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ACCTS Banquet

-Photos by Bill Whorrall

The Area Churches honoring Christ Together in Service (ACCTS) 14th Annual Winter Banquet was held last week at St. John Center in Loogootee. More than 140 people attended the banquet this year, the most ever, and 148 sacks of groceries were given away to any family that attended that said they needed the extra help. Church members volunteer their time to help serve the free dinner and there were 37 volunteers helping out this year (some shown above). The food is also donated by church members.



Shoals to hold Kindergarten Round-Up

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 8, at Shoals Elementary School from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pre-registration is necessary for all students by Friday, March 18.

A child must be five years old on or before Monday, August 1, 2016, 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 mark the corresponding session on the registration form (found on page 3).

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

(Space is limited for each session so

Loogootee Elementary Kindergarten Round-up

Loogootee Elementary School will hold kindergarten round-up on Tuesday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the elementary school.

Kindergarten parents and students will:

-Meet Elementary Principal Dara Chezem and School Nurse Tiffany Lingenfelter

-Hear from the kindergarten teachers about what the students will be learn-

ing during the year and what skills you can be working on over the summer.

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

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) (See 'KINDERGARTEN' on page 2)

Council gives \$2,000 to help with county's Bicentennial celebration

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Council heard from the Bicentennial Committee at their meeting Monday night, March 7. Council President Rich Summers was not present for the meeting due to illness.

Marie Hawkins, who is the head of the Bicentennial for Martin County, told the council that there are several things the state recommends the county do for the Bicentennial celebration. One of those is to purchase a time capsule. The time capsule the committee is considering is around \$718. Hawkins said they plan to ask the public what should be included in the capsule, that will be buried for 100 years.

The state also wants the county to purchase a fiberglass buffalo. Each county in the state will be purchasing one or more for \$2,000 each and then painting them to depict their county. Hawkins said they have an artist who is willing to paint the buffalo and the cost would be \$700-\$800. After the Bicentennial celebration in September, the buffalo would be placed in the lawn of the old courthouse, now home to the county museum.

Hawkins said they have raised \$5,050 so far for the celebration and German American had agreed to do a match once they reached \$5,000.

After discussion, the council verbally agreed to give the Bicentennial committee \$2,000 to help cover some of the projects. The additional appropriation will have to be advertised before the

money can be officially given.

Hawkins also told the council that they had 37 nominations for the torch relay for the Bicentennial. The relay will begin at 6 p.m. in Burns City on September 13 and end at around 8 p.m. at the courthouse in Shoals. Each torch carrier will need to wear a uniform chosen by the state, a shirt, jacket and hat. The state will pay for the first 20 people in the torch relay but anything over that the county will have to pay for. The uniforms cost \$75 each. Hawkins said they will have 33 torch carriers and three alternates so may be in need of 14-17 more uniforms.

In other business, Sheriff Travis Roush introduced Tyler Reed as the newest deputy in the sheriff's department. Reed currently lives in Washington but said he will be moving to Loogootee in the next few weeks.

Sheriff Roush also expressed his gratitude to the council for the support for the sheriff's department.

The council approved a transfer in the highway department of \$10,000 from bridge construction to bridge inspections.

The council also approved, with Council Member Buck Stiles opposing, a salary and wage ordinance change to allow the highway department to hire a full-time, non-CDL operator/laborer for \$13.75 per hour. Auditor January Roush noted that due to the highway department having three employees off on medical leave, they have the money to cover the new hire in their budget.

The council voted to table appointment (See 'COUNCIL' cont. on page 2)



Sight for sore eyes

-Photo by Bill Whorrall,
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The first official day of spring is not until March 20 but with the warmer temperatures we are going to have this week and next, and all the rain, it's going to feel like we've already made it past the winter.

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KINDERGARTEN

(Continued from page one) 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 18 keeping in mind that the school office

will be closed March 21-March 25 for Spring Break. To ensure proper delivery, they highly discouraging registration by email.

If you have any questions concerning Kindergarten Round-Up, please contact the elementary school at 812-247-2085.

COUNCIL

(Continued from page one) ing anyone to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission and the Martin County Park Board until the April meeting.

Auditor Roush reported that the state has approved the county's property taxes so bills will be sent on time this year. The due date for the first installment is May 10.

AG seeks to find owners of decades-old Savings Bonds

Savings Bonds – once used as a way to save for the future or as a meaningful gift for children and grandchildren, have almost become a thing of the past. The historic nature of the Savings Bond is cause for many becoming lost and ending up in the possession of unclaimed property divisions across the nation. The Indiana Attorney General's Unclaimed Property Division is no exception. Indiana is working hard to return the bonds that they have in their possession, however the process has been difficult as these bonds have outdated information that consists of names and addresses that are at least 27 years old, and in some cases as old as 74 years old.

In an effort to find the rightful owners of this unclaimed money, a public notice has been placed in each of the major newspapers across the state that lists 840 bond owners of 1,772 U.S. Savings Bonds with a total matured value of \$722,266.99.

In the last month, the Indiana Unclaimed Property Division has created over 2,000 claims for matured bonds.

Zoeller encourages all Hoosiers to review the list and pass it along to friends and family, remembering that in many cases these bonds will likely have passed by inheritance to persons other than the original owner.

"It's a big challenge to return the proceeds of these Savings Bonds to the rightful owners, the hardworking citizens of Indiana," Zoeller said. "The fact that these old bonds lack complete information has made it more difficult to find the owners, but since it comes from investments that Hoosiers made in our country it makes the effort very worthwhile."

This effort is part of a larger initiative to assist Hoosiers in obtaining millions of dollars in matured U.S. Savings Bonds that are currently being held by the United States Treasury. Currently, the United States Treasury is not required to turn over unclaimed U.S Savings Bonds unless the State obtains title of the bonds. With the necessary resources to return the unclaimed property already in place, Indiana is seeking a court judgment to take title of the matured U.S. Savings Bonds in possession, as well as unredeemed, matured bonds issued to Indiana residents. This step is necessary for the Unclaimed Property Division to include these bonds in the State's unclaimed property database, giving Hoosiers the opportunity to claim and collect their money.

The Indiana Attorney General's Office has a proven track record in returning unclaimed money to the rightful owners. Through extensive outreach, advertising and a searchable database, a record 108,477 properties totaling more than \$88.5 million in unclaimed property was returned to Hoosiers in 2015 and a total \$610 million has been returned since 2000.

If you believe you are entitled to the above mentioned unclaimed U.S Savings Bonds, either by ownership or as an heir, please visit www.IndianaUnclaimed.gov to begin a claim. The Unclaimed Property database can be searched 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. The Unclaimed Property Division's toll-free number is 1-866-IN-CLAIM (1-866-462-5246). This is a free service of the Indiana Attorney General's Office.

To see a copy of the public notice with the names of the owners of the Savings Bonds, visit https://indianaunclaimed.gov/attorneygeneral/ucp/cms/files/2016_Notice_of_Suit_by_Publication-with_Names.pdf

Martin County Ag Day Saturday, March 12th

8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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Obituaries

RANDALL STRANGE

Randall J. Strange, formerly of Montgomery, passed away at 2:40 p.m.



March 4, 2016 at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center. A resident of Jasper, he was 45.

He was born March 8, 1970; son of Ed Strange and the late Jeannie (Doyle) Strange.

He married Barbara (Schepers) Strange September 18, 1998 and she survives.

He was employed by OFS for 14 years. He loved his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Barb (Schepers) Strange of Jasper; step-children, Daniel (Amber) Enlow of Huntingburg, Nicole (Adrian) Cordova of Jasper and Alex Merkel of Jasper; six grandchildren; father, Ed Strange; sister, Carrie Garland and fiancé, Scott Lunsford of Washington; brother, Adam (Shannon) Strange of Washington; brothers-in-law, James Schepers of Celestine, Leroy Schepers of Celestine, Edwin Schepers of St. Anthony, Tom Schepers of Huntingburg and Alan Schepers of Bristow; sisters-in-law, Norma Mitchell of Eckerty, Clara Hellums of Celestine, Dorothy Persohn of Jasper, Sandra Deich of Celestine, Susie Dooley of Birdseye and Janet Schepers of Huntingburg; many aunts,

uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Jeannie (Doyle) Strange; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Frank and Hilda Schepers.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. James E. Koressel on

Tuesday, March 8 at St. Peter Catholic Church in Montgomery. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

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



Confirmation Rally

-Photo provided

The Loogootee United Methodist Church 2016 Confirmation Class attended the Bishop's Confirmation Rally in Noblesville on Saturday, March 5. This year's class will be confirmed on Sunday, March 20 in the 10:45 a.m. service. Pictured in the front row, from left to right, are Cody Carrico and Tyler Harbison. In the back row, from left to right, are Conner Wilcoxon, Bishop Mike Coyner, Chris Jones, Pastor Greg Davis. Unable to attend were Cade Chezem and Billy Wetter.

Shoals Round-Up Pre-Registration Form

Complete, clip and send by Friday, March 18

Child's Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Male _____ Female _____

Parents' Names _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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(Circle desired session)

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29

8:45 a.m. - Received a report of theft north of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

8:48 a.m. - Received a report of a chimney fire west of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

9:30 a.m. - Received a report of a theft south of Shoals. Captain Dant and Deputy Reed responded.

10:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

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

3:32 p.m. - Received a report of a drive off without paying in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

5:34 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:47 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Corporal Baker responded.

8:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

3:46 a.m. - Received a report of a fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:10 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism near Loogootee. Sheriff Roush responded.

9:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:30 a.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist in Shoals.

9:39 a.m. - Received an alarm call ion Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded and all was okay.

1:30 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

2:20 p.m. - Captain Dant transported one inmate to the hospital.

5:13 p.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee. ISP Trooper Sexton responded and all was okay.

11:19 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

12:49 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported by Greene County Ambulance.

1:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

3:46 p.m. - Deputy Reed assisted a motorist in Shoals.

8:03 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert and ISP Trooper Sexton responded.

11:16 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

5:43 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 50, east of Shoals. Corporal Baker responded.

8:56 a.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist east of Loogootee.

10:30 a.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to court.

1:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took four inmates to court.

2:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took two inmates to court.

3:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to court.

9:00 p.m. - Deputy Reed and ISP Trooper Sexton assisted a motorist east of Shoals.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

5:52 a.m. - Received request for the Loogootee Fire Department in Loogootee. They responded to the call for an electrical problem.

6:23 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted the Daviess County Sheriff's Office with an accident west of Loogootee.

9:18 a.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a welfare check in Shoals.

9:58 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:05 a.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

10:35 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

11:30 a.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of a dog bite in Loogootee. Sheriff Roush responded.

3:02 p.m. - Deputy Reed assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

3:53 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

7:13 p.m. - Deputy Reed and ISP Trooper Beaver performed a welfare check near Loogootee.

8:22 p.m. - Loogootee Officer Nolan and ISP Trooper Beaver performed a welfare check near Loogootee.

10:59 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

6:43 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

2:01 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles and Martin County Ambulance responded.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

2:53 a.m. - Received a report of a deer in the roadway north of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller removed the deer.

5:06 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Orange County EMS and Lost River Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:25 a.m. - Captain Dant performed a welfare check east of Shoals.

9:28 a.m. - Received a report of a possible break-in in Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

1:50 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles, Loogootee Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and the Indiana State Police responded. No one was transported.

2:19 p.m. - Deputy Reed assisted a motorist west of Shoals.

2:50 p.m. - Captain Dant was on station with one inmate from Dubois County for court.

4:08 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

6:14 p.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist north of Loogootee.

7:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Sergeant

Keller, Deputy Reed, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:38 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

Agreement reached in Duke Energy infrastructure case

The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC), industrial customers, Duke Energy, and additional parties have reached a settlement agreement that will provide measurable benefits to the utility's Indiana customers over the next seven years. The agreement will reduce infrastructure project costs to be recovered from customers, through periodic rate increases, by nearly \$400 million.

If approved by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC), the agreement will allow Duke Energy to proceed with its proposed infrastructure improvement plan, with periodic rate increases for the plan's projects to be capped at approximately \$1.4 billion. Duke Energy had originally valued the proposed plan at approximately \$1.8 billion.

Customer benefits include:

Removal from the plan of the utility's \$192 million proposal to install advanced metering infrastructure throughout its Indiana service territory. The OUCC viewed such a project as beyond the scope of the 2013 Indiana law allowing an energy utility to receive expedited cost recovery of infrastructure projects under an approved seven-year plan. The agreement does not preclude Duke Energy from seeking the recovery of costs for advanced metering infrastructure in a future rate case.

Reductions of \$175 million in transmission project costs and \$30 million in distribution project costs under the terms of the proposed plan.

A 10.0 percent return on equity (ROE) for plan investments made during the seven-year term. Duke Energy had sought a 10.5 percent ROE for the plan; the same percentage included in the utility's last base rate case in 2004.

This is the second time Duke Energy

has sought IURC approval of a seven-year infrastructure plan under Indiana's Transmission, Distribution, and Storage System Improvement Charge (TDSIC) statute. Duke Energy's first plan was denied in May 2015 following objections from the OUCC and other consumer parties regarding the lack of detail in the utility's plan and the proposed inclusion of projects beyond the scope of the TDSIC statute. Projects that are eligible for TDSIC rate recovery include line and pole replacements, new transformers and substations, and other efforts to replace aging transmission and distribution system infrastructure.

"I am pleased that the OUCC has been able to negotiate a compromise with Duke Energy regarding its pending infrastructure plan," said Indiana Utility Consumer Counselor David Stippler. "Building upon the experience that our office and the utility have gained since Duke Energy's earlier TDSIC case, the parties were able to attain a reasonable balance between Duke Energy's need to modernize its infrastructure and the rate impact such a proposed plan would have on its customers. This agreement enables Duke Energy to continue to provide safe, reliable service to its customers while doing so in the most cost-effective way possible."

The settling parties will file testimony in support of the agreement in the near future. Any agreement filed with the IURC may be accepted, modified, or rejected.

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Loogootee Police log

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

4:34 p.m. - Caller reported a semi had struck a road sign on JFK Avenue.

5:16 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a residential alarm.

8:58 p.m. - Received a call of utility theft.

9:24 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

11:19 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the Daviess County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

7:03 p.m. - Caller reported a civil dispute.

8:36 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to Truelove Drive in reference to a faulty heater.

10:22 p.m. - Caller reported a civil dispute.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

1:00 p.m. - Received a call of property damage on JFK Avenue.

8:31 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

8:35 p.m. - Caller reported hearing

gun shots around the Vine Street area. Officers were unable to locate.

9:07 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle without headlights.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

9:58 a.m. - First responders were requested on Nobles Court for a medical call.

10:15 a.m. - Received a call of credit card fraud.

1:00 p.m. - Received a call of a dog bite in Goodwill Cemetery.

9:28 p.m. - Officer Nolan assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a possible break-in.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

4:48 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

4:52 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

9:03 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious activity on Cedar Street.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

1:50 p.m. - Caller reported property damage on JFK Avenue.

9:39 p.m. - Caller reported someone had thrown a tire in his front yard.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29

3:22 p.m. - Euric LaMar, 28, of Williams, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene for possession of meth, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia. His bond has been set at \$25,000 10%.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

12:25 p.m. - Jason Santiago, 34, of Plainfield, was arrested by Captain Dant on a warrant and is being held without bond.

8:36 p.m. - Kevin Fletcher, 58, of Illinois, was arrested by ISP Trooper Sexton for operating while intoxicated and is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

10:05 p.m. - Mark Anthony Payne was arrested by Loogootee Officer Nolan on a Dubois County writ of attachment and transported to Dubois County.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

8:10 p.m. - Thomas Telford, 22, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Reed for possession of marijuana and is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

8:30 a.m. - David Bobe, 28, of Elberfield, was arrested by Major Burkhardt on a court ordered commitment.

Real estate transfers

Sonja R. Boyd to Benjamin M. Hill, a part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 West in Martin County, Indiana, containing 15 acres, more or less.

Brenda Hendrix, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Frank L. Fields and Pamela S. Fields**, of Hendricks County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 10, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 45.02 acres, more or less.

Michael J. Hopkins and Karen A. Hopkins, of Martin County, Indiana to the **Town of Shoals**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.662 acres,

Accident report

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

10:27 a.m. - Joseph S. Coleman, of Loogootee, was operating a 2007 International on Broadway Street when a wheel came off the vehicle and struck a 2004 Lincoln owned by Philip Strange, of Loogootee. Captain Akles was the investigating officer.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL JUDGMENTS AND SENTENCING

February 23

Glenn S. Roll, convicted of operating a motor vehicle after forfeiture of license for life, a Class 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 3 years at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 111 actual days previously served plus 37 Class B credit days.

Michael A. Sluder, convicted of unlawful possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon, a Class 4 Felony. Sentenced to serve 4 years at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 157 actual days previously served plus 53 Class B credit days.

Joseph P. Smith, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony and habitual offender sentence enhancement. Sentenced to serve 2 ½ years at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 173 actual days previously served plus 173 Class A credit days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES

DISMISSED

February 23

Glenn S. Roll, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Michael A. Sluder, theft of a firearm, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Joseph P. Smith, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony, dismissed; dealing in a narcotic drug, a Class 5 Felony, dismissed; possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

February 25

Janessa M. Quinn vs. Larry S. Quinn, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

February 22

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

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

February 24

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Nelson Fortune, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Darrell E. Pattengale, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Jared

P. Kugler, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Amy M. Farren, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. James R. Brim, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Alanis C. Bastin, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Jeremy W. Coffin, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Todd Fischer, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. John W. Turner, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Stacy Stout, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Heather L. McCord, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. William M. Day, complaint.

February 29

Marie Truelove vs. Kristina Kendall, complaint.

Cynthia R. Cushman vs. Brittany Hert, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

February 29

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff White River Co-Op and against the defendant Corey Roach in the amount of \$1,310.93.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff White River Co-Op and against the defendant Rick Sergent in the amount of \$99.91.

March 1

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff White River Co-Op and against the defendant Michael Spurgeon in the amount of \$670.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiffs Charles Krutcheon and A. Young and against the defendants Daniel Clifton and Sasha Pottorff in the amount of \$1,431.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

March 4

Billy J. Roberts, Jr. of Loogootee and Victoria N. Searl of Loogootee.

Tony W. Brosman of Loogootee and Patricia L. Canady of Loogootee.

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HELP WANTED

The Southern Indiana Development Commission is seeking part-time employees to assist in setting traffic counting equipment two days a week in the SIDC Region, between the months of March and October. SIDC is located at 405 JFK Ave in the City Hall Annex Building Loogootee, IN.

Applicant must have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Anticipated pay is \$12 per hour and reimbursed for mileage. Please submit a resume or stop by the office to fill out a work history report if you are interested. For additional information contact Greg Jones 812-295-3707 or gejones@sidc.cc.

More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



Most of the things I put in this article are of a humorous nature but I would like to take a more serious path this week. I spent most of my adult life in the teaching profession and loved my job but recently teaching has come under fire from various elements in our society. Perhaps these thoughts might make some people think.

Believing we can improve schooling with more tests is like believing you can make yourself grow taller by measuring your height.

Apparently there's a teacher shortage. Who could have predicted that demonizing them, cutting salaries and benefits, and reducing job security might make it a slightly less attractive option for people.

Mr. Jackson has 27 students. He has received 9 new students from charter schools, 3 students left for charter schools, and 2 were expelled. Eight students have IEPs and 3 students have 504 plans.

However, 2 IEPs were modified and one 504 plan expired. Nineteen students don't have supplies and 6 students didn't take their medicine today for the Ohio Achievement Assessment.

How does this determine if Mr. Jackson is a "skilled" teacher? Write an equation and solve.

Since politicians are such experts at education, let's have them trade places with kindergarten teachers for a week. How long do you think they would last?

Remember: Everyone in the classroom has a story that leads to misbehavior or defiance. Nine times out of ten, the story behind the misbehavior won't make you angry, it will break your heart.

My teacher thought I was smarter than I was, so I was.

Walking through my son's school yard, I noticed a bench on the pavement with bright paint around it.

I asked my son, "Is that the only place to sit around here? Lol"

And he said, "No, that's the buddy bench. When someone feels lonely or they have nobody to play with, they sit there and people ask them to play."

I told him how awesome that was and asked if he has ever used it?

He said, "Yeah, when I was new I sat there and someone came to me and asked me to play. I felt happy. And now when I see kids on it, I ask them to play with me . . . We all do."

What a fabulous idea for a school yard.

You might be a teacher if you can make copies, run to the bathroom, check emails, and eat lunch all in half an hour.

I stopped understanding Math when the alphabet decided to get involved.

What if math teachers are really pirates and just want us to find X so they can get the buried treasure?

Make someone smile today!

Notes from the WIC Nutritionist

BY ELIZABETH WHITE
Martin County WIC Nutritionist

Here are 10 tips on how to encourage healthy nutrition habits for your preschooler:

Offer new foods to them when they are at their most hungry. Also make sure they see you taking a bite of the new food.

Remember do not force food on children. It may take 10 exposures to a food for a child to be willing try the new food.

Offer finger foods with a dip such as carrot sticks, pea pods, grape tomatoes, or broccoli with a hummus dip. Fruit goes well with vanilla yogurt.

Let your preschooler help with meal prep by dumping and stirring ingredients.

When shopping let your preschooler pick out their favorite fruit or vegetable along with a new choice that maybe you have never tried either.

Start a garden big or small. Even one

vegetable plant in a pot will be fun for a preschooler to help water and harvest.

Read fun books to them about food.

Eat together as often as possible. Eating together also aids in your child's overall development.

Be a good example. Eat the foods you want your child to eat and let them know how much you enjoy eating those healthy choices.

Visit choosemyplate.gov/preschoolers for more ideas.

(Live Well Digest, winter, "10 Tips for Teaching Nutrition to Preschoolers")

The WIC program provides supplemental nutritional foods, referrals, breastfeeding support, and nutrition education for pregnant women, nursing women, infants, and children 1-5 years. The Martin Co WIC clinic is open Monday and Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please call 247-3303 to make an appointment.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

County executive meeting

The Martin County Commissioners and County Council will meet in executive session on Tuesday, March 15 at 6 p.m. in the courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is pursuant to Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1: (b)(2)(D) For discussion of strategy with respect to the purchase or lease of real property by the Board of Commissioners. The meeting is closed to the public.

Relay fundraiser

Martin County Relay for Life and Sutton's Renegades will be hosting a 31 bingo on Friday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW in Loogootee. There is a \$10 donation to play and light refreshments will be available. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Martin County TEA Party meeting

The next meeting of the Martin County Tea Party will be Thursday, March 17 at 7 p.m. in the Shoals Library Basement. Doctor Richard Moss will speak at the meeting. Dr. Moss is challenging the current Representative Larry Bucshon to represent the 8th district in Congress. Anyone is welcome to come at 6 p.m., prior to the meeting, for a meet and greet with Dr. Moss.

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

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

Solid waste board

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

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak

Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend.

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Shoals Public Library. The public is invited to attend.

Soil and Water meetings

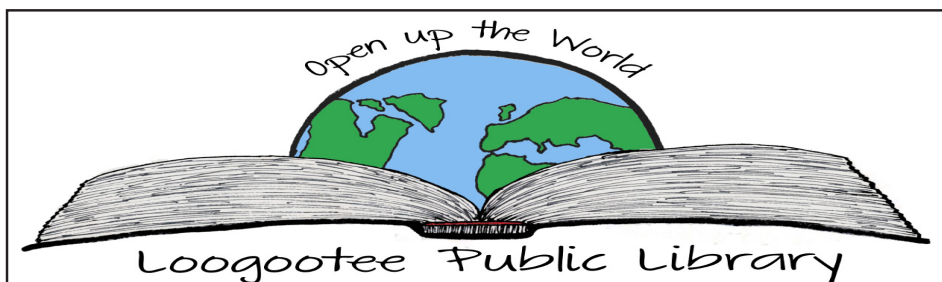
The Martin County SWCD meets the third Monday of the month at the SWCD office located at Martin County Learning Center. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays except Thursdays when it is closed. Visit www.martinswcd.com or call at 295-3149.

SOAR seeks volunteer tutors

SOAR is an adult tutoring program devoted to improving literacy skills in Martin County. SOAR offers free and confidential tutoring in reading, writing, English, math, work/life skills, and HSE prep (formerly GED). Tutors work one-on-one with adult learners to help open a world of missed opportunities. Helping others to improve their skills will change their lives -- and yours.

SOAR needs more tutors to work with these students. Free tutor training will be held on Monday, March 21, and Wednesday, March 23, at the Community Learning Center. The training covers characteristics of adult learners, strategies for teaching various aspects of literacy, and practice using the materials. Hands-on lesson planning is also included. All materials, for both the tutor and the student, are free.

For more information or to register for these free classes, call the SOAR office at 812-709-1618 or email martincountysoar@hotmail.com.



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

On March 17, at 5-6 p.m., Glenda Ritz, Superintendent, Indiana Department of Education will be the library's special guest for the Hoosier family reading night to be held at Loogootee United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 208 W. Main Street, Loogootee. Children's Librarian Terria Fellers will have her pre-school group provide some special entertainment.

Can you read your Nook Books on the Kindle Fire? OverDrive ePeriodicals and eBooks can be downloaded on Kindle Fires as well as Nooks says, Sharon Profis, CNET Tech editor.

Step 1: Go to the Kindle Fire's settings (upper-right) and tap "More," then "Device." Turn "Allow Installation of Applications" to "on." You'll get a warning--just tap "OK."

Step 2: Launch your Fire's browser and head to m.getjar.com or apkdlr.com. GetJar is one of the best places to get third-party Android apps. At the top of the page, search for "Nook." When

you find it, tap Download. You'll be asked to download the GetJar app. Tap "Download GetJar."

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Head back to the GetJar app anytime you want to download other third-party apps like Google Maps, Dropbox, Facebook, or a different browser like Dolphin HD. None of these apps are available in Amazon's Appstore, but you can download them from GetJar.

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

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In the Garden
By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

An old adage says that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. That is certainly true when it comes to weeds in the lawn and garden. As the weather warms, it is time to prepare for the annual war with the weeds.

In lawns, both crabgrass and broadleaf weeds may be combatted with timely applications of weed preventers. The time to apply crabgrass preventative is just before the seeds would germinate. Tradition is to apply it when the forsythia is in bloom. That actually is a pretty good indicator, but it is not always exact.

Crabgrass seeds begin to germinate when soil temperatures rise to above 50 degrees, but some of them do not germinate until temperatures top 65 degrees. To be effective, pre-emergent herbicides need to be applied just before germination, so it may take successive applications of the pre-emergent herbicide to effectively control crabgrass.

The various broadleaf weeds have successive germination times, so pre-emergent herbicides will need successive applications. That being the case, I would suggest using a corn gluten-based organic herbicide instead of a chemical herbicide.

Crop insurance application deadline is March 15

BY DARRIN PACK
Purdue University News Service

Farmers should take special note of crop insurance this year because it could provide them with a much-needed safety net at a time of low commodity prices and continuing market uncertainty, a Purdue Extension agricultural economist says.

Farmers have until March 15 to apply for federal crop insurance or to make changes to current policies.

“Choosing the right coverage is more important now than it has been in the past few years because producers simply cannot afford increased downside risk,” Michael Langemeier said. “A variety of options are available.”

The federal crop insurance program, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Risk Management Agency, is intended to protect farmers from catastrophic yield or revenue losses. The program was expanded in the 2014 farm bill to replace many di-

Dormant oil spray should be applied while the tree or vine is dormant. It effectively smothers out the insects that have over-wintered in the bark crevices. If you do not get it applied before budding, you may still be able to use a horticultural oil spray.

Many of the problems that plague fruit crops are the result of fungal diseases. The very term fungicide is a bit misleading, since fungicides do not really kill fungi. Instead, they actually are a preventative measure, so one must apply them early and often. Once a disease is present, there is really nothing that can be done to stop it. It must be prevented. Since the fungicides break down quickly, they must be applied every 10-14 days and more often if the sprays are washed off by rain.

In the ornamental garden, weeds may be prevented by applying mulch. As soon as the perennials emerge, one may apply mulch between plants. I usually use newspaper to cover the ground and then apply a couple of inches of hardwood chipped bark. The newspaper serves to smother any weeds that germinate and the mulch acts to prevent light from triggering germination of seeds.

While a weed-free garden may be nearly impossible, getting the jump on the weeds now will go a long way in controlling the weeds for the summer. A little time now will save a lot of time later.

rect-subsidy payments.

One new coverage option is the Whole-Farm Revenue Protection program, known as the WFRP. It was introduced as a pilot program in 45 states last year but will be available throughout the country for the first time in 2016.

Unlike traditional revenue or yield coverage, WFRP covers the entire mix of crop and livestock produced on a farm, not a specific commodity. Producers can insure up to \$8.5 million of revenue, with coverage levels of 50-85 percent. Premium payments are subsidized up to 80 percent.

“It’s a particularly attractive option for diversified, specialty crop and organic producers because it covers a wider range of commodities,” Lange-meier said.

Federal crop insurance coverage is available through approved local agents. To find a list of agents, or to get more information, go to www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.html.



By Stacy Brown
Martin County Purdue
Extension Educator

AG DAY IS MARCH 12

Join us for Ag Day on March 12 at the Martin County Community Building. Opening ceremonies will begin at 8 a.m. with a color guard from the Boy Scouts and special singings and presenters. Breakfast will begin at 8 a.m. and run through 10:30 a.m. Cost for breakfast is just \$3 per person. Many local businesses and organizations will have booths set up with information about their services and free giveaways. There will also be great raffle prizes available. Kids can enjoy a petting zoo and at 10:30 a.m., a Color Me Green obstacle course led by the Martin County 4-H Junior Leaders.

Upcoming Events

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

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

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

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

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

4-H News

4-H Program Handbooks are ready. Be sure to stop by the extension office to get one. Please limit one per 4-H family.

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

Color Me Green Run—March 12, 2016, 10:30 a.m. during Ag Day. Come have some fun with the Junior Leaders as we run a course and have green (washable) powder thrown all over us. It’s going to be a lot of fun!

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

Little Caesar’s Pizza Kits are available for sale through the Junior Leaders and the extension office. This fundraiser offers pizza kits, cookies, and bread sticks. Each unit sold will mean \$5-6 for the Junior Leaders. This money help fund trips, workshops, and supplies needed for the Junior Leaders. The kits will be in right before the Final Four, so make sure to order before the 22nd!

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

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

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

4-H Camp – June 6-8. Applica-

tions will be available in March. This is for 4-H members in grades

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

Spring Beekeeping Workshop Planned for March 8

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

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

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

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

Woodcock Walk at Fairfax SRA

Watch the American woodcock emerge from the woods into fields to perform a mating dance at Monroe Lake’s Woodcock Walk, March 29.

The dance—along with a distinct call—is part of the male woodcock’s courtship behavior.

Monroe Lake naturalist Jill Vance will lead a walk to a woodcock dancing ground at Fairfax State Recreation Area at 8 p.m.

The walk is free but limited to 15 people. Advance registration is required by March 27 at bit.ly/woodcock2016.

For more information, contact Vance at jvance@dnr.IN.gov or (812) 837-9967. Property entrance is free during the event.

Fairfax SRA (stateparks.IN.gov/2954.htm) is at 9801 S. Fairfax Road, Bloomington, 47401.

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Mathletes

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On February 25, 521 elementary school teams participated in the M.A.T.H. Bowl competition across 51 sites statewide. The competition consisted of four rounds with each round consisting of eight multiple-choice questions which were read to the students and projected on the screen simultaneously. After consulting with the other team members at the table, the team captain answered each question by circling the chosen response on the answer sheet. At the conclusion of the allotted time, (30-60 seconds) a proctor graded each response before the next question was read. Loogootee Middle School's fifth and sixth grade math bowl team participated in Paoli and received second place in their division. The team met on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school to practice. They were coached by Mrs. Sarah Knepp. Pictured in the front row, from left to right, are Nick Keller, Kyleigh Courter, Shawna Mason, Lindsey Nolan, Ava Summers, and Kaylynn Sims. In the second row, from left to right, are Evan Cunningham, Tessa Bradley, Jayleigh Harger, Ashden Walton, and Rachel Lents. In the third row are Zoey Brassine, Lucas Britain, Matthew Wagler, Ethan White, and Kage Lyon. And in the back row are Abbey Fischer, Mallorie Sutton, Mrs. Knepp, Aiden Kain, and Jalynn Stoll.

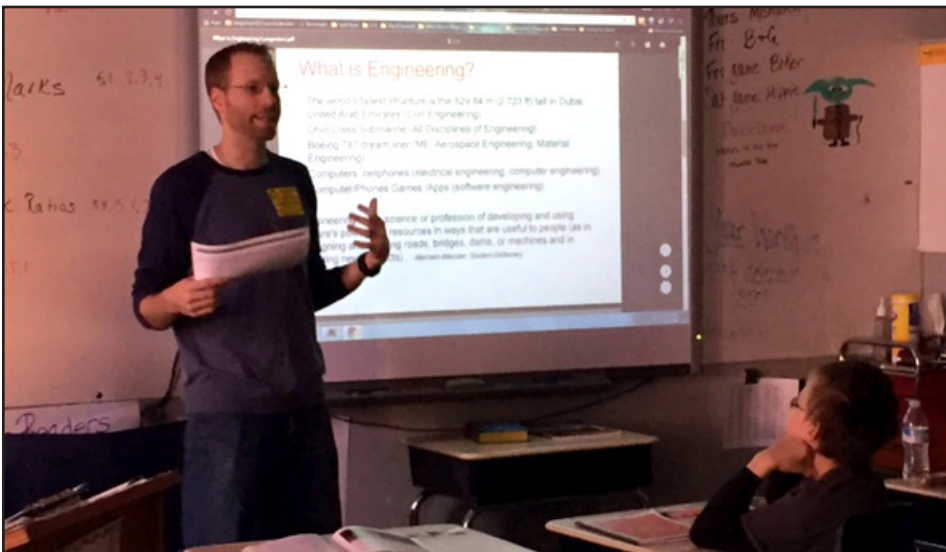
Loogootee Little League Golf Scramble

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

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

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

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



Engineering lesson

-Photo provided

Students in Ms. Nicole Bays' 6th grade class learned about engineering from LHS graduate, Andrew Kluesner. E Week is a week set aside to encourage students of all ages to explore their interest in Science, Math and Technology. Ms. Bays' class spent time learning about the design process, then working in groups to design and build a prototype. They ended the week with a visit from Mr. Kluesner. Kluesner spoke with the class about a variety of projects engineers who work at Naval Support Activity - Crane might collaborate on. He stressed the importance of being creative and sharing your ideas with others. Lastly, he encouraged students to take an interest in the world around them, figure out how things work and find new solutions to problems. Students were very interested in Kluesner's presentation and had many questions. "I really appreciate Andrew talking with us. His job is interesting and I liked learning about how missiles work," said students Reece and Rory Tippery.



Loogootee Students, Staff of February

-Photo provided

Loogootee Elementary recently chose the February Students and Staff Member of the Month. In the front row, from left to right, are Cami Blanton, Wyatt Osborne, Deacon Wolfe, Owen Gilliland, Ava Jeffers, and Ethan Moffatt. In the second row, from left to right, are Evan Williams, Owen Tompkins, Brianna Eckerle, Morgan Brim, and Noah Hager. In the back row, from left to right, are Ryken Chandler, Staff Member of the Month Ms. Buchta, Drew Walker, Courtney Craig, and Lily Moffatt.

State seeking nominations for Mr. and Miss Math and Science Awards

Governor Mike Pence yesterday announced the State of Indiana is accepting nominations for the 2016 Mr. and Miss Math and Mr. and Miss Science awards. These honors recognize up to four outstanding high school seniors for their exemplary performance in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Winning students receive \$1,000 college scholarships through Indiana's CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan.

Indiana's Mr. and Miss Math and Science awards honor the top high school seniors in STEM classes, as well as extracurricular activities, work/research projects, leadership roles, and community service. The nominations will be reviewed by a panel of STEM experts, including teachers, college and university instructors, and staff from the Indiana Department of Education and the Indiana Education Roundtable.

Governor Pence will announce Indiana's Mr. and Miss Math and Mr. and Miss Science in May. Nominations for the awards can be submitted at <https://secure.in.gov/apps/mathscienceawards/>. The deadline for nominations is 11:59 p.m. EST on April 10, 2016.

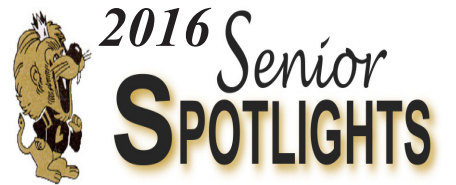
LHS Choir to perform

The Loogootee Junior/Senior High Choir will be performing 6 p.m. Sunday, March 13 at Loogootee United Methodist Church. This service is open to any and all. Refreshments will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Brunch with Beauty and the Beast March 19

This year, Loogootee High School will present Beauty and the Beast on April 8 at 7:30 p.m., April 9 at 4 and 7:30 p.m. and April 10 at 2 p.m. They will be having a "Brunch with Beauty and the Beast" fundraiser on Saturday, March 19 from 8-10 a.m. in the high school cafeteria. They will also give prince and princess make-overs and pictures with characters in the cast! They encourage children to come dressed as their favorite Disney character!

LOOGOOTE HIGH SCHOOL



ASHLEE RANEY

Ashlee Dawn Raney is the daughter of Amy Raney and Anthony Raney. While in high school, she has been in chorus (grades 9-12) and in the musical and FACS Club (grade 12). She also served as a cadet teacher (grades 11-12). Ashlee plans to attend Vincennes University but is undecided on her course of study.



MATTHEW PERRY

Matthew Shane Perry is the son of Tammy Jo Nelson. While in high school he has been in band all four years and served as a cadet teacher his senior year. Matthew plans to attend college and study engineering.

National unemployment stays at 4.9 percent for February

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 242,000 in February, and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.9 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Employment gains occurred in health care and social assistance, retail trade, food services and drinking places, and private educational services. Job losses continued in mining.

Household Survey Data

In February, the unemployment rate held at 4.9 percent, and the number of unemployed persons, at 7.8 million, was unchanged. Over the year, the unemployment rate and the number of unemployed persons were down by 0.6 percentage point and 831,000, respectively.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (4.5 percent), adult women (4.5 percent), teenagers (15.6 percent), Whites (4.3 percent), Blacks (8.8 percent), Asians (3.8 percent), and Hispanics (5.4 percent) showed little or no change in February.

The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was essentially unchanged at 2.2 million in February and has shown little movement since June. In February, these individuals accounted for 27.7 percent of the unemployed.

The employment-population ratio edged up to 59.8 percent over the month, and the labor force participation rate edged up to 62.9 percent. Both measures have increased by 0.5 percentage point since September.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (also referred to as involuntary part-time workers) was unchanged in February at 6.0 million and has shown little movement since November. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been cut back or because they were unable to find a full-time job.

In February, 1.8 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, down by 356,000 from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

Among the marginally attached, there were 599,000 discouraged workers in February, down by 133,000 from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them.

The remaining 1.2 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in February had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 242,000 in February. Job growth occurred in health care and social assistance, retail trade, food services and drinking places, and private educational services. Mining employment continued to decline.

Health care and social assistance added 57,000 jobs in February. Health care employment increased by 38,000 over the month, with job gains in ambulatory health care services (+24,000) and hospitals (+11,000). Over the past 12 months, hospitals have added 181,000 jobs. In February, employment rose by 19,000 in social assistance, mostly in individual and family services (+14,000).

Retail trade continued to add jobs in February (+55,000). Employment rose in food and beverage stores (+15,000) and other general merchandise stores (+13,000). Retail trade has added 339,000 jobs over the past 12 months.

Food services and drinking places added 40,000 jobs in February. Over the year, employment in the industry has grown by 359,000.

Employment in private educational services rose by 28,000 in February, after edging down by 20,000 in the prior month.

Construction employment continued to trend up in February (+19,000), with a gain of 14,000 in residential specialty trade contractors. Employment in construction was up by 253,000 over the past 12 months, with residential specialty trade contractors accounting for about half of the increase.

Employment in mining continued to decline in February (-19,000), with job losses in support activities for mining (-16,000) and coal mining (-2,000). Since a recent peak in September 2014, mining has shed 171,000 jobs, with more than three-fourths of the loss in support activities for mining.

Employment in other major industries, including manufacturing, wholesale trade, transportation and warehousing, financial activities, professional and business services, and government, showed little change over the month.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls declined by 0.2 hour to 34.4 hours in February.

The manufacturing workweek was unchanged at 40.8 hours, and factory overtime was 3.3 hours for the third month in a row. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls edged down by 0.1 hour to 33.7 hours.

In February, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls declined by 3 cents to \$25.35, following an increase of 12 cents in January. Average hourly earnings have risen by 2.2 percent over the year.

In February, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees were unchanged at \$21.32.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for December was revised from +262,000 to +271,000, and the change for January was revised from +151,000 to +172,000. With these revisions, employment gains in December and January combined were 30,000 more than previously reported. Over the past 3 months, job gains have averaged 228,000 per month.



ERIC HALCOMB

Eric Holcomb sworn in as 51st Lieutenant Governor of Indiana

Eric Holcomb was sworn in last week as the 51st Lieutenant Governor of Indiana in a ceremony in the south atrium of the Indiana Statehouse. Holcomb was sworn in by Indiana Supreme Court Justice Mark Massa, and both Holcomb and Governor Pence offered remarks. Lieutenant Governor Holcomb took his oath on President Benjamin Harrison's personal bible that he used to be sworn in as president.

"Eric Holcomb is a Hoosier through and through, and I'm proud that he has officially taken his oath to join the administration as Lieutenant Governor," said Governor Pence. "Eric has a heart for public service and a love for Indiana like few people I've ever met, and I'm grateful for Eric and his wife Janet's willingness to serve this state. I know that Eric's enthusiasm, integrity, and extensive experience at both the state and federal level will serve him well as he assumes the duties of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. I'm looking forward to working with Eric in the coming months, and I know that he's ready to get to work for the people of Indiana."

On February 9, Governor Pence announced his intention to nominate Holcomb as Lieutenant Governor. He formally nominated Holcomb on March 2, and on March 3, Holcomb was confirmed by majority vote in the House of Representatives and the Senate.

"I could not be more excited or more proud to serve as Lieutenant Governor of the state of Indiana," said Lieutenant Governor Eric Holcomb. "I am grateful for the opportunity to work alongside Governor Pence to build on Indiana's strong foundation and make tomorrow stronger. I'm eager to get started, and I look forward to hitting the ground running to serve the Hoosiers of this great state."

Eric Holcomb has spent his career in public service. Most recently, he has served as State Chief of Staff to U.S. Senator Dan Coats. Prior to that role from 2003 to 2011, Holcomb served as Governor Mitch Daniels' deputy chief of staff and managed the Governor's 2008 re-election campaign. Holcomb has also served as chairman of the Indiana Republican Party and as a member of the Republican National Committee. Holcomb got his start in politics managing successful races for U.S. Congressman John Hostettler and a mayoral race in Vincennes, where he lived at the time. Holcomb earned his undergraduate degree from Hanover College and is a veteran of the United States Navy. Eric and his wife, Janet, live in Traders Point, Indiana.

Health officials urge vaccines amid increase in flu deaths

State health officials are urging Hoosiers to get vaccinated against influenza amid an increase in the number of flu-related deaths in Indiana. Since October, 19 Indiana residents have died of influenza-associated illnesses, including two children.

Many of Indiana's influenza-associated deaths this season have occurred among unvaccinated individuals, especially people who are at high risk of flu-related complications due to age or underlying medical conditions. The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) has also seen an increase in flu activity, including severe illnesses, in schools, long-term care facilities and correctional facilities in recent weeks.

"As we see every year, the flu can have serious consequences, and we urge Hoosiers to do everything they can to protect themselves," said State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H. "People should not get a false sense of security just because this year's season has been milder so far. The flu will be around for several more months, and people who haven't received a flu vaccine should get one to ensure they're protected."

Health officials recommend that everyone age 6 months and older get an annual flu vaccine. People can help prevent the spread of flu by washing their hands frequently and thoroughly, avoiding touching their eyes, nose and mouth with their hands and staying home when sick.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that this year's seasonal influenza vaccine is about 59 percent effective, which is among the highest rates documented by studies of the vaccine's effectiveness. Flu season typically continues until May, and healthcare providers are encouraged to continue offering the vaccine to unvaccinated patients throughout the remainder of the season.

Influenza is a viral infection of the respiratory tract. It is spread by respiratory droplets released when infected people cough or sneeze nearby or when people touch surfaces or objects contaminated with those infectious respiratory droplets. People can also become infected by touching surfaces or objects contaminated with influenza viruses and then touching their eyes, mouth or nose.

Flu symptoms include: fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater, headache, fatigue, cough, muscle aches, sore throat

Although anyone can get the flu, some people are at higher risk of flu-related complications, such as pneumonia, hospitalization and death. High-risk individuals include pregnant women, young children (especially those too young to get vaccinated), people with chronic illnesses, people who are immune-compromised and the elderly.

Healthcare workers also are urged to get a flu vaccine to reduce their risk of transmitting illness to their patients.

For more information about influenza, visit the ISDH's flu webpage at www.in.gov/isdh/25462.htm.

Visit the Indiana State Department of Health at www.StateHealth.in.gov for important health and safety information, or follow us on Twitter at @StateHealth-IN and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/isdh1.



Making A Difference

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director



--Thanks to Donors--

Within Martin County there are many people who choose to support the quality of life of the community through gifts to the Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF). Many of those people allow the MCCF to publicly recognize their giving. We appreciate the opportunity to tastefully thank donors for their generosity because donors make it possible for the MCCF to fulfill its grantmaking mission, and we want to express our gratitude.

--Quiet Ones Too--

The MCCF also strives to faithfully maintain the confidentiality of donor information. For some donors, this includes protecting their anonymity. There are various reasons why a person may prefer to give anonymously. Some may be shy by nature and dislike attention, whether it is in their giving or other facets of life. Others are wary that, should their giving become visible, they may have to deal with solicitations from a variety of causes or organizations in which they may not be interested, or which they may not have the capacity to support.

Just the reverse can be true as well. Some favor anonymous giving because it shields the benefiting organization or people from feeling the need to put on a show for the donor. Still others, in the Biblical tradition of secret almsgiving, wish to keep their egos out of their giving, and feel that anonymity may help preserve the purity or sincerity of their selflessness.

--Giving Options--

Donors who prefer anonymity have all the same giving options as others. Any of the fund types may be established or they can give to any existing fund that meets their interests. An anonymous giver may also give

in memory or honor of a loved one. Confidentiality can be protected regardless of whether the gift comes via a check, an IRA, or a bequest in a will.

--We're Here to Help--

Whether a donor permits personal acknowledgment or requests anonymity, the MCCF is always pleased to help connect a donor's concern and resources with the community needs. We've seen that when the people of Martin County see a genuine need, and they have confidence that the need will be effectively addressed, they give generously as their situation allows. That speaks volumes about you, our community, and the spirit of concern and desire to make a difference.

--Lilly Endowment Match--

Any gift, anonymous or not, can be increased with a matching grant offered by the Lilly Endowment until March 31. This grant will match dollar-for-dollar any donations to unrestricted funds, and 50 cents on the dollar for other types of funds. A great opportunity if you are thinking about donating to a cause that reaches out to your heart.

--More Information--

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

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

And my thanks to Dan Gregory who provided the foundation for this article.

Unwanted calls, auto sales top list of 2015 consumer complaints

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller yesterday released a list of the top 10 consumer complaints received by the Consumer Protection Division in 2015, with unwanted calls once again topping the list followed by auto sales and home repair.

This week, March 6-12, is National Consumer Protection Week, aimed at educating the public about fraud, scams and strategies to avoid becoming a victim.

Zoeller said most of these complaint areas are repeat offenders, while others, like identity theft, have risen dramatically over the years.

"Certain industries, like auto and home repair, are notoriously rife with scammers, and my office works to educate Hoosiers about these common problems and provide them with the tools they need to avoid fraud," Zoeller said. "Other complaint areas have grown as technology advances. More than 500 data breaches were reported to my office last year, exposing Hoosiers' information and putting them at risk for identity theft and other cybercrimes. Criminals are using more sophisticated tactics to deceive and defraud, and consumers must do more to stay a step ahead."

Here are the top 10 consumer complaints filed with the Indiana Attorney General's Office in 2015 and tips on how to avoid them:

1. Unwanted calls/phone scams

The Attorney General's Office receives more complaints about unwanted calls than any other category. Callers offer a variety of services, and these calls are often scams. One of the most common unwanted call complaints is about the IRS impersonation scam. In the IRS impersonation scam, callers claim to be with the IRS and demand immediate payment of past-due taxes. Do not respond or make payments to any incoming caller. Always hang up and initiate the call yourself. Find the correct number by looking it up; do not rely on the number the caller gives you. Register for the Do Not Call list to block telemarketing calls and consider other call-blocking services. If you are on the list, and receive a sales call, you can be sure it's a scam.

2. New and used auto sales and service

Before purchasing a car, understand your rights and what to look out for by reviewing the AG's Auto Buyer's Bill of Rights. Make sure to research local dealers and check with the Indiana Attorney General's Office or Better Business Bureau for complaints. Once you find a vehicle, have the car inspected by an independent mechanic. Take your time to read and understand the entire written purchase agreement before signing. Be sure that the terms of any warranty that come with the car are spelled out in your contract.

3. Home maintenance and construction

Door-to-door salesman offering home improvement services, especially after damaging storms, may pressure homeowners into making quick decisions. Do your research on the contractor and compare bids with other local and reputable companies. Indiana law requires home improvement contracts exceeding \$150 to be in writing. Never pay for the entire project before the work begins and do not pay more than one third of the total cost as a down payment. Remaining payments should be tied to completion of specified amounts of work.

4. Online scams and sales

Research the business you plan to purchase from online and confirm their

physical address and phone number in case you need to contact them. Consider using an online payment service, such as PayPal, or your credit card, which protects your transaction under the Fair Credit Billing Act. If you receive an unsolicited email, never respond to requests for personal or financial information and do not click on any links.

5. Identity Theft

Identity theft continues to grow, and the best protection against this crime is signing up for a free credit freeze to prevent criminals from opening up lines of credit in your name. Monitoring your financial statements closely and checking your credit report at least once a year at www.annualcreditreport.com can also help you detect errors, accounts you never opened, and/or bills sent to the wrong address - all signs that someone else is using and ruining your name and credit.

6. Retail

Carefully check the store's refund policy before making a purchase to know whether you can expect a cash refund, in-store credit or an exchange. Layaway plans, while often helpful, can contain hidden fees or refund restrictions. It is always important to get a copy of the layaway policy in writing prior to making any payments.

7. Wireless phone and cable providers

Before contracting with a wireless service provider make sure you research the company, network and plan. Compare several different providers to determine what plan fits your needs and budget. In addition to your plan's costs, make sure to consider other charges like activation fees, insurance, data packages and overages.

8. Debt collection

If you receive a debt collection notice, make sure you determine whether you are being contacted for legitimate non-payment by a lawful creditor. It is important to know your rights and how to recognize abusive collection practices. Keep track of phone conversations and other interactions. File a complaint with the Attorney General's Office if you suspect the agency is not legitimate, if you are being harassed or if the collector refuses to supply verification of the debt.

9. Lending and mortgage

Scammers too often prey on Hoosiers struggling financially, particularly property owners desperate to keep their homes. Hoosiers who are behind in their mortgage payments and facing foreclosure should seek free legal help from Indiana Legal Services, which recently received a grant from the AG's Office to support foreclosure prevention counseling. Additionally, homeowners can contact the Indiana Foreclosure Prevention Network (IFPN) at 1-877-GET-HOPE to see if they qualify to receive mortgage payment assistance from Indiana's Hardest Hit Fund. Homeowners should be on guard against scam artists who ask for a fee in exchange for a counseling service or modification of a delinquent loan.

10. Financial/credit services

Advertisements often promise miracles in repairing bad credit reports. In reality, no one can guarantee to erase bad credit. You can remove inaccurate or outdated information from your credit report yourself, at no cost. Check to be sure a credit repair company is bonded with the Attorney General's Office to satisfy consumer claims.

The Attorney General's Outreach Division, focused on consumer education, reached nearly 42,000 people last year. Community groups interested in a consumer protection training can email outreachservices@atg.in.gov.

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