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## There they grow

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Loogootee Public Library held a groundbreaking ceremony last Thursday at their building site next door to St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, on Park Street. The new library building was designed by Universal Design & Associates, of Ferdinand, and the contractor is Seufert Construction & Supply Co., Inc., of Ferdinand. The new library will cost \$1,134,000 and has an estimated completion date of November 22 of this year. The library has raised \$135,000 toward the \$200,000 goal to help pay some of the loan. According to Library Director Darla Wagler, they will also be requesting an additional appropriation of \$110,000 from the library's rainy day fund, LIRF (Library Improvement Reserve Fund) and operating fund to go toward the building project.

The new library will be 8,388 square feet and is being funded by a USDA Rural Development loan. The current library is around 3,000 square feet. The loan from the USDA is for 40 years with an interest rate of 3.375 percent. The estimated annual payment is \$56,000. The library receives roughly \$231,000 per year in tax funding.

Shown in the top photo, at the ground breaking, in the front row from left to right, are Library Board Member Trevor Guy, Friends of Loogootee Library President Judy Yarnell, Library Board President Pat Hale, Library Board Treasurer M. Susan Harrawood, Library Board Member Jennifer Lannan, Library Board Member Carolyn Parsons-Downey, Library Director Darla Wagler with granddaughters Madyson and Bristol Simmons, Library Board Vice President Shirley Jeffers, Friends of Loogootee Library Bethany Tinkle. In the back row, from left to right, are Friends of Loogootee Library Members: Chrystal Goodpaster, Ken O'Connor, Annetta Dawson, Lane Holub, and Mae Stuffle. Not pictured but attending the service was Mary Lou Harrawood.

The middle photo is the rendering of the new library designed by Universal Design & Associates and the bottom photo shows construction progress leveling the ground at the new building location on Tuesday.

The land for the library was donated by St. Vincent de Paul and Bowling Manufacturing.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

## Commissioners get bad news on grant, agree to help with storage at museum

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Martin County Commissioners got the tough news at their meeting Tuesday night, March 26, that the county only received \$232,843.45 from the Community Crossings grant. The county applied for \$1 million. Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett said they got the news at around noon on Tuesday and immediately got on the phone with INDOT to find out what happened. Padgett didn't go into details, saying he would prefer to let the Tim Hunt, with HWC Engineering, who applied for the grant for the county, talk about it when he attends the next meeting. Padgett only said that there were "glitches" with the application, and it was mentioned that the three bridges, totaling \$535,000 of the \$1 million request, may have caused a problem. He said the INDOT representative said that it would be better if there were not bridges on the application and instead, the county only used federal aid for bridge projects. Padgett told the commissioners that he explained to the INDOT employee that Martin County cannot afford to apply for federal aid for every bridge, nor is there time to wait on federal aid. Padgett said one bridge, by the gypsum plant, only has maybe one year left. Federal aid can take up to four years.

The roads that were bumped off the grant were Mt. Pleasant Road and Grad-

ed Road and the bridges that were not funded are on Mt. Pleasant Road, Deep Cut Lake Road and at Hindostan Falls. The roads that were given the go ahead were Goodwill Cemetery Road, Beard Road, Sherfick School Road and County Road 800 North however Padgett said they will have to be rebid now, and the funding may not stretch as far as they thought.

Commissioner Dan Gregory noted that because the county didn't receive the full \$1 million, they can reapply for the remaining money in June, in the second round of the grant cycle for 2019. After the meeting, Highway Clerk Terri Alcorn said they will be rewriting the grant prior to submitting it this summer and working with a contact at INDOT to make sure it is correctly done. The county was completely denied Community Crossings grant money in the fall last year and the same application, without changes, was submitted in January.

Bill Greene and Phil Todd, with the Martin County Historical Society, told the commissioners that they are having (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

## Cracker Barrel session

Martin County Farm Bureau will sponsor a Cracker Barrel Session on Saturday, March 30 at 8 a.m. at the Martin County Learning Center on the fairgrounds. State Representatives Shane Lindauer and Jeff Ellington and State Senator Eric Bassler will be in attendance. The public is welcome.

## County receives a quarter of requested grant money for roads

Governor Eric J. Holcomb and Indiana Department of Transportation Commissioner Joe McGuinness today announced 189 Indiana cities, towns and counties received a combined \$115 million in state-matching funds for local road projects through the Next Level Roads: Community Crossings Initiative.

The following counties and cities in and around Martin County received funding:

Martin County: \$232,843.45  
Daviess County: \$999,999.96  
Dubois County: \$938,876.31  
Huntingburg: \$133,425.59  
Jasper: \$216,875.09  
Knox County: \$615,000  
Vincennes: \$560,500  
Orange County: \$975,603.75

"Indiana's fully-funded, long-term Next Level Roads plan means cities, towns, and counties are improving their roads and bridges at levels unmatched in our state's history," Gov. Holcomb said. "Community Crossings projects are crucial to first mile and last mile solutions that companies need when evaluating Indiana to locate their business or expand to create additional jobs."

The Community Crossings Initiative has provided more than \$500 million in state matching funds for construction projects. The latest round garnered 229 applications—making the call for projects highly competitive. In response to local requests to help manage project flow, INDOT now accepts applications in both January and July, with a \$1 million cap annually per community. An estimated \$100 million will be available for communities opting to apply during the 2019 summer call for projects.

"Local leaders are improving the conditions of local roads and bridges all across the state with funding from the Community Crossings Initiative," said McGuinness. "The partnership model with the state sharing in the cost of local projects means Hoosier taxpayers receive great value as communities deliver needed projects."

To qualify for funding, local governments must provide local matching funds, 50 percent for larger communities or 25 percent for smaller communities, from a funding source approved for road and bridge construction. They must also submit an INDOT-approved asset management plan for maintaining existing roads and bridges. State law requires annually that 50 percent of the available matching funds be awarded to communities within counties with a population of 50,000 or fewer. State lawmakers identified long-term funding for Community Crossings as part of House Enrolled Act 1002, passed by the legislature and signed into law by Gov. Holcomb in April 2017.

The list of all communities receiving matching funds in the 2019 winter call for projects is online at [www.in.gov/indot/communitycrossings](http://www.in.gov/indot/communitycrossings).

## Martin County unemployment stands at 3.4 percent for February

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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Martin County finished February with an unemployment rate of 3.4 percent, inching down from 3.5 percent the month before. The county had the 13<sup>th</sup> lowest jobless rate in the state for February, tied with DeKalb, Elkhart, Johnson and Steuben counties.

In February, the county had 5,231 residents in the workforce and 178 of them were unemployed. In January, there were 5,214 citizens able to work and 182 of them without jobs. In February of last year, Martin County's unemployment rate was 2.9 percent with 5,142 residents in the workforce and 147 of them unemployed.

Daviess County's jobless rate went unchanged from January to February, staying at 3.3 percent. The county had the ninth lowest unemployment rate in the state for February, tied with Hendricks, LaGrange, and Posey counties.

In February, the county had 16,828 residents in the workforce and 557 of them were unemployed. In January, there were 16,764 residents able to work and 561 of them without jobs. In February of 2018, Daviess County's unemployment rate was 3 percent with 16,140 residents in the workforce and 486 of them with jobs.

Dubois County's unemployment rate ticked up just a bit to 3.1 percent in February, up from 3 percent the month before. The county had the lowest unemployment rate in the state for February, tied with Hamilton, Gibson and Boone counties.

In February, the county had 23,388 residents able to work and 732 of them were unemployed. In January, there were 23,329 residents in the workforce and 706 of them without jobs. In February of last year, Dubois County's jobless rate was 2.6 percent with 23,282 residents able to work and 616 of them unemployed.

Greene County's unemployment rate also rose a bit in February to 5.8 percent, up from 5.6 percent in January. The county had the fifth highest jobless rate in the state, tied with Lake and Starke counties.

In February, the county had 13,980 residents in the workforce and 809 of them were unemployed. In January, there were 13,778 residents able to

work and 771 of them without jobs. In February of 2018, Greene County's unemployment rate was 5 percent with 13,935 residents in the workforce and 701 of them without jobs.

The top ten spots in the state for lowest jobless rate for February were Hamilton, Gibson, Dubois and Boone counties at 3.1 percent; Kosciusko, Jackson, Bartholomew and Adams counties at 3.2 percent; and Posey, LaGrange, Hendricks and Daviess counties at 3.3 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for highest jobless rate for February were Vermillion County at 7 percent, Crawford County at 6.3 percent, LaPorte and Newton counties at 5.9 percent, Greene, Lake and Starke counties at 5.8 percent; Sullivan and Vigo counties at 5.5 percent and Owen County at 5.4 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate stands at 3.5 percent for February and remains lower than the national rate of 3.8 percent. With the exception of one month when it was equal (October 2014), Indiana's unemployment rate now has been below the U.S. rate for more than five years. The monthly unemployment rate is a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people seeking employment within the prior four weeks as a percentage of the labor force.

Indiana's labor force had a net increase of 7,997 over the previous month. This was a result of an increase of 1,755 unemployed residents and an increase of 6,242 employed residents. Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3.40 million, and the state's 65.2 percent labor force participation rate remains above the national rate of 63.2 percent.

Private sector employment has grown by 40,400 over the year and 4,400 over the previous month. The monthly increase is primarily due to gains in the Trade, Transportation and Utilities (3,300) and the Professional and Business Services (2,500) sectors. Gains were partially offset by losses in the Construction (-2,100) and the Financial Activities (-900) sectors. Total private employment reached a preliminary record highpoint of 2,747,600, which is 15,500 above the December 2018 peak.

historical society to use the property. They said they are in favor of having the house demolished and the highway department could help with that.

Highway Superintendent Padgett told the commissioners that he is extremely frustrated with barricades and cones being stolen from the highway department. He said all the barricades he has used to block off a failing section of road by Brooks Bridge have been taken multiple times. He said he put more out and wrapped them with chain and locks hoping it at least slows down the thieves. He said in recent months, they have had 24 cones stolen from dangerous areas on the roadways and found one barricade thrown into the woods. Padgett said he is unsure what to do to stop the theft.

Animal Control Officer Josh Hughett reported that the jail currently has 77 inmates with 23 of them from Vigo County.

Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins requested permission to apply for the annual grant for juvenile cases for \$25,000. The grant also has an addition this year of \$14,450 to aide in



Shown above are the Shoals Jug Rox Robotix team with their Design Award. In the front row, from left to right, are Colton Mullins, Andrew Newland, Jocelyn Davis, Shyla Taylor, Mallory Waggoner, Oliva Alcorn, and Jarrod Waggoner. In the back row, from left to right, are Alan Cook, Zane Lake, Evan Wagoner, Jordan Fromme, Noah Stoll and Tristan Peterson.

## Shoals Robotix team ends best season yet

Jug Rox Robotix ended their best season yet on March 16 at the Indiana State FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) robotics tournament in Crawfordsville. They finished ranking 5th out of 32 other teams during the qualifying rounds. This allowed them to advance into the semi-final rounds, but they were not able to pull out the needed win to go into the final rounds.

A major achievement of the team was winning the Design Award through the interview and judging part of the tournament. The Design Award is simply defined as "Industrial design at its best." This judged award recognizes design elements of the robot that are both functional and aesthetic. All successful robots have innovative design aspects; however, the Design Award is presented to teams that incorporate industrial design elements into their solution.

Jug Rox Robotix will continue their outreach activities for the remainder of the school year by helping to facilitate a college and career fair on April 2 from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Shoals High School. Jug Rox Robotix is coached by Jennifer Mauntel and Dean Troutman. They would like to thank their sponsors: Kimball Electronics, Jasper Engines, General Motors Bedford, Martin County Community Foundation, Chastain's Flowers and Gifts, Jones Oil Company, Loughmiller Machine Tool & Design, German Ameri-

can Bank, Tania's Touch, USG, DoD (STEM) and Greene's Body Shop.



Jocelyn Davis advanced from a FIRST Dean's List Semi-Finalist to a FIRST Dean's List Finalist at the Indiana State FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) robotics tournament held on March 16 in Crawfordsville. As a FIRST Dean's List Finalist, Jocelyn will now go to the FIRST Worlds Championship on April 26 in Detroit to compete against several other students to become a FIRST Dean's List winner. The FIRST Dean's List award recognizes the leadership and dedication of FIRST's most outstanding FIRST Tech Challenge students. The award is similar to the very prestigious National Merit Scholarship Award winners. Students are nominated by their team members and are then interviewed by judges at tournaments to determine advancement.

### Register to vote by April 8

The 2019 City of Loogootee Primary Election will be held May 7, 2019. This election only includes registered voters in Perry 1, 2, 3, and 4.

April 8, 2019 is the deadline to register to vote or make any changes to an existing registration.

Please call the Martin County Clerk's Office to make sure your registration is correct at 812-247-3651 or you can go to [www.Indianavoters.com](http://www.Indianavoters.com).

This website will also show you who is on your ballot and other election information.

## COMMISSIONERS

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issues with storage at the former courthouse, now the Martin County Museum. They have been working to restore the upstairs of the former courthouse and over the years, it has become a storage area with boxes and boxes of items including old law books, donations of household goods, eight pianos, and old law documents. Greene asked the commissioners who the contact person would be in deciding if the items need to be kept. Commissioner Paul George said County Attorney Dave Lett would have to be the one to decide what can go and he was not in attendance at the meeting due to illness.

Greene and Todd also requested that the commissioners sell the historical society the lot behind the museum, that contains an old house, so they could erect a pole barn storage building. Todd noted that the foundation under the old house has washed away toward the steep embankment and could be a hazard. The commissioners said they would have to speak to the county attorney to see what needs to be done to allow the

# Obituaries

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## ROMA SIMS

Roma Louise Sims passed away on the evening of Wednesday, March 20, 2019 in Indianapolis. A resident of Indianapolis, she was 93.



She was born July 21, 1925 in Dover Hill; the daughter of the late William C. and Ella G. (Ritchey) Sims.

## ROMA SIMS

Roma was a graduate of Shoals High School in Shoals and was a 1946 graduate of the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing. She then worked for several years as a Registered Nurse for the Indiana State Department of Health with the Children's Special Health Care division retiring in 1999. She was a long-time member of the Rosedale Hills United Methodist Church where she served as the parish nurse.

She is survived by her daughters, Jennifer (Dan) McNally and Jayne Ellen Foster; her grandchildren, Jaime McNally, Will (Taylor) McNally, Alex (Keely) Foster and Anna Smolinski; her siblings, Jerry (Suzanne) Sims, Carolyn Stein and Wanda (David) Fischer as well as several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in passing by her parents, her husband, Wallace S. 'Wallie' Sims whom she married on August 17, 1947; and her siblings, Hiram Sims, James Sims, Keith Sims, Billy Sims and Norma Walters.

Services will be at 11 a.m., Friday, March 29 at Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center with calling one hour prior to the time of service. Burial will follow to Washington Park East Cemetery.

For those choosing to make a memorial contribution, the family has suggested they be offered to the Rosedale Hills United Methodist Church.

## KEVIN ASHBY

Kevin Lee Ashby passed away March 23, 2019, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Evansville, surrounded by family after a continued battle with health issues since May 2018. He was 54.

He was born August 7, 1964; son of Jackie Lee Ashby Sr. and Judith Marie (Earl) Ashby of Washington.

Kevin had a love of music and collected and played vinyl records for many years. Kevin also had a love of animals, especially dogs and that prompted his 14-year friendship with his beloved border collie, "Baby".

Kevin stayed home with his mother and father.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, John and Hettie Earl of Shoals and Harold and Bonnie Ashby (Wimmenauer) of Washington.

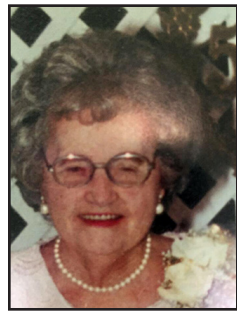
He is survived by his parents, Jack and Judy; his four brothers, Jon and Carol, Harold and Dee, Jack Jr. and Mary Jane, Mark and Charity, and one sister, Sherri Ray all of Washington. Kevin had many nieces and nephews - Brittany, Brandi, Michael, Dereck, Brayton, Haley, Devin, Garrett, Hannah, Kyle, Hayden, Gage and Amaya; one great niece and one great nephew. He was the heart of his entire family and will be greatly missed until we meet again.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 pm Wednesday, March 27 at Ed Lee Mortuary, Downtown Chapel, 101 North Meridian Street, Washington.

Private Services will be held at a later date. Kevin will be laid to rest at New Veale Creek Cemetery in Washington.

## HAZEL DAVIS

Hazel Gaddis Davis passed away at her home on March 22, 2019. A resident of Shoals, she was 91.



She was born May 16, 1927 in Shoals; daughter of James B. and Ruby (Zollars) Gaddis. She married Franklin (Frank) Davis on

August 27, 1950 at the Shoals Christian Church and he survives.

Hazel graduated from Shoals High School, Class of 1945 and was formerly employed by RCA Bloomington, The Loogootee Textile and was a QMA at the Loogootee Nursing Center prior to retiring. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for over 50 years, a charter member of the Hindostan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a 50-year member of the Martin County Home Economic Town and Country Homemakers, a member of the Shoals Christian Church where she worked closely with the youth groups and sang in the choir, was past president of the Shoals Community Schools PTA and a Girl Scout Leader. She loved flowers, music and gathering with friends and family.

Survivors include her husband, one son, Spencer Davis of Shoals; one daughter, Marsha Lynn Davis Rothrock of Bloomington; and several

nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, five sisters, Dorothy Gaddis, Beula Gaddis, Nina Gaddis Figg, Dola Gaddis Edington, and Deloris Gaddis Fetic and two brothers, Roy and Floyd Gaddis.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 29 at the Shoals Christian Church with Pastor Matthew Sullivan officiating. Burial will be in the Spring Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-6 p.m. Thursday, March 28 at the Shoals Christian Church and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shoals Christian Church.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes is in charge of the arrangements.

## KYLE TARR

Kyle Jordan Tarr left this life too soon on Friday, March 22, 2019. A resident of Shoals, he was 31.

He was born in Bedford on May 1, 1987; son of Gary Tarr and Deanna (Doane) Bauernfiend. He graduated from Shoals High School in 2005 and went on to graduate Cum Laude from Vincennes University in 2013. He was employed at Jasper Engines and Transmissions. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, as well with his sidekick cat, Six. He loved playing the guitar, writing music, and fishing.



Kyle is survived by his mother and husband, Dwight Bauernfiend of Cocoa, Florida; brothers, Joshua Eric Tarr of Jasper, Collin Tarr of Jasper, Alex Bauernfiend of Montgomery, and Brandon Bauernfiend of Jasper; sisters, Melissa (Tarr) Kroll of Montgomery and Kyley (Bauernfiend) Graham of Rockport; nieces and nephews, Bayley Graham, Madison and Zoe Tarr, Anaya, Aspy, and Ajada Carrico, Dayson Bauernfiend, Elliott, Owen, Abram, and Violet Tarr; grandparents, Lois Tarr, Dee and Jean Doane, and Janet Waggoner and other family and friends.

Kyle is preceded in death by father, Gary Tarr; grandfather, Paul Tarr; uncle, Stanley Tarr; and grandmother, Bernice Bauernfiend.

A funeral service was held Monday, March 25 at The River Church in Shoals.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Queen Lee Funeral Home in Shoals.

Should friends or family desire, memorial contributions can be sent in honor of Kyle Tarr c/o Melissa Kroll, 276 N Eagle Drive, Montgomery, IN 47558.



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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, MARCH 18

3:48 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:30 a.m. - Deputy Gibson took two inmates to court.

11:19 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

11:34 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:00 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute alongside SR 150, east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and ISP Trooper Lents responded.

12:03 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on SR 150, east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene, ISP Trooper Lents, and the Orange County Sheriff's Office responded.

2:50 p.m. - Received a report of a missing person north of Shoals. Deputy Shinn, K9 Officer Spike, Deputy Gibson, Loogootee Officer McBeth, and several ICO Officers responded. The subject was located.

3:04 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on SR 550. Indiana State Police, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

10:01 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 19

12:37 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded and all was secure.

12:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:19 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:05 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. IU Health Ambulance transported the subject to IU Health in Paoli.

5:38 a.m. - Deputy Lents assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock north of Loogootee.

5:56 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. ISP worked the accident.

9:43 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Gibson took three inmates to court.

1:30 p.m. - Deputy Gibson took three inmates to court.

3:21 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

6:26 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on SR 150, east of Shoals.

Shoals Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and Deputy Shinn responded.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

7:30 a.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

9:15 a.m. - Jailer Barnett took one inmate to the doctor.

6:52 p.m. - Received a report of theft near Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

10:47 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 21

2:24 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:35 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Shoals Fire responded.

7:30 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on SR 150, east of Shoals. Deputy Greene responded.

10:25 a.m. - Sergeant Keller took three inmates to court.

10:26 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, IU Health Ambulance, and Williams Fire responded. The subject was transported to IU Health by a family member.

1:00 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took two inmates to court.

1:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:10 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took two inmates to court.

2:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:54 p.m. - Received a report of a fight in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 22

12:20 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

3:43 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

4:35 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:33 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:41 a.m. - Received a report of a transformer fire north of Shoals. Williams Fire and REMC responded.

8:20 a.m. - Received a report of an accident just west of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Captain Hennette, and ISP Trooper

Beaver responded.

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

9:20 a.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

9:35 a.m. - Deputy Wright performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

10:05 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

11:00 a.m. - Sergeant Keller took one inmate to court.

11:57 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:30 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

9:09 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 23

1:46 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:15 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

4:35 p.m. - Received a report of an accidental shooting near Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Sergeant Keller, Shoals Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and AirEvac responded. The subject was transported to the University of Louisville Hospital.

4:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:30 p.m. - Received a duck complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

6:07 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Lents responded.

6:30 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

8:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 24

1:48 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:02 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and all was secure.

10:06 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin

County Ambulance and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:09 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

6:40 p.m. - Received a report of an accident west of Shoals. Sergeant Keller, Shoals Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

9:29 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Shinn, and Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

## ARRESTS

### FRIDAY, MARCH 22

2:02 p.m. - Kevin Qualkenbush, 43, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with invasion of privacy and is being held without bond.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 24

2:45 a.m. - Samantha Snoke, 21, of Kentucky, was arrested by Deputy Lents and charged with driving without being licensed. She was released on her own recognizance.

7:12 a.m. - Rickie Mason, 33, of Oakland City, was arrested by Deputy Lents and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

3:19 p.m. - James Hardesty, 26, of Paoli, was arrested by Sergeant Keller and charged with invasion of privacy and is being held without bond.

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# COURT NEWS

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

**March 14**

Cavalry SPV I, LLC vs. Robert Robinson, civil collection.

**March 15**

Discover Bank vs. Karen Wilson, civil collection.

Cynthia M. Downey vs. Anthony W. Downey, petition for dissolution of marriage.

**March 18**

Crane Credit Union vs. Stanley K. McVicker, civil collection.

**March 19**

Wells Fargo Bank vs. Thomas Mullins, mortgage foreclosure.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

**March 19**

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Robert Clark in the amount of \$982.66.

**March 22**

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant Debra Parsons in the amount of \$3,973.50.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

### New Suits Filed

**March 18**

Crane Credit Union vs. Bryan and Emily Staggs, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

**March 15**

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Stephanie Flores-Maldonado in the amount of \$415.04.

**March 20**

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Mary Fields and against the defendant Bryan Wise in the amount of \$2,177.

**March 22**

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Andrew C. Haggard in the amount of \$972.71.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Lyndzee R. Patrick in the amount of \$1,870.23.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Heather C. Rogge in the amount of \$4,816.73.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

**March 22**

Joy Marie Grace of Loogootee and William Ray Bradley of Loogootee.

**March 25**

Joshua Daniel Tinkle of Shoals and Kelly Nicole Weyer of Ferdinand.

Robert James Marshall of Shoals and Violet Dawn Wright of Shoals.

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Norman E. Bratton and Christina F. Bratton and Barbara Bratton**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Andrew David Jones**, of Jackson County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 1, 2, 22, 23, 24 and 25 in the Town of West Harrisonville, Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana.

**Joshua Greene to Micah Eli Murphy and Danielle Lynn Murphy**, a part of the north half of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter, Section 17, Township 2 North, Range 3 West in Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1 acre, more or less.

**Rita J. Elliott**, of Martin County, Indiana to **JHK Holdings, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A portion of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 4 West in Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1 acre, more or less. Tract II: A part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, in Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.50 acres, more or less.

**Jack E. Divine and Lisa D. Divine**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joshua D. Divine and Kayla M. Divine**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 5, Township 1 North, Range 4 West of

the second principal meridian lying in Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 7.154 acres, more or less.

**Diana Lynn Key**, of Lawrence County, Indiana; **Billie Kay Terwiske**, of Dubois County, Indiana and **Shelley Rose Allbright**, of Orange County, Indiana to **Patrick Troutman**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the west half of the southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 34.95 acres, more or less.

**Robert G. Lee and Rebekah D. Lee**, of Martin County, Indiana to **John Wagler**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 35, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.185 acres, more or less.

**Ryan Lengacher**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Ryan T. Bittorf and Adriana M. Bittorf**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a parcel of land in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Trustees of White River Lodge #332 F & A.M.**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Curtis S. Rafferty and Karyn B. Rafferty**, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, 0.043 acres in Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, in the Town of Shoals, Martin County, Indiana.

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, MARCH 18

3:48 a.m. - First responders were requested on Half Moon Road for a medical call.

9:45 a.m. - Male reported a possible scam call.

11:06 a.m. - Male came on station for a vehicle identification check.

3:04 p.m. - Officer McBeth assisted the county with a missing male.

5:36 p.m. - Caller reported having problems with a juvenile.

9:15 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 19

12:37 a.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

9:45 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

6:20 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on South Oak Street.

6:34 p.m. - Male reported a lost wallet.

10:27 p.m. - Female reported having problems with a male.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

8:15 a.m. - Officers and K-9's conducted a random drug search at the high school and middle school. No contraband was located.

2:40 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

3:57 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted department of child services.

5:30 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted Daviess County with a property damage accident.

9:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 21

8:15 a.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

1:50 p.m. - First responders were requested on Cedar Street for a medical call.

8:56 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on North Line Street.

10:56 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 22

8:20 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted Daviess County with a property damage accident on Hwy 50.

10:05 a.m. - Male reported his neighbors were harassing him.

1:11 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody matter.

3:45 p.m. - Male reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

8:45 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

11:09 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on US 231.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 23

1:46 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male. Male was transported.

9:23 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

1:56 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

4:48 p.m. - First responders were requested on Mt. Calvary Road for a medical call.

4:58 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

6:36 p.m. - Female reported having problems with some juveniles.

7:48 p.m. - Male reported having problems with his neighbors.

8:55 p.m. - First responders were requested in Red Wing Trailer Court for a medical call.

10:56 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 24

10:02 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

10:06 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

12:09 p.m. - Caller reported he was attacked by a pit bull on North Street. Animal Control was contacted.

2:15 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted ISP with a traffic stop.

9:15 p.m. - Male reported a dog bite.

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## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



### LITTLE CHUCKLE:

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As I looked around the parking lot, I realized he was right. The parking lot was empty. I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

Then, I made the most difficult call of all - to my husband: "I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen."

There was a moment of silence. I thought the call had been disconnected, but then I heard his voice. "Are you kidding me?" he barked, "I dropped you off!"

Now it was my turn to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me."

He retorted, "I will. Just as soon as I convince this cop that I didn't steal your darn car!"

Welcome to the Golden Years!

### THOUGHTS:

\*I didn't think wearing orthopedic shoes would help, but I stand corrected.

\*In England they drive on the left side of the road but in Indiana we drive on what is left of the road.

\*I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon. I'll let you know.

\*Ever had a bad week and then realize it's Tuesday?

\*The moment you wake up and realize your muffin top is now a pound cake.

## Shoals High School College/Career Fair

The Shoals High School Robotics team would like to host a college/career fair on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 in the high school gymnasium from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

This college and career fair is open to all citizens in the community regardless of age or education level.

The robotics team would also like to invite area businesses and colleges to set up a booth if you are seeking to hire employees or enroll students at your university.

There will be a minimum of 100 students at the fair including the junior and senior classes of Shoals High School.

If you have question or would like more information, please email shoals-ftc9864@gmail.com or evan.l.wagoner@shoals.k12.in.us or call the high school office at 812-247-2278.

\*Tomorrow is National Stay at home with your dog and drink wine day. It's nothing official. I made it up. Tell the others.

\*I hate when I'm trying to eat a salad and it accidentally falls in the trash and I have to eat pizza instead.

\*The officer said, "You're Staggering." I said, "You're quite handsome yourself."

We just laughed and laughed. I need bail money.

\*The fact that there's a highway to hell and only a stairway to heaven says a lot about anticipated traffic numbers.

\*I'm not sure if I washed the spider down the drain in my shower or if he took one look at me naked and leapt willingly to his death.

\*Bread is like the sun - it rises in the east and sets in the waist.

\*That awkward moment when you realize you're walking in the wrong direction, so you hit your pockets pretending you forgot something.

\*Why can't Daylight Savings Time happen at 4 p.m. on a Friday?

### SERIOUSISMS:

\*When helping the poor, leave the camera at home.

\*Once you carry your own water, you will learn the value of every drop.

\*Kindness makes you the most beautiful person in the world no matter what you look like.

\*The hardest prison to escape is in our own mind.

\*A heart that always understands also gets tired.

RIP, Juanita, my good friend.

Make someone smile today!

## ANIMAL SHELTER

### Pet of the Week



**GARFIELD is a male young cat, around 9 months old. Adoption fee is \$45. The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. For info or to see all the dogs and cats available for adoption, visit [www.humane-societyofmartincounty.org](http://www.humane-societyofmartincounty.org).**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Election public test

Notice is hereby given that the public testing of DS200 Image Scanners and Expressvote units that will be used in the 2019 Primary Election will be conducted in the commissioners' room at the Martin County Courthouse, located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, on Thursday March 28 at 1:30 p.m. This test is to insure all equipment is tallying votes correctly and working properly. This test is open to the public in accordance to (IC 3-11-13-22).

### Food pantry hours

The Loogootee United Methodist Food Pantry will be open the first, second, third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also the first Monday of the month from 5-6:30 p.m.

### 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

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### Humane society meetings

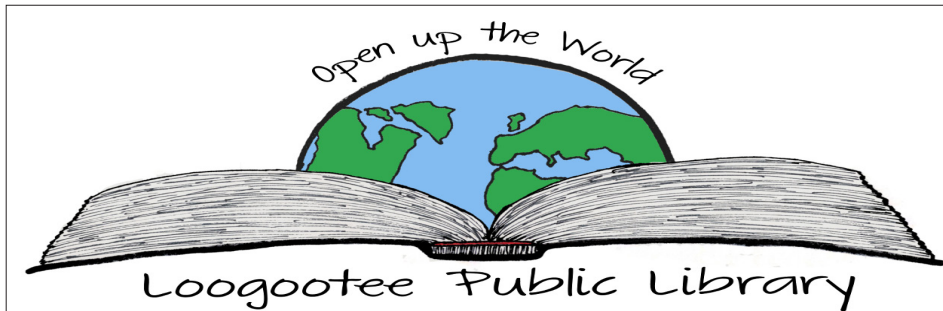
The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 5:30 p.m.

### 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.

### Soil and Water meetings

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



### BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

An individual came into the library recently and asked, "what is Wowbrary"? Wowbrary informs patrons by email (after you have registered at [wowbrary.com](http://wowbrary.com)) about our newest materials. You can browse thru the selections and click on the ones that you want to put a hold on. If you haven't signed up for Wowbrary, I encourage you to take advantage of this free service.

On Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., National Library Week Spring Fling Book/Bake and Vendor Sale at Loogootee United Methodist Church will be held by Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL). Some of the vendors that have registered so far are Young Living, Trades of Hope, Collective Essentials, Charlie Bridgewater's Wood Crafts, LemonGrass Spa, Wini Frances, Children's Book author, Color-Street, 31 (Thirty-one) gifts, Damsel in Defense, Handwoven by Sharon, Mary Kay, Vessels Pottery Studio, Antique Jewelry with MaryAnn, and Vicki Mattingly & Loretta Eaton handmade Crafts.

Sunday, April 14 from 2-3 p.m.,

Marla Williams-Vanhoy will be at the library to discuss "Memories of a Small Town". Copies are available to purchase at German American Bank, Martin County Chamber of Commerce, and Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL). There will be copies available at the book signing.

### New Books:

Mystery Fiction: "The Last Second" by Catherine Coulter, "Wild Card" by Stuart Woods, "The Cornwalls Are Gone" by James Patterson, "Dark Tribute" by Iris Johansen, and "Blood Oath".

Nonfiction: "Delivered" by Beth Moore.

Fiction: "Deep Harbor" by Fern Michaels, "The Goodbye Cafe" by Mariah Stewart, and "Stone Bridges" by Carla Neggers.

Inspiration Fiction: "Half Finished" by Lauraine Snelling.

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.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Martin County Humane Society

## ANNUAL AUCTION

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# Making A Difference

By Curt Johnson  
MCCF Executive Director



**-- PASSION TO LEGACY --**

My last column talked about deferred gifts to Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF) endowments via bequests and wills. It highlighted the passion one couple had for Martin County and their legacy that will forever benefit our communities.

**-- THE CROPPS --**

That couple, George and Barbara Cropp, loved Martin County and decided to give back and help improve the quality of life for the place they called home. In my last column I highlighted two of their endowments: the "Shoals United Methodist Church Fund" and the "George M and Barbara Cropp Fund for Goodwill Cemetery."

**-- LOOGOOTE UMC --**

The Cropps also created the "Loogootee United Methodist Church Fund," again showing their belief in the importance of faith and service in the community. As with the other endowments created by the Cropps, this is the first payout for this young fund. And as with any MCCF funds, we work to allow the funds to grow and this fund will be no different. The LUMC will forever be reminded of the Cropp's generosity and love for Martin County.

**-- HISTORICAL SOCIETY --**

The Cropps also had a passion for the history of Martin County. They appreciated the importance of knowing one's roots and how we came to where we are today. Our Historical Society provides that service and information. Others have also had that passion for our history, and the "Martin County Historical Society Fund" was co-founded by Jim and Jane Marshall, Beth Lett, Margaret Wilcher, and Wanda Harding. So, in the Cropps' will, they remembered the Historical Society with a donation to that existing fund. This donation al-

lowed the Fund to have its first payout to the Historical Society.

**-- YOU CAN TOO --**

Any time you are drafting or changing your will or estate plans, you may also want to consider adding a charitable endowment gift to the MCCF. Your financial advisor or legal advisor can provide professional guidance related to your specific estate, income goals, beneficiaries, taxes and other considerations.

Once you've decided the details of your deferred gift, provide the MCCF a copy of the portion of your estate planning document that pertains to the gift. The amount of the gift does not need to be revealed to us. We'll work with you on a "Statement of Gift Intention" form to be used to record your gift.

**-- WITH MORE NOW --**

But if you want to make that difference now, the MCCF has a matching grant opportunity called GIFT VII. This is the seventh phase of Lilly Endowment's Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow initiative. With this grant, the MCCF can match \$2 for every \$1 donated to an unrestricted fund and 50¢ for each \$1 donated to any other fund type. The matching grant is available through December 2020, but on a first-come, first-served basis while the grant funds are available.

**-- MORE INFORMATION --**

For more information about GIFT VII and fund types, or how you can make your "forever gift", please contact the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org).

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Pictured in the front row, left to right, are Martin County Historical Board members Ed Kerns, Alyssa Kerns (Treasurer) with the \$549 grant check, Bill Greene (President), and Rick Bowling (Museum Director). In the back row are Curt Johnson (MCCF Director), Phil Todd, Mary Wildman and Linda Hendrixon (Vice-President).



Pictured is Curt Johnson, MCCF Director, presenting the \$1,840 grant check to LUMC Pastor Greg Elsten.

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## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser

Purdue University Master Gardener

March is disability awareness month, but disabilities need not deter one from gardening. The secret is to adapt the work to the disability.

Probably the best friend in the garden for a person with a disability is the raised bed. Raised beds make gardening easier for people with many disabilities simply by bringing the gardening closer to the gardener. Table beds area essentially a box, usually about 15 inches deep, raised on legs. This allows a person who uses a wheelchair to pull right up to the box to work in the garden. Other raised beds may be made on the ground and of a height to make it easy to work from a gardening stool or a garden scooter. You may adjust the height of the bed to make it easy for your personal reach. Some beds are constructed of blocks wide enough to create a seating area right on the bed. Other people like to garden from a standing position and prefer a raised bed that allows such gardening. Again, the height of the bed depends on the gardener.

Another common garden friend is knee protection. For gardeners who are able to kneel to do close garden work, protecting the knees is important. Some people like knee pads that fasten to one's legs. I prefer a thick kneeling pad. I also like my garden trake as an aid for standing. This tool is a molded aluminum tool with a trowel on one end and a rake on the other. It is strong enough to use as a staff to help one stand from a kneeling position. Other people use a tool that doubles as a seat and kneeling pad with the legs becoming the tools to assist in standing when inverted to use the kneeling pad.

Adaptive and ergonomic tools are also essential for gardening with disabilities. Some adaptations are easy, and one can do them oneself. Many people with arthritis find it easier to grip a tool with a soft handle. If your

### Kayaking for Beginners at Patoka Lake in April

Have you ever wished you knew how to kayak or wanted to try it out before buying your own? Join the Patoka Lake Interpretive Naturalists at the small craft launch for a beginner's kayaking lesson on Saturday, April 13 at 1 p.m. Eastern Time. During this lesson, participants will get to try several different styles of 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. Cost is \$5 per person and space is limited to the first 50 people registered. 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. For more information regarding this program other interpretive events please call the Nature Center at 812.685.2447.

Patoka Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2953.htm) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

tools do not have a soft grip, you may cut strips of foam pipe insulation to the size of the handle and slip it onto the tool. This works for long-handled tools, such as rakes and hoes, and also for short-handles tools like trowels and cultivators. If necessary, use some duct tape to hold the pipe insulation in place.

Ergonomic and adaptive tools have modifications that are designed to put less stress on the body. They may have curved handles or be formed to use a different motion to accomplish a job than one would use with conventional tools. These are not one-size-fits-all tools. You may need to try some different tools to find the ones that are easier for you to use.

There are a couple of tools that I heartily recommend for almost everyone. One is a shovel that has a wide wing on which one steps when digging. Having suffered a serious bruise on my foot once from repeated stepping on a conventional shovel, I have grown to really appreciate this side step that helps prevent such injuries. I have noticed that several tool companies have learned the value of this step and have developed different types of shovels with this assist device. I have even seen a step that slides onto any shovel to adapt it for easier use.

The other tool that I find to be indispensable is a ratcheting pruner. There are many types of ratcheting pruners and I have found that the really good ones usually come with a premium price, but they are worth the difference. It takes some practice to get used to using the ratcheting action. Instead of gripping the pruner to cut through a branch, one makes several easier grips and the blade moves through the branch a bit at a time.

With some adaptations, a person with a disability can enjoy the benefits of gardening and find a worthwhile activity. Almost anyone can be a gardener.

### New angler creel survey in Lawrence County

An angler creel survey will be conducted at DNR's public access sites along the East Fork of the White River in Lawrence County beginning April 1 and running through October 31.

A DNR employee will be interviewing anglers at three access sites throughout the season. The access sites are the Bedford ramp (State Road 37 ramp), Spice Valley boat ramp above Williams Dam, the Williams Dam boat ramp, and the face of Williams Dam.

DNR will be evaluating anglers' preferred fish species, how long anglers fish, what they catch and if they harvest fish, how many they catch and what sizes. This survey will also evaluate the relatively new black bass protected slot size limit and the new trophy catch regulations.

DNR will also be documenting other recreational activities including kayaking, canoeing, and recreational boating.

Data collected will help evaluate angler use and preference of fishing at the East Fork White River. Data will also be used for statewide evaluation of two fishing regulations.

## Patoka Lake open house is April 1

Indiana Department of Natural Resources staff from the Divisions of Forestry and State Parks will host an open house from 5 to 7 p.m. on April 1 at the Patoka Lake Nature Center to provide information about a forest health concern within the Newton-Stewart State Recreation Area at Patoka Lake and the management effort to address it.

The divisions have worked closely together to find out why chestnut oak trees specifically are dying on the property. This began in 2016 and has continued since then. Roughly 29 forested acres of chestnut oak trees in Dubois County are affected. Other oak species are not.

Evaluation of the site shows a similarity to oak decline, a disease condition that involves several factors and agents, including drought, fungi and insects. Additionally, there is concern that the issue may be similar to sudden oak death, which occurs in California and Oregon, and is caused by a fungal

species similar to the one affecting Patoka Lake's trees.

A salvage and sanitation sale is planned to stop the progression of the disease and subsequent death of additional trees. The sale will also benefit oak and hickory regeneration at the site and improve wildlife habitat.

A similar disease issue, called rapid white oak mortality, occurred in Missouri. Results of tree removals for that similar situation prevented the spread of disease to residual white oak.

Any funds generated by the salvage and sanitation sale will be used in future resource management work at Patoka Lake.

All aspects of the operation will be carried out with oversight of a state forester and the property wildlife specialist after project approval by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Questions or comments may be emailed to [SPResourceProjects@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:SPResourceProjects@dnr.IN.gov).

## State Parks offer Go! Packs

Now that spring is upon us, it's the perfect time to get out and enjoy nature again. Go! Packs are designed to help you enjoy the outdoors at Indiana State Parks properties and save money.

The Go! Pack includes a 2019 resident Annual Entrance Permit, a drawstring backpack perfect for hiking the trails and holding snacks and water, and the option of a \$40 gift card from either the state park inns or campgrounds.

Go! Packs are also available for those 65 and older.

The buyer saves up to \$18 over the regular price of the items purchased separately. Go! Packs are only offered online at [InnsGifts.com](http://InnsGifts.com). Offer ends May 12.

Indiana has 32 state parks and reservoirs throughout the state. The entrance permit grants gate entrance for all of 2019 for all state parks and reservoirs beginning January 1.

The Inns gift card can be used at any of seven state park lodging facilities, as well as at the award-winning Pete Dye-designed golf course at Fort Harrison State Park in Indianapolis. The inns gift card can be used for lodging, meals in the dining rooms or inns gift store purchases.

The camping gift card can be used

at any state park or reservoir campground, as well as at the following

DNR Division of Forestry properties: Greene-Sullivan State Forest, Covered Bridge Retreat, and Deam Lake and Starve Hollow state recreation areas. The gift card can be used toward cabins (excluding inns-operated cabins), campsites, cottages, group camps, recreation buildings, rent-a-camp cabins, shelters, and youth and rally camps.

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### Perennial Exchange

The Perennial Exchange spring plant swap will be held Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 840 S. Corey Lane, Bloomington. Speakers topics will be invasive species and native plants.

A registration fee of \$10 is required to cover the cost of a Continental breakfast and lunch.

The Perennial Exchange is open to all residents of central Indiana who are interested in learning about, sharing, and using perennial plants.

Members from 17 counties bring perennial plants from their own gardens to exchange with each other.

For more information on the group, visit their website at [theperennialexchange.com](http://theperennialexchange.com), or contact Terry Briles at 812-824-1894.