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## How to get help from your township trustee

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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One of the main jobs of township government is to provide assistance to the poor, in emergency situations. That assistance can include help with clothing, food, cleaning and hygiene items, medical assistance, housing, utilities, funeral expenses, and transportation to seek or maintain employment. Townships receive tax dollars each year to provide assistance to the public. And monies not handed out in that fund for the year, roll over to the next year. All six townships had \$236,722 in their township assistance accounts at the end of 2016.

Someone in need of assistance must apply at the township trustee's office where they live, have an emergency need, and be willing to help themselves as much as possible. A state approved township assistance application should be provided to each applicant.

According to Indiana code, a township trustee cannot give aid to an individual who receives food stamps or other government assistance. If a trustee believes that the applicant or any member of their household qualifies for food stamps, Social Security or other government benefits, they cannot provide aid. If the applicant has applied for other assistance and been denied in the last 180 days, they have to provide proof in order to receive assistance.

In the case of emergency assistance, a township trustee must promptly act when receiving an application for assistance. In non-emergency situations, the trustee must act on a completed application within 72 hours after receiving it, excluding weekends and legal holidays. If an application is denied, the trustee has to include a statement listing the specific reasons the assistance was denied. Applicants denied can then go to the county commissioners to appeal the decision. The trustee is required to provide the applicants information on how to appeal the decision to the commissioners, which must be done within 15 days of the denial.

Township trustees gather a plethora of information from applicants including their name, income, assets, wasted resources, relatives capable of providing assistance, past or present employment, pending claims or causes of action, and medical conditions in relation to em-

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#### Rutherford Township

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ployment. They must also get consent from any other adult member of the household to check with government benefits offices to see if the applicant or any member of the family is receiving or has filed for assistance, including unemployment benefits.

Trustees can also require able-bodied applicants to seek employment. They can withhold approving assistance until satisfied that the applicant is actively seeking a job. The township trustee is required to help the applicant in seeking the employment.

According to Indiana code, each township is required to have a published phone number in the name of the township. See the side bar for contact information for each township in Martin County. To apply for assistance, contact the trustee of the township in which you live.

Last week, the *Martin County Journal* had an article on township government's (See 'ASSISTANCE' cont. on page 2)



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### Flying high

The Red-tailed Hawk is a bird of open country. Look for it along fields and perched on telephones poles, fenceposts, or trees standing alone or along edges of fields.

## Shoals to hold Kindergarten Round-Up on Friday, April 7

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 7, at Shoals Elementary School from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pre-registration is necessary for all students by Friday, March 24.

A child must be five years old on or before Monday, August 1, 2017, 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. The school asks that you choose which session works with your schedule and include when registering.

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

(Space is limited for each session so they encourage you 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 7 years of age are: 5 doses of DTaP, 4 doses of OPV, 2 MMRs, 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine, 2 doses chicken pox vaccine (Varicella) or record of the disease, and 2 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 24 keeping in mind that the school office will be closed March 27-March 31 for Spring Break. To ensure proper delivery, the school highly discourages registration by email.

Send your name, your child's name, birthdate and sex, address, phone number, email, and which session you would like to attend by Friday, March 24 to Shoals Elementary School, 11749 Ironton Road, Shoals, IN 47581; phone: 812-247-2085; fax: 812-247-9913.

## Loogootee Kindergarten Round-up

Loogootee Elementary will hold their Kindergarten Round-up on Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the elementary school.

Kindergarten round-up is an informative night for incoming kindergarten parents and students.

Prospective students and parents will be able to meet Elementary Principal Dara Chezem School Nurse Tiffany Lingenfelter, hear from the kindergarten teachers about what the students

will be learning during the year and what skills you can be working on over the summer, and students will get a chance to see the classrooms, tour a bus, and check out the cafeteria, and participate in a hands-on craft.

Parents will also be able to sign up for kindergarten screening, which will be on Friday, April 15.

You may also sign-up for screening by calling the elementary office at 812-295-2833.



# ASSISTANCE

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annual reports. The state, on occasion, checks in with township government to see that they are following state guidelines, etc. Below are links to the most recent reports. Some of the reports reflect former township trustees, not currently in office. The reports show any non-compliance issues, fund discrepancies, and any other state code not being followed properly.

Most recent township compliance reports:

**Halbert**

Compliance report done June 12, 2014: <http://www.in.gov/sboa/WebReports/B43678.pdf>

Financial and compliance report done December 7, 2011: <http://www.in.gov/sboa/WebReports/B39897.pdf>

**Lost River**

Compliance report done June 12, 2014: <http://www.in.gov/sboa/WebReports/B43682.pdf>

Financial and compliance report done December 7, 2011: <http://www.in.gov/sboa/WebReports/B39896.pdf>

**Mitcheltree**

Compliance report done August 27, 2014: <http://www.in.gov/sboa/WebReports/B44139.pdf>

Financial and compliance report done December 7, 2011: <http://www.in.gov/sboa/WebReports/B39895.pdf>

**Perry**

Compliance report done August 18, 2014: <http://www.in.gov/sboa/WebReports/B44058.pdf>

Financial and compliance report done December 7, 2011: <http://www.in.gov/sboa/WebReports/B39891.pdf>

**Rutherford**

Compliance report done June 27, 2014: <http://www.in.gov/sboa/WebReports/B43767.pdf>

Financial and compliance report done November 22, 2011: <http://www.in.gov/sboa/WebReports/B39800.pdf>

**Center**

Compliance report done November 22, 2011: <http://www.in.gov/sboa/WebReports/B39799.pdf>

Financial and compliance report done August 18, 2014: <http://www.in.gov/sboa/WebReports/B44081.pdf>

# County council approves additional money requests

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Martin County Council met Monday night, March 6. Council Member Warren Albright was not present for the meeting.

The council approved the following additional money requests:

- \$4,635 from the general fund for a copy machine for the recorder's office. Recorder Rhonda Sanders said she is donating her old copy machine to the surveyor's office.

- \$159 from the general fund for the salaries at the coroner's office. Auditor January Roush said that she made a mistake in the salary ordinance and did not include the three percent raises for the coroner's office employees for this year.

- \$3,368 from the general fund to pay off the compensation time for the courthouse custodian. Roush said that over the years, the custodian has built up the hours and they want to pay all the hours off to get him back to zero.

- \$7,230 from the general fund for the salaries of the jail staff. Roush said this was also a mistake on her part for not adding the employees' three percent raises for this year.

- \$24,000 from CEDIT (County Economic Development Income Tax) to pay for a road asset management

plan, to be done by HWC Engineering. Roush and Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett said the plan is required to apply for the Community Crossings Grant. The plan will include the condition of all county roads.

A request from the auditor's office for additional funds of \$14,500 was rescinded. Roush said that the money was originally requested to pay for new payroll software. She said the commissioners approved her spending the money for the upgrade but Commissioner Paul George voted against it saying he felt it was too much money. Roush said this bothered her so she looked into the software a little more and decided that she doesn't want it after all.

She also removed \$1,500 to pay to have a county website made. She and Courtney Hughett are going to do it instead, at no cost to the county.

Auditor Roush provided the council with an update on the renovations being done to the commissioners' meeting room and the bathroom. The ceiling tiles, carpeting, wall paper, trim and furniture are all being replaced. Roush said she had a budget of \$9,500 for the project and has spent a little more than \$9,000 at this point. Roush said she has been able to save quite a bit of money by shopping clearance items at home improvement stores.

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## MICHAEL CHAMBERS

Michael E. Chambers passed away at his home on March 6, 2017. A resident of Loogootee, he was 62.



He was born on December 28, 1954 in Daviess County; son of the late George and Ophia Chambers (Berry).

He loved to hunt, fish and work on trucks; he enjoyed spending time with his grandkids, family and friends.

He is survived by his daughters, Toni Clifton (Brian) of Shoals and Tina Wathen (Jason) of Loogootee; his companion of 36 years, Deana Chambers; grandchildren, Bran-

don Clifton, Zachary Clifton, Dakota Clifton, Nicholas Clifton, Ashlynn Wathen, Macey Wathen, Ruger Wathen; great-grandchild Noah Bradley; and siblings Marla Shappard, Craig Chambers, Cheryl Chambers, Diane Chambers, and Rick Chambers.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Ophia Chambers and a brother, Donald Chambers who died in infancy.

Visitation will be held Friday March 10 from 4-8 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

A funeral service will be conducted Saturday March 11 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with burial following in Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church Cemetery in Rutherford Township.

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

## ALMA JEAN SPRUELL

Alma Jean Spruell passed away on March 4, 2017. A resident of Indianapolis, she was 74.

She was born on December 17, 1942 in Haysville; daughter of the late Ralph and Elsie Braun Seitz.

She was a member Calvary Lutheran Church and was active in various activities within her church. She enjoyed sewing, quilting and playing cards.

Survivors include her sister, Marie Truelove of Loogootee and brother, Dan (Pat) Seitz of Washington and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Don Spruell and sister, Marlene Hief.

A funeral service was held at noon, Tuesday, March 7 Calvary Lutheran Church in Indianapolis. An additional graveside service will be held today at

3 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Haysville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Lutheran or St. John's Lutheran in Loogootee. Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.gherrmann.com](http://www.gherrmann.com) and [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

## Extras needed for James Whitcomb Riley documentary

WTIU Public Television is looking for extras to appear in its upcoming documentary James Whitcomb Riley: Hoosier Poet. WTIU will be filming a segment for the program March 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Tivoli Theatre in Spencer. Doors to the theater will open at 6 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

During the segment, actor Ronald Keaton will portray Riley and perform readings of his poetry. Extras are needed for the audience and are encouraged to dress in period clothing from 1870-1910. Period clothing is not required for admission to the filming; however, those dressed in costume will be placed closer to the stage. Anyone interested in being an extra should contact [wtiu@indiana.edu](mailto:wtiu@indiana.edu) to receive a dress packet with complete instructions on appropriate period clothing with photo examples.

About the documentary:

During his lifetime (1849-1916), James Whitcomb Riley's poetry was immensely popular. Known as the "Hoosier poet," the Greenfield, Ind., native authored nearly 1,000 poems, including his famous dialect works "Little Orphant Annie" and "The Raggedy Man." Over 100 years after his death, Riley is still one of the most recognized literary figures from Indiana. James Whitcomb Riley: Hoosier Poet provides insight into Riley's life and writing and why his literary influence endures today. The documentary premieres this August on WTIU.

## Job Fair is March 11 at VU Gibson Center

Vincennes University's Gibson County Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Logistics will be the site of a Job Fair on March 11, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. CST. The event will be hosted by Careers by Lincoln and attendees should bring copies of their resume.

Participating companies include Kimball Electronics Group, Custom Staffing Services, BWXT, SRG Global, Securitas, Toyota Boshoku Indiana, McDonalds, Southwest Health Care, WorkOne, Aerotek, Health South, and Hucks.

VU's Gibson County Center for Advanced Manufacturing is a leading resource for workforce development. The 57,000 square-foot facility features modern and flexible training labs and classrooms that serve employers, employees, and students within southwestern Indiana's industrial corridor. The Center is located at the intersection of U.S. Hwy 41 and Coal Mine Road.

## Remember and honor your loved ones with a gift that keeps giving back to Martin County

Gifts sent to the Martin County Community Foundation build the endowments that continue to grow and give back in the form of grants to charitable causes in Martin County, forever.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:25 a.m. - Received a report of a trespasser north of Shoals. Captain Dant responded. After Captain Dant found the vehicle, a pursuit through the Pandanaram area ensued. The subject was apprehended and taken in to custody.

8:00 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

8:44 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:12 a.m. - Received a report of a deer stuck in a fence north of Loogootee. ICO Doane and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Crane Fire, and Martin County Deputy Coroner Hamby responded. The subject was transported to Blake Funeral Home.

3:03 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 heading in to Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

3:33 p.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted department of child services with a detail in Shoals.

4:25 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took two inmates to court.

5:57 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person on Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

8:43 p.m. - Deputy Reed performed a vehicle identification check in Shoals.

9:12 p.m. - Received an alarm call north of Loogootee. Deputy Reed and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded. Everything was okay.

11:14 p.m. - Received a report of animal cruelty near Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

2:03 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

2:58 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

8:04 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

8:45 a.m. - Received an alarm call north of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Lents and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and all was okay.

8:57 a.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

11:26 a.m. - Received a report of a possible lightning strike in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

11:35 a.m. - Received a report of animal cruelty near Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

2:42 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with injuries on US 50, west of Shoals. Captain Dant, Sergeant Keller, Sheriff Roush, Shoals Fire, and two ambulances from the Martin County Ambulance responded. Multiple subjects were transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:15 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took two inmates to court.

6:34 p.m. - Town Marshal Eckert performed a vehicle identification check in Shoals.

11:34 p.m. - Received an alarm call north of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded and all was okay.

11:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Salmon, Deputy Reed, and LPD Officer Floyd responded. No one was transported.

11:54 p.m. - Received a call of trees down north of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

1:16 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Martin County Civil Defense, Deputy Salmon, and Deputy Reed responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

Various times - We received several calls about trees down all throughout the county. Crews from the Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, Williams Fire Department, Martin County Highway Department, Haysville Fire Department, and the Martin County Sheriff's Office responded to remove the trees.

5:23 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50, west of Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded.

5:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Lost River Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:54 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident. Captain Dant responded.

8:16 a.m. - Received a report of power lines down south of Shoals. R.E.M.C. was contacted.

12:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:45 p.m. - Received a report of power lines on fire south of Shoals. R.E.M.C. responded.

4:02 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down west of Shoals. Captain Dant and Civil Defense responded.

4:20 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across power lines south of Shoals. Contacted R.E.M.C.

5:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:37 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:29 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 2

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

2:03 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire, Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, and Captain Dant responded. Patient transported to the hospital by personal vehicle.

2:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:53 p.m. - Received a report of a verbal dispute in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

4:30 p.m. - Received a report of a

reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

11:03 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 3

7:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:20 a.m. - Received a call requesting to burn brush in the Shoals town limits. Per Shoals Fire Chief Hamby, there is no burning allowed in town.

10:18 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and no transport was needed.

10:50 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

12:57 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded for lift assistance.

6:54 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:59 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Deputy Shinn responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:24 p.m. - Deputy Shinn assisted a motorist east of Loogootee.

11:30 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd and ISP Troopers Beaver and Johnson responded. Everything was okay.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 4

12:20 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

2:19 a.m. - Received a report of harassment near Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

9:30 a.m. - Loogootee Officer Dant performed two vehicle identification checks near Loogootee.

11:56 a.m. - Received a report of threats with a weapon near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

1:05 p.m. - Received a report of threats in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Dant responded.

3:01 p.m. - Loogootee Officer Dant performed a vehicle identification check in Loogootee.

4:11 p.m. - Received a report of theft near Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

6:04 p.m. - Received a report of threats near Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 5

12:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

1:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

1:48 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire south of Shoals. Lost River Fire and Shoals Fire responded.

3:44 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded and everything was okay.

5:46 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, Deputy Reed, and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded. Two subjects were transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:07 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Southwest Medical transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:16 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Lawrence County Ambulance responded.

7:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Lost River Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:35 p.m. - Received a medical alert alarm call north of Loogootee. Crane Fire responded.

### Real estate transfers

**Kerry R. Drabing**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Kevin D. Graber and Amanda K. Graber**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a portion of the southeast quarter of fractional Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 18.56 acres, more or less.

**Matthew Wagler**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **David Waylon Souer-dike**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the south half of Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana.

**JAP Enterprises, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Chad M. Grafton and Rita F. Grafton**, of Martin County, Indiana, a parcel of real estate 60 feet by 210 feet off of the southwest corner of a tract of land in the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Brenda S. McCauley and Brian S. McCauley**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brian S. McCauley and Priscilla A. McCauley**, of Martin County, Indiana, all that part of the west half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 2 acres, more or less, except a section containing one-half acre, more or less.

**Kenneth L. Inman, Beverly A. Miller, Janet L. Sabatier and Connie Jo Bledsoe**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Robert Miller**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 43, 44, and 45 in Keck's Addition to the town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Leslie Marie Doyle**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jason Loughmiller**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3, Range 5 West, containing 0.38 acres, more or less.

**Lois Knepp to The Lois Knepp Revocable Trust**, the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter, Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, also the northwest quarter of Section 2, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 180 acres, more or less, except exceptions containing 17.79 acres and 5.297 acres, more or less.

### Loogootee golf cart registration

Golf cart registration will be available on Saturday, March 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Loogootee Municipal Building. Renewal fee is \$10 and a new registration is \$25. Golf carts must be renewed before April 1, 2017.

# COURT NEWS

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

## CRIMINAL COURT

### New Charges Filed

#### February 2

Brian M. Conley, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

#### February 6

Timothy S. Morrow, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; burglary, a Class 4 Felony; theft, a Class A Misdemeanor.

#### February 7

Dustin J. Butler, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Craig A. Bell, residential entry, a Class 6 Felony; battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor.

#### February 9

Jason E. Craft, pointing a firearm, a Class 6 Felony.

#### February 13

James J. Vasquez, operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Garrett W. Biehl, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

#### February 14

David F. Smith, hunting deer with the aid of bait, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Timothy C. Romanowski, hunting deer – no license in possession, a Class B Misdemeanor; unlawful taking of a deer or wild turkey, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Blount C. Hall, hunting deer with the aid of bait, a Class C Misdemeanor.

#### February 15

Jenna L. Gibson, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor.

#### February 17

Brandon L. Baker, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Peggy R. Stoll, domestic battery by bodily waste, a Class 6 Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor.

#### February 21

Valerie A. McCarthy, operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Miranda J. Case, neglect of a dependent, a Class 6 Felony.

Larry G. Holt, Jr., possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

#### February 23

Jeremiah E. Jackson, operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substances or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor; leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor; habitual vehicular substance offender sentence enhancement.

Abraham Martinez-Yebra, leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Ernest W. Davis, aggravated battery, a Class 3 Felony; criminal confinement, a Class 3 Felony; domestic battery resulting in serious bodily injury, a Class 5 Felony; strangulation, a Class 6 Felony.

Jesse L. Kane, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; possession of a narcotic drug, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Brandon C. Lindsey, operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor; two counts of operating while intoxicated with previous conviction within 5 years, Class 6 Felonies.

#### February 27

Dober R. Ramirez, operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Travis A. Souerdike, strangulation, a Class 6 Felony; domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor.

#### February 28

Brian M. Padgett, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Tessa M. Kelly, resisting law enforcement, a Class 6 Felony.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES

### DISMISSED

#### February 27

Kevin B. Streete, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 2 Felony, dismissed; possession of methamphetamine, a Class 3 Felony, dismissed; two counts of dealing in a narcotic drug, Class 5 Felonies, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; two counts of dealing in a schedule IV controlled substance, Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed; dealing in marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; two counts of dealing in a narcotic drug, Class 4 Felonies, dismissed; two counts of dealing in a schedule IV controlled substance, Class 6 Felonies, dismissed; dealing in marijuana, a Class 5 Felony, dismissed; habitual offender sentence enhancement, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

#### February 22

Bruce and Lucinda Kellams vs. Rick Abel and State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, civil tort.

#### February 23

Crane Credit Union vs. Thomas J. Johnson, civil collection.

TD Bank USA vs. Kathy Walls, civil collection.

#### February 27

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Cynthia Nelson, civil collection.

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Michael Wilson, civil collection.

James Hager vs. Louton Hager, domestic relations no children.

#### February 28

Ashley L. Echavarría vs. Austin C. Echavarría, domestic relations with children.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

### New Suits Filed

#### February 23

Crane Credit Union vs. Wykeia M. Collins, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Amber D. Fortune, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Mark A.

Bristol, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Traci Grafton and Chad Grafton, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Stacia Wells and Terry Wells, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. James H.

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:30 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the county with an arrest of a male for violating a protective order.

10:15 a.m. - Caller reported a deer caught in a fence.

3:03 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

9:32 p.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Unknown time - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

2:58 a.m. - Caller reported a male who may need medical assistance.

8:45 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a residential alarm.

8:57 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a residential alarm.

4:20 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

4:40 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50. Officer Floyd located the vehicle.

9:58 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male on SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

11:48 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the ambulance service.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

1:28 a.m. - Caller reported limbs down on US 231.

11:15 a.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

6:20 p.m. - Caller reported a stray dog on North Line Street. Dog was transported to the humane society.

6:35 p.m. - First responders were requested on Cedar Street for a medical call.

8:31 p.m. - First responders were requested on Mt. Calvary Road for a medical call.

11:29 p.m. - First responders were requested on Day Road for a medical call.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 2

2:50 a.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50. Officer was unable to locate.

4:10 a.m. - Officer McBeth located a stolen trailer that was reported out of Indianapolis.

10:05 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

3:35 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

4:29 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

6:15 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle on Hwy 50.

11:03 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the ambulance service.

7:50 p.m. - Female called to report her daughter had run away. Juvenile was later located.

10:04 p.m. - First responders were requested on Mt. Calvary Road for a medical call.

11:30 p.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 4

8:40 a.m. - Female requested an officer in assisting her getting some personal belongings from a residence.

9:30 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

11:56 a.m. - Officer Dant assisted the county with an arrest on US 231.

3:01 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

Ringer, complaint.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

### March 6

Gregory J. Halcomb of West Allis, Wisconsin and Georgina P. Flores of West Allis, Wisconsin.

7:29 p.m. - Caller reported a civil matter.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 5

2:45 p.m. - First responders were requested at McDonalds for a medical call.

5:42 p.m. - Loogootee Fire assisted on a vehicle accident on US 231.

6:16 p.m. - First responders were requested on Dover Hill Road for a medical call.

# ARRESTS

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:20 a.m. - Tessa Kelly, 46, of Medora, was arrested by Captain Dant and charged with resisting law enforcement and on a Lawrence County warrant. She is being held without bond.

10:10 a.m. - Brian Padgett, 41, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sergeant Keller and charged with invasion of privacy and is being held without bond.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

3:05 p.m. - Ronald Johnson, 29, of Evansville, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with driving while suspended-prior. He is being held without bond.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 3

2:08 a.m. - Angie Gerkin, 42, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with possession of meth and maintaining a common nuisance.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 4

1:33 p.m. - Ricky Lind, 64, of Loogootee, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and charged with pointing a firearm and intimidation. He is being held without bond.

# Accident reports

## THURSDAY, MARCH 2

4:07 p.m. - Charles P. Graber, of Loogootee, was operating a 2001 Ford on Grant Street when he pulled onto SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and into the path of a 2000 Chrysler operated by Kayla R. Abel, of Loogootee. Officer Floyd investigated.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 4

12:20 a.m. - Brianna R. Wagler, of Loogootee, was operating a 2011 Buick on Bloomfield Road. At this time a deer ran into her path. Officer Floyd investigated.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 4

6:21 p.m. - Betty L. Burris, of Loogootee, was backing her 1989 Olds from a parking spot at the St. John Church when she backed into a 2015 Toyota owned by Victoria Strange, of Jasper. Sgt. Norris investigated.

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## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



Two sisters, one blonde and one brunette, inherit the family ranch. Unfortunately, after just a few years, they are in financial trouble. In order to keep the bank from repossessing the ranch, they need to purchase a bull from the stockyard in a far town so that they can breed their own stock.

They only have \$600 left. Upon leaving, the brunette tells her sister, "When I get there, if I decide to buy the bull, I'll contact you to drive out after me and haul it home."

The brunette arrives at the stockyard, inspects the bull, and decides she wants to buy it. The man tells her that he will sell it for \$599, no less.

After paying him, she drives to the nearest town to send her sister a telegram to tell her the news. She walks into the telegraph office and says, "I want to send a telegram to my sister telling her that I've bought a bull for our ranch. I need her to hitch the trailer to our pickup truck and drive out here so we can haul it home."

The telegraph operator explains that he'll be glad to help her, then adds, "It's just 99 cents a word."

Well, after paying for the bull, the brunette only has \$1 left. She realizes

that she'll only be able to send her sister one word.

After a few minutes of thinking, she nods and says, "I want you to send her one word: comfortable."

The operator shakes his head. "How is she ever going to know that you want her to hitch the trailer to your pickup truck and drive out here to haul that bull back to your ranch if you send her just the word 'comfortable'?"

The brunette explains, "My sister's blonde. The word's big. She'll read it very slowly ... com-for-da-bull."

### TOP 10 THINGS YOU WILL REGRET WHEN YOU'RE OLD:

1. Not traveling when you had the chance.
2. Staying in a bad relationship.
3. Caring too much what other people think.
4. Being afraid to say "I love you."
5. Working too much.
6. Not playing with your kids enough.
7. Not spending enough time with your parents.
8. Never taking a big risk.
9. Not quitting a terrible job.
10. Not realizing how beautiful you are.

### A LITTLE HUMOR:

1. Sometimes I shock myself with the smart stuff I say and do. Then, there are times when I try to get out of the car with my seat belt on.
2. Home sounds like a good place until they say they're going to put you in one.
3. Ate this whole box of Thin Mints. Not feeling very thin at all.
4. Dance like no one is watching. Sing like no one is listening. Eat pizza like somebody might try to take it away from you at any moment.
5. If there are no ups and downs in your life, it means you are dead.
6. Some people should use a glue stick instead of Chapstick.
7. America is a country which produces citizens who will cross the ocean to fight for democracy, but won't cross the street to vote.
8. I find it ironic that the colors, red, white, and blue stand for freedom, until they are flashing behind you.
9. If you fall, I will be there. -Floor.
10. Sometimes I get road rage walking behind people at the grocery store.
11. A mother's love is unconditional. Her temper is another matter.
12. In March, we will begin Daylight Savings Time. Don't forget to set your bathroom scale back 10 pounds.

Make someone smile today!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, March 9 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

### Loogootee City Council executive meeting

The Loogootee City Council will meet in executive session Monday, March 13 at 4:30 p.m. in the council meeting room of the Loogootee Municipal Building. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss potential litigation and is closed to the public pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2).

### Democrat meeting

The Martin County Democratic Party will meet Monday March 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Loogootee City Hall.

### Sunday nights of revival

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

### AL-ANON meetings

AL-ANON, a support group for those impacted by substance abuse, meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. at Loogootee Redemption Church.

### Attention Senior Citizens

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

### Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school-age children every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 200 West Main Street next to the post office. For more info, call 812-709-2525.

### SOAR Tutoring

Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Karen at 812-709-1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

### Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 5:30 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend.

### Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

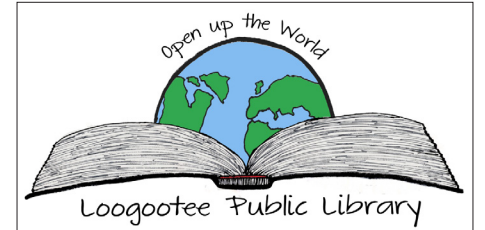
### Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Loughmiller Ma-

chine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public is invited to attend.

### Soil and Water meetings

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



### BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library has subscribed to Wowbrary, a service that allows users to view the library's newest books and movies. If you are interested, go to [www.wowbrary.org/signup.aspx](http://www.wowbrary.org/signup.aspx) and sign up for your free weekly email.

### New Books:

Mystery: "Broken Glass" by V.C. Andrews, "Pekoe Most Poison" by Laura Childs, and "Banana Cream Pie Murder" by Joanne Fluke.

Fiction: "Dangerous Minds" by Danielle Steel.

Inspirational Fiction: "Long Time Gone" by Mary Connealy and "Treasured Grace" by Tracie Peterson.

Children's Fiction: "New Middle School Escape to Australia" by James Patterson.

Nonfiction: "Spoil Your Pet: A Practical Guide to Using Essential Oils in Dogs and Cats" by Mia Frezzo, DVM, and "Holistic Aromatherapy for Animals" by Kristen Leigh Bell.

### NEW DVDs:

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

## Stewards of Children free training next month

Crisis Connection will be providing a free training on Friday, April 7, 2017 and Friday, April 21, 2017 on Stewards of Children. Stewards of Children is a revolutionary interactive prevention program, developed by Darkness to Light, Inc., a national child sexual abuse prevention organization. The program educates adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse, and to take proactive steps to protect children.

The mission of Crisis Connection, Inc. is to promote individual accountability and respect to end domestic and sexual assault through confidential crisis intervention, victim advocacy, primary prevention education, and collaboration with community partners.

The training on April 7 will start at 9:30 a.m. EST at the Ferdinand Library with registration at 9 a.m. The class size is limited to the first 25 participants. Please RSVP by calling 812-482-1555.

The training on April 21 will start at 1:30 p.m. EST at the Washington Carnegie Public Library with registration at 1 p.m. The class size is limited to the first 25 participants. Please RSVP by calling 812-482-1555.

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**Making A Difference**

**MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

By Curt Johnson  
MCCF Executive Director



“...compassion ... does not assume its true proportions until it embraces not only man but every living being.”  
-Albert Schweitzer

-- REVERENCE FOR LIFE --

Albert Schweitzer, one of the most renowned theologians, philosophers and philanthropists of the last century, made that statement in his 1952 Nobel Peace Prize speech for his philosophy of “reverence for life.” He was instrumental in raising national awareness of the treatment of animals, and subsequently of humane societies in our country.

-- HUMANE SOCIETY --

A humane society is a group that aims to stop human or animal suffering, although the term is now used mostly for the prevention of cruelty to animals. Our own Martin County Humane Society (MCHS) embodies this goal and reverence for life at the animal shelter in Loogootee. They take in cats and dogs to care and nurture them until they are adopted into a needy home.

-- ANIMAL SHELTER --

The MCHS Animal Shelter houses, on the average, 50 dogs and cats. Since they are a no-kill shelter, space is usually only available when a pet is adopted. To help with the space issue, the MCCF challenged the humane society to raise \$1,250 for their Shelter Improvement Project. And the challenge included a match of \$2 for \$1 raised once they get the goal. They were successful and the MCCF recently awarded them the matching \$2,500 grant. This project is adding and improving housing spaces as well as an updated quarantine area to better protect the other animals.

-- A PET GIVES BACK --

The animal shelter helps to improve our quality of life and our county by

helping to control the population of stray cats and dogs. The shelter could also have that companion you’ve been waiting for. These pets not only give unconditional love, but they have also been shown to be psychologically, emotionally and physically beneficial to you. Caring for a pet can provide a sense of purpose and fulfillment and lessen the feeling of loneliness.

-- WHY ADOPT --

The animal shelter has a large variety of colors and sizes of cats and dogs. They have been able to go from 91 pets adopted in 2013, up to 273 in 2016. What a service! And for a nominal adoption fee, your pet will come to you with several types of vaccinations and treatments, spay/neuter, heartworm testing (for dogs over 7 months old), a bag of food, and a goodie bag. This fee is a deal for you since it does not nearly cover all the costs; the rest is covered by donations from caring citizens in our county.

-- WE ALL CAN HELP --

The MCCF is pleased to be able to help the Martin County Humane Society continue to improve and provide a valuable service for our community. You can help too. Just call them at 812-295-5900. Their website [www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org](http://www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org) also has a lot of good information and how you can donate money or items they need.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

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

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



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Pictured left to right are Curt Johnson (MCCF Executive Director), Josh Hughett (Humane Society President), Susan Wittmer (Human Society Vice-President) and Brian Esch (MCCF Board member) presenting the grant check.

# 4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown  
Martin County Purdue  
Extension Educator



Club Meetings

Jolly Juniors - Tuesday, March 21 at 6 p.m. at the Truelove Church.

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

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

Horse and Pony--

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

Recently application of interest forms for state camps, conferences, and trips were sent to all 4-H families. If you are thinking of attending any of these events, please fill out the form and send it back to the Extension Office. More information will be sent to you as it becomes available.

Upcoming Events

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

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

Sheep & Goat: May 6, 2017 - 9-11

a.m.

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

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

Become a Volunteer

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

## New painting classes to start March 14

A new painting class, instructed by Bill Whorrall, will be held March 14, 21, and 28 and April 4 and 11 from 4-6 p.m. at the Martin County Learning Center Conference Room. The fee is \$15 per class or \$65 for all five classes. This is a painting class for young and old beginners and also those who have some experience. If you would like to learn how to paint or improve your skills, this is the class for you. Materials will be provided unless you have paints, canvas etc. you want to bring on your own.

Please contact Bill Whorrall at 812-388-6639 to register or if you have questions. You can also contact SOAR at 812-707-1618 for further information.

# CLASSIFIED ADS

## HELP WANTED

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT POSITIONS

The Martin County Highway Department is accepting applications for **Part-Time Operators** (with potential full time) and a **Full-Time Mechanic**. Applicants must have a valid CDL Class A or B license. A pre-employment drug screen will be required.

**Applications can be picked up and submitted to the Martin County Highway Department, 10753 Sherfick School Rd, Shoals.**

**Deadline for submitting applications is March 24, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.**

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Last week's storms made for a lot of clean-up work in the gardens. At Sandhill Gardens, most of the clean-up was simply picking up the sticks that had fallen from the trees, but I have talked with many who had trees down and other damage to buildings.

For those with minimal damage, clean-up is simple. Using good, sharp pruners, cut any damaged limbs back to the limb collar. There is no need to paint anything on the cut. Most tree experts agree that a clean cut will allow the tree or shrub to compartmentalize the damage and heal quickly without any sealing. If there is any sign of disease, disinfect the saws and pruners between cuts to keep from spreading the disease. This may be done by either dipping the blades in a ten percent bleach solution or rubbing alcohol or by putting the disinfectant in a spray bottle and spraying the blades between cuts.

The complete loss of a large tree can mean a major change for a garden. Clean-up is only the beginning. After the debris has been cut and removed, one must decide on what to do about the stump. There are stump grinders who will remove the stump for a fee. That is certainly the quickest way to get rid of the stump. Another option is to drill holes into the stump and apply chemicals that are available to accelerate the decomposition of the stump. Although this will speed the decomposition, it will still take several months to completely remove the stump.

Depending on the way the tree fell, one may have the option of leaving the trunk standing, cutting back the limbs to form a snag. One may girdle the trunk by cutting a ring around the base of the trunk. This will prevent sprouts from forming on the snag. Over time, the snag will become a home for a lot of wildlife.

Another option is to use the trunk as a sculpture. Find someone who is experienced in chainsaw carving and have him or her carve the trunk into a work of art. Treating the carving with a preservative will mean the sculpture will be around for many years.

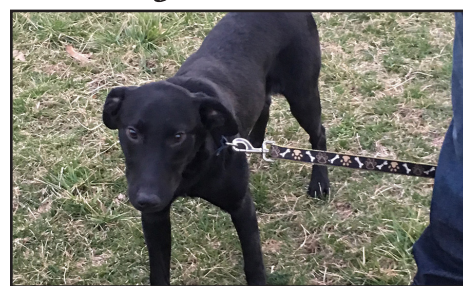
Still another option is just to disguise the stump. One may cut it as close to the ground as possible and then sur-

round the stump with stones, castle blocks or some other material to form a raised bed. Fill the bed with soil and plant some annuals that do not require a deep root system.

Regardless of the way you choose to remove the stump, it is virtually impossible to remove all of the remains of the tree. The roots will likely remain for many years and may send up some sprouts. These sprouts are not likely to mature into good trees and should be removed as soon as possible. As the roots begin to decay, you may notice mushrooms growing in the area, feeding upon the decaying roots. If you do not like the look of the mushrooms in your yard, just knock them down. They will return, but will disappear when the roots have completely decayed.

The loss of a large tree will also affect the surrounding gardens. Where once hostas and other shade-loving plants thrived, now they may be burned and become unsightly. Since even planting a new tree in the area will not immediately give the amount of shade of the mature specimen, you may need to move the shade plants as soon as the foliage begins to appear. On the bright side, this may give you the opportunity to try some new sun-loving plants and to create a new look for the gardens. Get a nursery catalogue or plant book and begin planning your new sunny garden. You may find that you like the change in your garden.

## ANIMAL SHELTER *Pet of the Week*



Jack is a male terrier/lab mix, 1 year old. Very sweet, active. He is neutered and up to date on shots. Adoption fee is \$80. The animal shelter is open Monday and Wednesday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee.



Yes, it appears that we are trying to have an early spring, but I refuse to count those chicks before they hatch! Abnormally warm weather in February and early March is not that uncommon here in Indiana, unfortunately neither are late March and early April snows. On average across the state, the accumulated growing degree days are higher than normal so far this year.

Now, it is REALLY early still, but I know how some think about ANY new green growth in the pastures. Let's think this through together. Grazing too early in the spring (technically it's not spring yet) does nothing but remove the solar panel the plants need to start building sugars and growing new roots. The forages really need to be able to fully leaf out or canopy and get a good start before animals start removing that new growth otherwise production will be reduced.

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

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

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

I would hope you have been able to keep at least one or two fields with some stockpiled forage for early spring use. Stockpiled forages left from the previous season mixed with that new growth grass makes for a nicely balanced sward for grazing in the spring and a really nice place to calve, including minimal mud and good quality balanced forage to eat. If you have never tried it, you will wonder why you haven't.

This is one normally one of my favor-

ite times of the year to build fence. We often get nice breaks in the weather, not too hot or cold and soil conditions are usually very good for pounding posts. If you are in the early stages of doing some divisions and want to keep some flexibility, then utilize longer linear fences dividing bigger areas into longer narrower fields which can be easily subdivided down with temporary fence into whatever size is needed or cut for hay, if needed.


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

It is extremely difficult to maintain a stand of quality forages that will produce quality, nutritious feed without adequate soil fertility levels. Everyone has tried it, but you soon see that by "getting by" with lower levels of nutrients, especially phosphorus and potassium, you are doing just that, "getting by," but with lower yields, lower quality forages, and lower carrying capacities. Just like an annual field crop, your forage crop needs to be fertilized and managed. Once the field is to moderate or better levels of fertility it is easy to maintain it at that level if it is only used for grazing. Any mechanical removal takes away nutrients that will need to be replaced. Graze as much as you can and hay as little as you can, especially land that is hard to get fertilizer equipment on.

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

Now, if you are planning to take an early cutting of hay off a field, then putting most or all of your fertilizer on in early spring is not too bad an idea; especially any nitrogen. If the application is on pasture, then you may want to rethink it just a little. There is no use adding fuel to the fire by adding a lot of nitrogen to that spring growth spurt. You are much better off to wait and do at least a split application. Apply half of it in mid-June toward the end of the spring growth and the other half in early fall to help that great fall-growth period. The June application will help you keep things going through the summer better...especially with some timely rains...if that is possible.

Keep on grazing!



You are invited to come share the words of the gospel!

**Pastor Denver Craft will be the speaker at Hickory Ridge Church on Saturday, March 11 at 6 p.m.**

Everyone is welcome to attend.

*Hickory Ridge Church is located at 13693 N. St. Rd. 450, Shoals.*



**LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL**



**2017 Senior SPOTLIGHTS**



**BREIGH LAMAR**

Breigh D. LaMar is the daughter of Kelly and Sandra LaMar. After graduation, Breigh plans to attend Vincennes University. While in high school Breigh participated in Intern (12), Spanish Club (9-12), Pep Club (9-12), SADD (9-12), Cadet Teaching (11), and Student Council (9-11). Breigh also participated in Softball (9-12) and Volleyball (9-12).



**NOLAN LOTTES**

Nolan Herbert Lottes is the son of Herb and Donna Lottes. After graduation, Nolan plans to attend Vincennes University to study agribusiness. While in high school, Nolan participated in Beta Club (9-12), Pep Club (9-11), SADD (9-12), Spanish Club (9-11), Student Council (9-12), FFA (11, 12). Nolan was also FFA vice president (11) and FFA president (12).



**MYA HEDRICK**

Mya Annetee Hedrick is the daughter of Rodney and Melissa Hedrick. After graduation, Mya plans to attend Vincennes University to study Nursing. While in high school, Mya participated in Beta Club (9-10), Cadet Teaching (11), Chorus (9-12), Lionettes (9), Musical (11-12), Pep Club (9-12), SADD (9-12), Show Choir (9-11), Spanish Club (9-12), Student Council (9-12). Mya was also Spanish Club Vice President her senior year, and participated in Basketball (9-10), and Volleyball (9-12).



**EDEN JENKINS**

Eden Breann Jenkins is the daughter of Cari Jenkins and Pace Jenkins. After graduation, Eden plans to attend Purdue University to study Exploratory studies with the intent of studying in the medical field. While in high school Eden participated in the Math Academic Team (11,12), Beta Club (9,10,11,12), Cadet Teaching (11,12), Chorus (9,10,11), FACS (9), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (9,10,11), Pep Club (9,10,11,12), SADD (9,10,11,12), Spanish Club (9,10,11,12), Spell Bowl (9,10,11,12), Student Council (9,10,11). Eden was also her class Vice President (10), Spanish Club President (12), Secretary (11), Beta Club Vice President (12), SADD class rep. (9,10,11). Eden also participated in Volleyball (9,10), Tennis (9,10,11,12), and Tennis boys manager (11,12).



**BREANNA HOLLAWAY**

Breanna Nicole Hollaway is the daughter of Tony and Falcia Hollaway. After graduation, Breanna plans to attend USI to study Dental Hygiene. While in high school, Breanna participated in Beta Club (9-12), Cadet (11), Intern (12), Pep Club (9-12), SADD (9-12), Spanish Club (9-12), Spell Bowl (9), Student Council (9-11), and class treasurer (10). Kylie was also Beta Club President (12), and SADD VP (12). Kylie also participated in Tennis (9-12), and Volleyball (9-12).



**TRISTAN JONES**

Tristan Adam Jones is the son of Jason and Christina Frisz. After graduation, Tristan plans to attend Rose-Hulman to study chemical engineering. While in high school, Tristan participated in Band (9-12), Musical (11,12), Beta Club (9-12), and French Club (9-12). Tristan was Class Treasurer (11), and Beta Club State Treasurer (12). Tristan also participated in Cross-Country (9-12).



**Students, staff of the month**

*-Photo provided*

The Loogootee Elementary February Students and Staff Member of the Month were recently chosen. In the front row, from left to right, are Jayleigh Dedrick, Mosby Jones, Kamilla Wilson, Anistyn Aiman, Ryken Farhar, Xander Sheetz, and Daniel Farhar. In the second row, from left to right, are Ava Fuhrman, Jayda Donnersberger, Alaina Diamond, Mrs. Terri Smith, and Mylee Hembree. Not pictured was Mitchell Walton.



**3rd place spelling finish**

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On March 5, Alan Cook traveled to the Tri-State Spelling Bee contest in Evansville to compete against 115 other school spelling bee champions from the Tri-State region. Alan emerged as one of 33 finalists after a written test consisting of 15 spelling words and 15 vocabulary words. The 33 finalists then competed in an oral bee. Alan managed to stay in the competition right to the end—a grueling 36 rounds stretching out to 3.5 hours—finishing in 3rd place. (Alan had previously placed 9th in the 2015 Spelling Bee and 6th in 2016.) He is in the 8th grade at Shoals Jr-Sr High School and is the son of Edward and Angela Cook, of Shoals.

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