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# Last week's manhunt outside Loogootee ends in arrest

On Tuesday, March 15 at 9:45 a.m., OnStar notified the Martin County Sheriff's Office that they were tracking a stolen vehicle, a 2010 Black Chevy Silverado. Captain Tony Dant was dispatched to intercept the vehicle with the intention of OnStar demobilizing the vehicle when a sufficient police presence was available to apprehend the suspect. At the time of the notification the vehicle was reported to be on Rama Dye Road, west of Shoals.

Before Captain Dant could intercept the vehicle the suspect parked the vehicle in the employee parking lot of the White River Co Op, just east of Loogootee. Fortunately, Loogootee's Chief of Police Kelly Rayhill was able to identify the suspect, just as the chief was entering the parking lot himself, and as a result was able to provide a detailed description of the man. The man was able to conceal himself on the property, before additional law enforcement begin to arrive for the search. Erring on the side of caution the sheriff's office advised Loogootee Schools to go on lockdown until law enforcement was confident the subject was contained within a search perim-

Under the direction of Indiana Conversation Officers Eric Doane and Tony Mann, a comprehensive perimeter line, about three-quarter of a mile south of U.S. Highway 50 was employed to ensure the suspect could not evade law enforcement. An extensive search of the property was conducted over nearly four hours with a collective effort from the Martin County Sheriff's Office, Loogootee Police Department, Indiana Conservation Officers, and the Indiana State Police. A neighborhood near eastern Loogootee was also canvassed, focusing on houses on Terrace Drive.

When the perimeter was in place, search teams were able to focus on the interior of the search area. Eventually, the suspect withdrew from his concealment position. According to Co Op staff he concealed himself under a flatbed trailer bed with leaves and gravel. The suspect was able to acquire a Co Op jacket in an attempt to blend in among the employees. However, he was still identified and intercepted as he entered U.S. Highway 50 on foot by Captain Jason Hennette.

The suspect, Danny C. Riley II, 34, of Francisco, reportedly stole the vehicle from Petersburg. After his apprehension, he was transported to Daviess Community Hospital for injuries unrelated to the event. Riley was charged with auto theft and is being held in the Pike County Jail.

After the event, Martin County Sheriff Travis Roush said, "It is always so (See 'MANHUNT' cont. on page 2)



-Photo by Josh Hughett

Members of the Loogootee Chorus, under the direction of Misty Mosby, performed for the Loogootee School Board before their meeting last Thursday.

# Bids awarded for Loogootee Schools roofing projects

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT Martin County Journal Publisher

Richard Burch, with Midwestern Engineers, provided the Loogootee School Board with bids for the roof replacement at the elementary, the gym and the middle school/high school, at their meeting last Thursday night. He recommended the board approve the low bid of \$810,000 from Steve's Roofing and Sheet Metal of Bloomington for the middle school/high school and gym roofs. Burch said they received five bids for the elementary school and recommended accepting the low bid from Hedinger Beverage, of Jasper, for \$200,850. The board accepted both recommendations.

Burch also told the board that they would now be advertising for bids on the windows. He is estimating that cost

at \$500,000 for all buildings. The board approved Michelle Wesley as junior high track coach, Tim Sanders as high school assistant track coach, and AJ Miles as volunteer baseball coach.

The board approved Katie Kidwell's resignation as junior high cheerleading

Superintendent Joan Keller reported that April 29 and May 13 will be the two remaining snow make up days that students will have to attend school. The last day of school for the year is still scheduled for May 25.

Elementary Principal Dara Chezem reported that 32 students attended the kindergarten roundup held recently. She said that some students did not attend so she is not ready to give a number yet for incoming kindergarteners.

The board will hold a closed door meeting to go over applications for superintendent to replace Dr. Keller, this evening at 4 p.m.

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# Shoals man arrested after nearly crashing into trooper

A Shoals man was arrested this past Sunday afternoon on alcohol-related charges after he nearly crashed head on into an Indiana State Trooper.

At 4:04 p.m. on Sunday, Trooper Ross Johnson was patrolling US 50 east of Shoals when he observed, in a curve, a black 2013 Chevrolet Silverado traveling at a high rate of speed while partially in Trooper Johnson's lane. Trooper Johnson was able to clock the Chevrolet at a speed of 72 miles per hour in a 50-mileper-hour zone before swerving off of the roadway to avoid the collision. Johnson turned his car around, activated his emergency lights, and stopped the Chevrolet.

Trooper Johnson spoke with the driver, 50-year-old Paul M. Davis, of Shoals. During the course of the stop, Johnson had reason to believe Davis had been driving under the influence of alcoholic beverages. Davis refused to take any tests for breath or blood alcohol content, and was placed into custody for operating while intoxicated – chemical test refusal. Davis was transported to and logged in the Martin County Jail without incident.

As a constant reminder, the Indiana State Police remains ever vigilant in tak-

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ing intoxicated drivers off of Indiana's roadways. From March 4 through the 27th, the Indiana State Police are participating in Operation Pull Over, in which extra patrols are dedicated towards targeting dangerous and impaired drivers. If you observe a driver traveling in a dangerous manner, please dial 911 and tell the emergency dispatcher your location, a description of the suspect vehicle, the direction of travel, and a brief description of what the driver is doing wrong.

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# **Good Friday Services**

### **Eastern Martin County Ministeri**al Association

The churches of Shoals and the Eastern Martin County Ministerial Association will be offering a Good Friday Worship Service at the Shoals High School Gymnasium on Friday, March 25 at 6 p.m. The public is invited and all are welcome to attend. New Beginnings and Maranatha

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. **Loogootee Area Ministerial Assoc.** 

The Loogootee area ministerial association will be holding a community Good Friday service on March

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# **Easter Sunday Services**

# **Dover Hill Christian Union Church**

The Dover Hill Christian Union Church would like to invite you to join them for Easter Services, Sunday, March 27: 7:30 a.m. – Sunrise Service

8:15 a.m. - Breakfast 9 a.m. - Sunday School

10 a.m. – Morning Worship Loogootee Revival Center Church The Loogootee Revival Center Church, located at 205 NW First Street, will be having Easter Service on Sunday, March 27, with breakfast from 8:15-9:15 a.m. The service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with worship, communion, and the children's program. **Shoals Christian Church** 

The Shoals Christian Church will hold Easter Sunday sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. Morning worship will begin at 9 a.m.

Attention businesses: This space is available for 2016! \$50 per week. Contact courtney@martincountyjournal.com for info.

# My Point of View

By Courtney Hughett **Martin County Journal Publisher** 



The Loogootee School Board will be meeting this afternoon in a closed door session to go over applications for a new superintendent. This is only my opinion, but wouldn't this be a good time to consolidate the Shoals and Loogootee superintendent's offices and cut a whole lot of money out of the payroll budget? I've wrote columns before about the schools consolidating period, but that was met with a whole lot of hostility for some reason. Since that time, the enrollment at both Loogootee and Shoals schools continues to decline rapidly and funding continues to decline even quicker.

Back during the 2005-06 school year, Loogootee had a total of 1,007 students. Now enrollment for all grades this year is 845. Plus, Loogootee is graduating 76 students this year but had just 51 students in kindergarten, 51 students in first grade and 52 students in second grade. So, enrollment is still trending down. Shoals had 714 students during the 2005-06 school year, this year there were 588 students. Shoals outlook on incoming students is a little better, graduating 36 this year but having 44 kindergarteners. Still, both schools this year had a combined 1,433 students.

Loogootee had that many students alone back when I was in school in the 1990s.

Having two superintendents' offices with each superintendent having a staff of two, costs roughly \$450,000. That does not include the principals at each school in the county, along with their staff. That adds roughly \$500,000. That's close to \$1 million to just pay for administration for 1,433 students. That's \$698 per student and although those administrators have work to do, none of that money goes directly to the classroom and the teaching of kids.

There is not a school board meeting that I attend where lack of funding is not mentioned at least once. Just saying that maybe administration is one place to cut costs. That extra money can be given back to the teachers who have given up raises to help the school keep going every day. I personally believe that if you have unhappy teachers, you can't have well-taught students. The teachers do a job I could never do, nor would I want to.

Maybe we can ease into consolidation to lessen the blow to people who are so against it. I'm not a huge fan of change either but sometimes, you must stop the bleeding.

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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. An offer-

ing will be taken to support the Martin County Transient Fund.

# ARRESTED.

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Arrested and charges:

Paul M. Davis, 50, Shoals -Operating while intoxicated – chem-

ical test refusal, a Class C Misdemeanor -Driving left of center, a Class C Infraction

# BIDS -

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Board Member Tim Bradley has suspended his pay until the end of his term and given it back to the school. Superintendent Keller thanked him for this

Board Member Nancy Summers was not present for the meeting.



# Commissioners hear update on Crane land use study

met Tuesday, March 15.

Jeremy Sowders, Radius Indiana, updated the commissioners on the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) with Martin, Daviess, Lawrence, Greene, and Sullivan counties and NSA Crane. The JLUS is being done to increase the understanding between the base and surrounding communities, collaboration between base and counties and to consider implementing the actions that the committee suggests. President George and Tim Kinder have both been instrumental in the JLUS. The consultants for the study have held two public informational meetings to date and another meeting is scheduled the first week of August. A draft of suggestions will be available around the same time frame. For more information, please visit www. cranejlus.com.

Tom Woods, NSA Crane, updated the commissioners on the collaborative planning with the communities. NSA Crane is trying to do a better job of communicating with jurisdictions that have properties touching the base. Woods appreciates the county's commitment to the project. Commissioner Gregory questioned federal aid to areas impacted by the amount of county land taken up by Crane base. A brief discussion followed.

Garrick Cooper commended the gentlemen from Crane and the commissioners on working together and moving forward.

Tim Kinder, Martin County Alliance, submitted a partnership agreement concerning the Workforce Development Grant. Martin County is the lead applicant in the grant along with Daviess, Greene and Lawrence counties. Westgate Authority pledged \$5,000 toward the local match. The agreement outlined the scope of the services. Martin County Redevelopment pledged \$12,000 of TIF revenue. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, Standard Partnership Agreement for CDBG Funded Projects between Westgate@ Crane Authority and the Martin County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Kathy Collins, community corrections director, advised the commissioners of her recent audit with the department of corrections. At the next meeting she will be submitting a contract for approval concerning the Positive Behavior Intervention Services (PBIS). Community corrections will be collaborating with the Shoals Schools to assist in the management of the PBIS grant.

Andy Ringwald, EMA/Civil Defense, updated the commissioner on the DPC meeting he attended earlier in the day.

Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve the circuit court's maintenance agreement with Hoosier Business Machines for copier/printer services. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule. HB1001 was discussed briefly. Superintendent Padgett and Highway Clerk Terri Alcorn recently attended ERC training for bridge paperwork. A discussion on Title VI followed. To be eligible for federal funding, all county offices must be Title VI compliant. Superintendent Padgett discussed the WTH training they attended last week. WTH will be coming on sight for additional training.

An issue with a tree on Sorrells Lane was also discussed. A discussion on the

The Martin County Commissioners need for additional security cameras at the highway department transpired. Superintendant Padgett updated the commissioners on the bridge #11 tree removal. Due to power lines and high water the removal process is slow. He also updated the commissioners on the recently wrecked dump truck. He is receiving several different quotes to repair it and waiting on the insurance adjuster.

> Major T. A. Burkhardt reported there are 63 inmates in the security center; four of which are department of corrections. Major Burkhardt updated the commissioners on the incident in the county today. All agencies in Martin County, including the K9 officers, were involved in the capture of the fugitive. All agencies worked very well together.

> Recorder Rhonda Sanders presented the commissioners with a contract with Simplifile LC. Simplifile LC is an e-recording vendor that allows documents to be emailed to the recorder instead of mailed. The program will be at no cost to the county. Attorney Lett has received the contract and has no legal objections. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the Simplifile LC contract. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

> The next commissioners' meeting will be Tuesday, March 29 at 6 p.m.

# **MANHUNT**

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impressive to me how different police units work so cohesively together, especially, when you consider how little inter-agency training we have with one another. On behalf of law enforcement we are so very grateful that no one from the public or law enforcement was injured during the event."

# Register to vote before April 4

The 2016 Primary Election will be held May 3, 2016. April 4, 2016 is the deadline to register to vote or make any changes to an existing registration. Please call the Martin County Clerk's Office at 812-247-3651 to make sure your registration is correct. You can also call the clerk's office at any time to request an absentee ballot by mail. Absentee voting in the clerk's office will begin on April 5, 2016.

The following are the candidates for county offices in the Martin County 2016 Primary:

Martin County Auditor January L. Roush (D) Martin County Circuit Court Judge Lynne E. Ellis (R)

Martin Co. Commissioner District #1 Kevin R. Boyd (R)

Martin Co. Commissioner District #3 Brian George (D)

Dan J. Gregory (R)

Martin County Council-at-Large

Warren D. Albright (R)

Floyd "Lonnie" Hawkins (D)

Derek Harrell (D)

Keith Gibson (R)

Richard "Rich" Summers (D) Martin "Marty" Tarrh (R) Martin County Coroner

Tina Franklin (D)

Larry R. Harding (D)

Martin County Recorder

Rhonda Sanders (R)

Gianna Gee-Armstrong (D)

Martin County Surveyor Nathan D. Hoffman (R)

Martin County Treasurer

Lori Carrico (R) Julie Fithian (D) Page 3

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### **JAMES THARP**

James D. Tharp passed away at 5:59 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville. A resident of Shoals, he was 50.



He was born December 24, 1965 in Bedford; son of the late Henry and Nannie (Spicer) Tharp.

He married Misty M. Mc-Lain in Martin County. He attended Shoals

**JAMES THARP** 

High School and was previously employed at Kroger and K-Mart in Bedford, and was an auto mechanic. He was of the Christian faith.

He is survived by wife, Misty of Shoals; one daughter, Cassie (Rusty) Steward of Evansville; three sons, James (Kaylee) Steward of Bedford, Matthew Steward of Evansville, and Michael (Chelsea) Kirk of French Lick; eight grandchildren, Cayden, Kaylee, Dalton, Hunter, Ellie, Zeke, Christian and Kyson; seven sisters, Viola Cundiff of Alabama, Jean (Dan) McCarty of Shoals, Peggy (David) Fisher of Linton, Bonnie (Tim) Pottorff of Shoals, Connie (Bill) Pottorff of Shoals, Millie (Marty) Billiot of Arkansas, and Clara (Darren) Bumbalough of Columbus; two brothers, Jr (Debbie) Tharp of Shoals and Ollie Tharp of Linton; and numerous nieces, nephews, and

He is preceded in death by parents, and brothers, Tom and Johnny Tharp.

A funeral service was held Saturday,

March 19 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial followed in Mt. Olive Cemetery in Williams. Pastor Brian Terry officiated the service.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.queenlee.com.

### **EDWIN GRABER**

Edwin Dale Graber passed away at 10:53 a.m. Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at Daviess Community Hospital. A resident of Loogootee, he was 80.

He was born July 29, 1935 in Loogootee; son of the late Henry and Louise (Graber) Graber. He married Ruth (Miller) Graber on October 29, 1959 and she survives.

He was a member of First Mennonite Church.

He was employed for 20-plus years at Magic/Roy Ellis Feed Mill and Farm Bureau Co-Op and he enjoyed playing the fiddle.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth (Miller) Graber of Loogootee; siblings, Marie (Albert) Wagler of Montgomery, Eva (Joel) Stoll of Odon, Alta (Jack) Graber of Montgomery and Margaret (Victor) Wallace of Loogootee; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Louise (Graber) Graber; and siblings, Albert Graber, Ervin Graber and Verda Graber.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 19 at First Mennonite Church in Montgomery. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements were provided by Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery.

# Purdue students' national poll finds baby boomers worry about leaving the future in the hands of millennials

# BY AMY PATTERSON NEUBERT Purdue University News Service

A national poll conducted by Purdue University students found that Americans born between 1980 and 1998 diverge significantly from older voters in beliefs and attitudes, and 70 percent of millennials intend to vote in the presidential election, which would make them the nation's largest voting bloc. The results of the poll were presented Thursday, March 17 at The National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

This poll was conducted by students from the Purdue Institute for Civic Communication (PICC), in partnership with The Hill online newspaper, C-SPAN, and the polling firm PSB, which fielded the students' questions online in February. The course is offered through the Brian Lamb School of Communication.

"These so-called millennials last year surpassed baby boomers, those born between 1946 and 1964, as the nation's largest voting bloc, according to the U.S. Census Bureau," said Ambassador Carolyn Curiel, a Purdue clinical professor in communication and founder and executive director of the Purdue Institute for Civic Communication. "While they flexed electoral muscle for Barack Obama in 2008, millennials' commitment to voting usually has been less certain."

As further evidence of the gulf in opinions between these two age demographics, boomers overwhelmingly, at 68 percent, said they were worried about the inevitable prospect of leaving governance of the nation to millennials. Meanwhile, of millennials who had a preference, half - 50 percent - expressed most confidence in voting for a presidential candidate younger than most baby boomers. The survey was conducted among 1,001 adults ages 18 and up, with questions created by the students

in the polling class, whose majors range from the humanities to management and engineering. The international polling firm PSB fielded the students' questions online and weighted the results using the American Community Survey to ensure the surveys represent a nationally representative sample. The survey has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.10 percent, and is one in a series of PICC national surveys seeking to measure Americans' civic confidence. The survey report is available at www.piccstudents.org/picc-national-poll.html.

Curiel, a former journalist, White House speechwriter and diplomat, developed the polling class and instructs it with Brian Lamb, founder and executive chairman of C-SPAN; and Katie Cahill, a doctoral candidate in political science. This semester The Hill online newspaper has worked with students in considering issues for the latest poll.

"We are completing a second year of polling, and our students just keep getting a better picture of the American mood," Cahill said. "Through some eye-opening results, we are better understanding how primary and caucus decisions are being made this year."

The survey found millennials also differ in believing the campaign promises of presidential candidates, more than do older voters and at nearly twice the rate of boomers. While Americans overall say the nation is most united by fundamental rights and freedoms and patriotism, millennials are more likely to express liberal political opinions, particularly pro-government positions. The survey shows millennials are less concerned with the threat of terrorism and more likely to believe the government is prepared to deal with terrorist attacks, and slightly less concerned with privacy issues than older Americans, ages 50 and above.

### DORIS TRAYLOR

Doris M Traylor went to be with her Lord at 8:40 p.m. Monday, March 21



at Memorial Healthcare and Hospital in Jasper, following a long-term, lingering illness. A lifelong resident of Loogootee, she was 92.

She was born August 23, 1923; the daughter of

Lewis and Mabel (Downey) Summers, both deceased. She was first married to Joseph B. Nordhoff, deceased, and then to Charles Edward Traylor, deceased.

She worked at NWSC Crane for 27 years. After retiring from Crane she was elected and served as City of Loogootee Clerk-Treasurer for 15 years, then served on the City of Loogootee Common Council for four years. She had also worked at the Jefferson Army Proving Grounds in Madison for five years. She had been a member of local organizations such as the Daughters of Isabella, VFW and American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include a son, John Nordhoff and his wife Juliana (Steffen) Nordhoff of Bloomington; three grandchildren, Chad Nordhoff of Muncie, Brandon Nordhoff of San Diego, California; and Kimberly Nordhoff of Austin, Texas; two great grandchildren, Corrina Sue Nordhoff and Ella Marie Nordhoff of Upland; one sister, Mrs. Ernie (Louise) Bradley of Loogootee; one sister in law, Mrs. Charles (Viola) Summers of Loogootee; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, James Summers, Joseph Summers, and Charles Summers; and one sister, Mrs. Robert (Margaret) Cantrall.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 28 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held Sunday, March 27, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions or masses may be offered at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Condolences may be made online at blakefuneral-homes.com.

# DALE WAGLER

Wilbur "Dale" Wagler passed away Saturday, March 19, 2016 at his home



with his family by his side. A resident of Harlan, he was 73.

He was born August 24, 1942 in Loogootee; son of the late William and

DALE WAGLER
Mary (Yoder) Wagler.

Mary (Yoder) Wagler.

He was the co-owner of Harlan Cabinets and M&W Countertops for over 40 years and was also the co-owner of Gordon Creek Granite for over 10 years. He was a lifelong member at Central Ministries and loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren, Isabella and Harrison, who were papa's pride and joy. He enjoyed fishing, camping, tractors, cars, music, and playing his guitar. He was an amazing and peaceful man who will be greatly missed by so many.

He is survived by his loving wife of

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

44 years, Doris (Stoll) Wagler of Harlan; daughters, Michelle Wagler of Harlan and Melissa (Donald) Bowers of Monroeville; two grandchildren, Isabella Rae Bowers and Harrison Dale Bowers; brothers, Simon (Martha) Wagler of Spencerville and Ray Wagler of Mark Center, Ohio; sister, Catherine Delagrange of Woodburn; brothers-in-law, Amos Delagrange and Monroe Barkman; and his four-legged friend, Mack the Bulldog.

He was also preceded in death by four brothers, Wilmer, Omer, Wilbur, and William Wagler; sisters, Lena Barkman, Rosie Delagrange, and Mildred Delagrange; brothers-in-law, Delbert and Ora Delagrange; and sister-in-law, Betty Wagler.

The funeral service was held this morning Wednesday, March 23 at 11 a.m. at Central Ministries in Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior. Burial followed at Yaggy Cemetery, Grabill.

Memorials may be made to Northeast Fire Department or Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

### **RALPH WILSON**

Ralph Willis Wilson passed away March 17, 2016 at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville. A resident of New-



burgh, he was 81 years old.

He was born October 7, 1934, in Cache, Illinois; the son of Marvin and Margaret Fern

**RALPH WILSON** (Hill) Wilson. He married Ruth Truelove on Sunday, October 9, 1955, at the United Methodist Church in Loogootee.

He graduated from Loogootee High School in 1954. He began his career with the Federal Service in the General Accounting Office at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis in 1954. He retired from the Federal Service with the US Army Reserve as a Unit Administrator with the 300th Military Police Prisoner of War Command after more than 35 years of service. He reached the rank of Command Sargent Major in the United States Army Reserve, highest non-commissioned soldier, with the 604th Military Police Battalion. Awards include the United States Army Meritorious Service Medal given in 1988 and 1996 (First Oak Leaf Cluster); The Commander's Award for Civilian Service; The Army Achievement Medal; The Army Commendation Medal.

He was a member of First Baptist Church of Jasper. He enjoyed traveling the United States and the world with his wife, Ruth; tomato gardening and spending time with his family especially his grandchildren, Ashley and Jacob; and great granddaughter, Abriana.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Ruth; son, Ralph Willis Wilson II of Bloomington; daughter, Vicki Lynn Stuffle and son-in-law, Gary Stuffle, of Odon; granddaughter, Ashley Elizabeth Saladin (Robert) and great-granddaughter, Abriana Ruth of Newburgh; grandson, Jacob Dwenger (mother Pat Dwenger) of Lafayette; and sister, Virginia Eichmiller of Jasper.

He was preceded in death by a brother, William "Billy" Wilson and sister, Anna Fern Huls.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 2 at the First Baptist Church in Jasper. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. until service time at the church.

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# Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### **MONDAY, MARCH 14**

4:40 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense removed the tree.

7:08 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:22 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:18 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:10 p.m. - Captain Dant transported one inmate from Orange County Jail

1:18 p.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted a motorist in Shoals.

2:00 p.m. - Captain Dant responded to an animal complaint near Shoals.

2:30 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

2:30 p.m. - Captain Dant transported one inmate from Daviess County Jail for court.

2:35 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Captain Dant responded.

4:21 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

7:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 15**

2:43 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:52 a.m. - Received a report of a prowler north of Loogootee. Corporal Baker and Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

9:00 a.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill performed a vehicle identification check in Loogootee.

9:20 a.m. - Sheriff Roush transported one inmate to DCS.

9:25 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

9:42 a.m. - Captain Dant transported one inmate from Dubois County Jail for

9:45 a.m. - Received a report of a stolen vehicle near Shoals. Captain Dant, Chief Deputy Greene, Sheriff Roush, Corporal Baker, Major Burkhardt, K9 Officer Yirka, K9 Officer Asher, LPD Chief Rayhill, Loogootee Captain Hennette, Loogootee Captain Akles, Loogootee Officer Nolan, ICO Mann, ICO Doane, ISP Trooper Lents, and ISP Trooper Sexton responded along with other ISP units. The subject fled the scene but was apprehended, after an extensive search of the area, near the White River Co-op in Loogootee.

11:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

12:35 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

2:02 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

2:10 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:14 p.m. - Received a call for assistance at the courthouse. Major Burkhardt, Captain Dant, and Corporal Baker responded.

3:28 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, ISP Trooper Qualkenbush, and Martin County Ambulance responded. All was okay.

4:05 p.m. - Major Burkhardt performed an identification check near Shoals.

4:12 p.m. - Part-time Deputy Floyd transported one inmate to Dubois County Jail.

4:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

5:19 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

6:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:00 p.m. - Received a dog complaint north of Shoals. Corporal Baker re-

9:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded for lift assis-

11:09 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. ICO Mann, Martin County Ambulance, and Haysville Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

2:17 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded for lift assistance.

3:15 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to IU Health.

10:05 a.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

11:10 a.m. - Received an animal complaint east of Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

2:20 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, and Major Burkhardt responded. All was okay.

3:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:28 p.m. - Received a report of trees down near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

4:51 p.m. - Received a report of a theft near Shoals. Major Burkhardt re-

6:38 p.m. - Received a trespassing complaint in Crane. Major Burkhardt responded.

10:40 p.m. - Received a domestic complaint north of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

11:36 p.m. - Received request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

# THURSDAY, MARCH 17

12:42 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Shoals.

8:10 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist east of Shoals.

8:12 a.m. - Received a call of mailboxes torn down north of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

10:00 a.m. - Major Burkhardt took two inmates to court.

10:25 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to the doctor.

11:30 a.m. - Major Burkhardt took three inmates to court.

12:37 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on SR 450, north of Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

12:39 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took one Akles responded. inmate to court.

2:30 p.m. - Chief Deputy Green took two inmates to court.

2:33 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Hwy 150 near Shoals. The county highway department responded.

4:11 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50. Deputy Reed responded.

4:36 p.m. - Received a dog complaint north of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

5:14 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Reed and Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

6:36 p.m. - Major Burkhardt and K9 Officer Asher assisted Washington Police Department and the US Marshal Service with a felony apprehension.

7:56 p.m. - Received a report of a motorcycle/deer accident on SR 150, north of Shoals. Deputy Reed, Marshal Eckert, ISP Trooper Beaver, Shoals Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and Air Evac responded. The subject was transported to Louisville Hospital by helicopter.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 18

2:48 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:11 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

12:39 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:05 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Sergeant Keller and Deputy Reed responded.

9:02 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.

11:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

# SATURDAY, MARCH 19

1:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:07 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. The subject was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital.

9:15 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:01 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:45 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

12:10 p.m. - Received a dog complain in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain

12:24 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire, Deputy Reed, and Deputy Floyd responded.

6:28 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee. Deputy Salmon

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 20**

9:09 a.m. - Received a report of a cut gas line near Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:53 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:15 p.m. - Loogootee Captain Akles assisted department of child services with a welfare check in Loogootee.

2:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

3:14 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee Loogootee Captain Akles responded and all was okay.

6:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:15 p.m. - Received a report of a possible altercation in Loogootee. Sergeant Keller, Deputy Reed, Deputy Salmon, and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

10:03 p.m. - Received a second call to an altercation in Loogootee. All units responded.

10:57 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

# Real estate transfers

Michael E. Clifton, of Daviess County, Indiana to Nathan Jones and Brittany Blaker, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots 206 and 207 in the original plat of the town of West Shoals, now annexed to the Town of Shoals, Martin County, Indiana.

Nathan Jones and Brittany Blaker, of Martin County, Indiana to Leland Wilcoxen, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots 206 and 207 in the original plat of the town of West Shoals, now annexed to the Town of Shoals, Martin County, Indiana.

Chad M. Wade, of Martin County, Indiana to Crystal A. Bosell, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West. Tract II: That portion of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, of the Second Principal Meridian, City of Loogootee, Indiana, containing 0.458 acres, more

Earthling Enterprises, LLC, of Martin County. Indiana to Nicholas R. McCracken, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.744 acres, more or less.

# **Accident report**

# **MONDAY, MARCH 14**

6:08 a.m. - Rudy Wagler, of Loogootee, was operating a 2000 GMC on Broadway Street when she merged lanes and failed to see a 2013 Chevy operated by Laura M. Armes, of Washington. Chief Rayhill investigated.

# MARTIN COUNTY COURT NEWS

### **CRIMINAL JUDGMENTS** AND SENTENCING February 16

Nathan R. Jones, convicted of driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction and driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 361 days suspended and credit for two actual days previously served plus two Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

### February 18

Anthony R. Raber, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days at the Martin County Security Center with 56 days suspended and credit for two actual days previously served plus two Class A credit days. Defendant received five months of probation.

### March 3

Mitchell F. Newton, convicted of driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction and driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days at the Martin County Security Center with 277 days suspended and credit for 44 actual days previously served plus 44 Class A credit days. Defendant received 10 months of probation.

Sasha Pottorff, convicted of neglect of a dependent, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve two years with 644 days suspended and credit for 43 actual days previously served plus 43 Class A credit days. Defendant received 18 months of probation.

### March 8

Pamela D. Gammon, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person with a passenger less than 18 years of age, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve two years at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 102 actual days previously served plus 102 Class A credit days.

Andrew S. Qualkenbush, convicted of illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor and convicted of criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced on the first charge to 36 days at the Martin County Security Center with 0 days suspended and credit for 18 actual days previously served plus 18 Class A credit days. Sentenced on the second charge to 180 days at the Martin County Security Center with 128 days suspended and credit for 26 actual days previously served plus 26 Class A credit days. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

Arthur C. Terry, convicted of dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony and convicted of obstruction of justice, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced on the first count to two years at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 139 actual days previously served plus 47 Class B credit days. Sentenced on the second count to one year at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 182 actual days previously served plus 182 Class A credit days.

### **CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED** February 18

Anthony R. Raber, operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

### March 3

Sasha Pottorff, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed.

### March 8

Pamela D. Gammon, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Andrew S. Qualkenbush, two counts of public intoxication, Class B Misdemeanors, dismissed; illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Arthur C. Terry, possession of chemical reagents or precursors with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

### **CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed** March 3

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Shellie Kilgore, civil collection.

# March 14

First Financial Bank vs. Chester E. Hembree, civil collection.

Cach, LLC vs. Marc E. Redman, civil collection.

### **CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS** March 7

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Tanner L. McCammon in the amount of \$19,739.42.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendants Terry L. and Toni S. Orman in the amount of \$9,674.51.

# March 11

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff TD Auto Finance, LLC and against the defendant James M. Forthoffer in the amount of \$7,535.86.

# March 14

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Matthew A. Chastain in the amount of \$17,818.42.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Cavalry SPV I. LLC and against the defendant Goldie Clark in the amount of \$837.73.

# March 16

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Oueen-Lee Funeral Home and against the defendant Ronald Kearby in the amount of \$9,733.26.

# **New Suits Filed**

### March 2

Medical of Dubois vs. Tara and Curtis Cronin, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Larry Joyner, Jr., complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Audra L. Perry, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Katie A. Sanders, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Albert L. Sipes,

Medical of Dubois vs. James M. Taylor, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Justin R. Truelove, complaint.

### March 4

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Crystal L. Fultz, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Collin Cook, complaint. Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Leland

Mackey, complaint. Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Auna L.

Beasley, complaint. Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Sherry

Wagoner, complaint. Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Mark L.

Divine, complaint.

# March 9

Cavalry SPV I, LLC vs. Sadie Raber, complaint.

### March 14

Personal Finance Company, LLC vs. Deanna L. Holt, complaint.

### SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS March 7

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Jordan Page in the amount of \$4,115.56.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Larry Walton in the amount of \$707.76.

# March 8

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant James E. Brim in the amount of

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Audery A. Burgess in the amount of \$3,221.52.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Charles R. Chrisman in the amount of \$1,298.36.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Lori Daniel in the amount of

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Michael A. Tompkins in the amount of \$814.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Brittany R. Hert in the amount of \$2,464.64.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Travis J. Howell in the amount of \$6,121.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Melissa Kniep in the amount of \$2,975.97.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Lee T. Mayo in the amount of \$1,378.84.

# March 17

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendants Ronald N. and Sharayn T. Menne in the amount of \$5,504.10.

# **MARRIAGE LICENSES** March 17

Justin C. Crosby of Loogootee and Jessica L. Bates of Shoals.

# Loogootee Police log **MONDAY, MARCH 14**

11:20 a.m. - Female caller reported someone had stolen fuel from her vehi-

6:16 p.m. - Caller reported hearing gunshots near the Shaded Estates area. Officers were unable to locate.

# **TUESDAY, MARCH 15**

2:52 a.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a possible prowler on Hopper Lane.

9:00 a.m. - Female came on station to request a vehicle identification check.

9:45 a.m. - Loogootee Police Department assisted with a report of a stolen vehicle that was westbound on Hwy 50. Driver fled the scene from Martin County Co-op. Suspect was later located.

5:10 p.m. - Caller reported a dog com-

9:06 p.m. - First responders were requested for lifting assistance.

# WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

4:06 p.m. - Caller reported harassment. 4:08 p.m. - Caller reported having problems with her son.

11:36 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

# **THURSDAY, MARCH 17**

8:00 a.m. - Caller reported a female walking through fields near on US 231. Chief Rayhill and Senior Trooper Lents later located and spoke with the female.

12:05 p.m. - Female came on station to report an IRS scam.

12:55 p.m. - Male reported suspicious activity on JFK Avenue.

4:00 p.m. - Received a report of a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.

run accident on Hwy 231. 8:53 a.m. - Caller reported a male with

5:54 p.m. - Caller reported a hit-and-

### mental health issues. FRIDAY, MARCH 18

2:48 a.m. - Officer Nolan assisted Sgt. Keith Keller with a dispute.

4:11 a.m. - Caller reported a dog com-

12:39 p.m. - First responders were requested in Scenic Hill for a medical problem.

7:58 p.m. - Caller reported a possible fire hazard.

9:08 p.m. - First responders were requested on Dewey Street for a medical problem.

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 19**

2:07 a.m. - Officer Nolan assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with an emergency detention.

10:45 a.m. - Received a call of a reckless driver on US 231. Officer was un-

able to locate. 12:10 p.m. - Caller reported a loose

6:08 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on SW 1st Street.

6:10 p.m. - Received a loud noise complaint on Cedar Street.

6:29 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance in Redwing Trailer Court.

# **SUNDAY, MARCH 20**

12:35 a.m. - Caller reported harass-

9:09 a.m. - Caller reported a gas line had been cut. Loogootee Fire was dis-

12:15 p.m. - Caller reported a male would not leave her residence.

8:50 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute in Redwing Trailer Court.

10:08 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Redwing Trailer Court.

11:59 p.m. - First responders were requested in Country Place Apartments for a medical call.

# **ARRESTS**

# **MONDAY, MARCH 14**

3:00 p.m. - Travis Salmon, 23, of Loogootee, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on two warrants and is being held without bond. Chief Deputy Greene was assisted by Captain Dant and Sheriff Roush.

3:50 p.m. - Jessica Jackson, 33, of Shoals, was arrested by Sheriff Roush for theft, burglary, possession of meth, possession of a controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia, and maintaining a common nuisance. Her bond has been set at \$25,000 10%.

# **THURSDAY, MARCH 17**

12:15 a.m. - William Lucas, Sr., 50, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sergeant Keller on a petition to revoke and is being held without bond.

# **SUNDAY, MARCH 20**

4:28 p.m. - Paul Davis, 50, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Johnson for operating while intoxicated refusal and is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

**SMALL CLAIMS COURT** 



The Outhouse and The Cherry Tree Once there was a little boy who lived in the country. The family still used an outhouse, and the little boy hated it because it was so hot in the summer,

freezing cold in the winter and stank all the time. The outhouse was sitting on the bank of a creek and the boy was determined that one day he would push that old outhouse straight into the creek.

So, one day after a spring rain, the creek was swollen and the little boy decided today was the day to push the outhouse into the creek. He found a large pole and started pushing.

Finally, after much effort, the outhouse toppled into the creek and floated

That night his dad told him they were going to the woodshed after supper. The boy knew that meant a spanking, so he asked why.

The dad replied, "Someone pushed the outhouse into the creek today. It was you, wasn't it son?"

The boy answered yes. Then he thought a moment and said, "Dad, I read in school today that George Washington chopped down a cherry tree and didn't get into trouble because he told the truth...'

The dad replied, "Well, son, George Washington's father probably wasn't in the cherry tree."

### THINGS THAT REQUIRE ZERO TALENT

- 1. Being on time
- 2. Work ethic
- 3. Effort
- 4. Body language

- 5. Energy
- 6. Attitude
- 7. Passion
- 8. Being coachable
- 9. Doing extra 10. Being prepared

### PONDERISMS:

- 1. Life's most horrifying ten seconds is being held hostage in the corner of the shower by cold water.
- 2. Don't be afraid of growing older. You can still do stupid things. Only
- 3. Whenever I fold laundry I contemplate becoming a nudist. Then I remember what I look like naked and I keep folding.
- 4. When a man says, "It's not in there, I looked," that doesn't mean it's not in there.
- 5. Getting old is not for sissies. It takes strength, courage, and tenacity. . . and that's just to get dressed in the morning.
- 6. What's the difference between a Hippo and a Zippo? One is really heavy and the other is a little lighter.
- 7. I want buns of steel but I also want buns of cinnamon.
- 8. If I ever have to run for my life I can assure you it will not end well.
- 9. Do you know that awesome feeling when you get into bed, fall right asleep, stay asleep all night, and wake up feeling refreshed and ready to take on the day? Yeah, me neither.

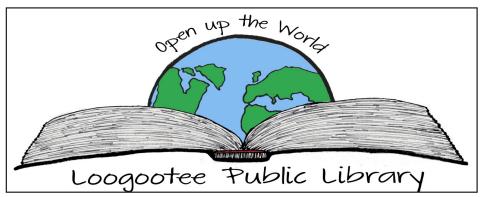
10. I never use my turn signal. It's nobody's business where I'm going!

Make someone smile today!

# Spring clean-up at Goodwill Cemetery

It's spring time! With that comes the annual spring clean-up at Goodwill Cemetery. The cemetery board is asking anyone that needs winter flowers or faded arrangements removed from a grave, please do so by April 1. The cemetery volunteers will be starting soon to remove any flower arrangements that have blown off during the winter and spring winds. Flags that were placed on graves of veterans in May of 2015 will be removed and replaced before Memorial Day. Also, new gravesites will be attended to as soon as weather permits. Please do not step on newly seeded gravesites.

Mowing season brings out grass trimming so keep in mind the flowers and ornaments placed in or on the ground may be removed for the safety of those mowing and trimming. Please place all objects in an orderly manner on the grave stone base. Ornamental garden-style flags must be on a shepherd's hook by the gravestone. Also remember if you would like to make a donation to Goodwill at any time, please send to Goodwill Cemetery, PO Box 24, Loogootee, IN 47553. They will once again have a donation table set up Memorial Weekend starting Friday morning through Monday evening.



# BY DARLA WAGLER Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The Indiana Park Pass is available to be checked out with your library card. The pass can be checked out for seven days and if not returned on due date there will be a \$10 per day fee assessed. Only adults will be allowed to check out the park pass and you must be in good standing with the library.

FOLL (Friends of the Loogootee Library) will be having a huge book sale 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: "Fool Me Once" by Har-

lan Coben. Fiction:

Inspirational Fiction: "An Unbroken Heart" by Kathleen Fuller, "Faith" by Lyn Cote, and "What Happened on

Beale Street" by Mar Ellis. DVDs: "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2" and "The Iron Man Trilogy".

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



# Muscle man

-Photo provided

Alex Doane competed in Southern Indiana Muscle on March 19 in Evansville. This was his first competition and he placed 2nd in Men's Open Bodybuilding - Welterweight and 3rd in Men's Novice Bodybuilding -Lightweight. Alex is a 2013 graduate of Shoals High School. He is the son of Cindy and Tim Sorrells and Danny and Pam Doane. His next competition is Midwest Battle of the Champions in Indianapolis on April 2.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# Public testing of election equipment

Notice is hereby given that the public testing of Accu-Vote OS Tabulators and Accu-Vote TSX units to be used in the 2016 Primary Election will be conducted in the commissioners' room at the Martin County Courthouse located at 129 Main Street Shoals, IN 47581 on Wednesday, March 30 at 1 p.m. This test is open to the public in accordance to (IC 3-11-13-22).

# Free lunch for kids

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

# **SOAR Tutoring**

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

# Solid waste board

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

# **Humane society meetings**

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend.

# **Tourism meetings**

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

# Soil and Water meetings

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



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# Farming & Outdoors

Page 7 MARTIN COUNTY JOURNAL Wednesday, March 23, 2016

# In the Garden By Ralph Purkhiser Purdue University Master Gardener

It is Holy Week and I thought it would be a good time to take a look at the plants that have become a part of our celebration of Easter. While we have a rather early Easter this year, coming just a week after the first day of Spring, in the northern hemisphere, it is still a time of renewal. As nature awakes from a winter slumber, we are reminded of the resurrection and of the new life promised by Jesus to those who believe in him.

Perhaps the one plant most closely connected with Easter is the Easter lily. According to legend, the lilies were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus went to pray the night before the crucifixion, having sprung up where his sweat drops had fallen. The white trumpet-shaped blossoms are said to represent the purity of Christ, while the trumpet shape heralds his status as King of Kings. It is a great story, but it certainly is not Biblical. Lilium longifolium, the species most often identified with the Easter lily moniker, is not native to Israel. It is, rather, from the Far East. Most of the plants that we see in stores and in churches on Easter are grown in California and Oregon and have been forced to bloom for Easter. That is why we have them around at Easter every year, despite the fact that Easter may come at different times.

If you received a lily as a gift or purchased one for yourself, place it in an area with indirect light. Bright sunlight will cause the blooms to wither more quickly. They also will last longer if kept in an environment a little cooler than the average home. They prefer temperatures in the sixties during the day and the fifties at night. It is difficult to get a potted lily to bloom again, so I recommend planting it in your garden sometime after May 10. Plant it so the bulb is about six inches under the surface. Choose a location with bright, indirect light and with good drainage. Rotting bulbs are the reason most plants do not return the next year. It will not bloom at Easter next year, but you could see blooms in June or July.

In southern Indiana, many people refer to daffodils as Easter lilies. Actually, they would have been more likely found in Jerusalem than the lily. Daffodils are

in the narcissus genus and are a common wild flower in the Mediterranean area. In fact, many scholars believe that Jesus was referring to the daffodil, iris or some other wildflower when he spoke of the "lilies of the field".

While Easter is too early to coincide with dogwood blossoms this year, the legend of the dogwood has become a part of Easter celebrations. According to the legend, the dogwood tree once grew straight and tall and was used to construct the cross on which Jesus died. As a result, the tree was cursed to never grow tall again and its flowers would be shaped like crosses, with markings of the nails, blood stains and the crown of thorns. Again, the story is not Biblical and is not likely true. The story was probably written during the 20th century, so it is not even an ancient story. The dogwood tree does not occur in Israel naturally. In fact, cornus florida, the common dogwood tree, is native to North America. There are species native to parts of Europe and Asia, but they do not have the markings associated with the legend. The Bible says that Jesus willingly went to the cross, so there was no need for the tree to be cursed. Jesus did say if his followers were silent in their praise, the very rocks would cry out. Therefore, I believe that all nature testifies to the glory of God. If a blossom reminds us of the cross, it is a good thing. We just need to remember that not all legends are factual.

Even the vegetable garden has its Easter-time associations. It is a tradition to plant potatoes on Good Friday. Potatoes are from the Americas and are not mentioned in the Bible. For that reason, some people thought it was not proper for Christians to eat them. Planting them on Good Friday may have been a form of baptizing the potatoes into Christianity. Another explanation is that Jesus was buried on Good Friday and rose from the grave on the third day. People may have assumed that planting on Good Friday would ensure the potatoes would sprout quickly.

It is a Biblical fact that Jesus prayed in a garden on Maundy Thursday. I encourage you to get out into a garden for prayer and meditation this week. Have a wonderful Easter.

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.

Sheep & Goat - April 30, 9-11 a.m. Swine - May 7, 9-11 a.m. Poultry - June 18, 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.

Jolly Jug Rox 4-H Club Meetings are on the following dates: April 11, May 16, June 7, June 20, and July 7. The meetings are at Hindostan Methodist Church from 6 to 7 p.m.

Camps and Programs

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.



# **Easter Egg Hunt**

-Photos provided

In the photos above, 4-H Junior Leaders clear the fairgrounds for the Easter Egg Hunt held last Saturday. Shown below are the prize winners at the hunt. In the front row, from left to right, are Eli Graber (ages 0-2), Lincoln Campbell (ages 3-4), Levi Holt (ages 3-4), Eyan Hovis (ages 0-2), Gabriella Osborne (ages 5-6). Back row left to right: Luke Troutman (ages 9-10), Avaley Braun (ages 9-10), Taylor Krodel (ages 7-8), Olivia Abel (ages 7-8), Tess Davis (ages 5-6).





# School&S ports

# **LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL**





**HUNTER TAYLOR** 

Hunter Dawn TAylor is the daughter of Sabra Taylor and Robert Taylor. While in high school she did job shadowing her junior year and was an intern her senior year.. Hunter plans to attend VU and study pre-dental hygiene.



TARA PENNINGTON

Tara Jean Pennington is the daughter of Tiffany Heichelbech-Pennington and Scott Pennington. While in high school, she has been in Pep Club, Spanish Club, SADD, and Student Council (all four years), cheerleader (9th grade), Peers and FACS Club (9th and 10th grades), did job shadowing (10th and 11th grades), was a cadet teacher (11th grade), and was an intern and class secretary (12th grade). She also served as SADD representative and president while in high school. She played tennis all four years. Tara plans to attend USI and study elementary education.

# **Tissue donation**

-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Hawkins Healthcare, as a School-Community Council member, saw the need for tissues in the local schools. So, they decided to hold a tissue drive at their office. The drive was so successful that they were able to give every teacher in both Shoals and Loogootee schools five boxes of tissues to finish out the year. Shown in the photo on the right, in the front row, from left to right, are Alivia Arthur, Alivia Willis, Madison Nail, Peyton Harger, and Jocelynn Sims. In the back row are Blake Callahan and Michelle Erler, from Hawkins Health.



# Jug Rock preschool looking for students

Shoals Elementary School is conducting its first ever search for potential all-day preschool (ages 3 to 5) students. The registration will be held for potential incoming Preschool students Friday, April 8, at Shoals Elementary School from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Because space is limited to 20 students, you must make a reservation by calling 812-247-2085 no later than Friday, April 1. If you call and all spots have been filled, you will be placed on a waiting list and will be called when a spot is available. Keep in mind that the school office will be closed March 21–March 25 for Spring Break.

A child must be three years old by August 1 in order to enroll in preschool. All eligible children should enroll during registration. Parents should attend registration with their child and bring the child's certificate of birth, social security card and immunization records.

When you call for a registration appointment, you will be asked to choose from a list of available time slots. Each session will last approximately 20 minutes. Parents are asked to please use the front parking lot (in front of the gym) and enter through the doors past the elementary office. Signs will be posted.

Physicals and immunizations will be offered on this date. Immunizations will be administered at the Martin County Health Department, and physicals will be offered at Shoals Elementary. A physical, complete immunizations, social security card, and certificate of birth (not the hospital birth certificate) are all required for entry into school.

Price

Standard day: 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. \$100/week (\$20/day) + \$2.20/day for lunch (student MAY bring their own lunch)

Extended Day Care: 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m. \$5/day (includes breakfast)

Transportation is unavailable at this time

JugRock Preschool FAQ from administration:

What is the preschool schedule?

Preschool will follow the same schedule as Shoals Elementary School including breaks, emergency dismissals, emergency cancellations, and two-hour delays.

If I pay \$20/day, will I be charged for days I do not bring my children?

Yes, because this funding goes to pay for the teacher and aide in the classroom.

If school is cancelled due to weather or

If school is cancelled due to weather or some other unexpected event, do I still have to pay for that day?

Yes. But if you pay for a day that gets cancelled, you will NOT pay for the make-up day later in the year.

Will my child have adequate supervision and instruction?

Absolutely! Your child's class will be taught by an Indiana certified and licensed teacher. There will also be another adult assigned to the room at all times. What about food, snacks, etc.?

Lunch is not included. You have the option to purchase a school lunch for \$2.20/day or send lunch with your child. Breakfast is included with the extra \$5 for Extended Day Care. The preschool teacher will assign a snack rotation for parents. Parents may fill out a free or reduced lunch application.

Will my child be required to take a

No, but they will be required to remain

quiet while the other children rest. Naps will be encouraged, but not mandated.

Will my child have free time, activity time, or recess time?

Absolutely! We believe play and exercise or an integral part of the educational experience. We know that our youngest kids require the most play and activity time. They will have access to our playground throughout the day.

When is the earliest I can drop off my child, and when is the latest I can collect them?

The very earliest you may bring your child to preschool is 6:30 a.m. which requires an additional \$5/day. This \$5 also allows you to leave your child with us until the latest pick up time which is 5 p.m.

May I visit my child?

Of course! But in order to visit a classroom, all visitors (including parents) must fill out and pass a limited history criminal history check available in the main elementary office. Visits need to be arranged with the classroom teacher no less than 24 hours in advance and are subject to approval.

Does the school accept state vouchers for low income families?

The school is currently looking into applying to become a state facility that accepts vouchers to reduce the cost of childcare for low income families. We anticipate knowing this information before the school year begins.

# Loogootee Kindergarten screening on April 15

Loogootee Elementary Kindergarten screening will be Friday, April 15, 2016. Parents who have not scheduled their time may call the elementary at 812-295-2833 ext. 151 to do so.



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# Cap collection

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The Loogootee School Community Council recently held its second quarterly challenge of the year. The challenge this time was to collect plastic caps. With several businesses competing, they collected over 400 pounds of caps. These caps will be used to make plastic mini benches for the classrooms. First place was CVS, second place was Odon Pharmacy, and third place was Williams Bros Pharmacy. Shown above in the front row, from left to right, are Zack Jones, Anniston Kelso, Libby Taylor, Evan Williams, and Pierce Davis. In the back row, from left to right, are Sam Graber, representing Williams Bros; Kelli Mathies, representing CVS; and Jeff Eckerle, representing Odon Pharmacy.

# State & National MARTIN COUNTY JOURNAL WARTIN COUNTY JOURNAL WARTI Wednesday, March 23, 2016

# State board of education approves growth table, halts changes to diploma

The Indiana State Board of Education last week approved the growth table to be used as part of the state's new A-F grading formula during its monthly business meeting in Indianapolis.

"Indiana's new A-F accountability system will now recognize more than just the number of students who pass statewide exams," said Sarah O'Brien, fourthgrade teacher at River Birch Elementary School in Avon and Vice Chair of the State Board of Education. "This new system will also acknowledge teachers and schools that help grow students academically from year-to-year and award bonus points for students who grow more than one year in their school work."

# Social media contest

Indiana high school, trade school and college students have a choice: Use their smartphones behind the wheel and make a tragic mistake, or engage their social media followers to "Drive Now. TXT L8R." and earn up to \$5,000 in scholarships. The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, Indiana Department of Labor, Indiana Department of Transportation and Indiana State Police are again partnering to award up to \$5,000 in scholarships to students who post the most creative videos and images on social media.

Contest Rules

Students may read updated contest rules and register their Twitter accounts at www.txtl8r.in.gov. Photo and video entries must be public, use the hashtag #TXTL8RIN, and be cross-posted to the registered Twitter account in April during Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

Individual winners will receive \$5,000 and up to four team members will receive \$2,500 each deposited into their CollegeChoice 529 savings plans. For 2016, entries will be judged in four categories:

High School: Most creative image High School: Most creative video Post-secondary: Most creative image Post-secondary: Most creative video To view winning entries from 2015, visit www.in.gov/dol/2894.htm.

The board voted unanimously to give preliminary approval to growth table number 24. It will now be available for public comment for 30 days. Comments can be sent to sboe\_comment@sboe.in-.gov. The table will return to the board for final approval during the April board meeting.

The board also voted unanimously, Superintendent Ritz abstained, to indefinitely pause efforts to raise the requirements for Indiana's General, Core 40, and Core 40 with Honors high school diplomas. The board noted the percentage of Indiana high school graduates requiring remediation in college has dropped by 13 percent between 2011 and 2014. Board members also highlighted that students in the Class of 2016 will be the first to graduate under the state's new College and Career Ready academic standards and the requirement that a student earn 6 credits in math and enroll in math all four years during high school.

"Hoosier teachers and schools are doing great work helping prepare students for success in college and a career," said Dr. Vince Bertram, President/CEO of Project Lead the Way and State Board Member. "The board will continue monitoring data on this issue, but should wait to take the serious step of increasing the requirements for an Indiana high school diploma until we receive information from students graduating in the next few years under our new more rigorous standards."

In other action, the board approved making \$12,500,000 available to public schools in construction loans and \$12,500,000 for technology improvement loans in 2016 from the Common School Fund. The board also approved the turnaround plan by the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation for Caze Elementary and Washington Middle Schools.

The next scheduled meeting of the Indiana State Board of Education will take place on Friday, April 15 at 9 a.m. (EST) in conference room B of the Indiana Government Center South.



Southwest central Indiana economic leaders discussed their plans for future development of the region on Friday, March 4 at WestGate Academy Conferencing and Training Center in Odon. (Photo by NSWC Crane Public Affairs)

# \$42 million Lilly grants to benefit NSWC Crane, surrounding areas

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) and the 11 counties surrounding it are headed for a better educated workforce, an increased number of technical jobs and more attractive communities, thanks to \$42 million dollars in grant money from Lilly Endowment Inc. Residents of Brown, Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange, Owen and Washington counties will benefit from initiatives focused on research and development, workforce education and quality of life.

NSWC Crane Director of Engagement Brian Blackwell is a board member of Regional Opportunity Initiatives, Inc. (ROI), a newly-formed nonprofit that supports regional development opportunities in the counties of southwest central Indiana. He served on the steering committee that formed a development plan for the region in cooperation with the Battelle Technology Partnership Practice. Blackwell said an analysis of the area found clusters of promising jobs for scientists, engineers and technicians at places such as NSWC Crane, Cook Group and Indiana University (IU), but also indicated that many high school and college graduates leave the region and do not return.

"Many of our kids don't know that these kinds of job opportunities exist in the region," Blackwell explained. "Our school systems and our employers aren't as connected as they could be, so we may not be training and educating kids and young adults for the jobs that

are in the region. There's a mismatch here—all of these industries need more employees and yet some of our counties have some of the highest unemployment rates in the state.'

Thanks to Lilly Endowment Inc., a roughly \$16 million workforce development and education grant will connect industry clusters with schools and universities to make sure there are better pathways between institutes of learning and local employers. The region's defense sector expects to hire at least 3,000 new employees over the course of the next five to seven years and this initiative will help ensure local workers have a better set of skills with which to compete for jobs.

An additional grant of just over \$16 million will fund applied research institute activities between NSWC Crane, IU and other research universities in the state to include Purdue University. The money will allow universities to hire personnel who will work with experts from NSWC Crane on applied research that will yield products for use by defense and industry, enabling the creation of more technology startup companies in the region.

The remaining grant money is designated for a regional opportunity fund to make communities in the 11-county area more attractive places for employees and their families. "If our communities are attractive it will help us attract and retain the workforce we need. NSWC Crane will be an indirect beneficiary of that, but our employees and their families will be the direct beneficiaries," Blackwell said.

Each of the grants will last five years, and participants hope the three initiatives will continue indefinitely either through other sources of funding or by generating their own funding. NSWC Crane Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffrey Elder explained that around 70 percent of his organization's employees are hired from within southern Indiana. "When we talk about increasing the quality of life here, we're talking about more than just attracting and retaining employees—we are cultivating our future workforce with our investment in the southern Indiana region," he said. "We are showing these younger generations they can pursue educations in technical fields and then come back here to make a good living and live in a nice community."

Located on the third largest naval installation in the world, NSWC Crane's \$1.5B business base supports the Navy by leveraging its technical capabilities to support the warfighter in this rapidly changing combat environment. Employees provide comprehensive support for complex military systems spanning design, development, deployment and sustainment.

# **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

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

# Governor Pence signs bill to replace ISTEP

Governor Mike Pence on Tuesday joined teachers and students at Eagle Elementary School in Zionsville to sign House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1395, which eliminates the ISTEP test, effective July 1, 2017. The bill, which was authored by Rep. Bob Behning (R – Indianapolis), also establishes a 23-member panel to study alternatives to ISTEP, and requires that members are appointed by May 1, 2016. The panel includes the Superintendent of Public Instruction and her four appointees, the Commissioner of Workforce Development, the Commissioner of Higher Education, the Chairperson of the Senate Education & Career Development Committee, the Chairperson of the House Education Committee, a member of the State Board of Education, five Governor's appointments, four President Pro Tempore appointments and four Speaker of the House appointments.

"By signing House Enrolled Act 1395, we're taking the first step toward eliminating ISTEP and ensuring that multiple

perspectives are considered as Indiana develops its next iteration of assessment and accountability of our schools," said Governor Pence. "I'm also grateful to sign into law bills that will help ensure students in Indiana receive an excellent education in a safe and nurturing environment, and that working teachers who take in additional responsibilities may receive recognition and compensation for their efforts."

HEA 1002 – This bill, authored by Speaker of the House Brian Bosma (R – Indianapolis), establishes the Next Generation Hoosier Educator Scholarship Fund, which offers \$7,500 scholarships to eligible candidates in the academic year beginning after June 30, 2017.

HEA 1005 – This bill, authored by Rep. Dale DeVon (R – Granger), establishes the Career Pathways and Mentorship Program to provide for, in addition to base salary and other applicable supplements, differentiated pay for qualified teachers based on demonstrated effectiveness and additional responsi-

bilities in advanced roles. In addition to several education items, this bill requires schools to disclose any knowledge of substantiated abuse or neglect incidents regarding a teacher.

In January, Governor Pence signed two education agenda bills in the rotunda of the Indiana Statehouse focused on supporting teachers and schools. The first, Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) 200, authored by Sen. Dennis Kruse (R – Auburn), Sen. Luke Kenley (R – Noblesville), and Sen. Ryan Mishler (R

– Bremen), holds schools harmless for their A-F accountability grade for the 2014-2015 year to accommodate the transition to more rigorous academic standards. The second, House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1003, authored by Rep. Robert Behning (R – Indianapolis), ensures that teacher bonuses and evaluations are not negatively impacted by the transition to a new test this year.

To follow legislation as it reaches the Governor's desk, visit http://in.gov/gov/2016billwatch.htm

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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.



# Making A Difference

**By Curt Johnson MCCF Executive Director** 



--SCHOLARSHIPS--

The scholarships offered by the MCCF are one of the five types of funds: (1) Unrestricted, (2) Designated, (3) Field of Interest, (4) Donor Advised, and (5) Scholarships. I have talked about the types of funds in other columns, and this week I'll review the scholarships provided to our Martin County students who are pursuing higher education. Some are specific to the Loogootee High School, some to the Shoals High School, and some for Martin County residents. Here are summaries for each scholarship.

--LHS SCHOLARSHIPS--

-Rita and Jack Butcher Loogootee Basketball Family

Student has a good attitude, work ethic and performed well academically. Has participated in sports and/or other extracurricular activities.

-Gerdon Jones Memorial

Participated in high school athletics and showed improved skills. Displays a positive mental attitude.

-Loogootee Alumni (formerly the Page Scholarship)

Displays good citizenship, gentleness, easy to speak to, and participates in school activities. Be one of humility, and unwavering belief in the dignity and aspirations of those they touch, commitment to their fellowman and the strength of self-discovery and individual growth.

-Saint Vincent DePaul Society

Must have financial need as determined using standard financial need discovery instruments.

-Ben Trout Memorial Student Athlete Earned an academic honors degree and a varsity athletic letter.

Shows outstanding mental attitude, team spirit and sportsmanship.

--SHS SCHOLARSHIPS--

-Faye Shobe Memorial

Preference will be given to a student seeking a degree in the field of Elementary Education.

-Saint Vincent DePaul Society

Must have financial need as determined using standard financial need discovery instruments.

--COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS--

-Terri Sullivan Callaway

For students who transition straight from high school OR for those with one or more years after high school. Member of a Christian faith church and pursuing the field of nursing. Priority given to members of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

-Martin County Non-Traditional

Out of high school at least one year and demonstrate a need for assistance.

-Second Door Scholarship

Named after the saying "When one door closes, another one opens..." Must be out of high school at least two years and demonstrate a financial need.

--How to Apply--

The majority of the scholarships are available through the Loogootee and Shoals High School counselors. The exceptions are the Butcher Loogootee Basketball Family and Terry Sullivan Callaway scholarships that are available online at www.cfpartner.org/mccfgrants. htm. The Non-Traditional and Second Door scholarships will also be available at the same online site at the end of June.

--LILLY MATCH--

If you would like to contribute to a scholarship endowment, the Lilly Endowment is matching 50 cents for every \$1 that is donated to these types of funds until MARCH 31, 2016. This is a great way to help encourage our youth to pursue higher education and continue a cycle of improvement and community

And for our unrestricted funds (those that allow for flexibility to meet the changing community needs), the Lilly Endowment is matching \$1 for each \$1 donated. The other 3 fund types are getting the 50 cents to each \$1 donated. This matching opportunity for all the fund types ends on MARCH 31, so act now if you want to double your impact or increase it by 50 percent.

--MORE INFORMATION--

For more information about MCCF

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