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Huge crowd turns out to hear about potential highway project

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Roughly 600 residents attended the Mid-States Corridor informational meeting at Loogootee High School Tuesday night. Representatives from Lochmueller Group, INDOT, and the Mid-States Regional Development Authority provided information on the five possible routes for the corridor, narrowed down from 28 when the project began. Three of the five proposed routes travel into Martin County in some way, two of the routes travel directly through the county. To see the map with the five proposed routes,

visit <https://midstatescorridor.com/project-maps/>.

One of the five routes will be chosen by fall of this year and public input is requested now. You can email info@midstatescorridor.com or call 812-482-3116. An office has been set up in the VU Jasper Campus, 850 College Avenue, Jasper, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. You can also complete a survey at <https://midstates.questionpro.com/>.

After the final route and one alternative is chosen this fall, public meetings will be held. For more information on the process, visit www.midstatescorridor.com.

Shoals Council approves new contracts with NewWave, DeWitt insurance

The Shoals Town Council met Monday, February 10. Those in attendance were Council Members Cecil Ragsdale, Cary D. Albright, and Clint Hoffman; Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge, Town Attorney David Lett, Town Marshal Todd Eckert, Shoals Fire Chief Jim Hamby, Beautification Board President Amber Hoffman. Others in attendance were Diane Summers, with Thompson Insurance; Callie Wright, with New Wave Communications; and Brian Basinger, with DeWitt Insurance.

Callie Wright, with New Wave Communications, came before the council with three contracts for pricing for the Town Hall, the fire department and the ballpark. The contracts presented were priced at \$224.90 per month for the Town Hall, \$112.92 per month for the fire department and \$86.93 per month for the ballpark.

Wright also stated the company was going to provide the first three months of service for each location free. Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge stated that the town is currently paying \$645.43 per month in total for the three locations with service provided by Frontier. Rutledge said the average savings would be approximately \$220.68 per month in total. Councilman Albright made a motion to accept the contracts as presented under the condition that changes can be made within 30 days of signature and Councilman Hoffman made the second. All were in favor.

Town of Shoals Beautification Board President Amber Hoffman provided an update that the monthly meetings are being held on the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. and are at the Shoals (See 'COUNCIL' on page two)



Regional Champs

-Photo by Jamie Truelove

The Loogootee Lady Lions Basketball Team won the Class 1A Regional last Saturday defeating Tecumseh 53-47. This was the Lady Lions first Regional title since 2002. The girls will now face off against Greenwood Christian Academy in the Semi-State this Saturday, February 22 at 4 p.m. at Jasper High School. Greenwood Christian Academy is 23-5, the Lady Lions are 25-2.

Shoals School Board approves staff changes, discusses growth

The Shoals School Board met February 13. Board members in attendance were Drexel Turpin, Eva George, Jenell Hoffman, Samantha Boyd, and Jerry Braun. Staff in attendance were Dr. Candace Roush, Amanda Heckard, Shannon Wagoner, Bryson Abel and Ben Kent. Patrons in attendance were Scott Sell and Lorna Troutman.

During patron input, Scott Sell, Director of Strategic Development at the Daviess Community Hospital, presented information on their athletic training program that they offer for student athletes.

Mr. Kent wanted to let everyone know that the first annual 5K Rox Run will be on Saturday May 2. This will be on the newly-finished walking trail at the school. The Ag/Shop class will be hosting this event and food will be provided. Any sponsors that are looking to help with the event please contact Mr. Kent.

The board approved the following personnel changes:

-Resignation of Wesley Stephenson from Chess Club.

-Dennis Dahlen as varsity girls' track coach

-Rhonda Sanders as JV/varsity assistant girls' track coach

-Tim Howell as varsity boys' track coach

-Andrew Beaver as boys' middle school track coach

-April Sutton as girls' middle school track coach

-Tim Sorrells as varsity baseball coach

-Josh Sexton as varsity assistant baseball coach

-Kyle Troutman, Kenyon Sorrells and Jayce Erwin as baseball volunteer coaches

-Aimee Harder as varsity softball coach

Brittany Jones as varsity assistant softball coach

Ashley Roush as JV softball coach

John Harder as volunteer softball coach

-Lorrie Black for sub-custodian

-Tom Lake as substitute teacher

The board approved FMLA requests for Jennifer Mauntel on Tuesdays and Thursdays and to end on February 11, 2020 and Sabra Bough beginning December 27 for up to twelve weeks.

The superintendent recommended

Theresa Holt be paid at the teacher base rate for an hour per day of teaching high school senior a medical class. This will last for eight weeks. The board approved.

The superintendent recommended to pay out comp time accrued by Corporation Treasurer Lisa Elliott over the 120-hour limit. The board approved.

The superintendent requested permission to advertise for a middle school special education position. The board approved.

The board approved a request to appoint Joseph Williams to the Shoals Public Library board at the Shoals Library Board's recommendation.

The IT Director requested to recycle or donate approximately 90 broken and outdated iPads. The board approved.

The high school robotics team requests to travel to the Lexmark International Headquarters in Lexington Kentucky to participate in the Kentucky State Robotics Championship. The board approved the request along with the senior trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee on March 20-22.

The board approved the following fundraiser requests:

-The high school robotics club requested to set up a table in the foyer, to show off the robot and ask for donations. Then at half time of the varsity game do a short announcement and have students pass the bucket around the stands for donations. The use of funds will be used to cover the expenses from the FTC robotics semi-state tournament on February 29 and Kentucky State FTC robotics championship March 7.

-The high school nutrition and culinary group requested to sell items they may cook or bake. The money would go to buy more supplies for baking and cooking and for some minor updates on the equipment in the kitchen.

-The high school softball team requested to sell Shoals Softball t-shirts and hoodies. Funds will help buy player pull-overs for games, needed equipment, and other necessities.

-The Class of 2024 requested to sell Little Caesars pizza kits. The funds will be used towards the 2024 Class Senior Trip.

(See 'SHOALS' on page two)



Roush signs with Franklin College

-Photo provided

Shoals High School Senior Dalton Roush, last week, signed a letter of intent to play baseball at Franklin College. Roush has played travel baseball for 10 years and plays as catcher, first baseman and third baseman. He has played 59 games for the Shoals Jug Rox, so far, and has a batting average of .485. Roush is the son of January Roush and the late Danny Roush. He has also been awarded the Lily Endowment Scholarship.



-- GIVE LATER --

I have talked before about how a bequest or a will can be used to make a “deferred” gift to the Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF). Bequests and wills can be used to make deferred gifts that do not require an immediate outlay of your assets or cash. You retain full use of your property during life, so there is no immediate out-of-pocket cost, reduction in net worth, or disruption of cash flow. Other deferred gifts can be assets such as IRAs, stocks, bonds, real estate, life estate, cash and/or insurance benefits.

-- GIVE FOREVER --

With a deferred gift, you can strategically accomplish your financial and charitable objectives. This includes preserving the family name, honoring loved ones, minimizing tax burdens, and supporting the community you call home.

You can support your favorite local charity or charities, enrich education, provide scholarships, support your church, fund human services, foster a stronger community, and much more. Tell us what is important to you and we will help identify an existing fund or begin the paperwork to satisfy your intentions when the deferred gift is received. These gifts will keep on giving long after you’re gone.

-- A CROPP LEGACY --

With a deferred gift, you are creating your legacy and sharing your passion with others for generations to come. You can help ensure that the organizations or causes that have a place in heart are cared for, forever.

George and Barbara Cropp were such people. They had passions and loves in their lives and decided to give back to the county that they loved and called home. So, they established deferred funds and gifts in their will to do just that.

-- LOOGOOTEE, SHOALS UMC --

Two of the Cropps’ endowment funds are the “Loogootee United Methodist Church Fund” and the “Shoals United Methodist Church Fund,” again showing their belief in the importance of faith and service in

the community. As with the other endowments created by the Cropps, this is the second payout for these young funds. And as with any MCCF fund, we work to allow the funds to grow and these funds will be no different. The LUMC and SUMC will forever be reminded of the Cropp’s generosity and love for Martin County.

-- YOU CAN TOO --

Any time you are drafting or changing your will or estate plans, you may also want to consider adding a charitable gift to the MCCF. Your financial advisor or legal advisor can provide professional guidance related to your specific estate, income goals, beneficiaries, taxes and other considerations.

Once you’ve decided the details of your deferred gift, provide the MCCF a copy of the portion of your estate planning document that pertains to the gift. The amount of the gift does not need to be revealed to us. We’ll work with you on a “Statement of Gift Intention” form to be used to record your gift.

-- WITH MORE NOW --

But if you want to make that difference now, the MCCF has a matching grant opportunity called GIFT VII. This is the seventh phase of Lilly Endowment’s Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow initiative. With this grant, the MCCF can match \$2 for every \$1 donated to an unrestricted fund and 50¢ for each \$1 donated to another fund type. The matching grant is available through December 2020, but on a first-come, first-served basis while the grant funds are available.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about GIFT VII and fund types, or how you can make your “forever gift”, please contact the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

You are also welcome to visit our website at www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm, follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF](https://twitter.com/MartinCountyCF), and “like” the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mccommunityfoundation.



Pictured, left to right, is Hope Flores (Community Foundation Partnership CEO) presenting a \$20,398 grant check to LUMC Pastor Gary Elsten, and SUMC Pastor Marty Evans receiving a \$20,398 grant check from Curt Johnson (MCCF Director).

COUNCIL

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Library. Hoffman let the council know a facebook page had been created to keep the community up to date on recent happenings. Hoffman stated the board was working on their 2020 calendar of events. Hoffman requested to purchase items up to the \$5,550. The majority of the cost would be covered under the Martin County Community Foundation grant and the remainder would be paid out of the Beautification Board Donation Fund. Councilman Albright made a motion to approve the purchase with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor. Councilman Albright thanked Hoffman for all of her hard work for the beautification board. Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge requested for Hoffman to let her know when the beautification board will have their Spring Clean Up Day so the towns can be in correlation with the same date.

Shoals Fire Chief Jim Hamby came before the council and presented the reports that are required to be completed per run. Hamby stated the report is a requirement and there is also a time limit in which the report has to be completed and submitted by after arriving on scene. Hamby stated that a hot spot is needed to take the laptop in order to complete the needed paperwork required. Councilman Hoffman made a motion for a hot spot to be added to the Verizon account for the fire department with Councilman Albright making the second. All were in favor. Hamby stated that ISO would be coming to the fire station sometime before April. All equipment must be tested before this. Hamby presented a quote from Nichols Fire & Fleet for testing. Councilman Albright made a motion for Nichols Fire & Fleet to do testing as needed for a maximum amount of \$2,000 with Councilman Hoffman making the second all were in favor. Hamby then presented a fire run report and stated the department is at 58 total to date for 2020.

Council President Ragsdale read aloud a written letter addressed to the Town Council from Mr. Jim Force in reference to his thoughts on the Shoals banking situation. Council Albright made a motion to have a letter of support drafted for any banking institution that would be interested in bringing their facility to the Town of Shoals. Councilman Hoffman made a second in support of the letter. Councilman Ragsdale stated that conversations with banking institutions have already been taking place and that the town council is trying to help find solutions.

Next on the agenda was an update on ordinance 83-4 violations from Town Marshal Todd Eckert. A property of concern on 8th Street was brought up. Marshal Eckert provided the council members with the latest update and the council advised that a certified letter be resent to the property owner again. Councilman Albright made a motion to order a dumpster and clean up the property if it is not done. Councilman Hoffman made the second and all were in favor.

The clerk-treasurer let the council know that the Community Crossings grant application, due by February 7, had been submitted and that the town should know by March if the grant is awarded. Next Rutledge presented two quotes for the renewal of the property and liability insurance policy. A quote from the current pro-

vided Thompson Insurance was presented in the amount of \$24,602 and a quote from DeWitt Insurance was provided in the amount of \$23,690. President Ragsdale asked the insurance agents questions concerning the ballpark. After a short discussion, Councilman Albright made a motion to accept the quote from DeWitt Insurance for the insurance renewal with Councilman Hoffman making the second. All were in favor.

Rutledge presented information to the council that had been provided from Tim Kinder with Martin County Alliance concerning the Mid States Corridor meetings, the Quality of Place and Workforce Attraction Plan Coalition Meeting and the town website.

Rutledge also presented meter deposit apply/ returns for D. Coleman, B. Boyd, J. Payne and L. Hotz. Councilman Albright made a motion to approve the apply/returns with Councilman Hoffman making the second. All were in favor.

Next Rutledge presented the sealed bids for the red Chevrolet truck that had been declared surplus. President Ragsdale opened all bids and Councilman Albright made a motion to accept the highest bid as presented with allowing 10 days for payment with the stipulation of a non-payment awarding the second highest bidder. Councilman Hoffman made the second and the highest bid of \$525 from Mark Robbins was accepted.

Rutledge presented an invoice from Martin County Alliance for the annual membership dues in the amount of \$1,000. Councilman Albright made a motion to approve the invoice with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

Councilman Albright made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. with Councilman Hoffman making the second.

Councilman Albright made a motion to reopen the meeting at 6:51 p.m. after it was noticed that a requested amended salary and wage ordinance approval had been missed. Councilman Hoffman made a second to re-open the meeting. Councilman Albright made a motion to approve the amended #1 salary & wage ordinance which increased the hourly pay rate for the general laborer position. Albright stated the six-month probationary period for the position had been met. Councilman Hoffman made the second and all were in favor.

Councilman Albright made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Councilman Hoffman making the second and the meeting closed at 6:52 p.m. The next regular session meeting is scheduled for Monday, March at 6 p.m.



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Shoals Ball Park Cleaning Bids

The Shoals Park Board is now accepting inquires for the 2020 Ball Park Cleaning Contract. The contract runs from April 1- September 31 and pays \$200.00 per month with an extra allotment for Catfish Festival. A copy of the detailed contract with duties can be picked up at the Shoals Town Hall Monday - Friday 8am-4pm.

Interested individuals must submit their name to the Clerk-Treasurers office for consideration by Monday, March 2nd at 3:00PM. Submissions can be delivered in person, put in the drop box located at the Town Hall or mailed to PO Box 1078 Shoals, IN 47581.

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OBITUARIES

JAMES SPAULDING

James Spaulding died Thursday, February 13, 2020 at Daviess Community Hospital. He was 78.

He was born August 30, 1941 in Alfordsville; son of William and Catherine (Colvin) Spaulding.

He graduated from Alfordsville High School in 1960. James retired from Crane. He was in the U.S. Air Force and a SAC member.

James is survived by his wife, Leulla (Wilkerson) Spaulding; daughter, Kelly Spaulding of Washington; brother, Tony Spaulding of Bedford; sisters, Margaret (Alonzo) Bridgewater of Loogootee, Martha (Richard) Cox of

Frankfurt, Kentucky; Clara (Richard) Batchelor of Plainfield, and Mary (Kerry) Reed Beasley and Carolyn Blake, both of Bedford; step-sons, Ronnie Tomey, Kevin Tomey and Johnny Goble of Vincennes; Scott Hill and Brian Hill of Washington; step-daughter, Lisa Tomey of Washington; three grandchildren and several great-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; son, Jamie Spaulding; sisters, Rosemary (Carroll) Robinson, Elvina Spaulding, Patricia (Dexter) Crane and Louise (Herbert) Wheeler; and brothers, Joseph Spaulding, Silas Spaulding and Francis Spaulding.

A military graveside service was held Monday, February 17 at St. John Cemetery with Yvonne Evans officiating.

Condolences can be made to the family online at www.edleemortuary.com. All arrangements were entrusted to Ed Lee Mortuary.

JANE LENTS

Marilyn "Jane" Lents passed away on Tuesday February 11, 2020 at 3:15 p.m. at Emerald Place in Washington. A resident of Loogootee, she was 74.

She was born on May 2, 1945 in Loogootee; daughter of the late John and Marie (Miles) Woodruff.

Jane first began working at RCA. She

worked as a loan officer at Union Bank and retired from German American Bank. Jane was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church in Loogootee. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, and baking.

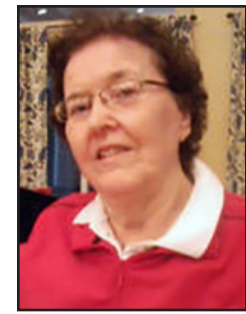
She is preceded in death by her husband, James Lents; her parents, John and Marie Woodruff, and her older sister, Mary Kay Willis.

She is survived by her daughter, Amy Lents of Bloomington; her grandchildren, Braydyn and Breanna Lents, and her twin sister, Jean Bell of Loogootee.

A funeral service was conducted Monday February 17 at Emerald Place in Washington with the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker officiating.

A burial followed in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Loogootee.

Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.



JANE LENTS

SHOALS

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The varsity girls' basketball team requested to sell Shoals Jug Rox yard signs. Funds will be used towards equipment and any other needs.

The high school junior class requested to sell tuxedos prior to prom through Tux It. Dates will be March 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and March 16, 4 p.m.-8 p.m. Funds will be used for prom activities such as food, music, and decorations.

The board approved a request to host post-prom at the school this year using both gymnasiums and the MC Kickers to use the soccer practice field during their spring season

German American Insurance provided the 2020-2021 liability and workers compensation insurance rates. The board approved.

A quote was received from Cincinnati Floor Company for the main gymnasium floor. The board approved the quote.

The board accepted the following donations for the school cafeteria fund: Loogootee United Methodist Church \$192, Sharon Brassine \$200, and American Legion Riders \$1,000.

The board held a second reading and approved the CDL Reimbursement Policy and the Cafeteria Donation Policy.

Elementary Principal Shannon Waggoner opened with a big thank you for all of the love and support that she has re-

ceived from everyone with her journey. Attendance is currently at 92 percent in the elementary with a traveling trophy award going to Mrs. Hawkins' first grade class for the 2nd nine-weeks attendance award. Fundraisers will be coming up February 21-March 2 to raise money for student funds. Big surprise this week with the unveiling of the new Bookworm Machine. Students were so surprised and excited. They will be able to earn gold coins through character building acts, which can be used to pick out a book from the Bookworm Machine. IREAD 3 window opens March 16, and ILEARN on April 20. Coming up there will be a staff visit to Chattanooga, Tennessee to see the Fab Labs. They are currently prepping for their own digital lab. Kindergarten and preschool round-up will be on April 2.

Superintendent Dr. Roush reported that the COSMOS (Collaboration of Shoals, Mitchell, and Orleans Schools) had a wonderful joint board meeting in January at the Mitchell Auditorium. She said it is great to see three schools coming together to offer more resources for students. The collaboration would like to host two more joint board meetings over the next six months.

The school will have a feasibility study conducted over the next few months to determine the school's potential for

growth. The school has seen an increase in students over the past few years and they are quickly running out of classrooms. The high school currently has a classroom on the stage due to limited space. Once the results are in, Dr. Roush will bring them back for more discussion and additional options. She said that this is an exciting time for the school corporation and they are blessed that so many families love the school.

Dr. Roush reported that the student's Chromebooks in grades 5-12 have reached their four-year life span and it will be time to purchase new Chromebooks for next year. This cost will continue to replace the cost of the traditional textbooks unless students are in honors dual credit college courses that still require a textbook.

The school is currently collecting data to determine if the school will be hosting summer school again this year. More information about this will come in the next few meetings.

School officials met with a member of US Senator Braun's Office to obtain help in receiving the Federal Impact Aid grant. The meeting went very well, and the school is still hopeful this will be funding that we will be eligible for in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

1:07 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

3:48 a.m. - Received a report of a tree debris in the road north of Haysville. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

4:47 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic argument in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

5:29 a.m. - Received a report of a single vehicle going through a fence north of Loogootee. Corporal Reed, Chief Deputy Greene, Major Keller and Daviess County Sheriff's Office responded.

10:12 a.m. - Received a request for a vin check in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

11:05 a.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

11:25 a.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennette assisted with a juvenile in Loogootee.

11:58 a.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennette assisted with a domestic argument in Loogootee.

1:50 p.m. - Joseph Watson, 41, of Shoals on station to turn himself for contempt of court.

2:00 p.m. - Major Keller transported two inmates to court.

4:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported.

4:31 p.m. - Deputy Wells performed a vehicle unlock in Shoals.

4:38 p.m. - Received a call requesting a phone number.

5:18 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road near Hindostan. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed tree.

5:36 p.m. - Received a report of subjects burning a couch in town limits. Shoals Fire Department responded.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

2:48 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle repossession north of Loogootee.

4:48 a.m. - Received a report of a noise complaint in Shoals. Corporal Reed responded.

7:15 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

7:31 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle south of Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

9:40 a.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer regarding an assault. Loogootee Captain Hennette took the call.

9:55 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted with traffic control east of Shoals.

12:00 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver traveling north on Hwy. 231. Advised Loogootee Captain Hennette.

12:46 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

12:59 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Wells took two inmates to court.

1:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:02 p.m. - Deputy Wells took three inmates to court.

2:40 p.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennette assisted the department of child services with a call.

2:45 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

4:50 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on Hwy 231 South. Loogootee Officer Cummings responded.

7:20 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Shoals. Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:06 a.m. - Received a report of an audible burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

8:00 a.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint south of Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

8:09 a.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

8:15 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle in a ditch in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

8:25 a.m. - Received a request from a business in Loogootee to speak with an officer. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

8:45 a.m. - Received a report of a prowler near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and ICO Doane responded.

8:57 a.m. - Received a request for an officer to Shoals High School. Major Keller responded.

10:58 a.m. - Received a report of harassment near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

1:03 p.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennette assisted a pedestrian with car trouble.

1:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department and Chief Deputy Greene responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to IU health Bloomington.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of a child near the road in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

2:00 p.m. - Deputy Wells transported three inmates to court.

2:44 p.m. - Received a request to speak with an officer from a business in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

3:36 p.m. - Received a report of people arguing in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd and Deputy Wells responded.

6:05 p.m. - Received a report of an internet scam. Advised Loogootee Officer Floyd.

7:36 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Dubois County EMS, Big John's Towing and Deputy Wells responded.

8:01 p.m. - Received a report of slide off near Shoals. ISP Nolan and Town Marshal Eckert responded. ATM towed the vehicle.

8:04 p.m. - Received a report of a car in the ditch near Shoals. Deputy Gibson responded.

8:30 p.m. - Received a report of persons not wanting to leave private property. Loogootee Officer Floyd and Deputy Gibson responded.

8:49 p.m. - Received a report of someone scratching and knocking on a residence in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

11:08 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Officer Floyd, Deputy Seymour and Deputy Gibson responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

4:05 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

5:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:21 a.m. - Jail Commander Brulla

transported one inmate to the doctor.

8:45 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Martin County Sheriff's Office responded.

9:35 a.m. - Received a report of cows out near Shoals. Advised cattle owners.

9:40 a.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennette assisted the department of child services in Loogootee.

10:03 a.m. - Major Keller transported three inmates to court.

12:00 p.m. - Major Keller transported three inmates to court.

12:10 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless vehicle near Haysville. Advised Dubois County Sheriff's Office.

2:54 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless vehicle near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

3:30 p.m. - Received a report of a minor accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

4:30 p.m. - Received a request from the hospital to speak to an officer. Deputy Wright took the call.

4:50 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle near Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

6:12 p.m. - Received a report of animal neglect near Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

2:29 a.m. - Received a report of gunshots in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

2:34 a.m. - Received a report of a medical alarm in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

5:48 a.m. - Received a report to speak to an officer regarding an assault. Advised Loogootee Police.

8:39 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, ISP Trooper Beaver and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

10:52 a.m. - Received a report of cows out near Shoals. Advised cattle owners.

12:45 p.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennette performed a vin check in Loogootee.

1:18 p.m. - Received a report of a car in a mud hold near Shoals. ATM towed vehicle.

1:36 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Deputy Gibson responded.

2:13 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle losing a truck off of a car trailer. Deputy Wright and Shoals Fire Department responded.

2:28 p.m. - Received a report of a minor accident near Shoals. Deputy Wright and G&M Towing responded.

2:35 p.m. - Received a request for deputy assistance at the courthouse. Advised Deputy Wright.

6:00 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn in Loogootee.

8:43 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi near Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:22 a.m. - Received a request of a reckless vehicle near Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Captain Hennette.

10:07 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Advised Deputy Wright.

10:10 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle near Shoals. Deputy Wright and Big John's Wrecker responded.

10:32 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock north of Shoals. Advised Deputy Wright.

12:29 p.m. - Received a report of a phone line down east of Shoals. Advised Frontier Communications.

4:07 p.m. - Received a report of cows out near Shoals. Cattle owners were ad-

vised.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

12:18 a.m. - Received a report of persons with no contact order being together. Deputy Seymour responded.

8:16 a.m. - Received a report of a medical alarm in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Wright and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:30 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

10:50 a.m. - Received a request for a lift assist near Shoals. ICO Doane responded.

1:38 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious male in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

1:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to IU Health Bedford.

1:57 p.m. - Received a report of an ATV traveling at a high rate of speed near Shoals. Deputy Wright and ICO Doane responded.

2:05 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

4:14 p.m. - Received a report of a subject in the road near Shoals. Advised Deputy Wright.

6:18 p.m. - Received a report of a juvenile with behavior issues. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:56 a.m. - Mark Johnson II, 38, of Odon, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene and charged with dealing methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine and possession of paraphernalia. He is currently being held without bond.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

11:55 a.m. - Alicia McQueen, 27, of Williams, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of a hypodermic needle, maintaining a common nuisance and neglect of a dependent. She is currently being held on \$50,000.00 Bond.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

12:11 a.m. - Thomas Moffitt, 43, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with dealing marijuana, possession of marijuana, possession of methamphetamine and maintaining a common nuisance. He is currently being held on \$25,000/10% bond. Loogootee Officer Cummings assisted with the arrest.

12:29 a.m. - Crystal Trambaugh, 37, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with dealing marijuana, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, neglect of a dependent and maintaining a common nuisance. She is currently being held on \$25,000/10% bond.

4:35 p.m. - Ryan Sipes, 24, of Bedford, was arrested on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

8:45 p.m. - Jesse Tolbert, 64, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and is currently being held on \$25,000/10% bond.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

10:35 a.m. - Robert Blanton, 42, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Wright and charged with burglary, theft and possession of paraphernalia. He is currently being held on \$75,000/10% bond.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

January 9

Kelly E. Winger, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 365 days suspended. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

January 23

James L. Stevens, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more with a passenger less than 18 years of age, a Level 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 196 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 98 actual days previously served plus 98 Class A credit days.

January 30

Steven E. Boyd, convicted of escape, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 180 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended.

February 4

John Randall James Johnson, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor and possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 253 days suspended and credit for 56 actual days previously served plus 56 Class A credit days. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

February 5

David E. Shaw, convicted of criminal recklessness, a Class B Misdemeanor, amended from battery resulting in moderate bodily injury, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 178 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

February 6

Michael David Elliott, Jr., convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .18 or more, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 540 days with 354 days suspended and credit for 3 actual days previously served plus 3 Class A credit days. Defendant to serve 180 days on Martin County Community Corrections Home Detention Program. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

Candance B. Jones, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 265 days suspended and credit for 50 actual days previously served plus 50 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

Gary L. Sager, convicted of unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 441 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 253 days suspended and credit for 94 actual days previously served plus 94 Class A credit days. Defendant received 8 months of probation.

February 7

Brock Eugene Gill, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 1,277 days with 806 days suspended and credit for 353 actual days previously served plus 118 Class B credit days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

January 9

Kelly E. Winger, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

January 23

James L. Stevens, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

January 30

Michael David Elliott, Jr., operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

February 4

Andrew W. Lyon, two counts of check deception, a Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed.

John Randall James Johnson, disor-

derly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

February 6

Candance B. Jones, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Gary L. Sager, possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

February 7

Brock Eugene Gill, habitual criminal enhancement, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

February 10

Evelyn D. Padgett, unlawful sale of legend drugs, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

February 6

OneMain Financial Group, LLC vs. Erik Tosti, civil collection.

February 11

Freedom Mortgage Corporation vs. Brent A. Wessel, mortgage foreclosure.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

February 18

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Evansville Teachers Federal Credit and against the defendant Paul Arvin in the amount of \$4,547.03.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Discover Bank and against the defendant Ethan M. Lechner in the amount of \$2,516.89.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

February 6

Martin County Co-Op Credit Union vs. Michael E. Bakerian and Deangela Forbes, complaint.

February 10

Adrian Crim vs. Robert Waggoner, complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

February 13

Ruby Elise Chestnut of Loogootee and Alexis N. Rosales of Loogootee.

Woman receives prison sentence for dealing in a narcotic drug in Martin County

Heather R. Ditton was arrested by Martin County Sheriff's Office in May of 2017 and sentenced in February 2018 to probation for a Level 5 dealing in a narcotic drug.

On December 19, 2019 Martin County Prosecutor Aureola S. Wright received notice that the defendant had violated the terms and conditions of that probation, which lead the Martin County Prosecutor's Office to request an arrest warrant. On January 16, 2020 Martin County Sheriff's Office Deputy Jonathan Wells served the arrest warrant and transported the defendant to the Martin County Security Center. The prosecutor's office then requested the Martin Circuit Court revoke the defendant's probation as unsuccessful and sentence her to a term of imprisonment.

On January 30, 2020, Judge Lynne E. Ellis approved the prosecutor's request and the 2.5 year Indiana State prison sentence to be served at the Indiana Department of Corrections for Level 5 dealing in a narcotic drug as part of a plea agreement by Martin County Prosecutor Aureola S. Wright with Chief Deputy Michael A. Fritch and Deputy Steven Teverbaugh.



HEATHER
DITTON

Loogootee Police log

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:30 a.m. - Caller requested an officer to assist moving a trailer onto the road.

8:59 a.m. - Male reported a possible scam.

1:45 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

5:25 p.m. - First responders were requested on Fairview Street for a medical call.

8:12 p.m. - Male requested a welfare check on a male.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9:10 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

2:45 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

6:20 p.m. - Female reported a domestic issue.

6:56 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

7:15 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male on JFK Avenue.

7:20 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the department of child services.

8:06 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

8:30 p.m. - First responders assisted with a traffic parade.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

1:33 a.m. - Officer McBeth assisted the county with a suicidal male.

1:52 p.m. - Caller reported a hit-and-run accident at Marathon.

4:05 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

10:13 p.m. - Caller reported property damage.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

1:07 a.m. - Officer McBeth assisted the county with removing a small tree off the road.

4:47 a.m. - Male reported a dispute on Cedar Street.

5:29 a.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a traffic accident.

11:25 a.m. - Female caller requested assistance with her juvenile son.

11:58 a.m. - Female caller reported having problems with a male.

5:25 p.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.

11:15 p.m. - Male reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:31 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted with a broken-down vehicle on US 231.

9:40 a.m. - Male reported a civil complaint.

12:01 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

12:59 p.m. - First responders were requested on Poplar Street for a medical call.

2:40 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the department of child services.

10:05 p.m. - Male requested transient assistance.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

12:11 a.m. - Officer Cummings assisted the county with an arrest.

8:09 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

8:15 a.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on Park Street.

1:03 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted a motorist.

6:27 p.m. - Caller reported hearing possible gunshots on South Kentucky Avenue.

7:46 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the county with a traffic accident.

8:36 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the county with a dispute.

10:55 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd responded to a business alarm.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:00 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the department of child services.

11:23 a.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.

4:10 p.m. - Female reported a traffic complaint.

6:30 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

9:32 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

2:29 a.m. - Caller reported hearing possible gunshots near Crane Street.

8:39 a.m. - First responders were requested at CVS for a medical call.

12:45 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

4:45 p.m. - Officer McBeth assisted a motorist.

8:05 p.m. - First responders were requested on JFK Avenue for a medical call.

Martin County real estate transfers

Tommy D. Davis and Reva Jean Davis, of Martin County, Indiana to Jason Marion Davis, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 30, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 19.43 acres, more or less.

Tommy D. Davis and Reva Jean Davis, of Martin County, Indiana to Vivian Jean Callahan, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 30, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 22.53 acres, more or less.

Tommy D. Davis and Reva Jean Davis, of Martin County, Indiana to Tommy Walter Davis, of Martin County, Indiana,

a part of the southwest quarter and a part of the northwest quarter of Section 30, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 23.27 acres, more or less.

JHK Holdings, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to SHWS Development, LLC, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 51 and 52 in Keck's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Larry Robert Ziegler, of Martin County, Indiana to Logan Martin Dant and Jacquelyn Leann Dant, of Martin County, Indiana, the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 5, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana.

Trooper Lents promoted to detective

Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter recently announced the promotion of Master Trooper Jarrod Lents to the rank of Detective. Lents will be responsible for investigating criminal incidents throughout the Jasper District, but primarily in Martin and Daviess counties.

A native of Loogootee, Detective Lents is a 1999 graduate of Bedford North Lawrence High School. He attended Indiana State University and graduated in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in Criminology.

Detective Lents graduated from the Indiana State Police Recruit Academy in

2004 and was assigned to the Lafayette Post. In July of 2006, Detective Lents transferred to the Jasper Post where he

primarily worked Martin and Daviess counties. Throughout his career he has also served the Indiana State Police as a Field Training Officer, a member of the Honor Guard and Tactical Intervention Platoon. Detective Lents received the Combat Action Award and the Purple Heart Award in 2013. He also received the "Trooper of the Year" award at the Jasper District in 2009 and 2016.

Detective Lents resides in Martin County with his wife and two sons.



TROOPER
JARROD LENTS

More Neat Stuff!



By Ann Ackerman



THOUGHTS

*Brain at 3 a.m.: I can see you trying to sleep, so I would like to offer you a selection of every memory, unresolved issue, or things you should have said or done today as well as in the past 40 years.

*I haven't exercised in so long that my Fitbit just sent me a friend request.

*Do you remember being able to get up without making sound effects? Good times, Eh?

*It's time to break out the weed whacker. Those legs aren't going to shave themselves.

*You know you're getting up there in years when you have to use a shopping cart at the pharmacy.

*I'll tell you why I can't lose weight. I've got metal fillings in my teeth and my refrigerator magnets keep pulling me into the kitchen.

*Being a baby must be traumatizing at times. Imagine going to sleep in your house and waking up at Target.

*What happens when you get scared to death twice?

*I checked into the hokey-pokey clinic and turned myself around.

*Is there ever a day when mattresses are not on sale?

*My concerns with anything having to do with the royal family ended in 1776.

*Some people should be very grateful that I don't have mob connections.

*A smart person knows what to say. A wise person knows whether to say it.

*When women get a certain age, they start accumulating dogs - this is known as many paws.

*Have you ever listened to some folks

for a minute and thought -their cornbread ain't done in the middle.

*If you don't do stupid things when you're young, you'll have nothing to laugh about when you're old.

*The brownies I started making in my Easy Bake Oven in 1987 are ready if you guys want one.

*My best fiction writing is my daily to-do list.

RIDDLE

1. What do you call people who take care of chickens?

2. What's your favorite childhood memory?

3. What do you call an elephant that doesn't matter?

SERIOUSISMS

*Protect your spirit from contamination. Limit your time with negative people.

*Silence is better than unnecessary drama.

SIGNS

*Frog Parking Only - other will be toad.

*If your car is running, I'm voting for it.

*I want to grow my own food, but I can't find bacon seeds.

ANSWERS

1. Chicken tenders

2. Not paying bills

3. Irrelephant

Make someone smile today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, February 20 at 5 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

Winter banquet

The Winter Banquet (formerly ACCTS Winter Banquet) will be held Saturday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level of St. John Center in Loogootee. The public is invited to attend.

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.



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Jug Rox Robotix

The Shoals Jug Rox Robotix continued their impressive string of successes as they dominated the Light the Spark FTC Qualifying Tournament at Central Catholic High School in Lafayette on Saturday, February 15. Having already qualified for the semi-state championship tournament, to be held on February 29, they used this tournament to test the latest improvements to their robot. After 29 qualification rounds involving 23 teams, Jug Rox took the number one spot. After two straight wins in the semifinals and then the finals, they emerged as captains of the winning alliance—a first for them since becoming a team five years ago. They also won first place Inspire Award, the most coveted and highly-prized award in First Tech Challenge competitions. They are now preparing for the Semi-State Super Qualifying Tournament at Tecumseh Junior High School, 2101 South 18th Street, Lafayette, IN 47905, on Saturday, February 29. The team would like to thank the school, their generous sponsors, and the local community for their continuing support. Jug Rox Robotix is coached by Dean Troutman and Jennifer Mauntel.

Lions Pre-Sectional Banquet to be held March 1

The annual Lion Backers Pre-Sectional Banquet will be held Sunday, March 1 at 6 p.m. at Loogootee High School. There will be a catered meal followed by guest speaker, Tyra Buss. Tickets are now available for purchase for \$10 as presale or can be purchased for \$12 at the door. Tickets will be sold at the Lion Backer table at the home games or you can contact the Lion Backers via fb to purchase tickets.



Tyra Buss is an Indiana University School Basketball career leader in points (4,897) and points per game (38.0).

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR RENT

FOR RENT: 2 office spaces, 206 JFK Avenue, brick building behind Marathon. Call 812-295-2716 for more information.

HELP WANTED

Shoals Varsity Soccer Coach

Post Date: February 17, 2020

Positions: Varsity Soccer Coach

Location: Shoals High School

Job Expectations/Qualifications: Our soccer coach will be able to do the following tasks:

1. Be knowledgeable on all aspects of soccer as a sport
2. Create an environment of positivity and support for our athletes and our programs
3. Plan and setup all aspects of practices and meet management.
4. Maintain and inventory all equipment, warm-ups and uniforms for practice and competition.
5. Schedule practices, departure times for buses and create and distribute expectations for the team.
6. Work fundraising events through Athletic Department
7. Communicate with parents/guardians about expectations, consequences and other important information.
8. Communicate with Athletic Director about results, team management and goals for team improvement.
9. Model professional behavior both with the team and within the community.
10. Uphold and know all rules and regulations of the IHSAA, NFHS and Blue Chip Conference in regards to basketball

Compensation: Stipend position

Apply To: Bryson Abel & Danielle Cornett- Athletic Directors; Shoals Community Schools, 7900 US HWY 50, Shoals, IN-47581; (812)-247-2090, athletics@shoals.k12.in.us. Include Letter of Interest, Resume and Non-Certified Application

Closing Date: Until filled.

In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

There has been a surge recently in the popularity of houseplants. Whether for their decorative value or the innate need to nurture something, people are finding value in having plants in homes and offices. Part of the reason may be the number of new plants that are now available. New plants have come from two main sources. The first is the traditional source for new plants—plant exploration. With our ever-shrinking globe, horticulturalists have been exploring in many parts of the world and finding new plants that are suitable for growing in containers inside. The other source is through breeding, using selective breeding techniques to produce cultivars with desirable traits.

One of the biggest classifications of plants more readily available is succulents. Succulents thrive on neglect. They do not need daily care, so they are popular for offices, where a weekend without people around will not be detrimental. In fact, the most common cause of problems in succulents is over watering. The rubbery leaves in a variety of colors are very architectural. Succulents are often grouped with cacti in miniature land-

An Evening with the Woodcocks

Saturday evening, February 29 and Saturday evening, March 7, the Refuge Friends will offer a unique birding experience for the whole family. Most outings aren't focused on just one animal, but woodcocks are so neat they get a whole night all their own!

Just what is a "Peent"? It's the sound made by male woodcocks while performing their courtship ritual flights. Join us at Boyd's Trail parking lot on Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge at 7:00 Eastern/6:00 Central for a brief presentation on the woodcock.

Then we'll walk over to Maxey Marsh Trail and hope the woodcocks are in the mood to put on a show.

This event is open to all, regardless of age or experience. Yet, since this is an event in the evening that is dependent on a fairly quiet environment, parents are encouraged to stay with their children. Consider arriving early to enjoy the sunset and walk some trails.

Directions: From SR 357 (Main St.) in Oakland City, go east on SR 64 one mile to CR 1275E (look for Refuge sign). Turn left (north) on 1275E. Follow the signs to Snakey Point Marsh and continue on to the parking lot on the left at Boyd's Trail.

Questions or directions? Look us up on Facebook @ PatokaRefugeFriends or call 812-569-4009.

scapes.

It appears that such mini landscapes were very popular as Valentine's Day gifts this year. Some of the area garden centers had several different types of succulent arrangements. Many were built around blooming kalanchoes. If you received such a gift, take that plastic wrap off immediately. Succulents need good drainage, and while they may go for some time without watering, they will eventually need to be watered to the point that water drips out of the drainage holes. If your succulent arrangement is in a ceramic pot or other container without drainage, you should only water it with a couple of ice cubes a week, at least as long as you keep it in that pot.

Orchids are another plant that one should water using the ice cube method. Orchard pots have excellent drainage, but often orchids are sold in pots without drainage. As with succulents, more orchids are killed by too much water than by not enough water. Once the orchids drop their blooms, I recommend transplanting it to an orchid pot and using a soil mixture formulated for orchids. During the summer, I often take orchids out of the pots and put them in trees in the yard, which is the way many of the potted orchids grow in their native climates.

I also noticed a lot of potted forced bulbs in the garden centers, including tulips, callas and daffodils. Forcing to bloom like this takes a lot out of bulbs. Most people say you should just enjoy them while they are in bloom and then discard them. However, if you want to try to plant them in the garden this spring, I encourage you to do it. Just plant them in an out-of-the-way area. If the bulbs have been fed enough through photosynthesis, they may put up foliage the next year, but you may have to wait another year to see any blooms.

You may have received miniature rose bushes as a Valentine's gift. These plants may be the easiest to transition to the garden. As with other plants, be careful to not over-water them and take that plastic off to give them drainage. Once spring arrives, you may plant them in a sunny spot in your garden. I have some miniature roses that have been growing in my garden for over twenty years.

Of course, many houseplants are tropical or sub-tropical plants that simply will not be able to live outside year around. They may appreciate spending summers outside in partial shade, but they will always have to be brought in for the winter. We will talk more about these plants in next week's column.

Workshop to give the scoop on proper manure management

The Manure Management Workshop will teach livestock producers and farmers how to get the most out of manures as fertilizers, as well as to understand state laws and regulations on manure. The workshop will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EST February 27 at the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2666 U.S. Highway 50, Loogootee.

Workshop speakers and topics include:
* Stephanie McLain, state soil health specialist, and Tony Bailey, conservation agronomist/state nutrient specialist, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, will explore how manure can build and improve soil health.

* Ben Wicker, executive director, Indiana Agriculture Nutrient Alliance, will talk about ways to improve manure and nutrient efficiency for crops.

* Greg Slipher, livestock specialist, Indiana Farm Bureau, will explain ways to be a good neighbor while utilizing and handling manure.

* Matt Pearson, fertilizer program administrator, Office of the Indiana State

Chemist, will discuss current manure rules and regulations.

There is no cost to attend, but registration for meals and materials is required either online at <https://2020manuremanagement.eventbrite.com> or by calling the Martin County SWCD at 812-295-3149.

This workshop counts as one of three meetings required for private pesticide and fertilizer applicator (PARP) recertifications. The fee for PARP credit is \$10, and attendees who want credit must bring their private applicator numbers and attend the entire program. Continuing credit hours for commercial applicators and 1.5 nutrient management and 1.0 soil and water management continuing education units for certified crop advisers will also be available.

This workshop is a partnership with Purdue Extension, the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative, and the Martin County Soil and Water Conservation District, and is made financially possible through a grant from Perdue Farms.



Boy Scout Camporee

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Some member of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 484 recently attended a district camporee at Glendale. Shown above are Noah Esch and Matthew Green, and sibling Brendan Green.

Women's Wilderness Weekend at Patoka Lake

Join in a women's only event to learn outdoor skills in a relaxed environment on Friday, April 24 through Sunday April 26. This event will start at the Patoka Lake Nature Center and include overnight camping for the duration of the weekend.

Women ages 16 and older can participate in activities including in depth archery lessons, kayaking, kayak fishing, Dutch oven cooking, basic bush craft, wild edibles, wilderness 1st aid, yoga, trap shooting, rifle, boat operations, self-defense, wildlife tracking, beginner birding, beginner bow hunter, hunting

basics and more.

Meals will be provided on Saturday and Sunday. Camping will take place in the modern electric campgrounds. Pre-registration is required by April 10. There is a registration fee of \$65/participant.

For more information or to register, call the Patoka Lake Nature Center at (812)685-2447.

This event is being sponsored by the Dubois County Shooting Sports Instructor Council.

Patoka Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2953.htm) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.



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