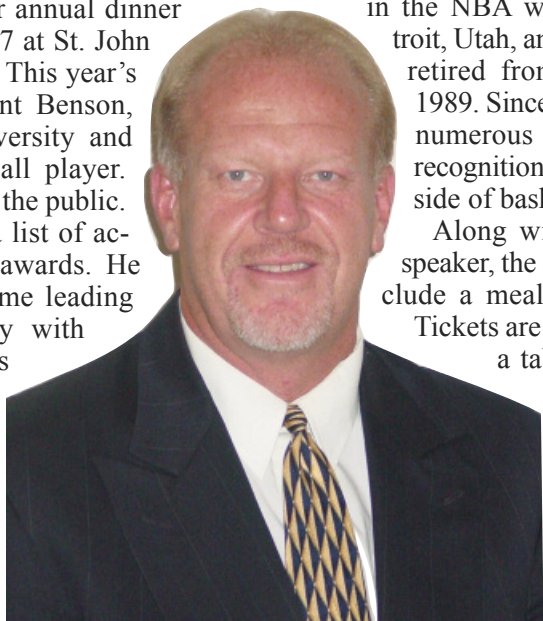


Kent Benson guest speaker at chamber dinner

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual dinner on Tuesday, March 17 at St. John Center in Loogootee. This year's guest speaker is Kent Benson, former Indiana University and professional basketball player. The dinner is open to the public.

Kent Benson has a list of accomplishments and awards. He was the eighth all-time leading scorer in IU history with 1,740 points and was one of only three players in IU history to grab 1,000 or more rebounds. He was named to the 1976 Olympic Team and was the 1977 IU and Big Ten Most Valuable Player.

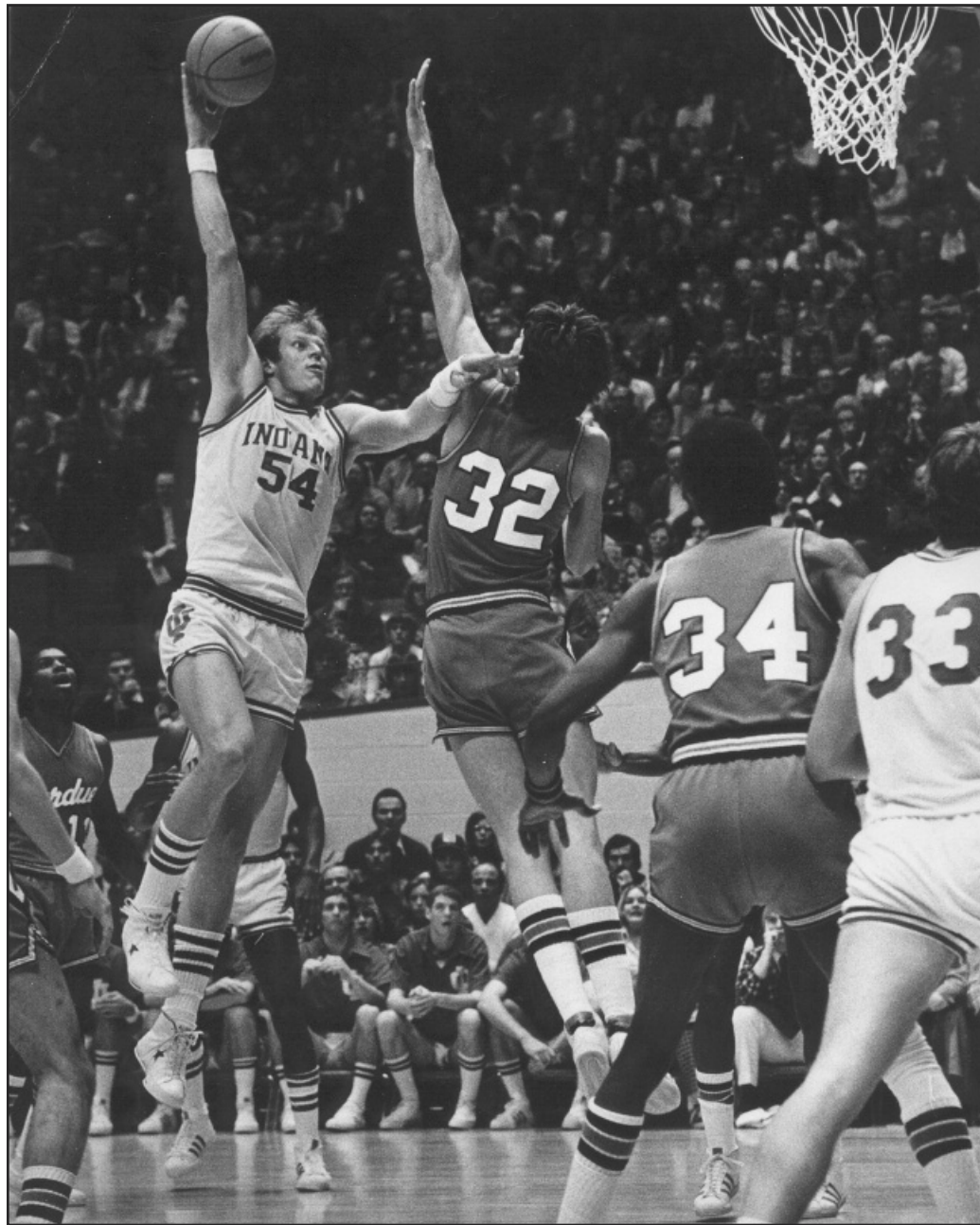


KENT BENSON

In 1977, he was drafted #1 in the NBA by the Milwaukee Bucks and played 11 years in the NBA with Milwaukee, Detroit, Utah, and Cleveland. Benson retired from pro basketball in 1989. Since then he has received numerous awards, honors and recognitions both inside and outside of basketball.

Along with Benson as guest speaker, the annual dinner will include a meal and silent auction. Tickets are \$15 each or \$100 for a table of eight. Tickets may be purchased at the chamber office at 210 N Line Street or from the mayor's office in the municipal building, downtown Loogootee. There will be no

tickets sold at the door.



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Kent Benson, the guest speaker at this year's Martin County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner, was the eighth all-time leading scorer in IU history with 1,740 points and was one of only three players in IU history to grab 1,000 or more rebounds.

Commissioners talk jail, bridges, parking, contracts

Meeting minutes provided by Martin County Auditor January Roush

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, March 3.

Amy Kaho, Martin County EMS Director, advised the commissioners on the yearly run totals. There were 894 calls and 652 transports in 2014. All issues with 911 have been straightened out.

Recorder Rhonda Sanders came before the commissioners requesting a change in the software vendor currently being used by her office. The current software is Thomson Reuters Aumentum. Recorder Sanders is unhappy with the program and service. Martin

Martin County to hold 19th annual Ag Day

2015 will mark the 37th year celebrating National Ag Day in America with producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies, and countless others across America gathering to celebrate the abundance provided by agriculture. It will also mark the 19th year Martin County will host its own Ag day celebration.

The community is invited to Ag Day festivities Saturday morning, March 21. Twenty-five ag and educational related businesses will be on hand to display and showcase their products and services from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The event will be held at the Martin County Community Building beginning with a breakfast of eggs, sausage, potatoes, biscuit, gravy, fruit, and beverage for only \$3. Breakfast will be served by the Martin County Jr. Leaders from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Events for the day include free TC/HDL-PSA and GRF (kidney function) testing by Good Samaritan Hospital, free blood pressure screenings and BMI/body mass evaluations by Daviess Community Hospital and Daviess Martin Medical Clinic, free health (See 'AG DAY' continued on page 3)

County is the only county left in Indiana with the Thomson Reuters program. Kevin Cook and John Wood with Computer Systems, Inc (CSI) joined Recorder Sanders. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the new recorder software contract with CSI, Inc for \$20,636.80. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Once the council approves the funds needed, the commissioners will sign the contract.

Brent Roberts, BF&S, reported to the commissioners that INDOT had approved the county-wide bridge inspections and right-of-way services for bridge #11. INDOT has issued purchase orders for the bridge inspections in the amount of \$31,235 and for the right-of-way services for \$11,352 both of which are 80 percent of the total cost. The highway department is only responsible for 20 percent of total costs of projects. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to allow the highway department to direct BF&S to proceed with the projects. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Bridge #11 will begin construction in 2016.

Judge Ellis came before the commissioners for approval of a guardian ad litem (GAL) contract. The contract is for \$20,004 per year. The funds needed were approved by the council at their last meeting. The GAL Contract will be with Sandra Bowman at \$1,667 per month. The contract states that either party may terminate the agreement for cause by 10 days written notice or 30 days without cause. The contract will not renew in 2016 without written renewal. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the GAL contract with Sandra Bowman for \$17,000. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Judge Ellis thanked Commissioner Boyd for attending the K9 fundraiser event and praised Sheriff Roush on his hard work on raising the (See 'COMMISSIONERS' cont. on page 3)

Community foundation GIFT 6 matching funds available

Founded in 1999, the Martin County Community Foundation is celebrating 15 years of growth and service to the local area, and even more great things are on the horizon.

In those fifteen years the Foundation, as a partner in the Community Foundation Partnership, Inc., has awarded or helped distribute more than \$9.5 million in grants and scholarships into Martin County. The Shoals Downtown Revitalization Project, new fire stations, the Loogootee High School Auditorium, and college educations for 32 local students are just a few of the projects completed with funding through the county foundation. With more than \$1.7 million in permanently endowed assets, the Foundation continues to work with generous people to make Martin County a better place to live, learn, and grow.

"As community foundations go, we're in the adolescent phase," stated Interim Director Dan Gregory. "As funds grow and develop, it takes about 30 years for a foundation to really mature, and then the benefits grow exponentially. So this is an exciting time for us as we look forward to what can be accom-



HOPE FLORES

plished in the coming years." Hope Flores is the executive director of the Foundation Partnership of Lawrence/Martin Counties. She and Dan Gregory are available to answer questions perspective donors may have regarding setting up funds and establish (See 'GIFT' continued on page 3)

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COMMISSIONERS

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\$19,057.

Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve a revised quote from Felts Lock & Alarm for upgrading the fire alarm system in the amount of \$11,738.83. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. The revised quote was needed because after they received an updated floor plan they realized there needed to be more devices installed. Auditor Roush will be in contact with Felts Lock & Alarm to have them proceed.

Kathy Collins, community corrections director, updated the commissioners on the pre-trial home detention program that she along with Sheriff Roush, Judge Ellis and Deputy Prosecutor Larry Brodeur are trying to get started. The council would like to see this program proceed on a three month trial basis. She will be attending the April 6 council meeting for further directions. The program will be used to help offset the rising number of inmates at the security center due to HB 1006. The program would be for lower level offenders who cannot afford to make bond. They will abide by strict guidelines. Director Collins advised the cost to the county will be \$10 per day and not exceed \$300 per month per inmate. The county would be responsible for the \$300 a month until the inmate is able to help offset those costs.

Clerk Gerald Montgomery presented an amended to the contract with Maximus Consulting Services, Inc. The current contract is

monthly and Maximus amended it to have an end date of January 31, 2017. The clerk's office provides Maximus with monthly reports concerning how much time employees work on child support cases and the state will reimburse 66 percent of those costs back to the county. It is a benefit to the county to receive this reimbursement. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the amended Maximus Consulting Services, Inc. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor.

Sheriff Travis Roush updated the commissioners on recent funding the council approved to purchase a new police vehicle. The 2014 Dodge Ram Truck SSV will be picked up later this week. With the success of the K9 fundraiser over the weekend, Sheriff Roush is moving forward with the purchase of a K9 unit. The sheriff hopes to be able to purchase the K9 in April and schedule Deputy Damon Baker for training in May. An arrest has already been made with the help of the K9 unit the Town of Shoals purchased.

Roush also reported that the security center currently has one DOC inmate and another one to be assigned soon.

Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, submitted a four-week work schedule due to his absence at the last meeting. The department is currently down two dump trucks. Superintendent Padgett thanked his employees for their hard work during the recent snow event and others who helped out on county roads. He would like to purchase a storage tank for the cooling ash/chloride mixture for next win-

ter. He can purchase a new fiber glass tank for \$6,000. With a storage tank, the department can mix as needed. Martin County is currently sharing the chloride with Daviess County. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to purchase a 6,000-gallon tank for \$6,000. Commissioner Boyd suggested trying to find a used storage tank for half price. The motion died due to lack of a second.

Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc. is supplying the highway department with cold and hot mix for this year. They have entered into an asset purchase agreement with E&B Paving, Inc. who will be purchasing certain assets of the company relating to the company's Bloomington division. Superintendent Padgett requested that the commissioners approve the consent of this transaction. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the asset purchase agreement with E&B Paving, Inc., and Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor.

Superintendent Padgett provided the commissioners with reports on the three accidents reported during the recent snow and a list of breakdowns and repairs that occurred. The highway department reported 200 hours of overtime during the recent snow event. The commissioners praised the work of the highway department on the snow removal. With the constant need of repairs needed for the loader, Superintendent Padgett supplied the commissioners with information on a new loader. The four loaders presented were used.

The commissioners advised Superintendent Padgett to find out more information on two of them.

Judge Ellis requested the two parking spaces in front of the courthouse which are not handicapped be reserved for the sheriff's department from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The sheriff's department is now bringing the prisoners in the front door instead of the back door. A discussion followed on parking issues at the courthouse. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the reserved parking spaces for the sheriff's department in front of the courthouse and one to the side of courthouse from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. for a three-month trial period. The recycling center area has parking available. Recorder Sanders questioned why it hasn't been black topped and striped. Due to the basements that were in the houses torn down, they had to give it time to settle. The commissioners will discuss the issue at their next solid waste meeting. Commissioner Boyd agreed that something needed to be done with the parking issues at the courthouse. He was unsure about designating the parking spots in front and side of courthouse. Commissioner Gregory's motion to approve designate parking spaces for the sheriff's department died due to lack of a second. President George tabled the decision until the next meeting. The commissioners will reach a plan for parking by the next meeting. Auditor Roush will investigate on how many handicap spaces are needed at the courthouse.

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DANIEL ARVIN

Daniel J. "Danno" Arvin passed away, Friday, March 6, 2015 at Daviess Community Hospital in Washington. A resident of Loogootee, he was 60.



He was born August 31, 1954; son of the late John B. and Virginia R. (Madden) Arvin.

He was a 1972 graduate of Loogootee High School. He enjoyed collecting coins, all sports and taking walks. His greatest pride and joy was family and friends.

He is survived by his sons, Jason (Tina) Arvin-Wathen of Loogootee and Jacob Arvin-Wathen of Shoals; grandchildren, Ashlynn, Macy and Ruger Wathen all of Loogootee; brothers, Patrick Arvin of Loogootee and David Arvin of Bloomington; sisters, Judy (Steve) Pennington of Bloomington, Nancy Dant of Loogootee, Linda (Jim) Nolan of Loogootee, and Marlene (John) Bush of Shelbyville; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Jerry and Tony Arvin; and brother-in-law, John Dant.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday, March 9 at St. Martin Catholic Church in Loogootee, officiated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Contributions may be made St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church for masses.

Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

MARY BAKER

Mary L. (Dillon) Baker passed away at

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lishing legacies for the betterment of Martin County.

Currently, the Foundation is continuing to offer opportunities for investment in the future of the local area through phase VI of the Lilly Endowment GIFT (Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow) Program, with matching funds available if certain criteria are met. "Obviously, a dollar for dollar match immediately doubles the impact of a donation," Flores commented. "Those setting up funds now can really take advantage of this opportunity. Also gifts to existing endowment funds will be matched, so gifts both large and small will help grow funds to benefit Martin County. The match is available through March of 2016."

Unrestricted endowments are established by donors for the express purpose of meeting various and changing community needs as determined by the board. Scholarships and fields of special interest are other areas of opportunity. Anyone who has been thinking of setting up an endowment fund to partner with the future is encouraged to ask questions now and take advantage of the opportunities available.

Gregory can be reached at 812-295-1022, and Flores is available at 812-279-2215. Members of the board are President Beth Lett, Ann Ackerman, Deanna Bauerfiend, Liz Chattin, Melissa Courter, Lynn Gee, Terry Hasler, Katie Hawkins, Rita Poirier, Cecil Ragsdale, and Candace Roush.

AG DAY

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screening certificates from Loogootee Family Medicine, free coloring books provided by Psi Iota Xi, petting zoo sponsored by German American Bancorp and the Ag Day Committee, free trees provided by the Martin County Soil and Water Conservation District, free books provided by SOAR, door prizes and more.

Please check the ad in next week's paper for a complete listing of exhibitors. For more information, call David Gregory at 644-7599 or Teresa Harder at 295-3149.

5:10 p.m. Sunday, March 8, 2015, at Garden Villa, in Bedford. A resident of Shoals, she was 93.

She was born May 11, 1921 in Martin County; daughter of the late Roy H. and Della Mae (Lewis) Dillon. She married R. Kent Baker and he also preceded her in death.

Mary was a homemaker and had previously owned Lillian's Dress Shop, in Bedford, in the 1940s. She attended the Fayetteville Baptist Church.

Survivors include two nephews, Bob Dillon of Bedford and John Dillon of Oolitic; and two nieces, Beth Lewis of Oolitic; and Lisa Dillon of Bloomington.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, John Dillon and Robert Dillon; one sister, Joan Frye; and one niece, Susan (Dillon) Sanders.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, March 14, at 1 p.m., at the Cresthaven Funeral Home in Bedford. Visitation will be held on Saturday, from 11 a.m. until the time of the service at 1 p.m. Burial will follow in the Trinity Springs Cemetery in Martin County.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Garden Villa, Memory Care Unit.

MELVIN FRANK WITTMER

Melvin (Frank) Wittmer passed away Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at his home. A resident of Odon, he was 71.

He was born July 13, 1943; son of the late Noah and Rosa (Wagler) Wittmer. He married Maris Elaine (Macy) Knepp Wittmer on September 25, 1971 and she survives.

He was a member of Berea Mennonite Church and Gideon's International. He enjoyed spending time on the farm and playing with his grandkids.

He is survived by his wife, Macy Wittmer of Odon; sons, Dustin Von (Rebecca) Wittmer and Devin Jay Wittmer, all of Odon; daughter, April Lynette (Darin) Knepp of Montgomery; brothers, Lester Wittmer of Montgomery, Richard (Lydia Ann) Wittmer of Loogootee, Harold (Pauline) Wittmer of Montgomery, Enos (Barb) Wittmer of Montgomery, Leroy (AnnaMae) Wittmer of Montgomery; sister, Alta (Larry) Knepp of Montgomery; grandchildren, Mason, Campbell and Dillon Wittmer and Kelsey and Gage Knepp; brother-in-law, Amos (Delilah) Kemp of Loogootee.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Noah and Rosa Wittmer; sisters, Sylvia Wittmer, Naomi Kemp and Pauline Wittmer; brothers, Arthur Wittmer and Vernon

Wittmer; grandson, Dalton Knepp; sister-in-law, Anna Catherine Wittmer.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Eddie Graber and Pastor Gaylan Sommers on Saturday, March 7 at Berea Mennonite Church in Cannelburg. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Gideon's International.

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

TIMOTHY WITTMER

Timothy W. Wittmer passed away Monday, March 2, 2015 in Robinson, Illinois. A resident of Loogootee, he was 54.



He was born March 12, 1960 in Washington; the son of Henry and Martha (Graber) Wittmer.

He was a member of Providence Mennonite Church. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a participant and sponsor of many in The Walk to Emmaus. Tim was a Man of God; loved life, laughter, and helping others. His greatest pride and joy was family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Beth (Long) Wittmer of Loogootee; children, Kyla (Tyler) Greene, Erin Wittmer and Dalton Wittmer, all of Loogootee, and Kyle Wittmer of Davenport Iowa; grandchild, Pearl Ann Wittmer; parents, Henry and Martha (Graber) Wittmer of Montgomery; brother, Todd (Julie) Wittmer and nephews, Landon and Gavin Wittmer of Loogootee; mother-in-law, Hazel Long of Moline, Illinois; aunts and uncles including, Amos (Lily Mae) Wittmer, Gary (Ada) Graber, Galen (Marilyn) Graber; MariBeth Graber, Rosie Graber, Jeanie Raber, and Alvin Wagler all of Montgomery; Wilmer (Dora Mae) Wittmer of Evansville; Fran (Darrell) Stoll and Marge (Ezra) Beachy of Washington; Lucy Graber of Orlando Florida; and Sue Wittmer of Gainesville, Florida.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; William and Anna (Miller) Wittmer and David and Edith (Slaubaugh) Graber; father-in-law, Marion Long; uncles, Ervin Graber, Lowell Graber, John Graber, Joe Wittmer, Richard Graber, Danny Raber and Aunt Mary Wagler.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Kevin Swartzentruber and Pastor Josh Swartzentruber on Friday, March 6 at Providence Mennonite Church in Montgomery.

Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lighthouse Recovery Center, Washington or the Providence Mennonite Church - Youth Group Mission Programs. Brocksmith-Blake and Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery was in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be made online at www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

REVEREND RONALD JOHNSON

Reverend Ronald Dean Johnson passed away Sunday, March 1, 2015, at his home. A resident of Dover Hill, he was 73.

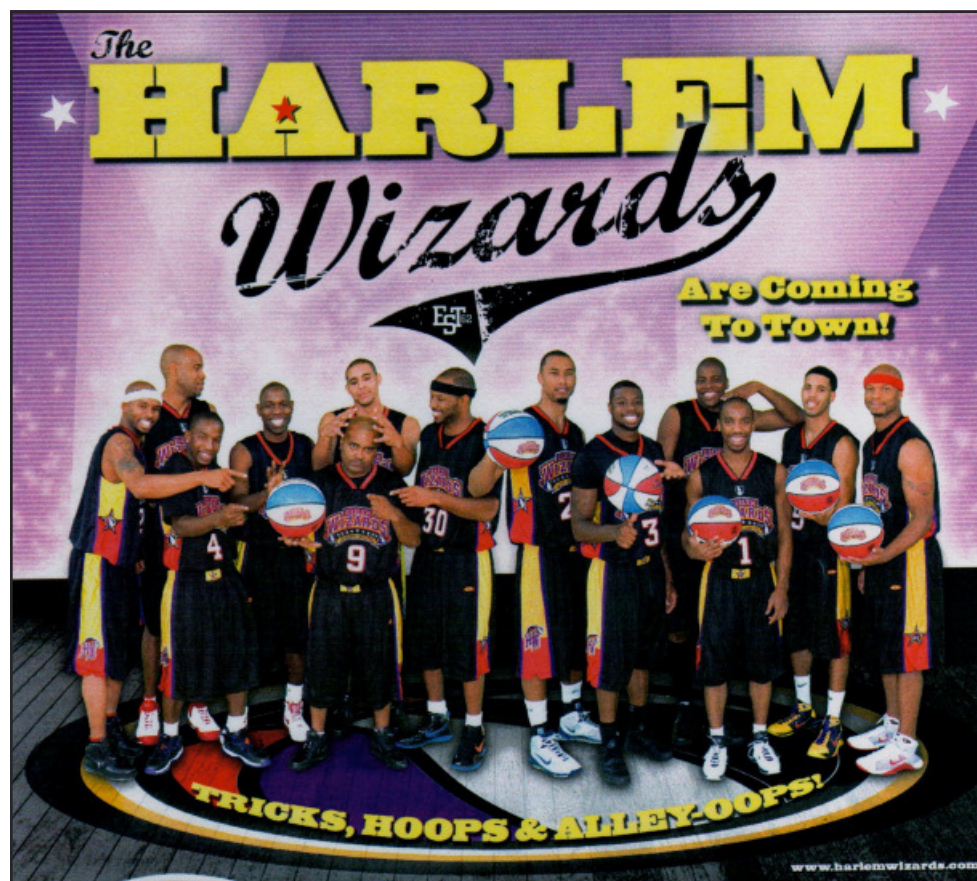
He was born January 20, 1942 in Lawrence County; son of the late Lovell W. Johnson and Hazel (Pipher) Johnson. He married Linda Jacqueline (Sims) Johnson on June 16, 1962, and she preceded him in death.

He graduated from Shoals High School in 1960. He served in the U.S. Army from 1960 through 1963, and later as a Staff Sergeant in the Indiana National Guard for 18 years. He received a Bachelor's Degree of Corporate Law from LaSalle Extension University of Chicago, and later attended the University of Southern Indiana where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, and pursued a career in ordained pastoral ministry with churches in the Free Methodist and United Methodist denominations. Reverend Johnson pastored in the following churches: Rumbletown Free Methodist Church in Indiana, Newton Free Methodist Church (FMC), St. Francisville FMC, Birds FMC, Girard United Methodist Church (UMC), and Colfax UMC, in Illinois. He retired from the ministry in 2004 and returned to live in Indiana. He was an avid reader and learner, and was very interested in military history, local history, and family genealogy.

Survivors include his daughters, Tammy Nolan and husband, Jim, of Evansville; and Lisa Rush and husband, Greg, of Rockfield; nine grandchildren, Sharayah (Red Elk) Cornwell, Micah Red Elk, Joshua Rush, and Trent, Ryan, Austin, Travis, Alex and Jackson Nolan; three step-grandchildren, Emily (Nolan) Wing, Ashley (Nolan) White, and Amanda (Nolan) Barrett; two great-grandchildren; nine step-great-grandchildren; and one brother, Gene Johnson and wife Freida of Dover Hill.

He was also preceded in death by one brother, Donald Johnson.

A funeral was held at Dover Hill Christian Union Church on Thursday, March 5. Burial followed in the Mt. Union Cemetery.



vs. the Martin County All-Stars

This event, a comedic take on a regular basketball game, with lots of slam dunks, athletic tricks and humor, will benefit In His Hands Daycare and Preschool, a ministry of the Dover Hill Christian Union Church. Proceeds from the concessions will benefit the Shoals Band Boosters and proceeds from the Wizards souvenir sales will benefit Ryan's Hope.

For more information contact Mike Newland at 812-709-0517.

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COPS & COURT

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MARCH 2

12:00 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Deputy Harmon was advised.

12:07 a.m. - Received a report of a deceased subject in the Dover Hill area. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals First Responders, and the Martin County Coroner responded.

1:00 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene transported one inmate to court.

5:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

7:27 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Shoals. Deputy Harmon was advised.

8:39 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and the Loogootee Fire Department responded with no transport.

11:50 p.m. - Received a report of a civil issue east of Shoals. Deputy Harmon responded.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

9:06 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and the Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

11:00 a.m. - Sheriff Roush transported one inmate to court.

11:56 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County

EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

1:30 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Major Burkhardt was advised.

2:00 p.m. - Deputy Dant transported one inmate to court.

2:15 p.m. - Deputy Dant transported two inmates to court.

4:01 p.m. - Received a report of a broke down vehicle on US 50 east of Rama Dye Road. Major Burkhardt responded.

4:43 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Shoals. Major Burkhardt was advised.

6:16 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded with lift assistance only.

7:03 p.m. - Received a report of large rocks in the roadway on US 50 west of Rama Dye Road. Major Burkhardt responded.

8:20 p.m. - Received a report of a subject walking along Highway 645 in Burns City. Major Burkhardt responded.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

9:35 a.m. - Deputy Dant transported an inmate to Brazil, Indiana.

10:30 a.m. - Sheriff Roush transported two inmates to court.

12:57 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

1:30 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock. Chief Deputy Greene completed the detail.

3:00 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle

crash with no injury on US 231 south of Inman Cemetery Road. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:00 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on US 231 south of 650 S. Chief Deputy Greene and G&M Wrecker Service responded.

4:55 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on 350 N, west of US 231. Chief Deputy Greene and Major Burkhardt responded.

5:35 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle slide off on US 50 east of Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

6:05 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle stuck in the roadway on US 50 near the Martin State Forest. Major Burkhardt responded.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

4:22 a.m. - Received a request for roadway conditions.

6:23 p.m. - Received a report of a dog running loose near Boat Club Lane. Major Burkhardt was advised.

11:10 p.m. - Received a report of a possible gas leak at the Truelove Methodist Church. The Haysville Fire Department responded.

11:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS had no transport.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

4:07 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and the Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

7:25 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on US 50 near Scenic Hill Road. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

3:13 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on US 150 east of Fairview Lane. Chief Deputy Greene, ISP Trooper Lents, and ATM Towing responded.

3:15 p.m. - Major Burkhardt transported an inmate to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

6:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS had no transport.

6:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS had no transport.

8:09 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person walking on Butler Bridge Road. Deputy Baker responded.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

4:33 a.m. - Received a report of a dog lying along the roadway on US 150 near Fairview Lane. Deputy Baker responded.

10:25 a.m. - Received a report of a deer in the roadway on US 150 near Mill Road. Deputy McBeth responded.

3:31 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

5:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS

and the Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

5:36 p.m. - Received a report of a civil dispute east of Shoals. Deputy McBeth and Deputy Baker responded.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

3:35 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on US 231 near West Watertower Lane. Deputy Baker and ATM Towing responded.

7:29 a.m. - Received a report of a hit-and-run vehicle crash on State Road 550, east of Progress School Road. Sergeant Keller responded.

3:34 p.m. - Received a report of a civil issue east of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

8:46 p.m. - Received a report of a civil issue east of Shoals. Deputy Baker responded.

9:43 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Lost River Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

10:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded with lift assistance only.

JAIL BOOKINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

11:34 p.m. - Melanie F. Stepanek, 32, of Loogootee, was arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. Stepanek is being held without bond and was arrested by ISP Trooper Sexton.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

10:58 a.m. - Heather A. Fox, 38, of Washington, was arrested on a Martin County warrant for failure to appear. Fox is being held without bond and was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

9:35 p.m. - Xavier T. Fuesler, 20, of Odon, was arrested on a Martin County warrant for petition to revoke probation. Fuesler is being held without bond and was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents.

5:25 p.m. - Darren K. Breedlove, 45, of French Lick, was arrested on a Martin County warrant for theft and auto theft. Breedlove is being held without bond and was arrested by Major Burkhardt.

Saturday, March 7

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

6:01 a.m. - Myra L. Winkel, 39, of Elnora, was arrested for operating while intoxicated. Winkel is being held \$10,000 or 10% bond and was arrested by Deputy Baker.

9:40 p.m. - Collin M. Patton, 19, of Shoals, was arrested for intimidation and criminal mischief. Patton is being held \$20,000 or 10% bond and was arrested by Deputy Baker.

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Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, MARCH 2

12:15 p.m. - Caller requested a salvage title check.

8:44 p.m. - First responders were requested on Redbud Street for lifting assistance.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

9:06 a.m. - First responders were requested on Cooper Street for a medical call.

10:37 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male. Captain Hennette later transported the male to Good Samaritan Hospital.

5:40 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute at Family Dollar.

6:15 p.m. - First responders were requested on NW 1st Street for a medical call.

11:00 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance in Redwing Trailer Court.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

5:00 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted a motorist on Butcher Boulevard.

7:35 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

9:23 p.m. - Officer Nolan checked on a

vehicle parked along the road on US 231.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

5:25 p.m. - Caller requested an officer to deliver a message to a subject in Sunset Trailer Court.

5:48 a.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a business alarm.

10:32 p.m. - Caller reported reckless vehicles behind the high school.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

1:52 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

2:03 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious activity at the city park.

4:21 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

5:09 p.m. - First responders were requested on SW 2nd Street for a medical call.

6:16 p.m. - Female caller reported harassment.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

4:30 a.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

5:06 a.m. - Caller requested an officer check on a vehicle on 1300 South. Driver checked out okay.

9:39 a.m. - Captain Akles responded to an alarm at the high school.

6:42 p.m. - Caller reported a possible theft at the Dollar General Store.

10:32 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

10:54 p.m. - Caller reported loud music on North Line Street.

Accident report

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

9:45 a.m. - Beulah Wildman, of Loogootee, was operating a 2012 Dodge and attempting to left onto JFK Avenue when she pulled into the path of a 1998 Dodge operated by Travis Davis, of Loogootee. No injuries were reported. Captain Akles investigated.

ISP to conduct sobriety check point in Dubois County

Troopers from the Indiana State Police Jasper Post will be conducting a sobriety check point at an undisclosed location in Dubois County on Friday, March 13, 2015. Those drivers passing through the check point area should have their licenses and registrations ready to present to troopers, and will only be detained briefly while troopers determine whether further investigation is necessary.

The purpose of the sobriety check point is to remove those motorists from the highways who are alcohol and/or drug impaired and poses a danger to all who use the roadways. Impaired drivers are responsible for billions of dollars in property damage, personal injury, and death annually.

Reminders so motorists do not find themselves "Over the Limit and Under Arrest":

- Plan ahead and always designate a sober driver before consuming alcohol.
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drinking alcohol. Call a taxi or sober friend.

- Take care of your friends. Never let a friend drive while impaired.
- If you are hosting a party, always offer non-alcoholic beverages. Make sure all of your guests leave with a sober driver.
- Never provide alcohol to anyone under the legal drinking age of 21.

Motorists encountering another vehicle being operated erratically are encouraged to dial 911 or call the Jasper Indiana State Police Post at (812) 482-1441 or (800) 742-7475. Be prepared to give a description of the vehicle, location, and direction of travel.



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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

Gardening is an avocation for a lifetime. While we often are forced to change the way we do things as we age, there is no reason for one's love of gardening to be abandoned as the body refuses to carry out certain tasks. March is Disability Awareness Month, so it is appropriate that we take this time to look at ways to garden despite disabilities. The Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities has selected the theme "Love Where You Live" for this year's commemoration. While that theme in general asks everyone to make our living spaces accessible to all, we will here concentrate on making gardens and gardening welcoming to everyone.

Without a doubt, the best friend that persons with disabilities have in the garden is the raised bed. Whether gardening from a wheelchair, gardening with limited eyesight or just gardening with the inability to stoop, the raised bed helps get the garden closer to the gardener. For many years, I have used raised beds for growing vegetables. However, those beds are only about a foot high and serve more to enable me to control soil conditions than to provide easier access. That certainly is a benefit of raised-bed gardening. It gives the gardener more control over the soil type. However, the height of the bed also gives the gardener control of accessibility.

Raised beds about thirty inches high are accessible to most people who use wheelchairs and for people who use gardening stools. Differences in personal size and wheelchairs may require beds to be a little higher or a little lower, but the bed should be at a height that is comfortable for the gardener. Persons who can stand upright, but have trouble bending, might need a bed that is even higher, and depending on the height of the gardener, a bed may need to be forty inches high or even higher.

The length of the bed is mostly a matter of personal taste and the space available, but the width is more important. The bed width should allow the gardener to reach across the bed with ease. My garden beds are four feet wide, but I sometimes find that it is difficult for me to reach the center of the beds. Three feet to forty inches would be more comfortable for me, but like height, the width should be adjusted to accommodate the gardener.

Raised beds do have some drawbacks. The first is that it takes a lot of soil to fill a raised bed and that may become very expensive. I

have seen people use plastic bottles, stones and other materials to fill the bottom of beds, using soil only on the top several inches. This may save some money on soil, but it creates problems for retaining moisture. Another solution is to construct a box with a bottom and raise it to the level needed. The depth of the box may differ according to the crop to be grown. While lettuce, beans and other above-ground crops may require only about six inches of soil, root crops may require up to two feet. The weight of a box filled with two feet of soil is considerable, so the legs on this raised bed must be substantial. Such trug or table gardens are available commercially and I have recently seen a model that is built with wheels at one end to allow the bed to be moved more easily.

Moisture control is also a problem with raised beds. While drainage is important, being raised causes the bed to dry out more quickly than a traditional bed. The best solution for this is to use soaker hoses on a timer. If that is not possible, the gardener must make certain that the bed is monitored closely for moisture.

Placement of the beds is another major consideration. For wheelchair access, the beds need to be on level ground. Beds need to be far enough apart for easy access and to allow turning around, so the pathways between beds should be about four feet wide. The surface should be solid. If paved pathways are not possible, use angular-shaped stone instead of rounded pebbles. The gravel may be compacted for wheelchair access, but rounded pebbles will not compact well.

Raised beds may be constructed from a variety of materials, including wood, stone, brick, concrete, plastic, composite lumber and even metal. I will caution that when using wood, one should not use treated lumber or railroad ties with creosote for vegetable beds as the chemicals may leach into the soil. Cedar, fir and other naturally rot-resistant wood are better choices for food production.

While the considerations here have been mostly directed toward vegetable gardening, most of the same rules apply to ornamental gardens and landscapes. Wide, solid pathways are the best way to make a garden accessible for persons with mobility-related disabilities. A gardener with a disability may sometimes need some help, but a properly-constructed garden should allow anyone to garden, regardless of physical limitations.

Monroe Lake kicks off campfire cooking series with bread workshop, April 26

Monroe Lake is offering a series of three campfire cooking workshops at Paynetown State Recreation Area, starting with bread baking on April 26.

The bread workshop begins at 1:30 p.m. Participants will learn techniques for making campfire-breads by preparing and baking several kinds. There also will be a demonstration on baking yeast (artisanal) bread in a cast-iron Dutch oven. Participants will go home with recipes and fresh-baked breads.

The bread workshop is limited to 10 people, ages 16 and older. Advance registration

is required by April 23 at bit.ly/camp-cookapr2015. There is a fee of \$20 per person.

Future workshops focus on breakfast foods on June 21, (bit.ly/campcookjun2015) and pies and cakes on August 16 (bit.ly/camp-cookaug2015).

For more information, contact Jill Vance, Monroe Lake interpretive naturalist, at jvance@dnr.IN.gov or (812) 837-9967.

Paynetown State Recreation Area on Monroe Lake is at 4850 South State Road 446, Bloomington, 47401.

Indiana Dunes SP in running for Best State Park by USA Today

Fans of Indiana Dunes State Park can help it earn a spot on a USA Today list of the 10 best state parks in the country.

The park was one of 20 nationwide nominated for the list by a panel of travel experts. Readers will select the best 10 from the nominees, ranked according to vote totals.

The public has until March 30 to vote at 10best.com/awards/travel/best-state-park.

The United States is home to more than 6,000 state parks, representing millions of acres and hundreds of millions of visitors. Indiana Dunes State Park was nominated for

its 3 miles of Lake Michigan beach, 200-foot-tall sand dunes and four seasons of fun.

"The park really is a mecca for a wide variety of visitor use," said Brad Bumgardner, park interpretive naturalist. "From runners to beach goers, birders to wildflower enthusiasts, or simply those seeking a quiet natural experience, there is a little of something for every visitor to this park."

For more information, call (219) 926-1390. Indiana Dunes State Park (stateparks.IN.gov/2980.htm) is at 1600 North 25 E. Chesterton, 46304.



Changing lives, one arrow at a time

The National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) continues to grow in Indiana. Over 330 schools have the NASP program as part of the curriculum. The program is affecting approximately 50,000 students annually.

The DNR Law Enforcement Division has certified over 1,200 teachers as instructors in the NASP program. The Division is working with schools across the state with the ambitious goal of adding a minimum of 45 schools a year. Students participate by shooting a Genesis compound bow at an international competition scoring target. The program has shown results of improving student attendance, attitude, behavior, and overall learning experience. It teaches the students to be safe, courteous, and sportsmanship as well as other life skills.

Students are given an opportunity to join competitive archery teams to represent their schools at tournaments across the state. In January, qualifiers were held to obtain an invitation to the state tournament. While not all the teams qualify for this event, the lessons the program is designed to teach will be

achieved by everyone who participates in the program at any level.

"NASP has created an opportunity for anyone to join a team and compete at all levels. While the program has incorporated some competition, the main focus is to teach life skills that can be used in everyday situations," said Outdoor Education Lt. Larry Morrison. "Archery teaches concentration, poise, relaxation and commitment to practice, which translates to a better student in the classroom".

"2068 competitive shooters representing 101 qualifying schools statewide will be competing at this year's State NASP tournament", said Outdoor Education Coordinator Chris Clark.

The Indiana State NASP tournament will be held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Blue Ribbon and Champions Pavilion on March 14th, beginning at 7:30 A.M. An additional 3-D tournament will be held throughout the day for any registered participant of the NASP tournament.

For more information visit the Indiana NASP website: <http://indiananasp.com/>.

State appealing ruling in fenced deer case to Indiana Supreme Court

Last week, Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller's office filed an appeal of a recent court ruling that found the state lacked authority to regulate high-fenced deer-hunting enclosures. By appealing to the Indiana Supreme Court, the AG's Office is preserving the state's legal rights in litigation, but Zoeller again urged the legislature to continue its work in devising a solution to the long-running legal controversy by updating state laws so they directly address high-fenced hunting.

The case is Indiana Department of Natural Resources et al. v. Whitetail Bluff LLC et al., and the state is appealing a February 2 ruling from the Indiana Court of Appeals that had found for the owner of a commercial high-fenced deer-hunting business in Harrison County. As the lawyer for state government, the AG's Office represents DNR in lawsuits and defends state authority. Zoeller noted that last Wednesday was the deadline for the state to file its appeal, called a petition to transfer, in the Indiana Supreme Court; if the state had not filed it would forfeit its future legal options. The appeal asks the state's highest court to reverse the Court of Appeals' ruling and reinstate the DNR's authority to regulate privately owned wild animals.

"Seeking this appeal through the judicial branch does not mean, however, that the legislative branch should postpone action on the policy questions this subject raises. Absent a legislative solution, DNR must look to the state's highest court for relief. What would be preferable is a legislative solution – a bill reflecting the will of the people's elected representatives – rather than a court-mandated solution," Zoeller said.

In 2004, the Attorney General's Office issued a legal advisory opinion letter that concluded Indiana's existing statutes and rules do not directly address the complicated questions involving the commercial hunting of privately owned deer on private property.

White-tailed deer are wild animals, typically owned by the people of Indiana as a public trust. By statute, wild animals such as deer may be privately owned only with a license and only for limited purposes – not including hunting. Plaintiffs in lawsuits, however, have claimed that operators of private fenced enclosures can legally allow the commercial hunting of privately owned deer in the enclosures. Zoeller, who as chief deputy attorney general authored the 2004 legal advisory opinion letter, urged the Legislature then to pass a state law directly addressing the high-fenced hunting phenomenon. Eleven years later, no new law has passed and Zoeller again urges lawmakers to pass a bill and update Indiana code to eliminate the legal and regulatory uncertainties.

Zoeller noted he takes no legislative position on the underlying policy issues of whether high-fenced deer hunting should be permitted or is desirable, as those are decisions squarely within the authority and purview of the legislative branch. But he noted it's important that legislators resolve the impasse one way or another and enact a new statute that directly addresses either high-fenced hunting specifically or hunting privately owned wild animals more generally. Legislative proposals passed in the Indiana House during the first half of session, and the AG urged the state senate to consider the issue during the second half. The timing of the appeal is such that both chambers of the legislature potentially could take final action on a bill before an appeal could fully run its course in the Indiana Supreme Court, and if signed into law a new statute then would be in force going forward.

The Indiana Supreme Court will determine at a later date whether or not it will grant transfer and accept the state's case for review and whether or not it will schedule the matter for oral argument.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



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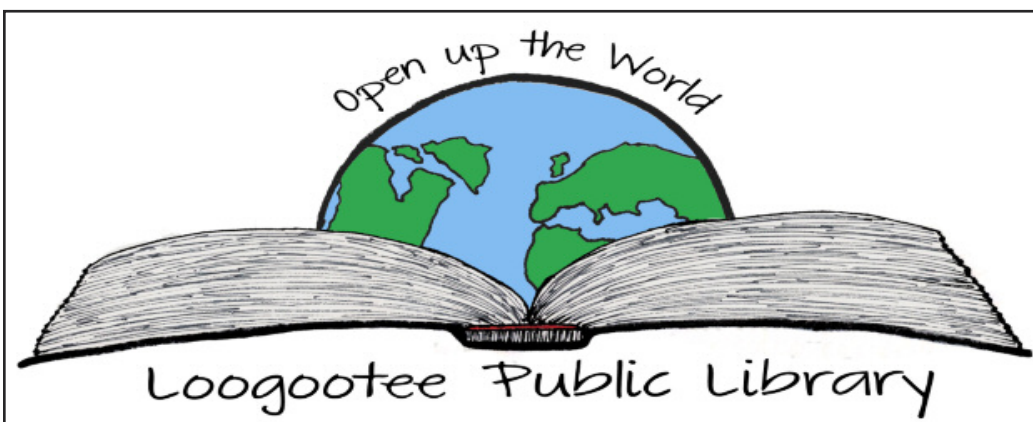
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3. Losing weight doesn't seem to be working for me, so I'm going to concentrate on getting taller.
4. If it's true that stress brings on weight loss, why am I not invisible?
5. The older you get, the more you be-

come like a computer. You start out with memory and drive, then you start to become outdated and have to have all your parts replaced.

6. There are three kinds of men:
The one that learns by reading.
The few who learn by observation.
The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence for themselves. -Will Rogers
 7. I wish I was as fat as I was the first time I thought I was fat.
 8. A bad attitude is like a flat tire. You can't go anywhere until you change it.
 9. Madonna is 55, her boyfriend is 22. Tina Turner is 75, her boyfriend is 40. J. Lo. is 42, her boyfriend is 26. Still single? Relax. Your boyfriend has not been born yet.
 10. The one who follows the crowd will usually go no further than the crowd. The one who walks alone is likely to find himself in places no one has ever been before. -Albert Einstein
 11. We all know mirrors don't lie. I'm just grateful that they don't laugh.
 12. If I ever go missing, I want my picture on beer cans rather than milk cartons. That way, at least my friends will know I'm missing.
 13. My kids call it "yelling" when I raise my voice . . . but I call it "motivational speaking" for the selective hearing.
 14. Wife texts husband at work on a cold winter's morning: "Windows frozen, won't open."
Husband texts back: "Gently pour some lukewarm water over it."
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BY DARLA WAGLER Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

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Calendar of Events

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, March 12 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. Some items on the agenda include timber sale discussion, calendar changes due to school cancellations, technology upgrade plan information, along with other regular monthly topics. The meeting is open to the public.

Loogootee School Board meeting

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

Commissioners' meeting change

The Martin County Board of Commissioners has rescheduled the Tuesday, March 17 meeting to Thursday, March 19 at 6 p.m. The date change is due to the chamber of commerce dinner scheduled for Tuesday night.

Soup luncheon

The Loogootee United Methodist Church will hold their annual soup, sandwich, drink, and dessert luncheon on Wednesday, March 25, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church located at 208 W. Main Street. Patrons may dine in, carry out or call 295-3049 or fax 295-4532 for delivery in the city limits of

Notes from the Martin County WIC Nutritionist

BY ELIZABETH WHITE
Martin County WIC Nutritionist

March 4, 2015 was International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) Day. IBCLC's are healthcare professionals that specialize in the clinical management of breastfeeding. To become an IBCLC you must pass an exam. An IBCLC must maintain their certification by obtaining continuing education credits. When it comes to breastfeeding, IBCLC's are one of the best people to answer questions and help resolve problems. An IBCLC is the only health worker that has an internationally recognized certification in lactation.

Indiana WIC moms are very lucky to have 79 IBCLC's available to them. Indiana WIC has one of the highest numbers of IBCLC's on staff compared to the other states. All WIC breastfeeding support is free. Non-WIC moms would be paying \$125 per hour to have the same support.

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.

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Odon Egg Hunt

An Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Odon Business Alliance, will be held Saturday, March 28 at 10 a.m. at the Odon Park. 5,000 eggs will be hidden for three age groups. A pancake and sausage breakfast will also be held from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., or while supplies last, at the Odon Community Building that morning. Rain date is April 4.

Boy Scouts

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

Cub Scout meetings

Cub scout meetings are held at Loogootee United Methodist Church on the first, third, and fourth Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Bryan Adams at 812-854-7837.

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

Tourism meetings

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

Animal Shelter featured pet



Bo Jangles is a three-year-old collie mix, very sweet, gets along better with female dogs than male. He loves to play fetch and loves people. He walks well on a leash. He is neutered and has had all his shots. Adoption fee is \$60. If interested in adopting, stop by the animal shelter at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. There are several dogs and cats to choose from! Shelter hours are Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appt.



Basketball awards

-Photos provided

The Shoals Adult Booster Club and Athletic Department honored the winter sports athletes at a banquet held Tuesday, March 3. Teams honored were the 5th grade boys' basketball team, coached by Josh Sexton; the 6th grade boys' basketball team, coached by Luke Harmon; the 5th grade girls' basketball team, coached by Angie Sango and Mike Fischer; the 6th grade girls' basketball team, coached by Scott Hert and Ken Miller; and the elementary cheerleaders, coached by Anna Shephard. Shown above are the fifth and sixth grade boys honored. In the front row is the fifth grade, from left to right, Blake Cooper (Co-Free Throw Percentage), Carter Roush (Most Rebounds), Keegen Brock (Co-Free Throw Percentage), Kelton Williams (Mental Attitude); and Brendon Jones (Hustle). In the back row are the sixth graders, from left to right, Zane Lake (Most Improved), Silas Bauer (Most Rebounds), and Levi Pendley (Free Throw Percentage). Not pictured is Adam Sukup (Hustle). In the photo below are the fifth and sixth grade girls. In the front row, from left to right, the fifth graders are Haley Fischer (Free Throw Percentage), Bailee Jones (Mental Attitude), Abby Sorrells (Hustle), and Summer Fromme (Most Rebounds). Not pictured is Hope Fultz (Most Improved). In the back row, from left to right, the sixth grade girls are Emma Hert (Hustle), Kaydence Sutton (Free Throw Percentage), Brooklyn Jones (Most Rebounds), and Mallory Waggoner (Co-Mental Attitude). Not pictured are Alyssa Howell (Hustle) and Lydia Bruner (Co-Mental Attitude).



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

Governor Mike Pence announced the State of Indiana is accepting nominations for the 2015 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, math, engineering, and technology (STEM). Winning students receive \$1,000 college scholarships through Indiana's CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan.

"It is a privilege to continue this tradition of awarding exceptional students with science, math, engineering or technology interests with college scholarships," said Governor Pence. "As our state continues to grow in life sciences and technological industries, it is important that students recognize these fields as impactful to our state's future."

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/math-scienceawards/>. The deadline for nominations is 6 p.m. EDT on April 19, 2015.

Governor Mitch Daniels created the Indiana Mr. and Miss Math and Science awards in 2008. Mr. David Lu Liang of Carmel High School and Miss Sonali Sunil Mali of Avon High School were named Mr. and Miss Science in 2014.

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ADDYSON AIMAN

Addyson Kourtney Aiman is the daughter of Autumn Aiman and Andrew Aiman. While in high school, she has been in Lionettes, SADD, Lion Pride, Pep Club, student council, beta club and Spanish Club all four years. She was involved with Fellowship of Christian Athletes and America Club her junior and senior years, did cadet teaching in 11th grade and job shadowed in 10th, 11th and 12th grades. She has served as SADD secretary and student council treasurer her senior year. She played volleyball in 9th, 10th and 11th grades. Addyson plans to attend IU and study biology.



ADALYN ARVIN

Adalyn Rae Arvin is the daughter of Mike and Lisa Arvin. While in high school, she has been in SADD, beta club, Lion Pride, and pep club all four years. She was a Lionette her freshman year, in the musical in 9th and 10th grades, in madrigals, peers, Spanish Club, FACS Club, and chorus her first three years of high school, was in student council and served as a cadet teacher in 10th and 11th grades, and has been an intern her senior year. She has served as beta club historian her senior year and state beta vice president. Adalyn plans to attend IUPUI after graduation and study interior design.




RIELLEY GRABER

Rielley Ann Graber is the daughter of W. Matt Graber and Jodi Graber. While in high school, she was in FACS Club and SADD in 9th and 10th grades, pep club in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades, and was a cadet teacher her junior year. She played softball her first three years of high school. Rielley plans to attend VU and then USI after graduation and get a degree in social work.



KENDALL BRATTON

Kendall Alexander Bratton is the son of Debbie and Shannon Bratton. While in high school, he has been in SADD all four years, played intramural basketball in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades; and has been in Fellowship of Christian Athletes and has done job shadowing his senior year. Kendall plans to attend VU and possibly study mechanical engineering.



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Crane inventors issued new patents

This month, Crane employees were issued patents for several inventions developed to enhance the safety, speed and efficiency of the Warfighter.

Eric Scheid, Brad Moan and Thomas Gailey invented a simultaneous nonelectric priming assembly and method. The performance of certain operations, military and otherwise, requires an explosive to be placed at a blasting site. That explosive may be detonated from a location remote from the blasting site to ensure the safety of the user. This priming assembly couples a plurality of detonators to at least one explosive through a plurality of transmission lines so that if both detonators detonate within microsecond seconds of one another, explosive charges from both may pass simultaneously to the plurality of transmission lines. Even if one detonator fails, the explosive charge from the functioning detonator may still pass simultaneously to the plurality of transmission lines.

If the priming assembly only included a single detonator, extreme caution would be needed when handling the failed detonator to avoid an unwanted detonation. A priming assembly with a plurality of detonators increases the likelihood that at least one of the detonators will function properly.

Eric Scheid and Colt Miller created a solid lined fabric and a method for making the fabric. The invention seeks to address a deficiency between light-weight, flexible materials and rigid materials. It consists of a lined fabric that has characteristics of a rigid material while maintaining the flexibility and versatility of a fabric, and also a fabric with an exterior that bolsters the ef-

fect of the liner material.

A lined fabric may be used as a fragmentation sleeve for explosive ordnance and also for body armor, where the materials minimize ballistic and/or weapon penetration. Other uses include electromagnetic shielding, power generation, flotation, insulation and theft deterrence. This invention may also augment explosives deployed in oil wells.

Alexander M. Soles, Matthew R. Walsh and Eric B. Scott invented an event detection system user interface system coupled to multiple sensors including an impact detection system. The system includes a sensing device for detecting damage events related to a structure of interest. This sensing device communicates with a measurement system to determine damage criteria and a processing system that uses the criteria to establish, for example, the direction of the initiation point of a ballistic that caused the damage.

The invention may be used to detect failures in body armor and personal protective equipment, locate ballistic wounds caused by bomb blasts or gunfire and avert potential disasters in space caused by contact with space junk, meteorites and micrometeoroids. It could also be used to determine the extent of damage to a vehicle while a collision is happening and utilize the information to deploy specific airbags, actively monitor the skin of an aircraft and oversee the condition of unmanned aerial vehicles and battle field robots.

These patented technologies are examples of support provided to the Warfighter by Crane's nationally recognized technical experts.

Representative Bucshon announces 2015 Congressional Art Competition

Yesterday, Representative Larry Bucshon, M.D. (IN-08) announced his 2015 8th District Congressional Art Competition open to all students currently enrolled in a high school located in the 8th District.

Bucshon holds the 8th District Congressional Art Competition every year, in concert with Representatives nation-wide, to recognize and encourage the artistic talent of high school students.

Participants must submit two-dimensional

artwork up to 28 inches by 28 inches by 4 inches (including the frame) that weighs no more than 15 pounds.

All submissions must be delivered to one of Bucshon's district offices by Friday, April 25. Following the submission deadline, all submitted artwork will be displayed for public viewing during a Gallery Show at the Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana where an expert panel will select a winner.

The winner will be announced by Bucshon and the expert panel on May 4, 2015. His or her artwork will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol alongside artwork from other contest winners nation-wide.

The winner will also receive two free roundtrip airline tickets to Washington, D.C., a gift card for a hotel, a tour of the U.S. Capitol, and an invitation to the Congressional awards ceremony. At the end of the year, the winning artwork will be returned to the student.

Competition information, rules, checklist, and release form are available at <http://bucshon.house.gov/serving-you/art-competition>. In addition, art teachers at the 8th District high schools have been sent packets of information to help students along the process.

Students may also contact Samantha in Bucshon's Evansville District Office at 812-465-6484 for more information.

Governor breaks ground on Major Moves 2020 construction

Governor Mike Pence Monday joined state legislators to break ground on the state's Major Moves 2020 construction program. Under legislation enacted last year, an additional \$400 million in state funds is expanding heavily-traveled sections of Indiana's interstates to three lanes in each direction.

"Roads mean jobs, and Major Moves 2020 will further enhance Indiana's reputation as the Crossroads of America," said Governor Pence. "When it comes to infrastructure, Indiana is recognized as a national transportation hub and a global distribution powerhouse, making the Hoosier State a great place to do business. I commend the work of the Indiana Department of Transportation in bringing the Major Moves 2020 effort to fruition and look forward to the positive impact it will have on Hoosiers across the state."

Since 2013, the state has made a total of \$800 million in new money available for roads and bridges. As part of the two-year budget currently in the legislature, Governor Pence proposed an additional \$300 million in state funds to rehabilitate and repair Indiana's interstates.

The first Major Moves 2020 section to begin construction is I-65 between Southport Road (Exit 103) and Main Street in Greenwood (Exit 99). Milestone Contractors will begin nighttime lane closures next week to install temporary pavement in preparation for future traffic shifts.

Major Moves 2020

During Monday's ceremony, Governor Pence announced the award of a third Major Moves 2020 contract. Milestone Contractors submit the lowest bid of \$84 million to expand another 9 miles of I-65 to three

lanes in each direction between Main Street and State Road 44 (Exit 90) near Franklin.

Earlier this year, an \$83 million Major Moves 2020 contract was awarded to widen I-65 in the Lafayette area from State Road 38 (Exit 168) to State Road 25 (Exit 175).

INDOT will host public hearings this month for two Major Moves 2020 projects that Governor Pence funded in January:

A 6 p.m. Thursday public hearing at the Ivy Tech Community College campus at 8204 Old Indiana 311 in Sellersburg will discuss the expansion of I-65 from Sellersburg (Exit 9) to Memphis (Exit 16) in Clark County. Doors open with an open house at 5 p.m.

A 6 p.m. hearing March 19 at the Fishers City Hall Auditorium, located at 1 Municipal Drive, will discuss the improvements to I-69 from State Road 37 (Exit 205) to South-eastern/Campus Parkway (Exit 210) in Hamilton County.

2015 I-65 construction

Including the Major Moves 2020 projects, more than \$500 million in I-65 projects will begin construction this year. INDOT and the city of Greenwood have already broken ground on a new I-65 exit at Worthsville Road.

Work to build a new bridge over the Ohio River at Louisville and improve the I-65 approach in Indiana has entered its third year of construction.

In addition, The I-65 north ramp to I-70 west will be closed for two months this summer to rehabilitate two bridges. Drivers should watch for lane shifts and stopped traffic as several other resurfacing and bridge rehabilitation projects will impact traffic along I-65 this year.

VU to realign and restructure academic areas to benefit students

Vincennes University will realign and restructure several academic areas, according to Provost Charles Johnson, vice president for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty.

Effective July 1, the Journalism and Broadcasting academic programs will be combined into a single department to be called the Department of Mass Communication. The new department will be part of the College of Social Science and Performing Arts, which will add Communication to its title.

"By bringing these disciplines together under one college, Vincennes University will take full advantage of overlapping skills and common interests. Students will derive the benefit of shared outcomes and opportunities to delve into areas of specialization," said Eric Margerum, dean of Social Science and Performing Arts.

In addition to the academic programs, VU's broadcast operations, which include WVUT and WVUB, will be administered by the restructured College of Social Science, Performing Arts, and Communication.

Two other changes will also become effective on July 1. The Theatre program and Music Department will merge to become the Department of Music and Theatre. Also, the College of Business and Convergent Technologies will revert back to its previous name, College of Business and Public Service.

While the plan realigns the reporting structure of several academic areas, it does not include changes in the location of fac-

ulty or program offices.

Johnson said that a review committee will be established in conjunction with the changes to examine programs and curricula in three related areas - Journalism, Broadcasting, and Public Relations - to determine if additional synergies can be achieved, as well as enhancing program quality and enrollments. He said the work of the review committee will continue faculty conversations that began about one year ago that led to the announced realignment.

"The ways in which people receive news, information, and entertainment has changed dramatically, but what has not changed is the need for content.

Our program restructuring is based on the premise that students should know how to create good content and distribute that content over multiple media platforms," said Thomas Young, professor of the Electronic Media/Broadcasting Department.

"Preparing content for traditional media such as broadcast television and radio and print newspapers remains important. But the convergence of audio, video, and print content being offered via the internet has torn down the walls of specialization of the traditional media. To thrive in the evolution of media content delivery and consumption, students must be prepared to create good content and then tailor that content for the various media," Young said.

Johnson said the changes are driven by an industry that is calling for graduates to have skill sets that are different from the past. "As anyone who has used the Internet to read a newspaper or watch a video knows that the worlds of broadcast media and print journalism have been experiencing seismic shifts in their business models for most of the last two decades.

It is time for these important program areas to work even more closely to prepare our students to meet the challenges they will face in their careers," Johnson.

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National jobless rate edged to 5.5 percent for February

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 295,000 in February, and the unemployment rate edged down to 5.5 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Job gains occurred in food services and drinking places, professional and business services, construction, health care, and in transportation and warehousing. Employment in mining was down over the month.

Household Survey Data

Both the unemployment rate (5.5 percent) and the number of unemployed persons (8.7 million) edged down in February. Over the year, the unemployment rate and the number of unemployed persons were down by 1.2 percentage points and 1.7 million, respectively.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rate for teenagers decreased by 1.7 percentage points to 17.1 percent in February. The jobless rates for adult men (5.2 percent), adult women (4.9 percent), whites (4.7 percent), blacks (10.4 percent), Asians (4.0 percent), and Hispanics (6.6 percent) showed little or no change.

The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was little changed at 2.7 million in February. These individuals accounted for 31.1 percent of the unemployed. Over the past 12 months, the number of long-term unemployed is down by 1.1 million.

The civilian labor force participation rate, at 62.8 percent, changed little in February and has remained within a narrow range of 62.7 to 62.9 percent since April 2014. The employment-population ratio was unchanged at 59.3 percent in February but is up by 0.5 percentage point over the year.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) was little changed in February at 6.6 million.

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, 2.2 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, little changed 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 732,000 discouraged workers in February, little different 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 1.4 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 rose by 295,000 in February, compared with an average monthly gain of 266,000 over the prior 12 months. Job gains occurred in food services and drinking places, professional and business services, construction, health care, and in transportation and warehousing. Employment in mining declined over the month.

In February, food services and drinking places added 59,000 jobs. The industry had added an average of 35,000 jobs per month over the prior 12 months.

Employment in professional and business services increased by 51,000 in February and has risen by 660,000 over the year. In February, employment continued to trend up in management and technical consulting services (+7,000), computer

systems design and related services (+5,000), and architectural and engineering services (+5,000).

Construction added 29,000 jobs in February. Employment in specialty trade contractors rose by 27,000, mostly in the residential component. Over the past 12 months, construction has added 321,000 jobs.

In February, employment in health care rose by 24,000, with gains in ambulatory care services (+20,000) and hospitals (+9,000). Health care had added an average of 29,000 jobs per month over the prior 12 months.

Transportation and warehousing added 19,000 jobs in February, with most of the gain occurring in couriers and messengers (+12,000). Employment in transportation and warehousing grew by an average of 14,000 per month over the prior 12 months.

Employment in retail trade continued to trend up in February (+32,000) and has grown by 319,000 over the year.

Manufacturing employment continued to trend up in February (+8,000). Within the industry, petroleum and coal products lost 6,000 jobs, largely due to a strike.

Employment in mining decreased by 9,000 in February, with most of the decline in support activities for mining (-7,000).

Employment in other major industries, including wholesale trade, information, financial activities, and government, showed little change over the month.

In February, the average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls was 34.6 hours for the fifth month in a row. The manufacturing workweek was unchanged at 41.0 hours in February, and factory overtime edged down by 0.1 hour to 3.4 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 33.8 hours.

In February, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 3 cents to \$24.78. Over the year, average hourly earnings have risen by 2.0 percent. In February, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees were unchanged at \$20.80.

After revision, the change in total nonfarm payroll employment for December remained at +329,000, and the change for January was revised from +257,000 to +239,000. With these revisions, employment gains in December and January were 18,000 lower than previously reported. Over the past 3 months, job gains have averaged 288,000 per month.



Bowling scouts

-Photo provided

The Loogootee Boy Scouts and their families recently enjoyed a day of bowling at Strike Zone Bowling Center in Loogootee. From left to right are Ross Adams, Bryan Adams, Cordell Padgett.

St John Parish creating new directory

Fr. J. Kenneth Walker has announced that St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish is in the process of publishing a parish directory. The directory will be an asset to the new parish created in July of 2014 by the merger of St. Joseph Parish in Bramble, St. Mary Parish in Shoals, St. Martin Parish in Whitfield, St. John Parish in Loogootee, and St. Mary Chapel in Barr Township.

All members of the new parish are encouraged to participate by signing up for a portrait session.

This can be done by signing up after any weekend Mass or by going to the St. John website and follow the link to the portrait sign-up site.

All parishioners who participate will receive an 8x10 portrait and a free directory.



Luncheon planned at lunch

-Photo provided

The ladies of Loogootee United Methodist Church recently met at The Lodge of Loogootee to plan the church's annual soup, sandwich, and dessert luncheon. The date is set for March 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and there will be dine in, carry out, or delivery available within city limit, same as last year.

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We want to express our appreciation to the community for the broad support of our recent K-9 fundraiser. The success impressively exceeded our expectations. We want to give a special thanks to Don Greene and Jenell Hoffman for leading the event coordination and soliciting businesses for auction items. We acknowledge the numerous local businesses that donated to the cause. Additionally, thanks to Trooper Lents, Prosecutor Steiner, and Deputy McBeth for participating in the Taser training in such a public venue. We are grateful to the Shoals News for donated ads leading up to the event. Thank you to the Loogootee Tribune for the articles that built awareness of the cause. Brian Ader's inflatable fun "bounce house and slide" was a huge attraction for the kids, and we appreciated all the donated proceeds from it. Noel Harty and Mark Graber had a busy evening working the auction pro bono. Finally, I want to recognize the collective efforts of the Martin County people for supporting the Sheriff's Office and all law enforcement.

We consider the support a signal to proceed with the community's mandate to target drugs and related problems in the county. We are anticipating the addition of the newest member of our team, and will keep the public posted along the way.

Sincerely, Your Martin County Sheriff's Office

