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## 20th Martin County Ag Day *-Photos provided*

More than 350 people turned out for the 20th Annual Ag Day celebration at the community building last Saturday morning. Ag Day offered agriculture related booths, awards to local farmers and breakfast served by the Junior Leaders and prepared by the Ag Day Committee. Shown above is Adilyn Brown showing some love to a calf.



Ag Day Award Winners are shown in the photos above and below. In the photo above are winners Jan Mudd and Tom Mudd with David Gregory, representing the Ag Day Committee. Below are award winners Tom Williams and Carla Williams. Vic Wallace was also an award winner but was not present for a photo.



## Loogootee Council to add \$6 user fee to water bills

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
*Martin County Journal Publisher*

The Loogootee City Council discussed what needed to be done about the implementation of a stormwater fee to Loogootee Water customers at their meeting Monday night, March 14.

The stormwater fee discussion stems from the city's desire to apply for grants. In order for the city to be competitive on the grants and garner more points, a user fee needs to be added. Marty Tarrh, representing the Stormwater Utility Board, had recommended to the council at their January meeting that the city go with a fee of \$5 for individuals and \$25-\$50 for businesses. He had noted that the higher the user fee, the more points the grant applications would receive. The extra money

brought in from the fee would go toward stormwater projects.

At Monday's meeting, Mayor Noel Harty said that the stormwater board did not return to the council because it was suggested that the city hire a firm to do research before a user fee was started. City Attorney Isha Wright-Ryan said that she spoke with Paul Voegler, the attorney for the Town of Shoals, and he stated that Shoals came up with their own fee and did not hire an outside firm. He said the town board came up with a number they felt water customers would not object to. Wright-Ryan said it was up to the council if they wanted to hire Umbaugh and Associates to do a study or they could just choose the new rates themselves.

The council decided to go with a \$6 (See 'FEE' continued on page 2)

## Martin County's unemployment rate bumps to 4.7 percent for January

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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Martin County's unemployment rate rose to 4.7 percent in January, up from 4 percent in December. The county had the 32<sup>nd</sup> lowest jobless rate in the state of the 92 Indiana counties, tied with four other counties.

In January, the county had 5,078 residents in the workforce with 238 of them unemployed. In December, there were 5,080 residents able to work and 202 of them without jobs. In January of last year, Martin County's jobless rate was 5.5 percent with 5,017 residents in the workforce and 278 of them without

work.

Daviess County's unemployment rate went up just slightly from 3.8 percent in December to 4.1 percent in January. The county had the 9<sup>th</sup> lowest unemployment rate in the state for January, tied with Jackson County.

In January, the county had 15,929 residents in the workforce with 658 of them unemployed. In December, there were 15,640 residents able to work and 601 of them without jobs. In January of last year, Daviess County's jobless rate was 4.6 percent with 15,641 residents in the workforce and 721 of them without work.

(See 'RATE' continued on page 2)

## Shoals School Board approves several personnel changes

The Shoals School Board met last Thursday, March 10.

The board approved the following personnel actions:

-Resignation from Amy Qualkenbush from position of teaching assistant effective at the end of the 2015-16 school year.

-Bridgette Boyd as a Title I Teaching Assistant

-Resignation of Terra Boyd from position of JV volleyball coach and permission to post the open position

-Resignation of Kayla Hammack from position of 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball coach and permission to post the open position

-Danielle Turpin and Mimi Hawkins as co-sponsors of FFA for 2016-17

-Josh Sexton as varsity assistant baseball coach for 2015-16

-Kyle Troutman and Danny Roush as volunteer baseball coaches for 2015-16

-Jeff Cooper as varsity assistant softball coach for 2015-16

-Adam Terry as volunteer softball coach for 2015-16

-Melissa Fields as junior high girls' track coach for 2015-16

-Rhonda Sanders as assistant girls' track coach for 2015-16

-Tanner Sorrells as 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball coach for 2015-16

-Dave Qualkenbush as varsity boys' assistant track coach for 2015-16

-Tim Howell as junior high boys' track coach for 2015-16

-Tammy Gore and Mitch Green as volunteer junior high track coaches for 15-16

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# SHOALS

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The board gave approval for the superintendent to hire a Spanish teacher prior to the next board meeting if necessary.

Superintendent Roush recommended approval to advertise for quotes from interested mowing contractors. The base area quoted would be all grass areas of school property except the fenced in sport fields. The sport fields would be quoted as an alternate quote amount. Board Member Eva Neely made a motion to approve the recommendation with Lorna Troutman making the second. The motion did not pass due to a 2-3 vote.

A second recommendation was made by Superintendent Roush to advertise for quotes with the alternate fenced in sport fields removed. That recommendation passed unanimously.

Superintendent Roush recommended the board approve Danny Roush to mow the fenced in athletic fields during the 2016 season. The board made the stipulation that if Mr. Roush was unable to do the mowing, school employees could help.

The board approved of the following facility usage requests:

-Shoals United Methodist Church to hold Community Good Friday Service in the gymnasium on March 25, 2016 at 6 p.m. with set up in the afternoon

-Shoals Summer League to hold mock try-outs in the multi-purpose room on Saturday, April 2, 2016

-Shoals Alumni Association to hold the Alumni Banquet here on June 25, 2016 with set up the day before.

-Junior High Baseball Program to hold practices and games for 2016 season

The board approved the following field trips:

-Senior Class Trip to Indianapolis Capitol Building on March 10

-Softball team to Indiana University on March 26

-Students to special track and field program at Bedford on March 13 and 14

-First grade to Wonder Lab in Bloomington on April 22

-ACP Chemistry Class to IU in Bloomington on March 30

-Junior high band to contest at Tecumseh HS on April 9

-Art Class to IU Art Museum in Bloomington on April 1

-4<sup>th</sup> grade to Crane on April 5 as well as a trip to the Crane Science Fair for students in grades 6-12 on April 20

The board approved the following fundraiser requests:

-Shoals Parent Association to hold "Year End Celebration" for elementary students as well as a silent auction fundraiser on May 20. Some of the funds raised will be donated to classroom teachers for supplies.

-Art department to sponsor a vendor sale on May 21 in the in conjunction with the "Hwy. 50 Yard Sale" to raise funds for the mural project fund.

-Shoals Parent Association to host a Christmas Store Fundraiser in December of 2016.

The board approved a \$200 donation from Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth to the high school Robotics Club.

The last student day is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2016. Awards Night is scheduled for Friday, May 27, 2016. The graduation ceremony for the Class of 2016 will be held Saturday, May 28, 2016.

The board approved that the 2016-17 school year reflect four nine-week grading periods, rather than six 6-week grading periods.

The board gave approval to advertise the registration information for a pre-school program for students ages 3 to 5

years old next school year.

The board approved Steve's Roofing and Sheet Metal for the 2016 roof replacement project at a total contract amount of \$726,460.00.

The board approved spring fundamentals practices for girls in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Practices scheduled two afternoons each week March 28-May 25.

The board held a second reading and approved board policy #3760 – Threshold for Loss or Theft of School Funds or Property.

Austin Malone, elementary principal, reported on the following:

-Attendance push continues.

-ISTEP testing is currently underway with IREAD3 testing to begin next week

-SPA is sponsoring a Coin War all week to raise money for in-school projects

-Disney Day will be held on Friday, March 18

-They have been named a Kindness Certified School

-Due to weather related cancellations, the end of the third, nine week grading period will be Friday, March 18

-Fundraiser rewards will be given out on Friday, March 18

-Mrs. Hovis' class is doing the Read, Right, and Run Challenge

Lucas Calhoun, junior/senior high school principal, reported on the following:

-Junior Alex Tedrow participated in the state level solo/ensemble contest at North Central High School in Indianapolis and earned a gold medal.

-Beta Club raised \$2,780.63 on tickets, extra bingo cards, food, and donations. And special thanks to host Lisa Ader graciously donated a portion of her profits, making our total amount \$3,240.38

-7<sup>th</sup> grader Alan Cook traveled to the Tri-State Spelling Bee contest in Evansville to compete against 110 other school spelling bee champions from the Tri-State region. Alan emerged as one of 26 finalists after a written test consisting of 15 spelling words and 15 vocabulary words. The 26 finalists then competed in an oral bee. Alan managed to stay in the competition for 14 rounds, finishing in 6<sup>th</sup> place overall. (Alan placed 9<sup>th</sup> in 2015.)

-Biology students created innovative DNA models

-Industrial Technology and engine successes

-Junior high dance was a major success with over 70 junior high students in attendance

-Congratulations to Megan Hawkins and Kenady Bratton on earning All-Conference Honorable Mention for girls' basketball

-Winter Sports Banquet was highly successful

-Voter registration drive netted over 30 new registered voters

-Senior class received a tour at the Indiana Statehouse

-ISTEP Round 1 was completed and the process was extremely smooth

-Art classes are having a guest speaker from the Art Institute of Indianapolis

-Faculty members have been in attendance or will be in attendance at the following professional development sessions: Conexus Leadership Training; ELA and ISTEP; eBooks/eLearning; Dual-Credit Partnerships; iReady Math

-Beta Initiation is March 15

-Parent/guardian academic meeting on March 17 (focus on incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders), but all are welcome!

-Prom is April 23

-Graduation 2016 prep is being finalized

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

# Loogootee Water to flush mains

The Loogootee Water Department will be flushing water mains beginning April 3, 2016 and ending April 8, 2016. Customers may experience periods of low water pressure and, or cloudy water. It is recommended that you check your water quality before cooking, drinking, or doing laundry. If problems with your water quality should continue, contact the water office at 812-295-

2497 or after 4 p.m. call the Loogootee Police Department at 812-295-2246.

The water department would like to caution drivers and pedestrians to be cautious when utility employees are in the area. Water main flushing through fire hydrants releases large volumes of water at high pressure which can be dangerous and harmful to yourself and their employees.

# FEE

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user fee for individual customers and businesses, the same for everyone. A public hearing will be held at the next council meeting to hear any public comment regarding the fee before it is officially implemented. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Council Member Ruth Smith asked for an update on the status of the property the city owns by the railroad tracks on the corner of Church Street and JFK Avenue. Mayor Harty explained that the city purchased the property for \$23,500 back in August of 2012. Since that time, they have spent and additional \$4,100 on environmental management, appraisals and advertising the property for sale. A prospective buyer of the lot found that the poles on the property belong to CSX Railroad as part of their easement. Mayor Harty said he was told by that possible buyer that the railroad company planned to remove the poles and bury the lines however no date was set for that.

Harty said if the property is sold this year, two more appraisals would probably be needed at a total cost of around \$1,000.

The council tabled approved one building permit for George and Carol

# RATE

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Dubois County's jobless rate also went up just a bit in January to 3.7 percent, up from 3.2 percent in December. The county had the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest unemployment rate in the state for January.

In January, the county had 23,046 residents in the workforce with 854 of them without jobs. In December, there were 22,690 residents able to work with 737 of them unemployed. In January of 2015, Dubois County's jobless rate was 4.3 percent with 22,489 residents in the workforce and 963 of them unemployed.

The top ten spots in the state for lowest unemployment rate for January were Hamilton County at 3.5 percent, Dubois County at 3.7 percent, LaGrange, Hendricks, Bartholomew, and Elkhart counties at 3.9 percent; Boone and Adams counties at 4 percent, and Daviess and Jackson counties at 4.1 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for the highest unemployment rate for January were Vermillion County at 8.4 percent, Greene County at 8.1 percent, Lawrence County at 7.5 percent, Lake County at 7.3 percent, Crawford, Owen, and Sullivan counties at 7.2 percent; Jasper and LaPorte counties at 7.1 percent, and Starke County at 6.9 percent.

Indiana's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 4.6 percent in January. (Due to the yearly federal benchmarking process, December's unemployment rate was revised upward to 4.6 percent.) The Hoosier labor force maintained a positive trend, gaining more than 20,000 individuals in January. Indiana's labor force growth over the year now stands at more than

Crays at 350 Bloomfield Road for an addition to a pole barn until Superintendent Bo Wilson has a chance to do an inspection of the property.

Wilson also spoke to the council about installing three cellular alarms to the wastewater treatment plant lift stations. The alarms will alert employees if there are any issues. The material and installation for each is \$1,449 with annual monitoring service of \$50 per year. Wilson said he didn't plan to do them all at once, maybe one a year. The council approved purchasing one.

A resident at Larkin Apartments wants another handicap parking spot installed behind the building. Mayor Harty said Hoosier Uplands didn't necessarily want another spot put in however he said he would speak to them and come back to the council about it next month.

During the board of public works meeting, Superintendent Wilson requested permission to put up signs in the city posting load limits on the roads. The board requested that Wilson come back next month with the amount of signs he needs and where he wants to put them.

Mayor Harty reported that the water department will be advertising for full and part-time openings.

51,000, and 116,700 added since January 2013. In January, the Hoosier labor force participation rate again exceed the national rate (64.2 percent vs. 62.7 percent).

Private sector employment gains in January occurred in the Leisure and Hospitality (+4,700), Financial Activities (+1,500) and Construction (+1,200) sectors. Gains were partially offset by contraction in the Professional and Business Services (-3,100), Trade, Transportation and Utilities (-2,300), and Private Education & Health Services (-1,600) sectors. Indiana's private sector grew by 43,500 jobs in 2016, and has added nearly 141,000 jobs over the past three years.

"Private sector employment in the Hoosier State has grown by nearly 141,000 over the past three years," said Steven J. Braun, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. "Additionally, Indiana continues to have an unemployment rate lower than all of our neighboring states."

Braun also noted that claims for unemployment insurance in 2016 were at their lowest levels since 1998, and the number of unemployed Hoosiers has decreased by 43 percent over the past three years.

Sectors showing gains in January include: Leisure and Hospitality (+4,700), Financial Activities (+1,500) and Construction (+1,200). The Professional and Business Services (-3,100), Trade, Transportation and Utilities (-2,300), Private Educational & Health Services (-1,600), and Manufacturing (-300) sectors declined in January. Total Nonfarm employment increased in January (+2,600).



# Obituaries

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## ROSAMARY STREET

Rosamary H. Street passed away at 2:44 p.m. March 14, 2016 at Memorial Hospital and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 75.

She was born June 17, 1940 in St. Angelo, Texas; daughter of the late Arthur and Martha (Aiton) Hollaway.

She was a member of Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church. She loved riding horses and Harleys. She enjoyed spending time with her family and traveling.

She is survived by her children, Rhonda (David Sr.) Street-Helming of Celestine, Edwina (Darrel) Walton of Loogootee, Kenny (Jackie) Street of Dumas, Texas; Darryl Street of Spencer, Virgil Scott (Lori) Street of Loogootee and Doug (Karen) Bowman of Washington; grandchildren, Leah and David Jr. Helming, Josh (Kristin) Roach, Amber Walton, P.J. (Kela) Walton, Mariah, Kaleb and Branda Street, Harley (Doug) Street-Williams, Bonnie (Dustin) Street-Rustman and Sean (Paulie) Street; nine great-grandchildren; siblings, Nina Stencil, Kenneth (Diane) Hollaway, Arthur (Ann) Hollaway and Grace Williams; many nieces, nephews and cousins; and special friend, Keith Hess of Washington.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Donald Street; parents, Arthur and Martha (Aiton) Hollaway; and sisters, Hazel Jameson and Beulah Faye Tolit.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 17 at Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church in Loogootee.

Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. un-

til 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 16 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee and Thursday, March 17 from 10 a.m. until time of service at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church.

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

## DENNIS MILLER

Dennis William Miller passed away Sunday, March 13, 2016. A resident of Odon, he was 56.

He was born June 22, 1959 in Crane; son of Clarence and Carol (Fisher) Miller.

He was a member of the Burns City United Methodist Church. He was a manager and owner in the road construction industry for most of his career until his retirement in 2013. He was a member of the Indiana Laborer's Union and the Operating Engineers Local #841. He loved outdoor activities such as working with heavy equipment, welding, gardening and raising livestock. Other hobbies included watching boxing and NASCAR racing. He will be remembered by many for his big heart and willingness to help anybody in need.

Survivors include his father and mother, Clarence and Carol Miller of Odon; two sons, Jacson (Christina) Miller of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Keith Miller (Samantha Wright) of Bicknell; two daughters, Rachel Cravens (Nate Lewis) of Linton and Lauryn Miller of Bloomfield; three sisters, Teresa Bechtel, Nancy

(Ron) Marlow, both of Brazil and Sandra Miller (Doug Nichols) of Washington; and three grandchildren, Keith Miller Jr., Annabelle Lewis and Graham Miller; several nieces also survive.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Franklin Miller and his grandparents, Roy and O'Donna Fisher and Arthur and Evaline Miller.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 17 at the Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon with Pastor Gerald Frye officiating. He will be laid to rest in Burns City Cemetery in Burns City. Family and friends may call from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 16 and from 9 a.m. until time of service on Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Burns City United Methodist Church. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. All arrangements have been entrusted to James W. Meng, Jr. and the Meng Family Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to [www.mengfuneralhome.com](http://www.mengfuneralhome.com).

## CATHERINE MATTINGLY

Catherine "Jeanne" Mattingly passed away March 6, 2016 at Bethel Manor in Evansville. A resident of Washington, she was 88.

She was born February 12, 1928 in Loogootee; daughter of Flora (Greenwell) and Thomas Ervin Mattingly.

She was a St. John High School of Loogootee graduate and a member of Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church. She

was a longtime member of the Daughters of Isabella, serving as an officer for many years. She enjoyed dining, shopping and traveling with her sister, Alice, as well as card games, baking and gardening.

She is survived by son, Jim (Judy Shure) Mattingly of Dallas, Texas; daughter, Patty Meagher (Gene) Gauger of Evansville; five grandchildren, Ian (Nicole) Mattingly of Plano, Texas; Clea Mattingly of Dallas, Texas; Emily Meagher of Ashland, Oregon; Anna Meagher of Indianapolis, and Heather Meagher of Evansville, four great-grandchildren, Liam, Ava, Toby, and Colton, a sister, Alice Walker of Loogootee; and two brothers, Ron Mattingly of Huntingburg and Don Mattingly of Loogootee.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles E. (Gene) Mattingly, whom she married August 6, 1949; both parents; brothers, James Francis Mattingly, George Mattingly, Bob Mattingly, Larry Mattingly, Tom Mattingly and Louis Mattingly; and sisters, Elizabeth Goble, Louise Neideffer, and LaVerne Williams.

A mass of Christian burial was celebrated Tuesday, March 15 at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church, with Father Paul Ferguson as celebrant. Burial followed at St. John Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church, 315 N.E. Third Street, Washington, IN 47501 or Deaconess VNA Plus, 610 E. Walnut Street, P.O. Box 3487, Evansville, IN 47734-3487.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, MARCH 7

6:34 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

9:00 a.m. - Received an alarm call north of Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded and all was okay.

9:43 a.m. - Received a report of an altercation in Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

11:20 a.m. - Captain Dant transported one inmate to Dubois County Jail.

12:58 p.m. - Received a request from Daviess County for fire department assistance in Cannelburg. Loogootee Fire responded.

1:30 p.m. - Received an alarm call north of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded and all was okay.

2:05 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

3:42 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

8:06 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Loogootee. Deputy Salmon, Deputy Reed, ISP Trooper Beaver, and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

9:27 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Lents checked the vehicle and all was okay.

11:03 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Corporal Baker responded.

11:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 8

12:22 a.m. - Received a dog complaint west of Shoals. Corporal Baker responded.

3:40 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in the Loogootee area. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

7:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Captain Dant, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:26 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50 near Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

1:00 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

1:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:00 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took three inmates to court.

5:04 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver, Chief Deputy Greene, Loogootee Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:20 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

5:38 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene performed three vehicle identification checks near Shoals.

9:47 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

9:45 a.m. - Captain Dant transported one inmate to Orange County Jail.

10:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

12:44 p.m. - Received an alarm call north of Loogootee. All was okay.

1:09 p.m. - Sheriff Roush investigated two dog complaints near Loogootee.

2:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:49 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist in Shoals.

5:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Major Burkhardt and Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:34 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Crane. Major Burkhardt responded.

9:00 p.m. - Received a report of a semi knocking over mail boxes east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

9:59 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Lost River Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:37 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 10

1:48 a.m. - Received a report of cows out near Shoals. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

4:10 a.m. - Received a report of a possible break-in near Loogootee. Sergeant Keller and Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

9:00 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

10:30 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took three inmates to court.

11:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

11:00 a.m. - Received a report of a jack knifed semi east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded with assistance from Chief Deputy Greene.

11:35 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.

1:00 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

1:00 p.m. - Received a request for officer assistance in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

2:00 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took two inmates to court.

2:30 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took three inmates to court.

3:09 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver in Shoals. Deputy Reed checked the driver.

3:15 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

5:37 p.m. - Deputy Reed performed a vehicle identification check north of Shoals.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 11

1:30 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded and all was okay.

4:36 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:28 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County

Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:47 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

7:55 a.m. - Loogootee Captain Akles performed a vehicle identification check in Loogootee.

11:55 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

12:55 p.m. - Received a report of check fraud near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

2:00 p.m. - Deputy Reed assisted child protective services with a welfare check near Shoals.

3:41 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Shoals.

3:53 p.m. - Deputy Reed assisted child protective services with a welfare check in Loogootee.

6:44 p.m. - Sergeant Keller performed a vehicle identification check near Loogootee.

7:49 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver near Loogootee. Sergeant Keller and Deputy Reed checked the driver.

8:28 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Sergeant Keller, Deputy Reed, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

9:11 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 12

12:13 a.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee. Corporal Baker and Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

7:45 a.m. - Major Burkhardt had a public appearance at Ag Day.

11:44 a.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

12:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Major Burkhardt, LPD Captain Akles, Martin County Ambulance, and Crane Fire responded.

12:49 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. ISP Trooper Lents responded.

7:35 p.m. - Received a report of a prowler near Shoals. Corporal Baker and Deputy Reed responded.

11:18 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Corporal Baker, Deputy Salmon, Deputy Floyd, Martin County Ambulance, civil defense, and Williams Fire responded.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 13

4:16 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Shoals. Corporal Baker, Deputy Salmon, and Deputy Floyd responded.

5:03 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris and Deputy Salmon responded and all was okay.

11:32 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:10 p.m. - Received a report of a prowler in Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

4:07 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Shoals. Captain Dant and Deputy Reed responded.

8:14 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Corporal Baker, Deputy Reed, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

9:37 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department assisted.

## ARRESTS

### MONDAY, MARCH 7

9:14 p.m. - Robert White III, 35, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Beaver for leaving the scene of an accident, intimidation, and resisting arrest. His bond was set at \$25,000 10%. He was assisted in the arrest by Deputy Salmon and Loogootee Captain Hennette.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 8

3:10 p.m. - Robin Salmon, 22, of Shoals, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene for a petition to revoke probation. She is being held without bond.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 10

1:28 a.m. - David Whorrall, 36, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Burkhardt on a charge of domestic battery in the presence of a minor. He is being held on no bond. Sergeant Keller assisted in the arrest.

2:31 a.m. - Jessica Whorrall, 34, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Burkhardt on a charge of domestic battery in the presence of a minor. She is being held without bond.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 11

1:23 a.m. - Tyler Davis, 29, of Washington, was arrested by ISP Trooper Johnson for operating while intoxicated refusal and is being held without bond.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 12

10:00 a.m. - Christina Kidwell, 21, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Akles for public intoxication and is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

1:18 p.m. - Joyce Jones, 68, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents for theft and is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

3:15 p.m. - Caleb Truelove, 19, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Reed for leaving the scene of a personal injury accident and false informing. He is being held without bond.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 13

4:50 a.m. - Gary Stancombe II, 47, of Shoals, was arrested by Corporal Baker for domestic battery, criminal confinement, strangulation, two counts of intimidation, two counts of battery on a police officer, resisting law enforcement, and disorderly conduct. He is being held without bond. Deputy Salmon and Deputy Floyd assisted with the arrest.

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# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, MARCH 7

12:58 p.m. - Loogootee Fire assisted Cannelburg Fire with a field fire in Cannelburg.

2:50 p.m. - Male came on station to report credit card fraud.

3:33 p.m. - Female requested an officer assist her in getting some personal belongings back.

8:06 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a dispute on Mt. Calvary Road.

9:27 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231. Senior Trooper Lents located the vehicle and the driver checked okay.

11:38 p.m. - First responders were requested at Country Place Apartments for a medical call.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 8

3:40 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person in Sunset Trailer Court. Officers were unable to locate.

5:00 p.m. - Received a report of a theft.

5:08 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical call.

9:47 p.m. - First responders were requested on Crane Street for a medical call.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

3:45 p.m. - Female came on station to report a battery.

8:48 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

10:08 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 10

1:50 a.m. - Received a 911 hang-up on US 50.

4:10 a.m. - Officer Nolan assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a possible break-in.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 11

7:55 a.m. - Captain Akles completed a vehicle identification check.

8:05 a.m. - Caller reported a hit-and-

run accident in the Hoosier Auto parking lot.

7:51 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50. Officer Nolan located the vehicle and the driver checked out okay.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 12

12:02 p.m. - Captain Akles assisted the Martin County Ambulance Service.

12:10 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person in Sunset Trailer Court.

12:49 p.m. - Caller reported a shoplifter at Dollar General. Senior Trooper Lents responded.

11:13 p.m. - Caller reported a violation of a protective order.

4:21 p.m. - Captain Akles responded to a residential alarm.

8:02 p.m. - Sgt. Norris transported a male to Good Samaritan Hospital.

8:26 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Redbud Street.

9:05 p.m. - Caller reported an attempted break-in on Lincoln Avenue.

11:18 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a vehicle accident.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 13

4:16 a.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute.

5:03 a.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

8:33 a.m. - Caller reported a lost cell phone found at the high school.

5:16 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on East Broadway Street.

9:19 p.m. - Caller reported a 911 hang-up on Dogwood Hill Street.

11:57 p.m. - Received a call of a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

*The Loogootee Police Department would like to remind golf cart owners that the vehicle must be registered with the city in order to operate on the city streets. If not registered the operator may be cited and the golf can be impounded.*

# Martin County real estate transfers

**William E. Jones and Doris M. Jones**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Gerald W. Fields**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 11 and 12 in Block "H" in the Loogootee Land Company's Addition to the town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Randall Lengacher and Katie Lengacher and John L. Wagler, Jr. and Brenda K. Wagler**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **John L. Wagler, Jr. and Brenda K. Wagler**, of Daviess County, Indiana, the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 3, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, containing 44.43 acres, more or less.

**Loel Estelle Carroll Woodard**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Tyson N. Yoder and Gwen R. Yoder**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, in Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.5 acres, more or less. More commonly known as 8506 US Hwy. 231, Loogootee, IN 47553.

**John T. Chattin and Elizabeth Jan Chattin**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kevin R. Boyd**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, more commonly known as 628 High Street, Shoals, IN 47581.

**David J. Ramsey**, of Martin County, Indiana to **William E. Jones and Doris M. Jones**, of Martin County, Indiana, parcel of property in the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Delmar Knepp and Ida Mae Knepp**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Robert Todd Smith**, of Hendricks County, Indiana, a part of the west half of the southeast quarter of Section 2, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, located in Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 22 acres, more or less.

**John A. Neukam**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Cotey E. Noble**, of Dubois County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 25, Township 2 North, Range

5 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.379 acres, more or less.

**Patricia Canaday and Ashley Osgatharp**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Tad A. Osgatharp and Linda Osgatharp**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Charles E. Day** to the **Charles E. Day Revocable Trust**. Tract I: The northeast quarter of the southwest quarter containing 22 acres, more or less. Also, the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter and the west half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter, containing 60 acres, more or less. Also the east half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter and the north half of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter, containing 80.52 acres. Tract II: The south half of the northwest quarter of Section 31, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, containing 80 acres, more or less. Tract III: A part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 31, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, containing 8.5 acres, more or less. Tract IV: A portion of the east half of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West of the Second Principal Meridian, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 4.744 acres, more or less. Tract V: The east half of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter and the west half of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, containing 40 acres, more or less, except a section containing 1.6 acres, more or less. Tract VI: A part of the east half of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, containing 1.60 acres, more or less.

**Joe Sipes**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Casey Gee and Carrie Gee**, of Marion County, Indiana, Lot Number 52 and the north half of Lot Number 51 in Sim's Extension in Indian Springs, Indiana.

## Accident report

### TUESDAY, MARCH 8

3:26 p.m. - Abbie E. Williams, of Loogootee, was operating a 2004 Pontiac in the high school parking lot when she backed into a 2001 Pontiac owned by Carrie Arvin, of Loogootee. Captain Hennette was the investigating officer.

5:25 p.m. - Judith A. Stuckey, of Loogootee, was operating a 2006 Buick in the CVS parking lot when she backed into a 2011 Jeep owned by Dennis Walton, of Loogootee. Captain Hennette was the investigating officer.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 11

9:15p.m. Loria Wilson, of Loogootee, was operating a 2008 Chevy on US 231. At this time, a deer ran into her path. Officer Nolan investigated.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 12

3:51 p.m. - Teri Becker, of Loogootee, was operating a 2015 Ford and backing out of a private drive when Becker backed into a Hyundai owned by Ean Holdings, of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Captain Akles investigated.

## Sheriff's department informational meeting

The Martin County Sheriff's Office will be holding an informational meeting with all county emergency departments on Thursday, March 24 at 6 p.m. Topics include communication procedures and mass notification in case of an emergency. The meeting will be held at the civil defense building at the 4-H fairgrounds. All interested parties are invited to attend.

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## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter.

"What are you doing?" she asked.

"Hunting flies," he replied.

"Oh, killed any?" she said.

"Yep, 3 males, 2 females," came the answer.

Intrigued, the wife asked, "How can you tell them apart?"

The husband answered, "3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone."

I NEED TO TELL YOU SOMETHING

1. I need to tell you something. Look at #5

2. The answer is look at #11

3. Don't get mad. Look at #15

4. Calm down. Don't be mad and look at #13

5. First look at #2

6. Don't be angry. Look at #12

7. All I wanted to say was Hi

8. What I wanted to tell you is look at #14

9. Be patient. Look at #4

10. This is the last time. Look at #7

11. I hope you're not mad when I say look at #6

12. Sorry. Look at #8

13. Just have a look at #10

14. I don't know how to say this but look at #3

15. You really need to look at #9

3 WAYS TO FAIL AT EVERY-

THING IN LIFE:

1. Complain about everything.
2. Blame others for your problems.
3. Never be grateful.

7:30 a.m. Mom: "Darling, please go put on your shoes."

7:35 a.m. (still no shoes) Mom: "Put on your shoes, please."

7:40 a.m. (still no shoes) Mom: "We have to leave in 5 minutes. I need you to put on your shoes right now."

7:45 a.m. (STILL NO SHOES) Mom: "I SAID TO PUT ON YOUR SHOES!"

Kid: "Why do you always yell?"

A shot of whiskey: In the Old West a .45 cartridge for a six gun cost 12 cents and so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash, he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a "shot" of whiskey.

Sometimes it takes me all day to get nothing done.

The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

They say with age comes wisdom so therefore I don't have wrinkles, I have wise cracks.

Make someone smile today!

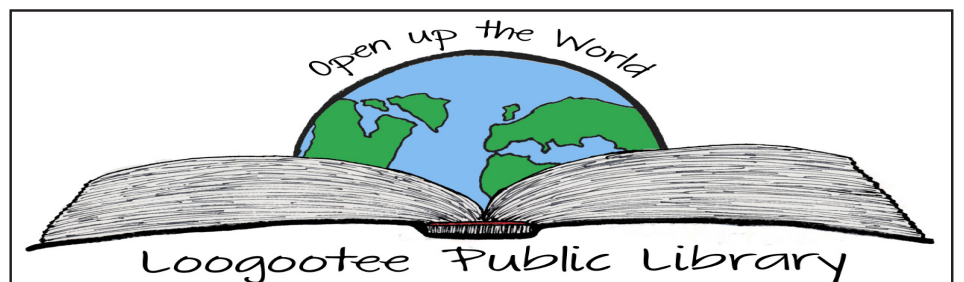


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## Anniversaries

Parkview Village Christian Care will be holding an anniversary party in honor of Leon and Anne Baker (above) and Leo and Imogene Laughlin (below) on March 25 from 2-4 p.m. in their dining room. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend. Please shower them with cards at the following addresses. Leon and Ann Baker, 817 S. West St., Odon, IN 47562, will celebrate 70 years of marriage. Leon and Ann (Gillie) Baker were married at the Wheatland Christian Church on March 25, 1946. They had two children, Van and Lynn Baker of Loogootee and Jeanne - who passed away January 14, 1968. The couple has two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Leo and Imogene Laughlin, 816 S. West St., Odon, IN 47562, will celebrate 75 years of marriage. Leo and Imogene (Kelsey) Laughlin were married March 28, 1941 at the Daviess County Courthouse. They have three children, Carl Laughlin, Vicki Pershing and Rick and Kay Laughlin, all of Odon. They have 24 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.



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.

FOLL will be having a huge book sale on Saturday, April 16 from 9-12. There are several gently used hardbacks, paperbacks, audiobooks, DVDs, and magazines for sale. The book sale proceeds go to support library programs.

New Books:  
Mystery: "Private Paris" by James Patterson and "Off the Grid" by C. J. Box.

Fiction: "Crazy Blood" by T. Jefferson Parker, "Property of a Noble Woman" by Danielle Steel, and "Clawbake" by J.A. Jance.

Inspirational Fiction: "The Goodbye Bride" by Denise Hunter.

DVDs: "In the Heart of the Sea".

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, March 17 at 5 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. Some items on the agenda include the awarding of roof bids, hiring for athletic positions, and approval of make-up snow days for students. The meeting is open to the public.

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.martinswcd.com) or call at 295-3149.

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## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser  
Purdue University Master Gardener

Spring will officially arrive this weekend. According to the EarthSky website, the equinox will occur at about 12:30 a.m. EDT on March 20. For our friends in the central time zone, spring will begin at 11:30 p.m. on March 19. Since it occurs on a weekend, you could allow the kids to stay up and balance an egg on end, a fun activity that can only be accomplished at the equinox. For the next six months, daylight hours will outnumber the dark hours in the northern hemisphere. The growing season is underway.

I have often been asked about the best time to visit Sandhill Gardens. My answer is usually, "Yesterday". Indeed, it is easier to tell what has happened than to predict what will happen. However, I have tried to make the gardens interesting in all seasons and there is always something to see.

Still, I must admit that the spring season, when the gardens awaken, is probably the most intriguing for me. I try to take daily walks through the garden to see what new blooms I can find. The past week has been exciting. There are now blooms on the vernal witch hazel and the catkins on the contorted filberts create veils of interest, if not exactly beauty. Forsythia buds are swollen and I have seen some bushes in protected location which have started to bloom. Leaf buds are giving a sense of new life to the bare limbs of trees and shrubs.

While the bloom time for crocus and winter aconite is quickly passing, the hellebores are near peak and will persist for several weeks, as is their nature. Daffodils are also approaching peak. The early-season bloomers are in full bloom and the mid-season flowers will follow. I have planted more than thirty varieties of daffodils at Sandhill Gardens, so the daffodil season should continue for a while. Hyacinths have started to bloom, releasing their heavenly scents in the garden. English primroses, which have bloomed through milder winters, have set the first bloom since Thanksgiving.

Another early bloomer at Sandhill Gardens is pulmonaria, commonly called lungwort. In the sixteenth century, when many plants were first being classified, some botanists believed in the Doctrine of Signatures, which stated that the appearance of a plant determined its curative value. Since the fuzzy, spotted leaves of the pulmonaria resemble diseased lungs, they believed that it was an herb that could be used to treat bronchitis and other lung diseases. Although it is no longer used medicinally, pulmonaria is a valuable plant for the front of perennial borders. The leaves form a rosette and will remain attractive and interesting long after the blooms have gone. While a clump may spread to

a fairly large area, it does so slowly and is not at all invasive. The flowers may be pink, white, red, blue or purple. One of my favorite cultivars is "Raspberry Splash", which may sport blooms in different stages and different colors at the same time. Pulmonaria does best planted in partial shade, although it will tolerate some sun if there is adequate moisture. While it needs moisture, it does not like wet roots. Soil that is rich in organic matter will retain moisture, yet will drain well. You may wish to amend the soil with compost or peat moss when planting pulmonarias.

St. Patrick's Day is a traditional day to plant peas. It is certainly warm enough to support quick germination of peas if your garden is dry enough to prepare a planting bed. Pea germination may be improved by soaking seeds overnight or treating them with an inoculant. Most peas produce tendrils and will benefit from being planted by a trellis or fence. Planting lettuce or other salad greens around the peas will result in a living mulch that will help keep the soil cool and control weeds. I am hoping to be able to plant some edible-pod snow peas on or near St. Patrick's Day. The pods are great in salads, and if I want shelled peas, I just leave some pods to mature and harvest them as I would any other pea.

Mail-order nurseries have begun shipping plants. If you receive plants, but your garden is too wet, plant them in pots and transfer them to the garden when conditions are more favorable. They may be bare-root plants, but with the warm temperatures we have had, the plants will break dormancy soon and will need to have the roots back in the soil.

### Kayaking for Beginners

Have you ever wished you knew how to kayak or wanted to try it out before buying your own equipment? Join the Patoka Lake Interpretive Naturalists at the beach for a beginners kayaking lesson on Saturday, April 16 at 1 p.m. Eastern Time. During this lesson, participants will get to try their hands at a few different kayaks and paddles. Participants will learn what gear is needed and the best places to paddle on Patoka! All equipment including life jackets will be provided. This event is open to anyone ages 12 and up. Space is limited for this free event so pre-register by calling the Patoka Lake Nature Center at (812)685-2447.

The entrance fee of \$7 per vehicle for Indiana residents (\$9 out of state) is required for the Newton Stewart State Recreation Area, Patoka Reservoir, located north of Wickliffe Indiana, Highway 164.

Patoka Lake is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

## 4-H NEWS



By Stacy Brown  
Martin County Purdue  
Extension Educator

### 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 and 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 has been postponed. A new date will be announced soon.

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

There will be two grand prizes for each age category. Ages groups are: 0-2 years, 3-4 years, 5-6 years, 7-8 years, and 9-10 years

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 22<sup>nd</sup>!

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

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

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

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.

The 2016 Indiana Sheep Association and annual meeting will be held at Eden Church in Delaware County, Saturday, March 19. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. (eastern time) with registration and sessions start at 9 a.m. and will be done by 3:30 p.m. The location of the church is: 11205 North State Road 3, Muncie, Indiana 47303.

Session One is about wool and will feature Robyn Heine, who will speak on the Make with Wool competition and the Ladies Lead contest at the State Fair. Wendy Feller will look at the differences in wool and getting

more money with your wool clip. Matt Kennedy will walk us thru what needs to happen on shearing day so everything goes smoothly.

Session Two will focus on forages, nutrition and genetics. Dennis Brown of Byron Seeds will give us an insight on what forages we need to make good pastures and will look at using cover crops to extend our grazing time period. Stacie Crowder will give an overview on sheep nutrition. Bill Shultz is a Board member for the National Sheep Improvement Program and will share the importance of selecting breeding stock with good genetic traits.

Lunch will be provided by the Juniper Spoon and will be served prior to our annual meeting. Election of officers and directors will be held at this time. Susan Shultz, ASI director from Ohio will inform us on "What's currently happening at ASI."

Afternoon Session will feature Dale Thorne of Michigan, current director on the American Lamb Board, Dr. Cheryl Miller, BOAH, on the new antibiotic rules, Ken Michael, chairman of the Market Development Council and a video by Temple Grandin on sheep handling.

Symposium cost is \$25.00 per person if registrations are made by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Registrations made on March 16<sup>th</sup> or later will be \$30.00. Registration can be made by calling Kristie McFatridge, at: 765-491-0258 or by email at: executive@indianasheep.com. Questions can be directed to Paul Russell, 765-749-6342

### West Boggs Eggstastic Easter Egg Hunt

West Boggs Park its hosting annual Eggstastic Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 26 at 1 p.m. You are invited to bring you child to Dogwood Shelter and join in the fun and excitement of the eggstastic hunt through the grass searching for goody-filled eggs.

Four different areas will be roped off, each for different age groups: 4 and under, 5-7, 8-9, and 11-12 year olds. The event will start promptly at 1 p.m. and lasts only a matter of minutes, so don't be late.

After the Easter Egg Hunt, stop at the shelter with your camera, and take a picture of your little one with the Easter Bunny until 3 p.m.

Entrance for the event will only cost you two non-perishable items, which will be evenly disbursed between Daviess and Martin counties. West Boggs wants to start giving back to their communities and this is the first of their efforts. However, if you forget your non-perishables, the normal gate fee applies.

For more information on this or upcoming events, please contact info@westboggs.com or call 812-295-3421. West Boggs Park is at 16117 US 231 Loogootee, IN 47553.

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## Spring weather outlook: Warmer than normal, but extent of wetness less certain

BY KEITH ROBINSON  
Purdue University News Service

Farmers should expect temperatures warmer than normal during planting season just a few weeks from now, but how much rain they might encounter isn't as clear, the Indiana State Climate Office says.

The spring weather outlook by the climate office, based at Purdue University, begins with a very warm and wetter-than-normal first half of March.

Expected to follow from the second half of this month through the next several weeks are temperatures slightly warmer than normal, with a mixed signal that suggests parts of the state will have above-normal, normal or below-normal precipitation. Corn and soybean crops typically are planted in April and May.

"Warmer-than-normal temperatures during this period could mean greater potential for storms," said Dev Niyogi, state climatologist. "But it also could mean swings in very wet to dry periods between heavy rains."

The climate office issues its season weather outlooks after analyzing data from the U.S. Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction

Center.

Although early warm weather might tempt farmers to get into their fields right away, Purdue Extension agronomist Tony Vyn said they should be wary about running tractors and tillage implements in wet conditions, which could cause soil compaction before planting.

"Warmer early temperatures tend to encourage earlier planting, but don't compromise soil structure in the rush to plant," Vyn advised.

Indiana has been warmer and drier than normal this winter in part because of El Niño, a warming of the tropical Pacific Ocean surface temperature above normal.

This El Niño is one of the strongest on record, said Ken Scheeringa, associate state climatologist. This past December in Indiana was the warmest December on record, at 11.1 degrees above normal.

The climate office expects El Niño conditions to fade from Indiana in late spring or early summer.

"Even though El Niño is now weakening, its impact should persist a little longer," Scheeringa said. El Niño typically routes major storms with their heavier precipitation further south across the United States.

## DNR receives federal grant money for fish and wildlife

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife will receive \$16.5 million in annual grant money from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program.

The figure represents an increase over the last five-year annual average received, which has been about \$14 million per year during that span.

The total of \$16.5 million will be split between wildlife-related projects, which will be allotted \$12 million, and sport fish-related projects, which will be allotted \$4.5 million. The funding will go to a variety of programs and projects.

The division spends between \$7-8 million of the funding annually on traditional services, some of which include species surveys and monitoring, habitat development and public access site maintenance and development.

"We've also done a couple of unique projects, like an archery range at Koteewi, near Noblesville, and we also are working on two shooting ranges," said Julie Kempf, the division's chief fiscal administrator.

The shooting ranges are at Willow Slough Fish & Wildlife Area in Newton County and at Deer Creek Fish & Wildlife Area in Putnam County.

The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program is funded by the amount of excise tax money collected from national sales of hunting and fishing equipment in all states. The money is divided among the states based on a formula that compares their land area and their number of hunters and anglers.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service distributed more than \$1.1 billion to states this year, with \$201 million going to the Service's Midwest Region.

## Homegrown by Heroes program recognizes Hoosier veterans

BY DARRIN PACK  
Purdue University News Service

Indiana farmers who are military veterans or on active duty can now market their products through the Indiana Grown Homegrown by Heroes initiative, a partnership between the state Department of Agriculture and Farmer Veteran Coalition with support from the Purdue University-based National AgrAbility Project.

Participating farmers are entitled to use a special logo on their packaging and signage, similar to the Indiana Grown campaign launched last year.

"As a result of this collaboration, our Hoosier farmer veterans now have an

additional marketing tool available for their use," said Cindy Chastain, farmer veteran coordinator for the National AgrAbility Project. "Indiana communities will also benefit by knowing the food they are buying is local food grown by local American veterans who served their country and are now serving their communities."

To be eligible for the program, farmers must be on active duty or an honorably discharged veteran of the armed forces and own at least 50 percent of an Indiana-based agribusiness. For more information on the program, go to the Indiana Grown website at [www.indianagrown.org/2016/02/indiana-grown-homegrown-by-heroes/](http://www.indianagrown.org/2016/02/indiana-grown-homegrown-by-heroes/).



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## Welcomed color

The first day of spring, March 20, is also called the vernal equinox where there is supposed to be 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of night. The Earth's axis is tilted toward the sun, increasing the number of daylight hours and bringing warmer weather. Plants and flowers (as shown above) start to bring color after a bland winter landscape.

## Purdue expert: Give soil time to dry before planting

A recent stretch of mild weather might have some farmers eager to get an early start on spring planting, but a Purdue University agronomist is urging patience to give the soil time to dry sufficiently.

"There is no reason to rush out and do spring tillage in March if the goal is to plant corn in mid-April or to plant soybeans in late April or early May," said Tony Vyn, a cropping systems specialist. "Soil compaction from tractors and tillage implements that went out into marginal soil conditions during the prolonged wet spring of 2015 extracted a yield penalty from corn and soybeans."

Compaction occurs when soil particles are pressed tightly together under heavy loads. The compressed particles are less able to absorb moisture and nutrients, increasing the risk of erosion and runoff and making it more difficult for plants to develop healthy root systems.

The risk of compaction is greatest when the soil is wet. The risk of poor root development is greatest when wet conditions are followed by a dry period.

Last year's rainy spring delayed planting in many parts of the Midwest, and compaction became a concern in some areas when farmers started scouting and tilling in fields that were still

wet.

Vyn said soil conditions are likely to be better this spring compared with 2015 because many farmers took advantage of unusually warm, dry weather to till their fields last fall. Fall tillage allows the soil to dry faster and reduces the risk of compaction or rutting come spring.

Vyn said he was pleased that more farmers last fall chose to use strip-till, a less invasive method of field preparation where only the soil in the seedbed is disturbed. The soil between the rows remains protected by crop residue, providing some of the same conservation benefits as a no-till operation. Strip-till can reduce or even eliminate the need for spring pre-plant tillage, he said.

For farmers planning spring field operations, Vyn recommends keeping a close watch on local soil and weather conditions before rolling out the heavy equipment.

"We still have several weeks before crops have to go into the ground," he said. "There is no need to jump the gun if conditions are not ideal."

The Indiana State Climate Office, based at Purdue, forecasts warmer-than-normal temperatures for the remainder of this spring, with equal chances for above-, below- or normal precipitation.

## Hunter Education at the community building

Indiana Conservation Officers will be presenting a Hunter Education Class on March 17-19 at the Martin County Community Building on the fairgrounds. The 10-hour course will teach both young and experienced hunters about the following topics: wildlife conservation, hunter ethics, firearms safety, archery, first aid and wilderness survival. All instruction will be done by Indiana Conservation Officers and Indiana Volunteer Hunter Ed instructors. Times for each day of instruction are as follows: March 17 - 6-9 p.m.; March 18 - 6-9 p.m.; and March 19 - 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Hunter Education certification is required for all persons born after December 31, 1986 who wish to purchase an Indiana hunting license. The course, which is free to the public, is being sponsored by West Boggs Park and Martin County 4-H shooting sports.

Snacks and food will be provided.

For those interested in attending the course, please register online at: [www.passitonindiana.com](http://www.passitonindiana.com).

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## Pence declares 2016 legislative session a win for Indiana

As the Indiana General Assembly concludes its work for the 2016 legislative session in which a number of legislative achievements were passed, Governor Pence issued the following statement:

"The 2016 session of the Indiana General Assembly was a win for Indiana.

"In this session, our legislature approved more than one billion dollars to improve state and local roads without raising taxes and fully funded economic development projects improving the quality of life in regions across our state.

"We also put education and teachers first. In this session of the General Assembly, we took a step back from ISTEP and began a process to review standardized testing in Indiana, ensured our schools and teachers were

treated fairly and created the Hoosier Educators Scholarship Program to encourage more Hoosiers to pursue a career in teaching.

"Most importantly, we also took firm steps toward combating the scourge of drug abuse in Indiana by enacting tougher penalties on drug dealers and expanding access to treatment and life-saving measures for those caught in the grip of addiction.

"These were the priorities of this administration in this session, and I'm grateful to President Pro Tem Senator David Long, Speaker of the House Brian Bosma and members of the Indiana General Assembly for working with our administration to advance these important measures that will strengthen our economy, improve our schools and combat the scourge of drug abuse in our state."

## Investment in Indiana's growing aviation industry celebrated

The aviation industry is thriving and the future looks bright in Indiana, say state and business leaders, providing that enough skilled graduates can be found to fill all the positions that are opening.

With a focus on addressing the aviation skills gap, \$6 million was invested in a major renovation of the Aviation Technology Center (ATC) in Indianapolis, with state and industry leaders gathering to celebrate its completion on Thursday.

Operated by Vincennes University since 1993, the 100,000-square-foot ATC offers both Flight Training and Aviation Maintenance, both leading to careers much in demand, according to Scott Sendelweck, senior manager of Talent Acquisition for Republic Airlines.

"We look forward to hiring a significant portion of VU's aviators and mechanics to join our 6,000 employees, including 650 Indianapolis-based crew members," Sendelweck said. "Thank you Vincennes University for having the vision and the courage to continue to invest in aviation."

Republic's partnership with VU includes giving aviation maintenance graduates preferential hiring treatment, with VU graduates making up a large portion of the company's 150 maintenance technicians. Beginning in November, Republic expanded its partnership by guaranteeing flight graduates an interview and a conditional offer of employment.

Jim Schellinger, president of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, cited the aviation/aerospace industry as an important engine of economic growth and employment in Indiana. "Vincennes University continues to play such a critical role in this. It's one of the reasons so many aviation companies have chosen to locate here or expand in Indiana," Schellinger said.

Such growth makes an attractive job market for VU graduates and that is appreciated by current students. "I see a lot of opportunity ahead of me," said Olivia Hussey, Brownsburg, who is planning to complete her aviation maintenance degree this year. Hussey was introduced to aviation when she was enrolled in the Area 31 Career Center, which has a partnership with VU, and even took classes at the ATC, making for a "smooth transition" into

college.

"I definitely would recommend this as a potential future for anybody because the aviation industry is booming right now. There are pilot and mechanic shortages," Hussey said. It's a story she shares with fellow employees at the Indianapolis International Airport where she works part-time de-icing planes.

The \$6 million renovation of the ATC included upgrades to education spaces, labs such as the flight simulator lab, new equipment, and amenities for the large hanger, home of a Boeing 737 that was donated for training in 1996, making the ATC the only school in the country with a fully-functioning 737 under roof. Additional 737 engines are mounted beneath the mezzanine area, allowing students to remove and install actual 737 engines.

"With this renovation, we can easily say we provide a one of a kind training experience for our students," said Michael Gehrich, director of VU Aviation Technology. "Our industry partners have taken notice of all that we offer as well. In addition to Republic Airlines, we recently signed a similar agreement with Ameriflight, one of the leading cargo carriers in the industry. We have

## Foundation looking for grant applicants

The George E. Archer Foundation announces a request for proposals for 2016. The Foundation supports children's gardening programs conducted by schools and other youth-serving organizations in eight counties in south central Indiana – Bartholomew, Brown, Greene, Jackson, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe and Owen. Since 2011, it has awarded more than \$50,000 in grants.

To qualify for funding, projects must advance the Foundation's purpose: "to teach boys and girls about gardening." Recipients must be nonprofit organizations. Projects might include a variety of initiatives including schoolyard gardens, workshops for educators, curriculum support or gardening camps.

Recent grant recipients are:

Boys and Girls Club, Bloomington

an internship program with AAR where our Aviation Maintenance students can work in the industry while they are completing their training here. Significantly, the ATC is the only school nation-wide to have a co-op program with Fed Ex."

"All of these programs help to ensure the placement of our graduates upon completion of their program. In fact, I can proudly report that the Aviation Technology Center has experienced 100 percent placement of Aviation Maintenance graduates for the past two years, with graduates working for such companies as Rolls-Royce, Triumph Aviation, Textron, United, Comlux, and Muncie Aviation, in addition to Fed Ex, AAR and Republic," Gehrich said.

Now in his 16th year as director of Aviation Technology, Gehrich is a 1989 graduate of the VU Aviation Maintenance program who worked in the industry, a background that makes him appreciate the work of VU's instructors. "These are the dedicated people who put in countless hours studying themselves to stay current in new technology and then training students the right way.

They have my deep appreciation for all they do," Gehrich said.

– \$625 for a tiller, tools and supplies for the summer garden program, Camp Rock

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, Bloomington – \$4,975.23 for landscaping and children's programming at the organization's new headquarters location

Jackson Creek Middle School, Bloomington – \$5,000 for the installation of raised planting beds for a legacy garden

Urban Woodlands Project, Indiana University – \$2,195 for a collaboration with Harmony School for planting edible native plants in a woodland setting on the IU campus.

Hoosier Hills Food Bank – \$1,300 for potatoes to be planted by high school age youth.

Past recipients in Monroe County also include the Bloomington Project School, Foundation of Monroe County Community Schools, Kid City at Hilltop, Pinnacle School, Richland-Bean Blossom Foundation, and Wonderlab Museum of Science, Health and Technology. Additional recipients are the Brown County YMCA, Nashville; McCormick's Creek Elementary School; and Kids With A Mission 4-H Club, Martinsville.

Basic grants are \$1,000. For larger requests, the Foundation requires a letter of intent in advance of the grant application. The Foundation does not fund staff salaries.

### Jasper Rubber recognizes newly vested employee owners

Jasper Rubber Products honored all newly vested employee owners with a "Vest-a-Bration" on February 25. President and CEO Doug Mathias spoke on the future outlook of Jasper Rubber Products and congratulated the newly vested employee owners. CFO Kyle Kuczynski explained the Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) and all of the benefits of being an employee owner. Jasper Rubber Products was founded in 1950 and became an ESOP company in 2003. They are a leader in producing lathe cut, thermoplastic and mold rubber products for the automotive, appliance and filtration industries.

## New Sunday Evening Community Services

**When:** Each Sunday Evening at 6pm starting April 3rd

**Where:** Maranatha Tabernacle Church, Hwy 231 N. (1/2 mile north of Loogootee Municipal Building)

**What:** Praise music by New Beginnings Community Church's Worship Team (led by Pastor Ernie Canell) and Maranatha's Worship Team. Where prayer and the Word of God will be preached.



**Who:** Open to everyone – believers, seekers, and doubters of the Word of God.

**Why:** "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3).

For additional information call Pastor Ernie Canell at 812-709-0258 or Pastor Duane Smith at 812-295-4349.





**Making A Difference** By Curt Johnson  
MCCF Executive Director

# Blue Chip Academic Bowl



-Photos provided

The Loogootee Academic Teams hosted the Blue Chip Conference Academic Superbowl on Thursday, March 10 in Jack Butcher Sports Arena. The Social Studies team of Carson Rayhill, Grant Carrico, Justin Kiser, and coached by Brad Christmas placed third. The next meet will take place at North Knox on April 19.



The Fine Arts team comprised of (from left to right) Josh Cook, Justin Kiser, Grant Carrico, and coached by Tyler Walton finished second.



The Interdisciplinary team of (from left to right) Grant Carrico, Shania Swigler, Max Christmas, Kendall Riley, Carson Rayhill, and Jon Krzesniak placed third as well.

--"Unrestricted" Funds?--  
I have talked about the types of funds in other columns, touching on the MCCF unrestricted funds and the other types of funds. These other types of funds can be lumped into the category of restricted funds. Both are equally worthwhile, but just what is the difference?

--Restricted Funds--  
There are four types of restricted funds: (1) scholarships for a wide variety of educational choices, (2) designated funds to provide support to specific charitable organization, (3) the field of interest funds that address broadly defined areas of concern, and (4) donor advised funds that allow donors to recommend grants. These endowment funds are established to keep those specific causes and areas of concern funded.

--Changing Needs--  
So what happens to these restricted funds if those beneficiaries or areas of concern are replaced or no longer exist? The MCCF will search for a similar fund into which we can merge the funds. This is meant to carry out the intent of the donor(s) who first established the fund and to generally allow the funds to keep supporting a charitable cause to which the donor(s) would approve.

--Unrestricted Funds Benefit--  
The unrestricted funds provide a way to address these types of changes as well as giving future MCCF Board members the flexibility and discretion to address the emerging and changing needs in our community, today and tomorrow. This means that as funding needs come and go for existing charitable causes, or as promising new causes arise, they can be funded by these unre-

stricted funds. The money flows to the needs of the times.

Some donors and benefactors establish unrestricted funds because they understand how hard it is to know what the future may hold and they desire that their donations are able to meet the future needs as they change. They are empowering the future MCCF Board of Directors, from within our community, to determine how best to effectively make grants to meet the needs of the time.

--Lilly Endowment Match--  
The Lilly Endowment understands the importance of these unrestricted funds and the flexibility that they can provide our community into the future. The Lilly Endowment is stressing that importance by matching dollar-for-dollar any donations to unrestricted funds through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Doubling the impact of your donation for these purposes is as good a return on your money as you'll find nearly anywhere.

They also recognize the worthiness of the restricted funds, so the Lilly Endowment is matching 50 cents on the dollar that is donated to these funds. Still a great return and time is running out to take advantage of this great opportunity.

--More Information--  
If you would like to hear more about available fund types or are interested in taking advantage of the Lilly match, please contact any board member or the MCCF Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org).

Information is also on our website at [www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm](http://www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm) or "liking" the MCCF at [www.facebook.com/mccommunityfoundation](http://www.facebook.com/mccommunityfoundation) on Facebook.

## Terri Sullivan Callaway Scholarship

America is facing a critical shortage of nurses of all categories due to the aging population of baby boomers. Salary and benefits are rising to encourage people to enter this field. In addition, nursing qualifies as one of the most personally fulfilling of all occupations.

To address this crisis, Tom and Sue Strange established a nursing scholarship endowment in 1999 with the Martin County Community Foundation to financially assist aspiring people to pursue the nursing profession. Terri passed away in 1998 and her scholarship addresses the vital need in all of our communities – the shortage of trained nurses upon which the sick and elderly depend.

This scholarship is open to both traditional and non-traditional students. Traditional students are defined as those who transition straight from high school to college, university or a vocational school. The Martin County Community Foundation defines non-traditional students as those who have taken one or more years between high school and are now enrolling in a higher education program.

rent high school senior who will graduate from a high school in Martin County, Indiana or a non-traditional student who is a resident of Martin County, Indiana. All applicants must meet the following criteria:

The applicant must be a member of a Christian faith church

The applicant must have been accepted into a school for continuing education

The applicant must be pursuing a career in the field of nursing

Priority will be given to members of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Martin County, Indiana

Applications are available at St. John the Evangelist church or online at [www.cfpartner.org/mccfgrants.htm](http://www.cfpartner.org/mccfgrants.htm). The applications must be completed and returned by April 15, 2016. Applications should be mailed to: Community Foundation Partnership, Attn: Programs Coordinator, PO Box 1235, Bedford, IN 47421.

For more information call Curt Johnson, Executive Director of the Martin County Community Foundation, at 812-295-1022 or email [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org).

## ~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

*'Ag Day 2016: Honors Stewards of a Healthy Planet'*

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

I have the tremendous opportunity to work with some of the greatest employees in the federal government and we have the pleasure to serve and work for the American farmer. On behalf of Indiana Farm Service Agency (FSA) employees, we all are proud to be partners with the men and women who farm in the great state of Indiana.

Agriculture is an honorable profession and we are privileged to do our part to help. We salute you – *the American Farmer* – on National Ag Day, March 15.

National Agriculture Day – a day

designated each year by the Agriculture Council of America to celebrate the accomplishments of agriculture. Indiana FSA joins the council in recognizing farmers for their contributions to the nation's outstanding quality of life. This year's theme is *Agriculture: Stewards of a Healthy Planet*.

Agricultural producers are the original stewards of the land. They understand the fragility of the land and are well aware that there are increasingly fewer producers and fewer acres for production. They want to sustain it and protect what they have.

Julia A. Wickard,  
State Executive Director  
Indiana Farm Service Agency  
Indianapolis, Indiana



## Rita and Jack Butcher Loogootee Basketball Family Scholarship

Rita and Jack Butcher hold the Loogootee basketball family close to their hearts. The "family" includes supporters of Loogootee High School basketball – past, present, and future. The Butchers acknowledge this family as one of their greatest blessings. Their goal in starting the Rita and Jack Butcher Loogootee Family Scholarship Fund in 2011 for a Loogootee High School senior, and now having established the fund at the Martin County Community Foundation, was "to give back for all our blessings."

Mr. Butcher was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame and is the winningest basketball coach in state history, with a record of 806-250. His 45 years of coaching constituted an impressive era of high school basketball for Loogootee. The Butchers would like to provide Loogootee High School students with the opportunity to further their education and make Loogootee proud, much like Jack Butcher did.

An eligible applicant must be a graduating senior from Loogootee High

School who has been accepted into an accredited college or university, or a vocational or trade school. The Butchers have recognized the need for additional vocations in the community, and preference may be given to an applicant entering a vocational or trade school. Applicants must have demonstrated a good attitude, work ethic and performed well academically. Applicants must have participated in sports and/or other extracurricular activities. Financial need and/or special circumstances are also a consideration for this scholarship.

Applications are available online at [www.cfpartner.org/mccfgrants.htm](http://www.cfpartner.org/mccfgrants.htm). The applications must be completed and returned by April 15, 2016. Applications should be mailed to: Community Foundation Partnership, Attn: Programs Coordinator, PO Box 1235, Bedford, IN 47421.

For more information call MCCF Executive Director Curt Johnson at 812-295-1022 or email [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org).

## Good Friday Services in Loogootee

Community Good Friday Service  
The Loogootee area ministerial association will be holding a community Good Friday service on March 25 at noon Eastern Time. The location for this year's service will be St. John Catholic Church, 408 Church Street in Loogootee. Before the service begins, all who wish to participate, may join in carrying the cross through town to identify with the burden placed upon Jesus as he was led to Golgotha. This will begin in the Loogootee United Methodist Church parking lot, 208 West Main Street, at 11 a.m. and proceed toward St. John arriving by noon. Along the way the group will stop periodically for prayer. Upon arriving at the church, either with the group carrying the cross, or those who are coming just for the service, organizers ask that all who attend enter in a very quiet and subdued mood to properly consider the sacrifice made on this day. Throughout the service, pastors from area churches will lead the congregation through scripture, readings, prayers and responses. An offering will be taken to support the Martin County Transient Fund.

Churches join for Good Friday Service  
New Beginnings Community Church and Maranatha Tabernacle Church are joining together for the Good Friday Service, March 25 at 6:30 p.m., at Maranatha Tabernacle Church on Hwy 231 N, one-half mile north of the Loogootee Municipal Building. Both Pastors, Ernie Canell and Duane Smith, will be speaking. The community is invited and encourage to participate in and share in this important day of the church calendar. Please call Pastor Ernie at 812-295-4488 or Pastor Duane at 812-295-4349 for additional information.

## LUMC Easter Cantata

The Loogootee United Methodist Church choir will perform the Easter cantata, "Rise Again", this Sunday morning, March 20, during the 8:15 a.m. worship service. This is a beautiful cantata that will also contain readings to tell the story through those persons from scripture who were there. Loogootee UMC is located at 208 West Main Street in Loogootee. If you are unable to attend, you may tune in on WRZR Radio, 94.5, on Sunday morning at 11:15 a.m. to hear the cantata.

# CLASSIFIED ADS

### YARD SALES

**ANNUAL RSVP Arts and Crafts Supply Sale.** Thursday, March 17th and Friday, March 18th from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday, March 19th from 8 a.m. to noon. East-side Park Community Building in Washington. Tons of fabric, yarn, notions, paints, patterns, scrapbooking and more.

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For more information on these positions please contact us at [info@westboggs.com](mailto:info@westboggs.com) or call (812)-295-3421

West Boggs Park is located at 16117 US 231 Loogootee, IN 47553

### HELP WANTED

## HELP WANTED FOR TWO POSITIONS

The City of Loogootee Public Works Department is accepting applications for one full-time position. The opening is for a laborer's position within the Public Works Department. Requirements are but not limited to: candidate must be a team player, willing to train in all areas, work outside in all seasons of weather year round, lift and move heavy objects without difficulty, compute simple math problems, and have good communication skills. Candidate must know how to work with and around power tools, heavy equipment, and machinery in a safe manner. Candidates must have a high school diploma or equivalent and posses a valid Indiana driver's license, C.D.L. preferred but not required. Any accepted applicant must be able to pass a pre-employment drug screen and alcohol test and random testing there after. Advancement is possible with proper training and completion of state certification examinations. No experience necessary. Applications are available at the Loogootee Municipal Building, 401 J.F.K. Avenue Loogootee IN 47553 or by calling 812-295-2497. Deadline for applications is April 1, 2016.

The City of Loogootee Public Works Department is accepting applications for one part-time position. This opening is for summer time help within the Public Works Department. Candidate must be capable of operating a weed eater and lawn care equipment, possess good communication skills, work with an assortment of hand tools, lift and move heavy objects, and work well with others. Application deadline is April 29, 2016.



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# The Mayor's Den

By Loogootee Mayor  
Noel Harty

I spent the first day of February in the office. That evening was the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Blue Chip Tourney at Jack Butcher Arena. The first match-up paired our Lady Lions with the Vincennes Patriots. Our Lady Lions came out with great desire but didn't end with the win. In the second pairing, the Vincennes Rivet Patriots came out on top by a nice margin. Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> (Ground Hog Day) was another day in the office. And that evening, I attended the North Daviess Cougars hosting the Barr-Reeve Vikings game, with the Vikings prevailing in a marginal win. In the second game, our Lady Lions squared off against the Vincennes Rivet Lady Patriots who took the win. Best wishes to our team in the future, especially seniors, Bailey Davis and Kendall Riley.

Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> was my third day in a row in the office. That evening, I attended the meeting of the Martin County Democrats. Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup>, Chief of Police Kelly Rayhill, and I met with City Attorney Isha Wright-Ryan to discuss city ordinances. Following the meeting, Superintendent of Public Works Bo Wilson, Utilities Clerk Nancy Spaulding and I met with Barbara Graber to discuss utilities and how to best utilize credit card payments. In the evening, I was back at Jack Butcher Arena to watch our Lions Boys' Junior Varsity and Varsity basketball teams host the Orleans Bulldogs. In both matches, our Lions played very well and came out on top. I want to commend the Lionettes on their great halftime routine, the High School Pep Band and of course our cheerleaders. Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> I spent another day in the office and in the evening I headed to North Daviess High School to take in the second round of sectional action play, watching Barr-Reeve – Washington Catholic and Shoals High School – Vincennes Rivet square off. All teams played to their potential with Barr-Reeve and Vincennes prevailing. Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> I went to Shoals High School to watch our Lions 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team take on the South Knox Warriors in Blue Chip Tournament play. The game was very exciting as our Lions stayed neck-and-neck the whole way with the Spartans. Though the Lions were not where they wanted to be in the end, they made us all proud as they always do. That evening, I went to the Mitchell Opera House to attend the "Meet The Beatles" concert – a nice tribute to the music group. This was the first time I attended a function at the newly remodeled facility; and I would like to commend Hoosier Uplands for purchasing and restoring the very historic sight.

Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> after attending church services, I attended the first Catholic War Veterans organizational meeting. Over 20 attended. A special "thank you" to Bud Erler for organizing the event. Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> was the monthly board of public works and safety and common council meetings. The highlight was a presentation from David Miller of Hoosier Uplands regarding a proposal for the downtown area. Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup>, much of the day was spent working on day-to-day operations of the office. Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday, was the second land use planning meeting at city hall. Among the many issues discussed were various potentials of the downtown area and where most of our residential and commercial areas lay. Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> began on a sad note as I assisted with the funeral service of Catherine Wildman at St. John Catholic Church. After the funeral service I met with the new Martin County

Extension Educator Stacey Brown at The Lodge. Mrs. Brown has a very diverse background which will serve our county well in the future; and we welcome her to our community. Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> was the grand reopening of Englert's store, which had been closed for repair since the downtown fire of November 14, 2014 because of smoke damage. We heartily welcome them back and wish them all the best! That evening, I attended the Lions Junior Varsity and Varsity Boys' basketball teams hosting the Blue Jackets of Mitchell at Jack Butcher Arena. Our Lions came out on top with nice wins in both matches. In addition to watching the boys play that evening, spectators were got to see the cheerleading clinic and watch high school graduate and Cincinnati Reds pitching Coach Mark Riggins being honored as he just recently was inducted into the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame. What an honor for him and all of us to share. Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> I attended the surprise 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party for former Shoals Fire Chief Kenneth L. Sanders, Jr. A great turn out came to celebrate Mr. Sanders at the fire station in the downtown area. Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup>, Valentine's Day, after attending worship services, I went to Jack Butcher Arena to watch our Lions 7<sup>th</sup> grade play in HBA tournament action. Despite a long day of ball, our Lions went 4-0... overcoming the Vikings of Barr-Reeve twice, the Shakamak Lakers once, and the Evansville Central Bears once. Congratulations to our 7<sup>th</sup> grade Lions and a special mention to Jeff and Lori Bledsoe and the Hoosier Basketball Academy for hosting the event. Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup>, I spent much of the day at the office. That evening was our parks and recreation board meeting. The highlight of the agenda was the opening of the pool for the this coming season. Following the meeting, I drove to Washington Catholic, home of the Birdcage, to watch our Lions Junior Varsity and Varsity Boys' basketball teams take on the Cardinals. In both games our Lions won by nice-size margins.

Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Duane Smith and I went to Westgate Academy for the monthly Martin County Chamber of Commerce meeting. Topics included the upcoming Martin County Chamber of Commerce Dinner and the Indiana Bicentennial Celebration to be held this year. In the evening was the monthly Martin County Solid Waste meeting. Main topics included the budget and personnel. Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> was the monthly school board meeting. Highlights of the meeting were the announcement of the retirement of Dr. Joan Keller, superintendent; and the retirement of Rev. John Simmons who drove for the school corporation for 48 years as well as a discussion of the budget. After that meeting was the monthly Martin County Tourism Meeting at Southern Indiana Steel. Highlights included discussion of the Indiana Bicentennial, Hindostan Falls, West Boggs Park, and various lodging opportunities existing in our county. Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> I enjoyed watching our Lions Junior Varsity and Varsity Boys' Basketball teams hosting the Jeeps of Northeast Dubois. Our Lions won by nice margins in both match-ups. Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> was the National Rifle Association Annual Banquet at the Martin County Community Building. Over 300 people attended and made the event a huge success. Then, I headed back to Jack Butcher Arena for the last regularly scheduled home junior varsity and varsity boys' basketball games with our Lions hosting the Raiders of South-

ridge and coming out winners in both matches. The evening included a special honoring of the many senior ball players, Lionettes, and band members who have left their mark on LHS.

Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Martin County Humane Society Chili-Cook Off at The Lodge and a very hard decision by all to make on the best soup. On Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, I went to Westgate Academy for the NSA Crane Land Use Plan study. Around 100 attended and a lot of information was gained and shared by all. Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> was the monthly Bicentennial meeting at the home of Marie Hawkins, to make plans for the September 13 event. In the afternoon was the first "Clean Sweep" planning meeting at German American Bank. "Clean Sweep" will be April 16 this year, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at German American Bank. As in the past, ten teams will be allowed to participate and receive \$25 for each bag, up to ten bags per team collected. In the evening, I drove to Jasper High School, home of the Wildcats, to watch our Lions Junior Varsity and Varsity Boys' Basketball teams play. Though our Lions put forth a great effort, they unfortunately fell short in both matches. On Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> the Summerfest Committee met for the first time to plan the annual event. The main topic was entertainment. Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> much of the days were spent at the office working on day-to-day operations. On Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> I attended a Cracker Barrel session presented by Martin County Farm

## Tri Kappa holds monthly meeting

On Tuesday, February 23 a meeting of the Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa was held at Aunt Bee's Brew Ha Ha. Hostesses for the evening were Kristi Ausbrooks, Megan Richer, Terry Swayze, and Melissa Courter. The theme for the meeting was New Orleans. The meeting was called to order by President Barbara McFeaters. Roll call was read. January minutes were read and approved.

Corresponding secretary Brittany Lyons read the following correspondence: Martin County Community Foundation asking for donation.

Royal Family Kids Camp information and request for donation.

Thank you from the Loogootee Pool committee.

Thank you from the Martin County Head Start for donating to Cops and Kids.

Riley Cheer Guild Newsletter.

Thank you from the Boy Scouts Organization for donation.

The treasurer's report was given by Dena Lyon.

Three applicants submitted applications for the state scholarships. The local scholarships will be posted on Facebook to help get the word out to the Loogootee and Shoals High School Seniors to apply for Tri Kappa's local scholarships.

The Martin County Fair will be Friday, July 15 through July 19. Tri Kappa members will work the concessions on either Friday or Saturday of the fair. The date has not been determined yet.

Mental Health: Brittany Lyons reminded the group that February is Heart Health Month.

Remembrance: Valentine's Day cards were sent to Loogootee Nursing Center residents. ResCare residents received Christmas cards. Birthday cards were sent chapter members.

The Delta Tau Chapter's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is planning an event

Bureau Incorporated at Martin County Learning Center. State Representatives Mike Braun and Jeff Ellington were present to listen to local residents concerns involving roads, property taxes, and education. A crowd of almost 40 came out for the exchange. That evening was the annual ACCTS Banquet, at St. John Catholic Church Community Building. A new record was set as over 160 came out to enjoy the delicious food and great door prizes provided by 35-40 volunteers who assisted with the event. Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup>, after worship services, I attended the second planning meeting for the Catholic War Veterans organization. It was decided to make more permanent decisions at the third meeting which will be the third Sunday in March. Following the meeting, I headed to the LHS Cafeteria to attend the annual Lion Backers Banquet. The banquet, as always, was a huge success and Coach Steve Brett was guest speaker. Coach Brett is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to the great game of basketball and gave an interesting talk. Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> was the bi-monthly school-community council meeting at Loogootee Elementary. The needs of both students and teachers were the main topics of discussion. The council is going to work very hard toward the goal of supplies being delivered to each classroom with the financial burden of both the school and staff members alleviated. I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a most blessed March!!!

for next fall. They are working on Delta Tau shirts. Anyone wishing to purchase a shirt will want to order one as soon as they are made available.

Social: Dena Lyon will be looking into the dates and times that the group can visit the Azuela Patch near Petersburg.

Technology and Facebook: Megan Richer discussed the possibility of a website. She is doing an awesome job with Tri-Kappa's public and private Facebook sites.

Tri Kappa Week: Jill Walker took the banners for Tri Kappa Week to the city office in February to hang in Loogootee. Mayor Noel Harty proclaimed Tri Kappa Week as March 22-27.

Riley Blankets: Ashley Graber announced March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 PM as the date for making blankets for Riley. Meet at the Loogootee United Methodist Church. Bring your scissors and anyone that would like to help make the blankets. Megan Richer volunteered to deliver the blankets in April.

The Loogootee High School Top 10 Dinner is set for Sunday, April 17 at 4 p.m. at the Loogootee United Methodist Church. Planning is underway.

Kids N Chalk: Tri Kappa is having the Kids N Chalk event at the Shoals Catfish on July 1.

New business:

Three names were read for new member nominations.

There was discussion regarding the request for monetary donation for the Royal Family Kids Camp. This camp is for abused kids in the area. Ashley Graber suggested they ask the camp if they pledge, can it go to a local child? This discussion was tabled until further information is available.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is April 26 at 7 p.m. at the Loogootee United Methodist Church.