

Township coffers hold \$874,000 in rollover funds

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Do you know what the purpose of a township is? A township trustee? Many don't. Townships started many, many years ago, back before automobiles, phones and internet when it took time for someone to get to town to conduct business. A township is a small geographical area, ranging in size from 6 to 54 square miles with 36 square miles being average. There are six townships that make up Martin County – Perry, Halbert, Lost River, Mitcheltree, Center, and Rutherford. Each of those townships has a trustee, a paid elected official. Each trustee also has a paid secretary and a paid advisory board of three people. All six township trustees in Martin County in 2014, operated the trustee's office from their homes and were reimbursed for rent, utilities, phone, and travel, in some cases.

There are 1,008 townships in Indiana. Indiana is one of only 20 states that maintain some form of township government.

One of the main jobs of a township trustee is to provide money to people in need. Township assistance is given to individuals who are in an emergency situation and have no other means to provide the basic essentials of life. Residents in need can request help paying for utilities, rent, medical and dental expenses, prescriptions, vehicle repairs, fuel, groceries, and clothing.

The trustee also provides fire protection to its citizens when the township is not incorporated into a city or town. This could include contracting with a local fire department to provide the services to the township residents. It can also include providing funds for buildings, equipment, and vehicles for the department.

The trustee also maintains cemeteries by hiring people to provide mowing services. Other duties can include helping with funeral expenses, providing and maintaining township parks and community centers, destroying detrimental plants, noxious weeds,

and rank vegetation; and providing insulin to the poor.

Money is provided to the townships from property taxes, auto excise tax, and county option income tax. Interest earned from the rollover of cash balances is also included in the budget. At the end of 2014 (2013 for Perry), the six townships had cash balances totaling \$874,228.49. Each township's left-over money rolls over into the next year.

Each year the township trustees are required by state law to file an annual report. Those reports, according to the state Gateway site, must be provided to the state for upload onto the state database 60 days after the end of the year. That deadline for 2014 annual reports was March 1, 2015. All townships filed their annual report except Perry Township. For data in this article, number for Perry Township were pulled from their 2013 annual report. To view all reports, visit https://gateway.ifonline.org/report_builder/. Information from the filed reports is broken down below for each township.

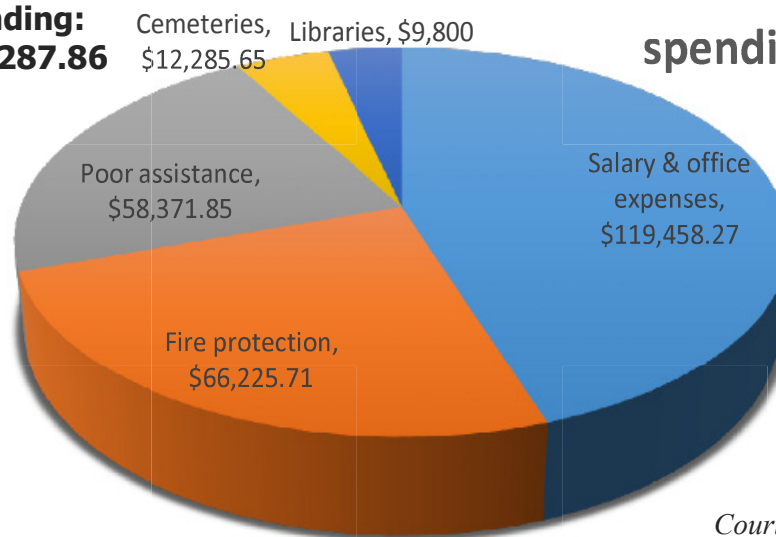
RUTHERFORD TOWNSHIP

Rutherford Township's trustee is Terry J. Street. His clerical assistant is his wife, Renee Street. The three-member advisory board consists of Lonnie Survance, Rosamary Street, and Jeff Horney. In 2014 Rutherford Township began with a balance of \$102,534.17. After receipts and disbursements the township ended 2014 with a balance of \$104,658.

Of the \$32,308.31 that was paid out, \$18,416.33 went toward salaries and office expenses including the trustee's salary of \$6,000, his assistant's salary of \$3,000 and the advisory board member's salaries of \$625 each. Also, \$5,360.44, (\$447 per month) was paid in rent, utilities and phone for the township office located in the Streets' home. Rutherford Township paid Shawn Truelove \$1,800 to provide mowing of cemeteries. The township also gave \$8,300 to the Haysville Fire Department for a fire service contract and \$260 was paid to Keith Keller and Derek Johnson from the firefighting fund.

Total spending: \$271,287.86

2014 township spending*



-Graph by Courtney Hughett

■ Salary & office expenses ■ Fire protection ■ Poor assistance ■ Cemeteries ■ Libraries

*Figures done using Perry Township's 2013 annual report as 2014 was not available on the Indiana Gateway.

As for assistance, \$3,206.48 was given to six people (five households) who requested help. Of that \$1,570.42 was paid to Daviess-Martin REMC, \$280 to Mays LP Gas, \$108.10 to the Department of Motor Vehicles, and \$47.96 to CVS Pharmacy.

HALBERT TOWNSHIP

Halbert Township's trustee is Exzelia Montgomery. Her clerical assistant is Pauletta Montgomery. The three-member advisory board includes Stephanie Horton, Travis Montgomery, and Kimberly Albright. Halbert Township started 2014 with a cash balance of \$156,585.98 and ended the year at \$173,774.55.

Of the \$48,620.28 spent in 2014, \$20,097.24 was used to pay for salaries and office expenses including the trustee's salary of \$10,283.20 and the clerical salary of \$2,341.08. Also \$2,380.80 (\$198 per month) was paid to Exzelia for the use of her home and phone as the trustee's office. For Halbert Township cemetery care \$600 was paid to Jaron Gibson and \$400 to Marlin Courtright and Gordon Johnson.

For money given to the needy, 62 requests were made for help but a total of 155 people (benefiting 55 households) received assistance totaling \$15,404.40. 129 of those re-

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Program to free up jail space starts

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Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins along with Sheriff Travis Roush, Judge Lynne Ellis, and Deputy Prosecutor Larry Brodeur talked to the Martin County Council Monday night, March 2, about a new program they would like to implement involving low level criminal offenders.

Collins explained that due to changes in the criminal code, some felony charges have been changed to misdemeanors. Collins said that oftentimes offenders sit in jail waiting on their pre-trials because they can't afford to post bail. She suggested to the council that a program be set up to allow low level offenders to be placed on home detention awaiting their pre-trial. She said community corrections would be working

with the prosecutor, law enforcement and the judge to determine who qualifies for the program.

Collins said she would like the county to fund the program to get it started at \$900 per month. Offenders on the home detention program would pay \$10 per day and the maximum time they can be on the program is 30 days. Those on the program that are disabled and on a set income will have the 30 days to find alternative means to pay for the program. Those who are jobless will be required to do five job searches a day for two weeks. Those who do not comply will be re-incarcerated.

Council member Lonnie Hawkins asked if there will be something in the offender's agreement that they must pay for the program. Judge Ellis replied that they will be

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Food service establishments inspected by health department

The following restaurant inspections were done by Julia Albright, of the Martin County Health Department. The information listed is verbatim from the inspection report and all were routine inspections unless otherwise noted. Violations found again from the previous inspection will be noted with (repeat violation).

DECEMBER 19

Fraternal Order of Eagles, 207 S Main Street, Shoals

One non-critical violation:
-Coke fountain nozzles in bar area has build-up of black substance

Los Bravos Mexican Restaurant, 502 W. Broadway Street, Loogootee

Three critical violations:
-Temperature of items in True vegetable prep cooler table were 44.8 degrees
-Multiple items throughout all coolers had no date markings (repeat violation)
-Hand sink in kitchen blocked by unused

refrigerator unit

Two non-critical violations:

-No lids on buckets of sugar and various peppers in storage room. Multiple items not covered in reach-in True coolers in kitchen area (repeat violation)

-Back exterior door in dish room not tightly sealed to exterior

Dairy Master, 506 W. Broadway Street, Loogootee

Three non-critical violations:

-Crates containing milk jugs and pre-portioned mushrooms and onion rings sitting directly on floor of walk-in cooler (repeat violation)

-Wiping cloths not stored in sanitizer between use

-Self-closing device for men's and women's toilet rooms not functioning properly (repeat violation)

Break Time Bar & Grill, 119 Cooper
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ceived help paying utility bills, 24 received help with housing payments, 28 received help with food, and three got help with health care. Money was paid to the following: Dr. B W Asdell \$150, Kevin Boyd \$400, CVS Pharmacy \$200, Daviess-Martin REMC \$7,077.20, Duke Energy \$2,447.76, East Fork Water \$153.52, Monty Holt \$150, Jay-C Food Store \$739.91, John Kemp \$140, Montgomery Farms \$180, Michael J. Meyer, DMD, PC \$196.22; Orange County REMC \$250, Renewing Management \$453, Betty Salmon \$452, Shoals Municipal Utilities \$914.79, SHWS Development LLC/Dustin Schnarr \$200, and White River Co-Op \$1,300.

Also, \$6,339.67 was paid to the Shoals Fire Department and \$4,000 to the Shoals Public Library.

LOST RIVER TOWNSHIP

Lost River trustee is Mildred Brown and her clerk was not listed on the annual report. The 2014 advisory board consisted of Alice Butler, Keith Emmons, and Bruce Fithian. At the beginning of 2014 the trustee's cash balance was \$59,587.29 and was \$63,909.20 at the end of the year.

For 2014 a total of \$34,036.74 was paid

INSPECTED

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Plaza, Loogootee

One critical violation:

-Raw eggs stored over ready-to-use cartons of buttermilk in Kenmore cooler

One non-critical violation:

-Range hoods have accumulation of dust/grease

(Marilyn Cunningham of Break Time Bar & Grill submitted the following response to the inspection on January 13: "Eggs removed, fan cleaned.")

Subway #18904, 208 Mill Street, Loogootee

One critical violation:

-Temperature of items on the topping side of prep table at 51 degrees

One non-critical violation:

-Range hood vents have accumulation of dust/grease (repeat violation)

(Leanne Yoder, manager of Corner Café, submitted the following response to the inspection on December 29: "The things on the report have been taken care of as of 12-29-14.")

Knights of Columbus, 102 E. Main Street, Loogootee

No violations noted.

Strike Zone Bowling Center, 409 J. Strange Avenue, Loogootee

One critical violation:

-Raw eggs over ready-to-use bottles of tea in Norge refrigerator

out. Of that, \$7,065.42 was spent on salaries including \$3,078.24 to the trustee plus \$440 for rent and phone at Brown's house. The three advisory board members were paid \$439.75 for the year. For cemetery care \$560 was paid out.

The township built a new fire station last year and the trustee put forth \$19,981.57 to that project which included \$589 to Engler's, \$200 to Ernie's Welding, \$5,700 to Fischer Electric, \$250 for signs and \$10,000 toward the construction.

Four people requested hardship assistance from the Lost River Trustee last year and three were helped totaling \$1,667.84. Of that, \$1,105.82 was paid to Daviess-Martin REMC, \$200 to Jay-C Food Store, \$112.02 to CVS Pharmacy, and \$250 to White River Co-Op.

Shoals Public Library received \$1,000 from the Lost River Trustee.

CENTER TOWNSHIP

Center Township's trustee is Charles Hamilton and his clerk is Donna Hamilton. The three-member advisory board includes Kenneth Brett, Larry Downs, and Norma Baker.

Center Township's cash balance was \$112,485.77 at the beginning of 2014. At the end of the year the balance was \$114,728.30.

A total of \$35,237.95 was spent last year. Of that, \$15,843.99 was spent last year on salaries and office expenses including \$7,200 to the trustee, \$3,000 to the clerk, and \$650 each for advisory board members.

The rent for the trustee's office, paid to Donna Hamilton, was \$1,800 (\$150 per month). For cemetery care \$950 was paid to Roy Dale Grafton, \$1,350 to Jayce Graber, and \$315.65 to Marvin's Shop.

Center Township gave \$6,339.67 to the Town of Shoals for a firefighting contract and \$3,800 to the Shoals Public Library.

53 people requested assistance from the trustee last year and 141 were given assistance, benefiting 47 households. The amount given in assistance in 2014 was \$6,638.64. Of that, \$1,001.09 went to Shoals Municipal, \$2,678.48 to Duke Energy, \$1,038.02 to REMC, \$58.53 to Verizon, \$100 to Propane Direct, \$213.70 to Vectren, \$294.08 to Queen-Lee Funeral Home, \$525.73 to CVS, \$38.10 to Williams Bros., \$145.91 to Jay-C Food Store, \$100 to Schwink Dentists, \$400 to Cave Family Dentists, and \$45 to John Gore for wood.

The Shoals Fire Department received \$9,679.34 and the Shoals Library received \$3,800.

MITCHELTREE TOWNSHIP

Mitcheltree Township's trustee was James Norman for 2014 and his clerk was Larry Jones. The three-member advisory board included Dan Butler, Tammy Gore, and Sharon Belcher.

At the start of 2014, the trustee's cash balance was \$264,079.68 and stood at \$286,532.20 at the end of the year.

A total of \$23,204.63 was spent last year

and of that \$11,507.29 was spent last year on salaries and office expenses including \$5,292.76 for Norman's pay, \$752.31 for his clerk and \$555.60 each for the advisory board members.

The trustee's office, located in Norman's home at 8525 East St. Rd. 45, had \$200 in rent for 2014 and \$600 for phone expenses.

The following persons were paid for mowing and doing work on cemeteries in Mitcheltree Township: James Norman \$250, Allman Wright \$50, Sara Eads \$300, Tony Weldon \$150, Dean Mills \$150, Flo Oliver \$450, Kellie Welby \$1,950, and Danny Clark \$300.

For township assistance for the poor, \$5,097.34 was paid out helping 52 people in 20 households. Of that, \$3,651.31 was paid to Daviess-Martin REMC, \$50 to William Baker, Jr.; \$300 to Utilities District of Western Indiana, \$498.58 to Propane Direct, and \$597.45 to Jay-C Food Store.

\$2,000 was given to the Williams Volunteer Fire Department for a firefighting contract and \$1,000 to the Shoals Public Library.

PERRY TOWNSHIP

(Perry Township's annual report is not available on Gateway. Info below is from the 2013 annual report)

Perry Township's trustee is Jason Hennessee and his clerk is Roberta Cherry. The three-member advisory board consists of Brandi Hennessee, Sue Hunt, and Julie Green.

Perry's cash balance at the beginning of 2013 was \$124,484.45 and was \$130,626.24 at the end of the year.

A total of \$97,879.95 was paid out in 2013. Of that, \$46,528 was paid in salaries and office expenses for the trustee's office

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required to pay contingent on finding a job or an additional money source. Hawkins replied that he is in favor of looking into implementing the program but wanted to be up front about the offenders being required to pay what they owe. He said he didn't want it to be the county giving \$900 a month and getting nothing reimbursed.

The goal of the program is to free up beds in the jail to keep the capacity from going over 62. There are currently 61 in the jail now. Sheriff Roush said that by going with the program, he figured it would save the county 41 percent on what he spends on inmates. He said on the program there is an option of getting reimbursed but when the inmate is in jail, there is no chance of getting any money back.

Councilman Hawkins said he would prefer they wait to start the program until after the council's April meeting so they had more time to consider it. The additional money will also have to be advertised prior to approval by the council.

Council member Warren Albright said the jail population is at 61 and he would prefer they start the program right away. Hawkins replied that he is in favor of the program but can't say he is 100 percent in favor of it. Albright replied that this is why they would try the program for three months to see how it goes.

After more discussion, the council decided to advertise for \$3,000 to fund the program for three months but they will vote on it at their April 6 meeting. Collins said she will go ahead and start the program and fund it on her own until a decision is made.

The council discussed hiring Julie Fithian as part-time custodian in the courthouse, 15 hours per week for six to eight weeks at \$8.50 per hour. Council member Hawkins wanted to know if the position had been advertised. He said he isn't against Fithian getting the job but didn't want to violate the county's equal opportunity hiring status. Auditor Roush replied that she hired all of her office personnel without advertising. She also said that there is really no time to advertise for the custodian but the courthouse doesn't have one right now, so they have no one to do the work. The regular

including \$16,000 for the trustee, \$12,500 for his clerk, and \$1,500 for each advisory board member.

A total of \$6,000 was paid in rent to Hennessee for the use of his home as the trustee's office and \$1,637.25 was paid to Frontier for phone and internet.

Shawn Truelove Mowing was paid \$2,250 for cemetery care.

Perry Township gave out \$26,357.15 in poor assistance in 2014, benefiting 173 people in 51 households. The following received payments: Bloomfield REMC for \$396.64, Bob Williams (landlord) for \$150, Brocksmith Funeral Home for \$1,500, Carl Wiscaver (landlord) for \$900, City of Loogootee Utilities for \$3,916.52, Connie Norris (landlord) for \$150, Daniel Hart (landlord) for \$150, Daviess-Martin REMC for \$579, Dennie Nolley (landlord) for \$300, Duke Energy for \$10,042.41, East Way Apartments for \$200, Everhome Mortgage for \$300, Hoosier Uplands for \$175, Jay Smith (landlord) for \$850, Jeremy Osborn (landlord) for \$200, John Bowling (landlord) for \$85, John Lengacher (landlord) for \$200, KET Properties for \$200, Larkin Apartments for \$512, Marie Truelove (landlord) for \$85, Mark Taylor (landlord) for \$100, Professional Property Management for \$100, Propane Direct for \$139, Ruler Food Store for 98.79, Stewart Blake (landlord) for \$200, Teresa Nolley (landlord) for \$200, Thelma Smith (landlord) for \$150, Town of Crane Utilities for \$1,675.63, Utilities District of Western IN REMC for \$151, Vectren for \$1,029.08, Victoria Grace Funeral Home for \$1,000, Weldon McPherson (landlord) for \$200, Williams Bros. Pharmacy for \$272.08, and WSW Properties for \$150.

courthouse custodian is off on leave.

Hawkins said the council may not be hiring the person but the council will be responsible for paying for litigation if a suit comes from not following equal opportunity laws.

Auditor Roush said that the commissioners hired Fithian at their last meeting. She added that the council just had to determine how much to pay her.

Judge Lynne Ellis approached the council regarding the hiring of a CASA director. Ellis said that she has decided to go with contracting with a guardian ad litem instead to save money. A guardian ad litem (GAL) is a person the court appoints to represent the best interests of a child in a divorce or parental rights and responsibilities case.

She said the cost of getting a CASA office established with a director and staff would be more than \$40,000 and the grant from the state to help offset that cost is only \$3,434. The guardian ad litem contract would cost \$1,667 per month or \$20,004. She has \$5,000 in the fund to pay for the guardian ad litem and needed an additional appropriation for \$11,660 to cover the rest of the year. Ellis said that state mandates that counties provide guardian ad litem so she has no choice but the state does not provide any funding to the position. The council approved the additional funding of \$11,660 from the general fund.

The council also approved \$4,500 for the sheriff's department for the purchase of a vehicle. This would buy the third vehicle for the department this year. Roush said he plans to not let vehicles go over 40,000 miles before trading it in, in the future.

Roush also told the council that they have raised \$27,412 thus far to purchase a K9 for the sheriff's department. Roush said \$18,000 to \$20,000 is needed to pay for the life of the dog and he is still expecting \$2,500 to come in to add to the account. The fund will then be closer to \$30,000.

At the council's meeting last month, they agreed to fund road crew through CEDIT (county economic development income tax). Only \$11,000 was needed so Auditor January Roush gave the council the option to use riverboat funds to which the council agreed.

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DAVID STURGEON

David Lynn Sturgeon passed away Thursday, February 26, 2015 at the University of Kentucky Hospital in Lexington. A resident of French Lick, he was 56.



He was born January 8, 1959; son of Alberta (Englert) and the late Gerald Sturgeon.

He was employed by Nancy Baer Trucking in Jasper.

He is survived by his children, David Lee Sturgeon of Louisville, Kentucky; Becky Sorrels-Rogers of Huntingburg, Amanda Sturgeon of Vincennes, and Kayla Sturgeon and Dylan Sturgeon, both of Loogootee; brother, Stanley Sturgeon; sister, Bonnie (Jim) Fettes and Nancy (Wayne) Buechlein; grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, Gerald Sturgeon and brother, Joe Sturgeon.

A Celebration of Life was held Tuesday, March 3 at Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home.

Burial followed in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in Schnellville.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home to assist with funeral expenses.

Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

RAYMOND ASBELL

Raymond Asbell passed away at his home on Tuesday, February 24, 2015. A resident of Loogootee, he was 66.

He was born August 22, 1948 in Daviess County; son of the late George T. and Barbara J. (Sanders) Asbell. He married Ruth Ann Johnson and she preceded him in death in 2014.

He was formerly employed as a machine operator for Ditto Sales in Jasper and was a graduate of Shoals High School.

He is survived by one son, Brian R. Asbell of Loogootee; one granddaughter, Tori Asbell of Loogootee; two sisters, Karen and husband, David Goller, of Shoals, and Patty and husband, Ralph Morris, of Bedford; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding him in death was a son, Scott Asbell in 2013 and one brother, Gary Asbell.

A memorial service will be planned for a later date.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.queenlee.com.

JIM HUEBNER

James R. (Jim) Huebner passed away Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at Daviess Community Hospital in Washington. A resident of Loogootee, he was 65.

He was born March 24, 1949; son of the late Lester and Maxine (Divine) Huebner. He married his wife, Kelley (Beckes) Huebner, on May 5, 1979 and she preceded him in

death in 2001.

He was a 1967 graduate of Loogootee High School. He also graduated from Vincennes University and Indiana State University. He was a member of the Sigma Pi Fraternity. He worked as an electrician for many years at Huebner Electric. He enjoyed driving his Harley Davidson, but most importantly he loved his cat, Effie.

He is survived by his sister, Nancy (Dan)

Dr. John Gallagher joining Memorial Internal Medicine

John Gallagher, M.D. was recently appointed to the active medical staff at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. He has joined Marc Campbell, M.D., Frank Hopkins, M.D. and Shawn Valuch, Physician Assistant, at Memorial Internal Medicine. Dr. Gallagher provides adult medicine services.

Dr. Gallagher received his medical degree at Indiana University School of Medicine and completed a residency in family practice at Community Hospital in Indianapolis. He previously served as chief medical officer at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville while also providing geriatric medicine services. Most recently he served as chief medical officer at Daviess Community Hospital in Washington while continuing to practice adult medicine services. Dr. Gallagher is board certified in family medicine and geriatrics, and is a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Dr. Gallagher is a native of southern Indiana and a past winner of the Geriatric Recog-

nition Award by the American Geriatric Society. He and his wife, Becky, reside in Loogootee and have two sons and a granddaughter.

To schedule an appointment, please call Memorial Internal Medicine, located at 751 West Ninth Street in Jasper, at 812-482-7474.

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He was preceded in death by his wife, Kelley (Beckes) Huebner and his parents.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

2:55 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

5:22 a.m. - Received a report of a possible gas leak in Redwing Trailer Court. Loogootee Sergeant Norris and Deputy Harmon responded.

11:23 a.m. - Received a request for a VIN check south of Shoals. Sergeant Keller completed the detail.

12:45 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle hit and run on Main Street, north of 2nd Street in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

6:06 p.m. - Received a report verbal domestic dispute in Shoals. Sergeant Keller and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:47 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver eastbound on US 50 from Loogootee. Sergeant Keller was advised.

11:16 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle at Singing Hill. Deputy Harmon responded.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

1:10 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded with no transport.

1:41 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

1:58 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver eastbound on US 50 from Cannelburg. Deputy Harmon was advised.

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Dant transported one inmate to court.

11:00 a.m. - Deputy Dant transported one

inmate to court.

12:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Whitfield. Martin County EMS and the Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

1:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt transported one inmate to court.

3:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt transported four inmates to court.

3:52 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle slide off on Elliot Cemetery Road. Sergeant Keller responded.

4:30 p.m. - Received a request for assistance with a driver changing a tire on US 50, east of US 150. Sheriff Roush responded.

5:22 p.m. - Received a report of a dog complaint east of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

5:52 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Major Burkhardt was advised.

6:03 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash in the Shoals High School parking lot. Major Burkhardt responded.

11:14 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check west of Shoals. Deputy Baker responded.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

3:48 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

6:39 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash on 800 N west of US 231. Deputy Dant responded.

8:55 a.m. - Sheriff Roush transported on inmate to court.

11:28 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle slide off on Rutherford Road at Mt. Zion Road. Sheriff Roush responded.

11:30 p.m. - Received a report of an irate male subject in front of Good Samaritan in Loogootee. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

1:45 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene transported two inmates to court.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

6:00 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with injury and entrapment on US 231 north of Seals Road. Deputy Dant, Martin County EMS, the Haysville Fire Department, and G&M Wrecker Service responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

7:08 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Deputy Dant responded.

9:58 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

12:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS had no transport.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Dant transported two inmates to court.

1:30 p.m. - Major Burkhardt transported an inmate to a doctor appointment.

1:55 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene and Deputy Dant transported four inmates to court.

2:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and the Loogootee Fire Department responded for lift assistance.

3:30 p.m. - Received a report of a subject standing at the intersection of US 231 and Truelove Church Road. Chief Deputy Greene was advised.

7:07 p.m. - Received a report of a residential burglar alarm south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

8:08 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

6:08 a.m. - Received a report of a possible trespasser on Hindostan Falls Road. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

11:50 a.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a lady that had fallen on the ice in Loogootee.

2:53 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver southbound on US 231 from Loogootee. All on-duty officers were advised.

9:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Whitfield. Martin County EMS and the Haysville Fire Department responded.

11:20 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver eastbound on 100 S. All on-duty officers were advised.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

4:55 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash on Brooks House Road. Deputy Baker, Loogootee Officer Nolan, Martin County EMS, the Loogootee Fire Department, and G&M Wrecker Service responded.

8:24 a.m. - Received a report of a possible theft in Shoals. Sergeant Keller was advised.

10:08 a.m. - Received a report of a mail-

box vandalism north of Trinity Springs. Sergeant Keller was advised.

10:32 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

1:09 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on Fairview Lane. Sergeant Keller was advised. ISP Trooper Lents took the call.

3:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

4:22 p.m. - Received a report of a harassment in Shoals. Sergeant Keller was advised.

5:34 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash in a driveway on Barn Run Road. Sergeant Keller responded.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

11:00 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on US 50 in Willow Valley. Deputy McBeth responded.

11:58 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance south of Whitfield. Deputy McBeth responded.

3:16 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Deputy McBeth responded.

5:41 p.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle on Harper Hill Road, north of Highway 645. Deputy Harmon responded.

JAIL BOOKINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

2:00 p.m. - Justin Cox, 35, of Jasonville, was arrested on a Vigo County warrant. Cox is being held without bond awaiting extradition and was arrested by Deputy Dant.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

2:07 a.m. - Jason Baylis, 35, of Shoals, was arrested for driving while suspended with a prior conviction. Baylis is being held without bond and was arrested by Deputy Baker.

9:26 p.m. - Ryan Mattingly, 29, of Loogootee, was arrested for manufacturing methamphetamine. Mattingly is being held without bond and was arrested by ISP Trooper Sexton.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:55 p.m. - Justin Truelove, 29, of Shoals, was arrested for a commitment. Truelove is being held without bond and was arrested by Deputy Harmon.



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Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

5:22 a.m. - Caller reported an odor of natural gas around the Park Street area.

10:10 a.m. - Caller reported suspicious activity on Main Street.

4:41 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to Crane Village for the odor of natural gas.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:50 a.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

9:15 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted with a funeral procession.

11:10 a.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

12:20 a.m. - Captain Hennette and Chief Rayhill assisted a motorist.

12:35 p.m. - First responders were requested on Brooks Bridge Road for a medical call.

1:00 p.m. - Caller reported two loose dogs. Captain Hennette spoke with the owners.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

11:00 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted a motorist.

11:30 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male. Person was later transported to Good Samaritan Hospital.

3:42 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious odor around Main Street.

6:00 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted Indiana State Police with a call on SW 1st Street.

10:56 p.m. - A male requested an officer on Cedar Street.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

2:16 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on North Line Street. Officer Nolan was unable to locate anyone.

2:40 p.m. - First responders were requested on SW 2nd Street for a medical call.

5:52 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver.

5:53 p.m. - Officer Nolan cited a male for driving while suspended with a prior conviction.

viction.

8:52 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on SE 3rd Street.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:30 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

4:31 p.m. - Captain Akles reported a vehicle in the middle of the road on Walker Street.

11:15 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

2:53 a.m. - Officer Nolan transported a male to Good Samaritan Hospital for a mental evaluation.

4:55 a.m. - First responders were requested on Mt. Pleasant Road for a one-vehicle accident. Officer Nolan filed charges on a male juvenile for operating a vehicle while intoxicated and minor consuming. Male was released to a parent.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

4:50 p.m. - Female requested to speak with an officer in regards to footprints in her yard.

11:46 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person in Redwing Trailer Court.

3:02 a.m. - Sgt. Norris reported an unattended vehicle in a ditch on Dewey Street. Vehicle was later towed by ATM Towing.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

8:41 a.m. - Captain Akles responded to an alarm at the high school.

1:02 p.m. - Caller reported property damage.

Accident report

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

12:26 p.m. - James V. Parsons, of Shoals, was operating a 1992 Olds and exiting the German American Bank parking lot when he pulled into the path of a 1999 Pontiac operated by Terry L. Fuhrman, of Loogootee. No injuries were reported. Chief Rayhill investigated.

Court News

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

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

February 18

Robin Colleen Russell, convicted of theft, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve one year in the Martin County Security Center with 361 days suspended plus credit for two actual days previously served and two good time credit days. Defendant received six months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

February 18

Robin Colleen Russell, check deception, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

February 18

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Jeffrey Tinkle, civil collection.

February 19

Kathleen J. Rush vs. Carl E. Rush, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Jeremy D. Arvin vs. Sarah J. Arvin, petition for dissolution of marriage.

February 20

MSW Capital, LLC vs. Brian Wagler, civil collection.

February 23

Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Michael L. Wilson, civil collection.

Kenneth J. Dages vs. Marla D. Dages, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

February 25

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Joshua B. Magill in the amount of \$19,469.54.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

February 24

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Gregory S. Carter and Megan G. Carter, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Kayla D. Moon and Robert A. Bullock, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Justin B. Santiago, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Justin R. Lewis, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Austin Edwards, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Corey L. Wilson, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Jonathan C. Johnson, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Lori A. McKinley, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Edward O. Parker, Jr., complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

February 24

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Rene Allbright in the amount of \$5,172.85.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Danny J. Arthur in the amount of \$6,094.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Lori B. Plano in the amount of \$684.18.

March 2

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Credit Bureau Collection Service and against the defendant Auna Beasley in the amount of \$1,006.95.

Indiana high school and college students eligible to win \$5,000 in social media contest

During the month of April, Indiana high school and college students can put their social media skills to good use for a chance to win a \$5,000 scholarship toward their college education or any secondary schooling. Last year, we granted \$85,000 to student award winners!

Texting and driving is against the law in Indiana—but, it's still happening. The use of cell phones is constant in today's society, especially with young drivers. 71 percent of teens and young people say they have sent a text while driving and 78 percent say they have read a text while driving (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration). Because of these alarming statistics, five state agencies have joined efforts to help raise awareness of the dangers of texting and driving by sponsoring the Drive Now. TXT L&R social media contest. With your help, we hope to spread the word about this contest to students across the state.

Please share Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann's message to young Hoosiers about the Drive Now. TXT L&R contest with anyone you know currently in high school, college or other secondary education institution.

Real estate transfers

Tiffany E. McCarty, of Martin County, Indiana to Purity LaMar, of Monroe County, Indiana, Lot 31 in the original plat of Indian Springs.

Mark L. Taylor, of Martin County, Indiana to Timothy R. May and Gale H. May, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West containing .26 acre, more or less.

David L. Goller and Karen S. Goller, of Martin County, Indiana to Christopher D. Goller and Rebecca S. Goller, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 4 West containing 6.50 acres, more or less.

Tim Brown and Tracy Dean Salsman, of Martin County, Indiana to Timothy Joseph Brown-Salsman and Tracy Dean Brown-Salsman, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Lot Number 34, in the town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Classified ADS

HELP WANTED

PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER

The City of Loogootee is currently accepting applications for part-time police officer.

Applicant must be:

1. Citizen of the United States.
2. Have received a high school diploma or G.E.D.
3. Be 21 years of age.
4. Be free of a felony conviction.
5. Must have a valid driver's license.
6. Must be a graduate of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

While this column stands as a demonstration of my love of gardening and writing. Another avocation incorporates the two aforementioned passions with my faith. Over the years, I have written many poems about gardening and the way gardens reflect the majesty of the Creator.

I learned this week that one of my poems, "A Garden Blessing", is being included in a publication of the Hardy Plant Society in Derbyshire, England. While there is no great remuneration, to me, it is a great honor to see something I wrote appearing in a publication in another country, especially one where gardening is so widely practiced and appreciated.

I have been fortunate to have studied gardening and landscape design in Great Britain. While there, I was able to visit some of the great gardens, some of which have been maintained on estates of the aristocracy for centuries. However, my favorite gardens were the ones lovingly tended by ordinary folks, who usually study horticulture in a way few American gardeners attempt. They learn the Latin binomials for their plants and their garden publication include many articles about the merits of specific genera and species. The Derbyshire Hardy Plant Society publication is such a

periodical and I am pleased that they will include my poem therein.

"A Garden Blessing" was originally penned as a blessing for a dinner celebrating the completion of the initial Purdue University Master Gardener classes in Orange County. That first class of master gardeners included members from Orange, Lawrence and Crawford counties, many of whom have remained close friends over the years. Indeed, we have been blessed.

I will close this column with the blessing. I have included it in this column before, but it has been many installments ago and I am sure many of the present readers have not read the poem. I hope you receive a blessing from it.

A Garden Blessing
May God grant thee
Enough sun to warm the earth,
Enough rain to make things grow,
A good strong back,
A wide-brimmed hat,
And a good, sharp goose-necked hoe,
Strength for a day of toil,
And some quiet evening hours,
With a gentle breeze
And a sip of tea,
And may all of your weeds
Be wildflowers.

2015 reserved youth turkey hunts on DNR properties

Youth hunters can apply for a reservation to hunt one of 21 DNR properties during the special youth wild turkey hunting season, April 18 and 19. The hunters must be younger than 18 on the day of the hunt.

The reserved hunts are at the following fish & wildlife areas (FWAs): Atterbury, Chinook, Crosley, Deer Creek, Fairbanks Landing, Glendale, Hillenbrand, Hovey Lake, Jasper-Pulaski, Kankakee, Kingsbury, LaSalle, Minnehaha, Pigeon River, Roush Lake, Sugar Ridge, Tri-County, Winamac and Willow Slough; as well as at Salamonie and Mississinewa lakes.

The number of hunters allowed on each property will be limited. Interested hunters or an adult representing them must register in person or by phone with the property they wish to hunt. Hunters should register during normal office hours, March 16-27. Hunters can register for only one property.

Those wanting to sign up for Chinook hunts may do so at Deer Creek FWA. Those wanting to sign up for Fairbanks Landing, Hillenbrand or Minnehaha hunts may do so at Goose Pond FWA.

At properties where the number of registered hunters exceeds the spots available, a drawing will be held on March 30. A youth hunter may be drawn for either one or both hunt days, depending on the number of applicants. All applicants will be notified of drawing results by mail.

Applicants must possess a 2015 Youth Consolidated Hunting & Trapping License, a 2015 Non-Resident Youth Spring Turkey License with a game bird habitat stamp privilege, or Lifetime Comprehensive Hunting License. Apprentice hunting licenses of the types named above also may be used.

When registering a youth for one of the hunts, make sure to have the following information:

- Hunter's name
- Type of license and license number
- Date(s) in which applying
- Mailing address
- Phone number
- Parent or guardian's name, address and phone number.

Hunts will run one-half hour before sunrise until noon at properties in the Central

time zone, and one-half hour before sunrise until 1 p.m. on properties in the Eastern time zone.

Youth hunters selected for the hunt may check in at any time each day until the end of legal hunting hours for that property. Properties will not have a daily "no-show" drawing. Hunters interested in possible unfilled quotas at a property should call that property for more information before showing up.

During youth wild turkey season, hunters younger than 18 on the day of the hunt can take a bearded or male wild turkey. The youth must be accompanied by someone 18 or older.

The youth hunter may use any legal shotgun, bow and arrow, or crossbow. The adult accompanying the youth hunter must not possess a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow while in the field. The adult does not need to possess a turkey hunting license unless the youth is using an apprentice license, or unless the adult is calling turkeys.

Phone numbers for information or to register at a specific property:

Atterbury (812) 526-2051
Crosley (812) 346-5596
Deer Creek (765) 653-0453
Glendale (812) 644-7711
Goose Pond (812) 659-9901
Hovey Lake (812) 838-2927
Jasper-Pulaski (219) 843-4841
Kankakee (574) 896-3522
Kingsbury (219) 393-3612
LaSalle (219) 992-3019
Pigeon River (260) 367-2164
Roush Lake (260) 468-2165
Sugar Ridge (812) 789-2724
Tri-County (574) 834-4461
Winamac (574) 946-4422
Willow Slough (219) 285-2704
Mississinewa Lake (765) 473-6528
Salamonie Lake (260) 468-2125

To purchase a Youth Consolidated or Turkey license go to IndianaOutdoor.IN.gov. For wild turkey hunting regulations go to dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/huntguide1/hunting1.htm.

For turkey hunting safety tips go to dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/hunt/turkey/turkeysafe.htm.

Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton
NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

It certainly doesn't look like it at the moment, but spring is just about here. It seems like it has been quite a while since I've seen grass; not just green grass, but any grass. I imagine the cows laying around, chewing cud with their eyes shut in quiet slumber and daydreaming about some new green fresh forage.

I was asked recently when you should take soil fertility samples on pastures. The real answer to that question is usually six months prior to asking. If we know we are going to be reseeding some pasture in the spring, then we should be collecting the soil samples the previous September or October. I prefer to collect them in early September. If you want to see trends, it is best to pull those samples at the same time frame each time.

Just like an annual field crop, your forage crop needs to be fertilized and managed. It is extremely difficult to maintain a stand of quality forages that will produce nutritious feed when some elements are low. Everyone has tried it, but you soon see that by "getting by" with lower levels of nutrients, especially phosphorus and potassium, you are just that, "getting by" but with lower yields, lower quality forages, and lower carrying capacities.

A soil test is usually a good place to start. Samples should be taken that match up similar soils and management. If a field is used for hay, then it should be tested separately from a field that is only grazed. After you get the results from the tests, you can then get a better handle on where the fields are fertility wise and amend as needed. Macro nutrients such as calcium, magnesium, nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, sodium, and sulfur are generally needed in larger amounts depending on where you are located and materials used over time. Calcium certainly plays an important part with soil pH and thus availability of most other nutrients, which is why I usually say, "lime first" if needed or if in doubt, lime. Fertilizer can be commercial or from animal manure. When using animal wastes, you need to get a good sample of that material and test it for nutrient content and then apply it according to a soil test just like commercial fertilizer.

Apply lime in the fall after you get your soil tests back. This gives the lime time to start breaking down and becoming available. Ag lime is not an instant fix, it takes some time. Some nutrients, such as phosphorus, are easily tied up as the pH drops. If your soil test comes back with a pH below 6.0, it might be wise to apply lime to correct the pH first, then go back and resample six months down the road for phosphorus. This is increasingly true as pH continues to fall below 5.8. An extra soil test of total phosphorus can give you an idea of the total amount present. This is not a typical test and is an added expense. The difference gives you a better idea of how much is tied up due to the pH level. There is often a fair amount of phosphorus present, especially in lower soil profiles. It is just not in soluble form. Ideally, most nutrients are most available when the pH is close to 7.0.

The next topic today is residual forages or the amount of stem and leaf left behind after the last grazing of the previous year's growth. Yes, there should be something left! Pastures with more residue will have more start up energy in the spring. That dry residue matches up well with the new growth to help provide some dry matter with all that rich, new, watery, green growth. This makes it easier to be utilized more efficiently by the cows or whatever is grazing it. Fields with the most residue might be the best to graze first and ideally, that is not the same field each year. These same fields also make nice places to calf.

Fields that were grazed down tight last fall before they went dormant, will be slower to respond in the spring. They are more likely to have weed pressure or increased amounts of short tolerant species such as bluegrass or native white clover because of reduced energy reserves and being less competitive. Fields that were grazed down fairly tight last fall (two inches for most tall cool season grasses) after they went dormant, will be more competitive in the spring and respond accordingly. The first scenario is the better one for frost-seeding clovers into because the clover seedlings will have a better chance of survival with the reduced competition.

With winter still dragging on a bit, you still have some time to frost seed some clover onto the field. I usually recommend slightly higher seeding rates for frost seeding than for conventional seeding. White clovers can be seeded at 1-1.5 lbs. per acre, remembering that it is a lot smaller seed than red clover and will be around longer. It is very easy to get too much clover seed on. White clover is especially small in size. You can mix the seed in with fertilizer or some pelleted lime. Red clover should be seeded at 6-8 lbs. per acre; birdsfoot trefoil at 5 lbs. per acre and common lespedeza with hulled seed at 10 lbs. per acre. All legumes should be inoculated with the appropriate inoculants for that species to insure proper bacteria, good germination, and growth. Coated seed, when available can solve lots of problems including seed size, the inoculants, and can even help the pH for the seedling.

I'll end today with a comment on cover. Cover is very important. I've said that at least once before. As the pastures start greening back up just like the cows are dreaming of, it is very important to not start grazing too quickly. The plant will first start to rebuild its solar panel. Photosynthesis is needed to build back new roots and reserves. The more photosynthesis occurring per acre, the more carbon there is and more potential for increasing soil organic matter. Photosynthesis needs leaf surface area, so that solar panel to move forward. When leaf is removed too early by grazing, the solar panels capability is greatly diminished. We also do not want any bare soil. We want all of the energy from the sun to be captured by that green solar panel. We do not want that energy wasted on heating up bare soil which can increase oxidation of carbon, we want it converted to energy in plants.

Keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities

Southern Indiana Grazing Conference is March 4, 2015 and will be held at an excellent new location, the WestGate Academy near Crane. For more information go to www.daviesscoswcd.org/index.php/sigc or call 812-254-4780 Ext 3.

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

Fly A Kite Workshop at the Patoka Lake

Kid's bring your parents to the Patoka Lake Nature Center on Saturday, March 21 at 1 p.m. to build your very own kite! Participants will create a one of a kind kite using materials provided. Once all kites have been constructed, join a car caravan to the beach for some high flying fun! The cost for this program is \$5 per kite.

The entrance fee of \$5 per vehicle for Indiana residents (\$7 out of state) is required for the Newton Stewart State Recreation Area, Patoka Reservoir, located north of Wickliffe Indiana, Highway 164. For more information regarding this program or other interpretive events, please call the visitor center at 812-685-2447.

Early spring offers best time to prepare farm machinery for planting

BY EMMA HOPKINS
Purdue University News Service

Early spring is the optimal time to test and prepare farm equipment and make necessary repairs for a smooth planting season, a Purdue University agricultural machinery specialist says.

Robert Stwalley, assistant clinical professor in agricultural and biological engineering, says tuning equipment now can prevent problems later.

"Instead of wishing for sunnier days and warmer weather, the wise farmer uses the gray and cold times to be ready to hit the fields running when the seasons change," Stwalley said.

There are four main steps in machinery preparation, Stwalley said. These are cleaning, verifying functionality, calibration and testing the monitoring systems.

Preparation should start with cleaning machines thoroughly with soap and water to remove dirt, chemical buildup, excess grease and plant material. While cleaning, farmers can also note any parts needing repair.

Next, farmers should carefully disassemble and inspect all material distribution components such as seed delivery mechanisms, fertilizer applicators, herbicide noz-

zles and insecticide distributors. These parts should be handled with care since some are delicate. Before reassembling, operators should ensure that all parts are functioning correctly on their own.

Each distributing mechanism on planters must be calibrated. To do this, farmers must lower the planters far enough for those mechanisms to engage, then run the machine at operational speed for a set distance. At the end of that distance, the number of seeds dropped should be counted or the dispensed material output weighed. If the distribution numbers are off, the machine needs to be recalibrated and tested again at the same distance.

It is also essential to test the monitoring and data-collecting systems on planters to ensure data collection is accurate. Collecting data is a key component of precision agriculture and often involves electronic sensors. To be sure that planting information is recorded accurately, farmers should test the sensors that monitor the planter. If any of the monitoring systems are dysfunctional, they must be replaced.

For more information on farm machinery preparation and maintenance, contact Stwalley at 765-494-1791 or rms@purdue.edu.

DNR stocked nearly 32 million fish in 2014

When it comes to stocking fish in Indiana waters, 2014 was a banner year.

The DNR and organizations with a DNR permit stocked 31.9 million fish in 70 counties in 2014. In a typical year, stocking numbers are between 22 million and 24 million fish.

The increase was primarily due to a near-record number of walleye eggs collected at Brookville Lake by DNR biologists for hatchery production. Those eggs also had a higher-than-normal survival rate. As a result, biologists stocked approximately 10 million more walleye fry than normal.

Other species stocked throughout Indiana were bluegill, brown trout, crappie, channel catfish, chinook salmon, coho salmon, grass carp, hybrid striped bass, hybrid sunfish, largemouth bass, muskie, pike, rainbow trout, redear sunfish, saugeye, steelhead, striped bass and yellow perch.

Stocking fish size ranged from fry to channel catfish and muskellunge more than a foot long.

Stockings supplement natural reproduc-

tion or help establish a species in an area where it cannot reproduce on its own.

"Fish stockings not only add value to the fishery but also give a boost to the local economy by bringing additional anglers to the area," said Brian Schoenung, DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife fisheries chief.

District fisheries biologists evaluate fish populations to determine the best sites for stocking. For questions about stocking at a specific location, contact your district fisheries biologist.

A map of districts and their biologists is at fishing.IN.gov/3590.htm.

It is illegal to stock public waters without a DNR permit.

The fish are produced at the state's seven hatcheries and one trout rearing station. Information on hatcheries is at fishing.IN.gov/3077.htm.

Fish were raised and stocked with the help of anglers through fishing license sales and the Sport Fish Restoration Fund, which collects excise tax paid by the manufacturer on qualifying fishing equipment.

Spring Mill SP celebrates 50th anniversary of Gemini 3

Spring Mill State Park is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Gemini 3 space flight, March 21-23, with educational programs.

Also, astronaut Gus Grissom's boyhood home, 715 W. Grissom Avenue, in Mitchell will be open those three days for tours.

Grissom and John W. Young piloted the Gemini 3 spacecraft, aka Molly Brown, during its orbit around earth on March 23, 1965. The Molly Brown is on display at the Grissom Memorial, in Spring Mill State Park.

On March 21, Hoosier Hill Ham Club will be outside the Grissom Memorial contacting remote locations around the globe with amateur radios. On all three days, there will be guided tours of the memorial, with personal items of Grissom's on display, space food tastings and more.

At 6:30 p.m. on March 23 in the Spring Mill Inn's Lakeview Room, Ray Boomhower, author of "Gus Grissom - The Lost Astronaut" will speak and sign copies of his book.

Also on March 23, Spring Mill Inn's Millstone Dining Room will offer two specials: the Molly Brown - grilled ham and turkey topped with Swiss cheese and rolled in a tortilla, battered then deep-fried - and a grilled Reuben sandwich, in honor of the corned beef sandwich that went into space with Grissom and Young.

Both specials come with a drink, chips, pickle spear and cookie and cost \$6.99. The dining room will open at 5 p.m. for

dinner.

For more information, email springmill-statepark@dnr.IN.gov or call (812) 849-3534

Spring Mill State Park (stateparks.IN.gov/2968.htm) is at 3333 State Road 60 East, Mitchell, 47446.

Outdoor Indiana magazine features nature's garbage men

Outdoor Indiana magazine's March-April issue features an article on vultures.

The birds serve as nature's garbage men, removing dead animals from our roads and lands. They may not be the most attractive of our winged wildlife, but they are some of the most important.

The issue also includes a removable eight-page booklet on Patoka Lake, one of the largest yet most unknown recreational gems in Indiana, providing 8,800 of tree-lined water surrounded by 26,000 acres of forest.

The booklet continues the magazine's series in which one state park or reservoir property will be portrayed through 2016, 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).

Subscribe at innsgifts.com or call (317) 233-3046.

To read article excerpts, go to OutdoorIndiana.org.



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Vincennes University student recipients of Awards for Excellence are, from left, Ian Jarboe, Sarah Swanson, Wade Berry, Jessica Logsdon, Weston Hasenour, Dakota Brooks, and Austin Stiles. Not available for the photo was Matthew Young.

VU programs and students receive Awards for Excellence

Two Vincennes University programs and nine students are the recipients of Indiana Career and Technical Education Awards for Excellence. The awards were presented February 26 at the Indiana Government Center in Indianapolis.

Award for Excellence recipients include VU's Precision Machining Technology program and COPE Student Support Services. VU students earning awards include Wade Berry, Huntington; Dakota Brooks, Corydon; Jamie Burns, Indianapolis; Weston Hasenour, Birdseye; Ian Jarboe, Cannelton; Jessica Marie Logsdon, Kentland; Sarah Swanson, Montpelier; and Matthew W. Young, Washington. A Princeton Community High School student, Austin Stiles from Patoka, who has received 22 credit hours from VU, also received an award.

The Indiana Career and Technical Education Awards for Excellence Program was initiated in 1984 to recognize exemplary programs, students, and partnerships that benefit the state. The program is supported by a grant through the Indiana Department of Education and by contributions from the Indiana Dept. of workforce Development, VU, Ivy Tech Community College, and the Indiana Association of Career and Technical Education Districts.

VU PROGRAM AWARD RECIPIENTS
VU's Precision Machining Technology program, under the direction of Scott Wallace, associate professor, is nationally recognized by industry as the premier program of its kind in the Midwest. The two-year program offers students about six hours of classroom and laboratory experience per day.

The program's advisory board includes industry leaders such as Cummins Engine, Caterpillar, Toyota, Tri Aerospace, Hurco, and AFCO Racing. The Precision Machining Job Fair annually attracts 40 to 50 potential employers to Vincennes that offer more jobs than there are graduates.

Another award recipient, VU's COPE Student Support Services, began in 1978 and serves first-generation, low income, and/or persons with a disability. Students work closely with a COPE Academic Counselor until they graduate and/or transfer. Among the multiple services they receive are career counseling, mentoring, transfer assistance to four-year colleges, and study skills strategies. Students identified as falling behind are provided follow-up assistance.

VU STUDENT AWARD RECIPIENTS
Wade Berry is a Conservation Law Enforcement major at VU where he is resident assistant, president of the VU Bass Club, vice president of the VU National Wild Turkey Federation, and a member of the VU Law Enforcement Association and Ducks Unlimited conservation group. He has completed two summer internships in conservation. Berry's goal is to become an Indiana Conservation Officer.

Dakota Brooks is a Conservation Law Enforcement major at VU where he serves as president of the LeaderCorps 21st Century Scholars, an officer in the VU Wild Turkey

Federation, and a member of the VU Student Government Association. He has completed an internship with the Department of Natural Resources. His career goal is to become an Indiana Conservation Officer.

Jamie Burns is an Aviation Maintenance major at VU's Aviation Technology Center in Indianapolis. A 20-year veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, his instructors note that he is a role model for other students and has excellent technical skills. His goal is to become a professional in the aviation maintenance industry.

Weston Hasenour is a Biomedical Electronics major at VU where is a tutor resident assistant for VU Housing. He volunteers at St. Vincent de Paul's meal program, Good Samaritan Home and Rehabilitation Center, Humane Society, and Food Bank. After graduating he plans to pursue a bachelor's degree at Purdue University and work in a hospital as a biomedical technician.

Ian Jarboe is a Graphic Design major at VU where he is president of the VU Graphic Design Club and a member of Alpha Phi Theta. He created a video for St. Mark's Church 150th Anniversary and teaches elementary school students video editing. He also provided illustration editing and text layout for a 2015 book, "Rob the Robin and the Bald Eagle." He plans to pursue a career as a designer while seeking a bachelor's degree.

Jessica Logsdon is majoring in Restaurant and Food Service Management at VU where she was student manager of the VU Blazer Car Show and tutors English and mathematics. She also coordinated a concession stand that made almost \$1,000 for a Christmas gift fund for needy families. She plans to become a restaurant manager.

Sarah Swanson is a Culinary Arts major at VU where she has earned a number of certifications from the National Restaurant Association. Swanson created a flavoring as part of a special project to add to a children's food supplement so they would eat it, which received positive reviews from the Shriners Hospital. A line cook at Pea-Fections, a Vincennes restaurant, her goal is to open a bakery-restaurant in a college town so she can provide experience to Culinary Arts students.

Matthew Young is an Electronic Media-Emerging Media News major at VU where he is employed by WVUT and WVUB public television and radio stations. He is also an on-air anchor for the radio and television news and sports broadcasts. His career goal is to work in television news and serve his community by telling its stories.

In addition to the VU students, Austin Stiles, Patoka, received an Award for Excellence after receiving 22 college credits in Precision Machining from VU while enrolled at Princeton Community High School's Precision Machining program. He plans to enroll in VU's Advanced Manufacturing Technician Program where he will work at Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana, for two days each week while attending classes at VU three days per week.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



After being married for 40 years, a wife asked her husband to describe her. He looked at her for a while, then said, "You're an alphabet wife... A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K."

She asks, "What does that mean?"

He said, "Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Foxy, Gorgeous and Hot."

She smiled happily and said, "Oh, that's so lovely, but what about I, J, K?"

He said, "I'm Just Kidding!"

The swelling in his eye is going down slowly...

6 THINGS MENTALLY STRONG PEOPLE DO

1. They move on. They don't waste time feeling sorry for themselves.

2. They embrace change. They welcome challenges.

3. They stay happy. They don't waste energy on things they can't control.

4. They are kind, fair, and unafraid to speak up.

5. They are willing to take calculated risks.

6. They celebrate other people's success. They don't resent that success.

OLDIE BUT GOODIE!!!!

Jack wakes up with a huge hangover after attending his company's New Year's party. Jack is not normally a drinker, but the drinks didn't taste like alcohol at all. He didn't even remember how he got home from the party. As bad as he was feeling, he wondered if he did something wrong.

Opening his eyes, the first thing that he sees is a couple of aspirin next to a glass of water on the side table. And, next to them, a single red rose! Jack sits up and sees his clothing in front of him, all clean and pressed. He looks around the room and sees that it is in perfect order, spotlessly clean.

So is the rest of the house. He takes the aspirin, cringes when he sees a huge black eye staring back at him in the bathroom mirror. Then he notices a note hanging on the corner of the mirror written in red with little hearts on it and a kiss mark from his wife in lipstick:

"Honey, breakfast is on the stove, I left early to get groceries to make you your favorite dinner tonight. I love you, darling! Love, Jillian"

He stumbles to the kitchen and sure enough, there is hot breakfast, steaming hot coffee, and the morning newspaper. His son is also at the table, eating. Jack asks, "Son, what happened last night?"

"Well, you came home after 3 a.m., drunk and out of your mind. You fell on the coffee table and broke it, and then you puked in the hallway, and got that black eye when you ran into the door."

Confused, he asked his son, "So, why is everything in such perfect order and so clean? I have a rose, and breakfast is on the table waiting for me."

His son replies, "Oh THAT! Mom dragged you to the bedroom, and when she tried to take your pants off, you screamed, 'Leave me alone, I'm married!'"

Broken coffee table: \$239.99. Hot breakfast: \$4.20. Two aspirin: \$.38. Saying the right thing, at the right time: PRICELESS!!!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A smile - is a sign of joy.

A hug - is a sign of love.

A laugh - is a sign of happiness.

And a friend like me? - Well that's just a sign . . .

Of good taste!!

Make someone smile today!

Calendar of Events

Talk to a lawyer clinic

The next talk to a lawyer telephone clinic will be held Thursday, March 5 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. CST (5:30 p.m. to 8 EST). Anyone with a general legal question regarding Indiana law may call to receive general legal advice and guidance. The free talk to a lawyer is co-sponsored by the Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, Evansville Bar Foundation and Indiana Bar Foundation. Each month, volunteer attorneys and paralegals receive calls from areas within as well as outside southwestern Indiana. To access the telephone clinic, the numbers are (812) 618-4845 and 888-594-3449. The April session will take place on April 2.

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Tuesday, March 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. Some items on the agenda include a technology update, extension of grading period, GTEP presentation, among other business. The meeting is open to the public.

Boy Scouts

Boys interested in Boy Scouts, call 295-6652 or 854-7837 for information on joining.

Cub Scout meetings

Cub scout meetings are held at Loogootee United Methodist Church on the first, third, and fourth Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information,

Shircliff Gallery exhibits works of former VU art instructor

The ceramic works of Brad Schweiger, a former art instructor at Vincennes University, is currently on exhibition at VU's Shircliff Gallery of Art. The gallery is located inside the Shircliff Humanities Building at the corner of Second and Harrison Streets. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

The exhibition will close on March 20 with a reception at noon (EST) in the gallery and the public is invited.

"For several years my work has been driven by a variety of architectural influences, usually cityscapes and the surrounding industrial areas," said Schweiger. "I find an interesting parallel between architecture and pottery which both deal with elements of form and structure, interior/exterior, utility or containment, surface detail and adornment. I have attempted to synthesize these interests and produce work that shares the minimal and complex, the miniature and monumental, the formal elements of design, the implied and the possibility of actual function."

Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays; and noon to 3 p.m. on Sundays. The gallery will be closed during mid-term break, March 8-15.

For more information, contact Emily Loehle, Shircliff Gallery director and assistant professor of Art and Design, 812-888-4316, eloehle@vinu.edu.

Information about upcoming exhibitions is available at www.vinu.edu/content/shircliff-gallery-art.

About the Artist

Brad Schweiger is currently a professor of art Ohio University where he has been teaching art since 1990. He earned his MFA from Utah State University and his BFA from the University of Iowa. His work has been in multiple exhibitions throughout the USA, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, England, Germany, Czech Republic, Lithuania, and Spain. He has presented workshops and lectures at more than 90 universities, colleges and art centers. His work has been published in *Ceramics Monthly*, *American Craft*, *Clay Times*, *Ceramics Art and Perception*, as well as several textbooks.

contact Bryan Adams at 812-854-7837.

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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. To find out how to become a member, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com.

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Martin County Community Learning Center on the fairgrounds.

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.

Animal Shelter featured pets



Shown above is Buster, a male, blond cat, 1-2 years

old. He came in as a feral but has finally started warming up to people. He is neutered and up to date on all his shots. Adoption fee is \$40. In the little photo is Wanda, a female dachshund mix. She is shy but very sweet. Adoption fee is \$60. If interested in adopting, stop by the animal shelter at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. There are several dogs and cats to choose from! Shelter hours are Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appt.

Democrats looking for new chairman

The Martin County Democrats will be holding a caucus on Saturday, March 21 at the municipal building in Loogootee to replace their chairman. If you would like to be considered for the position, please call 812-296-0539. You must submit your name no later than noon on March 18.



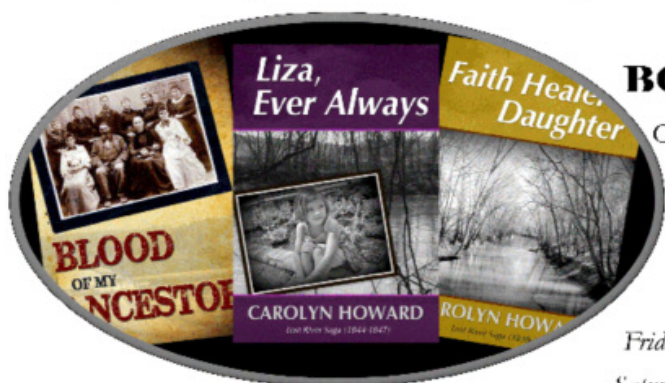
Pinewood Derby

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Cub Scout Pack 444 held its annual Pinewood Derby on Saturday, February 28. Pictured are Westley Baker, Bryar Walton (2nd place), Carl Clemencich (1st place), Alex Adams (3rd place), Cubmaster Bryan Adams, Drew Williams, Cohen Walton, Noah Esch, Matt Green, and Evan Williams.

CAROLYN HOWARD, AUTHOR

Liza, Ever Always — Faith Healer's Daughter — Blood of My Ancestor



BOOK SIGNING!

Carolyn Howard will be at

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108 Mill Street

Loogootee, IN

Friday March 13 — 11:30 to 5:00

Saturday March 14 — 10:00 to 2:00

Drawings ~ Gift basket giveaways ~ Door prizes

March is Youth Art Month

Youth Art Month (YAM) is an annual observance each March to emphasize the value of art and art education for all children, and to encourage public support for quality school art programs. Established in 1961, YAM provides a forum for acknowledging skills that are not possible in other subjects.

In celebration of Youth Art Month, local high school students will have their work displayed at the Martin County Courthouse in

Shoals. Drawings, paintings, photographs, and three-dimensional work from Loogootee and Shoals High School students will be featured. Mr. Rick Graves, art teacher at Loogootee High School, and Mrs. Linda Sherfick, art teacher at Shoals High School are proud to display their students' work.

The Martin County Courthouse is open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Thank you for your support of Youth Art Month and the talent of our local youth.

Loogootee Elementary to hold kindergarten round up on April 10

Kindergarten round up will be held at Loogootee Elementary on Friday, April 10. The schedule is as follows:

9:30-10:15 a.m. - Last names beginning with A-G

10:15-11:00 a.m. - Last names beginning with H-M

12:40-1:25 p.m. - Last names beginning with N-S

1:25-2:10 p.m. - Last names beginning with T-Z

Parents and children should report at the starting time for their name group. Please do not arrive early. Parents will drop children off in room 104, then proceed to the library to complete enrollment information. While the parents are in the library, children will be screened for beginning kindergarten skills. Parents will pick up their child after the enrollment process is complete.

Children must be five years old by August 1, 2015 in order to register for kindergarten. Parents should bring a certified copy of the birth certificate and a shot record.

According to Indiana law, every child residing in Indiana who enters kindergarten or grade one, must

have the following immunizations: five doses of DTaP/DTP/DT; four doses of

Polio; two doses of MMR; three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine; two doses of Varicella vaccine—if your child has had chickenpox, a physician's statement documenting a history of chickenpox disease including the month and the year of the disease is acceptable; and two doses Hepatitis A

Parents will have the opportunity to order a kindergarten t-shirt. Students are encouraged to wear these shirts on the first day of school. The cost of the shirt is \$8 and must be paid for when ordering, and may be picked up at registration in the fall.

Current kindergarten students will NOT have school on Friday, April 10.

The Martin County Health Department will hold a special clinic for kindergarten round up on April 10 from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. The clinic is located in the Shoals Post Office building. If you have health insurance that pays for immunizations, you must bring your insurance card in order to receive services. Children with no health insurance or insurance that does not pay for immunizations, can receive them through the VFC program.

If you have any questions about kindergarten round up, please call the elementary office at 812-295-2833.

Shoals Kindergarten Round-Up information

Shoals Elementary School is conducting its annual search for potential kindergarten students in preparation for round-up. The round-up will be held for incoming kindergarten students Friday, April 10, at Shoals Elementary School from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pre-registration is necessary for all students by Friday, March 20.

A child must be five years old on or before Saturday, August 1, 2015, in order to enroll in kindergarten. All eligible children should enroll during round-up. Parents should attend round-up with their child and bring the child's certificate of birth, social security card and immunization records. Below are the available sessions. We ask that you choose which session works with your schedule and mark the corresponding session on the registration form at the bottom of the page.

Session 1: 8:30 a.m., Session 2: 10 a.m., Session 3: 1 p.m.

(Space is limited for each session so you are encouraged to register as early as possible)

Each session will last approximately one and one-half hours. Parents are asked to please use the front parking lot (in front of the gym) and enter through the doors past the elementary office. Signs will be posted.

Physicals and immunizations will be offered on this date. Immunizations will be administered at the Martin County Health Department, and physicals will be offered at Shoals Elementary.

Minimum immunization requirements for all children newly enrolled in kindergarten, less than seven years of age are: five doses of DTaP, four doses of OPV, two MMRs, three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine, two doses chicken pox vaccine (Varicella) or record of the disease, and two doses of Hep A. A physical, complete immunizations, social security card, and certificate of birth (not the hospital birth certificate) are all required for entry into school.

It is necessary to pre-register your child for Round-Up via mail, fax, school website (shoals.k12.in.us) or phone on or before Friday, March 20 keeping in mind that the school office will be closed March 23-March 27 for Spring Break. To ensure proper delivery, they are highly discouraging registration by email.

If you have any questions concerning kindergarten round-up, please contact the elementary school at 247-2085.

Complete, cut, and submit the below form before Friday, March 20.

LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL

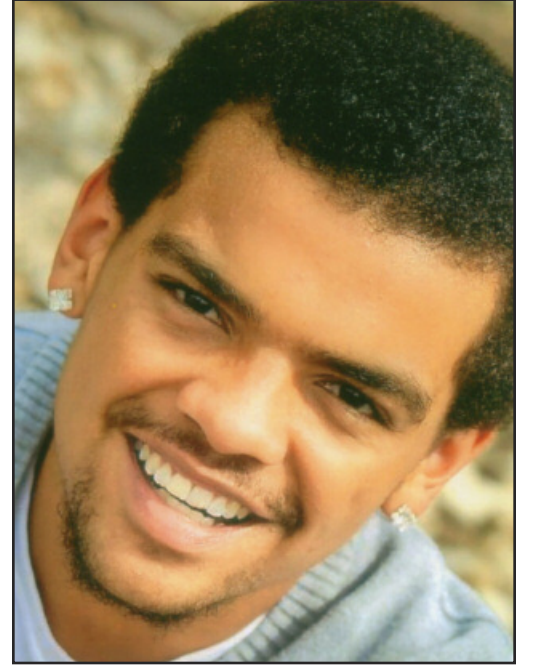


2015 Senior SPOTLIGHTS



CECIL CANADY

Cecil Eugene Canady is the son of Patricia and Kelvin Canady. While in high school, he served as an intern his senior year. He plans to join the Army after graduation.



DARIAN STEWART

Darian DeAndre Stewart is the son of Talisa Slaubaugh. While in high school, he served as an intern and did job shadowing his senior year. He played basketball all four years and baseball his senior year. Darian plans to attend the University of Evansville after graduation and study engineering.



TANNER AKLES

Tanner S. Akles is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Aaron and Nanette Hembree and Kevin Akles. He plans to attend Vincennes University after graduation and study sound recording.

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Martin County Humane Society ANNUAL AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

at Simon J. Graber Complex

9164 E. 875 N Odon, IN 47562

Item viewing starts at 6 p.m. Auction at 7 p.m.

Snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase.

Close to 200 auction items including sports tickets, theme park tickets, autographed photos, gift certificates, and much much more!

All money made goes toward the operation of the animal shelter.

Shoals Round-Up Pre-Registration Form

COMPLETE, CLIP, AND SEND BY MARCH 20, 2015

Child's Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Male _____ Female _____

Parents' Names _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Session 1: 8:30 a.m. Session 2: 10 a.m. Session 3: 1 p.m.
(Circle desired session)

Send completed form to: Shoals Elementary School
11749 Ironton Rd, Shoals IN 47581 or fax: 812-247-9913
Questions? Call 812-247-2085.

New HIV cases in SE Indiana outbreak

The HIV outbreak announced by state health officials last Wednesday continues to grow, now reaching 27 confirmed cases and 10 preliminary HIV positive cases. All cases are linked to injection drug abuse of the prescription drug, opiana, with some individuals also reporting sexual intercourse as a possible mode of transmission. Opana is a powerful opioid painkiller containing oxycodone. State and local health officials are following up on known contacts in Scott, Clark, Jackson, Perry and Washington counties.

"This is a complex and fast moving outbreak that requires a comprehensive response," said Deputy State Health Commissioner Jennifer Walthall, M.D., M.P.H. "There are many moving parts to address, including addiction, barriers to care such as lack of transportation and homelessness, as well as prostitution and the close proximity to interstate 65. We are exploring every possible response mechanism and are working closely with local health officials and others to get people the treatment and care they need and to stop the spread of HIV in the area."

Disease intervention specialists are in the area interviewing each newly identified HIV positive individual to obtain information about needle sharing and sex partners, as well as recommending care coordination services, medical care and HIV prevention information.

State health officials recommend that all Hoosiers know their HIV status. The best way for an individual to learn their HIV status is by getting tested by a health care professional. Hoosiers in the southeastern portion of the state, especially individuals who have engaged in high-risk behavior such as needle sharing and unprotected sex,

Lt. Governor Ellspermann and FSSA now accepting 2015 "Golden Hoosier Award" Nominations

Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann, in collaboration with the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Division of Aging, has announced that nominations are now being accepted for the 2015 Golden Hoosier Awards. The award, which began in 2008, annually honors a number of Hoosier senior citizens for their lifetime of service and commitment to their communities. The award is considered one of the highest honors given by the State of Indiana to senior citizens.

"It is my honor to recognize Hoosiers who impact Indiana cities and towns each day in both large and small ways," said Lt. Governor Ellspermann. "I have so much respect and admiration for individuals who volunteer their time to make their communities a better

Dr. Dahl appointed to Memorial Hospital Medical Staff

Family Physician Nick Dahl, D.O. was recently appointed to the active medical staff at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. He will continue to serve the Daviess County community at his current location in Washington offering primary care services.

Dr. Dahl received his medical degree at Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed a residency in family practice at Union Hospital in Terre Haute. He previously served as medical director of the emergency department at Daviess Community Hospital, then went on to start his own family practice, Dahl Family Medicine, in 2013. Dr. Dahl is certified by the American Board of Family Medicine.

Dr. Dahl is a native of southern Indiana, and he and his wife, Katie, reside in Washington. They have four children - Olivia, Dane, Caroline, and Denali.

To schedule an appointment at Dahl Family Medicine, located at 4 NE 21st Street, Suite 3 in Washington, please call 812-257-1052.

are advised to get tested and then re-tested after about two to three months because HIV can take up to three months to appear in a person's system.

To help reduce risk of HIV infection, avoid:

- injection drug use;
- sharing or re-using needles;
- engaging in unprotected sex; and,
- engaging in sex with commercial sex workers.

For HIV testing locations and information about HIV Care Coordination, individuals are encouraged to call the ISDH HIV Services Hotline at (866) 588-4948.

Individuals seeking help with substance abuse should call the national 24-hour addiction hotline at 1-800-662-HELP (4357). This hotline provides confidential, free, 24-hour-a-day, 365-day-a-year, information service, in English and Spanish, for individuals and family members facing mental health and/or substance use disorders. This service provides referrals to local treatment facilities, support groups, and community-based organizations. Callers can also order free publications and other information.

To learn more about the link between HIV infection and drug abuse, visit the National Institute on Drug Abuse at <http://hiv.drugabuse.gov/index.html>.

Visit the Indiana State Department of Health at www.StateHealth.in.gov. Follow the Indiana State Department of Health on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/isdh1.

Hoosiers who do not have health care coverage or access to a doctor are encouraged to check availability for the new Healthy Indiana Plan—HIP 2.0—by visiting www.HIP.IN.gov or calling 1-877-GET-HIP-9.

place for all of us and the model of lifelong service they are for our young people. I encourage everyone to nominate that special Hoosier who has made a positive impact on his or her life, community and our great state."

To be eligible for the Golden Hoosier Award, the nominee must currently be an Indiana resident, age 65 or older and has been a volunteer in the community for the past three years.

Additional guidelines and the nomination form are available at <http://www.in.gov/lg>.

Completed applications must be submitted by April 15, 2015.

The awards will be presented on Monday, May 18, 2015 at the Indiana Statehouse.



DR. NICK DAHL



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The Rivet High School Science Olympiad team is advancing to the state Science Olympiad on March 21 at Indiana University. Under the direction of Coach Matt Keller, the team competed at the Regional Science Olympiad at Vincennes University on February 28.

Teams advance to state after Saturday's Science Olympiad at VU

Four high schools will advance to state competition following a Regional Science Olympiad at Vincennes University on February 28.

Teams advancing to the state Science Olympiad at Indiana University on March 21 include first-place Bloomington South, New Albany, Terre Haute South, and Vincennes Rivet high schools. Sullivan H.S. advanced to compete in a wildcard competition with a chance to advance to the state.

Ten teams from eight high schools competed in the all-day Science Olympiad at VU which also included Avon, Bedford-North Lawrence, Mitchell, and Terre Haute North.

Students competed in 23 events that tested their knowledge of biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, computers, and technology. This was the 23rd year VU has hosted the Science Olympiad Regional Competition.

Members of winning teams in each event received Olympic medals. The top three teams received trophies and banners.

In addition to the awards, the VU Foundation sponsored the Mission Possible

event and the top-place junior and senior competitors who choose to major in math or science at VU received scholarship awards. They include a \$2,000 scholarship for first-place New Albany H.S.; a \$1,700 scholarship for second-place Sullivan H.S.; and a \$1,300 scholarship for third-place Bloomington South H.S.

In the Mission Possible contest, participants design, build, test, and document a Rube Goldberg-like device that completes a required final task while using a sequence of consecutive energy transfers.

About Science Olympiad

For the past 30 years, Science Olympiad has led a revolution in science education. What began as a grassroots assembly of science teachers is now one of the premiere science competitions in the nation, providing rigorous, standards-based challenges to nearly 7,000 teams in 50 states. Science Olympiad's ever-changing line-up of events in all STEM disciplines exposes students to practicing scientists and career choices, and energizes classroom teachers with a dynamic content experience.

Dr. Stanley Tretter appointed chief medical officer

Family Physician Stanley Tretter was recently appointed chief medical officer at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. The chief medical officer (CMO) position is a new position that will join Memorial Hospital's administrative staff and act as a liaison with the medical staff. In addition to the CMO position, Dr. Tretter will continue to practice at Dale Family Medicine on a part-time basis. Dale Family Medicine, including Dr. Stanley Tretter, Dr. Rebecca Ferguson, and Kristen Bree, NP-C will maintain full time medical care for the Dale area and Spencer County.

Dr. Tretter received his medical degree at the Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis and completed his residency at the Deaconess Family Practice Residency Program in Evansville. He joined the active medical staff at Memorial Hospital and began working at Dale Family Medicine in 2001. He is board certified in Family Medicine. Dr. Tretter currently serves as the Medical Director of Core Nursing and Rehab of Dale and as a Spencer County Health Officer.

Dr. Tretter has served in many leadership roles at Memorial Hospital and throughout



DR. STANLEY TRETTER

the community including the Spencer County Board of Health, Spencer County Child Protection Team, Memorial Hospital's Board of Directors, Memorial Hospital Physicians Advisory Council, and the Edwin C. Tretter Foundation.

Dr. Tretter, his wife, Jennifer, and their three daughters reside in Spencer County.

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