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Local pro archer places second in the world

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Joby Shaw, of Shoals, has completed his 2015 season in 3D archery and NFAA (National Field Archery Association). He finished second in the IBO (International Bowhunting Organization) World Championship this past August.

Shaw has traveled all over the United States to compete in tournaments last year. He competed in IBO, ASA (Archery Shooters Association), and NFAA, all as a professional.

Shaw started his season strong in IBO finishing second in the Winter and Spring Nationals, in Kentucky and West Virginia. He finished 3rd place in the 3rd Leg of National Triple Crown in Ohio.

The IBO World Championship was held last year at Holiday Valley Mountain Resort in Ellicottville, New York. The World Championship is the annual finale where qualifying archers compete in various classes to determine the

best of the best. The terrain at the world shoot is quite different than the other tournaments with ranges placed on top of ski slopes. Shooters are required to ride a ski lift to the top of the mountain to shoot their targets. Shooters must adjust to the steep incline while judging yardage. Shaw shot well on both days of the World competition. The top five scorers qualified to a shoot off on day three for top rankings. Entering the final 10 targets on day three, Shaw was at the top of his game. He shot nine out of ten in the bullseye range, also known as "11's" in archery terms. This gave Shaw his second place finish, shy of first play by just one point. "It was an amazing day in archery. His hard work and dedication is paying off," said Shaw's mother, Rheta.

Shaw's ASA 3D season proved to be challenging. His highlight was at the Mathews Pro/Am in Metropolis, Illinois in June. He shoots the pro division in these tournaments also.

Shaw was unaware he led the entire second day of the tournament. At the

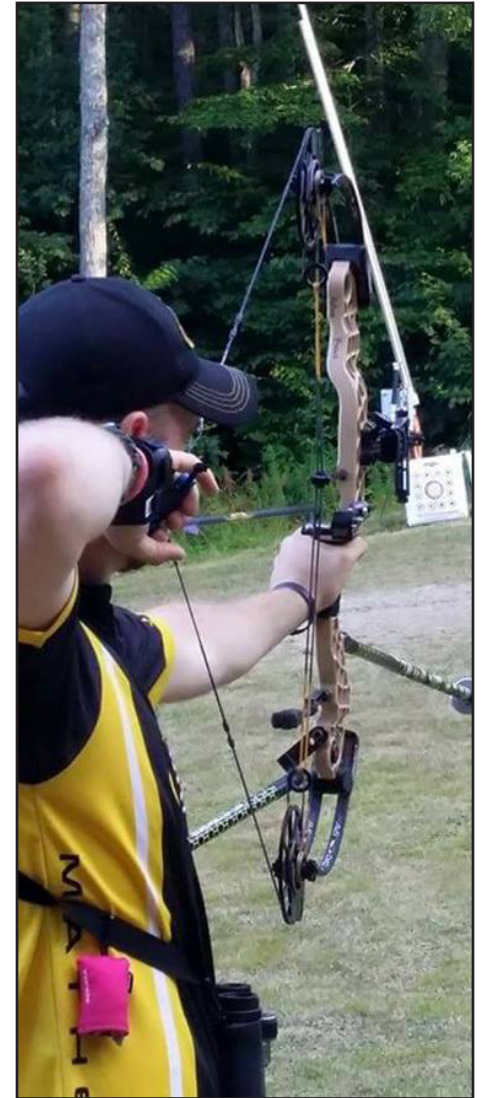


-Photo provided

Joby Shaw is shown above at the IBO World Championship in New York with the prize money he took home. Shaw has several sponsors who support him in competition as a professional shooter.

end of day two, he was sitting in 3rd place. The top five shooters then compete in a five-target shoot down for ranking. Shaw was a crowd favorite in his first-ever ASA shoot down. Since the scoring for ASA is different than IBO (In IBO you have 11, 10, 5, and 0 rings. In ASA you have 12, 10, 8, 5, 0 and a bonus ring 14.) it is risky to attempt shooting the 14 spot. A false move will cost you points. Miss the 14 ring and you get a 5 or 8. It's a game changer when needing points. Shaw went after three 14s on three different targets anyway and nailed them. He finished with a score of 434 with a 2nd place finish.

Unfortunately, Shaw has not received



-Photo provided

Shoals pro archer Joby Shaw competes in 3D archery events all over the country.

a podium win yet in NFAA competition, but is not giving up.

Shaw would like to thank his sponsors for making his pro archery career possible. They are Mathews, Goldtip, Beestinger, TRU ball, Axcel, Shrewd, Leupold, AAE, Zebra, and Last Chance Archery.

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Commissioners discuss jail, hire highway laborer

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners held an early meeting last night, Tuesday, March 1, due to the IHSAA Sectional.

The commissioners approved a three-year contract with Maximus Consulting Services. Jackie Clements, with Maximus, explained that the company has recovered \$88,655 for the county over the past three years, with their fee being \$9,900 of that. They have been contracted with the county for 30 years.

Veteran Service Officer Linda Evans-Dillon gave her February report..

Dillon also asked if she could put a sign on the garage across from the courthouse, in the recycling center lot, asking people not to park in front of the garage door. She said the veterans van is in the garage and when people park in front of the door, drivers can't get

the van out to transport veterans. The commissioners approved this request.

Sheriff Travis Roush reported that the jail currently has 62 inmates, four of those being department of corrections inmates. Roush told commissioners that House Bill 1006 may change whether level 6 felons will be housed in the county jails, instead of sending them to prison. He said he is not sure how many the county has to keep before they get transferred to DOC.

Commissioner Dan Gregory asked if the jail was at capacity now. Roush replied that the did borrow cots from Daviess County and have some inmates sleeping on the floor, on those cots.

The commissioners approved Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett's request to hire Bobby Day as a laborer/operator. Day was hired as a part-time employee at \$13.75 per hour until the county council approves him as full-time.

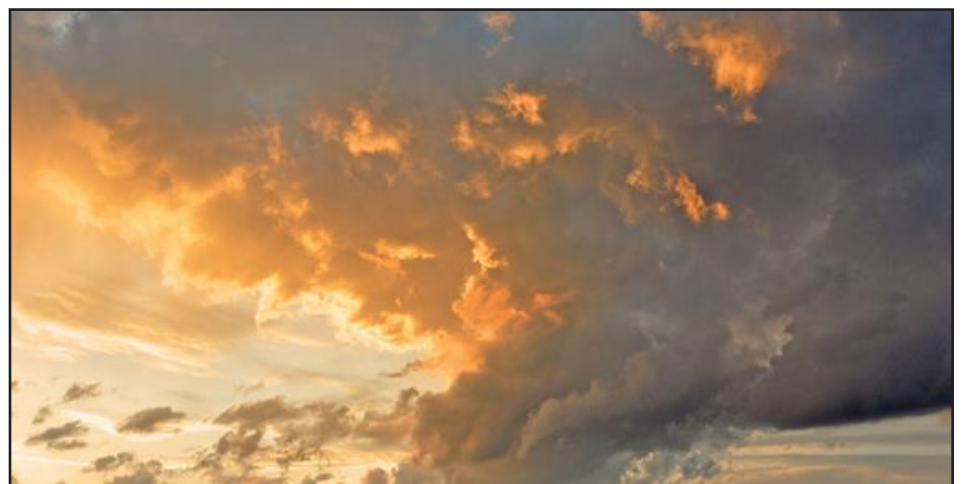
IDHS partners with all 92 Indiana counties to provide all-hazard weather radios to Hoosiers

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) is partnering with all 92 counties in the state to distribute more than 4,800 all-hazard weather radios to Hoosiers. The radios will be distributed on the local level by each county's emergency management agency.

The distribution focuses on citizens

who are particularly vulnerable to the damaging effects of severe weather, which includes the economically disadvantaged, mobile and prefabricated home residents and others who may not be able to receive weather alerts by traditional means. Federal grants funded the purchase of the radios.

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Red sky at morning

Red sky at night, sailors' delight. Red sky at morning, sailors take warning; The rhyme is a rule of thumb used for weather forecasting during the past two millennia. It is based on the reddish glow of the morning or evening sky, caused by haze or clouds related to storms in the region. Photographer Bill Whorrall captured the Martin County sky yesterday morning before the storms began.

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrallart.com

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NICOLE ADER

Nicole Alice Ader is the daughter of Jim and Donna Ader. While in high school, she has been in Spanish Club, Beta Club, Pep Club, and SADD (grades 9th-12th), Student Council (grades 9th, 11th, and 12th), and FACS Club (grades 9th-10th). Nicole plans to attend Indiana University and focus on exploratory studies.



ERIC LARK

Eric D. Lark is the son of Michelle Duncan and Matt Lark. While in high school, he has been in Pep Club, Student Council, and SADD (grades 9th-12th), did job shadowing and cadet teaching (grades 10th-12th), was an intern (12th grade) and played intramural basketball (grades 10th-12th). He played baseball (9th grade) and basketball (grades 9th-12th). Eric plans to attend college and study agribusiness.



CARLY COMBS

Carly Danielle Combs is the daughter of Carl and Jacqueline Combs. While in high school, she has been involved with the musical (9th grade), chorus (9th-12th grades), madrigals (9th grade), and job shadowing (12th grade). Carly plans to attend Vincennes University and study nursing.

RADIOS

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"All-hazard weather radios are valuable tools for protecting Hoosiers throughout every season of the year," said John Erickson, IDHS Director of Public Information. "Early warning can help citizens make informed decisions and take appropriate action to increase their safety."

Mobile homes and similar structures offer minimal protection against severe weather and other life-threatening disasters. In the event of severe weather, IDHS advises mobile home residents to seek shelter in a building with a strong foundation.

All-hazard weather radios disseminate more than 60 emergency alerts such as hazardous weather and other local area warnings, including up-to-date weather information broadcast directly from the National Weather Service. In the event of a power outage, backup batteries power the radio.

Most all-hazard radios require a Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) code number in order to limit the receipt of emergency messages to a specific geographic area. The list of Indiana counties and their corresponding SAME codes are available at www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/coverage/ccov.php?State=IN.

ARCHER

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Shaw is a 2012 graduate of Shoals High School and is the son of Terry and Rheta Shaw, of Shoals.

He is looking forward to the 2016 season. He loves representing his hometown, Shoals, and all of Martin County. You can follow him on his facebook page, "Joby Shaw Pro Archer Fan Club".

Three Martin County women arrested

Article via News Now Dubois County

Three Martin County women were arrested and charged with shoplifting at the Jasper Walmart Tuesday evening.

Jasper City Police were called to the store around 8 p.m. after Walmart asset protection employees detained the three women for shoplifting.

Police arrested Gretchen Harbison, 40, and Julie Peterson, 49, both of Loogootee; and Shawn Marie Brown, 40, of Shoals. Brown had attempted to leave the store without paying for \$112.05 worth of items, Harbison with items totaling \$111.46, and Peterson with a total of \$14.47 worth.

All three were transported and logged in the Dubois County Security Center on theft charges.

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HELP WANTED

The Southern Indiana Development Commission is seeking part-time employees to assist in setting traffic counting equipment two days a week in the SIDC Region, between the months of March and October. SIDC is located at 405 JFK Ave in the City Hall Annex Building Loogootee, IN. Applicant must have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Anticipated pay is \$12 per hour and reimbursed for mileage. Please submit a resume or stop by the office to fill out a work history report if you are interested. For additional information contact Greg Jones 812-295-3707 or gejones@sidc.cc.

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Obituaries

THELMA PHILLIPS

Thelma Louise Phillips died at 2:22 p.m. Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at



THELMA PHILLIPS

Columbus Regional Hospital. A resident of Columbus, she was 92.

She was born February 25, 1923, in French Lick; the daughter of Mally and Myrtle Simmons Holland. She married Joseph J. Phillips in Loogootee on May 26, 1945; he preceded her in death September 22, 1987.

During WWII she worked a Crane Naval Depot folding parachutes. She attended the Wesleyan Church, liked to read and made beautiful dolls.

She is survived by son, Larry W. (Karen) Phillips of Elizabethtown; daughters, Anita R. (Donald) Nugent of Columbus, Carol S. (Rick) Wade of Scipio, Cathy J. (Tom) Bryant of Columbus and Connie L. Flores of Columbus; brothers, Jim (Rhea) Holland and Donald (Pat) Holland both of Washington; seven grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and brothers, Howard and John Holland.

A funeral service was held Monday, February 29 at Myers-Reed Chapel in Columbus with Rev. Wesley Jones officiating. Burial followed in Garland

Brook Cemetery.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.myers-reed.com. Memorials may be made to donor's favorite charity.

STEPHEN HOFFMAN

Stephen W. Hoffman passed away Saturday morning, February 27, 2016, at Daviess Community Hospital in Washington. A resident of Shoals, he was 65.

He was born July 29, 1950 in Daviess County; the son of the late Herbert J. and Marie Margaret (Swindt) Hoffman.

He married Leafy L. Bixler on December 14, 1969 in Bedford, at the Calvary Lutheran Church. Stephen graduated from Bedford High School and was employed by United States Gypsum and later National Gypsum. He also worked at Perfect Fit Industries in Loogootee. He attended Calvary Lutheran Church in Bedford and St. John's Lutheran Church in Loogootee.

He is survived by his wife, Leafy of Shoals; two daughters, Lenora Dianne and husband, David Craft II, of Shoals and Donel A. and husband, Terry Hovis, of Columbus; five grandchildren, Stephanie Craft, Sara Craft, Dana Hovis, Abigail Hovis, and Dominic Hovis; two sisters, Wilma and husband, William Wampler and Mary and husband, David Fulford, all of Bloomington.

He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Donald and James Hoffman.

A funeral service was held today,

Wednesday, March 2 at 2 p.m. at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial will follow in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Condolences may be made online to the family at www.queenlee.com.

JUDITH GERKIN

Judith Ann Gerkin passed away Saturday, February 27, 2016 at her home. A resident of Shoals, she was 68.

She was born February 6, 1948 in Washington; daughter of Gordon L. Johnson and Irene M. (Novak) Johnson. She was a 1966 graduate of Shoals High School and was wed to Thomas W. Gerkin on May 13, 1967. She was a former employee of Perfect Fit, Crane, and most recently Kimball Piano.

She enjoyed crafting and crocheting. Also when she got the chance, she loved to go to the casino. Most of all Judy loved her family and cherished her grandchildren.

Survivors include her loving husband of nearly 50 years, Thomas W. Gerkin;

Letter to the editor 'Defending the Constitution'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

With the untimely death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, we, the American people, have been afforded an opportunity to determine whom we will be as a people. Let me explain. For eighty years, a Supreme Court nominee has not been confirmed by the Senate based upon the premise that the electorate can decide which philosophical perspective should be added to the Supreme Court. With the balance of the court consisting of four Progressives, four Conservatives and one moderate swing justice now upset, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has wisely chosen to follow the precedent, as we are a deeply divided nation.

The problem with the court is that Progressive justices believe we must update the Constitution through judicial decrees that reflect contemporary circumstances. Conservative justices believe we must interpret the Constitution by taking into account its meaning the way it was understood by the public at the time of its ratification. Progressives believe the Constitution is a living, malleable document, while Conservatives view it as an unchangeable document, but for the Constitutional provisions which allow for its amending. The ramifications of these two different understandings of the Constitution couldn't be greater for the public. At stake are our right to bear arms, freedom of religion, free speech rights, the right of assembly and private property rights.

This is why it's imperative to vote for Conservative candidates like Dr. Ben Carson, Dr. Richard Moss, Congressman Marlin Stutzman, and Senator Jim Banks. These defenders of the Constitution will promote and support a strict constructionist nominee who will defend and preserve the 1st and 2nd amendments and other elements of our Constitution. Dr. Carson would thoroughly vet and nominate a strong conservative justice to replace justice Antonin Scalia. And as a senator, Congressman Marlin Stutzman would vote to approve Dr. Carson's nominee, leaving the court firmly in the hands of justices who appreciate and love the Constitution.

This is an all-hands-on-deck moment. Our precious freedom is now in the hands of the electorate. You have the power, with your vote, to defeat the Progressives who want to rob us of our liberty.

Michael Lewinski
Dubois, Indiana

her father, Gordon L. Johnson; her three children, Misty D. Gerkin, Shawn T. Gerkin, and Angelique R. Gerkin; three grandchildren, Alexandria Gerkin, Nicholas Gerkin, and Noah Gerkin; three sisters, Trudy Huddleston (Jack), Charlene Sims (Stanley), and Cheryl Dickey (Eric); and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Irene M. Johnson; infant brother, Gordon L. Johnson; sister, Barbara Larrabee; nephew, William "Chad" Bauer; and step-mother, Erma Dillard.

A funeral service was held today, Wednesday, March 2 at 1 p.m. at the Shoals Christian Church with Pastor Matt Sullivan officiating. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

You may leave the family an online condolence at www.gillsince1872.com. Arrangements through Gill Funeral Service.

FRED DOYLE

Frederick M. Doyle passed away at 5:09 p.m. Friday, February 26, 2016 at



FRED DOYLE

Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 66.

He was born March 2, 1949 in Washington; son of the late Frederick A. and Rose Anna (Howard) Doyle.

He married Francie (Strange) Doyle on August 3, 1968 and she survives.

He graduated from St. John Catholic High School. He worked as a woodworker at Crane for 26 years. After his retirement from Crane, he managed the Loogootee Knights of Columbus #732 for several years.

He was a member of the Loogootee Knights of Columbus where he served as a past Grand Knight and was a member of the 2nd Degree Initiation Team. He also was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Francie Doyle of Loogootee; sons, Alan (Michelle) Doyle of Batesville and Ian (Erin) Doyle of Jasper; daughters, Leslie Doyle of Loogootee, Jill Doyle of Wake Forest, North Carolina and Erin Doyle of Evansville; brothers, George (Gloria) Doyle of Moores Hill and Joe (Kathy) Doyle of Greenwood; sisters, Rita (Terry) Doyle of Tweed, Ontario and Betty (Ray) Winklepleck of Odon; four grandchildren and two great-grandsons; brothers-in-law, Tim (Alice) Strange, Tom Strange, both of Loogootee and Ed Strange of Montgomery; sisters-in-law, Karen Norris, Joan (Leo) Haag, Kay Love, all of Loogootee; many nieces and nephews; and his fury "little buddy", Barnaby.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred A. and Rose Anna Doyle; sister, Mary Ann (John) Volz; sister-in-law, Cathy Doyle; and brother-in-law, Doyle Howard.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker and concelebrant Rev. Leo Kiesel Tuesday, March 1 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. John the Evangelist for masses or National Jewish Hospital, 1400 Jackson St., Denver, CO 80206.

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be made online at blakefuneralhomes.com.

On The Home Front
By Linda Evans-Dillon
Martin County Veteran Service Officer

The Martin County Veteran Service Officer has an office in the Martin County Courthouse. An appointment isn't required but suggested as most of the time I am out of the office transporting veterans to medical appointments, meeting with or visiting veterans in the community.

During the month of February the CVSO assisted 10 veterans, had four meetings, took zero veteran runs, participated in zero funerals, visited the Legion's and VFW's in Crane, Loogootee and Shoals once. The veterans van took 10 trips transporting 12 veterans to VA medical centers and clinics.

There was two trips cancelled by veterans this month. I need everyone to understand that I turn veterans away when they request use of the van on days that it is scheduled to a different location than being requested, so not only are you causing an inconvenience to the drivers that volunteer their time to drive the van, but you are also pre-

venting other veterans from using the van.

DRIVERS NEEDED for the veterans van. I am aware that we all have very busy lives and very little free time which is why I am looking for reliable drivers to add to my call list. I am looking for **VOLUNTEERS** that are willing to transport a veteran possibly one trip a week to medical appointments in the surrounding area. This is not a paid position but I am able to provide \$10 a trip as long as there is money in the "Thank the Driver Fund". You must have an Indiana license and a clean driving record. If interested, please contact me.

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

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:39 a.m. - Received a report of a car/deer accident south of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

9:00 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, south of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:31 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:35 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:35 a.m. - Deputy Reed assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

12:21 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette, Loogootee Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

4:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Lost River Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

6:17 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:00 a.m. - Deputy Reed took four inmates to court.

10:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

1:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

6:04 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was notified.

10:10 p.m. - Corporal Baker and K9 Officer Yirka assisted ICO Officer Mann tracking a subject.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

1:33 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

2:09 a.m. - Received a report of a tree blocking US 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

2:38 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded and all was okay.

5:11 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down in Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

9:00 a.m. - Deputy Reed took two inmates to court.

11:25 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

12:25 p.m. - Received a report of a possible theft north of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

12:50 p.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

1:30 p.m. - Deputy Reed took one inmate to court.

5:13 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist west of Shoals.

9:49 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Hwy 150, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

10:42 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Crane. Corporal Baker responded.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

5:48 a.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Corporal Baker and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

6:46 a.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill

performed a security check in Loogootee.

6:59 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Lost River Fire responded and removed the tree.

7:50 a.m. - Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

9:37 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:45 p.m. - One inmate was transported to the doctor.

3:19 p.m. - Received a report of a dog biting someone in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

3:39 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and Major Burkhardt responded.

8:10 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals on US 50. ISP Trooper Sexton, Major Burkhardt, and K9 Officer Asher responded.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

1:19 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:14 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:00 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

3:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:04 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

4:21 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

4:30 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

6:40 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded and all was okay.

8:33 p.m. - Received a report of a flue fire north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:32 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded and all was okay.

10:40 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle fire near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Sergeant Keller responded.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:28 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and Chief Deputy Greene responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:46 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

3:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene, Shoals Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and Coroner Franklin responded. The subject was transported to Queen Lee Funeral Home.

4:50 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

12:24 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee on US 231. ISP Trooper Sexton, Sergeant Keller, and Haysville Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:22 a.m. - Received a request for an

ambulance south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:02 a.m. - Received an alarm call east of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded and all was okay.

1:50 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road near Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

1:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:18 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Lost River Fire

Indiana State Police participating in the ICJI March enforcement campaign.

The Indiana State Police announced they will join over 250 other Indiana law enforcement agencies to increase education and enforcement around dangerous and impaired driving. From March 4 through March 27, 2016, state troopers, county deputies and city police officers all across Indiana will conduct high-visibility patrols specifically designated to identify and intercept those driving aggressively and under the influence.

"I enjoy the month of March, with all the great basketball as well as the St. Patrick's Day holiday, just as much as any other Hoosier," said Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter. "But I caution anyone thinking of using this, or any other reason, as an excuse for driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol." Carter concluded, "Speaking for the state police, nearly all of us, like most of you, have friends and loved ones that will be out on the road driving responsibly. So if we see people who are driving dangerously; know that we will stop them and if they're impaired, they will be arrested."

Increased enforcement during March is a statewide effort supported by federal funding allocated to the Indiana State Police from the Traffic Safety division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI). Over the course of this enforcement campaign the state police will have more than 150 troopers working overtime looking for aggressive or impaired drivers. According to ICJI, in March 2015 there were 529 alcohol-related crashes across Indiana, resulting in 214 injuries and five fatalities. Additionally, during the same period, crash reports indicate 1,606 collisions occurred due to dangerous driving, resulting in 332 injuries and four fatalities. Dangerous driving includes such factors as "speed too fast for weather conditions," "driver distracted," and "driver asleep or fatigued."

"Keeping our roadways safe is a priority," said ICJI Executive Director Dave Murtaugh. "Our dedicated officers who patrol our roadways all across the state are

Accident reports

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

12:28 a.m. - Laura M. Payne, of Bicknell, was backing a 2001 Ford from a private drive. At this time, Payne's vehicle struck a gas meter. Loogootee Fire was also dispatched. Captain Hennette investigated.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

11:28 a.m. - Jarrod Worland, of Monroe City, was attempting to pull onto Mill Street when he pulled into the path of a 2000 Pontiac operated by Peggy Mattingly, of Loogootee. Captain Hennette investigated.

removed the tree.

4:29 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

8:07 p.m. - Received a report of trees across SR 150, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the trees.

10:25 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Civil defense removed the tree.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29

5:18 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road near Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

6:36 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road north of Loogootee. Civil defense removed the tree.

the first line of defense. Motorist need to do their part to ensure our roadways are safe by making responsible choices. From watching the basketball tournament action to taking part in St. Patrick's Day celebrations, it's up to you to be safe and responsible. If you are going to drink, do not drive. It's that simple."

Crashes resulting from dangerous and impaired driving are preventable. The ISP and ICJI would like to remind motorists safe driving is as simple as following these easy steps:

-Before the celebration begins, plan a safe way home

-Do not drive impaired

-If you do drink, use a taxi, public transportation, ridesharing service or designate a sober friend or family member, and give them your keys

-If you see a drunk driver on the road, call 911

-If you know someone who is about to drive or ride impaired, take their keys and help make arrangements to get them home safely

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

11:50 a.m. - Landon Dillard, 33, of Orleans, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on a petition to revoke warrant and is being held without bond.

2:41 p.m. - Tonya Graves, 45, of French Lick, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on a petition to revoke warrant and is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

5:12 p.m. - Brian Tharp, 29, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and charged with driving while suspended prior. His bond has been set at \$20,000 10%.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

1:59 p.m. - William Montgomery Jr., 51, of Louisville, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of a handgun without a license. His bond was set at \$20,000. Assisting in the arrest were Sheriff Roush and K9 Officer Asher.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

12:56 p.m. - Dustin Holt, 26, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on a Lawrence County warrant and is being held without bond.

5:36 p.m. - Brandi Pottorff, 34, of Shoals, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on a writ of attachment and is being held without bond.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

1:50 p.m. - Michael Hellums, 34, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on a court order and is being held without bond.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9:00 a.m. - Caller reported a semi on US 231 that almost caused an accident. Officers were unable to locate.

10:40 a.m. - First responders were requested on Queen Street for a medical call.

11:25 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male on Park Street. Male was later transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:40 p.m. - Caller reported someone staying in his rental home without his permission.

7:23 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in Redwing Trailer Court.

11:21 p.m. - Caller reported a large fire on US 50.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:30 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male on Park Street.

9:30 a.m. - Female caller reported phone scams.

11:10 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Bellgrade.

12:30 p.m. - Female came on station to report a dog on Queen Street bit her.

2:44 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a subject on Butcher Boulevard.

3:00 p.m. - Received a report of a dispute in Redwing Trailer Court.

3:15 p.m. - Female came on station to report a male had damaged her front windshield.

6:06 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

1:33 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 50.

2:38 a.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to

a business alarm.

8:30 a.m. - Caller reported a civil dispute.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

6:46 a.m. - Caller reported a possible break-in on Queen Street. Everything checked out okay.

9:40 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

2:15 p.m. - Caller reported a loose dog on Clark Street. Owner was located.

3:43 p.m. - Caller reported a hit-and-run accident. The other driver was located and charges will be sent to the prosecutor's office.

4:30 p.m. - Caller reported property damage.

5:45 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a juvenile.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

5:16 a.m. - Received a report of a phone scam.

8:21 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to Burns City for a chimney fire.

9:35 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:39 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Country Place Apartments.

10:02 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

12:55 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on Walnut Street.

1:55 p.m. - First responders were requested on Brooks Bridge Road for a medical call.

1:16 a.m. - Received a report of a 911 hang-up on Church Street.

Martin County real estate transfers

Larry E. Howell, of Martin County, Indiana to **Timmy Joe Hill, Walter Wayne Horsting, and Elsie May Horsting**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 5 in Riverfront Subdivision to Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana. And Lot Number 6 in Riverfront Subdivision to Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana.

Norman D. Mundy, of Martin County, Indiana to **Tracey Winkler, Tricia Hodges, and Trent Mundy**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 13 and Lot Number 14 and a strip of uneven width lying east of Lot Number 13 and Lot Number 14 and west of Locust Street, all in McCormick's Subdivision of Lot 103 in Chenoweth's Extension to the Town of Shoals, Indiana.

Kyle O. Trambaugh, of Martin County, Indiana to **Bradley M. Christmas and Elizabeth A. Christmas**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 89 and 90 in Campbell and Breen Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Debra K. Smith, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joel T. Potts and Liza R. Denson**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 1.66 acres, more or less.

Liza Denson, of Martin County, Indiana to **Trey L. Smith**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 10, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 8.603 acres, more or less.

Chad A. Magwire and Dawn M. Magwire to **Timothy A. Wathen**, a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana, containing 0.44 acre. Being Lot

Number 19 in Country Court Tract II in the City of Loogootee, Indiana. Also, a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana, containing 0.50 acre.

Monty L. Gregory, of Martin County, Indiana to **Gregory & Sons Properties, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Numbered 6 in Roger's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Alissa Briscoe, of Orange County, Indiana to **Randall Scott Blackwell and Jeanette M. Blackwell**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 12 in the original Town of Crane.

Matthew W. Harshaw, of Martin County, Indiana to **William L. Heckard and Amanda N. Heckard**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 2, Range 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 20 acres, more or less, and all being on the south side of said Dover Hill and Loogootee improved road.

Sycamore Systems, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jonathon Dale Wittmer and Malinda Wittmer**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5 acres, more or less. Also, a part of the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 12.8156 acres, more or less.

Dennis R. Stepanek, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Falisha Jean Salmon**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, also designated as Lot Number 30.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL COURT

New Charges Filed

January 29

Jessica D. Howard, theft, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Justin D. Killion, false identity statement, a Class A Misdemeanor.

February 2

Jaekob C. Sluder, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

February 4

Matthew Shoultz, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor.

February 5

Joey J. Wilson, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Paul D. Ritchey, passing school bus when arm signal device is extended, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Stephanie L. Bradley, burglary, a Class 5 Felony; theft, a Class 6 Felony.

February 16

Joselyn R. Souerdike, battery; illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

Jared D. Knepp, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Aaron D. Raber, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Joshua K. Wininger, maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

February 18

Dylan R. Street, operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Linda A. Hotz, driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Timothy W. Norman, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Brandon D. Miller, dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 3 Felony.

Lee H. Sorrells, maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class 6 Felony.

Connie E. Carlson, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person with a passenger less than 18 years of age, a Class 6 Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Class 6 Felony; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

February 22

Justin K. Blake, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 2 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Class 4 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Christopher L. Turpin, maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor; driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction; operating while intoxicated with previous conviction within 5 years, a Class 6 Felony; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class 6 Felony; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Joan C. Evans, unlawful possession of syringe, a Class 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor.

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February 23

Tasheena L. Rasico, operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Cayla R. Boyd, obstruction of justice, a Class 6 Felony; possession of a narcotic drug, a Class 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Douglas E. Sims, Jr., maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

CRIMINAL JUDGMENTS AND SENTENCING

February 11

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

William T. Lucas, convicted of battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 311 days suspended and credit for 27 actual days previously served plus 27 Class A credit days. Defendant received 10 months of probation.

William T. Lucas, II, convicted of battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 311 days suspended and credit for 27 actual days previously served plus 27 Class A credit days. Defendant received 10 months of probation.

Brandon S. Pendley, convicted of illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days at the Martin County Security Center with 56 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 5 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

February 11

Jennifer A. Cusick, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Brandon S. Pendley, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

February 17

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Robert J. Bridgewater, civil collection.

February 18

Baird Financial Services vs. Shanna Hughett, Jesse Hughett, Carolyn Estrada, Steve Estrada, and Americredit Financial Services, Inc., mortgage foreclosure.

February 19

Cavalry SPV I, LLC vs. Goldie Clark, civil collection.

February 22

Julia S. Dosch vs. Phillip M. Dosch, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

February 22

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Queen-Lee Funeral Home, Inc. and against the defendant Tammy Carrico in the amount of \$10,514.45.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

February 19

Heather White vs. Nathan Carrico and Audree Carrico, complaint.

February 23

Bradley Survance vs. David A. Qualkenbush and David H. Qualkenbush, complaint.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



I realize some of the following may be repeats but I'm going to take the chance since this is my favorite play on words. Besides, someone may have missed them the first time.

LEXOPHILIA:

*How does Moses make tea? He brews it.

- Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!
- A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.
- I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
- Haunted French pancakes give me the crêpes.
- England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.
- They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Typo.
- I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.
- Jokes about German sausage are the worst.
- I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.
- This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
- When chemists die, they barium.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.
- I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- Did you hear about the cross-eyed

teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

- When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
- Broken pencils are pointless.
- What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.
- All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. The police have nothing to go on.
- I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.
- Velcro - what a rip off!
- Don't worry about old age; it doesn't last.

Tired of yelling to get your kid's attention? Try this:

- *Use the bathroom.
- *Make a phone call.
- *Relax on the couch.
- *Open a chocolate bar.

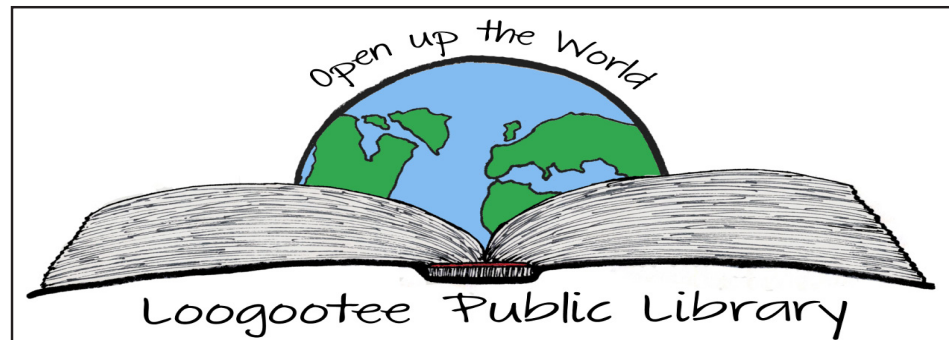
I was raised in INDIANA where bare feet came out in March.

We don't have fireflies, we have "lightning bugs."

We don't have cray fish in the creeks, we have "craw dads" in the "crick."

- Taters' are mandatory.
- Chicken is fried.
- Biscuits come with gravy.
- Kool-aid is the house wine.
- And you never ever disrespect your elders because someone will "whoop" you if you do.
- Share this with someone if this is true about you.

Make someone smile today!



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library has some pretty awesome books in the collection that are so to be released as movies or recently have been released. "Allegiant" by Veronica Roth, "The BFG" by Ronald Dahl, "The Girl on the Train" by Paula Hawkins, "A Monster Calls" by Patrick Ness, "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" by J.K. Rowling, "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" by Ransom Riggs, and "Nerve" by Jeanne Ryan are among some of the books that are soon to be released as movies. "Room" by Emma Donoghue, "Captive" by Ashley Smith, and "Woodlawn" by Todd Gerelds have been released as movies and are available in our collection.

New Books:

Mystery Fiction: "Wedding Cake Murder" by Joanne Fluke and "The Steel Kiss" by Jeffrey Deaver.
"Devonshire Scream" by Laura Childs, and "She's Not There" by Joy Fielding.

Fiction: "A Girl's Guide to Moving On" by Debbie Macomber and "The Gangster" by Clive Cussler.

Inspirational Fiction: "Behold the Man" by Bodie Thoene and "The Treasure Concealed" by Tracie Peterson.

Children: "Bad Kitty" by Nick Bruel, "A Monster Calls" by Patrick Ness, "Great Gilly Hopkins" by Katherine Paterson, and "Peppa's Windy Fall Day" by Barbara Winthrop.

NonFiction: "Food the Good Girl's Drug" by Sunny Sea Gold and "Overload" by Joyce Meyer.

DVDs: "My All American", "The Good Dinosaur", "Little Charmers", "Captive", "Barbie: Spy Squad", "Room", and "When Love Is Not Enough".

The library hours are Monday and Tuesday 10-7, Wednesday closed, Thursday 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.



TRACY and BRENDA MOORE

Couple celebrates 25th anniversary

Tracy and Brenda (Keys) Moore were married February 16, 1991, at the Wesleyan Church in Somerville. Tracy is employed by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield working in computer software and packaging, Brenda works part time at Ketcham Memorial Center in Dietary. The couple has three grown children, Alicia, James and Damaris. To celebrate this milestone in their lives, there will be a party, Saturday, March 12 at the Elnora Fire House, 105 W Main St. Elnora, IN 47529 from 2-6 p.m. Family and friends are invited. If you are unable to attend and would care to send a card, the address is as follows: Tracy and Brenda Moore, 1683 State Rd 645 Loogootee, IN 47553.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Talk to a lawyer clinic

The next scheduled telephone clinic to ask general legal questions of lawyers and receive free legal advice is scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 2016. Talk to a Lawyer is a monthly program, designed to allow individuals who have general legal questions regarding Indiana law discuss those questions with a volunteer attorney for free. Co-sponsored by the Volunteer Lawyer Program of SW Indiana, hundreds of callers receive free legal advice each year through the telephone clinic. To talk to a lawyer, the telephone numbers are: (812) 618-4845 and 888-594-3449. Talk to a lawyer operates the first Thursday of every month between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. DST. For individuals in other time zones, the times will be different based on the time zone. Talk to a lawyer is co-sponsored by Volunteer Lawyer Program of SW Indiana, Evansville Bar Foundation and Indiana Bar Foundation.

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 Beverly 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.

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 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend.

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Shoals Public Library. 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 or call at 295-3149.

Loogootee Little League Golf Scramble

The Loogootee Little League will be holding its first golf scramble on Saturday, April 9 with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. at West Boggs Golf Course. The entry fee is \$50, due on the day of the scramble.

All donations/proceeds will go towards improving the Little League facilities and provide players with proper safety equipment. Buffet for all participants and sponsors will be held at Biggin's Pizza after the event. The scramble will be 18 holes. There will be 12 teams of six players each. Prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third places.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Chris Bledsoe at 812-296-0108 or goob360@hotmail.com; Audree Carrico at 812-296-1352 or audrecarrico@gmail.com; or James Hager at 812-295-8284 or dealerj22@yahoo.com to get you and your team registered. Preregistration is recommended in order to reserve a team since space is limited. However, onsite registration will be available.

If you do not want to play in the scramble, but would like to donate another way please contact one of the board members above. Rain date will be Sunday, April 10.



In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

Last weekend was a wonderful time to get out into the garden and do some clean-up work. When we get such days, it is a good time to cut off grasses and perennials that have been left standing over the winter. However, if you have protective mulch around marginal perennials, I would advise waiting a while before removing it. While we may have some warm days, we could still have hard freezes which could damage the developing plants. If you do remove such mulch, keep it close so it can be put back around the plants if cold weather is in the forecast.

I spent a lot of time in the gardens at Sandhill Gardens last weekend. I also spent time getting things ready in the greenhouse. It is time to plant seeds for cole crop plants, including cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower. I also started planting some pepper seeds. Peppers, in general, are slow to germinate, so they need to be started a few weeks before tomatoes and other warm-season crops. Peppers also benefit from bottom heat. I placed mine on a heat mat to speed germination.

I also planted seed for a variety of herbs this week. Most of the packets for the herbs recommend starting them about six weeks before the safe-frost date, or May 10, so it may be a little early. However, herbs do well in pots, so I have started the seeds early, with plans to pot them up in about six weeks. I transplants for that activity.

I am always one to experiment, so I am doing some other activities a little early. I have some hydrangeas, winterberry hollies, butterfly bushes and beauty berry bushes that need to be trimmed a little. Normally, I would wait until they have budded out to do this, but some of these plants have

grown out into pathways and I have more time now that I will likely have later. I could just dispose of the cuttings, but I am putting them in trays to try to make more plants. I will be using a powdered rooting hormone and will keep the trays moist and warm in the greenhouse. We will know in a few weeks if any of the cuttings will survive.

It is also a good time to walk through the garden and plan new hardscape projects. When you see the foliage of perennials appear, you can decide where to construct walks, patios and other hardscape projects. When the ground has dried out enough to dig without the mud's sticking to the shovel, dig down at least four inches to create a good base for pavers or stones. Fine crushed gravel may be used for the first layer, then use a couple of inches of sand. In the sand, one may level the pavers as they are set in place.

The parade of blooms continues in the gardens. More crocus varieties are now in bloom on sunny days, joining the hellebores. Last Saturday, I found the first of the early daffodil blooms, and since then many of the small early-bloomers have opened. New to Sandhill Gardens this year is some winter aconite, a gift last year from some gardening friends. The bright waxy yellow blooms are definitely eye-catchers, despite their diminutive size. They tend to spread, but I have them planted in an area where that should not be a problem.

While I must admit that I am sometimes envious of gardeners who live in warmer climates, I really would not want to miss the wonder of the reawakening garden. If nothing else, southern Indiana really supplies variety.

USDA financial assistance available to help organic farmers create conservation buffers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced its intent to assist organic farmers with the cost of establishing up to 20,000 acres of new conservation buffers and other practices on and near farms that produce organic crops. USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs, Brad Pfaff, issued the announcement today at the Midwest Organics and Sustainable Education Service conference in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

"This financial assistance will help tailor existing conservation practices to the needs of organic farmers, helping to improve soil and water quality while also providing more wildlife habitat," said Pfaff, a rural La Crosse County native who previously served as FSA Wisconsin State Director. "This is one part of the wide variety of services available to all segments of agriculture at local FSA offices, in addition to credit, risk protection, on-farm storage and other services."

The financial assistance is available from the USDA Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), a federally funded voluntary program that contracts with agricultural producers so that environmentally sensitive land is not farmed

or ranched, but instead used for conservation benefits. CRP participants establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as "covers") to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat. In return, FSA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years.

For conservation buffers, funds are available for establishing shrubs and trees, or supporting pollinating species, and can be planted in blocks or strips. Interested organic producers can offer eligible land for enrollment in this initiative at any time.

Since 1985, CRP has sequestered an annual average of 49 million tons of greenhouse gases, equal to taking 9 million cars off the road; prevented 9 billion tons of soil from erosion, enough to fill 600 million dump trucks; and reduced nitrogen and phosphorous runoff by 95 and 85 percent, respectively. The program has allowed for the restoration of 2.7 million acres of wetland and protects more than 170,000 stream miles with forests and grasses, enough to go around the world seven times.

Indiana state forests to host open houses

People interested in how Indiana's State Forests operate can share their views at a series of open houses starting this month.

Throughout the year, open houses will be held at the following state forests (SF) and state recreation areas (SRA): Clark SF/Deam SRA, Ferdinand SF, Greene-Sullivan SF, Harrison-Crawford SF, Jackson-Washington SF/Starve Hollow SRA, Martin SF, Morgan-Monroe/Yellowwood SF, Owen-Putnam SF, Pike SF, Salamonie River/Frances Slocum SF and Selmier SF.

At each event, the DNR Division of Forestry will provide information about recreational activities, major projects, forest resource management and planning. Attendees can talk directly with DNR personnel or submit written comments. Some open houses will include a tour of facilities or a woods walk.

"These open houses provide Hoosiers with a chance to receive first-hand information about how state forests provide diverse wildlife habitat, forest products and recreational opportunities," State Forester John Seifert said. "They also allow us to receive valuable feedback from our neighbors and users about state forest management. I encourage everyone who has an interest to participate."

Events and open houses are (all times are Eastern):

-Martin State Forest, Saturday, March 12, 8 a.m. to noon, at the Martin County Ag Day at the Martin County Community Building at the fairgrounds in Loogootee, (812) 247-3491.

-Morgan-Monroe/Yellowwood state forests, Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Training Center at Morgan-Monroe State Forest. The Training Center is off State Road 37, approximately 6 miles south of Martinsville, (765) 342-4026.

-Owen-Putnam State Forest, Wednesday, April 13, 3 to 7 p.m. at the property office. The office is 5 miles west of Spencer and less than 1 mile north of State Road 46, (812) 829-2462.

-Jackson-Washington State Forest/Starve Hollow SRA, Tuesday, May 17, 3 to 6 p.m., at the Starve Hollow Forest Education Center. The Education Center is off State Road 235, approximately 2 miles southeast of Vallonia, (812) 358-3464. A forester-led tour of the property will begin at 4:30 p.m.

-Greene-Sullivan State Forest, Thursday, June 16, 2 to 6 p.m., at the property office. The office is on State Road 159, approximately 1.5 miles south of Dugger, (812) 648-2810.

-Selmier State Forest will have a booth set up at the Jennings County Fair, July 11-16. The fair is on State Road 3, approximately 3.5 miles north of North Vernon. Please contact the property for the days and times the booth will be

manned, (812) 346-2286.

-Clark State Forest/Deam Lake SRA, Friday, Sept. 16, 3 to 6 p.m., at the Deam Lake Forest Education Center. The Education Center is off State Road 60, approximately 5 miles east of Borden, (812) 246-5421. A tour of the recreation facilities (campground, cabins, horse barns, etc.) will be available.

-Harrison-Crawford State Forest, Thursday, Sept. 22, 3 to 7 p.m., at the property office. The office is off State Road 462, just past the gatehouse for O'Bannon Woods State Park, (812) 738-7694.

-Pike State Forest, Wednesday, Sept. 28, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., at the Pike SF shelter house. The shelter house is off State Road 364, approximately 3.5 miles southeast of Winslow, (812) 367-1524.

-Ferdinand State Forest, Thursday, Sept. 29, 3 to 7 p.m., at the property office. The office is off State Road 264, approximately 4 miles northeast of Ferdinand, (812) 367-1524. A forester-led tour of the property will begin at 4:30 p.m.

-Salamonie River/Frances Slocum State Forest, Thursday, Oct. 26, 4 to 7 p.m., at the Salamonie River SF office. The office is off State Road 524, approximately 6 miles east of Wabash, (260) 468-2125.

Property staff members are also available during normal business hours. Go to dnr.IN.gov/forestry for contact information.

The Division of Forestry promotes and practices good stewardship of natural, recreational and cultural resources on Indiana's public and private forest lands. This stewardship produces continuing benefits, both tangible and intangible, for present and future generations.

Outdoor Indiana features old mills

Outdoor Indiana magazine's March-April issue features a cover story on the Hoosier state's historic old mills.

The issue also includes a removable eight-page booklet on Potato Creek State Park in North Liberty, near South Bend, one of the state's most popular parks. The Potato Creek booklet continues the magazine's series in which one state park or reservoir property will be portrayed until the end of this year, which is the 100th anniversary of Indiana state parks.

Outdoor Indiana is available now at Barnes & Noble stores in Indiana for \$4. Subscriptions are \$15 for one year (six issues, a 27 percent savings) and \$28 for two years (12 issues, a 42 percent savings).

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4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown
Martin County Purdue
Extension Educator

AG DAY

This year AG Day will be on March 12 from 8-11:30 a.m. in the community building at the fairgrounds. If you would like to rent space for an informational booth, please contact Martin County Soil and Water at 812-295-3149 or David Gregory at 812-296-0329. Besides great agriculture related booths, awards will be given to local farmers and breakfast will be prepared by the Ag Day Committee. The Junior Leaders will be serving the breakfast beginning right after the opening ceremonies at 8 a.m.

Upcoming Events

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

Beef - March 19, 2016, 9-11 a.m.

Sheep & Goat - April 30, 2016, 9-11 a.m.

Swine - May 7, 2016, 9-11 a.m.

Poultry - June 18, 2016, 9-11 a.m.

4-H News

Fair books are ready will be ready by Friday, February 26. Each 4-H family will receive one book. You can get them at the office or with your club leader.

We Need Volunteers! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with 4-H, please call or stop by the office.

Current Volunteers—we will have a volunteer meeting on February 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the community building. I hope to see you all there.

Jolly Jug Rox 4-H Club Meetings are on the following dates: March 14, May 16, June 7, June 20, and July 7

The Purdue Dairy Club will be hosting a dairy judging invitational on March 5. The invitational will take place at the Purdue ASREC Machine Shed and classroom. The address is 5675 West 600 North, West Lafayette, IN 47906. Registration will start at 8 a.m. and the contest will start at 8:30 a.m. with oral reasons to follow. The oral reasons will take place at the Beck Center. Registration forms are available at the Martin County Purdue Extension office.

The Junior Leaders will be having their annual Easter Egg hunt this year at the fairgrounds on March 20.

The following camps, tours, and programs are available for 4-H members. For more information please call or stop by the office.

4-H Camp – June 6-8. Applications will be available on April 4. This is for 4-H members in grades 3-8.

Indiana Youth Tour to Washington DC. This tour is open to students who will be entering their senior year of high school in the fall of 2016. The trip is June 9-16. The application is due by February 19.

Touch Stone Energy CAMP. This camp is for current 6th grade students. The camp is June 8-11. The applications are due by February 19.

4-H Sheep members ages 9-18 can apply to the 2016 Youth Conservation Program. The deadline is April 1. The YCP's goal is to encourage youth to raise breeds of sheep that are not common here in the states, the breeders donate a yearling ewe and promise to mentor the youth for at least one year. The youth are required to write an essay, the breeders chose the youth from the essay, we all meet at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival the first Sunday in May.

Spring Beekeeping Workshop Planned for March 8

March is the time to assess existing hive health and prepare hive bodies for new colonies. While frost is still on the horizon, the first spring plants are preparing to bloom, signaling the profusion of nectar about to appear.

On March 8 at 6 p.m., Bill Gibson, an experienced beekeeper, will share his wisdom on sampling dead bees to diagnose the cause of winter hive deaths, preparing to feed pollen for spring build up, getting ready for spring swarms, establishing new hives, and getting honey supers cleaned and repaired.

The meeting will include demonstrations and time for question and answer. Whether you are an experienced beekeeper or a "New bee" there will be valuable information for you. All beekeepers and prospective beekeepers are invited to attend. We always enjoy chatting about bees after the end of the official meeting, so please bring a snack to share.

This meeting is free and open to the public. It will be held in the FFA building at Perry Central School, located next to the baseball field. Please RSVP by March 7 via email to sdzianian@purdue.edu or call the Purdue Extension Office at 812-547-7084.

HOME (Indoor plants and activities)

Begin fertilizing houseplants as new growth appears. Keep spent leaves and flowers removed to improve appearance and encourage more blooms.

Start garden seeds indoors for transplanting outdoors later in spring.

Check stored bulbs and produce for decay; discard damaged items.

Prune, repot and clean houseplants as needed.

GARDEN (Flowers, vegetables and small fruits)

Plant cool-season vegetables and flowers as soon as the ground has dried enough to work. Do NOT work the soil while it is wet; wait until it crumbles in your hand. If the soil forms a solid ball when squeezed, it's still too wet.

Gradually harden off transplants by setting them outdoors during the daytime for about a week before planting.

Follow last fall's soil test recommendations for fertilizer and pH adjustment. It's not too late to test soil if you missed last year.

Start seeds of warm-season vegetables and flowers indoors; in northern and central Indiana, wait until the end of March or early April. Transplant to the garden after danger of frost has passed.

Watch for blooms of early spring bulbs, such as daffodils, squill, crocus, dwarf iris and snowdrops.

Remove old asparagus and rhubarb tops, and sidedress the plants with nitrogen or manure. Plant or transplant asparagus, rhubarb and small fruit plants.

Remove winter mulch from strawberry beds as soon as new growth begins, but keep the mulch nearby to protect against frost and freezes.

Remove weak, diseased or damaged canes from raspberry plants before new growth begins. Remove old fruiting canes if not removed last year, and shorten remaining canes if necessary.

Prune grapevines after winter injury can be assessed.

--B. Rosie Lerner, Purdue Extension, Consumer, Horticulturist

Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton

NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

In quite a bit of the state, snow flurries or not, some new green growth is trying to show. It is still a bit early and any new growth in the pastures does not mean letting the livestock have at it ...let's think this through. Grazing too early in the spring does nothing but remove that solar panel needed by the plants to build new reserves, grow new roots, and more leaf. The forages really need to be able to canopy and get a good start before animals start removing the top canopy otherwise production will be reduced.

Sometimes hay supplies are short. Sometimes the hay is not the best quality. However, it is better to supplement poor hay and keep feeding it, if available, than to start grazing too early... now I say that somewhat tongue in cheek. Sometimes you want to set the stand back a bit to remove some competition. Such would be the case where you have frost seeded clover into the field. This would only be a factor if it was not grazed down tighter at the end of the previous grazing season or as dormant stockpiled forage. If it was grazed down close before, especially if before going dormant last fall, then you don't want to graze it close again, just utilize it in the normal rotation.

Fields that were grazed down tight last fall or over winter as stockpiled forage will not have adequate standing dry matter...fiber available and will for sure not be the best fields to start grazing early anyway. Those fields will lack sufficient fiber to go with all the washy high water, high-protein forage that will come on with first growth. All ruminant livestock need to balance the carbon nitrogen ratio in their rumen to maintain that mat. If they don't then they will not perform the way we want them to, i.e., less weight gain, less milk production. It just goes through them faster than they can effectively utilize it and you know what means...don't stand too close behind those cows! You've heard me say that several times before. If you don't believe me, well, it is your washing machine.

If you would look at the manure consistency during that time period, it could be very thin, almost watery, and not that pudding consistency that is ideal for the rumen. Fields that do not have adequate dry matter to go along with lush new growth will need to be supplemented to keep the animals in balance. This is a good time to put out some low quality hay, baled corn stalks or even straw; if they need it, they will eat it.

I would hope you have been able to keep at least one or two fields with some stockpiled forage for early spring use. Stockpiled forages left from the previous season mixed with new growth grass makes for a nicely balanced sward for grazing in the spring and a really nice place to calve. This provides no or minimal mud and good quality balanced forage to eat. If you have never tried it, you will wonder why you haven't afterwards.

Now is a good time to get those soil tests done. Of course, if you haven't taken any for a while, then it is even a better time. The soil will pull pretty easy right now and you should have plenty of time to get the sample sent in and get results back in time to apply any needed nutrients before the real growing season.

It is extremely difficult to maintain a stand of quality forages that will pro-

duce quality, nutritious feed without adequate soil fertility levels. Everyone has tried it, but you soon see that by "getting by" with lower levels of nutrients, especially phosphorus and potassium, you are doing just that, "getting by," but with lower yields, lower quality forages, and lower carrying capacities. Just like an annual field crop, your forage crop needs to be fertilized and managed.

Nothing affects availability of nutrients more than calcium. It is one element that I'm not sure you really could ever over apply and certainly one of the best first dollars spent! Calcium and its relationship or ratio with magnesium, have a major impact on the forages ability to extract nutrients from the soil and certainly the acidity or alkalinity of the soil which can dictate what will or can grow there. You should shoot for at least a 4:1 ratio of calcium to magnesium, or 5:1 if a dairy. If you are really short on calcium and start fixing that problem then you might find out that other elements start becoming more readily available. I've seen available phosphorus almost double after lime was applied or especially high-cal lime. If total phosphorus is a lot higher than available phosphorus on a basic soil test, then calcium is normally not adequate.

Though I really think that lime is best applied in the fall to allow plenty of time over winter for it to break down some, if you are really short, it is best to go ahead and apply some, preferably prior to new spring growth. Fall is also usually drier and lessens the chance of causing compaction from heavy equipment.

I think it is a good idea to probably test for sulfur also. This is usually an additional test but worth the few extra dollars to find out if it is sufficient or not. A tissue test is better than a soil test in this case. Sulfur is an important constituent of protein and is also important for plant stress resistance. Plants tend to be stunted, pale, and yellow-green. Once sulfur is made available, it remains fairly stable in pastures. It is more likely deficient on sandy soils and low organic matter soils and usually first seen in legumes.

If you are going to be taking an early cutting of hay off a field, then putting all of your fertilizer on early spring is not too bad an idea; especially nitrogen. If the application is on pasture, then you may want to rethink that just a little. There is no use adding fuel to the fire by adding a lot of nitrogen to that spring growth spurt. You are much better off waiting and do at least a split application. Put half of it on in mid-June toward the end of the spring spurt and the other half on early fall to help that great fall growth period. That June application often will help you keep things going better through the summer...especially with some timely rains...if that is possible. Ideally, if you are in a good rotation, consider applying some fertilizer after every second grazing as long as you are in a building phase. If adequate, then little or no extra fertility may be needed, especially if you have adequate legume in the stand, something along the line of 35-40% by dry weight.

As always, keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities

More pasture information and past issues of Grazing Bites are available at www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/in/technical/landuse/pasture/

Indiana joins case challenging whether states can be forced to pay insurance fee

The State of Indiana last Thursday joined a lawsuit filed by Texas and other states that challenges the multimillion-dollar Health Insurance Providers Fee that state governments now must pay the federal government under the Affordable Care Act. Indiana and the five other plaintiff states contend the fee violates the Constitution and several statutes.

The states ask a federal court to invalidate the requirement to pay the Health Insurance Providers Fee. The lawsuit does not affect individuals who are enrolled for health insurance through the Affordable Care Act, nor does it affect those employers who are required to provide health insurance coverage to employees under the ACA. Instead, the lawsuit would affect the shift of tax dollars from state governments to the federal government. In 2014, Indiana was mandated to pay \$17.4 million for the Health Insurance Providers Fee under the ACA, and that annual amount is expected to increase in coming years as more enrollees are added to Indiana's Medicaid programs.

"We contend it is unconstitutional under intergovernmental tax immunity for the federal government to impose a tax upon a state government, and that's what this fee does. States now have no choice but to pay this tax or risk the loss of their essential federal Medicaid funding that underpins patient coverage for our neediest citizens; so the only avenue for questioning the legality of this is to bring the question to the federal court and let the court decide," said Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller, whose office is the lawyer for state government.

State governments use managed care organizations (MCOs) to provide a portion of their Medicaid services and Children's Health Insurance Program services, and the states then pay the MCOs a monthly rate, like a health insurance premium, for each enrollee they cover. Under the Affordable Care Act, insurers including for-profit MCOs also must pay the Health Insurance Providers Fee to help fund federal health insurance subsidies; the text of the ACA specifically imposes this responsibility on health insurers. But in the lawsuit, the plaintiff states contend a federal agency, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), has imposed a rule that goes beyond the wording of the ACA statute and passes this financial obligation onto state governments themselves. The funded portion of Indiana's \$17.4 million Health Insurance Providers Fee is approximately \$5.8 million.

CMS now requires states to pay their managed care organizations "actuarially sound rates," and CMS has delegated the authority to decide what constitutes an appropriate rate to a private organization: the Actuarial Standards Board. This unelected, nongovernment board in turn decided that an "actuarially sound rate" includes the states paying the Health Insurance Providers Fee to the federal IRS, the suit says.

The states object to this on multiple grounds. When it ruled on the original multistate legal challenge to the Affordable Care Act in 2012, the U.S. Supreme Court found that the federal government could not use the threat of the loss of Medicaid funding to coerce states into expanding their Medicaid programs. Here, the plaintiff states argue CMS requiring

states to pay the Health Insurance Providers Fee is the same type of coercion the Supreme Court has forbidden.

In their complaint, the plaintiff states argue Congress' legislative authority to decide whether states are in compliance cannot be delegated to a private organization, the Actuarial Standards Board. Moreover, the states including Indiana argue the federal government cannot force states to pay a tax to the IRS, under intergovernmental tax immunity. (Indiana and 39 school corporations are currently pursuing a separate legal challenge against the IRS, contending the state and local governments cannot be subject to employer mandate tax penalties under intergovernmental tax immunity; that case still is pending.)

The new legal challenge Indiana joined today asks the federal court to find that the states and their managed care organizations cannot be required to pay the Health Insurance Providers Fee and that they should not face any penalty for not paying it. It asks the court to order a refund of the amounts paid.

This legal challenge initially was filed October 22, 2015, by the states of Texas, Kansas and Louisiana in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. Last Thursday, the states of Indiana, Wisconsin and Nebraska joined the legal challenge and an amended complaint listing those additional states was filed in the same federal district court. Named as defendants in Texas et al. v. U.S. et al. are the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and HHS Secretary Sylvia Burwell, as well as the Internal Revenue Service and IRS Commissioner John Koskinen.

Most of the legal work in the case is being shouldered by the Texas Attorney General's Office. Indiana's share is being handled by salaried attorneys in the Indiana AG's Office who do not charge billable hours and would be paid the same whether Indiana joined this case or not. Indiana is not using outside counsel to participate in this lawsuit.

Zoeller noted the issue of a sovereign state government being forced to pay a tax to the IRS is an important question of federalism, and the litigation in the Texas case could impact the separate case that Indiana and the 39 schools brought against the IRS. The aim of that suit is to prevent the State of Indiana and the school corporations as government employers from potentially being subject to multimillion-dollar tax penalties under the ACA's employer mandate. That case is still pending in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana.

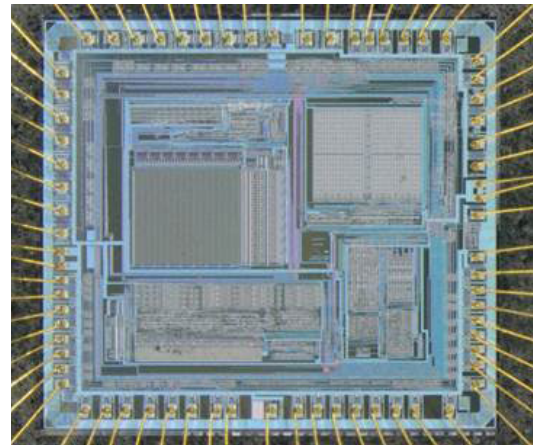
NSWC Crane plays essential role in national security

The Department of Defense (DoD) relies on a large network of global suppliers for parts used in communication and weapon systems. In Fiscal Year 2014, the DoD managed more than 4.7 million parts at a cost of over \$96 billion. All of these parts are at risk of being counterfeited, which can affect the integrity of systems, delay missions and endanger the lives of service members. Experts at Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) help the nation avoid these dangers by developing and maintaining systems to detect and avoid counterfeit parts in the DoD's supply chain.

Counterfeit parts have been covertly modified to appear to be new, reliable parts when in fact they may be used, substandard parts that are highly susceptible to premature failure. The primary motivation for counterfeiting is profit, but the parts may also be susceptible to malicious tampering. A Senate Armed Services Committee report for Fiscal Year 2015 included a provision for the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) to review the DoD's efforts to address vulnerabilities to counterfeit parts after Congress raised questions about the DoD's ability to report on counterfeit or suspect counterfeit parts. The GAO's assessment praised NSWC Crane as a facility that is leading the way to mitigate these risks by providing testing and other support for preventing counterfeit parts from entering Navy and Missile Defense Agency systems since 2009, investigating more than 3,000 parts.

"We're microelectronics experts who are heavily engaged in the counterfeit parts issue and we play a vital role in helping the nation overcome this threat," said Global Deterrence and Defense Department Director Ben Harkness, adding that personnel perform more than 24 types of electrical and physical tests to authenticate and analyze parts.

NSWC Crane works with DoD or-



ganizations, the intelligence community and suppliers in acquiring and analyzing newly discovered forms of counterfeiting to identify emerging threats, such as a trend in which exact copies of electronic parts not supplied by the original manufacturer are reverse-engineered from stolen intellectual property. "The collective capability at NSWC Crane is unique in the DoD and fulfills a crucial role in ensuring our customers' systems are reliable," explained NSWC Crane Chief Strategist for Strategic Missions Brad Secrest.

NSWC Crane has helped perform audits and assessments of more than 60 independent distributors and defense contractors to evaluate their capabilities to avoid, detect and report counterfeit electronic parts. NSWC Crane Chief Engineer for Trusted Microelectronics Brett Hamilton explained that personnel are also assessing the extent to which counterfeit electronic parts cause failures in deployed systems. "Unreliable microelectronics put our warfighters and their missions at risk, so it's absolutely critical we understand the impact on system readiness if they are not detected beforehand," said Hamilton.

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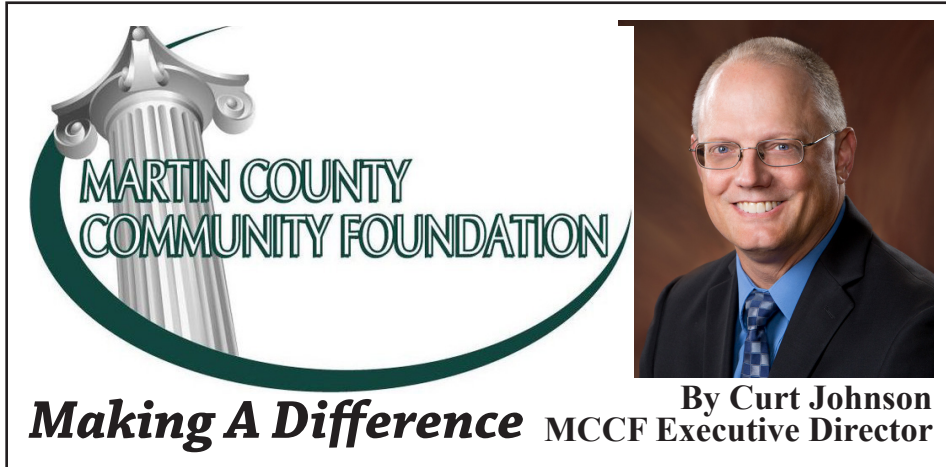
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Making A Difference By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director

--The Grant--

The Shoals Senior Citizens Center recently received a generous donation from the Lawrence County Community Foundation "Jon & Judy Heichelbech Advised Fund". This is a "donor advised" type of fund, one of the five types of funds managed by Community Foundations. The donor advised funds allow donors to recommend distributions to address those changing and emerging needs in the community.

--Background--

Judy (Lindley) Heichelbech was raised in Shoals and has lived in Bedford for several years. Being a philanthropist at heart and caring for her community, Judy and her husband Jon decided to start a fund that allowed them to help varying causes as the needs arose. Judy's ties to Shoals has kept her aware of some of the local needs.

Silvia Albaugh, Director of the Martin County Council on Aging, said that Judy has long been a supporter of the Senior Citizens Center and has helped with food donations as well. Judy's concern for the Center was likely instilled by her mother, Betty, who always gave a lot of time supporting the Center.

--The Cause--

Silvia noted that this grant is going to support "Meals on Wheels", a state funded program which has recently experienced funding cuts. Managed by the Generations organization, meals are provided 3 days a week to the 48 Martin County residents served. These used to be hot meals but are currently frozen meals. The Senior Citizens Center hand-delivers hot meals on the other 2 days a week. The Center is not reimbursed by the state for these meals, so they rely on donations from the community.

Silvia pointed out that the hot meals they provide are sometimes the only hot, well-balanced meal that the recipients get. And the Center's visit and face-to-face aspect is often just as looked forward to as the meal itself.

--More Information--

If you have questions about the MCCF or ways that you can make a difference in our community, please contact any board member or the MCCF Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

Information is also on our website at www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm or "liking" the MCCF at www.facebook.com/mccommunityfoundation on Facebook.



Shoals Senior Citizens Center Receives Grant

-Photo provided

Pictured receiving the check are Shoals Senior Citizens workers (L-R) Dee Tedrow, Jason Roach, Sylvia Albaugh (Director), Curt Johnson (MCCF Executive Director), Audra P. Deckard, and Rick Maugh.

Helpline launches to help moms

The Indiana State Department of Health launched the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) MOMS Helpline on Monday. The new hotline replaces the Indiana Family Helpline and emphasizes services that can help reduce infant death in Indiana.

"The MOMS Helpline is a free resource that assists pregnant women in getting access to early and regular prenatal care," said State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H. "Visiting a doctor early and often can help give women the best chance of having a healthy baby."

The Indiana State Department of Health has identified reducing infant mortality, which is defined as the death of a baby before his or her first birthday, as a top priority. In an effort to help address this critical issue, the MOMS Helpline is committed to improving pregnant women's access to early and regular prenatal care and connecting them with a network of prenatal and child health care services within their local communities, state agencies and other organizations around Indiana.

When a client connects with the helpline, the communication specialist at the helpline identifies her needs by obtaining household and demographic information, verifying income and type of health coverage. Depending on the individual's health coverage or income, specialists aim to provide at least three referrals for every need by matching the person with resources in the helpline's extensive statewide information database. Once women receive the information and referrals, they are encouraged to call the providers in their network to make an appointment. If necessary, specialists are usually able to find low-cost providers who serve

the uninsured and sometimes provide free services. Additionally, for the majority of cases, specialists are able to locate transportation services to and from medical appointments if needed.

The helpline incorporates many of the services from the old Indiana Family Helpline. It can connect Hoosiers with services that include:

- Locating a health care provider
- Prenatal services
- Health coverage enrollment, including the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) 2.0
- Care for baby, including the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program
- Baby programs, including safe sleep information
- Immunizations
- Baby items, such as cribs and car seats
- Care for moms
- Transportation providers
- Free testing sites for pregnancy, HIV and sexually transmitted diseases
- Housing assistance
- Nutrition assistance, such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Education referrals, including breastfeeding classes and job training programs
- Behavioral health providers

Certified navigators are also available to assist Hoosiers who are applying for benefits such as Medicaid, Hoosier Healthwise, Children's Health Insurance Plan, Healthy Indiana Plan 2.0 and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Call 1-844-MCH-MOMS (1-844-624-6667) to talk to a specialist. The MCH MOMS Helpline specialists and navigators are available Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information about the helpline, visit www.MomsHelpLine.isdh.in.gov.

For more information about the Indiana State Department of Health, visit www.StateHealth.in.gov. Follow the Indiana State Department of Health on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/isdh1.

INDOT offers scholarships, jobs to engineers in training

The Indiana Department of Transportation is offering civil engineering scholarships of up to \$3,125 per semester, and paid employment during summer breaks and upon graduation.

Students must be accepted or enrolled full time in one of Indiana's certified civil engineering schools and apply at www.INDOTScholarship.in.gov. Applications for the 2016-2017 school year must be postmarked by Thursday, March 31.

"INDOT employs a staff of more than 3,400 to build and maintain 28,800 lane miles of interstates, U.S. highways and state routes," said Commissioner Brandye Hendrickson. "INDOT strives to be an employer of choice, and scholarships are some of the ways that we attract top talent."

INDOT's civil-engineering scholarship program offers \$3,125 per semester or \$2,083 per trimester for up to five years of post-secondary civil engineering education. Scholarship funds can be applied to educational expenses, fees and books. In return, recipients will work for INDOT in a variety of full-time, paid positions during their summer breaks and upon graduation.

Students must be accepted or enrolled full time in one of Indiana's Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology certified civil engineering programs. Eligible programs include Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne, Purdue University, Purdue University Calumet, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Trine University, University of Evansville, University of Notre Dame and Valparaiso University.

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Shoals Business Association holds monthly meeting

BY AUDRA P. DECKARD
Shoals Business Assoc. Secretary

The Shoals Business Association held its monthly meeting this past week on Thursday, February 18, in the basement of the Shoals Public Library.

Those present were Marie Hawkins, Donna Stoughton, Jim Stoughton Tim Kinder, Lisa Bauer, and Audra P. Deckard.

The treasurer's report for February was reviewed. Marie Hawkins made a motion to accept with a second by Donna Stoughton. The motion was approved and passed.

Marie Hawkins is working very closely with the state regarding the 2016 Bicentennial. For information, you can go to www.indiana2016.org. The torch relay is ready to go once the state approves the runners. Also, they are looking for memorabilia to be put

into the time capsule. Ideas from the public are encouraged.

Under old business, the Defense Manufacturing Assistance Program was awarded funding for the county to use for tourism, work development and housing study.

Also under old business, it appears that the S.H.O.P. may not be able to utilize the building and if this is confirmed the SBA will inquire if the Shoals School System can provide artwork to be placed in the windows. That being said, Mrs. Sherfick's art students could possible help make posters relating to Martin County in the windows. If they are not able to help, it would be best to find an artist to draw or paint pictures.

Under new business a motion was made by Jim Stoughton to elect Lisa Bauer as the new treasurer and for her name to be put on the checking account at Old National Bank. A second was made by Marie Hawkins. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Donna Stoughton made a motion to elect Audra P. Deckard as the new secretary. Lisa Bauer seconded. The motion was approved and passed.

A motion was made by Marie Hawkins and second by Donna Stoughton for the meeting to adjourn. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 17, at noon, in the basement of the Shoals Public Library.

Childhood poverty, parental abuse cost adults their health for years to come

BY AMY PATTERSON NEUBERT
Purdue University News Service

Growing up in poverty or being abused by parents can lead to accumulated health problems later in life, according to research from Purdue University.

"Childhood disadvantage has long-term health consequences – much longer than most of us realize," said Kenneth F. Ferraro, distinguished professor of sociology. "A novel aspect of this study is that childhood disadvantage was linked to the onset of new health problems decades later."

The findings are published in the American Sociological Review, and the National Institute on Aging funded the study. The findings were based on the National Survey of Midlife Development in the United States data from 1,748 adults. The data were collected in two waves, the second a decade later, to measure health changes in the adult population. Wave 1 occurred in 1996 when respondents were 25-74 and Wave 2 took place in 2006 when participants were 35-84.

"Health problems and quality of life issues were a concern during the first wave of the study. However, when we revisited the study's adult participants 10 years later, childhood poverty and frequent abuse were related to the onset of new health problems, such as cancer and heart disease, even after we adjusted for risk factors including

health lifestyle and socioeconomic status," said Ferraro, who also is interim head of sociology and director of Purdue's Center on Aging and the Life Course.

In addition to childhood poverty and abuse, family composition, including if both parents were present, was measured. The link between each of these childhood experiences and 14 adult outcomes also was examined for potential mediating effects. Family composition affected four of the 14 outcomes, including the likelihood of smoking and financial strain during adulthood. In comparison, childhood poverty affected nine outcomes and parental abuse affected 11 outcomes, such as smoking and heavy alcohol consumption. The authors found that childhood poverty and abuse led to adult behavioral problems as well as directly influenced disease development in later life. In this study, abuse was considered to be physical or verbal. And, if both parents were abusive, it escalated the risk for health problems.

"It's also possible we have under-represented the relationship between childhood disadvantage and later-life health problems because those most severely affected were not able to participate in a social survey," Ferraro said. "But, now that we have identified some of the early origins of adult disease, we should focus on greater resources, even during midlife, to break the chain of risks."

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