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## Students enter 200 projects in Crane Science Fair

Students from 11 area school systems entered a record 200 projects to compete for awards and cash prizes in the 34th Annual Team Crane Science Fair held at WestGate Academy Conferencing & Training Center on Wednesday.

The 200 entries represent an 18 percent increase in participation from 2017, when 165 projects were entered, and a 47 percent increase from 2016, when 106 projects were submitted. Awards were given out in seven Junior Division Categories and seven Senior Division Categories, as well as an overall award for the top Junior and the top Senior projects.

"The most rewarding part is seeing the kids taking the initiative to learn more about science and go outside of the classroom to do things that they're not necessarily learning in class," said Tina Closser, NSWC Crane's STEM Coordinator. "These are skills these kids can take with them for the rest of their lives. Learning things is never wasted."

The Team Crane Science Fair is part of the NSWC Crane's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program, which strives to encourage the teaching of science, math and engineering in southern Indiana.

NSWC Crane's STEM reaches over 8,000 students through field trips, teacher trainings, a STEM lending library, and afterschool programs. The goals for STEM outreach are to facilitate STEM programs in local schools; motivate students, parents, and teachers to engage in STEM learning; cultivate an innovative, technically excellent STEM work force; and attract a technically excellent STEM workforce in the future.

The results from Wednesday's Team Crane Science Fair are listed below.

Behavioral Science, Junior Division  
First Place: Abby Rodeck and Vanes-

sa Meija – Jasper Middle School

Second Place: Karleigh LeMond and

Haley Laymon – Jasper Middle School

Third Place: Kaylee Stinnett and

Grace Kaeck – Jasper Middle School

Biology, Junior Division

First Place: Patricia Soliday and Jarin

Shake – White River Valley Jr. High

Second Place: Kylee Tollett –

Bloomfield Jr. High

Third Place: Anna Stoll and Kylie

Murray – Shoals Jr. High

Chemistry, Junior Division

First Place: Adalyn Wiseman –

Bloomfield Jr. High

Second Place: Shawnee Easterwood

and Stormie Kilgore – White River

Valley Jr. High

Third Place: Haley Fischer and Mat-

thew St. Ives – Shoals Jr. High

Consumer Science, Junior Division

First Place: Genevieve Grav, Destiny

Porter and Maddie Richards – Bloom-

field Jr. High

Second Place: Eli Stoll and Cade

Brett – Shoals Jr. High

Third Place: Ethan Todd – Loogootee

Jr. High

Environmental Science, Junior Division

First Place: Boone Holtsclaw and

Miles Skomp – Bloomfield Jr. High

Second Place: Karleigh Dunn and

Selena Penick – Jasper Middle School

Third Place: Grace Gingerich – Loogootee

Jr. High

Innovations, Junior Division

First Place: Klee Sill – Homeschool

Second Place: Brenna Hildenbrand

and Kella Lichlyter – Jasper Middle

School

Third Place: Adalyn Pyne – Linton

Jr. High

Physics, Junior Division

First Place: Cole Buechler – Jasper

Middle School

Second Place: Hope Fromme and El-

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-Photo provided

Due to bad weather, only some of the students from Shoals High School participated in the 2018 Crane Science Fair. The students enjoyed the day having their experiment judged and visiting the learning centers. Pictured in the front row are Eli Stoll, Alex Guinn, and Corbin Pirlot. In the back row are Anna Stoll, Haley Fischer, Melanie Hawkins, Kendra Howard, and Olivia Stoll. Several students placed in various categories. Junior Division Biology Category Anna Stoll and Kylie Murray placed third. Biology Category Senior Division 1st place was Olivia Stoll, Junior Division Chemistry Category 3rd place was Haley Fischer and Matthew St. Ives. Junior Division Consumer Science Category 2nd place was Eli Stoll and Cade Brett. Consumer Science Category in Senior Division 1st place was Melanie Hawkins. Olivia Stoll also received a \$2,000 scholarship from Vincennes University.

## Martin County's jobless rate at 2.9 percent for February

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

Martin County's unemployment rate was little changed from January to February, moving from 3 percent to 2.9 percent. The county had the eighth lowest jobless rate in the state for February, tied with five other counties.

In February, the county had 5,052 residents in the workforce and 147 of them were without jobs. In January, there were 4,987 residents able to work and 149 of them unemployed.

In February of 2017, Martin County's unemployment rate was 3.9 percent with 5,021 residents able to work and 194 of them without jobs.

Dubois County's unemployment rate stayed at 2.6 percent for February, the same as the month before. The county had the second lowest jobless rate of the 92 Indiana counties.

In February, the county had 23,127 residents in the workforce and 606 of them were jobless. In January, there were 22,889 residents able to work and 590 of them unemployed.

In February of last year, Dubois County's unemployment rate was 3.2 percent with 22,876 residents in the workforce and 735 of them without jobs.

Daviess County's jobless rate went up just a little, moving from 2.8 percent in January to 3 percent in February. The

county had the 14<sup>th</sup> lowest unemployment rate in the state, tied with Noble, Hendricks and Jackson counties.

In February, the county had 15,740 residents in the workforce with 477 of them unemployed. In January, there were 15,498 residents able to work and 438 of them without jobs.

In February of 2017, Daviess County's unemployment rate was 3.5 percent with 15,657 residents in the workforce and 548 residents without jobs.

The top ten spots in the state for the lowest jobless rate for February were LaGrange and Elkhart counties at 2.5 percent, Dubois County at 2.6 percent, Hamilton County at 2.7 percent, Steuben, Kosciusko, and Adams counties at 2.8 percent; and Posey, Martin, Gibson, DeKalb, Boone and Bartholomew counties at 2.9 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for the highest jobless rate for February were Vermillion County at 6.6 percent, Newton County at 5.7 percent, Lake County at 5.6 percent, Crawford County at 5.4 percent, LaPorte, Starke and Sullivan counties at 5.3 percent; and Greene, Jasper and Owen counties at 5.1 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate stands at 3.2 percent for February and remains lower than the national rate of 4.1 percent. With the exception of one month when it was equal (October 2014), In-

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## Commissioners talk roads and lack of funding to fix them

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners discussed roads at their meeting Tuesday night, March 27. Commissioner Paul George was not present. Richard and Rita Nixon, of Gun Shop Road, spoke to the commissioners about the state of their road and requested that something be done to repair it. Mrs. Nixon said that when they purchased their home, around five years ago, the road was blacktop. The blacktop deteriorated, according to the Nixons, due to the gravel and log trucks, and the highway department cut it up and turned it to gravel. Now, she said, the road is very muddy and washed out. Mr. Nixon added that every rain, the gravel runs down the hill and off into the creek and the bridge is caving in. Mrs. Nixon said that due to her husband's health, they can't handle the dust from the gravel this summer and wanted to see about getting the road back to blacktop or at

the very least, chip and sealed.

Mrs. Nixon also asked whether the log trucks that travel the road were bonded. The commissioners replied that they are not, bond requirements were taken away around 20 years ago. Mrs. Nixon said the county should consider doing bonds on them again, so they can make some money back to repair the roads.

Commissioner Dan Gregory explained that Gun Shop Road was not a part of the grant the county applied for last year. He said that funding for roads is very limited and the highway department is doing their best to get the roads in decent condition. Gregory also told the Nixons that the commissioners have gone to the county council three times to request a wheel tax be implemented and each time they were turned down. He said until the county council agrees to pass the wheel tax, road funding in the county will be extremely limited. He noted that the state has approved an additional gas tax and an additional tax



# CRANE

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lie Knies – Jasper Middle School  
 Third Place: Xavier Frank – Eastern Greene Jr. High  
 Behavioral Science, Senior Division  
 First Place: Jeffrey Mayfield – North Daviess High School  
 Second Place: Alexis Anderson and Shaelynn McDonald – Linton High School  
 Biology, Senior Division  
 First Place: Olivia Stoll – Shoals High School  
 Second Place: Kendra Howard – Shoals High School  
 Chemistry, Senior Division  
 First Place: Mattie Lawyer – North Daviess High School  
 Second Place: Harley Bailey – Linton High School  
 Third Place: McKenzie Lawyer – North Daviess High School  
 Consumer Science, Senior Division  
 First Place: Melanie Hawkins – Shoals High School  
 Second Place: Kayla Smock & Carson Brown – Linton High School  
 Environmental Science, Senior Division  
 First Place: Ankush Dhawan – Signature School

Innovations, Senior Division  
 First Place: Alex Buck – Homeschool  
 Physics, Senior Division  
 First Place: Jacie Graber – North Daviess High School  
 Second Place: Paige Closser – North Daviess High School  
 Special Awards:  
 Overall Junior Award: Klee Sill – Homeschool  
 Overall Senior Award: Ankush Dhawan – Signature School  
 Association of Old Crows Senior Award: Ankush Dhawan – Signature School  
 Association of Old Crows Junior Award: Abby Rodeck and Vanessa Mejia – Jasper Middle School  
 Association of Old Crows Hon. Mention Award: Boone Holtsclaw and Miles Skomp – Bloomfield Jr. High  
 Federally Employed Women Senior Award: Mackenzie Lawyer – North Daviess High  
 Federally Employed Women Junior Award: Grace Gingerich – Loogootee Jr. High  
 Vincennes Scholarship Winners: Olivia Stoll -- Shoals High School  
 Ankush Dhawan – Signature School

## Lady Lions drop season opener

BY GREG CLARK

LHS Softball Head Coach

Last Thursday evening the Lady Lions traveled to Mt. Vernon to take on the Lady Wildcats in non-conference action. The 3A Wildcats were a very formidable foe, with several returning starters from a year ago. While the ladies dropped the 2018 opener, 15 to 9, there were several bright spots and the ladies look to be very strong again this year.

The Lady Lions returned four starters from the 2017 Sectional Runner-up campaign, Calli Wininger in center field, Julianne Bell at third, Sydney Davis pitching and Tyanna Graber catching. The ladies also returned spot starters Emily Thomas, Maelee Hawkins, Jayleigh Wagoner, Mallory Berry, Chelsie Sutton, as well as these returning players from a successful JV tour; Kaitlyn Bruner, Maddie Cropp, Shalyn Bruner, and Kendall Berry. In addition, the Lady Lions welcomed the following newcomers for the 2018 season. Adie Nolley, Asia Crim, Makenzie VanHoy, Isabelle Waggner, Brooklyn Jones, Maria Chestnut, Jaelyn Walker, Karoline Tedrow, Sara Street and Makenzie Wagoner.

The Lions came out in the top of the first with some very hot bats, as they batted around, sending all nine hitters to the plate. With one out, Sydney Davis singled up the middle and Brooklyn Jones came in to courtesy run for her pitcher. Tyanna Graber chased Brooklyn Jones home with a double off the right center field fence. Emily Thomas singled home Graber and the Lions were up 2-0. A walk to Maelee Hawkins, and a single by Calli Wininger set up another run, as Mallory Berry singled home Maddie Cropp, the flex player, in to run for the DP Thomas. A strike out and a hard ground out ended the Lady Lions top half and sent the Lady Wildcats to the plate for their half of the opening inning.

A couple miscues to open the bottom of the first by the Lions set the stage for Mt. Vernon to score five runs (unearned) on five hits. The Lady Lions, who don't know the meaning of the word "quit", came back in the top of the second to score three runs and take

back the lead 6-5. Julianne Bell singled to lead off the inning and scored on the Sydney Davis triple. Davis stayed on to run, and danced home on the Tyanna Graber opposite field home run. But, the lead was not to last. Mt. Vernon took advantage of another two errors and put six runs on the board. With her pitch count on the rise to the level set by coach Clark before the game, junior starter, Sydney Davis, was lifted from the game and replaced by frosh Maria Chestnut. Maria's pitch was lifted to center field and the catch was made for the second out and her third pitch was sent to right field and that catch was also made for the third out.

Mt. Vernon would go ahead and score single runs in the third, fourth and sixth innings for their 15 runs. Loogootee scored three more in the fifth when Calli Wininger drew a lead-off walk, and Mallory Berry worked the count for a base on balls to put Lions on first and second with no outs. A strike out and a ground ball led to two outs and Lions on second and third. Lions Senior Julianne Bell then strode to the plate and singled, driving home Calli Wininger. Sydney Davis then singled to score both Mallory Berry and Julianne Bell. Tyanna Graber singled before the Lions inning, and scoring, ended with a ground ball out.

Sydney Davis took the loss on the night, with Maria Chestnut getting two 2/3 innings of work, and Makenzie VanHoy getting two innings in the circle as well. Julianne Bell was 3 for 5 with two singles and a double, two stolen bases and one RBI. Sydney Davis was 3 for 3 with a triple and three RBIs. Tyanna Graber, homered, doubled and singled, with three RBIs. Sara Street and Maria Chestnut also singled for the Lady Lions.

Loogootee hosts Vincennes Lincoln in a varsity/junior varsity double header this coming Thursday night at Costello Field, the varsity contest is scheduled for a 5:30 start, with the JV to follow. Friday and Saturday, the Lady Lions travel to Bedford to play in the BNL Battle for the Rock tourney. Loogootee plays North Harrison at 6:15 Friday, with the rest of the schedule to be determined by the outcome of that game.

# RATE

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Indiana's unemployment rate now has been below the U.S. rate for more than four 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 2,495 over the previous month. This was a result of 2,243 unemployed residents no longer seeking employment within the past four weeks, and a 4,738 increase in residents employed. Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3.31 million, and the state's 63.7 percent labor force participation rate remains above the national rate of 63.0 percent.

# ROADS

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at the BMV for high-mileage vehicles, but that money has just started to trickle in. Gregory said that the county has \$2 million currently to fix roads and the road assessment they had done said that \$32 million was needed, in total, to get the roads where they need to be.

The Nixons said they moved from Indianapolis and their bill at the license branch was much higher there. Mrs. Nixon said they would be fine with paying a little more in Martin County. Commissioner Gregory suggested that the Nixons attend a county council meeting and let them know they would be in favor of the wheel tax. He said that until members of the community let the council know that they want a wheel tax, Martin County will never get one.

Commissioner Dan Gregory also wanted the public to know that when they use weed killer along the ditches, it indeed kills the vegetation, but it also causes erosion. "In the wrong places, it's not a good idea," he said.

In other business, Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett noted that the bids to repair bridge 58 on Brickyard Road are due next Friday and he would like to get moving on that as soon as possible. He said he was told that if one more stone came out of that bridge, it would have to be closed. He said the water is rising now and losing another stone is very possible.

Padgett also wanted the commissioners to know that the \$670,000 received from the Community Crossings grant was deposited Tuesday. "We're ready to go," said Padgett.

In other business, Sheriff Chief Deputy Josh Greene reported that there are

## Absentee voting for Martin County

Anyone wishing to vote absentee by mail can call the clerk's office at any time to request an application to vote by mail. The last day an application to vote by mail will be accepted is April 30, 2018. Anyone wishing to vote absentee in person may do so beginning April 10, 2018 at 8 a.m. at the clerk's office in the courthouse. Absentee voting will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The clerk's office will be open on Saturdays April 30 and May 5 from 8 a.m. to noon. The last day to vote absentee in person is Monday, May 7 at noon.

The last day to register or update your voter registration is April 9, 2018. To make changes or to register you can go to [www.indianavoters.com](http://www.indianavoters.com) or stop at the clerk's office for a registration form. If you have any questions, please contact the clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

In addition, Indiana's initial unemployment insurance claims continue to be at historical lows.

Learn more about how unemployment rates are calculated here: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov/infographics/employment-status.asp>.

Employment by Sector

Private sector employment has grown by more than 28,200 over the year, and has increased by 5,200 over the previous month, primarily due to gains in the Construction (2,800) and the Trade, Transportation and Utilities (1,900) sectors. Gains were partially offset by losses in the Leisure and Hospitality (-1,500) and the Private Educational and Health Services (-900) sectors. Total private employment stands at 2,698,700 and is 9,800 above the December 2017 peak.

71 inmates currently in the jail with 15 of them from Vigo County and six from department of corrections. He also reported that the new furnace in the dispatch area was getting installed by M&M Electric Wednesday and the department very recently received two new 2018 Dodge Ram trucks as part of the sheriff's department's trade in program. The department kept one of the cars, without using it as a trade, to give to the new deputy.

The commissioners also spent quite a bit of time going through applications received at the highway department. The department received three applications for the mowing crew and seven for an operator with a CDL license. One person will be hired for each position. Highway Superintendent Padgett told the commissioners which applicants he preferred and the commissioners chose the applicants they liked. They decided to let Commissioner George look over the applications when he returns from vacation and then hold a closed meeting to do interviews next week.

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# Obituaries

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## VONDALE HOPKINS

Vondale Hopkins passed away at 11:32 a.m. CST Friday, March 23, 2018 at St. Vincent Hospital in Evansville. A resident of Loogootee, she was 82.

She was born September 3, 1935 in Martin County; daughter of the late Raymond and Alice (Street) Ziegler.

Vondale was a member of the Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church. She babysat children for over 20 years and was proud of each child that she cared for. She loved her family, flowers, yard work, but her favorite past time was sitting on her porch with her husband, Jim.

She was preceded in death by an infant son and daughter; parents, Raymond and Alice (Street) Ziegler; and siblings, Clara Denny, Juke Ziegler and Bob Ziegler.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, James L. Hopkins of Loogootee; daughters, Alice (Thomas) Stempf of Loogootee and Rose (Jeff) Popp of Jasper; grandchildren, Katie Stempf, John (Britny) Stempf and Matthew (fiancé, Lauren Sergesketter) Popp; great-grandchildren, Lilly Moffatt, Luke Bruner and Millie Popp; sister, Kay (Jerry) Sanders and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 26 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in Truelove Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Blake Funeral Home.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

## SHIRLEY ALLBRIGHT

Shirley Ann Allbright passed away at 3:10 a.m. Thursday, March 22, 2018 at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center. A resident of Shoals, she was 81.

She was born December 5, 1936 in Martin County; daughter of the late Nelson "Fred" and Mabel (Henry) Chastain.

Shirley was a member of the Shoals Holiness Church. She enjoyed working in her yard and on her flowers. She loved to make Sunday dinners for her family and cherished time spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Shirley's family will miss her amazing pancakes and her persimmon pudding. She was very calming and always had nice words.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray "Morris" Allbright; infant daughter, Sherri Mae Allbright; siblings, Edmond Chastain, Louise Moffitt, Glen Chastain and Dorothy Kearby; and son-in-law, Keith Lowry.

She is survived by her children, Steve (Linda) Allbright of Bedford, Brenda Lowry of Shoals and Mike (Teresa) Allbright of Shoals; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; sister, Imogene Parkhurst of Deerfield Beach, Florida; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 25 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in Hickory Ridge Cemetery.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

## LEA MCGUIRE

Lea A. McGuire passed away at 9:18 a.m. Friday, March 23, 2018 at her



LEA MCGUIRE

home. A resident of Douglasville, Georgia, she was 49.

She was born October 16, 1968 in Mobile, Alabama; daughter of Jim and Mary (Dillion) Johnson.

Lea had been a nurse for 22 years. She graduated from Maric College of Medical Careers, San Diego, California. She worked as a private duty nurse, in nursing homes, internal medicine and finished with her true calling at Creekside Pediatrics. It was a real joy working with children.

She was a member of Kings Way Baptist Church in Douglasville, Georgia. She enjoyed fishing, road trips and going to the gun range with her 357 magnum. Lea loved spending time with her family and her greatest joy was taking care of her grandbabies.

She is survived by her husband of 31 years, Jerry McGuire of Douglasville, Georgia; children, Jasmine L. McGuire of Douglasville, Georgia, Errol D. (Jessica) McGuire of Hampton, Virginia and Allie L. McGuire of Douglasville, Georgia; grandchildren, Mya B. McGuire, David E. McNeal and Yavonni E. Lee; parents, James and Mary (Dillion) Johnson of Loogootee; brothers, Chris Johnson of Loogootee, Mike Johnson of Phoenix, Arizona and Steve Johnson of Redkey, Indiana; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, March 30 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Visitation will be held Thursday, March 29 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

## DONALD FRENCH

Donald Lewis French passed away at 9:30 a.m. March 26, 2018 peacefully at the home of his daughter. He was surrounded by family and his dog, Gracie. A resident of Shoals, he was 76.

He was born May 21, 1941; son of Lewis Edward and Edna Ruth (Catt) French in Martin County. He married Mildred Goodrid-French Rice and they had three children, Mary Katie Davis and husband, Randall; Rosemarie Murray and husband, Larry, of Wheatland; and the late David French.

He graduated from Shoals High School in 1960, spent his time in the woods as a logger and following his retirement enjoyed working in his garden and being with his animals.

He is also survived by his wife, Janet Sue French; three sisters, Diane French-Jones and husband, Donald; Brenda French Rodgers and husband, Paul; and Mary French Holt; nine grandchildren, multiple step-grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and multiple step great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his son, David; and two infant children.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 31 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Richard Tallman and Mike French officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday from 11 a.m. until the time of service.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes

is in charge of the arrangements.

## BRYAN "SCOTT" MELVIN

Bryan "Scott" Melvin passed away at his home at 1 a.m. March 22, 2018.

A resident of Shoals, he was 55.

He was born on July 24, 1962 in Washington; son of Robert Eugene Melvin and Lois June (Taylor) Conklin. He married Misty Cundiff and she



SCOTT MELVIN

survives.

He attended Shoals Community Schools, previously worked at Crane CAAA, US Gypsum and Kimball International. He attended Dover Hill Christian Union Church, especially the Bible Study, and enjoyed playing his guitar and singing in church.

He is survived by his wife, Misty Melvin of Shoals; his mother, Lois Conklin and husband Robert "Doc" of Loogootee; one son, Brandon Scott Melvin of Shoals; a brother, Robert Mark Conklin and wife Maria of Borden; sisters, Lynn Renee Fish and husband, Mark, of Bedford and Melissa Ann Conklin of Loogootee; two nieces Lexi Murray and husband, James; Brandi Rosebaum and husband, Robert; and one nephew, Liam Melvin and wife, Krystal.

He is preceded in death by his father and one brother, Randall Eugene Melvin.

Visitation was held at the Dover Hill Christian Church Tuesday, March 27. No graveside services will be held at this time.

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

## BETTY ABEL

Betty Louise Abel passed away at 12:45 p.m. March 21, 2018 at the Loogootee Nursing Center. A resident of Shoals, she was 93.

She was born July 26, 1924 in Bedford; daughter of Leo and Grace (Hackler) Smithers. She married William Edward Abel and he passed away May 25, 1966.

She graduated in 1943 from Marshall Township (Needmore High School) in Lawrence County, retired from CRANE N.A.D. as an ordinance worker, and previously worked at the Loogootee Textile and was a member of the Shoals Holiness Church.

She is survived by a son, Philip (Yvonne) Abel of Plano, Texas; granddaughter, Tonja Renee Abel of Dallas, Texas; grandson, Kyle (Nancy) Abel of McKinney, Texas; great-grandson, Sterling Philip Abel and a brother, Glenn Smithers of Indianapolis.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband and three brothers, Howard Smithers, Opal Smithers and Thomas Smithers.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 26 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Pastor Mark Hamaker officiating. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

## TINA WELP

Tina M. Welp, formerly of Loogootee, passed away at 4:44 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at I.U. Health Bloomington Hospital. A resident of Jasper, she was 45.



TINA WELP

She was born in Jasper on March 8, 1973; daughter of Tom and Mildred (Hembree) Welp.

Tina worked for 25 years in the health care field. She enjoyed camping, fishing, vacationing near the ocean, derby's, her dog Maddie Jo, and being with family and friends.

Surviving is one son, Willis Welp (Chelsea) of Jasper; one daughter, Mary Welp of Jasper; mother, Mildred Hill of Jasper; two sisters, Susan Schmitt (James) of Jasper and Becky Schmidt (Ed) of Portersville; three brothers, Bryan Hurd (Cathi) of Bicknell, Bobby Hurd of Shoals, and Fred Welp (Ruthie) of Petersburg; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death was her father, Tom Welp.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 23 at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper with burial at a later date at the Loogootee Goodwill Cemetery. Rev. John Simmons officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family. Online condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com).

## MARGARET KING

Margaret Sue King passed away Sunday, March 25, 2018, at her residence.



MARGARET KING

She had been on kidney dialysis for almost 15 years. A resident of Huron, she was 82.

She was born August 16, 1935, in Martin County; the daughter of Stephen Linza and Hazel Della (Montre) Pride-more. She married Phillip Eugene King January 9, 1954, and he preceded her in death February 10, 2018.

Margaret was a homemaker. She was a member of the Huron WTK Club, and a graduate of Shoals High School in 1953. Her grandbabies were her life.

She is survived by her children, Carroll (Peggy) King of Spartanburg, South Carolina; and Marlene (Dave) Sanders, Delema (David) Moffatt, Dennis (Teresa) King, and Marvin Scott (Sandy) King, all of Huron; 13 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, and her sister, Helen (Luther, Jr.) Shipman of French Lick.

Her parents; husband; son, Darrell King; great grandson, Grant Cole King; and siblings, Paul Pridemore, Mary Strange, Wilma George, and Hubert Pridemore, preceded her in death.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, March 27 in the Memorial Chapel of Chastain Funeral Home & Cremation Center with Pastor Mark Fugate and Dirk Sears officiating. Graveside service was held this morning, Wednesday, March 28 at Port William Cemetery.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, MARCH 19

8:26 a.m. - Received a report of a leaking agricultural tank south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire Department responded.

9:55 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle south of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

9:56 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

1:15 p.m. - Received a report of theft in Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

2:53 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist east of Loogootee.

9:00 p.m. - Received a report of domestic dispute in Shoals. Sergeant Keller, Shoals Town Marshal Eckert, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

10:35 p.m. - Received a noise complaint north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 20

8:20 a.m. - Received a report of reckless driving in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:46 a.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

10:22 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

10:45 a.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

10:58 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist in Shoals.

12:51 p.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

12:52 p.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted a motorist south of Shoals.

2:11 p.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

7:36 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:00 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

8:13 p.m. - Received a report of a low-hanging tree on Mill Road in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:15 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US Hwy 231, south of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense and Sergeant Keller responded.

9:25 p.m. - Received a report of a tree limb on a power line south of Shoals. Daviess-Martin REMC responded.

9:50 p.m. - Received a report of several limbs down on US Hwy 550. Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:52 p.m. - Received a report of an accident west of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department, Sergeant Keller, Reserve Deputy Harmon, and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

9:56 p.m. - Received a report of tree limbs down on US Hwy 450, north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

10:08 p.m. - Received a report of tree limbs down on US Hwy 50, west of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

12:42 a.m. - Received a report of tree down on US Hwy 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Reserve Deputy Harmon, and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

1:48 a.m. - Received a report of low-hanging tree on US Hwy 50, west of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

2:30 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County

Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:00 a.m. - Received a report of tree down on US Hwy 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

4:27 a.m. - Received a report of tree down on Gun Shop Road. Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:50 a.m. - Received a report of custody dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

8:50 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US Hwy 150. Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:43 a.m. - Received a report of tree down on US Hwy 231 South. Indiana Department of Transportation responded.

10:00 a.m. - Received a report of potentially impaired person in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

10:33 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Haysville Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle south of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

2:15 p.m. - Sheriff Roush completed a welfare check west of Shoals. Everything checked out okay.

3:45 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

5:05 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Shoals. ISP Trooper McBeth responded. Everything checked out okay.

6:30 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

8:43 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd, Deputy Reed, and ISP Trooper McBeth responded.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 22

1:16 a.m. - Received a report of possible trespassing north of Loogootee. Deputy Reed, ISP Trooper Lents, and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

1:41 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department, Captain Dant, and Martin County Coroner responded.

3:19 p.m. - Received a report of a residential burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded. Everything checked out okay.

5:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:29 p.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of a civil dispute in Crane. Major Burkhardt responded.

10:20 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Ambulance, Major Burkhardt, and Deputy Shinn responded.

10:30 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Crane. Indiana State Police responded.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 23

8:34 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

8:35 a.m. - Received a report of a broken down semi on US 50, east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

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

11:27 a.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

2:10 p.m. - Received a horse complaint south of Shoals. Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

2:30 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

2:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Crane Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. No one was transported.

8:20 p.m. - Received a report of illegal dumping east of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

9:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 24

2:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire, Deputy Shinn, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

6:28 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

8:20 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US 231, south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire responded.

8:42 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in north of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

11:56 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

1:01 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.

1:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

4:50 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire and REMC responded.

5:13 p.m. - Received an animal neglect call in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

5:54 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

6:05 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

6:48 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

9:15 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

9:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

10:36 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 25

12:02 a.m. - Received a report of illegal parking near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

1:30 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

5:25 p.m. - Received a report of possible prowlers north of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn and Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

8:45 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check east of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded. All was okay.

9:05 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in, theft, and vandalism north of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded. He was assisted by Deputy Wright and ISP Miller.

10:52 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Crane. Indiana State Police responded.

12:54 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded. Animal Control Officer Hughett was contacted.

1:00 p.m. - Loogootee Officer McBeth assisted with a funeral detail in Loogootee.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of kids throwing rocks at cars on US 231 in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

4:56 p.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.

6:56 p.m. - Received a dog complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

7:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

9:16 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

9:26 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

## COURT NEWS

### CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

#### February 27

David L. York, Jr., convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 296 days suspended and credit for 7 actual days previously served plus 7 Class A credit days. Defendant received 10 months of probation.

### CRIMINAL CHARGES

#### DISMISSED

#### February 27

David L. York, Jr., operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; habitual vehicular substance offender sentence enhancement, dismissed.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

#### March 22

Dylan Delbert Stoll of Loogootee and Mallorie Elizabeth Layton of Loogootee.



## Traffic stop results in seizure of four grams of meth

On Thursday, March 22, at 2:47 a.m., Martin County Sheriff's Deputy Tyler Reed was on patrol on Highway 50, east of Loogootee, when he observed a vehicle commit a moving violation. Deputy Reed initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle near the White River Co-Op. Loogootee Police Department Officer Jim Floyd and Indiana State Trooper Steve Nolan arrived to assist. The vehicle was occupied by Victoria Mullens, 29, of Paoli, and Oceana Shields, 25, of West Baden Springs. Mullens was found to have a suspended driver's license.

Deputy Reed utilized his narcotics-certified K9 Virka for a free air sniff of the exterior of the vehicle. K9 Virka gave a positive indication for the presence of narcotics inside

the vehicle. A search of the vehicle resulted in officers locating four grams of a white crystal substance that field tested positive for methamphetamine, three smoking devices containing residue that field tested positive for methamphetamine, and two scales containing residue that field tested positive for methamphetamine. Mullens and Shields were arrested and transported to the Martin County Security Center.

Mullens was charged with maintaining a common nuisance, possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia, and operating while suspended (prior)

Shields was charged with visiting a common nuisance, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of paraphernalia

## ARRESTS

### THURSDAY, MARCH 22

3:51 a.m. - Oceana Shields, 25, of West Baden Springs, was arrested by Deputy Reed and charged with possession of methamphetamine, visiting a common nuisance, and possession of paraphernalia. She is being held without bond. Loogootee Officer Floyd and ISP Trooper Nolan assisted with the arrest.

3:59 a.m. - Victoria Mullens, 29, of Paoli, was arrested by Deputy Reed and charged with maintaining a common nuisance, possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia, and operating while suspended-prior and is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. ISP Trooper Nolan and Loogootee Officer Floyd assisted with the arrest.

10:53 a.m. - Ricky Lind, 64, of Loogootee, was arrested by Captain Dant on a Martin County Warrant for pre-trial community corrections program violation. He is being held without bond.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 24

3:32 a.m. - Luke Reed, 19, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Floyd and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment, and minor in consumption. He is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

10:55 a.m. - Delbert Salmon Jr., 32, with no address, was arrested by Sergeant Keller and charged with theft. He is being held without bond. Deputy Wright assisted with the arrest.

## Youth Leadership Camp to be held this summer

Martin County Sheriff Travis Roush has announced the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Indiana Sheriffs' Association Youth Leadership Camp will be held in June and July again this year.

There will be two camp sessions this year, the first session will be held June 26-29 at Pine Creek Camp in Pine Village, Indiana (Warren County) serving the northern part of the state.

The second session will be held July 9-11 serving the southern part of the state at Waycross Episcopal Camp in Morgantown, Indiana (Brown County).

The Indiana Sheriffs' Association Youth Leadership Camp is a program provided by the Indiana Sheriffs' Association for boys and girls who are currently in the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade of school and are interested in learning more about a possible career in law enforcement. The camp provides a very meaningful experience and relationship with other campers from throughout the state and sheriff officers who serve as counselors and instructors.

Any boy or girl in the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade of school, interested in attending the camp, should contact the sheriffs' office or school counselor, for an application and additional information.

# Loogootee Police log

### MONDAY, MARCH 19

9:45 a.m. - Chief Rayhill tagged an abandoned vehicle on SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

11:20 a.m. - Chief Rayhill tagged an abandoned vehicle on Church Street.

2:05 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Broadway Street.

9:04 p.m. - Caller reported a loud noise complaint on US 231.

10:38 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 20

8:20 a.m. - Caller reported a school bus arm violation. Chief Rayhill located the driver.

10:22 a.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.

1:35 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

6:45 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

10:48 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

7:50 a.m. - Male reported a child custody issue.

10:05 a.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Broadway Street.

3:15 p.m. - Chief Rayhill tagged an abandoned vehicle on Broadway Street.

8:43 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the county with a battery complaint.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 22

1:16 a.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the county with a trespasser call.

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

11:46 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

3:15 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

3:19 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a residential alarm.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 23

9:35 a.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.

2:33 p.m. - Caller reported vandalism to his vehicle.

5:55 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on John C. Strange Street.

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

10:46 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 24

8:42 a.m. - Officer McBeth assisted the county with a property damage complaint.

2:10 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

5:13 p.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint. Animal Control was contacted.

6:30 p.m. - Received a 911 hang-up from a residence on East Main Street.

10:23 p.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 25

9:05 a.m. - Officer McBeth assisted the county with a theft call.

12:54 p.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.

2:00 p.m. - Caller reported juveniles throwing rocks at vehicles.

4:59 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

7:24 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a child.

9:53 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on North Line Street.

## INDOT reminds Hoosiers to keep campaign signs out of rights-of-way

As primary elections approach, the Indiana Department of Transportation reminds Hoosiers that campaign signs are prohibited from state right-of-way according to Indiana Code 9-21-4-6. INDOT personnel are required by state law to remove all unauthorized signs within the state right-of-way.

Areas that should remain sign-free include:

- Intersections
- Interchanges
- Rights-of-way that run parallel to highways

Where the right of way is not clearly marked, boundaries may be estimated as the fence line, the back of the ditch or behind utility poles.

INDOT personnel will remove campaign signs and other illegal signs from

right-of-way—pursuant to code—as they are encountered in normal highway maintenance activities. Crews may also remove a specific sign if it presents an immediate safety risk, such as being too close to the roadway or creating a sight obstruction. Campaign signs placed off the right-of-way will not be removed.

Removed signs will be taken to the nearest INDOT facility. Campaign signs may be claimed by the owner between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for holidays.

INDOT urges drivers to slow down and stay alert near crews.

To report signs placed in the right-of-way, contact INDOT customer service at <http://www.indot4u.com> or 1-855-463-6848.

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Victor W. Neideffer, Jr. and Cheryl L. Neideffer**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Victor W. Neideffer, Jr. and Cheryl L. Neideffer**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 20.720 acres, more or less.

**Ami Lynn Sewell, n/k/a Ami Lynn Slaubaugh**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Myron Slaubaugh and Charlotte Slaubaugh**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Lots Numbered 53, 54, and 55 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**James H. Ellis to the James H. Ellis Revocable Trust**, 45 acres in Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West.

**Larry L. Weitkamp and Theresa L. Weitkamp**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Michael J. McAtee**, of Martin

County, Indiana, a portion of the south half of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana, containing 0.09 acre.

**Carlton James Courtright**, of Martin County, Indiana to **James M. Sexton**, of Martin County, Indiana, the east one-half of Lot Number 69 and the east one-half of Lot Number 70 in the original plat of Harrisonville. Also, Lot Number 43 and 44 in the Town of Harrisonville, Indiana.

**Victor W. Neideffer, Jr. and Cheryl L. Neideffer**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Victor W. Neideffer, III and Courtney Neideffer**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 20.720 acres, more or less.

## Specials at The Lodge

Wednesday: BBQ Chicken

Thursday: Pork Chops

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# Making A Difference

By Curt Johnson  
MCCF Executive Director



-- WAYS TO GIVE BACK --

This week I'm continuing the topic and giving some more examples of "designated" funds. Again, these designated funds provide support to specific charitable organizations.

-- CHOICES --

Last week I focused on designated fund grants to organizations that support learning, such as the libraries and a couple of education-related purposes. But designated funds can support a broader variety of causes and non-profit organizations. The payouts of these funds every year go straight to the organizations they support and as designated by the founding donor of the funds. You, too, can create one of these funds to forever support an organization or cause that you are passionate about.

-- VARIETY --

The MCCF already has a variety of organizations that are supported through the generosity of donors in our county. I've highlighted several of these funds and organizations in the last few weeks and this week I'm capping off the series with a few more.

-- 4-H --

The first is a \$1,096 grant from the Martin County 4-H Fund, which as its name implies, went to our local 4-H. A grant for an organization like this has the potential to reach a large number of kids in our county.

-- BASEBALL --

We also gave \$1,148 for the Shoals baseball field from the Leo Harding

Memorial Fund. Here's a good example of where a person's passion will forever be supported.

-- THOSE IN NEED --

We have organizations in Martin County that, in many ways, support those in need. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is one such organization. The MCCF has several funds that support their efforts: the Good Samaritan Fund of SVDP, the Martin County Food Panty Fund, and the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Johns Fund. t. Vincent de Paul received \$5,459 in grants from these funds.

-- SCHOOLS --

And then the MCCF has funds that support the schools. While we do have the scholarships and other grant programs for the various school projects, these designated funds go specifically to support the school itself. This year, \$844 was granted from the Shoals Community School Corporation K-12 Fund for just that purpose.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

If you or someone you know is interested in forever supporting an organization or cause with your giving plan, please contact the Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org).

You are also welcome to visit our webpage at [www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm](http://www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm), follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF](http://www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF), and "like" the MCCF Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation](http://www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation).



-Photos provided

Pictured left to right are 4-H Council members Josh Ausbrooks, John Haul, Jill Ziegler, Alisha Troutman, Eileen Dawson, Kathy Lingenfelter, John Lindsey, Ellen Dant (holding the \$1,096 grant check), Tommy Kerr, Eddie Crane, and MCCF Executive Director Curt Johnson.



Pictured is Dr. Candace Roush, Superintendent, receiving an \$844 Shoals Community School Corporation grant from Curt Johnson, MCCF Executive Director.



Pictured is Curt Johnson, MCCF Executive Director, presenting a \$1,148 grant to John Kirtland, Athletic Director, for the baseball field.



Pictured is Curt Johnson (MCCF Executive Director) presenting \$5,459 in grants to St. Vincent de Paul Conference members Tom Michaels, Joe Williams, and Sarah Spalding.



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## Washington Pregnancy Care Center moving to bigger location

Yolonda Taylor, the executive director of the Pregnancy Care Center, (PCC) of Washington, is pleased to announce that they have recently purchased a larger building on 714 W. Walnut Street and Font Street, Washington. This building has 3,760 square feet which is about, 1,100 square feet more than the center currently has available. This building was previously the home of the Department of Family Services Medicaid office. With the help of many generous donors and financial support from local churches, they were able to pay cash for the building. Taylor would like to thank everyone who donated to the building fund, which will allow the center to move ever closer to becoming a medical clinic.

This new location is excellent for many of their clients, as the center will be closer to them and within walking distance for some of them. The center will also be more accessible to other clients as they will be closer to the city bus route. Taylor stated that the center anticipates that client traffic will continue to grow as they will be the closest pregnancy medical clinic for many clients in the surrounding area. Taylor wants to make it clear that the center will continue to provide their current services for men and women from Daviess County as well as surrounding counties such as Martin, Pike, Dubois, and Knox counties.

Taylor said that she is very excited as they will soon begin the process of renovating their building to make it their new home that meets their medical and material aid needs. Taylor pointed out in order to meet the essentials necessary for the medical conversion the center will need funds for building materials, furniture, medical equipment and supplies as well as lots of help in the form of labor to get it ready for operation. Taylor's prayer is that the cost of the renovation and other needed items will be totally paid for by donors of funds, material and possibly labor provided by many in the surrounding communities.

Taylor believes that once the renovations are complete and they have moved in, the center will be able to provide ultrasound performed by a registered

nurse. The ultrasound will allow abortion minded and abortion vulnerable women to see the heartbeat of their unborn baby, which will allow them to make a more informed choice and possibly lead them to choose life for their unborn child. The center also plans to eventually provide STI testing and treatment along with RU-486 reversals.

The center is working with the Knights of Columbus in Evansville to obtain an ultrasound. The K of C in Evansville is going to contact all of the K of C councils in the Evansville diocese to obtain half of the funding for the ultrasound machine. Through the Ultrasound Initiative, when a state or local council raises 50 percent of the cost of an ultrasound machine, the Supreme Council will provide the other 50 percent of the cost to complete funding for purchase of an ultrasound machine that will help a PCC to provide for the health of mothers and their unborn children. Ultrasound machines provide abortion-vulnerable pregnant women a new way of viewing the life within them.

Taylor also pointed out that the center has day-to-day expenses that they have to meet and that the center needs financial support to keep this ministry going. She pointed out that they are a 501 (c) (3) ministry and do not receive any government funding. She did state that the center does occasionally apply for local non-governmental grants. The center has monthly bills that need to be paid and without donors the center cannot continue to keep their doors open and provide the vital services needed in the community.

Taylor noted that the center has grown in client numbers. As a result, she has had to increase her staff to match the growth. As the ministry continues to grow and change, the center needs those who will stand with them on a monthly basis. Taylor pointed out it is especially helpful when individuals, churches and businesses donate on a monthly basis as this enables them to stabilize the center's finances and allows the center to better budget and plan. If you have any questions regarding the PCC please contact Mrs. Taylor at (812) 257-1041.

## Radius Indiana hosts "A Radius-Japan Dialogue"

Radius Indiana hosted "A Radius-Japan Dialogue" March 19 at the French Lick Resort to introduce members from the Consulate-General of Japan and Japan External Trade Organization Chicago to the Radius region.

Jeff Quyle, president and CEO of Radius Indiana, and Becky Skillman, chair of the Radius Board of Directors, along with nearly 60 guests including local economic development professionals, business leaders and local and state elected officials welcomed Consul-General Naoki Ito and JETRO Chief Executive Director Ralph Inforzato to the Radius region. The event is a first for the region and was designed for Radius stakeholders to learn more about the Indiana-Japan relationship as well as explore opportunities for collaboration.

Radius plans to take its first international economic development trip to Japan later this year and believes opening a dialogue for the region is key to building strong relationships for potential foreign investment in the region.

"We hope that this event is an important first step in building a long-lasting partnership for the Region with our friends in Japan. We are excited to show Mr. Ito and Mr. Inforzato all that our region has to offer and to demonstrate the tremendous interest and support for our community leaders in strengthening a relationship with Japan as we prepare for our visit this fall," said Quyle. "Moreover, this is part of a much bigger initiative to diversify the economic makeup for Radius by increasing the amount of foreign direct investment opportunities for our communities."

During the event, guests heard from Mr. Ito and Mr. Inforzato on best practices for interacting with Japanese firms, and insights on what Japanese investors are looking for when searching for a location to expand. For many in attendance, this was the first occasion for Radius members to hear directly from the Consulate-General of Japan and JETRO, which are often on the front lines in facilitating new contacts with Japan for economic de-

velopment opportunities.

"The Radius-Japan Dialogue is a singular event, allowing us to speak about Japan's investment and trade directly to the region's leadership," said Inforzato.

Indiana has the largest amount of Japanese investment per capita in the U.S. and is the only state that is home to three Japanese automotive assembly plants. While the Radius region has not experienced the same level of Japanese investment as some other areas of the state, the activity in the area is beginning to take an upturn.

On March 20, Mr. Ito and Mr. Inforzato will attend the ribbon cutting of M & C Tech in Washington. M & C Tech invested \$4.6 million into a 40,000 square foot building and added 35 new jobs with more come to the Radius region. This is the first investment by a Japanese company in the Radius region and comes on the heels of the construction of I-69.

"In Japan, a spotlight shines on Indiana. Over 290 Japanese business facilities provide 65,000 jobs for people across the state. They know that Indiana employees are highly skilled with a strong work ethic," said Consul-General Ito. "The new joint venture, M & C Tech Indiana Corporation, is the first Japanese company in the Radius Indiana area. We appreciate the people of Washington for welcoming it so warmly, and we believe that it should contribute to the local economy. We are reaching out to do more two-way direct investment and trade."

After presentations, a question-and-answer segment was held to give audience members a chance to have their personal questions heard by experts on foreign investment. Radius Indiana concluded the evening with a reception and dinner in honor of Consul-General Ito and Mr. Inforzato.

"We want to thank both the Consulate-General of Japan and JETRO for taking time to come visit our region, and look forward to building a strong foundation that we can build upon for future endeavors between our organizations," said Quyle.

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## More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



The younger generations probably don't know much about Red Skelton, other than he was from Vincennes and old people like him. Our family watched his show faithfully and I can still hear my Dad laughing out loud, especially at Red's clown act. Good memories, so here goes:

### RED SKELTON'S RECIPE FOR THE PERFECT MARRIAGE

1. Two times a week we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays, I go on Fridays.
2. We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in California and mine is in Texas.
3. I take my wife everywhere, but she keeps finding her way back.
4. I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said. So, I suggested the kitchen.
5. We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.
6. She has an electric blender, electric toaster and electric bread maker. She said, "There are too many gadgets, and no place to sit down!" So, I bought her an electric chair.
7. My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburetor. I asked where the car was. She told me, "In the lake."
8. She got a mud pack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.
9. She ran after the garbage truck, yelling, "Am I too late for the garbage?" The driver said, "No, jump in!"
10. Remember: Marriage is the number one cause of divorce.
11. I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was 'Always'.
12. I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her.
13. The last fight was my fault though. My wife asked, "What's on the TV?" I said, "Dust!"

Can't you just hear him say all of these? I love it. These were the good old days when humor didn't have to start with a four-letter word. It was just clean and simple fun. And he always ended his programs with the words, "And May God Bless" with a big smile on his face.

### RANDOM THOUGHTS:

- \*Behind every angry woman stands a man who has absolutely no idea what he did wrong.
- \*I try to keep things picked up, but most of the time it looks like my house

just sneezed.

\*I put my scale in the bathroom corner and that's where that little liar will stay until she apologizes.

\*I did a push-up today. Well, actually, I fell down, but had to use my arms to get back up, so close enough. Now I need chocolate.

\*At our age, we can hide our own Easter eggs, wait a half hour, and have no clue where we put them.

\*If Dorothy can click her heels together and get to Kansas, they why can't I click my flip flops together and get to the beach.

\*I'm looking for a moisturizer that hides the fact that I've been tired since 2000.

\*I always wanted to lie naked on a bearskin rug in front of a fireplace. Evidently Cracker Barrel has a policy against this.

\*Not to brag or anything, but I can forget what I'm doing while I'm doing it.

\*Only the government would believe that you could cut a foot off the top of the blanket, sew it to the bottom, and have a larger blanket. (Daylight Savings Time)

\*One of the benefits of being my friend is that you can come to my house in your pajamas, no make-up, and look like crap and I won't judge you . . . because I will also be in my pajamas, with no make-up, looking like crap.

\*Attempt to get a new car for your spouse - it'll be a great trade.

\*There is always light at the end of the tunnel - if there isn't, it's not a tunnel.

\*I believe we should all pay our tax bill with a smile. I tried — but they wanted cash.

\*I love to make lists. I also like to leave them on the kitchen counter and then guess what's on the list while at the store.

\*I finished my free trial of adulthood and I'm no longer interested and so I want to cancel my subscription. Is there a manager I can speak to?

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Make someone smile today!

### LRCC Easter Service

The Loogootee Revival Center Church, 205 NW First St. (located on Wood St.) will have Easter Services beginning with breakfast from 8:15-9:15 a.m. At 9:30 a.m. Service will begin with worship, communion, scriptures, and prayer. The public is invited.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### St. John's Lutheran Bake Sale

St. John's Lutheran Church will hold an Easter Bake Sale on Saturday, March 31, from 8 a.m. until products are sold out. In the event of rain, the sale will be held inside the church.

### Easter Egg Hunt

An Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by DCH/ND Medical Clinic, has been rescheduled, due to rain, for Saturday, March 31 at 10 a.m. in the Odon Park. 5,000 eggs will be hidden and toddlers through 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to the hunt. A pancake and sausage breakfast, sponsored by The Odon Locker, will be held from 9-10 a.m. at the Odon Community Building.

### Public test of election equipment

Notice is hereby given that the public testing of DS200 Image Scanners and Expressvote units that will be used in the 2018 Primary Election will be conducted in the commissioners' room at the Martin County Courthouse located at 129 Main Street Shoals, IN 47581 on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 10 a.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).

### Chamber meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, April 18 at noon at Pizza Junction in Loogootee. You can call in your lunch order ahead at 812-295-3333. Anyone interested in the activities of the Chamber of Commerce is invited to attend.

### 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.

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### Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public is invited to attend.

### Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society

## Benefit Hog Roast

A Benefit Hog Roast for Judy Stuffle, to help with the costs associated with her cancer treatments, will be held Saturday, March 31 from 4-7 p.m. at Loogootee United Methodist Church. Judy was recently diagnosed with small cell carcinoma. A dinner of roasted pork, baked beans, slaw, dessert and drink will be served for a free will offering. Carry outs will also be available. Donations can be dropped off at the church anytime. For more information, please contact Corey VanMeter at 812-444-9298 or the church at 812-295-3049.

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

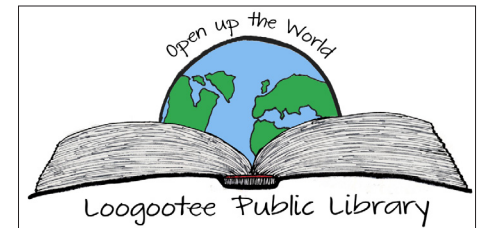
The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

### 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.

### Attention Senior Citizens

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogootee provides activities for seniors every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tournaments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirements to participate. Seniors are also offered lunch at the Loogootee Senior Center every Monday and Thursday. A freewill donation is requested. Call 812-295-3130 to make a reservation.



### BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library will be closed Friday and Saturday so employees can spend time with family during this holy time.

I am excited to introduce a new media to promote reading for our young patrons. I purchased 25 Playaway View all-in-one video players from our audiobook vendor. Each player comes with content downloaded in a durable user-friendly player. The content is both educational and entertaining and appeals to kids ages 4 and up. These are rechargeable players and the charger is included.

### NEW BOOKS:

Mystery Fiction: "The Disappeared" by C. J. Box.

Fiction: "Pelican Point" by Irene Hannon, "The River House" by Carla Neggers, "Sweet Vengeance" by Fern Michaels and "Truth or Dare" by Fern Michaels.

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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.

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## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser  
Purdue University Master Gardener

Cool temperatures continue to slow the progression of spring flowers. The early-season daffodils continue to hold onto their blooms and the mid-season cultivars are only slowly budding out. Late season daffodils have yet to form buds, so we should have daffodils for a considerable time.

At Sandhill Gardens, I did find time to plant some cabbage, broccoli and Brussel sprouts over the weekend. Of course, there were planted in raised beds, where the soil drains more readily. The composition of the soil, where I have applied huge amounts of compost over the past several years. The resulting humus also promotes good drainage.

If you look at seed packets, many will say you may start them indoors about 6 weeks prior to the last frost date. In Southern Indiana, the late frost date is around May 10, so it is time to start planting those seeds. Be sure to clean the containers you will use to grow seedlings and to use a soil-free garden mix. Most garden centers will have bags of medium for seed starting. Follow the instructions on the seed packets about covering the seed. Some seeds need to be covered more deeply than others. Some require light for germination and should not be covered at all, but should be pressed into the soil to ensure good contact. Most seed beds need to be kept moist. Covering the container with plastic is one way to keep the bedding moist. Some seeds will germinate more quickly with bottom heating. You may do this by placing the tray on the top of a refrigerator or freezer or by using a heating mat, available at most garden centers. Once good germination has been achieved, remove the plastic and remove the

trays from heat sources. Keep them well-watered, but not soggy. If you are growing them in a window, you will need to turn the trays frequently to keep the seedlings from growing toward the window and the sun. After the seedlings have grown two sets of full leaves, they may be transplanted into individual pots.

If a weed-free lawn is a priority for you, it is time to begin thinking about applying a pre-emergent herbicide. Pre-emergents will do nothing to take care of weeds that area already there, but they will prevent seeds from germinating. Since germination will occur when the soil temperature is about 60 degrees, it is important to monitor the temperature. The window for applying pre-emergent herbicides is small, so make sure to get it done as soon as conditions warrant.

Pre-emergent herbicides may also be effective in preventing weeds in perennial beds. However, it will not allow germination of flower seeds, so self-seeding annuals will not germinate once the herbicide has been applied. Many pre-emergent herbicides are packaged with a fertilizer and sold as a weed and feed.

If you hope to encourage songbirds to nest in your yard, be sure to keep the feeders filled. Providing food, water and shelter will encourage the birds to stick around. Get a good guide book to see what the nesting requirements are for each species. Some will nest in birdhouses or boxes, while others need dense shrubbery to build nests. You may also provide string, hair, bits of cloth and other materials for building nests. If you provide for their needs, they will give you many hours of entertainment.

## Perennial Exchange to be held April 21

The next meeting of the Perennial Exchange of Southern Indiana will be Saturday, April 21 at the Martin County Community Building on the 4-H fairgrounds. Members will converge from Martin and at least eight other counties to trade plants at no cost. A continental breakfast and a catered lunch are planned, as well as several guest speakers. Anyone who would like information about joining the organization may call 812-388-6639.

The Perennial Exchange of Southern Indiana has over 100 members who like to come to Martin County for their annual Spring meeting. Their interests include both native and cultivated plants and all aspects of gardening.



## Hoosier anglers should try muskie fishing

As the spring fishing season approaches, the DNR encourages Hoosier anglers to give Indiana muskie fishing a try.

"Indiana has some of the best muskie fishing in the Midwest," said Jed Pearson, a DNR fisheries biologist who manages the state's muskie program. "Lake Webster, the Barbee lakes and Lake Tippecanoe in northeast Indiana's Kosciusko County are especially good."

Local fishing guides are available for hire for anglers who do not have a boat or who want expert help to get started.

The lakes in Indiana's muskie program cover 2,700 surface acres, and many have been stocked each year for more than 20 years. According to Pearson, it's common for anglers to hook a muskie on every fishing trip.

Long thought to be elusive, muskies bite on a variety of lures, many of which are typically used by bass anglers. Casting large plugs or trolling spoonbaits along submersed weed beds are the most productive methods.

Muskies have sharp teeth that easily cut regular fishing line. So, attach your lures to a steel leader to keep the fish

from breaking away. A large landing net is handy to lift the fish and safely handle it.

The minimum size limit to keep a muskie in Indiana is 36 inches, but muskies taken at Lake Webster and the adjacent Backwater Area must be a minimum of 44 inches to keep. Even so, most muskie anglers release the fish they catch.

For first-time muskie fishing, Pearson suggests heading to Webster. It has the highest density of muskies. Other muskie lakes in northeast Indiana include Everett in Allen County, Loon in Whitley County, and Skinner in Noble County.

Another top muskie water is Bruce Lake, about 15 miles west of Rochester in Fulton County. Although smaller, at 245 acres, it too has a dense muskie population, with some fish measuring more than 50 inches long.

"Not as many anglers fish for muskies at Bruce Lake," Pearson said. "If more would try it, we think they'd be surprised."

Muskie fishing is also available in southern and central Indiana.

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# 4-H NEWS



By Stacy Brown

Martin County Purdue Extension Educator

Horse and Pony Horsemanship and Ranch Riding Clinic

The Martin County Horse and Pony Club, The Rough Riders, will be hosting a clinic on Saturday, April 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. David Davis will be teaching horsemanship skills and ranch riding. The clinic will include lunch and costs \$15 per horse. There is a \$5 discount if you clean your stalls. You must provide your own horse. The clinic will take place at the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds. No pre-registration is required.

#### 4-H Camp

It's time to start thinking about 4-H Camp. This year's camp will be held in Santa Claus from June 11 through 13. The theme this year is Around the World. We'll also include the Olympics within the theme. 4-H Camp is a great trip that teaches STEM, leadership, independence, and teamwork. It builds self-confidence and kids get the chance to meet other kids from surrounding counties.

Camp is open to all active 4-Hers in grades 3-6. Applications were mailed out along with more information about camp. If you did not receive yours, please call the Extension Office at 812-295-2412.

#### YQCA Training Dates

If you are showing livestock at the fair, you should have received information on YQCA in the mail. YQCA is the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals training. Any 4-H member taking a livestock project (beef, dairy, sheep, goats, swine, rabbit, and poultry) must take this training before May 15. While this is a new statewide requirement, it should not be viewed as just another rule, but rather as an important educational opportunity for 4-H livestock members. Making this a statewide exhibition requirement is how Indiana 4-H ensures that 4-H members learn about quality assurance, but it really has nothing to do with animal exhibition. The reason for requiring YQCA is for youth to learn best management practices with their animals.

The final training in Martin County is April 16 at 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds, however other trainings are available at

neighboring counties. For a complete list, please call the Extension Office at 812-295-2412. The training takes one hour and is \$3 per 4-Her. To do the training online, you must pay a fee of \$12 per 4-Her. Information on how to register will be in the mailing that was sent. If you did not receive the mailing, please call the Extension Office.

Make a Difference in a Child's Life, Become a 4-H Volunteer

Becoming a 4-H volunteer is easy, just phone the Extension Office at 812-295-2412 and ask for the appropriate forms to be mailed to you. Once we get all of the forms back and conduct a brief interview, you're finished. Being a volunteer with 4-H means you get the chance to help Martin County youth learn leadership and life skills through project completion, camps, workshops, and educational outreach programs.

#### Livestock Weigh-In Dates

The 2018 livestock weigh-in dates have been finalized. All 4-Hers participating in cattle, sheep, goats, and/or poultry will receive information and registration forms in the mail soon. Please have all of this information filled out before coming to the weigh-ins. This year DNA hair samples will be required from cattle going to the Indiana State Fair. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.

Sheep & Goat Weigh-in: Saturday, May 5 at the fairgrounds 9-11 a.m.

Swine Weigh-in: Saturday, May 12 at the fairgrounds 9-11 a.m.

Poultry Blood Testing: Saturday, June 9 at the fairgrounds 9-11 a.m.

#### Upcoming Events

4-H Council Meeting - April 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Building

Shooting Sports Meetings - April 9 and April 23 at 6 p.m. at the Community Building

Horse & Pony Meetings - Every third Monday of the month at the fairgrounds.

Jolly Jug Rox Meetings - April 2, April 16, May 1, May 22, June 11, June 26 all at 6 p.m. at Hindostan Church

Junior Leaders Meetings - April 22 at 5 p.m. (bingo at senior housing following).



Pictured are the grand and reserve grand prize winners of the Martin County 4-H Junior Leaders Annual Easter Egg Hunt. In the front row, from left to right, are 0-2 years old reserve grand prize winner Karalyn Norris, 0-2 years old grand prize winner Avrie Bratton, 3-4 years old grand prize winner Gunnar Roberts, 3-4 years old reserve grand prize winner Isaiah McAtee, and 5-6 reserve grand prize winner Autumn Butler. In the back row, from left to right, are 7-8 year old reserve grand prize winner Mason Lake, 7-8 years old grand prize winner Selah Stevens, 9-10 years old grand prize winner Ayden Chesnut, 9-10 years old reserve grand prize winner Carter Walton, and 5-6 years old grand prize winner Addison Moore.

## Earth Day at Patoka Lake, April 22

Celebrate spring with special Earth Day activities at the Patoka Lake Nature Center, April 22. Activities run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Children can join Arts in the Parks program artist Anabel Hopkins for a workshop that involves creating "critters" and other images out of collected natural objects, such as dead leaves, twigs, grasses, nuts and more. Objects will be glued onto paper to take home.

The day also includes a seed and plant exchange. Bring your unwanted or excess garden and plant seeds, tree

seedlings, flowering plants and bulbs to exchange for something new. Are irises and other plants crowding your flower beds or invading locations around your home? Dig them up and bring them in to exchange for a new variety. Volunteers will provide native plants for visitors to take home.

The admission fee to Newton-Stewart State Recreation Area on Patoka Lake is \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle. For more information, call 812-685-2447. Patoka Lake is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### BIDDERS WANTED

#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Martin County, Indiana will accept sealed bids until the hour of 4 p.m. on April 6, 2018 for repair of Martin County Bridge #58. Bids should include:

- Chipping out the deteriorated stone and lost material and cleaning the existing cavities of the masonry units, at locations where the existing stone are failing and/or have fallen out. Areas should include (4) wing walls at each corner of the bridge and the (1) arch section on the north end of the bridge.
- Drilling into solid stone and installing steel dowels that are anchored with epoxy inside of the cleaned cavities at the locations noted above.
- Cleaning and applying epoxy bonding agent within the limits of the cavities noted above.
- Any additional patch with Mortar to the cavities mentioned.

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