City Attorney Isha Wright-Ryan, and City Council Members Tim Lawrence and Ron Gilbert.

CITY COUNCIL

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and make a recommendation to the council. They will hold a special meeting to do this since the bids have to be submitted to INDOT by February 24.

The mayor presented a quote from Matrix Integration to provide technical support when computer systems are down for \$4,000 a year. They will also install firewalls and update security features. Their regular rates are \$420 per hour after hours, \$315 per hour for escalation emergency and \$210 per hour for standard support. The council agreed to approve the contract.

The council also approved a quote from Straeffler Pump and Supply of Chandler to install a new pump in the lift station behind K-line Industries for \$8,495. Superintendent Bo Wilson said he has a pump in stock but the brackets are not correct. He will fix the pump and have it as a backup, if needed.

The council approved giving the Martin County Alliance \$2,000 as a contribution.

The following building permits were issued since last meeting:

- Jim Matthews for 503 SW 2nd Street for a house demolition
- Michael's Auto Sales at 513 N JFK

Avenue for a sign

- Dairy Queen at 212 Mill Street for a demolition and building addition

\$2,000 to the Martin County Alliance

Dave Welsh, with German American Insurance, provided information to the council offering to provide property and casualty insurance services to the city. He explained that he has taken over the county policies and started safety meetings to help lower insurance costs along with implementing other measures including reviewing past claims and put together a plan to better predict the future for budgetary purposes.

The council agreed to hire Welsh as the insurance agent of record starting April 1.

Council Member Rick Norris said of the current agent of record, "We've not been getting any service, in my opinion, out of what we've got."

The council approved increasing the violation fee for overgrown grass and trash from \$25-\$100 a day to \$50 up to \$250 per day. Council Member Norris said he doesn't mind the increase but feels if the property owner contacts the building commissioner and sets a plan to get the violation corrected, they should be worked with.

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JERRY SMITH

Jerry V. Smith passed away at 4:15 a.m. Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 77.

He was born November 14, 1942 in Washington; son of the late Frank R. and Mildred (Arvin) Smith.

Jerry graduated in 1961 from Loogootee High School and attended Vincennes University.

Jerry was a lifelong farmer that loved sports, fishing and boating. He was a member of the White River Masonic Lodge and attended the Loogootee United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank R. and Mildred Smith and brother-in-law, Michael Lett.

He is survived by his siblings, Karol

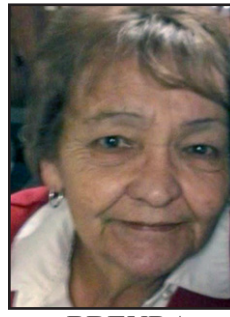
(Bob) Wade of Avon, Jim (Judy) Smith of Oracle, Arizona, Darrell (Nina) Smith of Bloomfield, Beth Lett of Loogootee and Tony (Lana) Smith of Loogootee; 16 nieces and nephews; and uncle, Clinton Smith of Surprise, Arizona.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 8 at the Loogootee United Methodist Church. Burial followed in Goodwill Cemetery.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

BRENDA MOFFITT

Brenda K. Moffitt passed away Sunday February 9, 2020 at 12:05 p.m. at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper. A resident of Shoals, she was 76.



BRENDA MOFFITT

She was born on September 14, 1943 in Bedford; daughter of the late James and Lina (Reynolds) McPherson.

Brenda believed in the Christian Faith. She married Paul Moffitt on September 14, 2009. Brenda loved growing flowers, mowing her lawn, and taking care of her animals. She enjoyed sitting on her front porch, and spending time with her family.

Brenda is preceded in death by her parents, James and Lina McPherson and an infant sister, Linda.

She is survived by her husband, Paul Moffitt of Shoals; her daughters, Linda

(Lowell) Keith of Mitchell and Betty (Jeff) Lindauer of Jasper; her step-daughters, Ginny (Tony) Steele of Springville and Victoria (Rod) Tow of Shoals; her step-sons, Joe (Darlene) Moffitt of Shoals, Jason Moffitt of Shoals, William Moffitt of Shoals, and Patrick Moffitt of Shoals; her granddaughter, Jamie Gray of Mitchell; her grandson, Larry Alan Meredith of Louisville, Kentucky; her siblings, Terry, Larry, Gary, and Perry McPherson, and several step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cremation was chosen according to her wishes. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

National unemployment edges up to 3.6 percent for January

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 225,000 in January, and the unemployment rate was little changed at 3.6 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week.

Notable job gains occurred in construction, in health care, and in transportation and warehousing.

This news release presents statistics from two monthly surveys. The household survey measures labor force status, including unemployment, by demographic characteristics.

The establishment survey measures nonfarm employment, hours, and earnings by industry.

Household Survey Data

Both the unemployment rate, at 3.6 percent, and the number of unemployed persons, at 5.9 million, changed little in January.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (3.3 percent), adult women (3.2 percent), teenagers (12.2 percent), Whites (3.1 percent), Blacks (6.0 percent), Asians (3.0 percent), and Hispanics (4.3 percent) showed little or no change over the month.

Among the unemployed, the number of reentrants to the labor force increased by 183,000 in January to 1.8 million but was little changed over the year. (Reentrants are persons who previously worked but were not in the labor force prior to beginning their job search.)

The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more), at 1.2 million, was unchanged in January. These individuals accounted for 19.9 percent of the unemployed.

After accounting for the annual adjustments to the population controls, the civilian labor force rose by 574,000 in January, and the labor force participation rate edged up by 0.2 percentage point to 63.4 percent. The employment-population ratio, at 61.2 percent, changed little over the month but was up by 0.5 percentage point over the year.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons, at 4.2 million, was essentially unchanged in January. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been reduced or they were unable to find full-time jobs.

The number of persons marginally attached to the labor force, at 1.3 million, changed little in January. These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey for a variety of reasons, such as belief that no jobs are available for them (re-

ferred to as discouraged workers), school attendance, or family responsibilities. Discouraged workers numbered 337,000 in January, little changed over the month.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 225,000 in January, compared with an average monthly gain of 175,000 in 2019. Notable job gains occurred in construction, in health care, and in transportation and warehousing.

In January, construction employment rose by 44,000. Most of the gain occurred in specialty trade contractors, with increases in both the residential (+18,000) and nonresidential (+17,000) components. Construction added an average of 12,000 jobs per month in 2019.

Health care added 36,000 jobs in January, with gains in ambulatory health care services (+23,000) and hospitals (+10,000). Health care has added 361,000 jobs over the past 12 months.

Employment in transportation and warehousing increased by 28,000 in January. Job gains occurred in couriers and messengers (+14,000) and in warehousing and storage (+6,000). Over the year, employment in transportation and warehousing has increased by 106,000.

Employment in leisure and hospitality continued to trend up in January (+36,000). Over the past 6 months, the industry has added 288,000 jobs.

Employment continued on an upward trend in professional and business services in January (+21,000), increasing by 390,000 over the past 12 months.

Manufacturing employment changed little in January (-12,000) and has shown little movement, on net, over the past 12 months. Motor vehicles and parts lost 11,000 jobs over the month.

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

In January, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 7 cents to \$28.44. Over the past 12 months, average hourly earnings have increased by 3.1 percent. Average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees were \$23.87 in January, little changed over the month (+3 cents).

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 34.3 hours in January. In manufacturing, the average workweek remained at 40.4 hours, while overtime edged down 0.1 hour to 3.1 hours. The average workweek of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees edged up by 0.1 hour to 33.6 hours.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for November was revised up by 5,000 from +256,000 to +261,000,

and the change for December was revised up by 2,000 from +145,000 to +147,000. With these revisions, employment gains in November and December combined were 7,000 higher than previously reported. (Monthly revisions result from additional reports received from businesses

Generations offers new online resource for older adults and caregivers

The U.S. aging population continues to increase at a rapid rate. Most of these individuals would prefer to remain in their own homes for as long as possible but might face physical or environmental obstacles that threaten their independence.

Generations is excited to offer a new FREE online health resource called Active Daily Living which can be accessed through the Generations website at www.generationsnetwork.org.

Active Daily Living offers a variety of informational resources that support older adults and caregivers through interactive online tools and personalized content designed to maximize one's ability to age in place. Users can browse the site for information on different aging and caregiving topics and can sign up to receive free monthly e-mails tailored to their own interests/needs.

Features of Active Daily Living include:

-Age-In-Place Guides - FREE guides to keep one safe, independent and in their own home.

-QuickCare Tips™ - Practical ideas that support functional skills for self-care and maintaining independence.

-Healthcare Navigators™ - Practical

advice for seniors and caregivers when interacting with health care providers.

-CareGuide Library - Learn how to handle hundreds of common caregiver situations and concerns.

-Senior Health Newsletter - Personalized, professionally created from topics chosen by YOU!

-Family Caregiver Newsletter - Free Monthly Articles on Aging-In-Place, Safety and Caregiving.

"We are so happy to be able to offer Active Daily Living as an additional resource to older adults and caregivers. Our mission at Generations is to offer older adults, individuals with disabilities and caregivers options for a better quality of life, and Active Daily Living falls in line perfectly with this mission," says Generations' Executive Director, Laura Holscher.

Active Daily Living can be accessed now on the Generations' website at www.generationsnetwork.org. It is a free resource and is available to anyone who is interested.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:30 a.m. - Received a report of a car/deer accident east of Shoals.

9:17 a.m. - Received a report of a male walking in the middle of the highway. Major Keller responded and transported the subject.

9:32 a.m. - Received a request for a vin check in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

9:33 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

12:28 p.m. - Received a report of ATV's racing near Hindostan Falls. Advised ICO Mann.

1:21 p.m. - Received a report of a scam call in Loogootee.

4:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Wells and Shoals Fire Department responded.

5:48 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint north of Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

6:28 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

1:59 a.m. - Received a report of a dumpster fire in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

4:07 a.m. - Received a report of a medical alarm in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:44 a.m. - Received a report of a log truck blocking a county road East of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:30 a.m. - Received a request for a vin check in Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

9:44 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:18 a.m. - Received a request for a vin check in Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

11:30 a.m. - Received a request to speak with Loogootee Police in reference to a Social Security scam call. Advised Loogootee Chief Rayhill.

11:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:20 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

12:28 p.m. - Received a request for fire assistance in Loogootee for a citizen's concern. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

1:05 p.m. - Major Keller assisted with a vin check in Shoals.

1:38 p.m. - Received a report of culvert being done on State Road 550.

2:24 p.m. - Received a report of a fire in Shoals town limits. Shoals Fire Chief Hamby advised occupants of law.

2:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

3:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported.

3:20 p.m. - Received a request to speak with an officer in reference to a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

3:24 p.m. - Received a report of a minor accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

5:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:34 p.m. - Received a report of an animal problem north of Loogootee. Advised

Animal Control Officer Hughett.

5:55 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

6:26 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint north of Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

6:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:29 p.m. - Received a report of a missing animal in Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

11:08 p.m. - Received a report of limbs in the road east of Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

2:31 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Lost River Fire Department, Deputy Gibson, Corporal Reed and REMC responded.

3:00 a.m. - Received a report of an intruder in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

3:16 a.m. - Received a report of people driving by a home in Shoals yelling. Corporal Reed responded.

4:38 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Haysville Fire Department responded.

1:15 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Crane Village. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

1:17 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

2:50 p.m. - Received a report of someone taking a package from a porch in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and Deputy Wells responded.

3:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responding.

8:15 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check east of Shoals. Deputy Gibson and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:14 a.m. - Received a report of a medical alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and Martin County Ambulance responding.

9:37 a.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Crane. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

9:45 a.m. - Received a report of a hitchhiker east of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

9:55 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Major Keller and Shoals Fire Department responding. Martin County Ambulance transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:07 a.m. - Received a report of a rock in the road east of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

11:10 a.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

2:42 p.m. - Received a report of a cow in the road near Shoals. Dispatch advised the cattle owner.

3:36 p.m. - Received a report of two juveniles who didn't come home from school. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

3:47 p.m. - Received a report of animals being dumped in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

4:30 p.m. - Received a request to speak with an officer in reference to a vin check. Advised the deputy handling the check.

5:24 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

7:04 p.m. - Received a request for an

ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:41 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Deputy Gibson and Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

8:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Haysville Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:25 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Deputy Gibson and Deputy Seymour responding.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:30 a.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennette and Major Keller assisted with traffic control near Loogootee.

8:39 a.m. - Received a report of a verbal domestic dispute in Crane. Major Keller and ISP Beaver responded.

8:59 a.m. - Received a request to speak with a Loogootee Officer. Advised Loogootee Captain Hennette.

9:25 a.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett responding.

9:59 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department, Major Keller and Deputy Wright responded. Subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:12 a.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

12:17 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

1:17 p.m. - Received a report of a missing phone in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded and found subject's phone.

1:36 p.m. - Received a report of an audible burglary alarm near Loogootee. ISP Lents and LPD Captain Hennette responding.

5:08 p.m. - Received a report of a dog bite in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

5:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

12:20 p.m. - Received a report of a dog in the road south of Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Dorsey and Deputy Gibson responded.

1:12 a.m. - Received a request about questions referencing a protection order. Advised caller to contact the county in which the protective order was granted.

1:19 a.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Deputy Seymour, Deputy Gibson and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

2:41 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Indian Creek Fire Department, Deputy Seymour, Deputy Wright, Deputy Gibson and Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to IU Health Bedford.

8:41 a.m. - Received a report of an injured dog east of Shoals. Reserve Deputy Dorsey and Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

11:48 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to IU Health Paoli.

2:16 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:20 p.m. - Received a request to speak with an officer in reference to a repossessed vehicle. Deputy Wells responded.

6:39 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious male in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

7:25 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

8:41 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

1:33 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic altercation near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth and Deputy Seymour responded.

7:11 a.m. - Received a report of a car/deer accident near Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

8:13 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic altercation near Shoals. Deputy Wright and Martin County Ambulance responded.

9:56 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Hindostan. Shoals Fire Department responded.

1:52 p.m. - Received a report of someone hitting the gas pump at marathon. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

6:11 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless semi near Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

9:42 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Wells and Shoals Fire Department responded.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:58 a.m. - Jerry Betz, 32, of Bicknell, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on a Martin County warrant. His bond is \$754, cash only.

6:37 p.m. - Corey Carrithers, 28, of Washington, on station to turn himself in on a Monroe County warrant. He is currently on hold without bond.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

10:44 a.m. - Kimberly Fisher, 43, of Shoals, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on petition to revoke and is currently being held without bond.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

3:00 p.m. - Noah Cox, 22, of Loogootee, was arrested by Major Keller on a Dubois County warrant.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

1:31 p.m. - Roberta Warren, 36, of Washington, was arrested on a Martin County Warrant and is currently being held without bond.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

12:43 p.m. - Enoch Spaulding, 24, of Shoals, was arrested by Loogootee Officer McBeth and charged with possession of marijuana. He is currently being held on \$25,000/10% bond.

6:33 a.m. - Zane Sanders, 20, of Shoals, was arrested by Reserve Deputy Dorsey and charged with operating while intoxicated refusal, battery on law enforcement, false informing, resisting law enforcement and leaving the scene of an accident. He is currently being held without bond.

7:57 a.m. - William Redman, 36, of Williams, was arrested by Deputy Seymour and charged with dealing methamphetamine, dealing narcotics, possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotics, possession of hypodermic needle, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of a controlled substance class 3 and possession of a controlled substance class 5. He is currently being held without bond.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

December 19

Amanda D. Boyd, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more with a passenger less than 18 years of age, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 583 days suspended and credit for 56 actual days previously served plus 56 Class A credit days and 28 actual days previously served plus 7 Class P credit days. Defendant received 18 months of probation.

January 9

Chelsea D. New, convicted of battery resulting in serious bodily injury to a person less than 14 years of age, a Level 5 Felony, amended from a Level 3 Felony. Sentenced to serve 4 years with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 1 year suspended and credit for 3 actual days previously served plus 1 Class B credit day. Defendant to serve 3 years as a direct commitment with Martin County Community Corrections.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

December 19

Amanda D. Boyd, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person with a passenger less than 18 years of age, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

January 9

Chelsea D. New, criminal confinement, a Level 3 Felony, dismissed; neglect of a dependent resulting in serious bodily in-

Martin County real estate transfers

Marcus Marner and Joleen E. Marner and David Marner and Clara Mae Marner, of Daviess County, Indiana to Northern Property & Development, LLC, of Daviess County, Indiana, the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 4 West; also the northwest quarter of Section 2, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, in Martin County, Indiana, containing 156.91 acres, more or less.

Hunter L. Johnson, of Hancock County, Indiana to The Lois Knepp Revocable Trust, of Daviess County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the south half of Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 51.33 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the southeast quarter of Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 10.04 acres, more or less.

State's oldest employee retires at age 102

Chief surveyor Bob Vollmer, age 102, left the Indiana Government Center South as an employee for the last time this morning.

He worked for the Department of Natural Resources 57 years, mostly in the field or out of his home office in Brown County.

Vollmer exited the building after a two-hour reception with fellow employees. Last week, he completed his last day of working in the field, surveying in Clinton, in Vermillion County.

Last Friday, the DNR honored Vollmer with an invitation-only retirement dinner party. Last Tuesday, he had pie and coffee with Gov. Eric Holcomb and DNR director Cameron Clark at Abe Martin Lodge at Brown County State Park.

Vollmer, who started with the agency as project engineer at Glendale Fish & Wildlife Area in 1963, is older than the DNR itself—the agency turned 100 last year.

“From his service to the country in World War II to his service to the people of Indiana, Bob exemplifies what it means to serve,” Clark said. “He will take with him decades of knowledge that will be nearly impossible to replace.

“We will also be losing his 100 years of stories. He will be missed greatly, and we wish him a long and enjoyable retire-

ment.”

Many of his stories involve being part of three combat operations in the South Pacific. Returning there is part of his extensive retirement plans.

“I want to visit some of the islands I was on, visit some of the cemeteries,” Vollmer said. “I also might build myself a swimming pool, and I want to help my three great grandsons build some things.”

Vollmer, whose mother, Anna Francis Vollmer, lived to 108, says he believes in working, but his body told him it was time to go.

“There’s a lot of things I want to do but I gotta slow down,” he said. “I just can’t get around like I used to, but I bet you I do.”

He attributes his success to the help he’s received along the way.

“I’ve been lucky all my life,” he said. “I got a lot of people to thank—I can’t remember them all. If I can continue with the luck I’ve been having, I’ll have a real good retirement.”

Which, to him, means staying active.

“I don’t have a reverse gear in my transmission,” he said. “You don’t want to quit—when you quit, you’re confined to the rocking chair, and that’s where you die.

“When I go down, I want to go down swingin’.”

jury, a Level 3 Felony, dismissed.

January 30

Thomas R. Mullins, two counts of intimidation, Level 6 Felonies, dismissed.

February 10

Rickie D. Mason, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

January 30

Mariner Finance, LLC vs. Joseph R. Mumma, Jr. and Stephanie Mumma, civil collection.

Mariner Finance, LLC vs. John M. McKay, civil collection.

January 31

Midfirst Bank vs. Larry Payne and Daria Christenberry, mortgage foreclosure.

February 3

Eagle Finance Company vs. Ami L. Slaubaugh, civil collection.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

January 27

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff SHWS Development, LLC and against the defendant Jason Tinkle in the amount of \$2,660.

February 4

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Bonnie Leasing/David Bledsoe and against the defendant Larry Gilbert, Jr., in the amount of \$458.01.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

February 5

Christopher E. Hennessy of Shoals and Jessica L. Huff of Shoals.

Equity Trust Company Custodian FBO Hunter Johnson IRA, of Hancock County, Indiana to The Lois Knepp Revocable Trust, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 29.97 acres, more or less.

Jeffery Dorsey, of Martin County, Indiana to Jeffery Dorsey and Shelby Bridgewater, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 35, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3.86 acres, more or less.

Daniel Franklin and Michelle Franklin to Weston N. Knisley and Krystle A. Knisley, a part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.62 acres, more or less.

Loogootee woman arrested for failure to appear

The Martin County Sheriff's Office assisted the Indiana State Police with a warrant service in Loogootee that lead to additional charges for escape and resisting law enforcement. On January 29, at approximately 12:36 p.m., Martin County Sheriff's Office Major Keith Keller went to an address just west of Loogootee in an attempt to locate Roberta J. Warren, 36, of Loogootee, for a failure to appear warrant out of Martin County for methamphetamine-related charges. Major Keller arrived at the location and immediately observed Warren as he entered the business. Major Keller placed Warren into custody and awaited additional units for transportation.

As Major Keller was awaiting additional units, Warren was able to free her right wrist from the handcuffs. Once Warren's wrist was free, she ran towards an exit on the north end of the building. A physical scuffle ensued as Warren physically resisted Major Keller. A few moments later, Major Keller gained compliance from Warren. Deputy Johnathan Wells arrived on scene and assisted with taking Warren back into custody.

Indiana State Police Master Trooper

Man sentenced to prison for meth possession

Nathaniel A. Wright was arrested and transported to the Martin County Security Center by Indiana State

Police Master Trooper Jarrod Lents, which, as a violation of the terms and conditions of the defendant's probation for possession of methamphetamine, led to the Martin County Prosecutor's Office to request that the Martin Circuit Court revoke the defendant's probation and request to order him to serve



ROBERTA WARREN

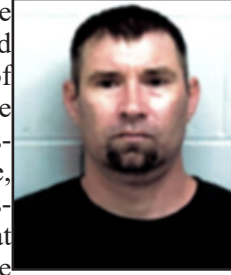
Jarrod Lents, Trooper Andrew Beaver, and Loogootee Police Department Captain Jason Hennette arrived a short time later. Master Trooper Lents transported Warren to the Daviess County Security Center without further incident.

She was charged with escape, a Level 5 Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, and Martin County failure to appear warrant.

All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law

1,460 days at the Indiana Department of Corrections.

On January 14, 2020, Judge Lynne E. Ellis approved the prosecutor's request and the four-year Indiana State Prison sentence for Level 5 possession of methamphetamine as part of a plea agreement by Martin County Prosecutor Aureola S. Wright with Chief Deputy Michael A. Fritch and Deputy Steven Teverbaugh.



NATHANIEL WRIGHT

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By Ann Ackerman



THOUGHTS

*Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.

*I found that growing up in the Sixties was a lot more fun than being in my sixties.

*If you eat cake fast enough, your Fitbit will think you're walking.

*They are giving away free money! It's at a place called "work." Just go there and follow simple instructions and get your own!

*Everyone should believe in something. I believe I should be on the beach drinking margaritas.

*If a cookie falls on the floor and you pick it up, that's a squat, right?

*Give me coffee to change the things I can and wine to accept those that I cannot.

*I just saw people outside jogging. It motivated me - to get up and close my blinds.

*You can't control everything. Your hair was put on your head to remind you of that.

*I hate it when I tell someone I'll be there in 10 minutes and they keep calling me every 30 minutes asking where I am.

*I just replaced the can of air freshener in the office bathroom with an air horn. And now we wait.

*I'm at that delusional age where I think everyone my age looks way older than I do.

*All of my childhood punishments have become my adult goals: eating vegetables, staying home, having a nap, and going to bed early.

A kindergarten teacher was helping one of her students put his boots on. He had

asked for help and she could see why. With her pulling and him pushing, the boots still didn't want to go on.

When the second boot was on, she was nearly out of breath.

She almost whimpered when the little boy said, "Teacher, they're on the wrong feet."

She looked and sure enough, they were. It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on. She managed to keep her cool as they worked together to get the boots back on - this time on the right feet.

He then announced, "These aren't my boots."

She bit her tongue rather than scream, "Why didn't you say so earlier?" like she wanted to. Once again, she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off.

He then said, "They're my brother's boots. My Mom made me wear them."

She didn't know if she should laugh or cry. She mustered up the grace to wrestle the boots on his feet again. She said, Now, where are your gloves?"

He said, "I stuffed them in the toes of my boots..."

KITCHEN ADVICE

If pancake mix is too thick, add water.

If pancake mix is too runny, add mix.

If pancake mix is too thick, add water.

Repeat as needed.

Feeds family, 120 pancakes.

Make someone smile today!



The Martin County Veteran Service Officer has an office in the Martin County Courthouse. An appointment is necessary. For assistance, call 812-247-2210; transportation needs, call 812-247-2450 and leave a message or e-mail martincountyvso2013@yahoo.com.

During the month of January, the veteran service officer assisted four veterans and had one meeting. The veterans' van took five trips transporting five veterans to VA medical centers and clinics.

The veterans' van only transports to appointments at VA hospitals and clinics. You must contact me for transportation needs. Do NOT contact the driver's directly, they do not have the van schedule. The veterans' van is not a part of the DAV program, it is funded by Martin County taxpayers so we only transport Martin County residents.

The veterans' van will only transport to Indianapolis and Northern clinics on Tuesday and Thursday, Louisville and New Albany on Wednesday and Friday and Southern clinics on Mondays. The veterans' van will NOT leave earlier than 7 a.m. Please schedule your appointments accordingly.

If you have hearing issues and would be interested in a CapTel captioned telephone, please call the office at 812-247-2210. You DO NOT have to be a veteran to receive this phone.

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



Tri Kappa Week

Recently, Loogootee City Mayor Noel Harty signed a proclamation declaring February 16-22 as Tri Kappa Week. Mayor Harty is shown above with Tri Kappa members Barb McFeaters and Judy Treffinger. Loogootee-Shoals Delta Tau chapter has 40 active members who work together to promote charity, culture, and education. Members raise money by selling Tri Kappa nuts and birthday calendars. Funds raised are put back into our community, schools, scholarships, and other worthwhile projects.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Second Amendment activists meeting

Second Amendment activists in Martin County are holding the first public meeting to organize their campaign to enact a Second Amendment Sanctuary County ordinance. The meeting will be held at the Martin County Community Building on Wednesday, February 12 at 7 p.m. The address is 2668 US-50, Loogootee, three miles east of Loogootee at the county fairgrounds. The keynote speaker is Mr. Guy Relford, an attorney and author with expertise in gun rights and professional practice in self defense cases. Relford is the owner and chief instructor at Tactical Firearms Training, LLC. He also hosts a weekly radio show on WIBC in Indianapolis entitled 'The Gun Guy with Guy Relford.'

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, February 13 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

Merit board meeting

The Martin County Sheriff's Merit Board will meet Thursday, February 13 at 5:30 p.m. at the jail. The meeting is open to the public.

Public records meeting

The Martin County Commission on Public Records will meet at the Martin County Courthouse on February 18 at 10:30 a.m. in the commissioners' room. If unable to attend this meeting, please submit all forms to the clerk's office before the scheduled meeting date.

Food pantry hours

The Loogootee United Methodist Food Pantry will be open the first, second, third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also the first Monday of the month from 5-6:30 p.m.

Mental Health Task Force

The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. at the Community Learning Center on the Martin County Fairgrounds.

Celebrate Recovery meetings

Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Redemption Church in Loogootee. This is a Christ-centered recovery program and anyone is welcome to attend.

Local recovery meetings

Wednesdays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Martin County Community Corrections Building at 8 p.m.; Thursdays-Narcotics Anonymous, Redemption Church Loogootee at 8 p.m.; Fridays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Loogootee Municipal Building Loogootee at 8 p.m.

Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school age children every Saturday. Lunches can be picked up at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 105 Wood St, Loogootee no later than 10:30 a.m. Deliveries will begin between 10:30 and 11 a.m. Saturdays.

SOAR Tutoring

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

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets quarterly, on the third Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee.

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.

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.

Chamber of Commerce holds monthly meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce met January 15 at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant in Loogootee. Present for the meeting were representatives from the following businesses: Hollies Eats & Treats -Theresa Abney, City of Loogootee-Mayor Noel Harty, The Candy Mill-Carolyn Parsons-Downey, MC Alliance-Tim Kinder, West Boggs Park-Jameson Hibbs, Old National Bank Shoals-Sherry Wade, Bill Whorrall Art-Karen Whorrall, A PAO- Jeff M Nagan, NSA Community Planning Liaison- Todd Woods, REMC-Blake Kleaving, Beden Doors LLC- Zack Beden, WorkOne South Central- Linda Elsinger, American Tree Expert- Rodney Wright and Marie Hawkins Middle Way House- Heidi Weaver and Congressman Bucshon Office- Allie Johnston.

The treasurer's report was given by Sherry Wade. There was no income in January and normal bills were paid. They also paid the Chamber's half from the gold scramble to Martin County Alliance. Theresa Abney made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Jameson Hibbs, and all were in favor.

The program was given by Mike Sutton, with Indiana State Department of Health. Sutton provided a lot of information on testing your private well water. Well water should be tested once a year; spring is a good time after all the rain. You need to know what can pollute your water - bacteria and nitrates from human and animal water, fertilizers, pesticides and heavy metals. August-September is also a good

time to check your well. Young children are the most likely to become ill from contaminated water. You can contact your local health department for more information or visit the following websites: water supply information www.in.gov/isdh/20408.htm, certified drinking water laboratories in Indiana: www.in.gov/isdh/22450.htm, well disinfection: www.in.gov/isdh/files/Well_Disinfection.pdf.

The Chamber Annual Dinner will be March 17 at St. John's Lower Level. The guest speaker is Carolyn Gudger.

The Chamber's scholarship committee will be Jameson Hibbs, Sherry Wade and Blake Kleaving.

There is a new business in the area, Zach Beden, Beden Doors, LLC. They are welcomed to the Chamber.

They will be working on paving Hwy. 558 and Hwy. 645 during 2020, closer to fall. INDOT will be working around the Crane traffic as much as possible.

West Boggs Park is starting a lake enhancement fund. The money will be used for studies of the lake water; anything that will help with the quality of the lake. They will be checking out their water shed. The dam has been inspected and they are waiting on the results; they know this will be a future project. They will be starting on the new gatehouse soon. They are finalizing their summer events, they will be bringing back the drone racing, as well as many other popular events. Watch West Boggs facebook page for all upcoming events.

In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

One morning last week I arose and stepped out onto my balcony to check the weather. As I looked down into the garden, I was greeted by a beautiful splash of pink. A pink hellebore had popped into bloom overnight. This was not totally unexpected. The earlier-blooming white hellebores had been blooming for a couple of weeks and the buds on this pink hybrid had been swelling. Still, that moment of excitement at seeing beautiful color in the gardens thrilled me. As soon as I dressed and filled the stove with wood, my faithful garden companion, Buddy, and I took a walk through the gardens. The winter acornite continues to bloom at the edge of the house. Those waxy yellow blooms hang on for several weeks in winter's changing weather. During my walk, I checked on the other hellebores in my collection. Many are in bud and I know the blooms will soon follow. I added several new varieties to the collection last year and it always takes a couple of years for new transplants to mature, but some of those new "giant" varieties have buds, though only a few.

They say that the most important thing to put in a garden to ensure success is the gardener's shadow. Morning walks in the garden serve many purposes. First, they lift my spirits. Seeing those early hints of spring bring me alive with expectation and hope. Someone else may look at my gardens at this time of the year and see a lot of dead plant materials that need to be removed, but I see what I know will be happening over the next few months. Another good reason for the frequent walks is to inspect the condition of the plants. Heaving of recently-planted perennials is the greatest threat to their survival. If I notice a plant that has been pushed up out of the ground by the freeze-thaw cycles, I simply step around the roots and push them back into the ground. If possible, I may put

some mulch around the plant to prevent further heaving.

Clean-up is another reason for walking in the garden. I know here at Sandhill Gardens, there is always a lot of debris in the gardens. Small branches fall from trees and need to be removed. I may go ahead and cut some of the stalks left by last year's plants, especially if the seed heads are depleted. Those stalks go into a pile to be ground and added to the compost piles.

Last fall, I had to have a new water line installed, so there is some grading that will have to be done in the garden this spring. I also try to watch the way water from the recent rain is washing this bare soil. When there is a way to direct the water to prevent major erosion, it is good to find that and get it fixed now.

Of course, one of the best reasons to take walks in the winter garden is just to contemplate the bones of the garden and plan to make the space more interesting in every season. It is a good time to see where structures could be added to increase height. It is easier now to see where berms are needed to direct drainage and where garden pathways could be placed to access individual beds.

If you are fortunate to have time for gardening at this time of the year, you may want to spend time removing some of the winter weeds. Getting rid of the weeds that germinated in the fall and persist through the winter may prevent those plants from setting seeds and spreading. Some of these winter weeds are actually edible. If you know your plants, you may actually prepare a salad from the plants growing in the winter garden.

In a few more weeks, a walk in the garden may be more pleasant, but it will not be more important than the walk you take today. Put your shadow in the garden as often as possible.

Purdue Master Gardener Basic Training set

A Purdue Master Gardener Basic Training will be offered to Daviess, Knox and surrounding counties residents starting on Thursday, March 19. The program will meet each Thursday, through June 25, with the exception of Wednesday, April 29, according to Luis Santiago, Extension Educator with the Purdue Extension, Daviess County. The first portion of the program (March 19th - April 29th) will take place in Knox County, at the VU Ag Center, 4207 N. Purdue Road, Vincennes, while the second portion (May 7th - June 25th) will be hosted in Daviess County, at the 4-H Exhibit Building in Eastside Park, 4-H Way, Washington.

The Purdue Master Gardener program is designed to train volunteers to assist with horticultural education programs for Purdue Extension. Participants enter a specially designed training program in home horticulture. Upon completion of the training program, they are identified as Master Gardener interns. At that time, the volunteers are expected to extend the information in the areas of gardening and horticulture under the guidance of Purdue Extension to

become certified Master Gardeners.

The Purdue Master Gardener basic training program will consist of 15 sessions. Some of the Topics covered are: Soils and Plant Nutrition, Plant Science, Plant Disease Diagnosis, Insect Identification and Control, Weed Identification and Control, Vegetable and Fruit Gardening, Ornamentals in the Landscape, Wildlife, Lawn Care, Annuals and Perennials, Pesticide Safety and Alternatives, as well as, Invasive Species. Purdue Extension Specialists, Extension Educators, Advanced Master Gardeners, and local horticulture experts serve as instructors.

- Cost is \$125
- Deadline to pre-register is March 6

For more information on how to apply and to obtain a Registration Packet for the Master Gardener program contact: Daviess County: Luis Santiago, 214 NE 3rd St, Washington, 47501, 812-254-8668, santiagl@purdue.edu; website: extension.purdue.edu/daviess

Purdue Extension Master Gardener Program: <https://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/master-gardener>



Signs of spring?

-Photos by Bill Whorrall

The first official day of spring is March 19 however with the mild winter so far, will we see an early spring? The female Cardinal above and male below wonder too. With Indiana weather, anything is possible.



Crop marketing and farm finance workshop

Take part in a workshop focused on improving farm profitability for 2020. The workshop provides farmers an opportunity to improve both their crop marketing and financial management skill sets. The workshop will be conducted by James Mintert, Nathan Thompson and Michael Langemeier, all from Purdue's Center for Commercial Agriculture.

The regional Purdue Crop Marketing & Farm Finance Workshop will be held at the Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds Clover Pavilion (4157 S State Road 162, Huntingburg, IN 47542) on March 6, 2020 from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. EST. This event is sponsored by Old National Bank, the Indiana Soybean Alliance, and the Indiana Corn Marketing Council.

The workshop will include two 90-minute sessions. "Improving Your Crop Marketing Skills" will focus on learning about your grain storage facilities, local grain basis patterns, and how you can take advantage of that knowledge to improve profitability for your farm operation and reduce risk.

"Preparing to Meet with Your Ag Lender" will explore how to use enterprise budgets to evaluate long-term enterprise profitability, and whole-farm financial projections to evaluate profitability and repayment capacity for the upcoming year. A case farm will be used to illustrate the concepts.

There is no charge to attend this event, but pre-registration by February 21 is required for meals and materials at <https://purdue.ag/workshop20>. For questions

about registration and more information about the program, contact: Sarah Zahn at phone (765) 494-7004 or email smithse@purdue.edu.

Cattle meeting to focus on desired market traits

The Dubois County Cattlemen's Association and Purdue Extension - Dubois County will host their annual cattle meeting on Thursday, March 12. The event will focus on what cattle traits and characteristics customers, markets, and sale barns are looking for in quality beef cattle, with the meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. (EST) at the Southern Indiana Purdue Ag. Center (SIPAC) (11371 E. Purdue Farm Road, Dubois, IN 47527).

Speakers and topics will include:
* Dave Fischer, Owner, Fischer Farms Natural Beef, "What Are Fischer Farms and Their Customers Looking For In Quality Beef Cattle?"

* Dr. Jeff Lehmkuhler, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist, University of Kentucky, "Feeder Calves: Making Money Through A Sale Barn (What Characteristics Do Sales Barns Want?)"

* Representatives from Krempp Lumber and Fischer Farms Natural Beef, sponsors for this year's meeting, will discuss services available to cattle producers.

Reservations should be made on-line at <http://www.cvent.com/d/1nq7xb> (or by calling the Purdue Extension - Dubois County Office at 812-482-1782.) The deadline for reservations is Friday, February 28.

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