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Commissioners discuss Census, guns, hackers

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Vickie Wathen, chairman of the Martin County Census Committee, gave the Martin County Commissioners an update at their meeting Tuesday night, February 25, on what has been going on with the committee. She said that the Loogootee Library is a hub where anyone interested in working for the census can get more information. Questionnaires will be mailed out mid-March. Residents are encouraged to fill out the questionnaire otherwise a census worker will have to visit their home. Wathen said due to the Mid-States Corridor project, she fears that bringing up the 2020 Census will lead people to believe that it is in correlation with the project. She said some have said that responding to the Census will result in more big roads and highways, so she is laying low for a while. "That's my sense and I could be completely wrong," she said. "I feel like I am carrying a giant boulder to get enthusiasm about the Census."

County Attorney Dave Lett presented the commissioners with a resolution, requested at the last commissioners' meeting, recognizing and supporting the second amendment of the United States Constitution. The resolution is a result of a request from Greg Hamilton who leads a 2A (Second Amendment) advocacy group on facebook. The resolution states that no laws, rules, orders, regulations, or acts in violation of the Second Amendment shall be recognized by Martin County. The enforcement of the resolution would be the responsibility of the sheriff.

Greg Hamilton asked why it was presented as a resolution and not an ordinance. County Attorney Lett replied that an ordinance is typically passed to initiate fines. He said he didn't foresee a reason that fines would have to be imposed in this case.

Paul McFeaters asked if a fine could be imposed on a sheriff if they didn't follow the resolution. Lett replied that the only thing that can be done against a sheriff in

the state of Indiana for dereliction of duty is to impeach him.

Lett was asked if the commissioners could undo a resolution. Lett replied that they can at any time retract a resolution. Commissioner Paul George said it would be the same if it was an ordinance.

McFeaters asked each commissioner how they feel about the resolution.

Commissioner Aaron Summers said he supports it and made a motion to approve the resolution.

Commissioner Kevin Boyd said that his house was broken into in the past and approximately 40 guns were stolen, "How do you think I feel, Paul?" he asked. "I value my guns. I value my freedom to own those guns. So, yes, I am very much in support of the Second Amendment."

McFeaters said he doesn't know what the commissioners' motivation is to serve in office but when he has served, it has been to be a part of history. He told the commissioners that by signing the resolution, they have the opportunity to do just that. He said one day in the future, the residents at that time will say that the commissioners stood up for them. "I think your successors will have a much better idea of what is going to be needed to offer a sanctuary, a place of safety and refuge for gunowners," said McFeaters.

Commissioners Summers again made a motion to approve the resolution with Commissioner Kevin Boyd making the second. All were in favor.

Lett said that although his research was not exhaustive, he found that eight of the 92 Indiana counties have passed a resolution and almost every county in Virginia. Also, counties in Illinois and Michigan.

Auditor Bobbie Abel reported that RTC Communications recently sent out a scam email to test county employees. 27 people, of the 71 sent the email, clicked on the email link and one person provided the information requested. Abel said that an employee of the courthouse did warn co-workers not to open emails, so they are not sure how many people were impacted by the advanced warning. Abel said, however, that she thinks the county (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)



Builders Best closing

-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Builders Best in Loogootee will close its doors this Friday, February 28, according to owner Mike Fleming. The store opened in 1999. Fleming didn't provide details on the closing or any information on sales of inventory, but did note that there is no buyer at this time. Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty said he is incredibly saddened by the closing and expressed the importance of residents to shop local whenever possible to keep businesses in the city. Economic Development Director Tim Kinder said his heart goes out to the owner and employees at Builders Best and he will be working to find interest in the business or building.

Health department inspects local food service businesses

The following restaurant inspections were done by Julia Albright, of the Martin County Health Department. The information listed is verbatim from the inspection report and all were routine inspections, unless otherwise noted. Violations that were seen again from one inspection to the next are noted with "(Repeat violation)" after the entry.

OCTOBER 24

Bo-Mac's, LLC, 408 4th Street, Shoals
No violations noted.

Hometown IGA #463, 500 W. Broadway Street, Loogootee

One critical violation:

-Out of date infant formula - 7 pack Gerber Ready to Feed expired Sept. 2019; 4 packs of Gerber Soy Ready to Feed expired August 2019 (Repeat violation)

Three non-critical violations:

-Packages of Styrofoam meat trays on floor of storage room. Box of rotisserie chicken containers on floor of deli storage room

-Cooling unit fan covers have build-up

of dust in meat prep area, meat storage area walk-in cooler and milk walk-in cooler (Repeat violation)

-Unshielded light bulb in deli display case and meat display cases (Repeat violation)

Wendy's #364, 701 W. Broadway Street, Loogootee

One non-critical violation:

-Box of lettuce and trays of uncooked bacon uncovered in walk-in cooler

B&B Lunch Box, 10302 Freeman Road, Shoals

No violations noted.

OCTOBER 31

Loogootee United Methodist Church, 208 W. Main Street, Loogootee

No violations noted.

Loogootee Elementary, 101 Costello Drive, Loogootee

No violations noted.

Loogootee High School, 201 Brooks Avenue, Loogootee

No violations noted.

NOVEMBER 14

The Candy Mill, 108 Mill Street, Loogootee

No violations noted.

NOVEMBER 25

The Corner Café, 102 JFK Avenue, Loogootee

One critical violation:

-Sanitizing solution insufficient concentration at front counter

One non-critical violation:

-Range hood in kitchen has build-up of dust/grease

(Operator response from inspection: "Front counter water solution has been properly sanitized. Range hood has been cleaned.")

Dairy Queen, 212 Mill Street, Loogootee

One non-critical violation:

-Items not covered in walk-in cooler at ice cream prep area. Boxes of spoons not covered in storage room.

The Mill Street Grille, 111 Mill Street, Loogootee

No violations noted.

(See 'INSPECTIONS' on page 2)



Semi-State Champs!

The Loogootee Lady Lions (26-2) won the school's first-ever Semi State title last Saturday with their victory over Greenwood Christian Academy, 57-40. The ladies will now finish off their historic season at the state finals this Saturday, February 29, at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. The girls will go up against Pioneer (25-2) at 10:30 a.m.

-Photo provided by the City of Loogootee



INSPECTIONS

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NOVEMBER 26

McDonald's, 106 E. Broadway Street, Loogootee

One non-critical violation:
-Boxes of cups lids and sandwich boxes sitting on floor of store room

Dairy Master, 506 W. Broadway Street, Loogootee

Three non-critical violations:
-Build-up of dirt/dust on storage area under counter. Build-up of dirt on walls/shelving of walk-in cooler
-Boxes of cups and fountain machine syrup on floor of outdoor storage building

-Storage containers throughout kitchen and front counter have build-up of dirt. Range hood vents have accumulation of grease. (Repeat violation)

Loogootee Marathon, 113 E. Broadway Street, Loogootee

No violations noted.
China Wok Buffet, 601 W. Broadway Street, Loogootee

Two critical violations:
-Temperature of shrimp on cold item bar 46.8 degrees; apple salad 52.2 degrees

-Raw chicken stored over carrots in walk-in cooler

Two non-critical violations:
-Water from ceiling of walk-in cooler dripping on box of cabbage

-Kitchen equipment non-food contact surfaces not cleaned at a frequency to prevent build-up of dirt and dried food particles

Bradley's Bar & Grill, 605 W. Broadway Street, Loogootee

No violations noted.

DECEMBER 12

RJ's Food Mart, 7320 US Hwy. 150, Shoals

Two non-critical violations:
-Fan units of walk-in cooler have build-up of dust on fan covers (Repeat violation)

-Three compartment sink not being properly utilized to wash/rinse/sanitize
Faytastic Pizza, 220 Main Street, Shoals

One non-critical violation:
-No self-closing device on bathroom door

Jones Oil Company, PO Box 60, Shoals

No violations noted.

DECEMBER 18

Pure & Simple Products, 11299 Golden Park Road, Williams

No violations noted.

DECEMBER 20

VFW Post 9395, 300 W. Vine Street, Loogootee

No violations noted.

Pizza Junction, 301 JFK Avenue, Loogootee

One non-critical violation:
-Build-up of dust on ceiling and fan covers of walk-in cooler. Build-up of dust on exhaust fan.

Martin County Council on Aging, 409 Courthouse Drive, Shoals

No violations noted.

Knights of Columbus, 102 E. Main Street, Loogootee

No violations noted.

Jay C \$52, 201 S. High Street, Shoals

One critical violation:
-Similac Go and Grow toddler drink on shelf for sale, expired 9-1-19 (3 cans)

Two non-critical violations:
-Build-up of dust on meat prep room ceiling and fan covers. Build-up of dust on meat storage walk-in cooler

-Unshielded light bulbs throughout dairy/milk cooler (Repeat violation)

Biggin's Place, 109 Hill Street, Loogootee

One critical violation:
-Temperature of cheese and pizza sauce 96.8 degrees

DECEMBER 30

Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant, 15519

US Hwy. 231, Loogootee

One critical violation:
-Temperature of items on cold side of buffet more than 41 degrees. Potato salad 45.2 degrees, chicken salad 45.6 degrees, ham salad 45.2 degrees, cottage cheese 44.8 degrees, pudding 45.6 degrees, bean salad 43.2 degrees (Repeat violation)

One non-critical violation:
-Range hoods have accumulation of dust/grease, shelving in walk-in cooler has build-up of dried food/grease, ceiling of walk-in cooler has build-up of black substance

(Operator's response to inspection: "In regard to the salad bar temp, we're only filling pans half full. Keeping things turned and stirring more often. Temps are much better 38-40 degrees. Also, cleaned the vents above/under hoods.")

Break Time Bar & Grill, 119 Cooper Plaza, Loogootee

No violations noted.
Wittmer Catering, Inc., 19308 N 1300 E, Loogootee

Pre-opening walk-through, no violations noted.

Los Bravos, 502 W. Broadway Street, Loogootee

No violations noted.

Village Pizza, 102 Furlong Street, Crane

No violations noted.

VFW Post 9297, 163 Leahy Street, Crane

One non-critical violation:
-No self-closing device on women's toilet room door

American Legion Post 120, 112 Church Street, Loogootee

No violations noted.

DECEMBER 31

Shoals American Legion Post 61, Shoals

No violations noted.

VFW Post 8589, 320 Main Street, Shoals

No violations noted.

Shoals Eagles #2442, 207 S. Main Street, Shoals

No violations noted.

Velma's Diner, 308 Main Street, Shoals

No violations noted.

COMMISSIONERS

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employees need training to know what to look for in phishing emails. She provided a quote for the training and said she is working to get another quote.

Abel suggested looking into getting backup of the county's financial data with an outside source to make sure hackers cannot access it. Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins said that Lawrence County is currently dealing with the fallout of having their data frozen by hackers. She said they have been devastated. She agreed that a backup would be beneficial.

The commissioners approved the highway department to purchase two 2016 trucks for \$69,500 and \$62,500, pending they check out. The last truck that was approved for purchase didn't work out and Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett found these two models.

Padgett said he will be coming back to the commissioners in the fall to discuss purchasing a new grader.

The commissioners voted to hire a new mechanic for the highway department but did not want to release his name.

Josh Greene, with the Martin County Sheriff's Department, reported there are currently 71 inmates in the jail with 17 from Vigo County. Greene said that six people were released on Tuesday which brought their numbers down. They will call Vigo County to get more inmates.

Greene also reported that the jailers have been extra busy the past few weeks because they have had several inmates detoxing and going through withdrawal.

-- PASSION TO LEGACY --
My last column talked about deferred gifts to Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF) endowments via bequests and wills. It highlighted the passion one couple had for Martin County and their legacy that will forever benefit our communities.

-- THE CROPPS --
That couple, George and Barbara Cropp, loved Martin County and decided to give back and help improve the quality of life for the place they called home. In my last column I highlighted two of their endowments: the "Shoals United Methodist Church Fund" and the "Loogootee United Methodist Church Fund."

-- GOODWILL CEMETERY --
The Cropps also created an endowment fund to support the Goodwill Cemetery. This fund is the "George M and Barbara Cropp Fund for Goodwill Cemetery." Now the cemetery board has another funding stream to help maintain and preserve the cemetery in a way that was important to the Cropps.

-- HISTORICAL SOCIETY --
The Cropps also had a passion for the history of Martin County. They appreciated the importance of knowing one's roots and how we came to where we are today. Our Historical Society provides that service and information. Others have also had that passion for our history, and the "Martin County Historical Society Fund" was co-founded by Jim and Jane Marshall, Beth Lett, Margaret Wilcher, and Wanda Harding. So, in the Cropps' will, they remembered the Historical Society with a donation to that existing fund.

-- YOU CAN TOO --

Any time you are drafting or changing your will or estate plans, you may also want to consider adding a charitable endowment 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 any other 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, and "like" the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation.



Pictured from left to right are Joy Ausbrooks (Goodwill Cemetery Secretary/Treasurer), Dick Barber (Vice President), Curt Johnson (MCCF Director) presenting a \$4,902 grant check to Kenny Woods (President), and Hope Flores (Community Foundation Partnership CEO).



Pictured from left to right are Rick Bowling (Museum Director) and Bill Greene (Historical Society President) receiving the \$4,282 grant check from Hope Flores (Community Foundation Partnership CEO).

OBITUARIES

GEORGE ALDRED

George M. Aldred passed away February 20, 2020 at St. Vincent Hospital in Evansville. A resident of Shoals, he was 88.

He was born March 22, 1931 in Bowling Green, Kentucky; son of Eldon M. and Nondes M. Aldred. He married Wanda Bashaw on February 5, 1953 in Warren, Indiana and she survives.

George graduated Warren High School, received his bachelor's degree from Purdue University and studied at Indiana University. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in Germany and France during the Korean War. He was the Martin County Extension Agent for many years. He was a member of the Shoals United Methodist Church, Shoals V.F.W., the Shoals American Legion, was a long-time member of the Lawrence County Rock Club and was Member of the Shoals Lions Club for over 50 years.

Surviving are his wife, Wanda; one daughter, Sherry (Don) Beemblossom of Bedford; one son, Kevin (Cheryl) Aldred of Washington; three grandchildren, Aaron Aldred, Jenna Pablo Gonzalez and Katie Aldred; three great grandsons, Quentin, Milo and Theo Gonzalez; one brother, Daniel Aldred of Ft. Wayne and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by a sister, Phyllis Schaffer.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 25 at the Shoals United Methodist Church with Pastor Marty Evans officiating. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery. Military graveside rites were provided by the Shoals American Legion. Pallbearers were Aaron Aldred, Pablo

Gonzalez, Steve Aldred, Ron Jones, Kenneth Frye and Daniel Lewis.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Martin County 4-H Extension Services or the Shoals United Methodist Church.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes was in charge of the arrangements.

MARY JANE KELSEY

Mary Jane Kelsey entered the loving arms of her savior Jesus Christ on Sunday, February 23, 2020 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 72.

She was born June 28, 1947 in Indian Springs; daughter of the late Ora and Nellie Pearl (Chastin) Robbins.

Mary Jane enjoyed family get togethers, dancing and listening to music. She loved her morning, afternoon and evening coffee and grilling hotdogs. Mary Jane's smile could always light up a room.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ora and Nellie Robbins; sister, Goldie Clark; brothers, Richard Robbins, Robert Robbins and William "Bill" Winger; grandson, Kevin Gibson; and brother-in-law, Robert Gilbert.

She is survived by her children, Charlotte Browder of Shoals and Larry Arnold Kelsey of Loogootee; grandchildren, Trevor Moffitt of Loogootee and Scotty Browder of Shoals; sisters, Annie (Bruce) Nicholson and Ruth Gilbert of Loogootee; brother-in-law, Danny Clark of Loogootee; several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, February 28 at Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church. Burial will follow in

the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held Friday, February 28 from noon until the time of service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Blake Funeral Home.

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

DAVID BUSKIRK

David Buskirk age passed away Sunday, February 23, 2020 at his home. A resident of Shoals, he was 85.

He was born August 4, 1934 in Worthington; son of John and Clara Buskirk. He married Sue Morrow in February 14, 1987 and she survives.

David was retired from the National Gypsum, was a member of the Shoals Eagles Lodge and was a member of the Shoals Nazarene Church.

Also surviving are two sons, Tom Buskirk of Linton and Steve Buskirk of Indianapolis; one daughter, Mary Jo Fulford of Linton; a stepson, Frank "Eddie" Garbett of Bloomington; his grand and great grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He is preceded in death by four brothers, Charles, Rex, Hubert and Popeye.

A memorial service will be planned at a later date.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes is in charge of the arrangements.

JEFFERY MOFFITT

Jeffery D. Moffitt entered into eternal rest on Friday, February 21, 2020 at IU Health Hospital, Bloomington. A resident of West Baden Springs, he was 61.

He was born August 11, 1958 in Daviess County; son of Paul and Dorothy (Lundy) Moffitt.

Jeff married Reba E. Beyers on July 1, 1978 and she survives.

Jeff had been an over the road truck driver.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, son and friend all of his life. He enjoyed trucks, tractors, wood-working and the outdoors.

Jeff loved NASCAR, demolition derbies and the dirt track stock car races at



JEFFERY MOFFITT

the Martin County Speedway.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister in infancy, Dorothy Pauline Moffitt; brother, Ronald Lee Moffitt; and granddaughter, Paisley Mills.

He is survived by his wife, Reba Moffitt, of West Baden Springs; sons, Joshua D. Moffitt of French Lick and Caleb L. Moffitt, of West Baden Springs; three daughters, Amanda N. Mills and Hattie M. Moffitt, both of West Baden Springs and Briana Hart (Lance), of Indianapolis; brothers, Paul Gerald Moffitt of Shoals and Mike Moffitt of Loogootee; one sister, Monica Clifton of Shoals; and seven grandchildren, Cyrah, Taytum, Ralph, Tanner, Sadie, Braimon and Levyn.

Cremation was chosen. Arrangements are in the care of Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Service, French Lick. Condolences may be made on their Facebook page at Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home or at www.brosmer-kemple-funeralhome.com.

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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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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:02 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Corporal Reed responded.

8:06 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:37 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious car near Loogootee. Advised Daviess County Sheriff's Office due to location.

9:55 p.m. - Received a report of a re-possession near Shoals.

11:25 p.m. - Received a call reporting an alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd and owner responded.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:34 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

12:58 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious male in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

1:03 p.m. - Received a request to speak with a deputy. Deputy Gibson responded.

1:17 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint near Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

7:24 p.m. - Received a request for assistance with a welfare check. Subject was later located in another county.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

2:05 a.m. - Received a request to help check with building security. Corporal Reed responded.

5:01 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Officer Floyd and Corporal Reed responded.

8:10 a.m. - Received a report of animal complaint south of Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

8:41 a.m. - Received a report of a medical alarm near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

10:20 a.m. - Major Keller transported one inmate to court.

11:53 a.m. - Received a report of a minor accident near Shoals. Major Keller responded.

1:11 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Advised Daviess County Dispatch.

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

4:22 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless semi. Advised all Martin County law enforcement.

5:59 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

7:22 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

7:52 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control officer Hughett.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

4:46 a.m. - Received a request for security assistance in Crane. Corporal Reed responded.

6:55 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic issue in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Corporal Reed, Martin County Ambulance and Big John's Towing responded.

7:51 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:20 a.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Chief Rayhill.

8:55 a.m. - Major Keller performed two vin checks south of Loogootee.

11:21 a.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer in Loogootee referencing a break in. Loogootee Chief Rayhill

responded.

12:00 p.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer in Loogootee regarding a break in. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:31 p.m. - Received a report of a minor accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:00 p.m. - Major Keller took three inmates to court.

1:47 p.m. - Received a report of someone spreading rumors in Shoals.

2:25 p.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer. Major Keller responded.

2:36 p.m. - Received a request for a domestic issue in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Major Keller responded.

2:38 p.m. - Received a report of animal neglect south of Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

2:47 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Loogootee. Advised Daviess County Dispatch.

2:55 p.m. - Received a request for unlock assistance. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

5:43 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:47 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle west of Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:19 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene performed a vehicle unlock near Loogootee.

8:59 a.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill assisted a person with a no trespass order.

9:13 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department and Major Keller responded. Martin County Ambulance transported.

10:00 a.m. - Major Keller assisted with a court detail.

10:29 a.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer in reference to a no contact order. Deputy Gibson responded.

10:25 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted with a traffic hazard.

11:00 a.m. - Major Keller took three inmates to court.

11:23 a.m. - Received a request to speak with Loogootee City Police. Advised Loogootee Chief Rayhill.

11:33 a.m. - Received a report of someone walking near the highway and a citizen is concerned for their safety. Sheriff Roush responded.

11:58 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:04 p.m. - Received a report of found belongings in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and ISP Trooper Beaver responded and returned belongings.

12:55 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Crane. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

1:10 p.m. - Major Keller took two inmates to court.

1:15 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Martin County Ambulance responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:40 p.m. - Major Keller took three inmates to court.

4:25 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

4:50 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock. Deputy Gibson responded.

7:58 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle north of Loogootee. Re-

serve Deputy Dorsey responded.

10:29 p.m. - Received a request from Daviess County for assistance at an alarm call. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:11 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and Major Keller responded.

8:49 a.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennette and ISP Trooper Beaver assisted a disabled semi in Loogootee.

9:00 a.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer in reference to a no contact order. Advised Deputy Gibson.

9:27 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle in Loogootee. Property owners advised business they would be picking up the vehicle today.

9:44 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

9:51 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:01 a.m. - Received a report of a phone scam in Shoals.

10:58 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle east of Shoals. Major Keller and Big John's Towing responded.

11:06 a.m. - Received a report of an attic fire north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Major Keller responded.

11:27 a.m. - Received a report of a two-vehicle accident near Loogootee, Loogootee Captain Hennette, Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responding. Martin County Ambulance transported.

11:30 a.m. - Received a request to speak to a deputy in reference to harassment. Martin County Sheriff's Office responded.

12:37 p.m. - Nickolas Clingerman on station to turn himself in for writ body of attachment. He paid his bond and was booked out.

3:10 p.m. - Received a request to remove a subject from a property. Deputy Wright responded.

3:27 p.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer in reference to a domestic issue. Advised Loogootee Officer Floyd.

4:03 p.m. - Received a report of a civil issue near Loogootee.

4:22 p.m. - Received a report of animal complaint in Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

4:54 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Wright responded.

5:09 a.m. - Received a report of a single-vehicle accident south of Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department and DuBois County EMS responded.

7:26 p.m. - Received a report of a tree fire north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:31 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

8:50 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

9:24 p.m. - Received a report of a two-vehicle accident in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Gibson, Reserve Deputy Greene and Reserve Deputy Ochs responded.

9:46 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Loogootee. Deputy Gibson and Reserve Deputy Ochs responded.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

10:06 a.m. - Received a report of an

animal complaint near Shoals. Advised Deputy Wright and Animal Control Officer Hughett.

10:27 a.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

11:49 a.m. - Received a report of two field fires near Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Lost River Fire Department responded.

12:25 p.m. - Received a request to speak with an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

1:04 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

2:11 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

2:22 p.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennette and Loogootee Fire Department assisted with entrapment.

3:43 p.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Deputy Wells and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

6:45 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

7:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:26 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Deputy Wells and Loogootee Police responded.

9:48 p.m. - Received a report of spotlighting near Shoals. Advised ICO Done.

10:49 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person outside a home near Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

11:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

2:46 a.m. - Received a report of underage drinking in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth was advised.

4:53 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Greene County. Advised Greene County Dispatch.

5:25 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Daviess County. Advised Daviess County Dispatch.

7:57 a.m. - Received a report of a medical alarm in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

8:58 a.m. - Received a report of a lost dog that matches description posted from humane society. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

10:53 a.m. - Received a report of sheep/goat loose in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett and Loogootee Police responded. Advised goat owner.

12:38 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.

1:57 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Haysville Fire Department and Martin County Coroner's Office responded.

3:00 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Wright responded.

5:20 p.m. - Received a report of trash blowing in the road east of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

6:45 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint south of Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

7:40 p.m. - Received a report of a medical alarm in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

January 30

Dustin M. Holt, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 540 days with 406 days suspended and credit for 67 actual days previously served plus 67 Class A credit days. Defendant received 13 months of probation.

February 14

Michelle L. Hawes, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a

Real estate transfers

Patrick L. Troutman and Laura L. Troutman, of Perry County, Indiana to **Chelsea M. Kidwell**, of Perry County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 16, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.12 acres, more or less.

Stephen D. Sorrells, of Martin County, Indiana to **Stephen D. Sorrells and Gaye E. Sorrells**, of Daviess County, Indiana, 10 acres in a strip of even width from east to west off of the west side of that part of the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 1, Township 2 North, Range 4 West.

Billie J. Groff to the **James W. Fritz Revocable Trust**, a part of the west half of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 36, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, lying in Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5 acres, more or less.

Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 365 days suspended and 365 days served on home detention as a direct commitment through Martin County Community Corrections to be transferred to Monroe County Community Corrections.

Lige Micah Sizemore, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 461 days suspended and credit for 43 actual days previously served plus 43 Class A credit days. Defendant received 15 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

February 14

Michelle L. Hawes, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Lige Micah Sizemore, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

February 13

Crown Asset Management, LLC vs. Michael L. Norris, civil collection.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

February 13

Mark's Garage vs. Tyler Michael Howard, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

February 18

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Indiana Pools and Spas and against the defendant Travis Campbell in the amount of \$1,577.08.

Loogootee Police log

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

10:13 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

1:15 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

1:58 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

6:30 p.m. - First responders were requested on Ackerman Drive for a medical call.

8:29 p.m. - Caller reported loud booms near State Road 550.

11:25 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd responded to a business alarm.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:08 a.m. - Caller reported a traffic complaint.

2:12 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on US 231.

5:45 p.m. - Male reported a controlled burn.

7:30 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the county with a welfare check on a female.

9:45 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50. Driver checked okay.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

5:01 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the ambulance service on a medical call.

8:41 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the ambulance service on a medical call.

2:00 p.m. - Chief Rayhill tagged an abandoned vehicle on Riley Street.

3:02 p.m. - Male came on station to report a lost license plate.

9:14 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:10 a.m. - Caller reported a bus stop arm violation. Reserve Davis responded.

11:21 a.m. - Male reported a possible break-in on Park Street.

12:31 a.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident in the St. Vincent DePaul parking lot.

2:36 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody dispute on East Washington Street.

7:08 p.m. - Caller reported trash dumped on a county road.

10:34 p.m. - Caller reported a broken-down vehicle on Poplar Street.

11:58 p.m. - Officer Cummings and Officer Davis assisted the county with taking an inmate out of a cell block.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

2:16 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Park Street.

8:59 a.m. - Female on station to report a trespasser.

11:58 a.m. - Male reported an open door at a residence.

12:04 p.m. - Caller reported a purse left at a local business. Owner was later located.

1:13 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

4:19 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male walking along the road.

10:31 p.m. - Officer McBeth assisted Daviess County with an alarm.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:11 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

8:49 a.m. - Caller reported a broken-down vehicle on Church Street.

9:44 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

11:27 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident of West Broadway Street.

4:41 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted a motorist.

5:11 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a traffic accident.

6:57 p.m. - Female reported a property damage accident near Broadway Street.

8:35 p.m. - Female requested extra patrol.

8:54 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male in the Chuckles parking lot.

9:24 p.m. - First responders were requested on Broadway Street for a traffic accident.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

12:25 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on Truelove Drive.

2:11 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

2:22 p.m. - First responders were requested at the city park for a medical call.

4:49 p.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a business alarm.

6:00 p.m. - First responders assisted with a traffic parade.

7:02 p.m. - Female reported an animal complaint.

8:30 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

5:40 p.m. - Devon Cornett, 29, of Williams, was arrested by Deputy Gibson and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of a narcotic, possession of a hypodermic needle, maintaining a common nuisance and neglect of a dependent.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:47 p.m. - Dennis Green, 69, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Cummings and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment, leaving the scene and resisting law enforcement with a vehicle. He is being held on \$10,000/10% bond.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:34 a.m. - Billie Groff, 63, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Chief Rayhill and charged with domestic battery, operating a vehicle while intoxicated refusal, strangulation, intimidation and criminal confinement. He is being held without bond.

2:50 p.m. - Allison Winger, 19, of Washington, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. She is being held without bond.

9:15 p.m. - James C. Gingras, 24, of Loogootee was arrested by Loogootee Police and charged with maintaining a common nuisance, conspiracy to deal marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

9:15 p.m. - Curtis D. Brown, 48, of

Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Police and charged with maintaining a common nuisance, conspiracy to deal marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

4:47 p.m. - Cody Combs, 28, of Bedford, was arrested by Deputy Gibson and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He is being held on \$20,000/10% bond.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:33 p.m. - Rebecca Allbright, 60, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Wright and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and maintaining a common nuisance. She is being held on bond.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

12:05 a.m. - Robert Mctague, 44, of Greenwood, South Carolina, was arrested by ISP Trooper Watson and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment. He is being held without bond.

1:07 a.m. - Gregory Tolbert, 60, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Wright and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia and visiting a common nuisance. He is being held without bond. Reserve Deputy Ochs assisted with the arrest.



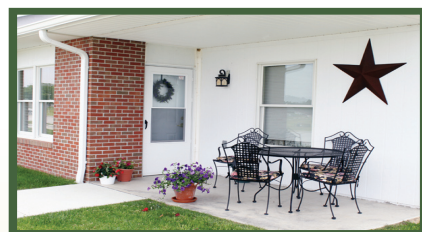
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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



THOUGHTS

*Old age is when it takes you longer to get over a good time than to have it.

*If I waited until I had all my ducks in a row, I'd never get across the street. Sometimes you just have to gather up what you have and make a run for it.

*When I was little, my mom used to feed me alphabet soup claiming I loved it. I didn't really – she was just putting words in my mouth.

*It takes a special kind of person to wake up early and still be late.

*There's no way God told Noah to put two stink bugs on that ark.

*Whenever I try to eat healthy, a chocolate bar looks at me and snickers.

*Yesterday I swallowed food coloring. I'm okay but I feel like I dyed inside.

*For those of you who don't want Alexa listening in on your conversations, they're making a male version ... it doesn't listen to anything.

*Try to remember, the greener grass across the fence may be due to a septic tank issue.

*Some call it multitasking. I call it doing something else while I try to remember what I was doing in the first place.

*I'm not short, I'm just more down to

earth than most people.

*Did a little mechanic's work today – put a rear end in a recliner.

*My idea of a Super Bowl is a toilet that cleans itself.

A mom is making breakfast for her teenage boy, as he walks in.

"Mom, don't burn the eggs! Careful! Careful! Don't mess up! Don't let them burn. Be careful! CAREFUL!"

Finally, the mom snaps. "I know what to do, I've cooked eggs before!"

"I know, Mom, I was trying to show you what it's like while I'm playing baseball."

SERIOUSISMS

*You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it's right. -Rosa Parks

*Be teachable – you're not always right.

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

*Silence is better than unnecessary drama.

*Do what you feel in your heart to be right, for you'll be criticized anyway. -Eleanor Roosevelt

*Erasers are not made for those who make errors but made for those who are willing to correct their mistakes.

*The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits. -Albert Einstein

*Sometimes peace requires you to be quiet even when you're right.

*Take the time to be kind. You can make all the difference in someone's day.

*Your beliefs don't make you a better person, your behavior does.

*Political Facebook rants changed my mind – said Nobody ever!

A PESSIMIST sees a dark tunnel.

An OPTIMIST sees a light at the end of the tunnel.

A REALIST sees a freight train.

The TRAIN DRIVER sees 3 idiots standing on the tracks.

Make someone smile today!

Tax Counseling for the Elderly

Generations is once again providing Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) in Martin County. This program provides free assistance to low income, elderly and special needs taxpayers in filling out both the federal and state tax forms.

Volunteers have completed their certification with the Internal Revenue Service, and they are now available to complete tax forms at Loogootee Senior Center, 406 NW 1st Street. Appointments can be made on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between noon and 3 p.m. by calling 812-247-2525. The Martin County TCE Coordinator is Kenny Woods.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Recycling changing hours temporarily

Due to the over-abundance of material in the warehouse, the Martin County Recycling Center will be closed to the public every Wednesday during the month of March. This is only a temporary situation. They will resume normal working hours April 1, 2020. The center will continue being open to the public Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and on Saturdays 8 a.m.-12 p.m. This is for the Loogootee location only. If you have questions, please call 812-295-4142.

Free community dinner

The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, would like to extend an invitation to the entire community for a free dinner to be held Thursday, March 5 from 6-8 p.m. in the church basement. All members of the community are invited to join.

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.

Tickets available for Pregnancy Care Center Banquet

The Pregnancy Care Center of Washington will be having their Gift of Life Banquet on April 16, 2020 at the Simon J. Graber community complex located at 9164 E 875 N, Odon, IN 47562. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with the banquet starting at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 8:30 p.m. A catered dinner will be provided by Wittmer's Catering. Angela Minter of Louisville, Kentucky will be the keynote speaker. Mrs. Minter is the Executive Director of Sisters for Life.

Tickets are \$15 for singles and \$25 for couples. Tickets can be purchased at the Pregnancy Care Center on 705 Troy Road in Washington. The center is open from 9-6 on Monday and Wednesday and

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!

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.

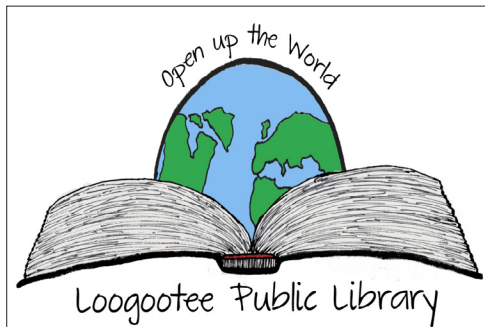
Soil and Water meetings

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.

from 9-4 on Tuesday and Thursday. The center is closed from noon to one each day.

Anyone interested in attending the banquet can mail their checks to the address below and will be added to a "will call" list. If you are on the "will call" list, you will receive your ticket when you arrive at the banquet. You can also mail your check to the center and request that your tickets are mailed to your home address.

It is requested that tickets are purchased no later than April 1 for planning purposes. However, there will be a limited amount of tickets available at the door. If there are any questions, please contact the center at (812)-257-1041.



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

If you haven't read "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens, "The Giver of the Stars" by JoJo Moyes, and "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michelle Richardson, you are really missing out. These three novels have increased circulation numbers and rarely ever are found on the shelves at the library. We offer them in print and audiobook plus can be downloaded via Overdrive with your library card.

The March calendar will be posted soon, and Children's Librarian Jen Zehr will have a few evening and Saturday programs as well as many fun activities for kids.

New Books:

Mystery Fiction: "Coconut Layer Cake Murder" by Joanne Fluke, "Last Girl Standing" by Lisa Jackson, and "Blindside" by James Patterson.

The library hours are Monday 10-7, Tuesday 10-5, Wednesday closed, Thursday 10-7, and Friday 10-5 and Saturday 9-1. The phone number is 812-295-3713 or check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.



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The City of Loogootee, including Mayor Noel Harty, want to wish the Lady Lions the best of luck in the State Championship on Saturday!
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LOOGOOTEE *Lady Lions*



2019-20

State Finalists

K of C honors distinguished members



-Photos by Lonnie Hawkins
 During the annual Fellowship Day celebration, held on January 26, Council # 732 of the Knight of Columbus had the honor to recognize two members and their families. Both of these individuals (Don Bowling and Robert Prather) have a combined total of 143 years of service to the organization. Shown above are Dr. Brian and Debbie Harmon, Mayor Don Bowling, and Dr. Frank and Mary Sue Bowling. At the celebration but not available for the photo was Stacey Bowling. Don has tallied 73 years of dedicated service to the Knight of Columbus. Pictured to the left are Lana Prather and Robert (Bob) Prather. Bob has recorded 70 years of faithful service to the Knight of Columbus.

Purdue@Westgate to showcase Hoosier autonomous technology

Purdue@WestGate is hosting its Indiana Autonomous Day 2020 on March 3 at WestGate Academy. The full-day event, organized in partnership with the Battery Innovation Center (BIC) and Energy Systems Network (ESN), includes a panel discussion, a startup showcase, keynote presentation, live technology demonstrations and networking opportunities for attendees.

The event's panel discussion will be moderated by Matt Peak, managing director of ESN, and will discuss innovation across autonomous systems and their impact on the future of Indiana. After the panel discussion, more than 10 startups and university labs will showcase their technologies and projects related to artificial intelligence, Internet of Things and autonomy from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the lobby area.

"We're excited to showcase our Ultra-Wideband Indoor Location System and IoT technology," said Aric Pryor, president and CEO of Quarion Technology Inc. "We believe we have the best indoor location system in the world and we're working with AI tech giants like Mist Systems to take autonomy and AI to new heights with real-time location information."

The Battery Innovation Center open house will start at 1:45 p.m., and electric shuttle buses provided by McGavic Outdoor Power will run until 3:45 p.m. The BIC open house shuttle pickup point will co-locate with other technology demonstrations just outside the WestGate Academy building. The rest of the technology demonstrations will be held until 4 p.m. at the Unfinished Lab Space (2F) and WestGate Academy building parking lot.

Tesla test drive and ride along.
 Drone races & ag drone demos by Indiana State University.

Prototype of semi-autonomous towing vehicles presented by LHP Engineering Solutions.

Driverless tractor demo by Laird Farms.
 Tracked Utility Carrier (TUC): autonomous and remote control-capable vehicle demo by RingCo.

Autonomous brine vehicle with de-icing capabilities presented by McGavic Outdoor Power.

"This is going to be an event you don't want to miss, especially for those curious about what is happening around WestGate, where the BIC is located," said Ben Wrightsman, President and CEO of BIC. "By making this event open to the public, our intention is to provide an opportunity for everyone to learn more about how autonomy and AI positively impact mobility, agriculture/farming, 5G/IoT, public roadways, and more."

Purdue@WestGate's First Tuesdays event and the following networking session, 'The Spirited Entrepreneur' take place every first Tuesday of the month at WestGate Academy. This year, WestGate also initiated the new weekly workshop series, "Workshop Wednesday". Under its mission to "extend key assets and knowl-

edge in Purdue's innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystem for technology-inspired growth and activity", Purdue@WestGate is serving as an entrepreneurial catalyst in Southern Indiana.

"Autonomous systems are changing the way Hoosiers live and work," said Jason Salstrom, Director of Purdue@WestGate. "Hoosier businesses, and our state as a whole, will not be competitive without strong capabilities in both integrating the technologies into our businesses and producing the STEM and entrepreneurial talent to lead the way."

A full event agenda and registration information can be found at www.eventbrite.com/e/indiana-autonomous-day-2020-tickets-92974488197. For more information about other events and program resources for entrepreneurs, visit WestGate website at WestGate-Academy.com.

About Energy Systems Network
 ESN is an Indianapolis-based nonprofit initiative focused on the development of the advanced energy technology and transportation sectors. Over the last decade, ESN has collaborated with a range of industry, academia, and government partners to deliver sustainable energy and mobility solutions, including electric car sharing, vehicle-to-smart grid communications, mobility-as-a-service, and others. The company's focus is to: reduce costs, emissions and waste; influence policy; and advance technological innovation.

About Battery Innovation Center
 The Battery Innovation Center is a unique public-private partnership and not-for-profit organization that incorporates leadership from commercial enterprises, government organizations, and world-class universities to focus on rapid development, testing, and commercialization of safe, reliable, and lightweight energy storage systems for commercial and defense organizations. Located near NSWC Crane, the BIC provides both a virtual collaborative network of capabilities needed for development of next generation energy storage solutions as well as a state-of-the-art \$15.6 million energy research lab and testing facility. The BIC is also home to Underwriters Laboratories (UL) Battery Energy Storage Technology test facility (UL BEST).

About Purdue@WestGate
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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

In last week's column, we discussed some common indoor plants, especially those which are frequently given as Valentine's Day gifts. We will continue our discussion this week, concentrating on tropical plants that are often grown as houseplants.

There are many good reasons for keeping houseplants, but one of the commonly-quoted reasons has recently come into question. For decades, proponents of indoor plants have cited NASA research that suggested that indoor plants are good at filtering impurities from the air. However, the NASA research was geared toward using plants in a sealed environment, such as the International Space Station, and not in an area like our homes, where doors and windows may open to let in air regularly. Recently, researchers at Drexel University in Philadelphia have shown that plants are not the miracle pollutant removers that we once thought. In fact, their research shows that opening a door has more impact on indoor pollution than a room full of plants.

However, there are still many reasons for keeping plants. Studies have shown that plants improve our moods and increase productivity in the workplace. Hospital patients who receive plants also recover more quickly than patients who do not have plants in the room. Besides, they simply bring beauty into our lives.

Even tropical plants have times when they are not actively growing, so they need different treatment during the winter. Plants need little fertilization during the winter. Many experts recommend applying a liquid fertilizer at half strength when watering indoor plants. When plants are moved outside for a summer vacation, increase the fertilizer to full strength.

You may have experienced some leaf drop since bringing plants indoors. This is normal. Some plants go through a foliage change, much in the same way that deciduous trees outdoors lose leaves. You will see new leaves coming out on the plants.

The absolute best advice I can give concerning houseplants is "know your plant". With all of the new varieties that have come onto the market recently, there is no way that I can give advice that covers every possible selection you have in your house. Fortunately, the in-

Purdue "Growing Fruit" class offered

Purdue Extension will be hosting a two-hour class to explore growing fruit for homeowner or non-commercial use on March 5 from 7-9:00 p.m. EST at the Ferdinand Public Library, 112 E 16th St, Ferdinand, IN 47532.

Fruit crops are popular garden plants but are becoming less commonly grown. They take space, patience, and willingness to learn how to properly prune, train and manage pests. The best advice they can give folks is that they give fruit production serious consideration, whether berries, brambles, or trees.

There is no charge to attend this event, but needed registration for materials is available on-line at: www.cvent.com/d/tmq7xz (or by contacting the Purdue Extension - Dubois County office at ph.(812)482-1782).

ternet provides great information about plants. When choosing a plant, try to buy one that actually has an identification tag with the Latin name on it. Look up your plant and get to know it well. You may not be an expert on every plant, but you can become an expert on the plant you choose. Find a plant that will thrive in the light available in your home or office and learn its watering requirements and you will have a plant that will be with you for years.

Meanwhile, Sandhill Gardens has more signs that spring is coming. Crocuses have burst into bloom in the last couple of weeks, joining the hellebores and the winter aconite. There is bud swell on many trees and shrubs and most of the spring bulbs are peeking through the soil. I planted lettuce last week and soon will plant peas and radishes. It is a busy and exciting time.

With the beautiful weather over the past weekend, I got out and did some work in the gardens. I dug out some keria plants that are now available for adoption. Keria spreads by underground stolens and will colonize an area, but does not seed, so it is not considered invasive. However, it does not play well with other plants, but if you have a bank or an area when you want a monoculture, it may be right for you. It has bright green stems that add winter interest and bright yellow flowers in early summer, with intermittent re-blooming. Contact me at railroad@bluemarble.net if you are interested in some plants.

Indiana Conservation Officers hiring

The Indiana DNR Division of Law Enforcement is looking to fill Indiana Conservation Officer (ICO) positions across the state with highly motivated, outdoor-centered individuals.

Anyone interested in a career as an ICO should first read "Becoming a Conservation Officer" at dnr.IN.gov/lawenfor and complete the pre-screening test at dnr.IN.gov/lawenfor/9801.htm. Completion of the pre-screening test by midnight February 28 is required to be considered for the 2020 hiring process, which starts in early March.

To be qualified to pass the pre-screening test, you must be a U.S. citizen; be 21 years old by April 16, 2021; and have an associate's degree from an accredited college or completed 60 hours toward a bachelor's degree, or have four years full time active military service with an honorable discharge by September 21, 2020. You must be able to pass minimum Indiana Law Enforcement Academy physical fitness requirements as listed at ilea.IN.gov/2338.htm.

Conservation officers comprise Indiana's oldest state law enforcement agency. ICOs are fully recognized Indiana police officers who enforce and uphold all DNR rules and regulations as well as all other Indiana state laws. ICOs spend the majority of their time enforcing fishing and hunting regulations, conducting marine boat patrol on Indiana's waterways, and patrolling DNR properties to keep them safe and family friendly.

In addition to traditional law enforcement work, ICOs also engage in many specialty areas, including Scuba, K-9, search and rescue, swift water rescue and many more.

Fish & Wildlife's top performers get awards

The Indiana DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife recently awarded its top-performing employees for their contributions to conservation, mentoring and teamwork.

The 2020 winners were Rob Sullender, Cassie Hudson, Jason Wade and the Give Adventure team.

Sullender was awarded the Fish & Wildlife Mentor Award. During his tenure as property manager at Glendale Fish & Wildlife Area, Sullender has trained nine assistant property managers. His staff is dedicated to providing exceptional habitat and a quality experience to all of Glendale FWA's visitors.

Hudson earned the Conservation Cornerstone Award. She serves as the regional office manager. Her responsibilities range from coordinating purchasing and completing office public works projects to helping negotiate research contracts.

Wade received the Fish & Wildlife Conservation Champion Award. He serves as the North Region landscape biologist and

uses programs from many government agencies and non-governmental organizations to effectively help private landowners establish and maintain wildlife habitat throughout northern Indiana.

This year's Director Team of the Year Award went to the Give Adventure team. Fish & Wildlife received the first \$10,000 Give Adventure grant from the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation and secured an additional \$14,000 in project funds from Reconnecting to Our Waterways. The project planted pollinator gardens at Wendell Phillips School 63 in downtown Indianapolis, partnered with Groundwork Indy and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, provided teachers with Project WILD curriculum to use in the gardens, and introduced Groundwork Indy staff to career opportunities within DNR and the natural resources field. The team, partners and other Fish & Wildlife staff hosted a culminating community festival at Reverend Mozel Sanders Park next to the school.

New Indiana Birding Trail features 35 DNR sites

More than half of the sites on the new Indiana Birding Trail, which the Indiana Audubon Society (IAS) announced earlier this year, are operated by the DNR.

DNR worked with IAS and several regional partners to develop the trail, which provides a great resource for Hoosier birders and others who might visit the state for business, vacation or pleasure.

"Birds make great ambassadors, and our partnership in developing this trail with the Indiana Audubon Society, city and county parks, and regional tourism organizations is a great example of how we can all work together to introduce Hoosiers and out-of-state guests to Indiana's natural resources," said Ginger Murphy, deputy director of Indiana State Parks.

DNR sites range from the Lake Michigan shoreline of Indiana Dunes State Park, to the prairie at Prophetstown State Park, to the wetlands of Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area, and to the wooded hills of Brown County State Park and Yellowwood State Forest.

The trail focuses on species to watch for in each location, site amenities that make travel easier, and birding ethics such as remaining on roads, paths and trails in order to limit bird and habitat disturbance. The website also features an interactive map for quick views of each location and a downloadable guidebook.

"Indiana birders know that the Hoosier state provides a wide range of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and discover the diversity in size, shapes, colors, patterns, habits and habitats of birds,"



Murphy said. "The Indiana Birding Trail showcases the best sites in the state to find a range of species."

Located within the Mississippi Flyway, Indiana's wetlands and forests provide resources for birds to fuel up during migration as they fly through the state. The lakefront of Lake Michigan gets massive spring migratory congregations as birds rest and prepare to fly over the lake.

Birding highlights along the trail also include the wide variety of bird species that are year-round residents, and those species that return to Indiana each spring to find mates and raise their young before returning to their wintering grounds farther south.

Properties on the Indiana Birding Trail will be identified with a sign that includes the birding trail logo.

Printed copies of the Indiana Birding Trail guide are available at properties located on the trail. The downloadable guide and online resources are at indianabirdingtrail.com. For other locations for wildlife viewing, see dnr.IN.gov/3233.htm.



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