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More than 13 grams of meth seized, eight arrested

In the early morning hours of Friday, March 24, two separate search warrants, requested by the Martin County Prosecutor's Office, and issued by the Martin County Circuit Court was served and executed in Loogootee, by a multi-agency effort, including the Martin County Sheriff's Office, Loogootee Police Department, the Shoals Town Marshal, and the Indiana State Police, and subsequently lead to the arrests of the following:

Timothy Ervin, 40, of Loogootee. Arrested for dealing methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, and neglect of a dependent.

Breanna L. Ervin, 18, of Loogootee. Arrested for maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia.

Jackie Edmondson, 41, of Loogootee. Arrested for dealing methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, and maintaining a common nuisance.



Jonathan W. Dant, 38, of Loogootee. Arrested for maintaining a common nuisance.

Jordan E. Sipes, 25, of Odon. Arrested for maintaining a common nuisance and possession of marijuana.

A subsequent investigation led the (See 'ARRESTED' on page 3)



Traffic stop leads to double arrest

On Thursday March 23, at approximately 4 a.m., Martin County Sheriff's Office Deputy Danny Salmon conducted a traffic stop at the Martin-Lawrence County Line on US Hwy. 50 after the vehicle was traveling between 25 and 35 mph in a 50-mph zone and nearly hitting the guardrail. As Deputy Salmon approached the driver side window to speak to the 16-year-old female

driver he immediately noticed she had a handgun in between her legs. Deputy Salmon also immediately detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle and detained the 16-year-old juvenile and the 36-year-old passenger, Kenneth Dewayne Campbell, of French Lick. A search was conducted of the vehicle locating (See 'TRAFFIC STOP' on page 2)



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Auditor January Roush has been the overseer of extensive upgrades to the commissioners' meeting room in the courthouse the past several weeks. The commissioners were able hold their bi-weekly meeting in their renovated room, for the first time on Tuesday night. Shown above, from left to right, are County Attorney Dave Lett, Commissioners Kevin Boyd and Dan Gregory, and Auditor January Roush. Commissioner Paul George was not present for the meeting.

Commissioners talk courthouse renovations, bridge repairs

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners were met with a surprise at their meeting Tuesday night, March 28 as the renovations done to their meeting room have been completed. Commissioner Paul George was not present.

Auditor January Roush has headed up the remodeling of the commissioners' room, redoing it from top to bottom including the walls, ceiling tiles, lighting, flooring and furniture. Roush said she spent a little more than \$12,000 updating the meeting room and the bathroom.

In other business, Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett provided the commissioners with updates on bridge projects. 45 bridges in the county are

required to be inspected every two years. 14 of those are required to be inspected every 12 months. According to information provided to the Martin County Journal by Highway Clerk Terri Alcorn, several bridges are or have been updated this year with grant funds and federal aid. The community crossing grants, from the state, allowed the highway department to rehab two bridges and completely replace three. The matching dollars required from the county for these bridge projects was \$242,495.

The highway department has done the following work, thus far, with community crossing grant dollars and federal aid:

-Bridge 11, located on Indian Springs Road, was a large replacement project (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

County's jobless rate stays at 4.3 percent for February

Martin County's unemployment rate went unchanged from January to February, staying at 4.3 percent. The county had the 27th lowest jobless rate of the 92 Indiana counties for February, tied with four other counties.

In February, the county had 5,011 residents in the workforce with 215 of them without jobs. In January, there were 5,035 residents able to work and 216 of them unemployed.

In February of last year, Martin County's jobless rate stood at 4.7 percent with 5,110 residents in the workforce and 242 of them unemployed.

Dubois County's jobless rate also stayed the same from January to February at 3.5 percent. The county had the

fourth lowest jobless rate in the state for February.

In February, the county had 23,054 residents in the workforce and 799 of them were unemployed. In January, there were 23,192 residents able to work and 806 of them without jobs.

In February of 2016, Dubois County's unemployment rate was 3.6 percent with 23,140 residents in the workforce and 825 of them jobless.

Daviess County also had no change in their jobless rate from January to February, sticking at 3.8 percent. For February, the county had the 10th lowest jobless rate in the state.

In February, the county had 15,626 (See 'JOBLESS' on page 2)

JOBLESS

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residents in the workforce with 597 of them without jobs. In January, the county had 15,676 residents able to work and 596 of them unemployed. In February of last year, Daviess County's unemployment rate was 4.2 percent with 15,875 residents in the workforce and 668 of them jobless.

The top ten spots in the state for lowest unemployment rate for February went to Elkhart County at 3.3 percent, LaGrange and Hamilton counties at 3.4 percent, Dubois County at 3.5 percent, Kosciusko, Hendricks, Boone, Bartholomew, and Adams counties at 3.6 percent; and Daviess County at 3.8 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for highest unemployment rate for February went to Newton County at 7.5 percent, Vermillion County at 7.2 percent, Greene County at 7 percent, Lake County at 6.7 percent, LaPorte County at 6.6 percent, Crawford County at 6.5 percent, Fayette and Starke counties at 6.4 percent, and Jasper, Lawrence and Sullivan counties at 6.3 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate stands at 4.1 percent for February and remains lower than the national rate of 4.7 percent. The unemployment rate is a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people as a percentage of the labor force. Indiana's Labor Force increased by 7,912 over the previous month with a 6,394 increase in

employment and a 1,518 increase in unemployment. Indiana's total labor force stands at over 3.32 million and the state's 64.4 percent labor force participation rate remains above the national rate of 63.0 percent.

"Gains in Indiana's labor force participation rate are encouraging and further growth is needed to ensure Indiana reaches its workforce potential as a state," said Steven J. Braun, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD). "There are thousands of good paying jobs currently available throughout Indiana. I encourage unemployed and underemployed Hoosiers to visit their local WorkOne Career Center to learn more about training programs and job opportunities in their local community."

Commissioner Braun also noted private sector employment has grown by more than 33,000 over the year. He added that initial unemployment insurance claims remain at the lowest point in three decades.

Employment by Sector

Indiana experienced a gain of 4,400 private sector jobs over the month primarily due to gains in the Manufacturing (4,200) and Trade, Transportation & Utilities (2,300) sectors. Gains were partially offset by losses in the Leisure & Hospitality (-3,600) sector. Total private employment now stands at 67,300 above the March 2000 peak. This is the 20th consecutive month above that peak.

COMMISSIONERS

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and was a federal aid project. They were able to raise the road, straighten and widen the bridge.

-Bridge 3, located on Witt Lane, was a total replacement. The 2015 bridge inspection revealed erosion on all four corners and section loss in the pipe floors. They replaced the double culverts with a precast box culvert.

-Bridge 34, located on Crane Road, was a total replacement. The substructure was in critical condition with the south abutment leaning, and a wide vertical crack.

-Bridge 12, located on Indian Springs Road, is a single lane bridge. The superstructure is in serious condition with heavy section loss and rust through at the lower end sections. The work on bridge 12 was scheduled to begin this month.

-Bridge 62 is a three span prestressed concrete box beam, located on Spout Springs Road. The east beam in span B was broken resulting in traffic restriction to one lane. The beam was replaced using the community crossing grant money.

-Bridge 70 is a single span prestressed concrete box beam on Sherfick School Rd. The substructure is in fair condition while hairline cracks were seen in beams 1 through 6, exposed steel in beams 1 and 2 and deterioration over half its width in beam 2. This bridge was rehabilitated and reopened in January of this year.

-The community crossing grant also went toward extensive rehab on bridge 70, which is located on Sherfick School Road.

Also, last year, rip rap was installed under numerous bridges and concrete was poured in front of the abutments to preserve the structures.

The commissioners approved Candace Roush to take the place of Dr. Asbell on the health department board.

TRAFFIC STOP

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marijuana, seven grams of methamphetamine, and paraphernalia. Deputy Salmon was assisted by Deputy Cody Shinn.

Kenneth Dewayne Campbell was arrested and booked into the Martin County Jail. The 16-year-old juvenile was transported to Southwest Indiana Youth Village after her parents were notified. He was charged with possession of methamphetamine, dealing in methamphetamine, possession of a handgun without being licensed, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, visiting a common nuisance, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

The 16-year-old juvenile was charged with possession of methamphetamine, dealing in methamphetamine, possession of a handgun without being licensed, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, and maintaining a common nuisance.

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JUDY DICKEY

Judy Dickey of Loogootee left this life Friday, March 24, 2017 at Amber Manor Care Center in Petersburg after a lengthy illness. A resident of Loogootee, she was 74.

She was born in Jasper on January 24, 1943; daughter of Edgar F. and Florence (Eckert) Henke. She attended Jasper schools, and had resided in Shoals since 1961. She married William D. Dickey on January 24, 1981.

She was employed at R.C.A. in Bloomington for 35 years retiring in 1997. After retirement Judy worked part time at the Alco Dime store in Shoals.

Judy was an avid member of the Shoals Eagles #2442 Auxiliary since 1971 and a three-time auxiliary president. She also held offices in the Eagles Zone #4, District # 11, and the Indiana State Auxiliary ascending to the position of State Madam President for the year 2007-2008. She then became Central Regional President, and at the 2016 state convention in Indianapolis was inducted into the Indiana State Auxiliary Hall of Fame. She was known and loved by her eagle brothers and sisters throughout the international organization.

Along with her husband, she is survived by her children, Pamela Sue Baker (Brent) of Washington, Bradley S. Howell (Lana) of Montgomery, Mary (Pfetscher) Reese (Mike) of Evansville; Bill's devoted daughters, Diana Matthews-Summerton (Larry) of Bedford, and Linda Machura (Frank) of Portage, Indiana; brothers, Ronald Henke (Aletha) of Jasper, David Henke (Jane) of Jasper; sisters, Donna Wigand (John) of Jasper, and Sharon Henke of Jasper; twelve grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals on Thursday March, 30, at 1 p.m. with Bro. Kris Beasley officiating. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. and Thursday from 8 a.m. until time of service at the funeral home.

There will be an Eagles Auxiliary Memorial Service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

The Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals is in charge of the arrangements.

JOHN SANDERS

John Sanders passed away at 1:35 p.m. March 24, 2017 at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville. A resident of Shoals, he was 56.

He was born November 26, 1960 in Muncie; son of Clifford and Delema (Winger) Sanders.

He attended Monroe Central Schools in Farmland.

He is survived by a daughter, Danielle Epperson of Shoals; sisters, Carolyn Wicker (Loren) of Yorktown, Phyllis Tinsman (Joe) of Farmland, Rita Childress (Junior) of Mooreland, Mary Sanders of Farmland and Naomi Sanders of Muncie; and ten nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Thomas W. Sanders.

Graveside Services were held today, Wednesday, March 29, at 1 p.m. at the Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Shoals.

Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals is in charge of the arrangements.



JUDY DICKEY



GERALD WILCOXEN

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Gerald Lee Wilcoxon Sr. passed away at the Loogootee Health and Rehabilitation Center on March 23, 2017 at 10:09 a.m. A resident of Shoals, he was 82.

He was born on August 15, 1934 in Dover Hill; son of Frank and Clara (Sheetz) Wilcoxon. He married Ruby Parsons on January 7, 1952 in Shoals.

He worked over 30 years as a construction foreman for Stone City Construction in Bedford, Reynolds Construction in Paoli and Sargent Construction in Bedford. He served as precinct committeeman for 12 years, Center Township advisory board member for 14 years and 2 years as a Mental Health Advisory Board Member for Good Samaritan in Vincennes. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Shoals and Local 841 AFL-CIO Hod Carriers of Terre Haute.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Clara Evelyn Hellums of Loogootee and Barbara J. Sanders of Shoals; a son, Gerald Lee Wilcoxon Jr. of Springfield Missouri; a sister, Mable Akels of Shoals and a brother, Leland Wilcoxon of Shoals; six grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by an infant daughter, Deborah Kaye Wilcoxon in 1957; his parents and sisters, Bonnie Davis, Ruth Hunt, Wilma Davis, Virginia Broward, Bernice Morris and Ann Vaught.

Funeral services were held Monday March 27, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Shoals with burial in the Mt. Union Cemetery. Father Kenneth Walker officiated.

Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals was in charge of the arrangements.

ELDEAN GIBBS

Eldean T. Gibbs, formerly of Shoals, passed away in Anderson, South Carolina on Wednesday, March 22, 2017. She had lived with her son and daughter-in-law, Gregory D. and Penny Gibbs, since December, 2014. She was 89.

She was born in Huron, Indiana, on June 22, 1927; the daughter of Charles and Bertha (Owens) Terrell. She married Robert W. Gibbs on June 8, 1946 and he preceded her in death. She graduated from Shoals Community Schools and retired from NWSC Crane. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

Survivors include her daughter, Luwanna K. Bollin (Kenneth) of Springfield, Illinois and son, Gregory D. Gibbs (Penny) of Anderson, South Carolina; grandchildren, Kendra Bollin and Kristopher Bollin (Lara) all of Springfield, Illinois, and Tyler, Trey, Tanner (Katie) and Travis Gibbs all of Anderson, South Carolina; four great grandchildren; sister, Lavonda Gutierrez of Freeport, Texas and brother Charles Terrell of Shoals.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband and parents were sisters, Helen Payne, Irene Gammon, Frances Sellers, Pauline Johnson, Dollie McCauley, Maxine Hopkins, Martha

Blessinger; and brothers, Paul Terrell, Laverne Terrell and Frank Terrell.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 25 at the Queen Lee Chapel in Shoals.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may

be made to Pleasant Valley Cemetery, c/o Janet Qualkenbush, 10220 Spout Springs Rd, Shoals, IN 47581 or to Hospice of the Upstate, 1835 Rogers Rd, Anderson SC 29621.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 25 at the Queen Lee Chapel in Shoals.

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Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 25 at the Queen Lee Chapel in Shoals.

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ARRESTED

(Continued from page one) sheriff's office to the southeastern part of Martin County, Emmons Ridge Road. Again, the state police and the Shoals Town Marshal assisted in executing search warrants, that also led to the arrests of:

Richard Bolen, 48, of French Lick. Arrested for maintaining a common nuisance, dealing methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, and possession of

paraphernalia. Bolen was also found to be wanted from Clark County, Indiana for methamphetamine charges.

Kimberly K. Dobson, 34, of French Lick. Arrested for maintaining a common nuisance, dealing methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia

Steve L. Lewis, 57, of French Lick. Arrested for visiting a common nuisance.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MARCH 20

12:41 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:48 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Williams Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

5:30 a.m. - Received a report of threats being made in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

5:50 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Williams Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to St Vincent Dunn Hospital in Bedford.

12:10 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

2:40 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

2:44 p.m. - Received a report of threats in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

6:48 p.m. - Deputy Reed on station with one inmate from the Lawrence County Jail.

8:00 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi on US 50, west of Shoals. Deputy Reed and Shoals Fire responded.

8:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance and Crane Fire responded. The subject was transported to Bloomington Hospital.

9:20 p.m. - Loogootee Sergeant Norris assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

6:25 a.m. - Received a report of a person walking along US 231 near Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded but was unable to locate.

8:58 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

10:26 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and ISP Trooper Lents responded. No one was transported.

1:20 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

2:10 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took three inmates to court.

5:08 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:33 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Sergeant Keller and a Loogootee officer responded.

8:48 p.m. - Deputy Reed assisted the department of child services with a welfare check near Shoals.

9:08 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

6:16 a.m. - Received a call of harassment in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:15 a.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

12:00 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene performed two vehicle identification checks near Shoals.

2:03 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

4:11 p.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

4:43 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of tree debris on US 50, west of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded and removed the debris.

7:31 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:01 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Crane. Major Burkhardt and Deputy Shinn responded.

10:05 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and Deputy Shinn responded.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

4:12 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:18 a.m. - Received a request for Shoals Fire First Responders in Shoals for lift assistance. Shoals Fire responded.

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

1:25 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

2:30 p.m. - Received a report of an unsecure business in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded and secured the building.

3:31 p.m. - Captain Dant performed a vehicle identification check near Loogootee.

4:21 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and Captain Dant responded.

4:26 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and ISP responded.

10:05 p.m. - Received a request for Shoals Fire for lift assistance in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

11:46 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious subjects in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

11:56 p.m. - Received a report of a fire east of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

5:50 a.m. - Received a dog complaint east of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

6:15 a.m. - Received report of an alarm going off near Loogootee. ISP Trooper Lents responded.

3:16 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in Shoals for a neighbor dispute. Deputy Shinn responded.

7:57 p.m. - Received a report of a dispute in Shoals. Deputy Shinn and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

10:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:27 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert and Deputy Reed responded.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

12:34 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and no transport was needed.

3:27 a.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee for possible drug activity. Loogootee Officer Floyd and Deputy Shinn responded.

1:46 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with injuries on Hwy 231, south of Whitfield. Sergeant Keller, Loogootee Officer Dant, Martin County Ambulance, and Haysville Fire responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:13 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check. Sergeant Keller responded.

3:34 p.m. - Received a report of a strange vehicle in a drive in Loogootee and they would like it removed. Sergeant Keller and Loogootee Officer Dant responded.

4:00 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

6:57 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

8:36 p.m. - Received a report of horses and cows out on Hwy. 231, north of Bramble. Advised Daviess County.

9:40 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle all over the road. Deputy Reed and Deputy Shinn and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

12:56 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across one lane of Hwy 150. Shoals Fire Responded.

4:15 p.m. - Received a request for an officer for a child visitation dispute. Sergeant Keller responded.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

3:45 p.m. - Richard Taylor, 50, of Chandler, was arrested by Sheriff Roush on a Warrick County warrant. He is being held awaiting pick up.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

5:02 a.m. - Kenneth Campbell, 36, of French Lick, was arrested by Deputy Salmon and charged with possession of a handgun, possession of meth, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Major Burkhardt, K9 Officer Asher, and Deputy Shinn.

9:30 a.m. - Devaughn Mesarosh, 37, of Shoals, was arrested by Captain Dant on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

4:07 p.m. - Joan Evans, 34, of Bedford, was arrested by Deputy Reed on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond. Assisting in the arrest was Communications Officer Abel.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

1:55 a.m. - Timothy Ervin, 40, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and charged with dealing methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, possession of a handgun by a serious violent felon, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, and neglect of a dependant. ISP Trooper Nolan assisted with the arrest.

6:00 a.m. - Jonathan Dant, 37, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and charged with maintaining a common nuisance. No bond has been set. Assisting with the arrest was ISP Troopers Lents and Nolan.

6:00 a.m. - Jordan Sipes, 24, of Odon, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and charged with maintaining a common nuisance, and possession of marijuana. Assisting with the arrest was ISP Troopers Lents and Nolan.

6:00 a.m. - Breanna Ervin, 18, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and charged with maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia. Her bond is set at \$25,000 10%. Assisting with the arrest was ISP Troopers Lents and Nolan.

6:33 a.m. - Jackie Edmondson, 41, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and charged with dealing methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance. No bond has been set. Assisting with the arrest was Deputy

Shinn.

4:58 pm - Richard Bolen, 47, of French Lick, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene and charged with maintaining a common nuisance, dealing methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia. No bond has been set. Sheriff Roush assisted in the arrest.

4:58 p.m. - Steve Lewis, 56, of French Lick, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene and charged with visiting a common nuisance. No bond has been set. Sheriff Roush assisted in the arrest.

4:58 p.m. - Kimberly Dubson, 34, of French Lick, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene and charged with maintaining a common nuisance, dealing methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia. No bond has been set. Sheriff Roush assisted in the arrest.

10:40 p.m. - Travis J. Howell, 41, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Floyd and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and operating a vehicle while intoxicated-prior. His bond is set at \$25,000 10%.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

4:44 a.m. - Jared Welker, 44, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. His bond is set at \$20,000 10%.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

3:57 a.m. - Jasmine Volz, 21, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with possession of a controlled substance. Bond set at \$20,000 10%.

4:26 a.m. - Deputy Shinn arrested Jean W Amazan, 24, of Washington, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. No bond has been set.

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

February 16

Bambi Star Jones, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 547 days suspended. Defendant received 17 months of probation.

March 16

Ronald L. Johnson, convicted of driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 333 suspended and credit for 16 actual days previously served plus 16 good time credit days. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

February 16

Bambi Star Jones, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 4 Felony, dismissed.

March 16

Ronald L. Johnson, driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

March 20

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Cindy McBeth, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

March 21

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Diamond Valley Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Ethan R. Mathies in the amount of \$9,761.56.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

March 21

Medical of Dubois vs. Rachel E. Baker, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Logan L. King, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Steven R. Crays, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

March 16

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff

Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Jason Bell in the amount of \$523.59.

March 23

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Samantha H. Boyd in the amount of \$1,111.01.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant David Jason Tinkle in the amount of \$655.12.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

March 24

Christopher L. Demoss of Shoals and Natasha Nicole Craft of Shoals.

Real estate transfers

Stewart E. Blake and Mary Ellen Blake, of Martin County, Indiana to **Roger L. Hembree**, of Martin County, Indiana, the east half of Lot Number 24 in Keck's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Robert Edward Lee and Marjorie B. Lee, of Lawrence County, Indiana to **Bob and Marjorie Lee, LLC**, of Lawrence County, Indiana, Lot Number 24 in Risacher's Fifth Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana. Also, Lot Number 35 in Risacher's Fifth Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Bob and Marjorie Lee, LLC, of Lawrence County, Indiana to **Stewart E. Blake and Mary Ellen Blake**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 21, 22, 23, 26, and the north half of Lot 27 in Risacher's Fifth Addition to the City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.604 acres, more or less. Also, 0.308 acres in the above listed lots and also, Lots Numbered 24 and 25 in the same addition.

Adrian L. Crim and Roberta K. Crim, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kevin R. Boyd**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 35 in Williams Addition to the Town of Shoals, Indiana. Lots Numbered 41, 42, 43 and 44 in Williams Addition to the Town of Shoals, Indiana. Lots 49 and 50 in Williams Addition to the Town of Shoals, Indiana.

Gregory P. Bateman and L. Lynn Bateman, of Martin County, Indiana to **Megan C. Delaney and William B. Nonte**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a portion of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.71 acre.

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The City of Loogootee Park and Recreation Dept. is accepting applications for Pool Manager, Assistant Manager, Concession Workers and Lifeguards



Applications may be picked up at City Hall at the Mayor's Office or Clerk-Treasurer's Office between 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday.

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- Cannot have a misdemeanor conviction involving "domestic violence" that would prohibit the applicant from handling a firearm.
- Must possess a valid drivers license from their state of residence.
- Cannot have been dishonorably discharged from the military.
- Must pass a mandatory drug screening test.
- Must be willing to reside in the City of Loogootee
- Must be physically able to perform duties of a police officer.
- The Board of Works and Public Safety will make the final determination on which applicant will be extended an offer of employment.

Applications may be picked up at the Loogootee Police Department, 401 JFK Ave. during normal business hours.
Application deadline is April 1, 2017

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT POSITIONS

The Martin County Highway Department is accepting applications for a **Part-Time and Full-Time Operator w/CDL License and a Mechanic.**

A pre-employment drug screen will be required.
Applications can be picked up and submitted to the Martin County Highway Department, 10753 Sherfick School Rd, Shoals.
Deadline for submitting applications is April 14, 2017 by 3:30 p.m.
Martin County is a drug-free, equal opportunity employer.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



Since I am 74 years old, I suppose I'm considered a senior citizen, although I don't feel like it most of the time. I remember as a kid, my aunts (Mom's sisters) used to tell me that I should enjoy life while I was young because it's no fun getting old. I guess they were right but I'm still young enough to enjoy most of what I can do. It's my understanding that a lot of the readers of this article fit in the senior citizen category with me, so I thought it would be appropriate to dedicate this article to them. I hope they are old enough to appreciate the following but young enough to smile, or maybe even laugh.

SENIOR PERSONAL ADS IN THE PAPERS:

1. Male, 1932, high mileage, good condition, some hair, many new parts including hip, knee, cornea, valves. Not in running condition but walks well.
2. Recent widow who has just buried fourth husband looking for someone to round out a six-unit plot. Dizziness, fainting, shortness of breath not a problem.
3. Active grandmother with original teeth seeking a dedicated flosser to share rare steaks, corn on the cob, and caramel candy.
4. Sexy, fashion-conscious, blue-haired beauty, 80's, slim, 5'4 (used to be 5'6) searching for sharp-looking, sharp-dressing companion. Matching white shoes and belt a plus.
5. I usually remember Monday through Thursday. If you can remember Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, let's put our two heads together.
6. I still like to rock, still like to cruise in my Camaro on Saturday nights, and still like to play the guitar. If you were a groovy chick, or are now a groovy hen, let's get together and listen to my eight-track tapes.

George and Edith had been high school sweethearts 50 years ago, but had gone their separate ways after graduation. Then, two years ago, their paths crossed again, and they began seeing each other regularly. With age 75 just around the corner, they decided life was too short, and they might as well spend the rest of their lives together.

Excited about their decision to marry, they went for a stroll to discuss the wedding, and found themselves in front of a drugstore. George said, "Let's go in. I have an idea."

Addressing the man behind the counter, George asked, "Are you the owner?"

The pharmacist answered, "Yes sir, I am. How can I help you?"

George: "Do you sell heart medications?"

Pharmacist: "Of course."

George: "How about support hose?"

Pharmacist: "Definitely."

George: "What about medications for rheumatism, osteoporosis and ar-

thritis?"

Pharmacist: "All kinds."

George: "How about waterproof furniture pads and Depends?"

Pharmacist: "Yes, sir."

George: "Hearing aids, denture supplies and reading glasses?"

Pharmacist: "Yes."

George: "What about eye drops, sleeping pills, Geritol, Preparation-H and Ex-Lax?"

Pharmacist: "Absolutely."

George: "You sell wheelchairs, walkers and canes?"

Pharmacist: "Yes, indeed. But why all these questions?"

George smiled, glanced shyly at Edith and replied, "We've decided to get married and we're considering you for our bridal registry."

While I sat in the reception area of my doctor's office, a woman rolled an elderly man in a wheelchair into the room. As she went to the receptionist's desk, the man sat there, alone and silent.

Just as I was thinking I should make small talk with him, a little boy slipped off his mother's lap and walked over to the wheelchair. Placing his hand on the man's, he said, "I know how you feel. My mom makes me ride in the stroller too."

Make someone smile today!



Area author speaks to Delta Kappa Gamma

-Photos provided

Dressed in period costume, author Pamela Horner spoke of her process in writing her young adult historical fiction book entitled *Acts of Courage* to the Delta Kappa Gamma group at the Mitchell Public Library on Saturday, March 4. Horner took four years to complete the book about perseverance.

She also shared her book of fairy tales entitled *Rats, Pumpkins, and other Rumors*. Horner is currently writing a tribute book to her recently deceased mother which she will call *A Long Road Home*.

Omicron chapter members also participated in a leadership activity conducted by Barb Hager. Members were divided into groups and given a quote by Dr. Martin Luther King. After reading the quote, each group was encouraged to share their own personal experience of leadership in times of challenge and controversy.

Those attending the meeting, pictured in the photo on the left, included Pamela Horner (sitting at the table). In the front row standing, from left to right, are Loretta Bailey, Gail Woodruff, Carolyn Neukam, Sandy Michael, Glenda Ferguson, and Mary Gabbard. In the back row, from left to right, are Judy Terry, Barbara Hager, Katie Cadle, Chippy Stewart, Candy Groh, and Faryl Armstrong. In the second photo, on the right, is Autor Pamela Horner.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mustering Elm Park meeting

The first meeting of the year for the Trinity Springs Mustering Elm Park Group will be Monday, April 3 at 7 p.m. at the Park. The group needs more participation from the community for the park to continue. Officers will be elected at this meeting and anyone interested in helping out is encouraged to attend.

Chamber of Commerce meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, April 19 at noon at Pizza Junction. Anyone interested in working with the chamber is encouraged to attend.

Sunday nights of revival

New Beginnings Community Church and Maranatha Tabernacle Church are holding 14 continuous Sunday nights of revival starting January 8 through April 9, 2017. The "Code Blue" (start your heart with God) revival meetings begin at 6 p.m. (EST) each Sunday night and meet at Maranatha Tabernacle Church, 13111 Hwy 231 N., Loogootee. Special revival speakers and worship bands will participate each month. For additional information, contact Pastor Ernie at 812-709-0258 or Pastor Duane at 812-295-4349.

AL-ANON meetings

AL-ANON, a support group for those impacted by substance abuse, meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. at Loogootee Redemption Church.

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 oth-



er local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirements to participate.

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. Members of the humane society are invited to attend.

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.

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.

Soil and Water meetings

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

VU exhibits works by area high school artists

An exhibition featuring 115 pieces by students from the four Knox County high schools opens today at Vincennes University's Shircliff Gallery of Art. The exhibition will run through April 7.

On Friday, the student artists will be recognized at an opening reception and awards ceremony at the gallery at 6 p.m. (EST). Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

Awards will be juried by William Meyer, MFA, instructor of art education at VU. Best of Show awards will be presented in two-dimensional medium and three-dimensional medium. First place, second place, and honorable mentions will be awarded in black and white drawing, ceramics, color drawing, glass/metals, painting (oil and acrylic), photography, printmaking, sculpture, textiles, three-dimensional mixed media, and two-dimensional mixed media.

Tri-Kappa Sorority will select notable pieces for awards and VU art faculty members will select up to six students to receive VU scholarships.

Shircliff Gallery of Art is located in the Shircliff Humanities Center at the corner of First and Harrison streets. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday; 12-3 p.m. Sunday. Information is available by contacting Arthur Fields, 812-888-4316, afields@vinu.edu.



Making A Difference
MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director



-- SCHOLARSHIPS --

The scholarships offered by the MCCF come from one of the five types of funds we hold. I have talked about the types of funds in other columns, which are available in our online library; I'll talk about the library in another column.

This week I'm reviewing the scholarships provided to our Martin County students who are pursuing higher education. Some are specific to the Loogootee High School, some to the Shoals High School, and some reach out to all Martin County residents. Here are summaries for each scholarship.

-- LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL --

- Ann Jones Burch Tennis

Student has a commitment to tennis, has participated in other school activities, and shown that they are a good citizen.

- Rita and Jack Butcher Loogootee Basketball Family

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

- Gerdon Jones Memorial

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

- Loogootee Alumni

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

- Saint Vincent de Paul Society

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

- Ben Trout Memorial Student Athlete

Earned an academic honors degree and a varsity athletic letter. Shows outstanding mental attitude, team spirit and sportsmanship.

-- SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL --

- Faye Shobe Memorial

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

- Saint Vincent de Paul Society

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

-- COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS --

- Terri Sullivan Callaway

For students who transition straight from high school OR for those with 1 or more years after high school. Must be a member of a Christian faith church and pursuing the field of nursing. Priority is given to members of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

- Martin County Non-Traditional

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

- Second Door

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

-- HOW TO APPLY --

The majority of the scholarships are

available through the Loogootee and Shoals High School counselors. The exceptions are the Butcher Loogootee Basketball Family and Terry Sullivan Callaway scholarships that are available online at <http://www.cfpartner.org/mccfgrants.htm>. THESE ARE DUE MARCH 31st. The Non-Traditional and Second Door scholarships will be available mid-Summer at the same online site.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about the MCCF, please contact the Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

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

Consumer comments invited on proposed \$514 million Vectren plan

If you would like to comment on Vectren Energy Delivery's proposed electric infrastructure improvement plan, with corresponding rate increases, you have the chance to do so. The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) is inviting written consumer comments through April 27, 2017 on the utility's proposed \$514 million plan for electric transmission and distribution system improvements.

Vectren has filed its plan with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) under a 2013 Indiana law.

The law allows an investor-owned electric or natural gas utility to seek IURC approval of a seven-year infrastructure improvement plan. The IURC must rule on the request within 210 days.

If the plan is approved, the utility may then adjust rates every six months, subject to OUCC review and IURC approval, to recover project costs as they are incurred. The OUCC and IURC review periods are limited to 60 and 90 days, respectively.

The rate adjustments – under a Transmission, Distribution, and Storage System Improvement Charge (TDSIC) mechanism – may not exceed two percent of the utility's total retail revenues.

Recovery of 20 percent of the costs must be deferred until the utility's next base rate case, which must be filed before the end of the seven-year period.

Vectren's testimony and exhibits state that:

The proposed projects – aimed at improving system reliability while replacing aging infrastructure – would be built from 2017 through 2023.

Projects would include the installation of advanced metering infrastruc-

ture throughout Vectren's southwestern Indiana electric service territory. Other projects include distribution system and underground network upgrades, along with replacements and improvements of substations, transformers, circuit breakers, poles, and lines.

If the seven-year plan is approved by the IURC, Vectren's first electric TDSIC rate increase of about 0.83 percent would take effect in 2018.

Estimated TDSIC rate increases from 2018 through 2024 would vary each year, ranging between 0.83 percent and 1.72 percent annually. Vectren's testimony and exhibits show that the proposed increases on residential bills would be added as fixed charges that would not vary by usage or among customers. The projected residential charge added in 2018 would be \$1.29, rising to \$3.29 in 2019. The monthly charge would continue to rise annually, reaching \$13.46 in 2024.

The OUCC – the state agency representing consumer interests in cases before the IURC – is reviewing the utility's plan and is scheduled to file testimony on May 4, 2017. A number of additional parties have intervened and are also expected to file testimony on May 4. They include Valley Watch, Inc., the Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana, CountryMark Refining and Logistics, LLC, and Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Indiana, Inc.

Under the law's timing requirements, the IURC must issue an order on the plan by late September 2017.

The new tracker rate increases requested in this case are in addition to Vectren's current base electric rates, which were approved in 2011, and in ad-

dition to various other trackers through which Vectren may currently adjust its rates subject to OUCC review and IURC approval. All Indiana investor-owned electric utilities use trackers, with Vectren using them to recover costs for generating fuel, environmental compliance, regional transmission, energy efficiency programs, and system reliability.

Consumers who wish to submit written comments for the case record may do so via the OUCC's Website at www.in.gov/oucc/2361.htm, or by mail, email or fax: Mail: Consumer Services Staff, Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor, 115 W. Washington St., Suite 1500 South, Indianapolis, IN 46204; email: uccinfo@oucc.IN.gov; Fax: (317) 232-5923

The OUCC needs to receive all written consumer comments no later than April 27, 2017 so that it can: 1) Consider them in preparing its testimony and 2) File them with the Commission to be included in the case's formal evidentiary record. Comments should include the consumer's name, mailing address, and a reference to "IURC Cause No. 44910."

Consumers with questions about submitting written comments can contact the OUCC's consumer services staff toll-free at 1-888-441-2494.

An IURC evidentiary hearing is scheduled to start on June 26, 2017 at the PNC Center (101 W. Washington St.) in Indianapolis. While evidentiary hearings are open to the public, participation is typically limited to attorney and Commission questioning of witnesses who have filed technical testimony on behalf of the case's formal parties.

The OUCC is posting case updates online at www.in.gov/oucc/2871.htm.

Vectren provides electric utility service to more than 144,000 customers in seven southwestern Indiana counties. Natural gas rates and services are not at issue in this case. Seven-year infrastructure plans for both of Vectren's Indiana gas utilities received IURC approval in 2014.

Other utilities that have received approval to implement seven-year plans include Duke Energy, Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO), and Community Natural Gas Corp.

4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown
Martin County Purdue
Extension Educator



4-H Camp

This year's 4-H Camp will be June 12-14. Any 4-Her grades 3-8 are welcome. Applications have been sent out through the mail. You are also able to pick one up at the Extension Office. This year's theme is game boards. This is a great opportunity to meet new people from different counties, learn new things, and have lots of fun! Applications are accepted on a first come first served basis.

Club Meetings

Jolly Juniors—Tuesday, April 4; Thursday, April 20; Tuesday, May 2; Thursday, May 18; Tuesday, June 6; Thursday, June 22; and Thursday, June 29 all at 6 p.m. at Truelove Church.

Jolly Jug Rox—Monday, April 10; Monday, April 24; Tuesday, May 2; Monday, May 22; Thursday, June 6 and Monday, June 19. The last meeting will be Thursday, July 6. All meetings are at the Hindostan Church from 6-7 p.m. Please mark your calendars and see you at the meetings.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

Last week, I took three great nephews on a spring break trip to Nashville, Tennessee. Of course, the cost of the trip for them was that they had to spend part of the time doing things that their old great uncle wanted to do. They survived the experience and may have even learned a thing or two.

Nashville is the home of many great old estates and most of those estates include gardens. Visiting gardens is the highlight of vacations for me. The first estate we visited was The Hermitage, the home of President Andrew Jackson. When Jackson lived there, the estate was a working farm. Now, in what were fields of cotton and food crops, avenues of trees planted a century ago lead visitors to the mansion. Other than the trees, there is little of botanical interest at The Hermitage, but I recommend it as a historical and educational visit to all.

Another educational stop was the Nashville National Cemetery. Again, there is little of botanical interest, but there is great design interest in the way the white markers are lined in straight lines, no matter the angle from which they are viewed. I thought it was important to take the boys to visit the final resting place of the brave men and women who have protected our country.

The greatest place of horticultural interest we visited was Cheekwood Estate. This grand estate of the 1920's was the home of the Cheek family of Maxwell House Coffee fame. Since 1956, it has been a public garden and art museum. It is a botanical garden in the greatest sense of that term. I had heard that the spring bulb display is wonderful, and it lived up to its billing. Despite the fact that the daffodils were past prime, there were beds full of tulips and hyacinths. The hyacinths and Korean spice viburnum combined to give the gardens an intoxicating scent.

Painting opportunity at Patoka on April 23

Take a short walk to a beautiful view of Patoka Lake on Sunday, April 23 at 1 p.m. With the direction of a Naturalist, paint a scenic picture of sky, water, and trees. This program is perfect for anyone from beginners to those experienced in the arts. An 8x10" canvas, paints, and brushes will be provided for a \$20 fee. Just bring along your own comfy chair.

Pre-registration is required before April 20th and the event is limited to the first 15 to register.

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 or 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.

The gardens included great drifts of hellebores. While I do not believe I have seen that many hellebores in one place before, I was surprised that they actually only have a couple of different varieties, fewer than we have at Sandhill Gardens. Still it was nice to see one of my favorite perennials used so successfully in a grand estate garden.

Like I have attempted to do at Sandhill Gardens, Cheekwood has been designed to offer interest in all seasons. They had several trees and shrubs with interesting bark and even had several contorted filberts, which is my favorite plant at Sandhill Gardens.

The boys and I had a great adventure following a map that included a woodland sculpture trail. The modern sculptures were interesting and some were interactive. However, it is unfortunately not an easy walk for the disabled. The trail includes several stone stairways and other rough terrain. It is sad that such beauty is inaccessible to so many people.

During our visit, the mansion was closed for a major remodeling project. It is scheduled to reopen June 17. The mansion houses several great art collections and is itself an architectural monument to the grand homes of the Roaring 20's.

Two other buildings dot the landscape at Cheekwood. One houses the horticultural education and office building. The other houses a nice gift shop and the Pineapple Room restaurant.

The mark of a great botanical garden is that once one has visited, he or she want to go back. Since they accept the reciprocal garden admission program of the American Horticultural Society, our admission was free, so that also encourages return visits. I really want to see this grand estate in other seasons, and since I make trips to Nashville several times a year, Cheekwood will definitely be a prime destination on future visits to Music City.

Public meetings scheduled for county deer advisory councils

Public meetings in four counties are scheduled in April for the purpose of forming county deer advisory councils (CDACs).

The CDAC meetings are organized and hosted by Indiana Whitetail Deer Herd Management, a hunting group.

The next meetings are:

• Whitley County: 9 a.m., April 1, Whitko Middle School 710 N. State Road 5, Larwill, IN 46764

• Cass County: 4 p.m., April 8, Izaak Walton League, 1046 State Road 17, Logansport, IN, 46947

• Dubois County: 6:30 p.m., April 12 and April 27, Reflections, 1408 N. Main St., Huntingburg, IN, 47542

• Porter County: 6 p.m., April 15, The Gathering Place, 131 N. Main St., Hebron, IN 46341

For additional information, including notices of future CDAC meetings, visit <http://www.iwdhm.com/>.



Floating toad

-Photo by Bill Whorrall,
<http://www.billwhorrallart.com>

Touching a toad will not give you warts! However, the bufotoxin found on their skin can cause irritation, so you should avoid touching toads. Over a half dozen toad species are federally listed as endangered. The biggest threats to toads are habitat degradation and invasive species.

Apply for Community Hunting Access Program grants

Communities can apply now for funding and technical assistance through the DNR to help manage white-tailed deer through hunting.

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife launched Community Hunting Access Program (CHAP) earlier this year. The goal is to reduce conflicts with white-tailed deer in urban environments by increasing hunting access. The program can provide financial and technical assistance to community partners.

Each community partner will determine where and when managed hunts occur and what hunters are able to participate.

An online form to apply for assistance, and more information on CHAP, is at wildlife.IN.gov/9420.htm.

Applications are due March 31.

Finding and photographing spring wildflowers

Join Patoka River NWR Friends for a spring wildflower walk and photography workshop on Saturday, April 8, at 11 Eastern/10 Central. The program will be led by Linda and Larry Wilcox. Linda has been a wildflower enthusiast for many years, traveling extensively to view and photograph them. She is adept at wildflower identification. She will show participants how to use the key in Newcomb's Wildflower Guide which she says is a good guide for beginners. Larry is a photographer. He has many years of experience with cameras of all kinds and has taken photos of everything from wildflowers to jets. He will demonstrate some wildflower photography techniques using your own camera or even a cell phone. The wildflower walk and photography workshop will begin at the Boyd's Trail parking lot. From there, participants will walk the Turtle Trail. The program will last approximately two hours. Suitable clothing and shoes, as well as insect repellent, are suggested. Do know that neither book nor camera is required to enjoy the spring wildflower walk on Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge.

Directions: From SR 357 (Main St.) in Oakland City, go east on SR 64 one mile to CR 1275E (look for Refuge sign). Turn left (north) on 1275E. Follow the signs to Snakey Point Marsh

Communities interested in the program should contact their DNR urban or district wildlife biologist immediately so that they can be considered even if they miss the application deadline. The biologist can also answer any additional questions.

A map with urban and district wildlife biologist contact information is at wildlife.IN.gov/2716.htm.

Each managed hunt will be administered by a CHAP coordinator. These coordinators will be contractors of DNR Fish & Wildlife and will be trained in hunting safety, deer biology and public relations.

For communities considering deer management options, an Urban Deer Technical Guide is at wildlife.IN.gov/files/fw-UrbanDeerTechnicalGuide.pdf.

and continue on to the parking lot on the left at Boyd's Trail. Questions or directions? Fine PatokaRefugeFriends on facebook or call 812-255-0763.

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



Molly is a female pit bull mix, around 3 years old, smaller than she looks in the photo. She is very sweet, playful, loves to be outside. She's been with the shelter for several months so her adoption fee has been sponsored. The animal shelter is open Monday and Wednesday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee.

LOGOOTEER HIGH SCHOOL



2017 Senior SPOTLIGHTS



TY HURST

Joshua Ty Hurst is the son of Josh Hurst and Brandi Brassine. After Graduation, Ty plans to pursue a career in the United States Navy. While in high school Ty participated in Band (9-12), Yearbook (12), Baseball (12), and Cadet Teaching (12).



SARINA ELLIOTT

Sarina D. Elliott is the daughter of Rosella Cruz. After graduation, Sarina plans to enter the workforce. While in high school, she participated in Musical (11), SADD Club (10), Cadet Teaching (11,12), Chorus (12), FACS (9-11), and Job Shadow (11).



JACOB SIMMONS

Jacob Stephen Simmons is the son of Barbara Hyllested and Stephen Simmons. After graduation, Jacob plans to Vincennes University to study occupational therapy. While in high school Jacob participated in Beta Club (10,11,12), Chorus (9-12), French Club (9-12), Musical (10,11,12), Peers (9), Show Choir (9-12), and Jazz Choir/ Show Choir president (12). Jacob also participated in Cross Country (9-12) and Track (9-12).



MAYSON RILEY

Mayson R. Riley is the daughter of Ron and Trudy Riley. After graduation, Mayson plans to attend USI. While in high school, she participated in Beta Club (9-12), French Club (9-12), and SADD Club (9-12). Mayson was also a member of the Basketball (9-12) and Softball (9-12) teams.



BRIAR SELLERS

Briar Garrett Sellers is the son of Lisa Love. After graduation, Briar plans to attend IUPUI to study Electrical Engineering. While in high school Briar participated in Band (9-12), Musical (11), Spanish Club (10,11), Pep Club (11), and SADD (11). Briar also participated in Cross-Country (11,12).



KIRSTEN SPEARS

Kirsten LeeAnn Spears is the daughter of Shane Spears and Carrie Arvin. After graduation, Kirsten plans to attend University of Evansville to major in clinical psychology. While in high school Kirsten participated in Band (9-12), Beta Club (9-12), Cadet Teaching (12), French Club (9-12), Intern (12), SADD (11,12), French Club Class Representative (11), and Track (9-12).

Softball Lions win opener

BY GREG CLARK
LHS Head Softball Coach

Last Thursday evening, the Loogootee Lions Softball team took to Costello Field to host the Miners of Linton-Stockton High School. Although it was a little chilly, the Lions bats, pitching and defense came out red hot as the Loogootee "O" pounded out 17 hits, the pitching struck out six Miners, and the "D" played error free ball on the way to a 9-3 victory with Sydney Davis picking up the win.

Things did not look good at the start as the Miners' lead-off hitter, Brantli Lannan, reached on a walk and moved to third when the next batter singled to right center. With runners on second and third, Davis settled in and got the next three batters to line out, strike out and line out to get out of the jam.

The Lions half of the first got going with Julianne Bell singling, followed by Emily Brookshire tripling to right center, driving in Bell for the Lions' first run of the game, and the season. Tyanna Graber then lined a single to center, scoring Brookshire. With one out, Breigh LaMar singled to center, as did Sydney Davis to load the bases. Shelby Graber got the third RBI of the inning as she drew a walk, forcing home Tyanna Graber for the 3-0 Lions lead after one inning.

Loogootee got on the scoreboard again in the bottom of the second as once again Julianne Bell led off with a single. Bell stole second and with one out, Tyanna Graber doubled home Bell for the 4-0 Lions lead after two complete. Linton reached the scoreboard in the top of the third when with one out, the lead-off hitter, Brantli Lannan, tripled down the right field line and scored six pitches later on a single to right.

Loogootee scored three runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to push the lead to 7-1. Julianne Bell led off the inning with a triple and scored on Mayson Riley's two out single to left center. Breigh LaMar followed Riley's

single with a single of her own and both Riley and LaMar scored when Sydney Davis tripled down the right field line. The top of the fifth saw Linton cut the Loogootee lead by two runs as Peyton Bland led off the inning with a home run to right center. A base on balls and two singles later saw the end to Linton's scoring for the game, but not before some great glove work by Mayson Riley, Breigh LaMar and a fantastic diving catch by Shelby Graber.

While Linton went quietly in the sixth and the seventh, while your Lions did not go quietly in the 5th and 6th, scoring a run in each inning. In the 5th, Julianne Bell singled with 2 outs and scored on a double from Emily Brookshire. In the 6th inning, Breigh Lamar doubled over the head of the center fielder and came around to score on the double from Sydney Davis for the 9-3 final score and Lions victory.

Loogootee Softball returns to action Thursday night at Vincennes Lincoln for a varsity, junior varsity double header slated to start at 5:30. The Lions return home Saturday night at 6 to host Mt. Vernon in a varsity-only contest.

Winning Pitcher – Sydney Davis – (1-0) 6 K, 2 BB

Losing Pitcher- Ashlyn Ferree – (1-1) 4 K, 2 BB

VU Broadcasting to resume operation of 96.7 FM on April 1

Vincennes University Broadcasting is excited to announce that it will resume operation of local Vincennes radio station 96.7 WFML-FM beginning April 1, 2017. A renewed focus on the local community will be enhanced by a new format and on-air staff, including Program Director and longtime local broadcaster Dane Foley, a VU alumnus. WFML's new station format will be fully revealed on April 2.

"I believe that we are going to fill a musical hole in our market," said WFML General Manager Kevin Watson. "While we have enjoyed our working agreement with DLC Media over the past decade, we are even more thrilled about the opportunities that operating WFML in-house will provide for our listeners, our local community and our students."

DLC Media, based in Washington, Indiana, has operated the station for the past 10 years under a series of formats and moniker's including; "True Country-The Fox," MAX, Max Rock and JackFM, which is the current station name. On March 31, 2017 DLC Media's lease with Vincennes University will come to an end and the station will once again be operated by VU Broadcasting, along with WVUT-TV and WVUB-FM (Blazer 91.1).

The new WFML will continue a long-standing tradition of carrying Purdue Boilermaker Basketball and Football, along with updates from Network Indiana and full local news coverage.

"We will be working closely with the Vincennes University Foundation and other area organizations to re-focus WFML's attention on the needs and interests of our local community," said VU Broadcasting's Director of Operations Nichole Carie. "This focus is one of the most important responsibilities of a broadcast station and we are excited to restore that local feel on WFML. It not only benefits our community, but also our broadcasting students as they learn what broadcasting is all about."



Swimming State Championship

-Photo provided

Paul Gabhart, a 17-year-old home-schooled student from Shoals, recently competed at the Indiana Swimming Senior State Championships held at Pike High School in Indianapolis. Gabhart is a member of Lawrence County Aquatics. He claimed the state title in the 1650 freestyle, and placed third in both the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly.