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## Breathtaking

-Photo by Pat Daugherty

The above photo was the sun setting behind the Maranatha Tabernacle outside Loogootee last week. The sky has given amateur and professional photographers alike an opportunity to capture the natural beauty of our Earth many times over the past few months.

## Loogootee Officer suspended without pay

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Loogootee Board of Public Works and Safety held a special meeting Tuesday afternoon, February 21 to discuss the employment status of Loogootee Officer Damon Baker. According to Mayor Noel Harty, a closed-door meeting was held on February 15 and the board of public works was given a list of documented incidences related to the performance of Baker. Baker is still in his probationary period as a new officer, he was hired as a full-time police officer for Loogootee in November of last year. He had previously served as a deputy at the sheriff's department before switching to the Loogootee Police Department last year.

Mayor Harty read from a statement saying that Baker had not demonstrated an acceptable standard of conduct

during his probationary period. According to Police Chief Kelly Rayhill, Baker violated a few department rules, all what he would consider to be minor.

During last night's meeting, Board Member Ron Gilbert recommended dismissing Baker due to the incidences listed. Mayor Harty asked for a second to that motion. Board Member Jason Greene then made a motion to put Baker on leave for 30 days without pay and re-evaluate his job at that time. Gilbert seconded that motion and all were in favor. After the meeting, Board Member Greene said that finding someone willing to put their life on the line every day is not easy and he wants to give Officer Baker the chance to correct his behavior before going forward with his termination.

The board will revisit Baker's employment at the end of the 30-day suspension.

## Rita and Jack Butcher scholarships

Rita and Jack Butcher hold the Loogootee basketball family close to their hearts. The "family" includes supporters of Loogootee High School basketball – past, present, and future. The Butchers acknowledge this family as one of their greatest blessings. Their goal in starting the Rita and Jack Butcher Loogootee Family Scholarship Fund in 2011 for a Loogootee High School senior, and now having established the fund at the Martin County Community Foundation, was "to give back for all our blessings."

Mr. Butcher was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame and is the winningest basketball coach in state history, with a record of 806-250. His 45 years of coaching constituted an impressive era of high school basketball for Loogootee. The Butchers would like to provide Loogootee High School students with the opportunity to further their education and make Loogootee

proud, much like Jack Butcher did.

An eligible applicant must be a graduating senior from Loogootee High School who has been accepted into an accredited college or university, or a vocational or trade school. The Butchers have recognized the need for additional vocations in the community, and preference may be given to an applicant entering a vocational or trade school. Applicants must have demonstrated a good attitude, work ethic and performed well academically. Applicants must have participated in sports and/or other extracurricular activities. Financial need and/or special circumstances are also a consideration for this scholarship.

Applications are available online at [www.cfpartner.org/mccfgrants.htm](http://www.cfpartner.org/mccfgrants.htm). The applications must be completed and returned by March 31, 2017. Applications should be mailed to: Com- (See 'BUTCHER' continued on page 2)

## Chamber Dinner tickets on sale now

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will hold their Annual Dinner on Thursday, March 16 at St. John's Lower Level. The dinner begins at 6 p.m.

This year, Indiana State Police Superintendent Douglas G. Carter will be the keynote speaker. Carter was born in LaPorte and after graduating from LaPorte High School in 1980, he attended Ball State University and was later accepted into the 42<sup>nd</sup> Indiana State Police Recruit School, in July 1984. He holds a bachelor of science degree with emphasis on management, leadership and organizational structure from Indiana Wesleyan University.

Superintendent Carter served 18 years with the Indiana State Police from November 1984 to December 2002 and was assigned to the Pendleton State Police post while serving Hamilton County. In 2002, Carter sought the elected office of sheriff of Hamilton County and ultimately served two terms from January 2003 through December 2010. Under his leadership, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office earned national accreditation through the Commission on Law Enforcement Accreditation (CALEA), thereby being only one of two accredited sheriff's offices in the state of Indiana.

Appointed by Governor Mike Pence, Carter became Indiana's 20<sup>th</sup> superintendent of the state police on January 14, 2013. He resides in Hamilton County with his family.

Carter has received the Sagamore of the Wabash award from former Governor Evan Bayh, the Indiana State Po-



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DOUGLAS G. CARTER

lice Silver Star Award for Meritorious Service and Outstanding Heroism, the Public Service Award from the Indiana University Kokomo School of Public and Environmental Affairs, and the Government Agency Partnership Award from the Indianapolis Department of Safety.

Also, at the dinner Loogootee Officer Jason Hennette will have a K-9 demonstration. The chamber will also honor the Gene Shaw Citizen of the year.

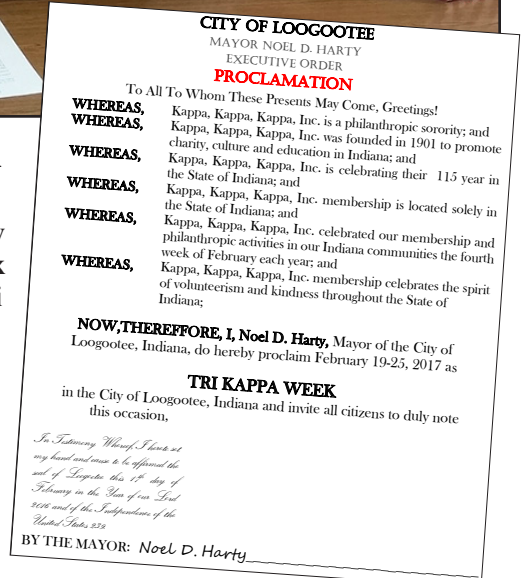
The ticket price for the dinner is \$20 per person and must be purchased in advance. You can purchase tickets at Old National Bank In Loogootee and Shoals, Loogootee City Hall, the Chamber Office or at The Candy Mill or call 812-259-5760.



## Tri Kappa Week

-Photo provided

Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty signed a proclamation last week declaring February 19-25 as Tri Kappa Week. Shown above, from left to right, are Carla Hoffman, Mayor Noel Harty, Ashley Graber and Barb McFeaters. The Loogootee-Shoals Chapter of Tri Kappa recently celebrated 75 years of providing philanthropic services to the county.





## Let's dance!

-Photo provided

A dance clinic for Shoals students was held recently. Participants learned routines and basic dance moves and the kindergarten through fifth grades performed at the halftime of the junior varsity boys' game and the sixth through 12th grades performed the school song and at halftime of the varsity game on February 17. Standing in back row from left to right are Malin Haviland, Danela McCarty, Chloe Qualkenbush, Leila Sango, Alexis Rush, Xaviara Fuartado, Larissa McKibben, Shyla Taylor, Winter Grafton, Destiny Lilly, Kori Redman, Alexas Hutchison, and Desiree Montanez. Standing in second row from left to right are Alyssa Taylor, Brilee Tharp, Kendyll Moffitt, Lexani Montanez, Emma Gale Winger, Olivia Harker, Lillie Bauer, Emma Holt, Kenley Shaw, and Kemily Winger. Bent down in third row from left to right are Taylor Krodel, Aubrie Ziegler, Brilyn Chandler, Emmalyn McNabb, Naylen Dosch, Abbi Dunn, Alexis Heckard, Emma Ehrman, Haylee Asbell, Rylee Bauer, Brazlea Lents, Chloe Atchison, Adalynn Emerick, Iyanice Montanez, and Jasmine Jones. Kneeling in front row from left to right are Elizabeth Douglas, Elise Abel, Kyra Shaw, Loren Bauer, Ashia Boger, Gracie Holman, Chloe Divine, and Josie Roush.

## BUTCHER

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Community Foundation Partnership, Attn: Programs Coordinator, PO Box 1235, Bedford, IN 47421.  
For more information call Curt Johnson, Executive Director of the Martin County Community Foundation, at 812-295-1022 or email [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org).

## Free Blues Night Coffeehouse is February 23

The music of music of Bob Marley, Eric Clapton, Led Zeppelin, and the Beatles will be featured at a Blues Night Coffeehouse on February 23, 8 p.m., at Vincennes University's Jefferson Student Union.  
The public is invited to attend and admission is free.  
Sponsored by the VU Department

of Music and Theatre, the evening will feature the Advanced Guitar Class, Blues Ensemble, and String Ensemble.  
Special guest performers include Monte Bluebaum, The Coatneys, and Robert Trail.  
The Jefferson Student Union is located at 1379 N. Chestnut Street, adjacent to the Physical Education Complex.

## City of Loogootee to conduct income survey

The City of Loogootee intends to apply to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for a Community Development Block Grant for storm water improvements and other possible future projects for the city.  
A door-to-door income survey will be conducted throughout the City of Loogootee. The city and the Southern Indiana Development Commission are working together to gather information needed to apply for the grant funds for the proposed projects.

The income survey is necessary to determine if the area will be eligible for the grant funds.  
The survey will be undertaken from March 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017 with follow up surveys being completed as necessary. The city is asking residents within the service area to assist with the survey process. Obtaining these grants will not be possible without the cooperation and assistance of the residents. The grant is necessary in order to provide financial assistance needed by the city for the proposed project.

Your participation is needed and will be greatly appreciated. This survey will be kept confidential, as names and addresses of the residents will not be placed on the survey forms.  
Anyone with questions about this survey should contact Mayor Noel Harty at 812-295-4770, or the Southern Indiana Development Commission at 812-295-3707.

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# Obituaries

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Wednesday, February 22, 2017

## RUTH HASLER

Ruth Alene (Montgomery) Hasler of Bloomfield passed away February 16, 2017 at Daviess Community Hospital in Washington. A resident of Bloomfield, she was 84.

She was born in Shoals on August 1, 1932; daughter of Lonzo and Gail (Ross) Montgomery. She graduated from Shoals High School. She married Henry Hasler of Bloomfield on April 26, 1957.

She retired from Crane N.A.D. in 1987. She was a member of the Mineral United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Mineral Ladies aid and N.A.R.F.E.

Ruth loved to travel with friends and made many trips all over the country. One of the things Ruth was noted for was sending cards for every occasion. She spent a lot of time visiting the sick and elderly shut ins.

She is survived by her husband, Henry; son, William Hasler and wife, Debbie, of Bloomfield; daughter, Norma Turner and husband, Jack, of Mitchell; grandchildren, Brittany (Wyatt) LeGrand of Bloomfield; Derek and fiancé, Jane Michael, of Bloomfield; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her

parents; brother, Charles Montgomery; and two half-sisters, Etta Denny and Bernice Survance.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 21 at Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield. Interment followed in Flater Cemetery in rural Bloomfield.

The family asks that all memorial contributions be made to Mineral United Methodist Church.

Online condolences to the family are available at [www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com).

## JOYCE CHRISTMAS

Joyce Darlene Christmas passed away at 9:35 p.m. February 16, 2017 at Daviess Community Hospital. A resident of Loogootee, she was 62.

She was born October 18, 1954 in Washington; daughter of the late Wilson and Rose Irene (Dean) Seals.

She was a member of the Relay for Life and loved her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her son, Travis Christmas; parents, Wilson and Rose Irene (Dean) Seals; brother, Kenneth Seals; and sister, Mary Holt.

She is survived by her husband, Mark Christmas of Loogootee; daughter, Heather (Donald) Carrico of Loogootee;

grandchildren, Amber and Jaiden Olive-Smith and Ethan Carrico; siblings, Donald (Wilma) Seals of Loogootee, Charles Seals, Robert Seals, both of Jasper, Gordon (Marie) Seals, Larry Seals, Dennis (Cathy) Seals, all of Loogootee; Judy (Loren) Yarnell of Shoals, James (Sandra) Isaacs of Loogootee; and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, February 21 at Goodwill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donation may be made to Blake Funeral Home. Condolences may be made online at [blakefuneralhomes.com](http://blakefuneralhomes.com).

## JAMES HAYCOX

James Leroy Haycox passed away Sunday February 12, 2017 at 7:30 p.m., at the Northwest Manor Health Care Facility in Indianapolis. A former resident of Shoals, he was 84.

He was born July 22, 1932 in Daviess County; son of James Elmer and Myrtle Mae (Schnarr) Haycox. He married Claribel Harris and she preceded him in death.

He was a self-employed auto mechanic and operated Haycox Garage, located on Highway 550 in Shoals.

He is survived by a son, Herbert Haycox of Tell City; daughters-in-law, Eloise Haycox of Shoals and Rolanda Haycox of Brownsburg; two sisters, Hazel (Ishmael) Whitney of Mooresville and AnnaBelle Hedrick of Washington; one brother, George William "Bill" Haycox of Jasper; brother-in-law, Roy Raney of Jasper and grandchildren, Chad Haycox, Carla Haycox and Ryan Haycox.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife, two sons, Donald Haycox and James Haycox; and two sisters, Ethel Raney and Marie Kamplain.

Burial will be in the Alfordsville Cemetery at a later date.

## New public television program explores the history of Assembly Hall

"The Carnegie Hall of college basketball" is the subject of a new documentary from WTIU Public Television.

Assembly Hall: Pride of Indiana premieres March 7, at 8 p.m. on WTIU and will also be simultaneously streamed on Facebook Live at [facebook.com/wtiupublictv](http://facebook.com/wtiupublictv). The program explores the history, stories, and secrets behind the iconic venue at Indiana University.

Beginning with the original conception and design of the building, the documentary examines the compromises and behind-the-scenes politics that led to the eventual design of Assembly Hall. Little-known facts about the building are also uncovered, including proposed plans (allegedly quashed by Bob Knight) for an ice rink underneath the basketball court. The program also looks at Assembly Hall's uses outside of basketball, including as a music venue, and even as the home to a circus (that vowed never to return). The show then moves to the recent remodeling of Assembly Hall and explains the reasons for upgrading the current facility rather than building a new one. Viewers are taken on a tour of the building to see what has changed and what features make up the aura of Assembly Hall.

The documentary includes interviews with IU Vice President and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Fred Glass, former IU basketball player and Pacers coach Bobby "Slick" Leonard, Hoosiers screenwriter and producer

Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals is in charge of the arrangements.

## ALEXANDER LEONHARD

Alexander Matthew Leonhard, formerly of Loogootee, passed away at 10:08 a.m. Sunday, February 19, 2017. A resident of Bloomington, he was 22.

He was born September 25, 1994 in Brunswick, Maine; son of Jeff and Kelly (Sphon) Leonhard.

He received an Associate's Degree in psychology from Vincennes University and was currently working on his Bachelor Degree at Indiana University.

He loved reading, video games, but most of all, he loved his puppy, Sheigh. He previously worked at Dairy Queen in Loogootee and was currently working at Papa John's in Bloomington.

He is survived by his parents, Jeff and Kelly (Sphon) Leonhard of Loogootee; siblings, Tiffany Leonhard of Fishers, Stephen Leonhard of Jasper, and Kylie Leonhard of Bloomington; paternal grandfather, Richard Leonhard of Kinsman, Ohio; nephew, Albert DeHem; niece, Willow Leonhard; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Albert and Alberta Sphon; paternal grandmother, Phyllis Leonhard; and uncle, Rick Leonhard.

Funeral services will be conducted at 6 p.m. Thursday, February 23 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Visitation will be held Thursday, February 23 from 4 p.m. until the time of service at the funeral home.

Alex was loved by his family and friends. He will be missed more than can ever be expressed by mere words.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Martin County Humane Society.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

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**WANTED:** Person, Persons, or Business to clean Martin County Community Building. Duties include sweeping, mopping, putting up tables and chairs, changing the sign by the highway for events, etc. Candidate(s) must be willing to work nights and weekends, depending on the monthly event schedule. Please send resume to: Martin County 4-H Council, 2668 U.S. Hwy. 50, Loogootee, IN 47553, or deliver to the Martin County Extension Office. Deadline for submission is Friday, February 24 at 4:00 pm.

The Loogootee United Methodist Church located 208 W. Main St., Loogootee, IN 47553 seeks a **part-time youth director** to coordinate fellowship, education, and mission activities for its junior and high school youth (approximately 30 youth). The budgeted salary for the position is \$12,662. Church policy requires that this position must be filled by a person at least 21 years of age.

We are looking for someone who possesses the following gifts:

- Be committed to all biblical values and **provide biblical lessons at each youth gathering.**
- Serve as a role model for the youth in faith and life.
- Be available for Sunday and Wednesday evening youth gatherings, and Sunday morning worship.
- Be available for occasional overnight and one week-long overnight trip a year
- Provide references and prior background to qualify for this position.
- Have appropriate computer literacy to deal with youth.
- Communicate well to students and a willingness to communicate openly with parents.
- Be highly organized, able to recruit and motivate volunteers and delegate tasks.
- Willingness to organize and lead fundraisers.
- Willingness to work with an adult youth council and pastor.

Please submit your resume and cover letter to Pastor Gary Elsten, 208 West Main St, Loogootee, IN 47553. Application deadline is Wednesday, March 1, 2017. For more information about the position and the church, please visit our website at [www.loogooteeumc.org](http://www.loogooteeumc.org).

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:32 a.m. - Received a report of cows out north of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

11:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:32 a.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

11:38 a.m. - Captain Dant performed a vehicle identification check in Shoals.

2:25 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

2:55 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill, ICO Doane, Loogootee Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

3:05 p.m. - Shoals Fire responded to a residence near Shoals for a person not feeling well.

4:45 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Shoals Fire responded.

7:11 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette, Deputy Salmon, and ISP Trooper Johnson responded.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

5:42 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals on US 150. Deputy Salmon and Martin County Ambulance responded. No transport was needed.

8:12 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

8:30 a.m. - Sheriff Roush performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

9:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

9:55 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took three inmates to court.

11:15 a.m. - Sergeant Keller performed a vehicle identification check south of Loogootee.

11:45 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene checked on an abandoned vehicle east of Shoals.

12:24 p.m. - Received a request for assistance with a combative person east of Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Sergeant Keller, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:48 p.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist west of Shoals.

1:50 p.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

10:11 p.m. - Deputy Reed and K9 Officer Virka assisted the Daviess County Sheriff's Office with an investigation in Montgomery.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

4:52 a.m. - Received a report of a car-cow accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

5:49 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

6:30 a.m. - Received a report of a truck-deer accident near Crane. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

8:30 a.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

11:05 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:20 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the doctor.

4:04 p.m. - Shoals Fire assisted with a traffic detail on US 150, east of Shoals.

8:47 p.m. - Received a report of prowlers near Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

10:17 p.m. - Sergeant Keller, Town

Marshal Eckert, and ISP Trooper Beaver assisted a motorist near Shoals.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

3:16 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

5:26 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

7:10 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

7:47 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and all was okay.

9:00 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took three inmates to court.

10:22 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:45 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

11:14 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:46 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:20 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took three inmates to court.

4:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

5:25 p.m. - Received a fire alarm call north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire responded.

8:36 p.m. - Town Marshal Eckert assisted a motorist west of Shoals.

8:39 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic near Shoals. Major Burkhardt and Deputy Shinn responded.

9:04 p.m. - Martin County Ambulance assisted Daviess County with an incident at Boggs Lake.

9:15 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt, Deputy Shinn, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

12:24 a.m. - Received a report of intruders south of Loogootee. ISP Troopers Beaver and Johnson responded.

5:52 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

7:10 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned car south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

11:22 a.m. - Major Burkhardt transported one inmate to the hospital.

11:39 a.m. - Jailer Emmick transported one inmate to the doctor.

11:50 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle on US 50, just west of Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

2:15 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took three inmates to court.

3:49 p.m. - Received a report of a brush fire near Shoals. Shoals Fire, Martin County Ambulance, Martin County Civil Defense, and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

4:14 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

4:40 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel

took one inmate to the hospital.

6:09 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted with a dispute near Loogootee.

7:29 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on SR 450. Sheriff Roush responded and found the driver to be tired.

8:39 p.m. - Received a report of prowlers near Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

9:25 p.m. - Received a report of kids in the roadway in Shoals. Deputy Shinn, DCS, and ISP Troopers Beaver and McBeth responded.

10:08 p.m. - Received a report of prowlers near Loogootee. Deputy Shinn and Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

5:13 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Morris responded and everything was okay.

1:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Major Burkhardt, and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded. The subject was transported to Jasper

## ARRESTS

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

12:00 p.m. - Willie Wilson, 35, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Baker on two warrants for robbery and criminal confinement. He is being held without bond.

8:14 p.m. - Jenna Gibson, 28, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennette and charged with domestic battery and is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Deputy Salmon and ISP Trooper Johnson.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

9:50 a.m. - Nikki Williams, 21, of Loogootee, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene for petition to revoke and is being held without bond.

12:15 p.m. - Jordan Taylor, 20, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sergeant Keller on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9:30 a.m. - Brandon Baker, 31, of Shoals, was arrested by Sheriff Roush for possession of paraphernalia and is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was Chief Deputy Greene.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

5:38 a.m. - Andrew Morris, 26, of Bedford, was arrested by Loogootee Officer McBeth on a Spencer County warrant and is being held without bond.

10:00 a.m. - Jarrod Zins, 41, of Mitchell, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on a petition to revoke and is being held without bond.

11:26 p.m. - Peggy Stoll, 45, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with domestic battery, battery in front of a minor, and resisting law enforcement. She is being held without bond. ISP Troopers Beaver and Johnson assisted with the arrest. Friday, February 17

10:32 a.m. - Valerie McCarthy, 32, of Shoals, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and is being held without bond. Sheriff Roush assisted with the arrest.

10:42 p.m. - Miranda Case, 29, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with neglect of a dependent and is being held without bond.

Memorial Hospital.

10:23 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:01 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted with a court detail in Loogootee.

10:23 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:37 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

11:55 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

2:31 a.m. - Deputy Reed assisted Daviess County Sheriff's Office near Loogootee.

5:20 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in, in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

7:01 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

7:55 p.m. - Deputy Reed assisted the department of child services with an investigation near Shoals.

11:10 p.m. - Deputy Salmon assisted a motorist south of Loogootee.

11:25 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

## Accident reports

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

2:53 p.m. Donald F. Bowling, of Loogootee, was westbound on US 50 and attempting to turn into a private drive. At this time, Joseph L. Zins operating a 2012 Chevy was behind the Bowling vehicle. Zins took his eyes off the road and struck the rear of the Bowling vehicle. Chief Rayhill investigated. He was assisted by the Indiana State Police, Daviess County Sheriff's Dept, Loogootee Fire, Conservation Officer Eric Doane and G&M Wrecker Service.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:19 a.m. - Blythe H. Garcia, of Bloomington, was operating a 2012 Kia and attempting to exit the Jones Oil parking lot. At this time, Garcia pulled into the path of a 2013 Ford operated by Jane E. Payne, of Shoals. Chief Rayhill investigated.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:20 p.m. - Anna G. Clippinger, of Evansville, was operating a 2015 Ford in the parking lot at Martin County Healthcare. Clippinger pulled under the awning, but her vehicle was too tall, causing damage. Sgt. Norris investigated.

## Real estate transfers

Tyler J. Kidwell, of Martin County, Indiana to Joby Lee Jeffers and Blythe Downey Jeffers, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing .83 acres, more or less. More commonly known as 14224 US Highway 231, Loogootee.

Larry D. Holt and Deborah A. Holt, of Martin County, Indiana to Victor W. Neideffer, Jr., of Martin County, Indiana, part of the south one half of the southwest quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing one and one half acres, more or less.

# COURT NEWS

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

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

February 1

Jackie R. Edmondson, Jr., convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 714 days suspended and credit for 8 actual days previously served plus 8 Class A credit days. Defendant received 22 months of probation.

February 13

Jemimah B. Bengé, convicted of possession of a narcotic drug, a Class 4 Felony. Sentenced to serve 3 years with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 181 actual days previously served plus 61 Class B credit days.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

February 1

Jackie R. Edmondson, Jr., two counts of possession of methamphetamine, Class 6 Felonies, dismissed; dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony, dismissed.

February 13

Jemimah B. Bengé, dealing in cocaine, a Class 2 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; resisting law enforcement, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

February 13

Pamela Bratton vs. Robert Bratton, domestic relations no children.

Farmers Auto Insurance Association vs. Eric Carrico and Gypsy Express, LLC, civil plenary.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

February 15

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Ditech Financial, LLC and against the defendants Eugene Street (deceased), et al for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$68,758.62.

February 17

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crown Asset Management, LLC and against the defendant Stephanie Huff in the amount of \$7,316.08.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed

February 9

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Travis J. Fox, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Cheryl M. Fields, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Lauren M. Baugh, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Andy F. Blanton, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Jeremy S. Lemon, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. James H. McGuire, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Jason Bell, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Karen Greer, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Jeremy L. Chestnut, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Jeremy R. Holland, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Jason P. Jones, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Savannah K. Mathies, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Logan May, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Donna K. Sergent, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Retha D. Hert, complaint.

February 13

White River Cooperative, Inc. vs. Travis Conder, complaint.

Personal Finance Company, LLC vs. Charles A. Taylor, complaint.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

February 15

Clovis D. Venters of Shoals and Kelly Marie Aigner of Shoals.

## ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



Holly is a female cat, around 2 years old. She is spayed and up to date on shots. Adoption fee is \$40. The animal shelter is open Monday and Wednesday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee.

# Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:25 a.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

7:14 p.m. - Female reported harassing phone calls.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:00 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

1:35 p.m. - Male came on station to report a lost license plate.

6:55 p.m. - Caller reported an IRS phone scam.

8:50 p.m. - Caller reported a female trying to steal items from her vehicle while parked at China Wok. Female left on foot behind the business.

8:56 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver in the high school parking lot.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9:15 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

3:20 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

5:15 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

9:00 p.m. - Caller reported shoplifters at Family Dollar.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

1:26 a.m. - Male came on station for transient assistance.

7:10 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50. Officers were unable to locate.

7:50 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

12:15 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the ambulance service.

12:40 p.m. - Caller reported an abandoned vehicle behind Queen-Lee.

7:50 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was dispatched to a field fire on Hwy 550.

8:39 p.m. - First responders were requested on 1200 East for a traffic accident.

9:55 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the county with a disturbance on US 231.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:33 a.m. - Male reported a driving complaint.

4:40 p.m. - Female reported a theft of a purse.

7:40 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

8:04 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver. Officers were unable to locate.

8:38 p.m. - Caller reported a large object in the road on Broadway Street.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

5:13 a.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

9:30 a.m. - Caller reported a possible violation of a protective order.

1:25 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the ambulance service.

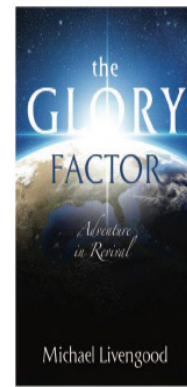
6:14 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

11:40 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Broadway Street headed east. Officers were out of position.

2:15 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50.

9:46 p.m. - Caller reported a loud music complaint on Poplar Street.



## MICHAEL LIVENGOOD

International speakers *Michael and Linda Livengood* will be speaking in the area. The Livengood's have addressed over 6000 audiences on nearly every continent. They are both citizens of the USA and residents of New Zealand. Michael

Livengood has an ability to make clear and relevant the message of the Bible in today's culture. An evening with the Livengood's have often been described as "life-changing."

They will be at *Maranatha Tabernacle Loogootee Friday, March 3 at 7 pm; Saturday March 4 at 6 pm; Sunday March 5 at 10:30 am & 6 pm* located at 13111 Hwy 231 N (1/2 mile north of the Loogootee Municipal Bldg). Admission is free, a freewill offering will be received. Call Pastor Duane Smith at 812-295-4349 for more information.

[mikelivengoodministries.com](http://mikelivengoodministries.com)

# STEAK NIGHT

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## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



I recently discovered that my friend, Noah Callahan, is a fan of riddles so the following are dedicated to him: (answers at the end of the article)

### RIDDLES

1. What has two hands, a face, not body?
2. What is bigger than you but doesn't weigh anything?
3. Billy was born on December 28 but his birthday is always in the summer. How is that possible?
4. What goes up but never goes down?
5. What is black and white and black and white and black and white?
6. What has 4 wheels and flies?
7. What grows down when it grows up?
8. What gets wetter the more it dries?
9. What do you call a deer with no eyes?
10. What has a bottom at its top?
11. What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire?

Sometimes it's a mystery why we use certain expressions. The following came from practices in old European society:

1. As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October). Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term 'big wig'. Today, we often use the term 'here comes the Big Wig' because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.
2. Ladies wore corsets, which would lace up in the front. A proper and dignified woman, as in 'straight laced' wore a tightly tied lace.
3. Common entertainment included playing cards. However, there was a tax levied when purchasing playing

cards but only applicable to the 'Ace of Spades'. To avoid paying the tax, people would purchase 51 cards instead. Yet, since most games require 52 cards, these people were thought to be stupid or dumb because they weren't 'playing with a full deck'.

### THOUGHTS:

1. This too will pass. It might pass like a kidney stone, but it will pass.
2. Dogs can't operate an MRI machine, but catscan.
3. Eat the tacos. Your cowboy boots will still fit.
4. We've been friends for so long, I can't remember which one of us is the bad influence.
5. A moment of silence for all the things I have to do but am not doing.
6. You know you're old when you go to bed at the time you used to go out.
7. Until you're retired, you'll never really know what you can get done in your pajamas.
8. Some days I amaze myself. Other days I look for my phone while I'm holding it.
9. I'm not fat, I'm just . . . easier to see.
10. Money talks . . . but all mine ever says is good-bye.
11. frostbite

### ANSWERS TO RIDDLES:

1. clock
2. your shadow
3. he was born in the southern hemisphere
4. age
5. a penguin rolling down a hill
6. a garbage truck
7. a goose
8. a towel
9. I have no I-deer
10. leg

Make someone smile today!

## Terri Sullivan Callaway Scholarship

America is facing a critical shortage of nurses of all categories due to the aging population of baby boomers. Salary and benefits are rising to encourage people to enter this field. In addition, nursing qualifies as one of the most personally fulfilling of all occupations.

To address this crisis, Tom and Sue Strange established a nursing scholarship endowment in 1999 with the Martin County Community Foundation to financially assist aspiring people to pursue the nursing profession. Terri passed away in 1998 and her scholarship addresses the vital need in all of our communities – the shortage of trained nurses upon which the sick and elderly depend.

This scholarship is open to both traditional and non-traditional students. Traditional students are defined as those who transition straight from high school to college, university or a vocational school. The Martin County Community Foundation defines non-traditional students as those who have taken one or more years between high school and are now enrolling in a higher education program.

An eligible applicant must be a cur-

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Pack the Jack

Loogootee High School is hosting a new event called "Pack the Jack" on Senior Night, Thursday, February 23 at Jack Butcher Sports Arena. Bring family, friends, neighbors and even strangers to help fill the gym to its capacity and support the seniors in their last home game.

### Sunday nights of revival

New Beginnings Community Church and Maranatha Tabernacle Church are holding 14 continuous Sunday nights of revival starting January 8 through April 9, 2017. The "Code Blue" (start your heart with God) revival meetings begin at 6 p.m. (EST) each Sunday night and meet at Maranatha Tabernacle Church, 13111 Hwy 231 N., Loogootee. Special revival speakers and worship bands will participate each month. For additional information, contact Pastor Ernie at 812-709-0258 or Pastor Duane at 812-295-4349.

### Attention Senior Citizens

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the Annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogootee provides activities for seniors every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tournaments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirements to participate.

### Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school-age children every Saturday

from noon to 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 200 West Main Street next to the post office. For more info, call 812-709-2525.

### SOAR Tutoring

Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text 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 on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 5:30 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend.

### 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.

### Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public is invited to attend.

### Soil and Water meetings

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

## Cheryl Minderman Wilber Memorial Scholarship established

A new Vincennes University scholarship has been established through a donation from the family of Cheryl Minderman Wilber.

The Cheryl Minderman Wilber Memorial Scholarship was created through the VU Foundation.

Wilber grew up on the Allison Prairie, between Lawrenceville, Illinois,

and Vincennes, and was a 1977 graduate of VU's Physical Therapy Assistant program.

She was passionate about helping others through physical therapy, especially when she worked with children.

While she lived with lupus for over 25 years, she used her love of family, especially her husband Richard and son Eric, and her profession to stay motivated to the end. Wilber passed away on November 6, 2013.

The scholarship which bears her name will provide funds for VU students enrolled in the Physical Therapy Assistant program who maintain a 2.0 grade point average.

"The VU Foundation and Alumni Association are appreciative of the Wilber family and their support of VU," stated Jennifer Gilmore, director of the VU Alumni Association. "This scholarship in memory and honor of Mrs. Wilber will be a tremendous benefit to our students."

rent high school senior who will graduate from a high school in Martin County, Indiana or a non-traditional student who is a resident of Martin County, Indiana. All applicants must meet the following criteria:

- The applicant must be a member of a Christian faith church
- The applicant must have been accepted into a school for continuing education
- The applicant must be pursuing a career in the field of nursing
- Priority will be given to members of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Martin County, Indiana

Applications are available at St. John the Evangelist church or online at [www.cfpartner.org/mccfgrants.htm](http://www.cfpartner.org/mccfgrants.htm). The applications must be completed and returned by March 31, 2017. Applications should be mailed to: Community Foundation Partnership, Attn: Programs Coordinator, PO Box 1235, Bedford, IN 47421.

For more information, call Curt Johnson, Executive Director of the Martin County Community Foundation, at 812-295-1022 or email [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org).

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-- GROWING THE FUTURE --

Last week I commented that the youth are our future, and that as capable adults they will be impacting our own lives at a time when we will be relying on them for our care and well-being. Youth, into adulthood, and beyond.

-- BEING THE BEYOND --

Have you thought about that "beyond"? About our senior citizens who have already been there and helped us grow into those adults? They've lived through youth, adulthood and now to be the ones that have the experience and wisdom of their years. They have that all-knowing smile that speaks volumes.

-- CARING FOR THOSE --

Being a part of their lives now, caring for those that cared for us, can be a wonderful and rewarding experience. Our senior citizens were there for us, and now we can be there for them. Caring for them is as important as it was for them to care for us.

-- COUNCIL ON AGING --

Martin County has an organization that exists to do just that. The Martin County Council on Aging (MCCA) exists to help our seniors with day-to-day tasks, with meals, and to generally help them to remain independently at home if they couldn't do it otherwise. The MCCA has 17 employees, with the majority of them providing in-home services for about 60 clients throughout the county. The MCCA also manages the Shoals Senior Citizen Center

where they provide meals for the majority of those 60 people and more each day of the week.

-- FOR THE COUNTY --

And add to all that, the MCCA is the only agency in Martin County that works with Indiana's CHOICE program, which stands for Community and Home Options to Institutional Care for the Elderly & Disabled. There are also programs available through waivers of the normal Medicaid rules; these can also be used through the MCCA and with the services they provide.

-- MCCF IS THERE --

The MCCF is pleased to be able to help the Martin County Council on Aging care for our elders. You can help too. Just call Sylvia Albaugh (MCCA Director) at 812-247-2525 to find out how you can give back for what you've been given by these wonderful people, our elders.

Shown in the picture is, left to right, Vicky Bauernfiend (Community Foundation Board member) presenting a grant check to Sylvia Albaugh (MCCA Director) and Audra Deckard.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about the MCCF, please contact the Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org).

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



-Photo provided

Pictured left to right are Vicky Bauernfiend (Community Foundation Board member), Sylvia Albaugh (MCCA Director) and Audra Deckard.

# 4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown  
Martin County Purdue  
Extension Educator



Club Meetings

Jolly Jug Rox—Monday, February 20; Monday, March 6; Tuesday, March 21; Monday, April 10; Monday, April 24; Tuesday, May 2; Monday, May 22; Thursday, June 6 and Monday, June 19. The last meeting will be Thursday, July 6. Please mark your calendars and see you at the meetings.

Shooting Sports—Shooting Sports is becoming its own club. Please join us for meetings every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of the month at 6 p.m. at the Martin County Community Building starting January 9.

Horse and Pony--

Monday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Martin County Learning Center  
Monday, April 3, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Martin County Community Building

Camps, Conferences, & Trips

Recently application of interest forms for state camps, conferences, and trips were sent to all 4-H families.

If you are thinking of attending any of these events, please fill out the form and send it back to the Extension Office. More information will be sent to you as it becomes available.

Upcoming Events

Livestock weigh-ins for the fair have been set for the spring. They will take place at the fairgrounds.

Beef: March 11, 2017, 9-11 a.m.

Sheep & Goat: May 6, 2017, 9-11 a.m.

Swine: May 13, 2017, 9-11 a.m.

Poultry: June 17, 2017, 9-11 a.m.

Become a Volunteer

Volunteers for 4-H have the unique opportunity to grow true leaders in our community. Volunteering can be as active as leading a 4-H club or just helping out at fair time. Volunteers learn educational programs to take out to community youth. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call the Purdue Extension Martin County office at (812) 295-2412.

## Chamber of Commerce holds monthly meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce met February 15 at China Wok in Loogootee. Present for the meeting were representatives from the following businesses: Hollies Eats & Treats and Martin County Humane Society-Theresa Abney, City of Loogootee-Mayor Noel Harty, The Candy Mill-Carolyn Parsons-Downey, Maranatha Church-Duane and Dianna Smith, MC Alliance-Tim Kinder, Memorial Hospital-Luke Buchta, American Tree/Overlook-Marie Hawkins, Daviess Community Hospital-Angie Steiner, Martin County Community Foundation-Curt Johnson, Head Start/Hoosier Uplands-Deb Terry, Saltbox Lodge-James and Donna Stoughton, SERVPRO-Tammy May, West Boggs Park-Jameson Hibbs, Martin County Community Corrections-Kathy Collins, SOAR-Karen Slaven, Kerns Insurance-Ed Kerns, Old National Bank-Susan Arthur and Bowling Manufacturing-Keith Peacock.

The treasurer's report was given by Susan Arthur. Everything was normal on the report with no need for discussion. Jim Stoughton made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Theresa Abney, all were in favor.

The secretary's report was given by Carolyn Parsons-Downey. The report was emailed out prior to the meeting and no corrections were made. Theresa Abney made a motion to accept the minutes, Marie Hawkins seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The Chamber's Annual Dinner is March 16 in the St John's Lower Level. The speaker is Douglas Carter, the Indiana State Police Superintendent. The event will start at 6 p.m. The Chamber is looking for gift items for the door prize basket, also local items for the guest speaker gift. Please contact Carolyn if you would like to donate anything.

Noel Harty, said that on March 6 the Youth Council will meet and be contacting some of the local leaders to come and speak to the youth including the city attorney, police chief, SIDC on grant writing and some others.

Tim Kinder, with the Martin County Alliance, reported that February 20-24 at Westgate, from 9:00-4:30, there will be an employer workshop for veterans. On March 8, Radius will hold their

regional meeting at French Lick. Tim talked about the Chamber, Tourism and Alliance sharing a web page.

Marie Hawkins spoke about the Night to Shine held this year at Westgate. She said it was a big night with more than 800 attendees and volunteers. Marie also shared that she sent off about five short stories of Martin County to be published in North Carolina.

Jameson Hibbs, with West Boggs Park, reported that they will hold an Easter Egg Hunt again this year. Jameson also had a list of their summer events. They are also looking for more sponsors for their reenactment for a period pre-1900.

Deb Terry, with Head Start, said they will hold an open enrollment for the Head Start program, which is based on income. Please let others know this is coming up.

Martin County Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins, along with SOAR, will be hosting a soft scale training for some inmates. This will be a four-week program. They would like to be able to someday use some of the local businesses with this project.

James Stoughton, with the Shoals Business Association, reported that the old courthouse bell tower is in need of repair. The Cook Corporation has made an offer that for each member of the Martin County Historical Society they have for five years, the Cook Corporation will donate \$100. If you have not signed up yet, please do so as soon as possible. Help save this building and a part of our history.

Angie Steiner, with Daviess Community Hospital, reported that this Monday the hospital will open their new Core Center that will house their orthopedic center with physical and occupational therapy.

Luke Butcha, with Memorial Hospital, said that after four months with the new stroke robot, the hospital was able to come up with a report that after the four months they hospital is only transferring 11 percent of the stroke patients. This has saved patients a lot of travel time to get great service at their local hospital.

There will be no Chamber meeting in March as the annual dinner will be held on March 16.

### Good things come to those who don't wait.

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As I predicted, the crocuses and daffodils have begun to bloom at Sandhill Gardens this weekend. I spent a little time clearing out last year's growth and trimming the old leaves from the hellebores, making it easier to appreciate the new blooms. I am also potting up some of the hellebore seedlings, which I will donate to the Hoosier Hillside Master Gardeners for sale at the annual Spring Tonic on March 4 at the Orange County Fairgrounds.

With spring coming on so quickly, I am already behind schedule with some fertilizer applications. Timing is everything when it comes to fertilizing plants. I thought I would spend some time this week on how plants use fertilizers and when they should be applied.

More is not better when it comes to fertilizers and plant foods. If you are having difficulties with plant growth, do not assume that pouring on the fertilizer is the way to fix the problem. Before making major applications of plant foods, get your soil tested. You may be low in some particular component and may not need everything in the fertilizer bag. In general, fertilizers are like vitamins for plants. Plants need certain nutrients, along with air and water, for proper growth. Fertilizer is a way of supplying nutrients that may be lacking in the soil. Too much fertilizer may be similar to over-medication for a human. It may kill the plant. Also, some components of fertilizers dissolve in the ground water and may eventually wash into the streams and rivers, resulting in major pollution. For these reasons, the application of fertilizer should not be taken lightly.

Most fertilizers are applied to the soil, where they become available for the roots of the plants to take them up and carry the nutrients to the plant tissues. However, there are some liquid foliar sprays that are applied to the leaves of the plants. These are usually for quick nitrogen absorption and some trace minerals. Too much foliar spray may burn the leaves of a plant.

Most of the fertilizers sold in the United States are labeled with the NPK formula. This tells us the percentage of the product that is nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), and potassium (K). These are the three nutrients that plants need the most. Nitrogen is essential for the growth of leaves, where photosynthesis occurs. Phosphorus promotes formation of roots, flowers, fruit and seeds while potassium is needed for cell-wall strength and stem growth. The elements are not in their raw forms in the fertilizers, but are included in compounds that make the nutrients soluble and available for use by the plants. Therefore, a bag of 10-10-10 fertilizer is 10% nitrogen, 10% phosphorus and

10% potassium. The remainder of the bag is filled with trace elements needed by the plants and with inert ingredients that make the fertilizer easier to apply to the soil.

I realize that is an over-simplification of a lesson on fertilizers and I urge readers to get more educated about the proper application of fertilizers. Just because a neighbor says he puts 10-10-10 on his garden does not mean that your garden needs that much fertilizer at that particular time. Proper fertilization will give you improved plant growth, but the effects of over-fertilization may be catastrophic.

It is also important to apply fertilizers when they are needed. Spring-flowering bulbs should be fertilized when the foliage first peeks through the ground. When flowering begins, the plants are actually already beginning to slip into dormancy, when the foliage will die down and the bulb lies dormant until next year. With the early spring that is upon us, it is now time to fertilize the bulbs. I prefer to apply manure tea or compost tea, which is really a light fertilizer and is not likely to have heavy concentrations that will be harmful. Still, just a little goes a long way, so do not over-do it.

Changes coming to state-owned off-road vehicle properties

Effective March 1, the daily off-road vehicle (ORV) trail-use fee at Interlake and Redbird state recreation areas will increase to \$15 from \$10.

This is the first fee increase for daily ORV trail use in 12 years.

The increase will help cover the cost of newly extended hours. Both Interlake and Redbird are now open seven days a week, from sunrise to sunset. Visitors can spend more time on the nearly 125 miles of trails and skill areas at the two properties.

Redbird and Interlake are the only state-owned properties where ORV recreation is allowed. Property managers also will use increased revenue on maintenance and improvements.

The fee is charged per ORV. This includes dirt bikes, all-terrain vehicles, side-by-sides, four-wheel-drive trucks and sport-utility vehicles.

There are no fees for passengers. Despite the increase, the fee is still less than or comparable to all privately-owned off-roading properties in the state.

Frequent visitors can still purchase an annual ORV trail-use permit for 2017 for \$75. The annual permit can be used for unlimited trail use in 2017 at both Interlake and Redbird.

For more information, including fees and permits, visit [dnr.IN.gov/outdoor/4226.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/outdoor/4226.htm) (Interlake) or [dnr.IN.gov/outdoor/4225.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/outdoor/4225.htm) (Redbird).

## New sites added to historic tri-state tourism trail paying homage to Abraham Lincoln

The Indiana Office of Tourism Development (IOTD) in conjunction with the tourism offices in Kentucky and Illinois, are honoring the birthday of President Abraham Lincoln on February 12, by re-launching a new and improved tri-state tourism trail. The Lincoln Heritage Trail highlights places of significance to the Lincoln story in Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky.

"What is now Lincoln City, Indiana, was the boyhood home of Abraham Lincoln where he spent his formative years from the age of seven to 21," said Mark Newman, IOTD's executive director. "The Lincoln Heritage Trail charts Lincoln's life from birth to youth to adulthood chronicling his time and influences in Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois before becoming our 16th president."

Indiana sites now included on the trail:

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial

Visit the cabin site memorial featuring a bronze casting of logs and fireplace which symbolizes a cabin the Lincolns began building.

Visit the Memorial Visitor Center, which features five sculptured panels, marking significant periods in Lincoln's life.

Walk in Lincoln's footsteps on the Trail of Twelve Stones, which begins at the Lincoln Living Historical Farm and ends near Pioneer Cemetery where Lincoln's mother is buried.

Lincoln State Park

Walk 10 miles of hiking trails, view two scenic lakes and visit an interpretive center to help you experience early life of settlers in southern Indiana.

William Jones historic home

Take a guided tour of this restored

### DNR offers spring camping discount through promo code

An offer from Indiana State Parks makes weeknight camping more affordable this spring.

Those who book a new campsite, family cabin or rent-a-camp cabin reservation for one or more consecutive weeknights (Sundays through Wednesdays) between April 16 and May 24 will receive 25 percent off of their reserved weeknights at the time of booking.

The discount applies to all State Parks campgrounds and DNR Division of Forestry campgrounds at Deam Lake, Greene-Sullivan State Forest and Starve-Hollow State Recreation Area.

Discounted reservations can be booked now at [camp.IN.gov](http://camp.IN.gov) or by calling (866) 622-6746.

Use the promo code "SPRING17." The offer does not apply to reservations made before February 17, nor to reservations made in combination with any other discount or offer, nor to walk-in registrations. The discount will apply only to Sundays through Wednesdays of your stay, and will not apply to Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The discount does not apply to cabins that are operated by Indiana State Park Inns at Brown County, Turkey Run and Pokagon state parks.

1834 Federal-design home of the merchant employer of Lincoln.

Indiana State Museum

The Indiana State Museum features several artifacts from Abraham Lincoln's early years in Indiana. Lincoln's father, Tom, was a master carpenter and Abraham spent much of his youth working with the lumber using simple hand tools. Abe had a maul used to drive iron wedges into logs to create split rails for fencing. When the maul head broke, he repurposed it into a mallet he used to drive pegs into furniture and other fixtures. In addition to the mallet, the museum features two cabinets crafted by Lincoln's father, Tom, along with a ledger from the store in Kentucky where he purchased supplies. The frontier cabin has displays with the biographical story of the Lincoln family in Indiana.

The Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection at the Indiana State Museum features several artifacts including: President Lincoln at Home lithographic print by Currier & Ives, 1865; The Martyr Victorious lithograph by John Sartain, 1866; Council of War plaster sculpture by John Rogers circa 1868; and Liberty color lithograph by E.C. Bridgman, circa 1870, which are currently on exhibit in the museum's core galleries.

For more information on the Lincoln Heritage Trail go to [www.lincolnadventures.com](http://www.lincolnadventures.com). On the website, visitors will find more information about the tri-state trail, including sample itineraries and links to each state's tourism offices.

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**SARA BAILEY**

Sara Catherine Bailey is the daughter of Carroll and Alisha Bailey. After graduation, Sara plans to attend Ball State University to study physics. While in high school, Sara participated in Academic Team (11, 12), Beta Club (9-12), Chorus (9-12), FACS (9), French Club (10-11), Musical (9, 11, 12), Madrigals (9), Show Choir (11). Sara was also Beta secretary (12), Chorus president (12), and Chorus publicity manager (11).



**LANDON BELL**

Landon Williams Bell is the son of Bob and Susan Bell. After graduation, Landon plans to attend higher education to study Finance or Computer Integrated Manufacturing. While in high school, Landon participated in Fellowship of Christian Athletes (9-11), Beta Club (9), Lion Pride (9,10), Pep Club (9-12), SADD (9-12), FACS (9-12), Student Council (9-12), and Job Shadow/Intern (12). Landon was also Student Council President (12), SADD President (12), and SADD Treasurer (11). He also participated in Baseball (9-12), Basketball (9-12), and Tennis (9-12).



**JORDAN CLARK**

Jordan R. Clark is the son of Jeremy and Becky Clark. After graduation, Jordan plans to enter the workforce as a lineman for REMC. While in high school Jordan participated in FACS (9-12), Intern (11,12), Pep Club (11,12), and Student Council (9-12). Jordan also participated in Golf (9-12).



**WADE COLEMAN**

Wade Garet Coleman is the son of Joseph and Doris Coleman. After graduation, Wade plans to enter the workforce. While in high school, Wade participated in Intern (11,12).



**TYE COLLINS**

Tye K. Collins is the son of Scott and Tori Kern. After graduation, Tye plans to attend Vincennes University to study Business Administration. While in high school, Tye participated in Intern (11,12), Pep Club (9-12), Spanish Club (9), Cadet Teaching (12), Student Council (9-12), Golf (12) and Basketball (9-12).



**BREANNA LYTTON**

Breanna Mari Lytton's guardian is Carrie Arvin. After graduation, Breanna plans to attend VUJC for general studies, then transfer to USI for dental hygiene. While in high school, Breanna was in Spanish Club (9-11), Pep Club (9, 11), Cadet Teaching (12), Job Shadow (11), Student Council (9), Cheerleading (9, 11), and Volleyball (9).

**OCRA and HUD seek public comment for 2017 Action Plan**

Pursuant to 24 CFR part 91.115(a) (2), the State of Indiana wishes to encourage citizens to participate in the development of the State of Indiana Annual Action Plan for 2017. In accordance with this regulation, the state is providing the opportunity for citizens to comment on the 2017 Annual Action Plan draft report, which will be submitted to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or before May 15, 2017.

The Action Plan defines the funding sources for the State of Indiana's five (5) major HUD-funded programs and provides communities a framework for defining comprehensive development planning. The FY 2017 Action Plan will set forth the method of distribution of funding for the following HUD-funded programs:

- State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
- Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program
- National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF)
- State of Indiana 2017 Action Plan - DRAFT

Prior to submission, all members of the public are invited to review the draft Plan from February 16, 2017 through April 1, 2017 during normal business hours of 8:30 am to 5 pm, Monday - Friday, at the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

A draft Plan is available on the OCRA website: [www.in.gov/ocra/2369.htm](http://www.in.gov/ocra/2369.htm) and IHEDA website: [www.in.gov/ihecda/2489.htm](http://www.in.gov/ihecda/2489.htm).

Written comments are invited from February 16, 2017 through April 1, 2017, at the following address: 2017 Annual Action Plan, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, One North Capitol - Suite 600, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2027

Comments may also be directed via e-mail to: [adunston@ocra.IN.gov](mailto:adunston@ocra.IN.gov).

Persons with disabilities will be provided with assistance respective to the contents of the Consolidated Plan. Interested citizens and parties who wish to receive a free copy of the Executive Summary of the FY 2017 Action Plan or have any other questions may contact the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs at its toll free number 800.824.2476, or 317.233.3762, during normal business hours or via electronic mail at [coscott@ocra.in.gov](mailto:coscott@ocra.in.gov).

Additional Opportunity for Feedback As part of our ongoing commitment to solicit partner feedback, we invite you to complete a survey that will help us make decisions regarding the use of funds available through:

- Community Development Block Grant
- HOME Investment Partnership
- Emergency Solutions Grant
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS

The survey consists of over fifty questions HOWEVER you can choose to only answer questions relating to the funding source that is most important to you. The average respondent will likely answer from twelve (12) to twenty (20) questions, which should not take longer than ten (10) minutes.

Your feedback is critical to finalize the Action Plan: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/Consolidated\\_Plan\\_2017](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Consolidated_Plan_2017)

**VU celebrates March as Indiana Disability Awareness Month**

March is recognized in Indiana as Disability Awareness Month. Led by the Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities, the goal of Disability Awareness Month is to increase awareness and promote independence, integration, and inclusion of all people with disabilities. On March 2, Vincennes University will celebrate Disability Awareness Month with a presentation by Ben Glenn, titled "Unlocking Your Inner Confidence and Potential by Embracing What Makes You Different." Glenn, also known as The Chalk Guy, will speak at 11 a.m. EST, at VU's Red Skelton Theatre and Performing Arts Center. The presentation is free and the public is invited to attend.

Ben Glenn was diagnosed with a learning disability in while in the third grade. His presentation outlines the trials and triumphs that followed and offers insights about overcoming challenging times, learning to appreciate his unique talents and gifts, and recognizing the people who made a difference in his life along the way.

Part of his struggle with traditional learning led him to discover a love of art that he turned into a dynamic live-art demonstration. The final outcome of his presentation will be a large-scale chalk canvas symbolizing how to approach challenges with a positive attitude and view each struggle in life as a learning experience.

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